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Westland was named a 2013 Tree City, USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of the commitment of the community to effective urban forest management.

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Township faces sanctions on Aug. 15

Developer Plymouth Haggerty Associates, LLC, agreed last week to allow Plymouth Township 14 additional days to comply with a consent judgment that will allow construction of a new LA Fitness health club on Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty.

Last week, Plymouth Township officials met in a three-hour closed session with outside legal counsel, Timothy Wilhelm of Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich P.C., to strategize legal options following a warning by Judge Brian Sullivan of the Wayne County Circuit Court that the township breach of the consent agreement was "indefensible." The township faces sanctions and penalties if no out of court agreement is reached with the developer.

The consent judgment did not dictate a specific design, nor did it contemplate a precise building footprint fixed in stone.

The developer claims that the latest round of delays have lasted more than a year and have caused unnecessary expenditures of more than \$100,000.

Alan M. Green, the attorney representing Plymouth Haggerty Associates, LLC, the plaintiff in the suit against the township, told the court last month that the LA Fitness facility is an authorized use in the Plymouth Towne Center development but that

"one township official" is unreasonably delaying progress and approvals, calling those actions, "nitpicking and abuse of discretion that the administrative approval provisions of the Consent Judgment were intended to avoid."

At issue is the placement of the 126,000 square foot building within the shopping center envelope.

Township defense attorneys argued the unnamed board member wants a grocery store

and doesn't like a "stand-alone" building, but wants the building connected to the existing structures on the site. They describe the developer's plan as a "major reconfiguration."

Green said the developer strongly disagrees and referred the court to the consent judgment which did not dictate specifications of the fitness building.

"The consent judgment did not dictate a specific design, nor did it contemplate a precise building footprint fixed in stone," Green said.

"The planning consultant likes it, the planning director likes it, the planning commission and community development

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On the road Fife & Drum Corps tours Virginia sites

Members of the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps have been entertaining tourists all week during the group's Presidential Tour of Virginia.

Four of the 11 scheduled performances of the group took place at the homes of United States presidents; George Washington's Mt. Vernon, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, James Madison's Montpelier and William Henry Harrison's Berkeley Plantation.

The group was also invited to perform with three of the premiere fife and drum corps in the nation. They are scheduled to march up the Duke of Gloucester Street with The Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps on Saturday and then perform at the Colonial Historical National Park Visitors Center with The Fifes and Drums of York Town this Sunday.

The Plymouth group was also invited to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington,



Members of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps aboard the tall ship Peacemaker in Virginia.

VA where they were treated to a private performance from the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, escort to the President. They in turn performed for them and the two groups then performed together. Following their performance they participated in a wreath laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

It has been nearly a decade since Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps spent their entire tour in the state of Virginia; however, the tour officially began with a quick stop in Ligonier, PA to perform at Fort Ligonier where the musicians spent the night and rested up for the remaining drive to Virginia. Other notable

performance sites were at Kenmore House, home of George Washington's sister, Betty, and her husband, Fielding Lewis, and St. John's Episcopal Church where Patrick Henry ignited the Revolutionary War with his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech.

"We are extremely excited about this year's tour as this will be the first time we've ever performed at Monticello and Montpelier," said Music Director Jim Predhomme before the group departed on tour.

The fife and drum corps programs last about 30 minutes and are followed by a brief meet and greet allowing specta-

tors and children to try on their uniforms, play their instruments and hold the guard equipment.

"That is always a crowd pleaser," a spokesperson said.

The music spans the 17th to 20th centuries with an emphasis on music played during the Revolutionary War. The Plymouth fife & Drum Corps members wear historically accurate replica uniforms of General George Washington's Life Guard, which gave extra meaning to the Mt. Vernon performance, she added.

To help support The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and for more information, visit <http://www.gofundme.com/Please-Help-PFDC>.

Michigan Philharmonic, conductor sign contract

Conductor and Music Director Nan Washburn will remain with the Michigan Philharmonic for another three years.

Orchestra officials announced that a new contract agree-

ment had been reached with Washburn last week.

"We are thrilled to keep Nan with the Michigan Philharmonic," said Board President Don Soenen, "Her unique and innovative programming has

been a hallmark of the success for our orchestra and we look forward to many more award-winning seasons with Nan at the helm."

Washburn is entering her 16th season with the group. She is the winner of numerous state and national awards. In 2013 she was honored with the prestigious American Prize for Conducting.

"Ms. Washburn was selected from applications reviewed this summer from all across the United States," said The American Prize organization in a statement. The American Prize is a series of competitions unique in scope and structure designed to recognize and reward the best performing artists, ensembles and composers in the nation based on submitted recordings.

"These recordings confirm (Washburn's) excellent reputation," judges said. "Her per-

formances are sensitive, thoughtful, serious, gracious - words that mark her self-evident musicality."

The American Prize in Conducting for 2013 adds to the array of national recognition with which Washburn has been awarded during her career. Her diverse collection of accolades was further enhanced this past June, when she was awarded an ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music by the League of American Orchestras, the 19th time Washburn was honored with the award.

Previously, she has received the New York Women Composers' Distinguished Service Award, the Girl Scout Role Model Award, KQED San Francisco's Outstanding Local Hero Award, and the Women in Leadership Award from the City of West Hollywood.



Conductor and Music Director Nan Washburn

BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Off-duty officer charged in road-rage incident

A Romulus police officer is facing charges of Felonious Assault and Felony Firearm as a result of a road rage incident which occurred last spring.

According to police reports, detectives forwarded the results of their investigation of a May 29 incident to the Wayne County Prosecutor who granted an arrest warrant on July 30 for Romulus Ofc. David Ryan Brooks. In May, Van Buren Township officers responded to a report of a road rage incident at about 3:22 p.m. in the area of Belleville Road and I-94. Reports indicated that the

altercation involved two trucks and that one of the occupants of one of the vehicles involved was in possession of a handgun at the scene.

The responding Van Buren Township Police personnel received information that the suspect vehicle, in which the occupant with the firearm was traveling, was a black Dodge Ram pickup and the vehicle was last seen traveling northbound on Belleville Road from the scene of the incident. Officers from Van Buren located the suspect truck and executed a traffic stop on the

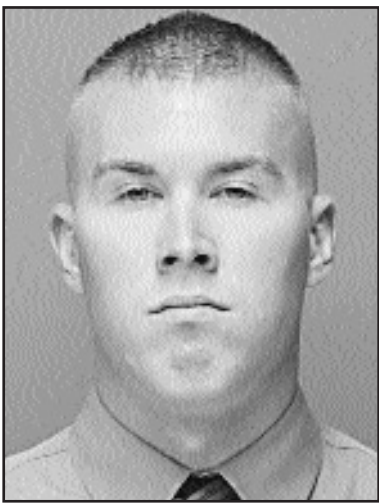
vehicle. The officers learned at that time that the driver was an off-duty Romulus police officer.

Other officers contacted the complaining witness and initiated an investigation after officers at the scene conducted the preliminary investigation and obtained written statements from the witnesses. That information was forwarded to the Van Buren Police Investigative Division.

Following the investigation by the Van Buren Township Detective Bureau, the request for a warrant was forwarded to the Wayne County Prosecutor:

Brooks was arraigned July 31 at the 34th District Court in Romulus before Judge Tina Brooks Green on charges of Felonious Assault and Felony Firearm. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear for a preliminary examination on the charges before Brooks-Green on Aug. 13.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the incident is asked to contact Lt. Kenneth Floro at the Van Buren Township Department of Public Safety (734) 699-8915.

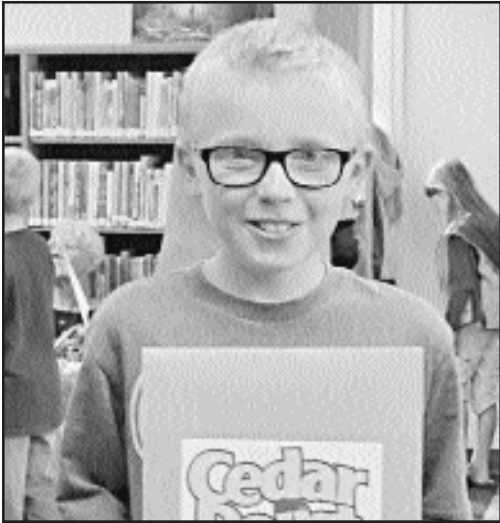


David Ryan Brooks



Book lovers

Winners of the Summer Reading Program at the Belleville Area District Library included Dougie Doty, right, who won Cedar Point tickets and Chelsea Mihaly, left, who invited her sister Megan and friends to help celebrate.



MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING July 14, 2014

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 Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-277 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 7, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-278 2B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 7, 2014: 7:00 p.m. closed session - Union Matters/Legal Opinion **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report: Mayor Pro-Tem Barden announced the Jones Subdivision Festival will be held Friday, July 25 through Sunday July 27, 2014, for more information call 734-728-9904. Mr. Mike Williams, St. John Masonic Lodge 44, announced their annual picnic will be held at the Coleman Center on Saturday, August 23 from noon until 5:00 p.m. (free health screenings and school supplies).

4. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to accept the chairperson's report. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report City attorney, Steve Hitchcock, explained that the requirements applied to towing companies do not violate the City Charter. Robert McCraight, Building Director, gave an overview of the Goddard Road project.

14-279 5A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gil White, Sr. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-280 5A2. Moved by Choate, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of John Brimble. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-281 5A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with AccuMed Billing, Inc. for insurance billing and collection of fire and EMS activities of the Romulus Fire Department. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-282 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to rescind City Council Resolution 14-265 and authorize the Fire Department to dispose of Fire Engine #302 through the MITN auction site, sale to exceed \$3,500. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-283 5C1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to authorize a no-fee permit for all Pumpkin Festival and Parade of Lights activities during the Pumpkin Festival weekend, September 19 - September 21, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

14-284 5C2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to authorize the closure of Bibbins from Hunt Street to the railroad tracks beginning at 12:00 p.m. and also Goddard Road between Moore Street and the railroad tracks beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Friday, September 19, 2014 and ending at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

14-285 5C3. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to authorize the closure of Goddard Road from Wayne Road to Grant Street beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014 ending at 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 19, 2014 for the Rotary Parade of Lights. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

6A. Clerk's Report: City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that the last day to file for the office of school board for the November, 2014 Election is Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

14-286 6A1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-2, Major Streets Fund, introduced at the Council meeting of July 7, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-287 6A2. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-3, General Fund, introduced at the Council meeting of July 7, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-288 6A3. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate, to approve second reading, final adoption of amended policies and procedures, numbers 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 26, along with the policy statement. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-289 6A4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate, to concur with the Romulus Charter Review Commission and approve ballot language for two proposals to amend City Charter Chapter 13, Sections 1 and 2 and for said proposals to be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

CITY OF ROMULUS Resolution 14-289

Present: Councilpersons: Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Absent: None. At the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council of Romulus, Michigan, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan on July 14, 2014, the following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Roscoe, and seconded by Councilwoman Choate to authorize the following proposed language to be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot to amend Chapter XIII, Section 13.1 - Limitation and Section 13.2 - Material purchases in the Romulus City Charter as set forth below.

WHEREAS, Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, Section 13.1 entitled "Limitations" and Section 13.2 entitled "Material purchases" requires advertisement for sealed bids in a paper of circulation within the City of Romulus; and **WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the elimination of the requirement would be in the best interest of the City and by so doing allow for the City to participate in alternatives such as electronic proposals and extendable or cooperative bids from other government agencies; and **WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish this purpose, it is necessary for the electorate to amend the City Charter at an election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2014. **NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the amendment of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter be placed on the ballot on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot for consideration by the electorate. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, Sections 13.1 and 13.2 will be amended to read as follows, by the removal of the requirement to advertise for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation within the City:

CHAPTER XIII. CONTRACTS - Section 13.1, Limitation

The City may contract for the performance of any public work or the making of any public improvement or may perform or make the same itself through its departments, officers and employees; provided, however, that it shall not itself make any new public improvements or perform public works exceeding the applicable amount set forth by the Council in the Romulus Purchasing Ordinance until it has first advertised for sealed proposals therefore. The City shall have the right to reject any or all such proposals. The Purchasing Ordinance and any amendments thereto, contemplated under this section, shall have been approved by not less than a 2 / 3 majority of the Council Elect.

Section 13.2, Material purchases

No contract shall be entered into by the City for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus or any other thing or things, the consideration or cost of which shall exceed the applicable amount set forth by the Council in the Romulus Purchasing Ordinance until after an opportunity for competitive bidding; and until it has first advertised for sealed Proposals. The City shall have the right to reject any or all such proposals. The Purchasing Ordinance, and any amendments thereto, contemplated under this section, shall have been approved by not less than a 2 / 3 majority of the Council elect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the below proposed ballot language to amend Chapter XIII of the City of Romulus Charter be submitted to the Attorney General and the Governor of the State of Michigan for their approval and for placement on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot pursuant to MCL 117.22.

Proposed Amendment of City of Romulus Charter to amend Chapter XIII Contracts:

1. Section 13.1 of the City Charter currently requires that when purchasing for any new public improvement or performing public work, there must be an advertisement for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation within the City. The proposed amendment would remove this requirement from the Charter. Shall Section 13.1 of the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement to advertise for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation in the City?

Yes { } No { }

2. Section 13.2 of the City Charter currently requires that when purchasing any material, tools, or apparatus, there must be an advertisement for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation within the City. The proposal would remove this requirement from the Charter, but would retain the requirement for competitive bidding. Shall Section 13.2 of the City Charter be amended to remove the requirement to advertise for sealed proposals in a paper of circulation in the City?

Yes { } No { }

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-290 6A5. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth to approve first reading of an amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 36, Offenses, Article IX, Offenses Pertaining to Minors. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-291 6A6. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and in accordance with the "2014 First Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property in Wayne County" to purchase the following properties due to unpaid 2011 and/or prior years delinquent taxes within the City of Romulus:

80 033 01 0196 400	in the amount of \$1,344.46
80 033 01 0196 401	in the amount of \$ 806.74
80 033 01 0196 403	in the amount of \$1,131.80
80 033 01 0196 404	in the amount of \$1,232.51
80 033 01 0106 405	in the amount of \$1,074.63
80 033 01 0196 406	in the amount of \$1,076.02

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-292 6A7. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve first reading of an amendment to city ordinance Chapter 54, Section 185 to provide that Council, may by resolution, from time-to-time establish fees for applications for land splits. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, gave an overview of the quarterly investments for the city.

7. Public Comment: Margaret Leduc, Charter Commission member, commented on the proposed ballot language for the November 4, 2014 General Election and thanked Lynn Conway for the information she provided to the Charter Commission. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, commented on the beauty of the cemetery grounds. Resident commented on water rates.

8. Unfinished Business Mayor Burcroff announced that water rates information will be sent to all residents.

9. New Business

10. Communication

14-293 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 14-13 in the amount of \$1,414,137.82. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Roscoe, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, 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 14, 2014.

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INKSTER - PLYMOUTH

Grant funds educational puppets at library

More than 40 Inkster children laughed, clapped, giggled and wiggled during a professional puppet show at the Leanna Hicks Library in Inkster this month, thanks to a grant the facility received making the performance and other library improvements possible.

The Inkster library was a recipient of the James C. Dance Award for the Performing Arts presented by the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society. The

funding was used to move ahead with plans to improve library space and programming, according to Library Director Denise Bearre.

One of the projects was a Performing Puppetry exhibit designed specifically to entertain and educate young library visitors. The project included purchasing brand new books, puppets and an actual children-sized puppet theater as well as hiring local puppet performers

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"Alex Thomas and Friends" who presented a puppet show at the Inkster facility for a group of about 40 children July 15.

The Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library chose puppetry as a method of sharing the perform-

ing arts with children because hand puppets can help develop their language and communication skills while introducing kids to different dynamic characters with which they can identify, Bearre said. The world of pup-

petry will also increase their imagination while building their reading comprehension and vocabulary when they act out stories, the library director added.

Bearre said the library staff members hope that receiving the grant will attract people to the library and assist in increasing literacy rates in Inkster.

For more information contact Angela Scott or Bearre at (313) 563-2882 or e-mail Angela Scott at ascott@inksterlibrary.org.

Shop for a Cause benefits local United Way

Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with Macy's for the retailer's ninth annual Shop for a Cause charity event on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Customers can purchase \$5 shopping passes from the local United Way serving Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County. One hundred percent of the proceeds from pass sales remain in the community to sup-

port programs within the focus areas of basic needs, education and stability.

Customers can use the pass in every Macy's store for a 25 percent discount on regular, sale and clearance merchandise, including designer brands, throughout the store, as well as 10 percent off electronics, furniture, mattresses and area rugs on Aug. 23. And, they will be eli-

gible to win a \$500 gift card, no purchase necessary.

During the last 8 years, Shop for a Cause has raised more than \$44 million for local and national charities.

"We appreciate the continuing support of Macy's as well as their employees who live in our community," said Marie Morrow, Plymouth Canton United Way president. "They demonstrate

our LIVE UNITED philosophy."

Plymouth Canton United Way has been supporting the community since 1944 by funding programs for homeless veterans, shelter and counseling for domestic violence victims and their families, senior bus transportation, housing for the developmentally disabled, emergency food, rent and utility assistance, and many others.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org.

To purchase shopping passes, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7, send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org, or at the United Way office at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, in Plymouth. Plymouth Canton United Way will also be selling passes Friday evenings at Music in the Air in Kellogg Park at the refreshment tent.

Lawsuit

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director support it..." Green told the court.

The developer's attorney also argued that approval by the township board of trustees is not required for the proposed health club under the terms of the consent judgment which was signed and approved by a circuit court judge.

"We're acting in good faith by allowing them to adjourn, we just want to get going on this project," Green said of the most recent delay. Sullivan had previously allowed the township 21 days to

comply with the consent judgment with the caution that the position of the township was untenable. The judge made it clear during the hearing last month that the consent agreement between Plymouth-Haggerty Associates, LLC, the owner of Plymouth Towne Center and the township, is "operable" and the objections and arguments against the construction of an LA Fitness were without merit.

The only objection to the plan Wilhelm could offer to the court was that the LA Fitness is now on the corner of the complex rather than in the center.

Sullivan said the agreement, originally signed 11 years ago and

revised repeatedly to meet ongoing demands of the township, required the plan for the fitness facility be "consistent" not "identical."

In the legal response to the motion to support the consent judgment, township attorneys denied the municipality caused delays or has been unwilling to act on the consent judgment, despite more than a decade of wrangling.

Plymouth Township officials have scheduled another closed session to discuss the issue, prior to the Aug. 15 scheduled court date when Sullivan will rule on sanctions against the township for failure to comply with the court ordered judgment.

Museum seeks crafters for annual arts bazaar

Applications for the Plymouth Historical Museum Annual Juried Craft Bazaar are now available and being accepted at the museum.

Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants and crafters are limited to only five in each category.

The bazaar is planned for Saturday, Dec. 6.

Rental tables are about 8-feet wide, with some variations, and the fee is \$30.

Admission to the bazaar is free and every crafters is asked to donate an item for the museum raffle.

Applications are available at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft_show.pdf

Any crafters not accepted for the bazaar will receive a full refund.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St., one block north of downtown Plymouth.

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30. Help Wanted

Dufossat Capital LP seeks POWER TRADER for Canton, MI. Requires Bachelor's in Economics and Mathematics, or Engineering. 5 yrs exp. as Energy Trader or Senior Energy Analyst or combination of any of the 2 occupations to include at least 2 yrs exp in performing fundamental analyses and providing market view in support of power trading, asset management, and development using PowerWorld and Dayzer. To apply, send resume to hr@dufossat.com

Carpentry and Yard Work.

Work part time must provide own transportation. 24-30 hours per week. 734-667-3513.

32. Help Wanted Drivers

Drivers: Carter Express – CDL-A. Dedicated Routes Romulus, MI to Smyrna, TN Average 2695 miles/wk Solos up to 37 cpm to start. Dedicated Routes \$195 per day Romulus to Anderson, IN Home Weekly. No Slip Seat. No Touch, Newer Equipment. (855) 219-4838

Drivers: CDL-A: Home Daily! Eagle Express Lines, Toledo based Short Haul trips to Chicago O'Hare. 5 round trips/50+ hours/wk. \$21.34 /hr plus \$4.80/hr USPS Health & Welfare pay. Apply: www.eagleexpresslines.com

Drivers! Holland is hiring at its Detroit, MI terminal. 21yr old w/ 1 year or 50k miles exp, w/ tanker & hazmat. Local drivers are home daily, Regional Drivers are home weekly. Company paid health insurance. Find your direction at Hollandregional.com/careers! EEO/AEE Minorities/Females/Persons with Disabilities/Protected Veterans

Public Sale

TUESDAY
AUGUST 12, 2014
10 A.M.
97 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER 2P4FP2539VR203627
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NOTE - ABOVE ARE WESTLAND IMPOUNDS

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ABOVE IS CANTON IMPOUND

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97 FORD TAURUS 1FALP51U7VG287168

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Summit to host special celebration, open house

The Summit on the Park will host an open house from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 20 to offer registration for fall programs and celebrate Bartlett the Beaver's birthday.

"There will be something for everyone at the fall Open House as we gear up for a fall season of fun and recreation for Canton's families," said Jennifer Provenzano, Recreation Coordinator. "We look forward to another enriching, action-packed season at Summit on the Park!"

Families will find plenty of free fun at the Open House, as Summit on the Park will be celebrating Bartlett T. Beaver's birthday with birthday games, treats and activities, she added. The first 50 children in attendance will get to de-

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orate a birthday cupcake, and the first 75 children to attend will receive a back-to-school goodie bag. Families can also stick around for free open swimming time from 7-9 p.m. at the Summit Aquatic Center, Provenzano added.

Early bird pricing for fall programs will be in effect and participants can register to win Leisure Services Family Prize Packs for upcoming fall and holiday events, including a family four-pack of

passes to the Trick or Treat parade, the Annual Tree Lighting as well as the Santa Breakfast and the Butterfly Ball.

During this special event, Leisure Services will also open The BLOCK Youth and Teen Center, located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building. Amenities include facilities for youngsters 11-17 where they can eat, play, relax and repeat, all in a safe, supervised environment.

In addition to the opportunity to meet instructors and register for programs, families and individuals can take advantage of a variety of deals just by stopping by the Open House, Provenzano said.

For more information, call 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

The Summit is also offering the annual Back to School Summit Membership Special.

Purchase a monthly Summit Fitness Center Membership from Aug. 11 - 31, and the \$30 activation fee will be waived. The 6,000 square-foot fitness center features more than 30 pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment, 40 pieces of strength equipment, a stretching area and nearby aerobic studio.



Bartlett the Beaver

Northville Art House presents Dong Feng exhibit

Molly Burford and
Donna Macdonald
Special Writers

The Northville Art House will feature the work of WanChuan Kesler in an exhibit titled DongFeng through Aug. 23. Kesler's exhibit is a collection of paintings that portrays the people and places stirred by memories of her Chinese heritage. DongFeng, which means "east wind" in the Chinese language, refers to a spring breeze the revitalizes the earth. It is also is often used to describe women.

In her early 20s, Kesler moved alone to Ann Arbor from Taipei, Taiwan, in order to pursue a master's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan. After graduating from the university in 1989, Kesler acquired a job at General Motors Corp. She has been with General

Motors for more than two decades now, working as a powertrain analyst via computer simulations.

Mechanical engineering wasn't Kesler's original ambition; as early as preschool, Kesler showed a love for drawing and painting, and that joy continued to flourish as she grew older. As a child, she often flipped through the pages of the family's two art books, one on Picasso and one on Van Gogh. While initially drawn to Picasso, she later developed an admiration for the sentimental works of Van Gogh. At 12, Kesler told her chemical engineer father, "I want to be Van Gogh when I grow up."

"I strive to evoke emotions in my paintings by expressive brush strokes, and passionate rich colors. It is perpetually fascinating to me how an object of art can speak to us without any language barrier," Kesler said.

Mostly self-taught, Kesler used

any spare time she found to paint. In college, she joined the art club so she could learn to oil paint and after graduation has taken classes at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Additionally, Kesler participated in an advanced five day plein air workshop in Murlo (located in the Tuscany region of Italy) in 2009. While deeply committed to her family, she fills every free moment, mostly evenings, working on her art in her at home studio in Salem Township. Her husband, Eric, and their two children, Jon and Jenn, are proud of Kesler and supportive of the time she devotes to her art. Kesler's work has been juried into numerous shows including the Michigan Fine Arts Competition, the Scarab Club's Silver Medal Show and the Community House Our Town Exhibition in Birmingham. Kesler is particularly proud of the first place award for traditional



Artist WanChuan Kesler

oil/acrylic category she received in the nationally recognized fine art and craft show Boston Mills

Artfest in Ohio.

For more information, call the Art House at (248) 344-0497.

Northville Foundation to host annual golf classic

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.

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Rummage Sale is tomorrow

The Salvation Army will host a public rummage sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 8 at the Plymouth location, 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

All proceeds will help support the senior group, Older N Wiser.

Table space rental is \$20.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464

Concerts set at Goudy Park

The City of Wayne will host free concerts in Goudy Park through Sept. 3.

New City Councilman David James will perform Aug. 13; Gabrielle Wild will sing classic rock and blues on Aug. 20 and Brother & Company will perform Aug. 27.

TC & The Katz will close out the series on Sept. 3. The park is located off Wayne Road behind Wayne City Hall.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

Cardboard 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. 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.

The King' to sing

A benefit concert to aid the Progressive Hall in Romulus will take place this Saturday, Aug. 9. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the Interstate Band will play at 7.

The main attraction, A Tribute to the King: Elvis featuring Sherman Arnold and the Band will begin at 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. There will be a cash bar.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694, Jim Poet at (734) 718-3137 or the hall at (734) 941-3044.

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.

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/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 safe.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster:

Casting call

Barefoot Productions has scheduled auditions for the official opening production of the 2014 - 2015 season.

Artistic Director/Founder Craig A. Hane will be directing The Lights Are Warm and Coloured by William Norfolk, a Victorian thriller based on the Lizzie Borden lore. Auditions will take place from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 18 and 19, at the Barefoot Productions Theatre, located at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

There are roles for five women (ages 22 - 45) and two men (ages 27 - 55). Actors should bring a resume and headshot if available and prepare a dramatic monologue of no more than 2 minutes. There will also be cold readings from the script.

The performances will be Oct. 17 - 26, "just in time for the Halloween season, Hane said. For more information call Hane at (734) 276-9075 or visit Barefoot Productions at <http://www.justgobarefoot.com/>.

Romulus Night at Comerica Park

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the City of Romulus are sponsoring Romulus Night at Comerica Park 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.

One-act-entries sought

Entries are now being accepted for the 2015 Canton One Acts Festival scheduled for Jan. 16-18 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The festival, organized by TLC Productions, is an effort of Tim Chanko, Linda Pohl and Christopher Tremblay, all of Canton.

"This festival brings new plays to the Canton community and Village Theater at Cherry Hill stage. As aspiring playwrights, we looked for other venues to submit our one-act musicals, but there weren't any nearby groups organizing any competitions or festivals. Since we have been afforded the opportunity to present our new works at The Village Theater, we wanted to provide a process, venue and event to showcase other emerging playwrights of plays and musicals as well as to

aspiring directors," the three said in a prepared release.

TLC is looking for original plays in length no longer than 15 minutes. Multiple submissions from a playwright are welcomed, however, no children's shows will be considered. For a list of complete guidelines and for information on the judging process go to cantononeacts.com.

The deadline for works is Aug. 31. In October, TLC will present dramatic readings of the semi-finalists' scripts. Selected shows for the One-Acts Festival will be announced online at cantononeacts.com by Oct. 31. In October, there will be auditions for the selected plays.

TLC Productions will award first, second and third place awards based on audience votes.

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

Back to School Blitz seeks volunteers, donations

The Salvation Army in partnership with the 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.

Monetary gifts will be used to purchase Payless gift cards that will be distributed to each child to purchase shoes to wear to school.

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

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. Ways to report a problem will also be discussed.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

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