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# Lack of fire millage vote questioned

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Don Howard Staff Writer

At least one township resident is questioning the word of Township Treasurer Ron Edwards whom she claims failed to place a promised millage to fund fire department equipment on the ballot last week.

Sandy Groth of Plymouth Concerned Citizens, a grassroots community activist group, said township officials need to get their priorities in order and ensure the safety of residents. Groth said there has not been a major fire department equipment purchase since 2000, despite promises from officials to replace the worn and outdat-

was specifically looking for a one-year millage to cover these costs.

ed fire engines and ambulances. She sent out an urgent message last week to hundreds of homeowners and subdivision representatives asking for them to immediately contact the township officials and trustees and "demand they place the issue on the ballot."

Citing a statement made by Edwards during a monthly board meeting last November assuring residents a fire millage question would be on the Aug. 5, 2014 ballot, Groth said officials

not only missed the deadline to submit ballot wording to the county clerk for certification, but also missed the deadline for the upcoming November election ballot.

"Edwards spelled out that he was specifically looking for a one-year millage to cover these costs." Groth, a former deputy township clerk, said. Edwards, however, denied any such promise. In an emailed response to Sybil Hunter, a resident who followed Groth's suggestion and contacted township officials last Thursday to ask about the issue, Edwards claimed there was some discussion about a millage but no board action.

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"At the Nov. 13th board of trustees meeting there was discussion about a one-year millage to buy fire equipment. The millage was to last one year. It was never approved by the board. There was no talk of proposing an additional fire service millage to the best of my knowledge," Edwards wrote in an emailed response to Hunter's

A review of the videotape recordings of the meeting reveal Edwards telling Trustee

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# accepted for the 22nd

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**Annual Canton Fine Arts** Exhibition which will take place at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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# THE INKSTER

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Inkster is selling cityowned residential properties in several areas through a sealed bid auction. Bids will be accepted at the office of the city clerk until 4 p.m. Sept. 8.



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A day of cars, food, drinks, music and fun is on tap in downtown Northville as the 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival returns from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday,

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Five students received scholarships from WSDP Radio, the student-run station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, this

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Wayne voters will not be asked to approve a millage hike to bail out the budget deficit in the city after all but not all residents feel the decision was the right one.

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State Senator Glenn S. Anderson (D-Westland) officially introduced legislation this week to restore Michigan's pre-2011 fireworks regulations.

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## **Open house** Annual tour spans century of home design in community

A rare glimpse into five of the most interesting homes in Northville will be offered during a tour sponsored by the American Association of University Women next month.

The annual home tour, a fundraiser for the group, will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sept. 20. Whether visitors are touring the featured 1800s Victorian, the 1990s lakeside condo, or any of the other homes, guests set their own pace while hearing the history of the dwellings from stationed docents. This year, ticket holders also get exclusive access to a bonus garden party from 2-5 p.m. at Starring "The Gallery" at 118 W. Main St. in Northville



on tour day. Free refreshments will be provided by Edwards' Café and ticket holders will receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases.

Homes for tour are an original mid-1800s Victorian, a newly-constructed Victorian style, a 1980s renovated twostory, the Pheasant Hills home of a well-known custom builder, and a Blue Heron Pointe condominium on the water. More than 30 local businesses help sponsor the event.

Now in its 19th consecutive year, the home tour is the major fund-raising event of the Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women. Funds sup-





and community events to promote achievement in local girls and women. Nationally, the organization promotes equity, education and development for 41200 Ten Mile Road, Novi women around the world.

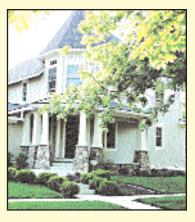
Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online www.aauwnn.org or at the following businesses:

• Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., Northville



- Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St., Northville
- Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville • Meadowbrook Art Center,
- · Calico Corners, 25875 Novi
- Road., Novi Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St.,

For more information, contact Home Tour Chair Jane Hecker, (734) 276-6160.



## **Voters send mixed messages to local leaders**

There will soon be a new mayor in the City of Wayne, but the name on the mayor's office door in Westland City Hall will remain the same.

At the end of election night last Tuesday, the unofficial results from the August primary showed that Westland Mayor Bill Wild was unsuccessful in his attempt to gain the democratic nomination for Wayne County Executive, while Wayne Mayor Al Haidous won a spot the Wayne County Commission.

Wild, who has served as Westland mayor for seven years, lost out to former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans. Evans garnered 68,421 votes, or about 44 percent of the total, to Wild's 40,436, according to the unofficial results from the Wayne County Clerk's office.

"I'm at peace," Wild told his supporters shortly before midnight last Tuesday. "I feel really good about my decision to jump

into this race. We've done an incredible amount of good things in the City of Westland and I feel we have so many more things we can do, but I really thought I could help Wayne County."

Commissioner McNamara, who also sought the nomination for Wayne County Executive, garnered 10,503 votes, or about 7 percent. More than 9,200 people voted for incumbent Bob Ficano, about 6 percent of ballots cast.

"We can be proud of what we've done," McNamara, a Belleville resident, said in an email to his supporters. "We brought to the attention of the public and the leaders across this county that the best path to rebuilding Wayne County is getting the 43 communities to buy into the plan - a plan to rebuild Wayne County."

He said he would continue to work through the end of his term to finish some of the proj-





Bill Wild

ects currently on the county commission's table.

"We will put the campaigning in the past and work together toward a better future for our 43 communities," he wrote. "I will not give up on a vision to make Wayne County work for the people. I will continue to serve as commissioner until the end of this year and onto the next phase."

With his victory, Haidous is virtually assured of taking that seat on the county commission.

Al Haidous Kevin McNamara

He earned 3,497 votes, or about 44 percent of the total. Jeremy Cady, his closest rival in the race, finished with 3,109, or about 39 percent of the vote. The city council will soon discuss a succession plan.

Wild said he, too, would continue his work to improve Westland.

"The Lord is going to put me where he needs me," he said. "If He wants me to continue to do good things in Westland, that's where I'll be."

# BELLEVILLE - CANTON

# Area mourns death of Don Juchartz, 85

Donald Daniel Juchartz, 85, of Belleville died at his home Aug. 11. He was born Feb. 11, 1929 in Wyandotte, the son of Herbert Julius and Olive Myrtle (Doughtery) Juchartz.

Mr. Juchartz served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Michigan State University with a masters degree in Horticulture and was known as the Garden Doctor on radio and television for more than 60 years. He was a very active member of the Belleville Rotary Club and the Cozaad Foundation.

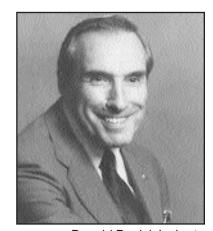
Mr. Juchartz was a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod for more than 80 years. He taught and led adult Bible classes for more than 45 years. He led worship services on his U.S. Navy destroyer for four years during the Korean Conflict. He was president and Elder in his congregation, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waltz (New Boston). His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all Elders in their Lutheran churches, as well as three of his brothers and youngest son. He was a true Bible scholar with a rich family heritage and was very protective of the Scriptures, their meanings and their influence in his life.

Mr. Juchartz is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Doris Jean (Boettcher) Juchartz; daughter, Debbie (Peter Quenet) Juchartz of Belleville: two sons Jon (Pat) Juchartz of Colorado and Dave (Kathie) Juchartz of Belleville; seven grandchildren; twin great-grandchildren expected in December; three sisters, Carol Salliotte of Royal Oak, Linda (Carl) Enzenberger of Oregon and Sandy (Kyle) Hudson of Woodhaven; two sisters-in-law, Mervyn Juchartz of Ann Arbor and Helga Juchartz of Wyandotte; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many friends.

Mr. Juchartz was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers Conrad, Grant, Richard, Robert and Edward Juchartz, and a sister-in-law, Shelly Juchartz.

Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Thursday (Aug 14) at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Road, New Boston. The Rev. Dr. Kurt Taylor will officiate. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat

Memorial contributions may



**Donald Daniel Juchartz** 

be made to St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Belleville Rotary Club, or Arbor Hospice, and would be appreciated.

# **Exhibits being accepted for fine arts show**

Entries are now being accepted for the 22nd Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition which will take place at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Oct. 2 through Nov.

Entries will be accepted through Aug. 25 and online information is available at CantonVillageTheater.org. Interested artists may also request an entry form hardcopy by calling The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at (734) 394-5300 ext. 8.

"This juried art show has a rich, 22-year history that has included over 1,000 works being shown," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts coordinator.

"I look forward to this exhibition each year because I enjoy seeing some of my favorite seasoned artists new work while being introduced to exciting emerging artists and their view of the world. The jurors have made it their mission to select as many types of art forms as possible; we thoroughly love the variety of this exhibition. The opening reception is a wonderful, free event complete with a wine and cheese reception and a program that features the top winning artists speaking about their work - a treat for sure," she

All media is accepted for the exhibition. Only digital image files on CDs will be accepted for review. No slides will be accepted for consideration. Paintings and hangings should not exceed 5 feet wide or 6 feet high, 40 pounds in weight and must be properly and appropriately framed and prepared for hanging. Sculpture dimensions must not exceed 5-feet by 5feet by 6-feet and weigh no more than 200

Original works of art must have been completed in the last three years.

A non-refundable entry fee of \$15 for each submitted piece is required.

The competition will award \$1,950 in cash prizes: Best of Show \$750; Second Place \$5001 Third Place \$300; Two Ann Arbor Summer Festival, installed at Honorable Mentions of \$100 each; and Four Merit Awards of \$50 each. Juried result notification will be mailed by Sept.

This year's distinguished juror will be Anne Kirby Rubin, director of Washtenaw Community College Gallery One. In 1995, Rubin received a masters in Sculpture from Eastern Michigan University, as well as a bachelors in English Literature from the University of Michigan. From 1979-1990, Rubin was also a docent at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor. Notable art installations include: "Bronze Waterfall" at the Kellogg Eye Center and the "Bas-relief" for the the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

A reception will take place for the selected artists at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 1 with a special program starting at 7:30 p.m. The Village Theater has exhibition hours throughout the year (except for major holidays) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday., by appointment, and during all public performances. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

For more information about the exhibition, visit CantonVillageTheater.org or call (734)394-5300.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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## **ORDINANCE NO.** 2014-005

CITY OF ROMULUS

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54 SECTION 54-185 TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL MAY BY RESOLUTION, FROM TIME TO TIME, ESTABLISH FEES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR LAND SPLITS. THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 54 Section 54-185 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

All applications for land splits shall be accompanied by payment of a fee as may be established by Council by resolution from time to time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 28th day of July, 2014.

LEROY BURCROFF, Mayor

ELLEN L. CRAIG- BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 28th day of July, 2014.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

I further certify that the foregoing was published in <u>Romulus Roman</u>, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the <u>14<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>August</u>, 2014. ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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#### CITY OF ROMULUS **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-004**

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36 OFFENSES ARTICLE IX OFFENSES PER-TAINING TO MINORS TO ADD SECTION 36-453 TO 36-456 PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF CONTAINERS OF SPRAY PAINT. THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Sections 36-453 to 36-456 of the Code of Ordinances shall be added to Chapter Section 1. 36, Article IX of the Romulus Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

36-453 Definitions. As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meaning

Spray paint and spray paint containers means containers, including, but not limited to, cans of paint, varnish, lacquer, stain, or similar solvent or substances used in painting or applying finishes to surfaces and applied by a spraying method or similar tech-

36-454 No person under the age of eighteen (18) years shall purchase or possess any container of spray paint.

36-455 Exceptions. Possession of spray paint containers by a minor shall be permitted only where the minor has in his or her immediate possession written consent, including date and description of materials, signed by his or her parent or legal guardian or is upon real property owned or lawfully occupied by the minor's parent(s) or legal guardian.

36-456 Violation and penalties. A violation of this Article shall be deemed a municipal civil infraction and penalties shall be between \$100.00 and \$300.00, in the discretion of the Court.

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# ROMULUS - WESTLAND

# **Romulus prepares for Annual Pumpkin Festival**

Planning is already under way for the 17th Annual Pumpkin Festival in Romulus.

Members of the city council unanimously granted permits for the event which will begin with the Rotary sponsored Parade of Lights Sept. 19 and continue in Historical Park Sept.

The event is one of the largest in the community and includes contests to determine skill in pumpkin rolling, pumpkin pie eating or pumpkin seed-spitting. The event includes a Classic Car Show, a Classic Tractor Show and live entertainment, vendors, nity tradition which began with

The Parade of Lights draws thousands of onlookers to Goddard Road to watch the welllit and decorated vehicles pass by including school buses, tractors and even cement trucks.

The annual event is a commu-

Pumpkin Festival Committee in 1996. The first festival took place Sept. 19 and 20 in 1997.

The Pumpkin Festival Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at in the council chambers at city hall located at 11111 Wayne Road,

the establishment of the Romulus. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

> Romulus Historical Park is located 11147 Hunt St. More information about the festival and volunteer and sponsorship opportunities is available by calling the Pumpkin Festival hotline at (734) 955-4577.

## Legislator's new bill would ban aerial fireworks in state

State Senator Glenn S. Anderson (D-Westland) officially introduced legislation this week to restore Michigan's pre-2011 fireworks regulations. Senate Bill 1023 and Senate Bill 1024 reestablish the ban on aerial and explosive fireworks, which account for the vast majority of noise complaints and serious injuries. In 2011, Anderson was the only state senator to vote against fireworks deregulation and recently announced his plans to sponsor bills repealing the 2011 changes.

"Something must be done to get this under control," Anderson said. "Since the law was changed, in addition to the disturbance of the peace, Michigan residents have endured property damage and injuries, even deaths, related to these higher powered explosives now available. On top of that, the revenue that was promised by sponsors just hasn't materialized. The burden of inspecting all of the new firework sale locations is virtually impossible and is costing the state more than licensing fees

In the wake of Anderson's initial announcement that legislation would be introduced, hundreds of citizens from across the state contacted his office with stories of sleepless nights during the work week, traumatized pets that have to be sedated for the holidays, and fire damage from launches in dense urban communities. Anderson has also heard from numerous veterans suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) who found the endless bombardment of fireworks to severely intensify their anxiety.

"For some of these veterans who served our country, the nonstop fireworks explosions in their neighborhoods cause symptoms so debilitating that they can't leave their own homes. It's completely unacceptable," said Anderson.

Current state law allows for the use of aerial and explosive fireworks the day before, day of, and day after a national holiday. Communities are granted the authority to regulate the time-

The key to addressing this problem is limiting accessibility by a statewide ban.

frame that fireworks are allowed on those days, but users are totally disregarding the currently permitted days and hours. Most communities have had little success in dealing with the problems this new law has created. With fireworks available on virtually every corner, fireworks use has skyrocketed, leaving numerous local police departments without the resources to

address the problem. "The National Fire Protection Association collects data every year that shows fireworks hurt a lot of people and start a lot of fires," said Northville Township Deputy Fire Chief Richard Marinucci, former President of Southeast Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and a vocal opponent of the 2011 changes. "We're in the business of safety and fire prevention, so these products cause a serious problem for us."

Both Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington and Plymouth City Director of Public Safety Al Cox have supported Anderson's proposed legislation.

Many local communities have protested the firework deregulation since 2011 and have become more vocal with each passing holiday season and some have taken steps to pass resolutions calling on the Legislature to repeal the changes made in 2011.

Proponents of the 2011 law have argued that surrounding states, such as Indiana, were stealing revenue from Michigan as citizens crossed the border to purchase prohibited fireworks. Some have suggested that changing the law to allow local cities and townships to decide for themselves whether or not to ban the higher-powered fireworks would be preferred over an across the state ban.

Critics of this approach, however, argue that any option that leaves these fireworks readily available to the public will not solve the problem.

"I am all for empowering local communities with more tools to help protect their citizens and keep the peace, but a half measure like this won't make the difference needed to regulate these fireworks," Anderson said. "If we give a city the power to ban the fireworks and they take that step, then citizens are just going to drive to a neighboring community where the fireworks aren't illegal, stock their arsenal, and bring them home. The key to addressing this problem is limiting accessibility by a statewide ban. Giving locals the ability to ban the fireworks won't do anything to provide police and fire the resources they need to deal with the problem and ends up creating a confusing patchwork across the state."

#### MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING July 28, 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 Makowski, seconded by Crout to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion

14-294 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 14, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried

14-295 2B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 14, 2014:

5:00 p.m. closed session - Attorney opinion/purchase of real estate

5:30 p.m. study session - Charter amendment ballot proposal language

6:00 p.m. study session - AccuMed Billing Service Agreement

6:30 p.m. study session - Ordinance amendment, Chapter 36, Offenses Pertaining to Minors

7:00 p.m. study session - City quarterly investments

7:15 p.m. study session - Ordinance amendment, RE: Land Split Fees

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

3. Petitioner: None.

14-296 4A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to send a proclamation to the owners of Romulus Little Paper. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Chairperson's Report: Mayor Pro-Tem Barden announced that the Romulus Little Paper will no longer be in business. He read a letter of appreciation sent from the APA thanking elected officials for attending the 2014 Romulus Community Festival. Mayor Burcroff asked for a moment of silence be held in respect of the tragic accident that happened in the community this past week and Captain Derran Shelby also spoke about it.

4. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe 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 Mayor Burcroff asked Ben Mach, new Eagle Scout, to speak about his Eagle project. Ben shared how he built wheelchair accessible gardening boxes to be placed at the Senior Center. Mayor Burcroff also informed the citizens that Pennsylvania Road will be under 14-297 5A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the

family of Emogene Anderson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 4-298 5A2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a resolution recognizing Ben Mach on becoming an Eagle Scout. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout,

Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 14-299 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and approve the sub-recipient agreement between the City of Romulus and the APA Thomas J. Coleman Center for expenditure of their allocation of \$36,000 for the proposed community park and building repairs. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski,

Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 14-300 6A1 (a). Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Louise Briody. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-301 6A1 (b). Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Xaher Elezi. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-302 6A1. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve second reading, final adoption of 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.

14-303 6A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth to approve second reading, final adoption of 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

14-304 6A3. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to approve a traffic control order for the placement of "no parking fire lane" signs on the fire hydrant side of the roads contained in the Gateway - in accordance with Chapter 22, Section 50 of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-305 6A4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve the re-worded ballot language to amend City Charter Chapter 13, Sections 1 and 2 to place on the November 4, 2014 ballot. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**CITY OF ROMULUS** 

### **Resolution 14-305**

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 28, 2014, the following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Choate, and seconded by Councilwoman Makowski 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 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 considera-

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:** Proposed amendment to Romulus Chtr Sec. 13.1

Section 13.1 of the city charter currently requires newspaper publication of an advertisement requesting sealed bids for contracts or projects of public works and public improvements when the value of the contracts or projects exceeds the amount set forth in the City's Purchasing Ordinance. The proposed amendment deletes the requirement for newspaper publication of requests for sealed bids while retaining the requirement for competitive bidding by sealed bid. No { }

Shall the amendment be adopted? Yes { } Proposed amendment to Romulus Chtr Sec. 13.2

Section 13.2 of the city charter currently requires newspaper publication of an advertisement requesting sealed proposals when the City purchases any material, tools, apparatus, or other things, when their cost exceeds the amount set forth in the City's Purchasing Ordinance. The proposed amendment deletes the requirement for newspaper publication of requests for sealed proposals while retaining the requirement for competitive bidding by sealed proposal.

Shall the amendment be adopted? Yes { } No { } Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment: Three residents spoke on the problem with fireworks and teenagers loitering in their neighborhood. Several residents spoke about the tragic accident that occurred on Beverly Road. Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board Chairperson, commented on the beauty of the cemetery. Gina Steward, from the Telegram Newspaper, commented that the Telegram is in cir-

culation in the City of Romulus.

8. Unfinished Business 9. New Business

14-306 9A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Armani Gipson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Roscoe, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Communication

14-307 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to approve Warrant 14-14 in the amount of \$1,572.026.32. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Roscoe, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski 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 28 2014

Publish: August 14, 2014

# INKSTER - WAYNE

# Inkster to auction off homes by sealed bid

There may soon be some new neighbors in several Inkster neighborhoods.

The city is selling residential properties in several areas through an auction. Bids, which must be sealed, will be accepted at the office of the city clerk, 26215 Trowbridge Ave., Inkster until 4 p.m. Sept. 8.

The minimum bid on the properties is \$1,500 and each will be sold in "as is" condition. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and include the name of

the person or organization submitting the bid and the words "Sealed bid for" and the address of the property.

Bidders must also complete an application to purchase cityowned property and include it in the sealed envelope. That form is available on the city website. Included, too, must be a bid bond in the form of a certified check or money order in the amount of \$600 for each property on which a bid is submitted. The bond amounts should be payable to the

City of Inkster. Bid bonds will be refunded to unsuccessful bidders and forfeited to those whose bids are accepted but fail to close within the established time frame.

The bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Sept. 9 at Inkster City Hall. Bidders do not need to be present. Successful bidders will have five business days to respond before forfeiting the bid bond. If the highest bidder does not respond, the property will be awarded to the next highest bid-

Successful bidders will receive a closing date set by the city. The full sealed bid payment will be due at the time of closing. The city will issue a quit claim deed to the buyer and a purchase agreement will be executed. If the payment is not made, the bid bond will be forfeited.

The city has planned open house visits from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Aug. 16 and again Aug. 23 at the various addresses. Homes on Allen, Ash, Dartmouth, Glenwood, Henry, Henry Ruff and Hickory

will be on the scheduled open house along with homes on Hopkins, Isabelle, Lucerne, Norfolk, Spruce, Stanford, Walnut and Williams. Property addresses and Open House dates and times can be found on the City of Inkster website www.cityofinkster.com.

Hosts at the open house events include Murray's Real Estate, Red Carpet Keim and Your Home Town Realty.

For more information about the homes or bidding process, call (313) 563-9760.

# council tables proposal for new Wayne millage

Wayne voters will not be asked to approve a millage hike to bail out the budget deficit in the city after all.

But not all residents feel the decision of the city council to table discussion on a new millage was the most appropriate action they might have taken.

The plan to ask voters to approve 5-mill property tax levy was being considered by members of the city council who decided against the request last month. The new tax levy would have been used to offset part of the \$500,000 budget deficit and the 345 plan for public safety retirement costs. Voters rejected a millage to fund the 345 program in November of

Councilwoman Susan Rowe said she felt there wasn't time to properly prepare for a millage election.

"We don't have time to prepare a decent campaign. I don't think it would pass. We need committee involvement and we should start now but not put it on the November ballot," she said.

Councilman Al Damitio, however, wanted to know how the city was going to offset the deficit without a millage.

"We have had several study sessions and have not come up with a balanced budget. I just want each of the council people to look at themselves and ask, 'How are you going to cut it so it is balanced?' If you aren't going to ask residents,

and have not come up with a balanced budget.

We have had several study sessions

Damitio demanded. City Manager Joseph Merucci explained that if the millage were on the November ballot and approved, it would do nothing to help the current budget situation. The new rate would not become effective until the July 2015 tax roll and be included in the 2015-2016 budget.

where are you going to cut?,"

Mayor Al Haidous, who favored the millage request, said that the city could balance the budget this year but would not have any fund-

ing for 2015. "There will be no revenue coming. We will be on a cliff. If we knew money was coming in July, there would be a cushion for the future," Haidous said.

Councilman Skip Monit noted, "Without this millage, this is going to be a different city."

Haidous said that if the council couldn't come to a unanimous vote debate of the question was a waste of time. He suggested tabling the motion for the millage and Mayor pro tem Jim Hawley made that motion, seconded by Councilman

David James.

Tabling the discussion apparently prompted the ire of Ron Roberts, a community activist who has been vocal in his criticism of the council. He addressed the members during the citizens' comments portion of the agenda, following their decision to table the millage question.

"We are waiting for you to step up to the plate and save the city. You are not making the decisions we need to see you make.

"For five years, you haven't really done anything. We are on the brink of bankruptcy because of the decisions that were made up there and you still aren't willing to make the tough, hard decisions," Roberts said.

### school debt saves taxpayers \$34 million Rebonding

Westland Wayne Community School District recently saved taxpayers about \$3.4 million in interest payments on bonds.

The district opted to refund the bonds, a financial mechanism similar to the refinancing of a home mortgage, in an effort to lower the cost of the bonds, first issued in 1998 and refunded in 2004. The refunding was approved by members of the school board at a regular meeting last month.

Financial advisors to the district, Stauder, Barch & Associates, Inc., requested a reevaluation of the credit quality of the district as part of the rebonding. Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings rated the district at A3 and A. Moody's mentioned the large tax base in the school district, favorable employee contracts and below-average direct debt. Fitch cited management reduction in expenses through negotiated long-term contracts and increased state funding as factors in the improved ratings of the district.

The 2014 refunding bonds were

sold at an interest rate of 1.34 percent and will mature in 2019.

Superintendent of Schools Michele Harmala said that the savings would go directly to taxpayers in the district as a reduced interest payment rate on the outstanding \$36 million bond debt.

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Rita (Sonja Paul) James Sept. 5, 1938 July 27, 2014 Rita (Sonja Paul) James

died July 27, 2014. Among her survivors are her sister, Delores Champ of Westland, her sons Marnell Keith James and Charles Kevin James, both of Inkster; a granddaughter, Sharita James of grandsons. Romulus: Charles Kevin James, Jr. and Jamal Christopher (Candice) James, both of Detroit; seven great-grandchildren; five nieces; four nephews; a brother-in-law, Edward Barksdale of Inkster; many other relatives and many close

friends. The Rev. George V. Williams officiated at funeral services which took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Final rites were accorded by Tri County Cremation Services.



Joe Lee Overman, Sr. Sunrise: Dec. 13, 1951 Sunset: Aug. 1, 2014 Joe Lee Overman, Sr. died Aug. 1. 2014

Among those left to mourn his passing and celebrate his memory are his wife, Velma Jean; three sons, Joe (Heather) Jr., Ken and Daniel; grandsons, Antonio and Kaleb Lee; his loving mother-in-law Marv Greenwood: beloved aunt

and uncle Savannah and Johnson, with whom he had a special relationship; brothers, Leon, Frankie, Jacob and Harry Joe; four sisters, Rosemary, Emma, Lavonne and Bonnie, all from Arkansas; a host of other relatives including brothers and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins, and

many friends. Funeral services took place at Christ Temple City of Refuge in Inkster. Final arrangements were

entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Ypsilanti.



Rose Lee Lundy Sunrise: Feb. 2, 1924 Sunset: Aug. 1, 2014 Rose Lee Lundy died Aug.

Among her survivors are her six children, Barbara J. Young of Inkster, Claude (Lorna) Lundy, Jr., Calvin L. (Deborah) Lundy, Sr., all of Forsyth, GA, Jerome P. Lundy, Sr. of Macon, GA, Darryl E. Lundy of Inkster and Veronica L. (Kenneth) Terry of Fort Mill, SC; grandchildren, Rita M. (Charles) Young Bantom, Carrie Ann Young, Marcene Young-Love, Shari (Todd) Frederick Jackson, Chontay Taylor, Brian Young and Kevin Brown, and great-grandchildren, Angelique Bantom, Skyy Bantom, Jamar Love, Jamal Love, Dana R. Robinson-Young, Todd Jamal Jackson, II, Madison Jackson, Chon Joshua Taylor, Cole Taylor, Neveah

Robinson, Ariel Davenport and Alavna Lundy. Mrs. Lundy was preceded in death by grandchildren,

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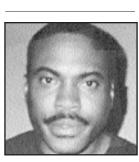
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Claude Lundy, III, Calvin Lundy, Jr., Alvin Lundy, Raekwon Lundy, Ruby Nicole Terry, Jerome P. (Denisha) Lundy II, and

Jordan Terry. Funeral services took place at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church in Romulus with the Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Sr. officiating.

Interment was Metropolitan Memorial Cemetery in Belleville. Final arrangements were entrusted to Bentley and Sons Funeral Home in

Macon, GA and the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.



Reginald Darnell Hughes Sunrise: Feb. 29, 1956 Sunset: July 18, 2014

Reginald Darnell Hughes died July 18, 2014. Among his survivors are his brothers, Bobby (Carolyn) and Clifton, Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, and

many friends. Mr. Hughes was preceded in death by his parents, Clifton Sr. and Pearlie Mae Hughes, and two brothers, Nathan and Ervin.

Funeral services took place at Greater Middle Baptist Church in Ferndale with the Rev. Dr. Arthur C. Willis, Sr.

officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park West in Redford.

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**Charles Edward Lake** May 24, 1951 July 28, 2014

Charles Edward Lake died July 28, 2014. Among those left to cherish his memory are his partner, Elmira Murphy; five siblings, Mary Alice Garwood. Archie Henry (Sheryl) Lake, Veronica (Price) Thompson, Corine (Kendall) Harvey and Henrietta Lake; his namesake, Charles Armani; a stepson, Darnell; Taneka and Darnell Patrick Murphy: nieces. Tonva (Gregory) Redding, Sheila (Corey) Bush; Sharon (William) Garwood, Tracy (Frankie) Austin, Erica (Jamie) Jordan; Alicia Morgan; (Terrance) Elizabeth (Dustin) Hall; (Adrienne) Price Thompson, Jr., Renise (Ivan) Thompson, Vanessa (Marvin) Lykes and Cicely Lake Cannady; a host of great nieces and nephews; many cousins, and several

friends. Mr. Lake was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Redus Lee Garwood and nephews, Kendall Harvey, Jr., Derrick Wynn, Sr. and

Derrick Bush, Sr. Funeral services took place at High Praise Cathedral of Faith in Inkster with Bishop Clarence B. Haddon, Sr. officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in

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# NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

# **Northville to host 2nd Annual Food Festival**

music and fun is on tap in downtown Northville as the 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival returns from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23. The event will also feature a classic car show, beer garden, music and an outdoor movie.

Hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, and presented by Dick Scott Automotive

will take place at Northville Ford Field Park located at 150 Griswold, north of Main Street. Convenient parking is available at the north end of the Northville Downs parking lot, off Cady Street (south of Main Street).

The food trucks scheduled to attend include: The Pita Post, Jacques' Tacos, Shimmy Shack,

Group, the Food Truck Festival The Rolling Stoves, Concrete Food Truck Festival is free, but Cuisine, Rollin Stone Pizza, Mystic Kettle, Kona Ice, Qais Truck, Treat Dreams, Dago Joe's, Ol' Tyme Good Humor Ice Cream, Stewards for Strangers, Time2Chill and Wooden Spork. Each truck will carry a variety of menu options. Beverages will be available at the Beer Garden.

Admission to the 2nd Annual

there is a charge for food and beverages. Wristbands (\$2) will be required to purchase alcohol and must be purchased at the Beer Garden.

The event schedule includes: Classic Car Show 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.

- Beer Garden Noon 10 p.m.
- Entertainment 2 9:30 p.m. • Car Show Awards 2:30 p.m.
- For more information on the 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248)349-7640.

Mainstreet Soul at 7 p.m.

• Food Trucks 2 - 9 p.m.

• Outdoor Movie 9:30 p.m.

Live music is planned through-

out the afternoon. Performers

include Just Push Play at 2 p.m.

Ricky See at 4 p.m. and

# **Student radio station awards 5 scholarships**

Five students received scholarships from WSDP Radio, the student-run station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, this year.

Winner of the Jeffrey L.Cardinal Scholaarship this year was Elena Bongiovanni, a senior at Canton High School.

The scholarship is named for the third general manager of the student station, Jeff Cardinal, who worked at the station from 1974 through 1982. The scholarship recognized dedication to the station during four years and the students must demonstrate a complete understanding of the station's role in serving the community and have experience in

many areas of station operations.

Bongiovanni joined the station as a freshman and has served as production director during her senior year.

She will continue her studies in physics and photography at Michigan State University.

Winners of the John Seidelman Scholarship this year were Lauren Jones, a Plymouth High School senior, and Archana Sondor a Salem High School senior.

This scholarship is named for long-time station advisor John Seidelman who served in that position for 18 years. He also taught English and was a counselor at both Canton and University. Plymouth high schools. The scholarship recognizes dedication to the station and academic success.

Jones joined the station as a junior and hosted the New Best of Broadway, which featured musicals. She graduated with a 3.895 grade point average and will continue her studies in teaching at Easter Michigan University.

Sondor jointed the staff as a freshman and served as the station news director for two years. Sondor graduated with a 3.75 grade point average and will study human biology and broadcasting at Michigan State

Founder Bonny Dore Scholarships were awarded to Adam Duxter, a Canton High School junior and Joe Zylka, a Plymouth High School senior.

The scholarships are named for the founding Station manager who went on to a career in media, eventually founding her own television production company in Los Angeles. The scholarship recognizes dedication to the station and interest in pursuing a career in broadcasting or a related field.

Duxter served as the station sports director fro two years. He received several sports play-byplay awards from the Michigan **Association of Broadcasters** Foundation including a firstplace win as a junior.

He will study journalism at the University of Missouri.

Zylka also received sports play-by-play awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation including two first-place awards as a sophomore and senior.

He will begin his studies at Schoolcraft College and plans to transfer to a university.

"All of these students are very deserving of the scholarships," said Bill Keith, station manager. "Their hard work and dedication made them the obvious choice."

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Chuck Curmi there will be a fire services millage question on the August, 2014 ballot and explaining the procedure of millages and deadlines. No motion was subsequently made by any board member to place the question on the ballot and no vote on the millage question took place at the Nov. 13 meeting on the tapes. Edwards stated at that meeting, "Our proposal (for

the fire millage) will come before the board in December." There is no record of such an action.

According to Groth, language of any ballot proposals for the November General Election, should have been certified by either the county or local clerk and should have been forwarded to the Wayne County Clerk before Aug. 12. She said there is a long lead time required to develop specifications, load requirements, hydrant coverage, styles, equipment characteristics and other details required to build a fire engine or ambulance after the expense is approved. She said those specifications could add weeks if not months to the six to nine months already required to build such equipment after a supplier is selected and the order submitted. Groth is the wife of former Plymouth Township Fire Chief Larry Groth.

"It was not discussed at the last meeting, nor was there a draft of the appropriate language written with the help of legal counsel and now it won't happen." Groth said, listing the appropriate Michigan law reference number in the bulletin she sent.

"This is another example of our elected officials failing to meet the promises they have made...Maybe they will decide to sell more bonds to cover these costs, too," she said, referring to the \$1.9 million in bonds the township sold to fund the new amphitheater and recreation facilities, a controversial plan that has sparked citizen protests.

"What is more important to you," the bulletin read, "building the pavilion and amphitheater against tremendous citizen outrage or getting the funding in place for much-needed fire equipment?"







# CALENDAR

#### Park welcomes bikers, skaters

Runners, walkers, cyclists and skaters can enjoy a traffic free Hines Drive from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. every Saturday through Sept. 8.

Saturdays in the Park have returned to Hines Drive and offers visitors the opportunity to walk, run, skate or cycle safely without the concern of motor vehicle traffic.

Hines Drive will be closed to motorists from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive. For more information, access the Wayne County Parks website or call (734) 261-1990.

#### Stress Buster workshop set

The Plymouth District Library is hosting a free stress reduction workshop from 10-11 a.m. Aug 16.

Become a 'Stress Buster' with easy techniques. Learn how to save yourself from the adverse effects that stress can create through a natural approach.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Brian Brackney, of the Foundation for Wellness Professionals.

Registration is requested by phone at (734)453-0750, ext. 4, or online.

### Hazardous waste day Saturday

Wayne County will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off event from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday, Aug. 16, at Westland Shopping Center, on Warren Road and Nankin Boulevard in Westland

Collections are designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal. Items that will be accepted include: Household paints, stains, floorcare items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs and electronic waste.

Electronic waste accepted includes computers, monitors, printers, scanners, cell phones, fax machines, televisions, etc.

Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture proof containers will also be

All waste must be from residential

This event is open to all Wayne County

For questions contact Wayne County at (734)326-3936

#### Concerts set at Goudy Park

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

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.

#### Senior healthcare is topic

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

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

The meeting is free and open to the public.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

#### 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 Theater, 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

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## 'Southern Hospitality' opens Friday

Barefoot Productions is cookin' up a pulpit unless there is a miracle. A mess of 'Southern fried laughs' as the community theater group prepares for Southern Hospitality, a comedy written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. Southern Hospitality will also be directed by Mike Cuba who brought the writing trio's The Hallelujah Girls to Barefoot Productions last summer.

Southern Hospitality is a comedy about Fayro, Texas, a town on its last legs. The two major businesses have closed and folks are leaving while the leaving is good. The four Futrelle sisters are not going to give up without a fight, though. They hatch a scheme to entice a salsa factory to relocate in Fayro. To do this, they invent "Fayro Days", complete with a petting zoo, a beauty contest and a huge Civil War reenactment. Complicating matters is the plight of the young interim pastor who is likely to lose his home, car and

reluctant groom, a midlife crisis and a rich, devious old aunt add to the confusion.

The cast includes: Christine Steves (Woodhaven), Barbara Bloom (Novi), Amanda Photenhauer (Ann Arbor). Marion Busa (Canton), Lanna Collins (Garden City), Griffin Burke (Belleville), Gary Turnquist (Canton), Joe Arcel (Northville), Tom Hissong (Canton), Beth Duey (Northville), Terry Viviani (Westland), Betty Berryman (Canton), Julie Evans Herbert (Garden City) and Steve Cook (Canton)

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Aug. 15, 16, 22 and 23 and at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 and 24. Barefoot Productions Theatre is located at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth 48170. All seats are \$15 and can be reserved by calling the Barefoot Productions' Box Office at (734) 560-1493 or online at www.justgobarefoot.

Productions at http://www.justgobarefoot. com/.

### 1974 alumni to meet

The graduating class of 1974 from Wayne Memorial High School will meet for a 40th reunion Aug. 23 at the Avenue Downtown Wayne.

Tickets are \$25 per person.

Members of the class of 1973 and 1975 are welcome.

For more information, contact wmhs74reunion@yahoo.com or call (734) 397-8196.

#### Golf classic planned

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

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

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#### Woehlke Palooza planned

The Wayne Westland Professional Firefighters Local 1279 and U.S. 12 American Bar and Grill will host Woehlke-Palooza beginning at 6 p.m. Aug. 22 and 23 in Wayne.

The event will honor firefighters and police officers who have died in the line of duty locally and across the country. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the family of Brian Woehlke, a Westland firefighter who died last May fighting a restaurant fire.

The event will include food, music and games and will take place at U.S Grill, 34824 Michigan Ave.. the outdoor event will continue, rain or shine, organizers

Sponsorships are still available. For more information, call John Goci, (734) 637-1430 or Kevin Tomaszewski (313) 505-8130.

