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There are some unique visitors expected in downtown Wayne this fall and Wayne Main Street is welcoming them wholeheartedly.

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Westland police are seeking a group of vandals caught on surveillance cameras destroying property including vehicles, a home and a barn in the city.

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Contamination suspected at fire site

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Concerns about possible toxic exposure have prompted local fire department officials to order testing of firefighters' gear for carcinogens after a fire last Wednesday at a DTE Energy substation next door to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street.

The gear will be tested for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) which the Environmental Protection Agency has classified as a probable human carcinogen.

The fire left 4,000 city residents and businesses without power, some only restored in the early morning hours Friday as DTE crews worked round-the-clock. Power to downtown businesses on both Main and Forest streets was interrupted until Friday morning, grinding downtown business to a standstill.

Firefighters from Northville, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Northville Township, including a Western Wayne County Fire Department Haz-Mat team, were dispatched about 8:30 p.m. Sept. 16, after numerous callers reported hearing popping noises and then observing heavy black smoke and flames shooting from the area of the brick, slate-tiled building that adjoins a large structure of beams and transformers. The sub-station is owned by DTE Energy and functions to regulate voltage for an estimated 4,000 homes and businesses in the city.

According to DTE Executive Director Distribution Operations Ryan Stow, the substation, which now must be totally rebuilt, contained transformers, protection and control equipment and circuit breakers to interrupt any



Friday afternoon, workers in protective gear clean up debris at the site of the fire and shoveled it into sealed barrels clearly labeled as containing PCB, a known carcinogen. Photo by Dave Willett

short circuits or overload conditions that occur in the network.

Stow was reticent to give specifics about the fire or the size and character of the electrical equipment stating, "It was a failure in the sub-station the led to the noise people heard." His only comment as to the cause of the fire, which he said is still under investigation, was that the fire was "not related to an overload" and could have been caused by "animal interference—like a squirrel."

Numerous fire-related incidents like the one at the Plymouth substation involving electrical equipment can contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and are known to result in widespread contamination of buildings and structures, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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Flames shot into the sky during the fire caught on camera by Joey Richards, 10, a fifth-grade student at Gallimore Elementary School who is an aspiring vlogger with his own YouTube channel (JoeBranMan123).



Heavy black smoke poured from the DTE substation in Plymouth last Wednesday night. Photo by Guy Villot

Wayne councilman could face recall vote

City of Wayne Councilman Christopher Sanders is facing the prospect of a voter recall election next year.

Ron Roberts, acting as the spokesman for the Concerned Citizens of Wayne County, announced at a recent meeting of the city council that the group had filed six proposed petitions for a recall of Sanders with the Wayne County Board of Elections Aug. 14. Roberts said that the three-member panel would approve the language of only one of the petitions within 10 to 20 days of submission.

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in," Roberts said. "Any language not accepted by Wayne County, we'll just keep quiet. The law says that the language only has to be factual, so I am sure one of the petitions will be approved."

Roberts confirmed that recall language was submitted to the county against two other sitting council members, but declined to identify those officials.

"They need to get the message that we are not happy with them," Roberts said.

Sanders, 48, who has served on the city council since November of 2013, said he would rather not comment on the petitions or the language as he hadn't seen it and had no idea what the claims or basis might be.

Roberts said that citizens'

group would have 60 days after approval of the language in the recall petitions to gather 1,800 signatures of registered voters in Wayne agreeing to put the recall question on the ballot.

"With the legal restrictions, which say it can't be less than 90 days after the signatures have been accepted, it would be on the ballot in November of 2018," he said.

Roberts added that should the language of all six petitions be rejected by Wayne County officials, he will attempt to correct any missteps and re-file the

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Township water rates hiked by 8 percent

Water rates in Plymouth Township have been increased by 8 percent following approval of the measure by a 5-2 vote of members of the board of trustees.

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Jerry Vorva, Clinton and trustees Chuck Curni and Gary Heitman voted in favor of the increase.

The new rate was called for by Heise who told the board members that the township needs to increase the water-sewer cash reserves that are now at \$4.2 million. The reserves topped \$10 million at one time, officials said, and helped defray any rate increases for water and sewer services. Heise also said that it was necessary to impose an increase in order to recoup the losses in the fund as a result of the previous

administration lowering the water-sewer rates by 5 percent as an election ploy.

Dempsy said his no vote was prompted by his need for more data regarding the actual revenue the township needed and that he did not have enough information on which to support the rate hike.

Clinton had earlier proposed a 5-percent rate hike based on an analysis of rate increases ranging from 5 to 10 percent he presented. He favored a 5-percent increase but after discussion, voted in favor of the 8 percent proposed by Heise. He said

the 8 percent will generate the \$15.2 million in revenue necessary to operate the water-sewer system in the township, pay the debt obligations and set aside \$1.5 million for emergencies and maintenance.

Heise said his concern was based on his experience as a Wayne County environmental director and drain commissioner.

"I've seen what happens when government doesn't budget for future needs," he said. "We don't want to get caught in

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WESTLAND

City buys ambulances

Medical emergencies will be a bit less stressful for Westland residents with the purchase of two new rescue vehicles by the city.

Members of the city council approved the purchase of two new Type 1 EMS Rescue Vehicles last week at a cost of \$294,000.

"The new rescues were purchased with reliability, patient comfort and safety in mind," said Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradner. "In the past our vehicles have traditionally been built upon a van chassis. This style of rescue is no longer offered in a diesel engine and had limited options we were looking for in-patient design."

These new vehicles are described as state-of-the-art and are equipped with a new liquid suspension, making for a better, smoother ride to the hospital for patients. They also have a new 6.7 liter diesel motor and LED light to enhance visibility when emergency lights are activated, Stradner explained.

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The EMS rescue vehicles were purchased through Michigan-based Mercy Sales, utilizing consortium pricing through the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Westland received the lowest possible price and the more departments that purchase through the consortium results in a rebate from the manufacturer back to the city for added savings, officials said.

"The Westland Fire Department receives over 12,000 calls annually with about 83 percent relating to medical emergencies," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "The department relies on durability and understands that the patient should be afforded the best experience available from firefighters and their vehicles. The City of Westland makes providing them with the proper tools and equipment a number one priority to ensure the safety of those within our community," he added.

Appointment to Downtown Development Authority OK'd

Mo Elfikr has been reappointed to the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

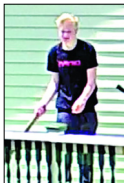
Elfikr's appointment by Mayor William R. Wild was confirmed by members of the city council during their meeting last week.

The 11-member Downtown Development Authority implements and manages an improvement and business development plan in a commercial district along Ford Road and Wayne Road in Westland.

Elfikr is the owner of Biggy Coffee, located at 3660 Ford Road. He has been a Westland business owner for 10 years and is actively involved in a number of community events. Elfikr has served on the DDA board since 2013 and his new term will expire in 2021.

"By taking one step inside Biggy in Westland, it is clear how much Mo cares about Westland and has made Biggy Coffee a staple in our community," commented Wild. "His unique perspective as a business owner has been a tremendous asset to the DDA Board."

Mo Elfikr



Wanted

Westland police detectives are continuing an investigation into multiple complaints of vandalism at a home located near Farmington and Cowan roads in the city. Some of the individuals caught on video surveillance cameras not only trespassed but intentionally damaged the victim's property including vehicles, his home and barn. Police said there have been numerous acts of vandalism on the property during the past, prompting the owner to install multiple surveillance cameras. Police request anyone with information contact the department at (734)772-9600 or (734) 467-3194.

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Inkster Legend Director Fred Smiley and veteran Detroit Pistons announcer George Blaha share a moment at the 20th Anniversary Inkster Legends Basketball Camp.



Inkster Legend Coach Stephanie Davis gets students' attention at Legends basketball camp.



Students gather for instruction during the 20th Anniversary Basketball Legends of Inkster camp at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center in Inkster last month.

Basketball Legends marks 20th summer camp

The Basketball Legends of Inkster celebrated the 20th anniversary of the organization this year with the traditional free training camps for young players. This year, to honor the two decades of dedication to teaching basketball to students, several special guests participated in the daily camp lessons, motel program founder and current President and Director Fred Smiley.

"Aisha Thomas, a personal

trainer from the Romulus Athletic Center showed the kids how to get in shape and stay in shape," Smiley said. "We also had former camper Alex Legton, who started at these camps as a 9-year old and now plays professional basketball in Italy, coach the kids."

Smiley added that this year the students all understood how important it was to pay attention if they were going to learn the basic skills of basketball during

the camp. "They understood how important it is to have a good attitude while learning the proper way to play the game of basketball and that attitude is the most important part about education and life," Smiley said. "The coaches gave the kids some wise advice and they all did a phenomenal job."

Piston announcer George Blaha was at the camps for the 20th year and surprised the

Booker Dozier Best-In-Camp award winners with two tickets for the Pistons first home game at the new Little Caesars arena. "I want to personally thank all the volunteers who made camp another huge success. This is what happens when everyone takes ownership in the Inkster Legends Basketball Camp," Smiley said. "I also want to thank the sponsors who are just too many to mention in fear of leaving some-

one off that made it possible to have a free basketball camp that is second to none. Everyone in attendance made us extremely proud of the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex." Smiley also offered thanks to Anthony (Nick) Jones of Berta Vision and Lawrence Simmons of Low 14 for their video work, "which is integral to what we do."

"And finally," Smiley said, "none of this is possible without the grace of God."

Recall

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petitions.

"I've never been involved in any kind of recall, I always thought these things were a waste of time, but I really think this is necessary," he said. "This is a serious group of people. It's not just me involved. We want to make Wayne up and get them to do the right thing."

Roberts, 61, said, "I am just trying to get my city to run properly."

Sanders received a notification from the elections commission Monday that the hearing on the matter is set for noon Aug. 30.

Roberts stressed that the group of citizens is "very serious" about the recall effort.

"We already have 20 people committed to getting signatures," he said. "We can only be stopped by Wayne County. Chris Sanders may bring this community together after all."

Sanders, a lifelong resident of Wayne, is employed at Ford Motor Co. His current city council term will end in November, 2020.

While he declined specific comment on the charges,

Sanders did say that he felt the basis for the petitions contained erroneous and false information and that the law requires that the petitions be factual and the language clear.

"I was elected to serve the best interests of all Wayne residents, which I intend to keep doing no matter what political pressure and tactics are used to deny my efforts," he said.



Christopher Sanders

Scarecrow entries sought

There are some unique vignettes expected in downtown Wayne this fall and Wayne Main Street is welcoming them wholeheartedly.

Registrations for the Wayne Main Street Scarecrow Show will be accepted through Sept. 22. The event is open to all members of the community and an entry form can be downloaded at downtownwayne.org/volunteer/2scarecrows or by registering in person at the Wayne Historical Museum, located at One Town Square in Wayne. The entry fee for the Scarecrow Show is \$20 or \$15 for returning participants who already have a frame.

Scarecrows will be on display throughout downtown from Sept. 30 through Nov. 3. More than 70 unique scarecrow creations are expected throughout the area and residents and visitors can vote for their favorite.

Wayne Main Street will host a voting contest and reception in from 3-7 p.m.

Oct. 19 at Derby's Alley, 35005 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne. The 2017 Scarecrow Contest Winners will be announced at that time.

Launched by Wayne Main Street in 2012, the Wayne Scarecrow Show has become a signature event for downtown Wayne.

"Scarecrows are a great community building activity. Our goal is to get everyone in Wayne excited and involved in the things that are happening in downtown Wayne," commented Angie Jarman, Wayne Main Street committee member and scarecrow project manager.

Each year the Scarecrow Show draws thousands of visitors to downtown to view the over 70 scarecrows installed throughout the city commercial district, a spokesman added. For more information, contact Wayne Main Street at director@downtownwayne.org or call (734) 629-6822.

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6. Legal Notices

Be it known to all men and/or any interested party that the Inkster Housing Commission gives proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to: Keren LaChal Green Patricia Estelle 30177 Carlyle Inkster, MI 48141 Who passed away July 20, 2017 and remaining in 30177 Carlyle will become property of the Inkster Housing Commission, unless otherwise properly claimed and removed in five (5) days.

50. Auctions

On Wednesday, August 30th 2017, at 11:00 am, Great Lakes Towing Import and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to

the highest bidder.

1996 INFINITY 4DR JNKCA21D0T7012463 2002 MERCURY 2DR 12WFTG1L425612689

The above vehicles are all impounded through the City of Wayne Department. There is a \$100 per vehicle buyer fee made payable to the City of Wayne Police Department. All paperwork is to be picked up from the Wayne Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

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All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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6th Citizens Police Academy applications accepted

The City of Romulus Public Safety Department is now accepting applications for the sixth Citizens Academy Class 2017 Fall Session. The 15-week program will commence Wednesday, Sept. 6, and will conclude with a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Classes will take place from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. each week at the Romulus Athletic Center.

The Citizen Academy provides Romulus residents and

business owners with a first-hand overview of both law enforcement and fire service functions of the Romulus Public Safety Department, officials said. Some of the training topics include Patrol Operations, Use of Force, S.W.A.T. Operations, Bomb Squad, Crime Scene Investigations, Jaws of Life, Fire Suppression demonstrations and others.

Instructors for the program are highly-trained and experi-

enced police officers and firefighters from the City of Romulus and the Metro-Detroit area. Participants will be involved in both hands-on and classroom training. Recruits will utilize a, state of the art,

firearms training simulator and will participate in realistic "Shoot/Don't Shoot" scenarios. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a Romulus resident or business owner to participate. There is no fee for

the program, however applicants should be committed to the full 15-week program. Due to the overwhelming response to the program, applicants must pre-register for the class. The class size is limited to 25 students.

Applications may be obtained in person at the Romulus Police Department, or by downloading the application from the City of Romulus website www.romulusmi.com/citizensacademy



Early warning

Members of the Belleville Rotary Club presented 60 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to Sumpter Township for distribution, primarily to low-income seniors who may not be able to afford the protection devices. Township employees will handle distribution of the detectors, purchased from Sumpter ACE Hardware at a significantly discounted price to help in the Rotary effort. Rotarian Julie Hardy, left, Sumpter Fire Chief Joseph Januszyn, Rotarian Mary Jo Suchy and Sumpter Township Supervisor John W. Morgan are all smiles during the presentation Aug. 4 at township hall.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 17-18-06 Two Year Contractual Services Agreement for Pavement Marking
The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for a two year contractual services agreement for the annual pavement marking of approximately thirty-six miles of Major and Local Streets as specified in Section 811 of the MDOOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mtna.org>). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
- Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form" supplied in the bid documents.
- A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:30 PM, Friday, September 15, 2017. Bids shall be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
- At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.
- The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
- The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received.
- For additional information contact Lynn A. Corvey, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lcorvey@romulusmi.com

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INVITATION TO BID

City of Romulus
ITB 17-18-04 - Project #0155-17-0031
Ecorse Road and Vining Road Construction

The City of Romulus, is requesting sealed bids for the Ecorse Road and Vining Road Construction. The work includes concrete road construction, water main, storm sewer, traffic signal, sidewalk and restoration.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the City of Romulus City Hall - Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, MI 48174.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on September 19, 2017. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 17-18-04 - Project #0155-17-0031 Ecorse Road and Vining Road Construction
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file after 4:00 PM, August 29, 2017, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined in the office of the City's Engineer, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (734-522-6711).

Registration companies can download copies of the bid documents from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mtna.org>).

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurance and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

All questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed only to Mark Lock of Orchard, Hiltz & McClinton at 734-466-4441 or mark.lock@john-advisors.com

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2017

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

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

17-242 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Ables to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 24, 2017. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Ables, Barden, Chaute, Crout, Rescoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Absent: - Makowski. Motion Carried.

17-242 2B. Moved by Ables, seconded by Rescoe to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 24, 2017 - closed session, Attorney Opinion and Open session, Demonstration of New City Voting Equipment. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Ables, Barden, Chaute, Crout, Rescoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Absent: - Makowski. Motion Carried.

2. Petitioner: None

3. Mayor Pro-Tem John Barton commented on the "Rally for Life" cancer fundraiser. Members of St. John's Lodge spoke about their "Annual Youth Day" which will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from noon until 5:00 p.m.

17-242 4A. Moved by Crout, seconded by Rescoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Patricia Webb. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 4B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Michael A. Plank. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Moved by Chaute, seconded by Crout to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor Bardon presented a video of upcoming City events. The CSX Railroad crossing at Goddard and Shaw Road is currently under repair.

17-242 5A(1). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Rescoe to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Hunt Street between Goddard Road and 11th Street Street beginning at 8:00 a.m., the closure of Goddard Road between Moore Street and the railroad tracks beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017 and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 5A(2). Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road beginning at Wayne Road and ending at Five Points beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017, and re-opening at 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2017 for the Rotary Parade of Lights. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Rescoe to extend (awards) RTT 12-17-16 through June 30, 2018 for the licensing and maintenance of the Highland Road and the Highland Road City with Applied Imaging at a cost of \$13,591.00 as well as any professional services needed from Applied Imaging at an hourly fee of \$160 per hour. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 5C(1). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and reject the only bid received for ITB 16-17-2 for the replacement of the carpet in the concession area of the Romulus Athletic Center since the bid was not the bid's minimum specifications. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 5C(2). Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration to waive the bidding requirements of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 79-0 (b) (Material Goods purchased) and allow for sealed copies to be purchased from Proforma in the amount of \$5.51 and for the carpet to be installed at a cost of \$4,575.00 by John Wery in the concession area of the Romulus Athletic Center. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 5B(1). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Ables to concur with the administration and authorize the use of Assurance Inc. (Bid 14-15-03) for part #1 up to a sum of \$444,000.00 on CCTV and Rehab Sewer in Sections of 35 & 36 of the City (Oakbrook and Midfield) roadways. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 5B(2). Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the use of OHM to monitor, design, and provide inspection in the amount of \$102,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

17-242 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Rescoe to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to approve the proposed for professional engineering services with OHM for roadway design, Ecorse Road Reconstruction, from Vining Road to Merriman Road, intersection improvements on Ecorse Road from Vining Road, Merriman Road and Midfield Road in an amount not to exceed \$257,000.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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17-242 5B. Moved by Rescoe, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17-18-5 to replace the Romulus Municipal Library front doors (\$10,380) and replace staff printer (\$400) - approved by the Library Board on July 17, 2017.

FUND DEPT. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT AMENDED BUDGET

REVENUE

CONSTRUCTION FUND - Vining Road Extension - Ecorse Construction

001-000-474-727 Contribution From Others - 666,000 666,000

001-000-474-727 Project Costs - 666,000 666,000

To recognize contribution from Sacred Development Services for payment of the cost of design engineering for Vining and Ecorse Roads in accordance with the Intergovernmental Road Agreement and Construction Management Agreement for Project Marzary (Amman).

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001-000-474-727 Library - Capital Outlay 77,400 10,780 88,180

001-000-474-727 Library Fund Balance 149,226 (10,780) 138,446

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001-000-474-727 Fire - Capital Outlay - 6,950 6,950

001-000-474-727 Unassigned - Fund Balance 3,106,400 (6,950) 3,099,450

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CANTON

'Striker to the line' Old fashioned baseball played Sundays

Area residents are invited to stop back in time and experience a series of Civil War era baseball games featuring the Canton Cornshuckers. This local team will take on several Metro Detroit challengers in the Base Ball style of the 1890s, which at the time was considered a gentlemen's game of friendly competition.

The Canton Cornshuckers play vintage base ball at 2 p.m. Sundays in Heritage Park, located adjacent to Canton Administration Building at 1100 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Upcoming opponents include the Rochester Grangers Aug. 27 and the Plymouth Red Rovers Sept. 10.

The players, also known as ballists, will wear reproductions of period uniforms and recreate the game based on rules of 1897. The game or match will be played by two area teams using original rules of base ball, which include: no gloves, no bunting, no foot-first sliding, or over running first base. The team to bat

first will be determined by a coin flip or bat toss prior to the match. Nine full innings will be played, regardless of which team is ahead in runs or tallies. The match will use a lemon peel base ball, measuring 9.75 inches in circumference and 5.75 ounces in weight. These vintage base balls are larger in comparison to modern baseballs, which have a circumference of 9.25 inches and weigh in at 5.25 ounces.

The pitcher or 'hurler' will deliver the ball with an underhand pitching style to the batter's or 'striker's' request, in an effort to ensure that the player at bat will be able to hit the ball. Modern-day balls and strikes are not called unless a pitcher-hurler fails to deliver the ball fairly. The playballist will then be warned by the umpire. If the batter/striker fails to swing at fair pitches, he will also be warned by the umpire. Foul balls or 'foul ticks' may be caught in the air or on a single bounce for an out. Fair balls must be



Photo provided courtesy of Canton Cornshuckers

caught out of the air for an out. Match errors are recorded as "muffs."

In modern baseball, a ball must cross either third or first base in fair territory to be a fair ball. In 1890s rules, balls are determined fair or foul, based on where they first land. So, a ball may land in fair territory first, then roll 15 feet into foul territory, and still be a fair ball. All bats are hand made out of Ash, Maple or Birch, often made by members of the team.

To add to the vintage feel of the match,

every player has a nickname that they have earned, such as: Marbles; Tex; Toddy; Muffin Man and St. Nick. In vintage base ball, a left-handed hitter is known as a wrong hander and a foul tip is called a 'tick.' Outs are called as hands down, so one out would be one hand down and two outs would be two hands down.

The 1890s action also includes striker to the line (batter up) and well held (good catch), remarks encouraged from the audience.

Recreation directors named to state board offices

Canton Leisure Services Deputy Director Jon LaFever and Youth Recreation Specialist Laura Mortier were recently elected to the mParks board of directors.

Starting next month, LaFever will serve as mParks president-elect and Mortier will serve as mParks board member at large. The mParks board of directors is responsible for leading and governing the state advocacy association, formerly known as the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Of the seven members, five mParks board members are elected by the membership and two are appointed by the president upon approval of the board.

"We're very proud that these talented Canton Township employees are sharing their strong leadership skills on the state level," said Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director. "Their expertise and passion for the industry will help mParks remain progressive as a parks and recreation advocate and advance its goals and initiatives for future generations to come."

Since 2001, LaFever has worked in a variety of parks and recreation capacities with Canton Leisure Services and as deputy director currently oversees and coordinates operations at several Canton Leisure Services facilities. In addition, LaFever and his staff are responsible for the planning and execution of Leisure Services large-scale special events. An

mParks member since 2001, LaFever has been a frequent presenter at annual mParks conference and trade shows, is a member of the youth and teens and programming committees, has served as the mParks Michigan Youth Symposium chair and was recognized as the organization New Professional of the Year in 2006. He is currently an mParks director at large.

Mortier has worked for Canton Leisure Services since she was 17, starting out as a junior day-camp counselor and now is the full-time youth recreation specialist. She currently oversees the operations and programming of the B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, summer camps, and special events. Mortier has been involved in many mParks committees and programs, serving as the chair of the youth and teen focus group and Michigan Youth Symposium. In addition, she was a youth innovative program winner and member of the conference and trade show committee, diversity committee, and most recently the professional development committee, with the development of a Leadership workshop series.

Both LaFever and Mortier are Certified Parks and Recreation Professionals (CPRP), overseen by the National Certification Board (NCB) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This CPRP certification is granted to individuals employed in the recreation, park resources and leisure services professions who meet the eligibility



Jon LaFever



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Calendar of events

Anniversary dinners being served

Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village in Plymouth will continue to serve \$10 prime rib dinners through the end of the month.

The dinners are a celebration of the 36 years the restaurant has served the community, said owner Rob Costanza.

Art entries sought

Entries are now being accepted for the 8th annual Belleville Community Art Show.

The exhibit will take place Oct. 27 through 29 at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and is organized by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Entry forms are available at the Belleville Area District Library, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Yacht Club, Garden Fantasy on Main, the Professional Building, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Twisted Rooster and at Van Buren Township Hall.

There are adult, teen and children's categories and cash prizes are available.

Entry forms can also be downloaded at www.bacaartshow.org or artshow@bacaart.org.

For more information, call (734) 357-8000.

Representative for a Day essay contest now open

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth announced his essay contest for students in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The contest is open to students in grades six through 12. Students are asked to write a minimum of 250 words and no more than 500 on the topic "Why do you like living in Michigan?" Essays should be submitted by mail or email by Sept. 1 and must include student's name, address, email or phone number, school and grade level.

The winner will be announced on Sept. 18 and invited to Lansing to be a state representative for a day this fall. Essays should be sent to JeffNoble@house.mi.gov or N-499 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Health Fair vendors sought

The Romulus Senior Center Annual Health Fair is now accepting vendors for the event planned for Oct. 10.

Health professionals can highlight their companies with the senior community. Table space rental is \$100. Gifts to be

refused off are also being sought.

Set up will begin at 9 a.m. and the fair will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Senior Services Director Rose Swidan, (734) 955-4120 or email roswidan@romulusgc.com.

Le Petit Cirque to perform

Nathalie Gauthier's award-winning Le Petit Cirque, one of the most unique and inspirational shows available in North America, will visit The Village Theater in Canton at 7 p.m. Aug. 25. Le Petit Cirque is the only all-kid humanitarian circus company in the world, comprising of eye-popping pro-level children 6-14 years of age. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at www.villagetheatrecanton.com, in person from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or by phone at (734) 394-5494.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 5040 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Free corn roast planned

Bob's Old Fashioned Charity Corn Roast will take place from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton Township. The annual event has been a mainstay of summer events for many years.

The all-you-can-eat event features roasted corn, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones and a beverage, all served at no charge. A firework offering is requested and all those funds are donated to various charities, including the Canton Lions Club.

The day will also include a 50/50 raffle, with proceeds again going to charities in the community along with live entertainment for children and adults.

For additional information, call Bill Van Winkle at (734) 254-9404 or email gov.bill@outlook.com.

Dinner with Henry Ford planned

The Belleville Area Museum is sponsoring Dinner With Henry Ford and Friends from 6:30-9:30 Thursday, Aug. 31 at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Tickets for the event, which will transport visitors to 1955 to interact with Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey

Firestone, as performed by players from Dore Production of Northville, are priced at \$25.

The three will talk about their friendship, their families and their contributions to American industry, all with a sense of humor.

Guests will dine on Henry's favorite dinner, pancakes, along with sausage, eggs and orange juice.

For tickets, contact Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944 or khdalos@prodnet.net.

A cash bar will be available serving varieties of craft beer now brewed on the campus.

Yard sale benefits food pantry

The Lighthouse Home Mission will host a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sept. 1 through Sept. 9. All proceeds will be used to purchase food for the pantry which serves those in need in the community. The church is located at 34833 Palmer Road in Westland.

Volunteers are needed to help set up from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Aug. 29 and for tearing down the sale Sept. 9.

The church is also looking for donations of any type of gently used items for sale.

For more information, call (734) 334-3104.

Battle for Belleville planned

Representatives of Yankee Air Museum and the Belleville Area Museum will team up at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1 for the annual World War II Reenactment, The Battle for Belleville.

Military vehicles and re-enactors will caravan down Belleville Road and attempt to liberate the local history museum from Nazi troops. Both events lead up to the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2-3 at the Yankee Air Museum.

Legislators host coffee hour

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will be hosting a Coffee Hour in Westland with elected officials from the State of Michigan from 9-10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11. Coffee Hour in Westland will be

co-hosted with State Reps. Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones at Mr. Mike's Grill, located at 6947 North Wayne Road.

Market celebrates autumn

The Westland Farmers and Artisans Market will celebrate autumn with a Fall Festival planned from 3-7 p.m. Sept. 14.

Along with more than 30 vendors and artisans, there will be special seasonal items during the day. An autumn floral arrangements donated by My Lady's Florist will be awarded to the winner of a raffle planned during the day.

The market takes place at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road in Central City Park. Vendors will be selling produce, plants, fresh foods and crafts. There is live music every week and EBT cards are accepted.

For more information, call (734) 325-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Church hosts white elephant sale

St. Alysius Church in Romulus will host a four-day White Elephant Garage Sale from 3-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16 and from noon until 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17.

Two buildings of sale items will include household items, toys, tools, linens, sporting goods, holiday items, books, radios and more.

The church is located at 37200 Neville St. in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 941-5056.

Friends selling used books

The Friends of the Westland Library will host a Fall Used Book Sale beginning with a preview day from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

Regular sale hours will be 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16. The sale will conclude with a \$4 bag sale day from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17.

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