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## THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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Charles James Cahill, 40, the man accused of killing a 12-year-old girl while driving drunk, has had his \$1 million bond revoked by Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

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## Charges filed in dog fighting ring

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Three men from Inkster and Westland are facing drug and animal fighting charges following raids June 16 in both communities.

According to police reports, Floyd Domingo Hampton, Michael Austin Boyd and Maurice Victor Pressley were all arrested during raids conducted by officers from Inkster and troopers from the Michigan State Police. Five people were arrested during the raids, but only three have been charged to date. Also seized during the raids were 25 dogs and dollar amounts of cocaine, heroin and marijuana, according to reports from the Michigan State Police.

Police reported that officers armed with search warrants went to homes 1400 block of Jeffrey Lane in Inkster and the 3200 block of Otsego in Westland June 16, where officers also confiscated a dog treadmill, apparently used to train the fighting dogs. Police also found and seized more than \$25,000 and other dog-fighting equipment while serving the two search

warrants. The raids, police said, were in response to reports of a dog-fighting operation and drug trafficking in the area and both homes are suspected to be connected to those criminal operations.

The animals, of several different breeds, were placed in the care of the Michigan Humane Society. According to Michigan State Police, the dogs

did not show signs of injury or mistreatment.

All three of the defendants are charged with animals fighting; animals fighting equipment; conspiracy to commit animals fighting and conspiracy to commit animals fighting equipment. Hampton and Pressley are also charged with possession of controlled substance, more than 25 grams and possession of marijuana, according to records from the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor.

The three are due for a preliminary examination on the charges Sept. 19 before 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson.

## Really dancing with the stars Champions bring star power to new studio

Area residents don't have to travel far to see a pair of real stars in the dance world.

When Clive and Suzanne Phillips take to the dance floor, they are gorgeously unlike regular people. Hips undulate smoothly, feet glide, backs are arched and every movement is a detail in unparalleled and breathtaking grace.

The couple each earned their nearly unmatched professional reputations in the unique and demanding world of dance with years of training, a singular dedication to their art and a lifelong routine of exceptional physical exertion.

That demanding exertion was part of the motivation for the couple who opted to move from their New York home to Plymouth about five years ago. They opened a new version of their famous Dance New York studio on Forest Street almost a year ago where they now coach professionals and teach amateur dancers alike.

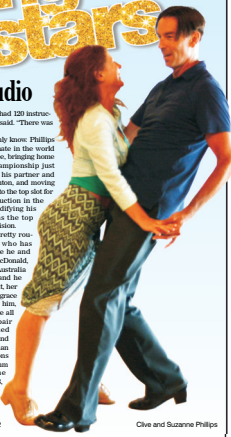
That studio name would be more than familiar to nearly every dance professional currently in competition or performing on stage. Dancing With the Stars coaches Tony Danza, Karina Smirnoff, Louis Van Amstel and several others all danced in the Phillipses' studio, along with many recognizable celebrity names training either for fitness or for professional roles.

"At one time we had 120 instructors," Clive Phillips said. "There was nothing like it."

He would certainly know: Phillips continues to dominate in the world of competitive dance, bringing home another global championship just last weekend with his partner and student Janice Stanton, and moving Dance New York into the top slot for studio dance instruction in the country while solidifying his own reputation as the top instructor in the division.

But that is all pretty routine for Phillips, who has been dancing since he and his sister, Karen MacDonald, began dancing in Australia when she was 10 and he was 9. They loved it, her for the beauty and grace of the art form and him, "because there were all those girls." The pair rigorously pursued their art for years and became the Australian and U.S. Champions in smooth and rhythm categories or Nine Dance form in 1988, 1999 and 2000. Pursuing those titles, the siblings

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Clive and Suzanne Phillips

## Romulus council OK's home revitalization plan

We're trying to revitalize neighborhoods. That's really what we want.

The City of Romulus has joined a number of other communities in partnering with a real estate firm to renovate foreclosed properties and get them back on the tax rolls.

The city has contracted with Realty Transitions, LLC, based downriver, to purchase tax foreclosed properties from the county, renovate them and sell them to new residents.

"We're trying to revitalize neighborhoods," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Bureff. "That's really what we want."

Realty Transitions purchased

and renovated more than 100 homes through the tax foreclosure process last year in Allen Park and Taylor. In Romulus, they would take on nine houses.

Tim Keyes, Romulus economic development director, said this "Neighborhood Stabilization Program was something the city had looked at for a few years. Normally, the

city gets a list of tax foreclosed properties from Wayne County and has the right of first refusal on their purchase. The city would look at properties they could use to expand city parks or otherwise enhance the community, but pass on all others. They would revert to the online bidding process and be available to the general public.

"For the last two years, we've been talking about how to take some of the properties that actually have homes and do something meaningful with them," Keyes said. "What we're seeing is properties that have structures on them are typically bought by out-of-state or out-of-area bidders because it's all an online bidding process and nothing is happening."

"Instead of the area getting better with this process, the area was getting worse because noth-

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# PLYMOUTH

## Dr. Who? Library offers new exhibit

Visitors to the Plymouth District Library during the last few weeks have discovered a large blue police call station, with doors, windows and a flashing blue light on the main level.

Thanks to a team at Johnson Controls, the library is the proud owner of a TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimension in Space), a fictional time machine and spacecraft in the British science fiction television program and film, Doctor Who.

Last year, an engineering team from Johnson Controls Inc., under its Blue Sky Initiative, took up a project to build a TARDIS for the Plymouth library. The Asia Pacific Business Resource Group, under the leadership of Ratnam Jeedigunta, researched, designed and built the TARDIS,

with technical help from Accent Remodeling in Canton.

Johnson Controls Automotive Division, with 1,500 employees, is located in Plymouth Township.

The public is invited to a Doctor Who celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30. Following a reception, with refreshments, a Doctor Who movie will be shown at 7 p.m. The Asia Pacific Business Resource Group team members, along with other JCI representatives will be on hand.

The TARDIS can be found on the library main level, near the DVD collection. It will eventually be moved to the library Teen Zone.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (313) 453-0750.



Clive and Suzanne Phillips

## Dance

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had traveled to England to hone their skills, where they lived supporting themselves "doing just about anything to earn 20 pounds for a dance lesson."

"All ballroom form started there," Phillips said. "We wanted to learn from the best." The siblings stayed in England for several years studying dance and Phillips eventually took a job in Philadelphia to appear in the Gotta Dance show where he met Suzanne who was also dancing in the production.

Suzanne grew up in Westland, where her parents still live, and where she graduated from John Glenn High School. After graduation, she left for New York to pursue her lifelong dance ambitions and a professional career. Apparently, she had the right idea as she became a featured dancer at Radio City Music Hall in the Christmas and Easter shows for 6 years. During the hectic Christmas season, Suzanne would sometimes do more than 20 shows in a week. She also appeared in the Denver Center Theater Company production of The Stories of Eva Luna and has worked in a number of movies and several other touring companies.

The couple parted when the show ended and he returned to England and she began a tour as Baby in Dirty Dancing. They met again when her tour took her to England, but were again almost immediately separated by professional roles in different shows. They reunited when their tour dates coincided on yet another show.

"We were together only about six weeks in that first year. When we met again, I asked her to marry me and here we are, 26 years later," Clive Phillips said. Meeting and parting has characterized their relationship.

He continues to travel extensively in professional dance competitions and for the first two years of their marriage, he lived in Australia, touring with a show he, his sister and Suzanne wrote, choreographed and directed.

After two successful studios in New York and one in Manhattan, the couple decided it was time for a quieter life. While two hip replacements haven't slowed Phillips down or impacted his competition scores, the couple made the decision to move to Michigan five years ago. Once again, Suzanne and the couple's three sons, Dillon, Tristan and Brendan, were here for nearly two years while Clive commuted every two weeks from New York, where he was taking care of their business, selling their home and touring in competition.

"That got old fast," Phillips said.

His list of championships and professional accolades is incredibly extensive and hers includes several prestigious titles, including the Triple Crown American Smooth and International Standard Championship and the Manhattan Dancesport American Smooth and International Standard Championship. Both have worked and danced with a long list of celebrities.

When the couple comes off the dance floor where their every move validates their championship status in the dance world, they don't bring the ego that often accompanies their level of professional status with them.

Their physical stamina and athleticism is matched by their patience and unique good humor with students. Whether they are choreographing professionals training for a global competition or teaching a pair of inept senior citizens to Fox Trot, the atmosphere of gentle fun doesn't alter.

Dance New York is still accepting students, Phillips said, and the growing popularity and reputation of the new studio has necessitated the hiring of two other professional dancers to help with both class and private lessons. Jonathan Wilby and Tiffany Sullivan.

"Ballroom dancing is addictive," Phillips said. "There is nothing quite like it." The 16 million people who watch Dancing With the Stars every week would probably agree.



## WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

### POST DRAIN

#### NOTICE OF LETTING AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

##### NOTICE OF LETTING

DATE: September 14, 2016

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division  
Central Maintenance Yard  
29900 Goddard Road Extension  
Romulus, Michigan  
(313) 224-3620

##### QUESTIONS:

The Wayne County Drain Commissioner will meet on the above date, time and location to receive construction bids for the Post Drain. Bids will then be opened and publicly announced.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on September 6, 2016, at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division Central Maintenance Yard, 29900 Goddard Road Extension, Romulus, Michigan. Representatives of the Drain Commissioner and Spicer Group, Inc. will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference. Spicer Group, Inc. will transmit to all prospective bidders of record such Addenda, as Spicer Group, Inc. considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

The Post Drain will be let in two section(s) as follows, each section having the length, average depth and width as set forth. All stations are 100 feet apart. Section 1, Station 7+01 to Station 23+76, consists of an open channel approximately 4,025 feet in length with an average depth of 5 feet and 4-foot drain bottom. Section 2, Station 38+16 to Station 80+21, consists of an open channel approximately 1,675 feet in length with an average depth of 4 feet and 4-foot drain bottom. The following items will be required and a contract let for same:

Open Drain Construction		
5,700	Lin. Ft.	Open Channel Excavation
1	Lump Sum	Sedimentation Basin
1	Lump Sum	Site Clearing and Debris Management
Crossings (Furnish and Install)		
NO. 3 - STA. 7+78 - City of Romulus (Native Ground)		
32	Lin. Ft.	57"x38" C.M.P.A.
NO. 5 - STA. 44+37 - City of Romulus (Native Ground)		
32	Lin. Ft.	38" Dia. C.M.P.
Soil erosion and Sediment Control		
10	Sq. Yds.	Miscellaneous Plain Riprap at Weir
2	Each	10' & 8' field Tile Outlet
2	Each	Plain Riprap Splash Pad
1	Lump Sum	Seeding, Mulching and Fertilizing of Project
1	Lump Sum	Cleanup and Restoration
1	Lump Sum	Traffic Control

This Notice of Letting, the plans, specifications and bid proposal shall be considered a part of the Contract. The Contract will be let in accordance with the Contract Documents now on file at the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility, 797 Central Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192 and Spicer Group, Inc., 125 Helle Blvd., Suite 2, Dundee, MI 48131, and available to interested parties. Bids will be made and received in accordance with these documents. Bidding Documents, including plans and specifications, may be obtained at no charge at the following locations:

- Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office  
Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility  
797 Central Ave.  
Wyandotte, MI 48192
- Spicer Group, Inc.  
125 Helle Blvd., Suite 2  
Dundee, MI 48131
- Online at <http://bidding.spicergroup.com>

A security deposit in the form of a cashier's check, money order, certified check or bidders bond shall be submitted with any bids. No cash will be permitted. The security deposits of all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the Contract is awarded.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work and meeting all conditions represented in the Instructions to Bidders. The Contract completion date and the terms of payment will be announced at the time and place of letting. If no satisfactory bids are received, we reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to adjourn to a time and location as we shall announce.

##### DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: September 26, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Wayne County Department of Public Services Roads Division  
Central Maintenance Yard  
29900 Goddard Road Extension  
Romulus, Michigan  
(313) 224-3620

##### QUESTIONS:

The Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments on the above date, time and location. The Day of Review of Apportionments is an opportunity to review the tentative apportionment of benefit for each parcel and municipality within the Drainage District.

The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of cost for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of lands constituting the Special Assessment District of the Post Drain, as well as a list of any county, township, city, village to be assessed at large:

Post Drain consists of lands situated in Sections 7-8 and 18 of City of Romulus, T.3S.-R.9E., in Wayne County, Michigan.

In Section 7 - The South ½ of the Section.

In Section 8 - The Southwest ¼ of the Section.

In Section 18 - The North ½ of the North ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and the Northeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of the Section.

Dated: August 25, 2016

*Kenneth M. Kucel*  
Kenneth M. Kucel, PE  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner

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# INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Mighty Men Group helps to improve city for all

A dream of Mother Lillie Lester of Inkster may soon come true.

Lester, 94, had a dream of finding 100 Black men willing to mentor young Black youths so that they might be able to better face the day-to-day challenges of life. A group of residents and religious leaders has taken on her goal and the Mighty Men of Purpose and Power, Inc. now meets at 7 p.m. every Friday at High Praise Cathedral Church on Moore Street in Inkster where they sing, pray and strive for personal growth, according to Dr. T. Cortez Spann, president of the group.

More importantly, Spann said, the group discusses "what they can do to help make the City of Inkster a vital and thriving community where the citizens are not just concerned, but actively involved with their safety and welfare."

Spann added that a secondary goal of

the group, which, he said, could be even more important, "is that of helping young men to realize that education, as well as faith, will open doors to better jobs, a higher standard of living, and will allow them the means and opportunity to give back to their community."

Spann said the public is invited to attend the meetings of the group. "We would like to partner with our Christian White and Arab-American brothers. We believe that diversity and inclusion is the key to moving this region and city." He added that everyone is invited to the group and to bring a friend.

Spann also mentioned that training for volunteers willing to help mentor other young Black men will include a proposal by T.A. Tamusi and his own book, *Leveling the Playing Field: Minority Student Penetration of the Academic*



The founders and leaders of Mighty Men of Purpose and Power meet every Friday night in Inkster to help mentor young men and find ways to improve the community. The group was formed as a part of the goal of Mother Lillie Lester to find 100 men to help youths in the city.

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Officers of the group include Spann; First Vice President Bishop Clarence Haddon; Tamusi who is Second Vice President; Chantay Taylor who is the

group secretary; Treasurer Bryant Thomas and Sergeant-At-Arms Brother George Robinson.

High Praise Cathedral Church is located at 4010 Moore St., Inkster, MI 48141.

## Water meter installation now under way in Wayne

The conversion to new water meters in the City of Wayne is expected to flow smoothly as the new devices are installed at commercial and industrial properties prior to homes.

Wayne homeowners will not experience any increase in usual costs for water and sewer service as the current meters are all up to date in readings, officials said. The conversion in Westland led to extreme water bills due to estimat-

ed readings for months prior to the installation of new meters. That will not be the situation in Wayne, officials said. About two-thirds of the 1,500 new commercial meters have already been installed.

Installation of about 6,000 residential meters was scheduled to begin last month, officials said. The new devices will include Advanced Meter Readers, which will transmit digital water meter

readings to cell towers which will then send them to the city offices for billings. Wayne will share use of a new cell tower at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Road with Westland.

The \$2 million project will be funded with money from a previous bond issue, officials said. The meters reportedly provide more accurate readings and can help identify water leaks or problems by accurate timed readings. The meters

have a 20-year warranty and failed meters will be replaced at no charge for the first 10 years following installation and then the life of the meter pro-rated during the second 10 years.

Homeowners can expect the installers of the new meters to arrive in marked vehicles and be wearing shirts with company logos and carry photo identification. Homeowners will be notified when installers are in the neighborhoods.

## Annual no permit fee garage sale set in Westland

Westland will offer residents several opportunities to dispose of unwanted items and avoid special pick-up fees.

Permit-free garage sale weekends have been set for Sept. 8-10 and Sept. 15-17. Residents can host a garage sale and avoid the normal \$12 permit fee.

As an added incentive to participate in the city-wide event, Westland will promote the garage sales at no cost on the city website.

Sales can be registered at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com).

The Westland Department of Public

Service will offer a free bulk drop-off day from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 for items not sold or unwanted. The bulky, unwanted items that won't fit inside regular black curbside trash bins can be taken to the DFS Yard at 37137 Marquette.

A complete list of acceptable items is available at [cityofwestland.com](http://cityofwestland.com) and clicking on the public service page. This program is for Westland residents only. Proof of residency will be required and no commercial or building materials will be accepted.

### Classified

#### 1. Obituaries

Charles "Chuck" Hughey Charles "Chuck" Hughey passed away Aug. 21, 2016 after a long illness. Mr. Hughey was born June 28, 1923 to Charles and Lela Hughey of Romulus. Among his survivors are his two sons, Charles and William of North Carolina; four grandchildren; seven siblings and countless nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hughey was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife, Karen.



#### Franky Lee Suggs

Franky Lee "Super Man" Suggs, age 72, of Ypsilanti passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2016. Mr. Suggs was born June 26, 1944 in Detroit, the son of Jerome and Suggs. He graduated Wayne High School in 1962 and went to work for General Motors.

#### 106. Houses For Sale

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam. Mr. Suggs retired from GM Hydramatic. When Mr. Suggs was a member of the Masons and a life-time member of AMVETS Post 171. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, bowling, playing pool, drag racing and riding motorcycles. Most of his loved traveling and time spent with family—especially his grandsons.

Among his survivors are his son, Melvin (Armand) Suggs of Ypsilanti; four grandsons, Austin, J.D., Xander, 12, Wyatt, 4, and Matthew 2, 1/2, and his loving companion, Marion Brown of Canton.

Mr. Suggs was preceded in death by his mother, his brother, Johnny Suggs and a sister, Gloria Jean Suggs.

Visitation will take place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 from noon until 3 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. The funeral will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday. Memorials can be sent to AMVETS Post 171, Westland. [www.davidcbrown.com](http://www.davidcbrown.com)

#### 106. Houses For Sale

Cherry Hill Place, a property based in section 8 community is opening their waiting list for 2 bedroom family townhomes on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 for the month of October only. Applicants will be accepted for family sizes ranging from 2 to 4 persons. Applicants must be low income. Applicants must be placed on the waiting list on a first come first placed order by date and time of application. Applicants must apply in person at 29477 Cherry Hill Rd., Inkster, MI 48141. M-Th 9am - 12:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm.



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### CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008 (Michigan Planning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016 for the purpose of considering the amendment of the City of Romulus Master Plan. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

The Master Plan provides guidance to the Planning Commission and City Council in making future decisions related to planning and zoning matters. All are encouraged and welcome to attend. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maine, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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### CITY OF ROMULUS

#### PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL LAND USE Verizon Wireless Cellular Tower (38600 Northline) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016 for the purpose of considering a special land use request for SLU-2016-005, Verizon Wireless, for a communication facility which includes a 195-foot high monopole and associated equipment compound.

The subject property is located at 38600 Northline. DFW 80-074-01-0158-002.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on and request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maine, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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# Calendar of events

## PATH workshops offered

Person Action toward Health (PATH) workshops are planned in September at the Western Wayne Family Health Center, 2700 Hamlin Blvd. in Inkster. The six-week workshop sessions led by certified leaders take place on Monday afternoons. They are designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with long-term health problems.

Snacks will be provided. To register, or for more information, call LaShawndela Griffin at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1.800.482.1455.

## Kung Fu classes begin

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer Kung Fu classes from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 6 through Oct. 25 at the recreation center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth.

The classes offer Kung Fu basics (stances, strikes, blocks, kicks, and how to fall and roll safely) for both children and adults, along with form and application, practical self-defense and weapons training. Students are required to wear black uniforms that can be purchased in class for \$50. For more information, call (734) 502.5599.

Cost for the classes is \$75 or \$60 for city of Plymouth residents.

## Lighthouse sets yard sale

The Lighthouse, located at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland is hosting a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sept. 2 through Sept. 10.

The Lighthouse is a 501(c)3 and funds a pantry for those less fortunate. All money from the yard sale will go to buy food for the pantry. Donations are needed and can be dropped off at the building from 1 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, call (734) 324.3104.

## Victorian clothing sale set

The Northville Historical

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

Victorian era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be available for purchase from various vendors. Some clothing is new, some gently used and some is vintage.

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

For more information, call (248) 348-1845 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or email office@millracehistorical.org www.millracehistorical.org

## Tai Chi classes offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer Tai Chi classes from 9-10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Sept. 8 through Oct. 27 at the recreation center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth.

The class offers a blend of training for the body, mind and spirit for students ages 14 and above - but focusing on senior citizens. The class will include instruction in the Tai Chi form, Chi Kung (internal energy skill), meditation, and practical application and self-defense. For more information, call (734) 502.5389. Class fee is \$65 or \$50 for City of Plymouth residents.

## Genealogists research the world

Curious about your ancestors? Think you have to spend a lot of money or travel all over to find out their history? Come to the September meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society to find easy and inexpensive ways to research your family around the world.

The meeting is planned for 1:15 until 4 or 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St. Northville, MI

For more information, call

(248) 348-3020

Members also provide free individual help from 1-3 p.m. Monday afternoons at the Local History Room in the Northville Library.

## Officials set coffee hour

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson and State Sen. David Knezek will host their normally-scheduled monthly coffee hour event from noon until 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 at the Leona Hicks Public Library located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

Residents are encouraged to attend and discuss issues of importance to them. Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact either of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email: Sen. David Knezek

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Church serves chicken supper

Willow United Methodist Church members will serve a Chicken Supper beginning at 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at the church, 38225 Willow Road in New Boston.

Carry out service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Cost of the dinners is \$10 per person, children 12 and younger \$5.

The meal includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, tea or milk.

For more information, call (734) 654-9020.

## Library selling used books

The Friends of the Westland Library are planning a Fall Used Book Sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept.

16 and 17 and from noon until 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Sunday is \$4 tag day.

This sale only: CDs and DVDs will be \$1 or a maximum of \$5 for each set.

There is a special Friends only sale from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

## Freeway of Recovery

open to public

Overeaters Anonymous Region 5 members will meet for a convention with speakers, workshops, entertainment, a free clothing exchange and fellowship Sept. 16-18 at the Sheraton Detroit Airport Hotel, 8900 Merriman Road in Romulus.

The convention is open to a national group with no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins and no diets.

For more information, visit www.OAORG.

## Genealogical Society to meet

Members of the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Livonia Senior Center, 17218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

Attendees can bring dinner and socialize with other members until the question and answer session begins at 6:15 p.m. At 7 p.m. Wally Schlegel will present a new FamilySearch.org website.

Meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome.

For more information, visit www.wccgso.org.

## Veterans Summit set

The 7th Annual Veterans' Summit will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until noon Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, between Wayne Road and Central City Parkway.

The event will include discus-

sions of benefit eligibility, health care benefits, disability benefits and new services. Discussions will include information about general changes at the Veterans' Administration, financial and business planning, community health resources and a disability update.

The event is free for veterans and their families although pre-registration is required.

Veteran service officers will be available for one-on-one discussions. Attendees should bring their DD214 if they have specific questions for an officer.

Register at www.cantonfoundation.org or call Beth Meade at (734) 495-1200.

The event is presented by the Canton Community Foundation.

## Booville Kickoff Party set

The Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St. in Belleville, will host the Booville Kickoff Painting Party from noon until 2 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Museum Fire Hall.

The \$40 per person ticket fee includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages as well as supplies for painting a "masterpiece."

For more information, tickets or reservations, call the museum at (734) 697-7151.

## New date for beer tasting

Friends of the Wayne Public Library has postponed the Beer Tasting fundraising from Aug. 19 to Sept. 30. Advance tickets purchased for the August date will be honored in September.

The event will now begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 at the library. The event will feature a local brewing expert who will discuss the craft brewing process. There will be three specialty beers to sample, and pizza and snacks will be provided.

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the Circulation Desk. Seating is limited, so advance purchase is recommended.

The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

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