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60th Fall Festival begins next week

When the 60th Annual Plymouth Fall Festival begins next weekend, visitors will find the traditional attractions and booths in place, along with a few new attractions and some changes.

Festival President Eric Joy said he and the Festival Committee, including Frank Agostini from E.G. Nick's restaurant, James Getzen from JAG Entertainment and Mike Reynolds, had to make a few changes this year.

The festival can no longer use Union Street as the craft show has been moved from the usual location on Union to Penntman near Main Street, Joy

explained. "This will give them a lot more exposure," he said. "I think this will be a good move for them." The popular car show has been moved to Forest Street, where the entire street will be closed to traffic to accommodate the expected crowds who come to admire the work of Detroit motor artists.

"We think this will bring people into that side of town and ease some of the downtown traffic and the flow of foot traffic. This should give the car show more exposure, too," Joy said. To accommodate those moves, the drop off point for the free shuttle service provided by Praise Baptist Church also had to be moved to Penntman Avenue, between Harvey and Main streets.

"We will block off a couple of parking places to accommodate the vans and the bus," Joy said. "This is the best way to come to the festival. Last year they averaged 7 minutes a trip. Try to find a parking spot in that time." The church, located at 40000 North Territorial Road, will provide free parking and be open so that there is no threat of standing in the hot sun or rain waiting for a shuttle.

"Hey, I can park anywhere during the festival, and I use it," Joy said of the free shuttle service.

The Civilians Taste Fest, the first event of the festival will take place from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Watchful eye Environmental group returns to Plymouth Park

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Environmentalists from the Friends of the Rouge visited the creek and pond at McChunpa Park in Plymouth Township last week to again monitor the impact of the 4-acre parking lot under construction at the site.

The group has been concerned about the impact of groundwater run-off and debris entering the waters of the creek and pond, particularly after a rare species of fish called the Least Darter was discovered in the water. Members of the volunteer group met at the park last Friday morning to conduct another sampling of the water quality as construction continues. Volunteer Monitoring Program Manager Sally Petrella was also in the park last week to talk about mitigation with officials from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) who had previously determined

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Photos by Don Howard

Northville considers school boundary change

The boundary adjustments would not impact families with students currently enrolled at Moraine, Thornton Creek or Ridge Wood.

schools. This new proposal does not impact existing Northville Public Schools families, Gallagher said.

Proposed attendance boundary adjustments include: "Moving new or future housing developments located west of Maybury State Park, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, currently part of the Moraine attendance area, to the Thornton Creek attendance area."

"Moving the housing development being built south of the Bellagio subdivision at Beck and Eight Mile roads, currently in the Moraine attendance area, to the Thornton Creek attendance area."

"Moving the Montecare subdivision, currently under development at Seven Mile and Ridge roads, along with any new development at the northwest corner of Six Mile and Ridge Road (directly across

from Ridge Wood) from the Moraine attendance area to the Ridge Wood attendance area."

The proposed boundary adjustments address areas currently under development or slated for potential future development, but where no Northville school district students currently reside, Gallagher said. The boundary adjustments would not impact families with students currently enrolled at Moraine, Thornton Creek or Ridge Wood. Board and district officials believe it is important to act before Moraine becomes overcrowded and before families begin moving into these new neighborhoods, to ensure

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Foundation sets Annual Veterans' Summit date

The Canton Community Foundation will host the 6th Annual Veterans' Summit from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at VetsToTech Center.

The event will offer a panel of experts to address issues facing veterans from World War II era to those just returning home. Topics covered during the

event include health care benefits, service-connected disabilities, advancement in civilian education or job force, community opportunities, and one on one time with counselors.

Representatives from Arrow Strategies, Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America, the Michigan DMVA, Michigan Fitness Foundation, Team Rod,

White and Blue, Quicken Loans, VA Hospital Volunteer Coordinators and others will be on hand.

Pre-registration is required for the free event as a barbeque lunch featuring Michigan craft beers will be provided.

The event is designed for all veterans and their families,

organizers said.

Space is limited and early registration is urged. VetsToTech Center is located at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

For more information or to register, call (734) 465-1200. The event is co-sponsored by the Dewitt C. Holbrook Charitable Trust.

INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Youth employment program serves 26 students

A record number 26 Westland teens participated in the 2015 Wild About Youth - Works! Summer Employment Program, the youth task force created by Mayor William Wild.

The task force is a partnership between the city, the Wayne-Westland Community School District and Fifth Third Bank that was designed as a means of providing summer jobs for local students between the ages of 16-18.

This was the fifth year of the program and the most successful to date with the highest number of student participants the program has ever seen, Wild said. Since its inception in 2011, The Wild About Youth - Works! Program has helped to provide summer employment for 125 students. As part of the program, local students were provided valuable learning experiences by participating in various program events such as the Dress for Success, Career Fair, Financial Literacy Training and, new this year, was an added discussion on the importance of having a professional social media presence. Students were challenged with setting personal

financial goals, learning the importance of a strong work ethic and the importance of good customer service skills, Wild noted in a prepared statement.

"I am very proud to be part of this wonderful program each and every year. I am amazed when I run into past participants in the community and they tell me about the car they purchased after working in the program and learning to save their dollars, or when they tell me they are still employed with the same employer and have learned so much and have a path to follow for their career. I truly believe that the partnership with Mayor Wild and the City of Westland is Modeling the way for neighboring communities to develop similar programs and provide similar opportunities to youth within those communities," said James Allen, manager at Fifth Third Bank.

"I am honored to partner with a mayor that is as dedicated to the youth in his city as Mayor Wild. It is his commitment to the youth of today that strengthens the business community in Westland well into the future," he added.

The 2015 year also saw more businesses participating than ever before. This program allows the business community to hire and train young adults who are entering the workforce. Local businesses agreed to provide students a summer job for at least 16 hours per week and earn at least minimum wage.

"We decided to participate in this program again after having success last year," said Jamie Bell, owner and general manager of Culver's. "You can really see the difference between applicants who have completed the Wild About Youth! - Works program and those who have not participated. They come in for interviews organized, well prepared and present themselves in a professional manner."

"The skills that these youth are gaining through this program will stay with them for a lifetime," said Wild. "These individuals are the future of our city and this program proved, once again, to be successful in preparing them for the work force."

Wild and his administration hosted a ceremony to congratulate the students who completed



Mayor William R. Wild presents Madison Kerndle with her certificate of completion of the 2015 Wild About Youth! - Works program.

the program and recognize the businesses for their participation. One lucky participant, Josh Thompson, 17, walked away with an iPad, donated by Fifth Third Bank.

"I enjoyed the Wild About Youth program thoroughly when I was enrolled in it. Not only did it leave me with experience in

the workplace that I will continue to use for the rest of my life, but it also helped me line up my second job," Thompson said. "I would highly recommend the Wild About Youth program to anyone looking into it."

Wild said the goal for next year is 50 student participants in the program.

Program leader honored

Wayne Memorial High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructor Steven La Haine has been honored with the Gold Instructor Award and the Senior Army Instructor of the Year Award.

The awards were announced last week and La Haine was recognized as a "role model for all other JROTC instructors across

the nation."

He was selected as the Brigade Senior Army Instructor of the Year for 2014-15 for his professionalism, technical proficiency, dedication to duty and service to the students at Wayne Memorial High School. La Haine also is a leader for all JROTC instructors in the 7th Brigade.



Steven La Haine

Clothing giveaway planned

Middlebelt Baptist Church in Inkster is planning another clothing giveaway event from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The church will have clean, gently-used items of clothing for men, women and children that will be given away at no cost. The event is open to the public.

This month, a spokesperson said, the church will also have some household items that will

also be available for those attending the giveaway event. The clothing is donated by church members and collected from other benefactors, washed and mended in preparation for the giveaway, which often draws a large crowd.

The church is located at 943 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

For more information about the clothing giveaway, call (734) 729-8838.

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

'Cake Wars' takes to stage

The Skill Got It Players production of *The Red Velvet Cake War*, will take to the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton this weekend.

This southern-fried comedy features married couple, Frank and Sandy McCay of Canton in their second *Skill Got It* production.

The McCays, married 31 years, agreed that they enjoy the stage work with their mate. "We enjoy going to look for accessories for our costumes and it always seems to result in me buying lunch."

"We find ourselves using lines from the play in everyday conversation and calling each other by our character name. Great conversation starter with friends and people we meet," Frank

"I make him take me out after rehearsals."

McCay said.

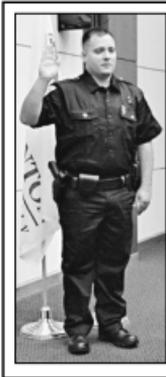
"Being in a play with my spouse is great fun. The interesting and helpful thing about being in a play together is we can help each other with our lines and give helpful suggestions. We get to meet new people, and I consider it almost like a date night. I make him take me out after rehearsals. We will definitely do

more plays together," Sandy McCay agreed.

The *Red Velvet Cake War* takes the Main Stage for six performances including 7:30 p.m. shows Friday and Saturday. The performances begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Doors open a half hour before show time. Run time is one hour and 30 minutes with a 15 minute intermission.

Tickets are priced at \$16-\$18 and can be purchased by calling the box office at (734) 394-5300 or visiting <http://www.spotlightplayers.org>. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 5040 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.



Making it official

The Canton Police Department welcomed new police officer Franco Harris to the department last week when he took his oath of office administered by Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett. All new officers in Canton are required to successfully complete a 16-week instructor-led field training program, prior to working on their own. This program is designed to orientate and develop recruit officers, maximizing their potential and providing them with the tools necessary to successfully make the transition into their new position as a Canton Police Officer, officials said.

Boundary New principal welcomes students back to class

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a smooth transition for them to their new schools, Gallagher said.

Public input on the proposed attendance boundary changes can be voiced during the Northville Board of Education meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Hillside Middle School, 775 North Center St.

Questions and comments can also be mailed to nps@northvilleschools.org for follow up by the appropriate district administrator.

Gallagher said a decision on the boundary changes is expected as early as the Sept. 8 meeting.

A strong educational leader with experience as both an intervention specialist and elementary school principal, Katie E. Booth has been named principal of Northville Public Schools Silver Springs Elementary School.

Members of the Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Booth's appointment at their Aug. 11 meeting. She succeeds Melissa Hunt, who resigned in June to move with her husband to Washington, D.C. where he was transferred by his employer.

Booth, who will assume her new post immediately, comes to Northville Public Schools from Wayne-Westland Community Schools, where she most recently served as principal of Hamilton Elementary School for the past

two years. In her seven years with Wayne-Westland schools, Booth also served as an intervention specialist, district elementary math content leader, and a fourth and fifth grade classroom teacher.

Prior to joining Wayne-Westland, she worked for four years at the West Village Academy in Dearborn as a fifth grade teacher and later a campus director. In her tenure at Hamilton Elementary School, Booth and her staff made significant gains in student achievement, moving the school off the Michigan Department of Education "Priority" status list in just two years, and bringing positive change to the school's culture and climate, according to a statement from the district. She also has

extensive experience in the Leader in Me innovative school-wide model for leadership and learning.

"Katie Booth's strengths and experiences as a building principal and instructional leader are exceptional," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "She is a compassionate and collaborative leader who seeks input, listens, and works with others to gain mutual respect and learn from other perspectives. Katie will build on the positive and cooperative culture that already exists among the students, teachers, staff and families at Silver Springs."

Booth has a bachelor of arts in Organizational Studies from the University of Michigan; a bachelor

of arts in Elementary Education from Saginaw Valley State University; and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership: K-12 Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

"As a member of the Silver Springs team, I will aspire to continue to build on the productive learning environment that already exists among students, teachers, staff and families, with the goal of fostering student achievement," Booth said. "I seek to promote a school culture that works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that we make a difference in each of our students' lives."

Booth lives in Novi, with her husband, Robert, 9 and their two children, Robert, 9 and Hadley, 8.

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PLYMOUTH

Ride on Abandoned bikes donated to Salvation Army by township

About a dozen youngsters in the area will be receiving bicycles from the Salvation Army this month, thanks to Plymouth Township.

Township officials approved the donation of the bikes to the Salvation Army from the police department where they had been stored, either as evidence or having been abandoned.

"I am so pleased that Plymouth Township can partner with the Salvation Army. Their programming for local families in need is outstanding," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price. "We worked with our police chief and Department of Public Works Department to ensure that the

bikes are safe and that it was no longer necessary to keep them in storage." Bikes that needed repair will be sent to the Trading Post on Ann Arbor Road where they will be repaired free of charge and then sent to the Salvation Army for delivery to local children.

"The Salvation Army and Plymouth Township have had a great working relationship, and we are just grateful for this donation of bikes," added Major Keith Bailey of the Plymouth Salvation Army. "This is going to help a lot of kids."

"We have a great community that includes good corporate citizens," continued Price.

"I am proud that the township,



Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price, right, and Major Keith Bailey of the Plymouth Salvation Army look over a few of the bikes the township donated recently.

Salvation Army, and the Trading Post could join together to do the right thing and help families that are in need."

Individuals interested in obtaining a bike should contact the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5454.

Park

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that planned parking lot is in violation of state regulations. Township officials, including Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Parks and Grants Manager Mike Mitchell, were at the meeting to discuss proposed corrections and engineering changes.

Hae-Jin Yoon, Southeast Michigan supervisor for MDEQ, said the township needs to make improvements to comply with state regulations, "so runoff water goes in more of an upland area."

The township had agreed to those corrections and will incorporate the alterations into the site following approval of the plans by the state. Other problems at the site include a "tad mix" of concrete poured in the parking lot. According to Price, the concrete contained a chemical that would prevent proper hardening and had to be broken up and removed. The replacement concrete installation was the responsibility of the supplier, Price said, and will not add to the \$719,000 cost of the 209-car project, according to Treasurer Ron Edwards who is overseeing the parking lot construction.

The environmentalists have been regularly sampling the waters that flow through the park since 2003. They have determined that the water quality in the pond and stream is one of the best in the 126-mile-long Rouge River.

Wearing waders and carrying fine mesh nets, the seven experts, led by

Petrella, waded into the creek and pond to take their samples. They discovered eight species in the stream and three species in the pond, including the rare Least Darter.

The Friends of the Rouge mission is to promote restoration and stewardship Rouge River through monitoring. The group hosts educational projects to train local teachers regarding the ecological significance of the 467 square mile watershed and Rouge River.

Volunteer Sue Thompson of the Wayne County Department of Public Services-Water Quality, Philip Kuzakski, a high school science teacher and Alan Van Kerkhove, a retired Detroit Water and Sewer engineer, assisted in the count and measurement of the 119 fish found by the group. Bob Muller, founding member of the Royal Oak Nature Society and official of the North American Native Fishes Association conducted the identification while Petrella recorded the species.

In addition to the Least Darter the environmentalists found Creek Chub, Bluegill, Fathead, Black nose, Largemouth bass, White Suckers, Mottled Sculpin and a Jomgy Darter. They also found a 22-inch carp in the pond.

Petrella said she was disappointed the township had yet to address the silt they allowed to enter the mouth of the stream that could endanger the habitat of the sensitive fish species, something officials had promised last week to correct.

"We'll be back," Petrella said, "We're very interested in what goes on here."

Student radio station honored

The student run radio station of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools district has been named as a finalist for the 2015 National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Radio Award for Non-Commercial Station of the Year. This is the second consecutive year that 88.1 The Park was selected for the recognition.

The Marconi Radio Awards were created in 1989 and are named for inventor and Nobel prize winner Guglielmo Marconi. The awards recognize stations and individuals for excellence and performance in 21 separate categories and are among the most prestigious awards in the broadcast industry.

Plymouth Canton is the only high school student operated station to receive a nomination.

"We are honored to be included for a second time with so many talented broadcasters and well-established radio stations. Our staff works hard and shows

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great dedication and being a finalist for this award recognizes that," said Caitlin Flora, program director at 88.1.

The awards will be presented Oct. 1 at the National Association of Broadcasters 26th anniversary dinner and show in Atlanta, GA.

"We couldn't achieve this without the support of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the board of education, administrators and staff. We're lucky to have been part of such a great community," said Station Manager Bill Keith.



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Calendar of events

Chicken Supper served

Willow United Methodist Church will host a Chicken Supper from 5 p.m. until sold out of dinners on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the church, 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

Carry outs are available beginning at 4:30 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per dinner or \$5 for dinners for children 12 and younger.

The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dessert and a choice of coffee, hot tea or milk.

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

Photographers to meet

The only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Livonia Civic Park, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road. This is the first meeting of the 2015-2016 season.

The meeting will feature a special presentation of the best 3D images made by the Ohio 3D Club members last season. There will be a 3D image competition among club members.

The meetings are free to attend and visitors are welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit <http://www.detroit3d.org/www.Detroit3D.org>, or call Dennis Green at (248) 398-3391.

Grief seminar planned

A grief/recovery seminar and support group will be meeting at Romulus Wesleyan Church in Romulus at 6 p.m. Thursdays starting Sept. 10 through Dec. 17. The church is located at 37300 Goddard in Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13 video sessions include "Efforts of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief," and more. Attend any or all sessions. A \$15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church, (734) 941-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org.

Taste Fest set at Festival

The annual Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest will take place this year from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 at Station 885, 885 Starweather in Old Village in Plymouth.

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club and Station 885 are organizing the popular

event which this year will include samples from Bahama Breeze, Cupcake Station, Extreme Pizza of Plymouth, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza and Ribs, La Bistecca Italian Grille, Leo's Coney Island of Plymouth and Canton, Max & Erma's Plymouth, Plymouth ROC, Rocky's of Northville, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Westland Famous Dave's, Vintners Canton Winery, Zoup Soup, Salad and Sandwiches.

The all-you-can eat cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-10. Children younger than 5 are admitted at no cost.

There will be a live band and cash bar. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Station 885 and at U.P. Pasties on Main Street in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 459-1896.

Water rates are topic

Northville Township residents will hear some expert advice about their skyrocketing water rates at a meeting set for Sept. 14.

The meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. in the community room at township hall, will feature guest speaker Vito Kameulis of OEHM Advisors. Kameulis offers technical advice to Oakland and Wayne counties regarding water use and rates. His resume includes 10 years working with the Wayne County Department of Environment. Northville Township Hall is located at 44405 Six Mile Road.

Beginners Tai Chi offered

Tai Chi, a weight bearing and moderate intensity cardiovascular exercise composed of gentle, graceful movements that strengthen without overstressing the cardiovascular system or joints, will be offered for beginners at the Wayne Community Center.

Practiced on a regular basis, Tai Chi can help improve balance and reduce falls, increase strength and flexibility, reduce pain, improve cardiovascular function and produce a general feeling of well being.

Wayne Senior Services will offer the class at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15 and continue sessions for 10 weeks at a cost of \$65.

For further information, call the Senior Services office, (734) 721-7493.

New senior book club formed

The new Senior Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St.

On Sept. 15 the club will have an inaugu-



Crowds enjoyed the fare from 15 restaurant at the Fall Festival Taste Fest last year.

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and organizers are well aware of the significance of the day.

Kathy Turmquist from the Civitans and Rob Costanza, owner of Station 885 in Old Town where the event will take place, said this was the perfect time for people to come out and spend some time together, enjoying the company of the community.

"It isn't lost on any of us that this event takes place on 9-11 this year," Costanza said. "It's a special day to be around friends and enjoy a great community event."

This year, the \$15 tickets will include samples of dishes from more than 15 local restaurants in a garden setting created by Serene Surroundings, professional landscapers who donate their time, efforts and all the plants used to create a unique outdoor space for the event. The landscapers transform the huge lower parking lot at Station 885 into a park-like setting for the Taste

Fest.

"It is really a tribute to these businesses and restaurants, the way they participate in this event and give back to the community," Costanza said. "This event is so popular now that people start asking about it in July. It just keeps getting better and better."

There will be bar service at the event along with the Wile E. Coyote Band which will continue until 10 p.m.

This year, for the \$15 ticket, diners can sample treats from more than 16 local restaurants including: Bahama Breeze, Claddagh Pub, Cupcake Station, Extreme Pizza of Plymouth, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza and Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Max & Erma's of Plymouth, Plymouth ROC, Rocky's of Northville, the Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Vintners Canton Winery, Westland Famous Dave's and Zoup Salad and Sandwiches.

Tickets for children 10 and younger are \$5 and children younger than 5 are admitted at no cost.

Tickets are now available at almost all the participating restaurants and at Station 885. All proceeds are donated to charities supported by the Civitans.

ral meeting to select upcoming book club titles.

For more information, contact the adult services librarian at (734) 955-4518.

Chamber to host speaker

Robert McCraight, the public services director for Romulus will be the speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce business lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 15.

The luncheon will take place at the Detroit Marriott Hotel, 30559 Flynn Dr. in

Romulus and seating is limited.

The cost is \$20 for chamber members and \$25 for non-members and reservations must be made no later than Sept. 11 by phoning the chamber office at (734) 993-0244 or by email at info@romulushambeam.com.

McCraight is a life-long resident of Romulus and graduated from Romulus High School in 1995.

He has been with the City of Romulus staff since 2006 and was named Public Services Director in 2014.

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