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Air guns, false bomb threat lead to arrest

Faheem Amir-Saul Nance, 25, of Westland, is due in court tomorrow to face charges of armed robbery, carjacking, making a bomb threat and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Nance was arrested Sept. 13 by Canton Township Police who responded to calls from employees at the Walmart on Ford Road who reported that a man was pointing a gun at others in the store and had attempted to hijack two cars as a means of escape.

Employees called the police at about 10:30 p.m. to report the situation. When officers arrived and attempted to arrest Nance, he told them he had a bomb in a vehicle he was attempting to steal. He was unable to operate

the manual transmission in the Honda and was immediately arrested after officers determined there was no bomb.

Several witnesses to the incident told the responding officers that the man was waiting in the checkout line with two air pistols which he was seen stuffing into his pockets and brandished them at employees and other customers, many of whom believed them to be real handguns.

Nance allegedly left the store and attempted to stop a motorist in the parking lot and hijack the vehicle. That driver drove off to avoid the suspect, but he then

confronted the driver of a Honda Accord, threatening the motorist with the air pistol. He was allegedly attempting to drive off in that vehicle when police officers intervened. It was then he told the officers there was a bomb in the back seat of the car, according to police reports. He could not manage the manual transmission in the Honda, police said, and was then arrested by officers who had secured the area.

Nance was arraigned Monday, Sept. 14, in 88th District Court on one count of armed robbery; two counts of carjacking; one count of making a false report or threat of a bomb; one count of felony firearm and six counts of assault with a danger-



Faheem Amir-Saul Nance

ous weapon. He was jailed and his bond set at \$500,000 or 10 percent.

If convicted of the charges, Nance faces penalties up to life in prison.

His court appearance tomorrow is a probable cause hearing.

Scary season Historic walks set among tombstones in area cemeteries

Tillie Van Sickle
Special Writer

Significant figures in the history of Northville will come alive and tell their stories from 3-6 p.m. Oct. 4 during the Cabbagetown Connections Cemetery Walk through Oakwood Cemetery.

Cabbagetown Connections is the theme for the annual Cemetery Walk this year. Where is Cabbagetown? Who are the people who lived there? Who is buried at Oakwood Cemetery and who buried their loved ones there?

What was their involvement in the Village of Northville? Learn about these historic individuals, scandals and all, while enjoying a walk through time in this historic cemetery.

Tours are timed at 10-minute intervals. Refreshments will be served at the Northville Art House located next to the cemetery. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$18 the day of event. Tickets are available at: Knightsbridge Antique Mall 42305 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville 48134-7200; Cady Inn at Mill Race Village 215 Griswold north of Main Street in Northville from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 1-4 p.m. Sundays at Mead's General Store (248 348-1845) and at the gate of Oakwood Cemetery beginning at noon Sunday, Oct. 4.

This event is sponsored by



the Northville Historical Society and is a fundraiser for Mill Race Historical Village. To learn more about the early settlers of Northville, visit the archives at Mill Race from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, call (248) 348-1845 or visit www.millracehistorical.org.

In Plymouth

The Plymouth Historical Museum will take visitors on a walk through Riverside Cemetery during the Plymouth Ghosts Walk starting at 4 p.m. Oct. 24. Groups will depart every 15 minutes and the walk lasts 60-90 minutes. The walk includes some uneven ground, so sturdy shoes are advised. Flashlights are recommended for later hours.

Just Hoarse N'Around will provide a Casketeria grill serv-

ing hamburgers and hot dogs for purchase.

Tickets for the walk are \$10 if pre-purchased and \$15 the day of the walk and are available at the museum, 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. For information call (734) 455-8940.

In Wayne

The Wayne Historical Society will sponsor the Historical Cemetery Walk through Glenwood Cemetery 33501 Glenwood in Wayne, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

The event will feature the stories of soldiers and founding families of the community. Cider and donuts will be available.

There is no admission fee, although donations are welcome. Parking will be allowed in the cemetery but there will



Anne Marie Phillips portraying a ghost bride during the Cemetery Walk in Northville.

no parking on Glenwood Street. For more information access the Wayne Historical Society Facebook page or call (313) 605-0821.

Annual veterans summit set next Saturday

Fitness, health care, job placement, education and disabilities will be among the topics covered this year at the sixth annual Canton Community Foundation Veterans Summit.

The summit will take place this year from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

The event is free and will include craft beer and bar-b-que for lunch, along with a cash bar, organizers said.

This year the summit will focus on panel discussions throughout the day including:

- Veterans Health Care Options Panel: Retired Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and a number of other experts will speak about services available.
- Community Engagement Panel: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Team Red White Blue with Kim Wanoos; Michigan Fitness Foundation with J.J. Tighe and a VA Hospital volunteer coordinator will discuss issues and services in the community.
- Advancement in Civilian Job Force Panel: Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs representative Dichondra Johnson; Rob Ellis

from Quicken Loans; David Dunchal from Roush and Jeff Styers from Arrow Strategies will discuss the job market and opportunities.

• Advancement in Civilian Education Panel: Phil Larsen of the University of Michigan; Abigail Harte from the Association of Women Veterans and Dichondra Johnson of the Michigan Department of Military & Veterans Affairs will discuss education opportunities for veterans.

• Service Connected Disabilities Panel will include attorney Kristina Derro and Gary Putinsky with Veterans of

Foreign Wars.

Officers and representatives of various veterans' services will be available for individual questions from participants, organizers said.

Participation is limited to 270 and pre-registration is required at www.cantonfoundation.org.

The summit is co-sponsored by the Dewitt C. Holbrook Charitable Trust and is open to veteran-owned businesses and businesses that support veterans. The foundation is also seeking additional sponsors. If interested, contact the foundation office at (734) 495-2100.

BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Police warn of phone calls from 'fake' officer

The Canton Police Department received several phone reports last week from residents reporting phone calls from a man posing as a Canton police officer, attempting to coerce them into sending funds to avoid arrest.

The caller told the residents that they had missed jury duty and would have a warrant issued

for their arrest if they did not send a Green Dot pre-paid debit card to the caller, according to a report from the Canton police. This caller is using a 734 area code, and has referenced a judge at the 35th District Court in an attempt to authenticate the conversation, police officials said.

"Fortunately there have been

no reports of individuals sending a debit card to the caller," noted Canton Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink in a prepared statement.

"Canton Police would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that the department would never request payment of any kind over the phone, or via a

pre-paid debit card," she added.

"Most individuals receiving a call like this would probably recognize it as a scam, but some of our more vulnerable community members might not," said Esselink. "We encourage everyone to speak with their parents, young adults, and friends about the numerous, on-going scams

out there, and to recommend when receiving a questionable call, they contact the agency being represented directly to establish validity of the caller."

Residents who believe they may have been the victim of a scam should contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 294-5400.

Peace rally is planned

A Community Unity and Peace rally will take place in the Canton Heritage Park Amphitheater from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Community members of all ages are expected to attend this free event designed to promote tolerance and the principles of Not in Our Town, a movement to stop hate, address bullying, and build safe, inclusive communities for all. Rally events will include a community discussion, solidarity walk, guest speakers, and a few other activities including crafts for children.

This inaugural Canton event is being presented in partnership by the Canton Police Department, Canton Leisure Services, Canton Public Library, and the

Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition (CRHCC).

The CRHCC is an award-winning coalition consisting of representatives from community and faith-based organizations, community and public school leaders, and law enforcement who are committed to raising awareness of hate crimes and bias incidents, offering support to victims of the same, and restoring a sense of community after such incidents occur.

The Heritage Park Amphitheater is located in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Additional information on the rally and the Not in Our Town movement can be found at www.cantonpubliclibrary.org.

Part-time workers needed

Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for several part-time year-round and seasonal positions with immediate openings for both teens and adults.

Available part-time year-round positions include: lifeguards, swim instructors, therapeutic recreation program leaders, teen services staff at The R.L.O.C.K., and Summit on the Park building attendants.

To assist interested lifeguard applicants in gaining the necessary certifications for these positions, Summit on the Park will offer a free Lifeguard Training

Course on Oct. 2-4 and Oct. 9-11. This training will take place from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Fridays and from 1:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must attend both weekend sessions of class.

For a complete list of open positions with Canton Leisure Services and to apply online, visit www.cantonapplicantpro.com. Canton Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For additional information, call (734) 394-5290.

Winning number

The Belleville Area Museum Passport to History winner for Summer 2015 was Tammy Swickard of Ypsilanti. She won a basket of World War II memorabilia from the Yankee Air Museum, and Cengage Learning after correctly photographing herself in front of five tri-county historical sites that were personified the Ford-Edison connection to the area. All participants received a small prize from the museum and passports for next year are now available at the museum or Yankee Gift shop.



Free mammograms are offered

Appointments are now being accepted for free mammograms which will be offered from 3-4 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College in Belleville.

The screenings are available to students, faculty members and community members at no cost and will be provided by the St. John Providence mobile mammography unit. The screenings are target-

ed at women 40 and older. Younger women must have a prescription from a physician.

For more information, visit www.wcccd.edu or www.stjohnprovidence.org/mobile-mammography.

The college is located at 5555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. The campus contact is Martinus Whitfield, (734) 699-7008, ext. 5294.

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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting hearing on a case or cases of potential violations being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Geryn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48106
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that **October 5, 2015**, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Registrations will be accepted at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Branch Office or at the Michigan State Capitol. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5121. Mail-in registrations permitted by **October 6, 2015**, will also be accepted.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following Proposition:

Schoolcraft Community College District Operating Charter Millage Proposition

Shall the total charter tax rate limitation previously approved by the election of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the community college district be increased by 0.14 mill (0.14 mill) or 0.14 mill (0.14 mill) on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive? This levy would raise the existing total millage rate previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for any other taxes (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue that the district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$751,255 from the total taxes authorized in this proposal.

Yes _____ No _____

Millage Proposal
Building and Site Working Fund Tax Levy

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.9 mills (0.9 mill) on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive? This levy would raise the existing total millage rate previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for any other taxes (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue that the district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$751,255 from the total taxes authorized in this proposal.

Yes _____ No _____

Full text of the full proposal may be obtained at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI, 48106, 734-394-5120.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 276 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojcik, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of August 24, 2015 the total of all voted measures in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and amended, and the years those measures are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

| Measures Authorized | Date of Election | Total Measures | Years Increase Effective |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| County of Wayne | November 3, 2009 | 1 mill | 2019 |
| Wayne County Jail | August 7, 2012 | 1 mill | 2021 |
| Wayne County Parks | November 2, 2009 | 0.25 mills | 2015 |
| Wayne County | November 6, 2008 | 1.25 mills | 2020 |
| Canton, Michigan | November 6, 2002 | 1 mill | 2022 |

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

| Plymouth-Canton Community Schools | Date of Election | Total Measures | Years Increase Effective |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Van Buren Township School District <td>November 2011</td> <td>0.14 mills</td> <td>2016 (non-historical only)</td> | November 2011 | 0.14 mills | 2016 (non-historical only) |
| Wayne-Warrendale Community Schools <td>May 2010</td> <td>0.14 mills</td> <td>2021 (non-historical only)</td> | May 2010 | 0.14 mills | 2021 (non-historical only) |
| | February, 2012 | 1 mill | 2022 |

Terry G. Bennett
Canton Township Clerk

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

School trustees fill vacancy on board

Sarah Prescott has been appointed by the Northville Board of Education to serve the remaining 16 months of the term vacated by Scott Craig at the end of last month.

Prescott was selected from among 10 Northville school district residents who submitted applications indicating their interest in being considered for appointment to the board. Board members conducted interviews with all of the candidates Sept. 8 and a second round of interviews with the top two candidates took place Sept. 15 during which Prescott was selected.

Prescott will assume her duties at the regular meeting of the board members Sept. 29 and will serve through Dec. 31, 2016. She will be eligible to seek election to the open four-year term beginning in January 2017 - in

the school election set for Nov. 8, 2016.

"On behalf of my fellow board members, I want to welcome Sarah Prescott and let her know that we look forward to working with her," said Northville Board of Education President Cyndy Jankowski. "It is heartening to see so many qualified individuals willing to step up and serve the school district and the community. I encourage each of them - as well as all members of the Northville school community - to look for opportunities to give of their time and talents to ensure the best possible learning experience for all Northville Public Schools students."

For the past nine years, Prescott has served as an attorney specializing in employment litigation at Gordon, Loughaus & Prescott, in Bloomfield Hills,

where she is a partner. Previously, Prescott worked for a law firm in Washington, D.C., specializing in tax and employee benefits. She also served as a judicial law clerk in California, working with a federal judge.

Prescott currently sits on the Michigan Advisory Committee for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, which is responsible for investigating and reporting to the commission on current civil rights issues. She also serves on the State Planning Committee for the State Bar of Michigan, which coordinates efforts across specialized fields to make legal services more readily available to the poor. Prescott has undergraduate degrees in biology and psychology from Northwestern University where she graduated magna cum laude. She has her law degree from Harvard Law

School, graduating cum laude, and was editor of the Harvard Law Review.

"This is a real thrill for me," Prescott said. "It started with a process in which I was genuinely impressed at the quality of the other candidates. It made so clear how lucky we are to live in a community with such strong parents and families."

"Now, I'm just looking forward to digging in and doing my best to contribute," Prescott added. "Scott Craig made a unique contribution as an educator himself, and I'm particularly interested in filling those shoes the best I can. My husband is a professor at the University of Michigan, and I'm very keen to support our teachers as they support our learners."

Prescott and her husband, J.J., have three children, Annelise, a first grader at Silver Springs



Sarah Prescott

Elementary School; Alex, a preschooler in the district's Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Program, and 1-year-old Will.

Heroes on Hines fundraiser set for Oct. 3

Wayne County Parks, in partnership with Running Fit, is hosting the 3rd Annual Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 3. Proceeds from the annual race will support and maintain the First Responders Memorial in Hines Park located at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

Built in 2013, the First Responders Memorial contains the names of the police, fire and EMS personnel from Wayne County communities who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The memorial includes monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings,

and special lighting. The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run will start and finish at the memorial site.

"I know what a place like the First Responders Memorial means to the families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans. "The men and women represented on the wall were true heroes who made great sacrifices and encountered great risks to ensure all of our safety. To honor them in this way is not enough, but this memorial shows that we are grateful for their bravery in service and most importantly it shows that they have not been forgotten. The Heroes on

Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run is an opportunity for us to support them in remembrance."

Last year, the Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run raised \$10,000 for the First Responders Memorial. Improvements to the memorial included a video security system and new American, Wayne County, and State of Michigan flags.

Participants can register online at www.heroesonhines.com or in person at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The center is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m.

until 4 p.m. Saturdays. Online registration for the Half Marathon and the 5K Run will be accepted until noon on Oct. 1. After noon Oct. 1, participants must register in person.

Entry fees include a technical race shirt, drawstring backpack, post race food and finisher's medal for all participants.

The Half Marathon begins at 8 a.m. on Oct. 3. The registration fee is \$59 through Oct. 1 and \$70 after that date.

The 5K Run begins at 8:45 a.m. on Oct. 3. The registration fee is \$34 until noon Oct. 1. After that time, registration will be \$40.

Participants can also compete for the chance to win the

Community Spirit Award. This award is awarded to the largest group that registers to participate together in either the Heroes on Hines Half Marathon or the 5K Run. Last year, the Sumpter Township Police Department took home the Community Spirit Award.

Sponsors for the 2015 Heroes on Hines event include Running Fit Events, Observer & Eccentric Media, Lou LaFiche Chevrolet, Burroughs Inc., Aunt Millie's Bakeries, Huron Valley Ambulance, Durr and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

For more information about the event, visit www.heroesonhines.com.

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INKER - WESTLAND

Federal funding OK for repairs to bridge

Wayne County, the City of Inker and the City of Westland will contract with the state for repairs to the Henry Huff bridge and surrounding roadway.

The original Henry Huff Bridge was constructed in 1947 between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road. The proposed repairs are to the damage that occurred during the major storm in August of last year, declared a disaster by President Barack Obama.

The construction estimate for repairs to the 68-year-old bridge is \$125,300, of which, \$100,200 will be

reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Relief Funds (FERA). The project will cost the Westland \$25,100 and is a budgeted item, according to a statement from the office of Mayor William Wild.

Repairs to the bridge include the removal of temporary repairs, driving sheet piling along the width of the south approach, backfilling and placing a new, reinforced concrete approach slab.

Construction is anticipated to begin next month and complete in December. Due to the nature of

the repairs, a full road closure will be required and traffic will be detoured along a signed route on Michigan Avenue, Merriman Road and Palmer Road.

The agreement with the City of Inker will be for road repairs on Annapolis Avenue in Westland along the south side and in Inker along the north side. The project will stretch from Henry Huff to Middlebelt and required the removal and replacement of damaged concrete pavement sections and joint and crack cleaning and sealing of the entire road length.

"These repairs will restore the structural integrity of the pavement which, in turn, will improve ride quality and safety of vehicular traffic," stated Hassan Saab, deputy director of the Westland Department of Public Services.

"These two road projects are a perfect example of the aging and deteriorating transportation infrastructure that we hear about across our cities every day. The repairs to the bridge are desperately needed to maintain the integrity of the structure and I am

pleased that MDOT will be working with us to make the necessary repairs for the future safety of our residents," said Wild.

Weather permitting, the Annapolis Road repair project is slated to start in early October and complete by Thanksgiving.

The total estimated cost including engineering is approximately \$300,000. Inker will pay 20 percent of the cost and Westland will pay the remaining 80 percent, as the majority needed of the repairs are on the Westland portion of the road, according to Wild.

Parkway to undergo \$2 million renovation

Central City Parkway in Westland will undergo more than \$2 million in upgrades following approval of a contract with OHM engineering by the Tax Increment Finance Authority board members earlier this month.

The rehabilitation work will take place on the parkway between Ford and Warren roads and is scheduled to begin next spring. A previous plan to include a bike lane was rejected and the

area will remain a two-lane boulevard.

The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase will include sidewalk repairs while the existing roadway surface will be removed and replaced with a multi-life asphalt pavement. Necessary repairs will also be made to the existing curb and gutter, road base, drainage structures and other items in the roadway,

according to a prepared statement from the city. The project will also include the replacing broken or settled areas of the existing sidewalks and upgrading Americans with Disabilities Act ramps at each intersection.

An additional pedestrian crossing of Central City Parkway will be constructed near Elmwood.

The second phase will include streetscape work and will include improvements to the landscaping

along the roadway.

The total cost of the project is between \$2.3 and \$2.5 million and the city applied for and received a \$1.23 million Federal Surface Transportation Program - Urban STP grant to help fund the improvements. The remaining project costs will be funded from the Capital Improvement bonds that were sold two years ago for the building of the new city hall and Ralph Serrini Fire Station.

"After meeting with the city council and considering feedback from residents in the area, the decision was made to maintain the current two-lane boulevard configuration and the concept of bike lanes was dropped," commented Westland Mayor William R. Wild.

Wild added that looking at a citywide non-motorized pathway plan is a better alternative to the proposed bike lane.

Westland wins state award for new City Hall

The new city hall in Westland has been named the winner of the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Community Excellence Award, the most prestigious award the organization presents annually.

The "Big Box Retrofit" as the project was called was chosen over three other projects in area

communities for the honor and includes presentation of a large award trophy to the winning community.

The Westland project was first selected as a finalist through a public online vote and then judged by members of the MML. The four categories in which projects could be entered were:

Funding for the Future; Michigan in Motion; Place for Talent and Strength in Structure. There were a total of 18 projects in the semifinal round and one project was chosen from each category. Westland prevailed in the Strength in Structure category moving the project to the final round as one of the final four.

"The city is honored to have this award," said Mayor William R. Wild. "This project resonated with so many of the leaders around the State of Michigan who are seeking out opportunities to retrofit an abandoned building or big box. They now have Westland's blueprint as a

guide," Wild added.

The award was presented to representatives of Westland during the MML conventions in Traverse City Sept. 18.

For more information about the Community Excellence Award, or to learn more about the Westland project, visit ceamml.org.

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ROMULUS - WAYNE

Romulus celebrates opening of dog park

More than 100 of man's best friends attended the recent opening of the second park in the City of Romulus dedicated to their leisure activities.

The city celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dog park inside Elmer Johnson Park, the largest park in the city, on Sept. 1. The first facility dedicated to four-footed furry friends opened last October at Oakbrook Neighborhood Park off Eureka Road.

City officials were in attendance along with representatives from the city Ordinance and Animal Control Department and Romulus-based business and project sponsor, US Ecology. Approximately 250 visitors accompanied the 100 canines on hand to celebrate the official park opening.

Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Bureoff officially thanked US Ecology for the continued support the company has demonstrated for the park renovation project. In recognition of that support, the newest park has been officially named US Ecology Dog Park as a sign of appreciation.

ciation.

"This is a true public/private partnership with US Ecology and based on the success of this project we are seeking interested companies or organizations for similar collaborations at our other parks," said Bureoff.

The new dog park was repurposed from an unused, crack-filled, asphalt tennis and roller hockey court. Staff members from the city Department of Public Works handled the removal of the old asphalt surface and installation of new sod and canine exercise equipment purchased by US Ecology.

In addition to the new dog park area, Elmer Johnson Park also has a softball field, archery range, horse shoe pits, playground equipment, two sand volleyball courts and a picnic pavilion with a large, brick, permanent grill which is available for rental for private events. The park is located at 5700 Oaga Road.

For more information about the dog park, Elmer Johnson Park or other Romulus recreation opportunities or sponsorships, call (734) 941-8665.



Visitors and their pets (above) enjoying the Dog Park. Elected officials and US Ecology Representatives (right) cut the ribbon to the new Dog Park.



Wayne officials disband recreation board

Over the strong objections of Councilman Al Damitio, members of the Wayne City Council voted to abolish the city Recreation Advisory Board.

The nine-member board was established in March of 1971 to "make recommendations to Council on the expansion, management and operation of the recreational system and the establishment of regulations, charges and fees for the use of facilities." Budget deficits facing the city forced the closure of

the pool and ice arena at the Community Center during the past two years and last month, the city negotiated a lease of the facility to HYPE, a non-profit recreation facility management company based in Dearborn Heights.

Disbanding the advisory board was proposed by Councilwoman Susan Rowe who said that while the original intent of creating the board was parks and recreation input, that eventually became limited to

the Community Center. Additionally, Rowe noted that the city no longer has a parks and recreation director, the individual to whom the recreation advisory board reported.

"There will be no one for the advisory board to report without a parks and recreation director," said Rowe. "I understand the rationale of revamping it. Maybe at this time, we need to disband it and set up a parks board. We need to take a new approach for the duties of

the board."

Damitio strongly opposed the motion presented by Rowe and suggested that the board could be revamped to meet the current needs of the community.

"We can reconstitute it (the advisory board). We have recreation and parks. We need citizen input for managing it," said Damitio. "I'm completely against eliminating the Parks Advisory Board at this time." He added that the advisory

board members had worked on the five-year recreation master plan in the city. He said the board involvement went beyond the community center and included parks in the city and other recreation programs.

During the meeting, no one from the audience or any member of the advisory board spoke about the issue.

Damitio and Councilman Skip Monit cast the only no votes on the disbanding of the commission.

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Calendar of events

Swim classes offered

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex at 600 Church St. in Plymouth is accepting registrations for swimming classes for all ages.

There is a masters program, water aerobics and water kickboxing available.

Full registration is now under way for session two which begins Oct. 5.

For more information, access PARCactivities@gmail.com or call (734) 927-4095.

Ladies Night Out in Plymouth

The Annual Ladies Night Out in downtown Plymouth is scheduled from 5-9 tonight, Sept. 24.

Visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, gifts, samples, prizes and refreshments. Several restaurants will also have special drinks, appetizers and more.

Participating stores this year include: 318 Mobil Boutique, Alpine Chocolat Haus, Basket Kreationz, Bella Mia & Bella Mia Dressed Up, Birchwood, Bobelman Home, Candy Trail, Creatopia, Dearborn Jewelers, Elephant Ears, Focal Point Photography Studio, Genuine Tye Co., Gigi's Mode, Haven, Highlights Salon, Home Sweet Home, Kibritz, Little Black Heart, Lolaray, Merle Norman, Old World Olive Press, Open Door, R.S.V.E. side ways, Simply the Best, Spa Agio, Sun & Snow and Tranquil Tea.

Back by popular demand, Mr. 48170 will again be handing out roses to the first 500 ladies, courtesy of Riber Floral.

Awards dinner planned

The 2015 Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner will take place from 6-11 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 25 at Angel Food Catering.

Tickets are priced at \$70 and include a three-course buffet meal, beverages, beer and wine, comedy entertainment, awards ceremony and a silent auction. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 248 Main St. in Belleville.

Sponsors and donations for the auction are still needed. For more information, call (734) 697-7151.

Metallist hosts open house

Canton Plymouth Metallist Airport will host an open house from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sept. 26 at the airport, 8550 N. Lilley Road in Canton.

The event is free and will feature live

music, aviation display and vintage aircraft along with a classic car show and model airplane demonstrations.

Discovery plane rides and helicopter rides will be available for a fee and there will be food and beverages for sale.

Legislator hosts meeting

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host coffee hours at 10 a.m. Sept. 26 at Leis Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road in Belleville and at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Purple room at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Road in Canton. Pagan invites residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents.

Pagan encouraged interested residents to sign up for her email updates, which provide information about her work at the Capitol and in the community. To sign up, go to pagan.housemids.com. Residents can also contact Pagan in her Lansing office at (517) 373-2575.

Medicare is topic

Bettie Hughes of The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C will present information about Medicare eligibility, coverage and enrollment options along with the new Integrated Care dual program MI Health Link at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the Plymouth District Library.

Registration for the free presentation is requested at (734) 433-0750 ext. 4, or online at <http://plymouthlibrary.org> under events.

Library sells used books

The Wayne Public Library will be selling used books and media from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 and from noon until 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 3.

Organizers said there will be a huge selection of adult fiction and nonfiction as well as children's and teens books.

All proceeds go to support the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

The Wayne Public Library is located at 3377 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Open House set at fire station

The Canton Fire Department will be hosting an open house from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Fire Station #1, located at 1100 S. Canton Center Road.

The open house will include station tours, a vehicle extrication demonstration, fire gear dress-up station, fire safety fun bags for kids, fire prevention handouts,

Man of La Mancha on stage

Barfoot Productions will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the theater group by bringing Man of La Mancha to the Plymouth stage.

The classic story of Don Quixote will continue on the Barfoot Productions stage through Sunday, Oct. 4. David Alexander of Redford serves as the musical director for the production, the first musical of the group. Amanda Durham of Dearborn Heights is the vocal director and Mike Cuba of Livonia staged the production. Craig Hane serves as supervisor of the entire productions as well as scenic designer and lighting engineer.

Tickets are priced at \$20 and can be ordered by calling the Barfoot Productions Box Office, (734) 404-6889 or going online to www.justsharefoot.com. All performances begin at 8 p.m., with the exception of Sunday matinees which begin at 2 p.m. There is no information in the production which runs for just under two hours. The Barfoot Productions Theatre is located at 340 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Man of La Mancha, winner of numerous awards, including the Tony for Best Musical, features the classic songs I, Don Quixote, Dulcinea and, of course, The Impossible Dream. Principle players in this production



Butch Plague

are: Butch Plague (Canton) as Cervantes/Don Quixote, Anne Morgan (Livonia) as Aldonza/Dulcinea and Jonathon Wennstrom (Canton) as Sancho. The other featured cast members are: Brian Cahalan (Flat Rock), Mike Cuba, Tom Hissong (Canton), Dee Morrison (Canton), Leonard Poma (Plymouth), Mark Ripper, Annette Ripper and Melissa Ripper (Northville), Rachel Richardson (Canton), Bethany Wagner (Belleville), Bryant Clary (Livonia), Julie Evans-Hobert (Westland), Kayla Rodriguez (Dearborn), Ibrahim Karim (Novi) and Gary Turquist (Canton).

hot dogs and popcorn. The Fire Safety House will also be open for children to tour.

The open house is in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10, to promote fire safety in the community.

For further information contact the Canton Fire Department office at (734) 394-5455.

PENN-Taste-Tie Crawl set

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, in a joint effort with the Friends of the Penn, will host the Annual PENN-Taste-Tie Downtown Plymouth Restaurant Crawl from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6. "Crawlers" can walk around downtown Plymouth enjoying delicious samples and treats from many of their favorite Plymouth restaurants.

Attendees will get a chance to vote for

their favorite taste and restaurant. Tickets are pre-sale only. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 10 and younger and can be purchased at the chamber office, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Church hosts Mom sale

A Mom-2-Mom and Bake Sale is planned at Willow United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Oct. 10.

Admission is a non-perishable food item or \$1. Gently used clothing, toys, books, games and other items will be for sale. All proceeds go to Willow Women's Group Thanksgiving baskets, the food pantry and school supplies.

The church is located at 39925 Willow road in New Boston.

For more information, access willowchurch.org.

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