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Noted motivational speaker Anthony Ianni will bring "The Relentless Pursuit" to Canton Township, Friday, Oct. 13 at the Summit on the Park.

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The Inkster Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant of \$1,062,700 to hire nine new firefighters who should be on the job within the next 180 days.

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Northville Township Police Lt. Michael Burrough graduated from the 269th session of the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, VA., Sept. 15.

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Township officials, firefighters and residents from Northville and Plymouth celebrated the re-opening of the Lolo Pointe Five Station last week.

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Westland Mayor William R. Wild has been elected to serve on the Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees.

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DTE claims no PCB at fire site

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The subject of safety and PCB contamination was not addressed by officials from DTE Energy who spoke to the Plymouth City Commission during their regular meeting last week.

The presence of dangerous fumes and contamination was not mentioned during discussion of the fire and explosion that shut off power to more than 4000 residents for two days and destroyed the main electrical sub-station. Contamination was a critical concern for the fire chiefs and firefighters alike who responded to the fire, according to several sources in the area departments.

Forty-three area firefighters

and a 12-man Wayne County Hazardous-Material team attended the explosion and fire when black smoke from burning oil could be seen for miles. The source of the fire, according to DTE spokesmen, was a decades-old power transformer that sat outside of the sub-station and next to the Plymouth Cultural Center. Firefighters were able to contain the transformer fire, and protect the adjacent sub-station building and Cultural Center. The oil capacity within the transformer, said to be up to 1000 gallons, remains unknown.

Regional Director of Operations Ryan Stowe along with Senior Manager Satvir Dool, apologized to commissioners for "any inconvenience." Stowe described the problem as an "unspecific transformer fail-



Workers load debris into barrels marked PCB following the fire and explosion in Plymouth last month.

ure." Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who extended the invitation, thanked the executives for the fast response and round-the-clock work at the sub-station site on Farmer Street.

Two days after the fire, workers in Haz-Mat protective gear were observed at the site shoveling heavy ash and oil soaked

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Down on the farm Maybury opens corn maze, pumpkin festival

If it is autumn then it must be time to visit Maybury Farm.

Each year, Maybury Farm in Northville hosts the corn maze and the Great Pumpkin Festival. This year the new, U-Pick Pumpkin Patch has been added to the events at the working farm.

Cindy Kern, the farm manager, said that this year, the corn maze promises to be one of the very best that Maybury has ever created. "It is 10 acres of thick, lush corn that has been cut into a farm scene and is sure to challenge adults and kids alike."

"The corn maze will take an estimated hour and a half to complete but 10 checkpoints located throughout will help guide your way

through...if you answer the question at each checkpoint correctly, that is," she said. Those who find all 10 checkpoints can enter to win a grand prize that is awarded at the end of the corn maze season.

This year, for visitors with small children, or those who would prefer a shorter challenge, the maze will offer a shortened version that brings visitors back to the entrance about half-way through. For those who want to try something a little spookier, however, the Maybury Farm corn maze is open until 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays so brave visitors can attempt to find their way through in the dark with just the moon and a flashlight to guide their way.

Following the challenge of the corn maze, visitors can enjoy cider and donuts from Pamenter's, along with other tasty treats.

The new Maybury Farm U-Pick Pumpkin Patch is a great place to find the perfect pumpkin, Kern noted. "Remember, October is also the last month to visit with the Maybury Farm animals before the farm closes for the season. The barn will be open until 7 p.m. each Friday through Sunday."

Groups who wish to visit Maybury Farm during regular business hours do not need to make advance reservations. For groups of 25 or more who would like to schedule a

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Grant will fund Norwayne classes

Computer coding classes will continue at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Learning Center in Norwayne.

Members of the Westland City Council have approved a \$25,000 contract with Quadrant 2 Education for the continued management of programming and teachers at the center to provide computer coding instruction and tutoring. Funding for the contract will be provided by a \$25,000 Michigan State Police JAG grant recently awarded to the city.

The grant will allow the Learning Lab at the center to continue regular hours from 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and add a summer program of enhanced coding events. The additional \$4,200 the grant provides will be used for equipment and city expenses.

The Westland Police Department Community Police Officers are also an integral part of the program, interacting with students on a regular basis.

"Having Quadrant 2 as a managing partner has been

enriching for many students who have utilized the learning center," commented Mayor William Wild. "Last year, the program saw a 35 percent increase from the first year and we expect the usage to continue to rise."

All students, ages 10 - 18 are welcome to participate in the Learning Center. There is no cost to participate. For more information, contact the Learning Center at sean@quadrant2coaching.com or call (734) 595-0288.

Election forums planned

Voters in both the Romulus city and Romulus Community Schools District elections can learn more about the candidates and issues at upcoming public meetings.

Romulus Community Schools will host a series of Town Hall meetings regarding the upcoming school millage questions on the Nov. 7 ballot while the Romulus Civic League has planned a Meet the Candidates meeting from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

The Meet the Candidates meeting will take place at The Romulus Civic League, 11495 Whisman St. in Romulus.

Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting which is open to the public who will be invited to ask questions of the candidates.

Mayor LeRoy D. Buerhoff and Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg are unopposed in their bids for reelection while Treasurer Stacy Paige is being challenged by Ursula L. Wexler.

Voters will be asked to choose seven from the field of 14 city council candidates that includes: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tomeska Boles, Harry Crout, Sandra Crout, Edward Martell, Jose D. McNally, Paris McCarthy, Celeste Rose, Tina M. Talley, William Wadsworth, Sharon L. Walker, Eva Webb and Virginia Williams. Abdo, Barden, Rose and Wadsworth are incumbents.

The next school millage Town Hall meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 at Halecrest Elementary School. District representatives will explain the need for the two proposals, Hold Harmless and Sinking Fund.

The current Sinking Fund expires next year and the Hold Harmless, a renewal reduction from 5.1314 to 2.5 mills, expired last year. If approved, it will expire in 2016.

The Sinking Fund is an increase from .075 mills to 3 mills. It is expected to cost taxpayers about \$3 for every taxable \$1,000 in property value.

The funds can only be used

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER

Grant will fund hiring of 9 firefighters

The Inkster Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant to hire nine new firefighters.

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters today announced the grant last week. The money will come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. The City of Inkster Fire Department will receive \$1,682,760 which should fund the nine new firefighters for two years.

According to Inkster Fire

Chief Chuck Hubbard, the city was fortunate to receive the grant which fire officials applied for on behalf of the city back in January.

"It's very competitive," Hubbard said. "We are fortunate indeed to have been successful."

Hubbard said that the nine new firefighters will bring to the total of 30 working in suppression.

"That's a lot closer to meeting NFPA standards. We'll be able to staff more vehicles."

"Our firefighters in Southeast Michigan put their lives on the line every day to protect our families,

homes, and communities," said Stabenow.

"These resources will help ensure there is always someone there to answer the call in an emergency."

"Firefighters and first responders are on the frontlines protecting our communities when

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emergencies strike," Peters said.

"This funding will help ensure fire departments in Southeast Michigan have the trained staff they need to respond to emergencies."

Hubbard said that the city would begin the hiring process immediately and that he expect-

ed the nine new firefighters to be on staff in less than six months.

"By grant standards we have 180 days," he said.

Eligible fire departments in Michigan and across the country can apply for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants. These competitive grants provide money to guarantee departments are appropriately staffed with qualified professional and volunteer firefighters. More information about the grant can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/staffing-adequate-fire-emergency-response-grants>.

Monster Mutt Walk planned

A costumed Monster Mutt Walk is planned from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 in downtown Belleville.

The event is being organized by the Belleville Central Business Community in partnership with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. The event will take place on the city sidewalks and only Fourth Street will be closed for the event.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. on Fourth Street next to the Belleville Area Museum. The fee to enter a dog is \$10 plus a can of dog food and advance registration is encouraged, organizers said.

The walk will start of Fourth Street and travel right onto Charles, left on Rye, right onto High Street and right on

Main back to Fourth Street. Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in three categories:

Scariest, Cutest and Best Mutt and Family. For the Mutt and Family category, the dogs family must also be dressed in costumes.

Also on hand for visitors will be the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue Kissing Booth. For \$1, visitors can enjoy a "poochie kiss."

Spectators are welcome and do not need four-footed friends to attend.

Applications for entry are available at www.bellevillechicago.com or call (734) 605-5383 after 3:30 p.m. for more information.

The event sponsor is Applebees.

'Brews' to aid scholarships

Wayne County Community College will host Western Wayne Taste & Taps, a fundraiser for the college scholarship fund from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Ted Scott Campus in Belleville.

Area restaurants will provide tastings of food samples which can be purchased with food-tasting tickets available for purchase while those 21 and older sample regional craft beers. The beer tasting fee is \$20 and included a souvenir glass, t-shirt and 10 tasting tokens.

Live musical entertainment will be provided by RJ Spangler performing Detroit jazz and blues from 2-3:30 p.m. There will also be an animal magic show at 3:30 and Abrahamsdoodle will instruct young visitors in arts and crafts.

All proceeds from the food and beer tasting will benefit the college scholarship fund.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call (734) 699-7008.

The Ted Scott Campus is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 2017

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Jordan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Burden, Linda Chaste, Harry Court, Sylvia Makowski, Colene Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Larry D. Burrows, Mayor
Linda L. Craig-Blogg, Clerk
Stacy Papp, Treasurer

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

2. **2017 LA.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 5, 2017. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Chaste, Court, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Absent: Burden, Makowski. Nays - None. Motion Carried.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Mayor's Report:

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

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burrows presented a video in memory of September 11, 2001. He also presented a video of upcoming City events.

12. **2017 LA.** Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to concur with the administration to adjust the grant balance reflecting actual expenses from the 16117 budget year.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT BUDGET

Revised:

252-000-581.100 Federal Grant Revenue 576,120 19,352 595,472

Unfunded:

252-000-614.016 Clinician, Deane, Room 16-24-04 71,000 (1,100) 72,500

252-000-631.016 General Admin 16-24-21A 6,290 267 6,557

252-000-644.016 Senior Services 16-24-05A 2,240 396

252-000-645.142 Public Facilities 16-24-03F - 1,225 1,225

252-000-657.016 Economic Dev 16-24-16A 245,820 240,750

252-000-671.013 Acquisition & Relocation 15-24-01 47,770 (1,322) 46,448

To adjust the grant balance reflecting actual expenses from the 16117 budget year: Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:

12. **2017 GAI.** Moved by Court, seconded by Wadsworth to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17-17-1, Library Fund, which was introduced in the Council meeting of September 5, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Clerk Treasurer, Stacy Papp, announced that delinquent taxes can be paid at a kiosk in Risk Aid stores; also, DTE Energy bills can be paid the same way. Visit www.DTE.com for locations and updates.

7. Public Comment:

A candidate for City Council inquired about political campaign signs. A resident spoke about not putting signs on city right-of-ways. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Century Board of Trustees, announced a auction tournament will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at the VFW Hall - with all proceeds going to the century fund. A resident spoke about political candidates going door-to-door in the City of Romulus.

8. Unfunded Revenue:

City Clerk Ellen Craig-Blogg informed that there is currently no city ordinance regarding political signs; however, signs cannot be placed where they will block high-ways. She also mentioned the "100 ft. rule" regarding political signs on Election Day. Councilman Wadsworth announced that St. Aloysius Church will have a "silent chapel" during Pumpkin Festival. He also spoke about the huge firefighters with all proceeds going to the Romulus Animal Shelter. Julie Sorrell, Director of Public Safety expressed that if anyone has a problem with signs on city property to call the Ordinance or Police Department - do not move the signs - let the authorities handle the situation.

9. New Business: None.

10. Communication:

Councilmember Roscoe announced that the Boy Scouts will hold their annual pancake breakfast during the Pumpkin Festival.

12. **2017 H.** Moved by Chaste, seconded by Court to pay Warrant 17-17 in the amount of \$707,464.72. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

1. Ellen L. Craig-Blogg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 11, 2017.

PROPERTY FOR SALE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

The Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking bidders interested in purchasing the Township's Department of Public Works Building and grounds, at 6535 Post Street, Plymouth, MI, 48150. The site is currently owned by the Township. No intention of re-using this parcel.

Interested bidders must send sealed (1) bid-copy letters of intent to Mr. Jerry Viera, Township Clerk, by Friday, October 20 at 4 p.m., including a tentative, proposed offer of purchase and a statement for the proposed re-development of the site. Electronic copies must also be sent to Clerk Viera at jviera@plymouthmi.org.

The top three (3) bids based on price and proposals will be reviewed by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. Recommendations will be collected by the Supervisor for further negotiations on price and terms. The Township's receipt of a bid does not constitute the acceptance of any offer to purchase or otherwise create any obligation for the Township to sell the property.

For additional information, please contact Supervisor Kurt Hesse at (734) 954-3281 or by email at kurt.hesse@plymouthmi.org

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING LABORER POSITIONS

Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to select a list of qualified applicants for filling future laborer positions. Qualified candidates must complete a job application and submit a resume to determine eligibility, only those individuals who fulfill minimum requirements will be tested. Minimum requirements: Commercial Driver's License with A endorsement and/or valid Michigan driver's license (if you receive final date of license, High School diploma or GED equivalency Certificate (25-40 credit hours earned in certificate), or Associate's degree in any related field preferred, or the equivalent education and/or work experience. Work is performed primarily outdoors and in all types of weather. Must be able to work outdoors, including weather delays. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package. For placement on Civil Service Eligibility List, applicant must successfully pass all testing. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first City (50) applicants, based on date of education of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements. Note: completed application, a resume including EEO (if reference) will be accepted beginning 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall, City of Westland, 3630 Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185-3916. The application process shall run from 10 a.m. October 6, 2017 through 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 3, 2017 after which time no applications shall be accepted. Application for employment may be found on City Website www.cityofwestland.com. EEO: none more or less

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE TO ELECTORS Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS are available for the November City General Election to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who:

1. Expect to be absent from the community the entire time the polls are open,
2. Are physically unable to attend the polls,
3. Cannot attend the polls due to religious beliefs,
4. Are 60 years of age or older,
5. Have been appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than where they reside, or
6. In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

To obtain an Absentee Voter Ballot APPLICATION, please visit the City website at www.romulusmi.com or call the Clerk's office at 734-942-5648.

Notice is further given that Saturday, November 4, 2017 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for an elector who qualifies to vote as an absentee voter, as defined in section 758, Michigan Election Law, to apply for an absentee voter ballot. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept ballots.

"LATE" REQUEST DEADLINE: Absent voter ballots can be picked up by the voter in person anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election - the ballot must be turned in the office; the voter is not permitted to leave with the ballot.

"EMERGENCY" REQUEST DEADLINE: An elector may make an "emergency" request for an absentee ballot if he or she cannot attend the polls because of (1) personal disability or (2) a family death or illness which will require the elector leave the community for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred after 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

REMEMBER: The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, October 10, 2017.

Ellen L. Craig-Blogg, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

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DETROIT REGION AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STATE OF MICHIGAN

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE DETROIT REGION AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE DETROIT REGION AEROTROPOLIS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGION:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Executive Committee of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, the 25th day of October, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time in the Detroit Region Aerotropolis offices located at 11895 S. Wayne Rd., Suite 101A, Romulus, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan (the "Plan") for the Local Development Finance Authority of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation pursuant to Act 281 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The property to which the Plan applies is located near the southern intersection of Ecorse and Henry Ruff Road, in the City of Romulus, as described more fully in the proposed Plan.

Copies of the proposed Plan, maps, etc. are on file at the office of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation for inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the Executive Committee shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of Plan. All aspects of the Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained by calling the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation at 734-992-2286.

This notice is given by order of the Executive Committee of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation, State of Michigan, pursuant to Section 4 of Act 281 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

Wendy Sutton
Secretary

ROMULUS - WAYNE

Annual Health Fair set

Hundreds of area residents are expected to participate in the annual Health and Wellness Fair next week at the Romulus Senior Center.

The Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 and is open to all ages from Romulus and surrounding communities but is targeted at senior citizens.

The day will feature resources and helpful information from a variety of vendors including B Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Senior Alliance, Corpore Sano, Beltone Hearing Center, Romulus Athletic Center, the Lodge at Taylor, Regency Health Care, Health Quest and many more.

"We are happy to continue our Health Fair again this year and encourage all residents, not just our seniors, to main-

tain an active and healthy lifestyle," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Bueroff.

There will be flu and shingles vaccinations available with advance registration. Other free offerings will include blood pressure checks, blood sugar screenings, raffles and prizes. The Senior Alliance will be present assisting residents with Medicare Open Enrollment.

"We have a great fair planned for this year. There are many free offerings, prizes and giveaways that we hope will entice our residents to come and learn about bettering their health," said Rose Swidan, senior services director for Romulus.

The Senior Center is located at 38525 Bibbins in Romulus.

For more information, call Swidan at (734) 955-4120.



Residents receive some cheerful and helpful advice during the Annual Romulus Health and Wellness event.

Stepping out Wayne senior sets walking record

If the idea of the Healthy Wayne Walking Club is to get residents out and active, Lynn Higgs is ahead of the game.

Higgs, 80, joined the club in July. A Healthy Wayne initiative, the program calls for participants to sign up with a walking buddy and then log the amount of time they walk. After 21 walking days—that is, days they actually go for a walk, not necessarily calendar days—they can turn in their tracking log at the HYPE Recreation Center in Wayne for a chance to win prizes. They can take as long as they want or need to fill up the 31 day schedule.

When Higgs turned in her log, Lynette Ish-Green, Healthy Wayne project manager, thought she had filled it out incorrectly. In the steps' column, Higgs had entered anything from 1.5 to eight-and-a-half entries for every single day. It turns out, she wasn't logging steps—she was logging miles.

"I like to get up in the morning and just go," said Higgs, a Wayne resident. "It just keeps me busy and it makes me feel better. My husband and I were always

active and because our kids grew up with that, the kids are all active. I think that's good."

She and her husband, Jerry, have five children, and they all participated in sports. Higgs started running with them while they trained in junior high school and only stopped jogging when she was 68, and the rigorous activity bothered her knees.

Now, she walks between 2 and 5 miles every day, and occasionally up to 8.

"It just keeps you healthy, especially when you get older. Even getting out and walking for 15 minutes a day is beneficial for everyone," she said. "I have a lot of friends that are younger than I am that are almost sedentary. It really bothers me."

The Wayne Walking Club mirrors programs in Taylor and Trenton, which have also partnered in the Beaumont Healthy Communities Initiative. To participate, all anyone has to do is sign up with a walking partner. They're given a Beaumont bag that includes a free



Lynn Higgs, 80, has out walked the other members of the Healthy Wayne Walking Club.

pedometer and a lanyard with the walking log so they can track their progress.

"You have to have a partner," said Ish-Green. "If you're doing it alone, you're not necessarily committing to it. With a partner you can encourage each other."

"Each of the Healthy Communities is doing some kind of walking activity," she added. "The whole idea is to try to get

people to add it into their routine."

For filling out a schedule, Higgs was entered into a drawing for a new FitBit. She won, but said she's since passed it on to one of her daughters, who is training for a marathon. She didn't need it, anyway.

"I tried it out for a couple of weeks and it told me I was an over-achiever," she said with a chuckle.

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1. Obituaries



Susan Gowen
Susan Ellis Gowen, 91, of Adrian, went to be with the Lord the morning of Oct. 1, 2017, under the loving care of Hospice of Lenawee at Brookdale in Adrian. She was born on June 8, 1926, in Elkhorn, TN to Cordie and Sadie (Kier) Holland. She married the love of her life, Gaylon Gowen, on May 19, 1946, and he preceded her in death in 1994. In 1945 Susan was a D.A.R. representative. She was employed as a payroll data processor at Ford Motor Co. in Rawlstonville, for more than 30 years. She was a founding member of the Cornerstone Community Church in Brooklyn from 1960. She loved to garden and earned the fruits of her labor. Above all, she loved her family and will miss her family and will miss by all who knew her. Mrs. Gowen will be missed by her children, Ernest (Richard), Vernon (Ronnie), and David (Marge) Gowen; her brother, Harley (Geneva) Holland; a sister, Mildred Buffalo; five grandchildren, Gwendolyn, Clint, Gretchen, Kirby and Kaitie; five step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, Brandon, Elizabeth, Hayden and Ayesha; 12 step-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gaylon; a grandson, Grady; daughter-in-law, Janice; brothers, Coo and Dan Holland, and sisters Christine Hill, Doris Greenham and Elizabeth Graham. Mrs. Gowen's family and friends gathered Oct. 2,

2017 at Bonk Jennings Funeral Home, Bonk Chapel where her farewell will take place on Friday, Oct. 6. Pastor John Masters of Cornerstone Community Church of Brooklyn will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to Cornerstone Community Church of Brooklyn or Hospice of Lenawee. Please leave a message of comfort for Mrs. Gowen's family at 1-877-233-7920, or sign the guestbook at www.bonkjennings.com.

32. Help Wanted Drivers

Driver: Home Daily! \$60,000 Yearly Avg! BC/BS/UMIC, Dental, Vision, 401K, etc. 1yr Class A & B Tanker End. No Hazard Required. 805-411-4680

55. Auctions

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. 734 354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 10/12/2017, at 10:00 am, Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 State Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

- 1981 YAMAHA X550SDH 4A4020364
- 2005 FORD ECONOLINE 1F7H524Q9H805247
- 2004 PONTIAC MONTANA 1GMD035E4D131779
- 2014 FORD FUSION 3FA6P0H47E8R12302
- 2006 FORD 500 1FAP041363144720
- 2002 KIA SPECTRA KNAP121925151597
- 2007 DODGE CALIBER 1D3H46887D544032
- 2000 VOLVO S40ZEN JETTA
- 3WWSA2M1YM135828

2002 PONTIAC AZTEK 3G2D43020571899
1997 FORD THUNDERBOLT 1FALP34P4H133723
1994 FORD CROWN VICTORIA 2FALP71WORK151042
2005 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX 2G2W9P3255119065
2003 CHEVY CAVALIER 1G1JF12P93296955



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Make A Difference Day Saturday, November 18

Volunteers are needed



Plymouth Community United Way



Volunteers are invited to rake leaves and provide light outdoor labor for senior citizens and people with disabilities in the Plymouth/Canton communities. A continental breakfast and lawn bags will be provided. **You are asked to bring your own rakes, yard tools and work gloves.**

Anyone under 18, must be accompanied by an adult.

To register contact PCUW office (734) 453-6879 x5 randi.williams@pcuw.org

We will meet at Plymouth First United Methodist Church

45201 N Territorial Rd
8:30 AM Registration
Saturday, November 18
RAIN OR SHINE!



PLYMOUTH - WESTLAND

Westland mayor named to municipal league board

Westland Mayor William R. Wild has been elected to serve on the Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees. Wild was one of six officials elected to the board from across the State of Michigan Sept. 12.

The Michigan Municipal League provides a wide variety of services to help member communities sustain highly livable, desirable and unique places within the state. Their services include state and federal advocacy, place making techniques, legal and insurance services, executive search services, education on a multitude of topics relevant to municipal officials, and much more, according to a prepared statement.

"The Michigan Municipal League is supported by a strategic board of trustees who are a critical part of the organizational structure. The 18-member board guides the internal workings and public policy of the league with support from five legislative committees. The

president of the group appoints a nominating committee to review candidates and make recommendation for election at the annual meeting during the convention.

Preference is given during selection to those individuals who have shown a commitment to the league and its principles, according to a prepared statement from the organization.

"It is my honor to be elected to serve on the Michigan Municipal League's Board of Trustees," commented Wild. "Michigan Municipal League aims to improve Michigan communities through innovative programs, connecting ideas and people and providing resources and services to the communities they serve. As mayor of the City of Westland, I am excited to bring my unique perspective and experience to Michigan Municipal League and I am looking forward to sharing ideas with the many talented individuals who comprise the board."

United Way seeks volunteers

Plymouth Community United Way is seeking volunteers for the annual Make a Difference Day set for Saturday, Nov. 18.

Volunteers will be helping to provide fall clean-up for low-income and disabled community members in Plymouth and Canton. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. After breakfast, teams will head out to two selected homes in the community.

Volunteers are asked to register with Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879 ext. 5. This event is perfect for families, youth groups, local companies, or just about anyone, she said.

"Come with friends, or alone, we will match you with a great group of hard-

working team members, Williams said. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult," Williams added.

Volunteers should be prepared to bring rakes, and other yard tools if possible. Plymouth Community United Way will supply lawn bags secured through grants and donations.

Any company or group that would like to participate but cannot come on Saturday can schedule another volunteer clean-up day by contacting Williams.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org. Serving the Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.



Grand opening

Township officials, firefighters and residents from Northville and Plymouth celebrated the re-opening of the Lake Pointe Fire Station last week. The two communities approved a joint occupancy agreement which allows each township to now have two firefighters on duty at the station. Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel with Plymouth Township Chief Dan Phillips said the opening would offer better service to the public while Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise and Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix prepare to cut the grand opening ribbon with a fire ax. Photos by Don Howard



New art exhibit at city hall

Three Cities Art Club will have a new exhibit, Earth is Full of Art, at Westland City Hall continuing through Nov. 28.

The gallery is located in the west wing, to the left when visitors enter Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The gallery is open to the public during hours city hall is open.

The exhibition includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, airbrush, and photography. On display is art of this world and some other-worldly

pieces. An opening reception is planned from 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11.

This is a free event open to the public.

The artists will be on hand, refreshments will be served and there will be original art for sale starting at \$40.

For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or email marilynmereid@vowway.com or visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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Calendar of events

\$25,000 raffle under way

Tickets for the second annual Northville Educational Foundation \$25,000 Cash For College Raffle are now available.

Tickets are priced at \$50 each, or three for \$150. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the 7,300 students in the district. If ticket sales total less than \$50,000, the prize will revert to a 50/50 drawing with a minimum of a \$10,000 prize.

The drawing will take place at about 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at downtown the Northville Tree Lighting Ceremony in the town square just after the Holiday Lighted Parade. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Tickets will be sold until the start of the parade Nov. 17, or until all 1,500 tickets are sold, whichever comes first. Purchasers must be 18 or older.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.SupportNEF.org or in person at the Northville Educational Foundation office at 501 West Main St. in Northville.

Library Storytimes begin

Storytimes are planned for September and October at the Belleville District Library.

Family Storytimes will take place at 6:30 p.m. Mondays for children ages 4-10; Fall Tuesday "Toddler Times" are planned for 11 a.m. for children ages 2-4 and Fall Thursday "Toddler Times" will take place at 11 a.m.

The Belleville Area District Library is located at 167 Fourth St. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Chicken Supper served

The Willow United Methodist Church will serve a chicken supper beginning at 5 p.m. until sold out Wednesday, Oct. 11.

The cost for the meal is \$10 per person, meals for children 12 and younger are priced at \$5.

The menu includes fried chicken,

mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, or tea or milk.

The church is located 36925 Willow Road in New Boston.

Carefree service begins at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 654-9033.

Family Story Time planned

The Romulus Public Library will host Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays through Oct. 19. Story Time will include aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) depending on the weekly meeting theme.

For more information on the free event, call (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romuluslibrary.org.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Northville Cemetery Walk set

The Leaders and Regents of Northville will be discussed during the Northville Cemetery Walk 2017 set for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 at Rural Hill Cemetery.

The cemetery is located off Seven Mile Road between Center and Rogers streets. Visitors are asked to park in the lot at the front of the cemetery.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for members of the historical society or \$15 for non-members if purchased in advance. Tickets will be \$18 if purchased the day of the walk.

Tickets can be purchased at Mill Race Village, Kalamazoo or online at www.millraceontrivill.org or by phone at (248) 348-1845.

Second Monday Book Club meets

The Second Monday Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Romulus Public Library in the meeting room.

The book this month is *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman and copies are now available at the library.

The meeting is free and open to all adults 18 and older.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Legends raffle tickets on sale

Tickets for the Inkster Legends Annual Christmas Giveaway are now on sale for \$10.

The annual raffle funds holiday groceries and gifts for 100 less fortunate Inkster families.

This year the annual raffle will include a grand prize of two tickets to see the Houston Rockets vs. the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesars Arena Jan. 6, 2018. First prize is a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel with breakfast and second prize will be four tickets to The Henry Ford museum.

Third prize is a birthday party blast for 15 people at the Romulus Athletic Center and fourth prize is two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats in Detroit. Fifth prize is a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel and sixth prize is a Garmin GPS navigation system. Seventh, Eighth and Ninth prizes are dinner for two at Urban Soul, dinner for two at The Say and dinner for two at Red Lobster. Bonus prize this year is a \$25 gift certificate at Pimous Ford Garage restaurant in Dearborn and the bonus grand prize is a family package for four people to see the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters at Little Caesars Arena.

The drawing for the raffle will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

For more information go to www.inksterlegends.com and click on contact us.

For raffle tickets contact Fred Smiley at (734) 890-3478, Daniel Orr (313) 715-6700 or Larry Spencer (313) 520-8144.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The program will be a presentation of the very best stereo images from the recent Ohio International Stereo Exhibition. After a refreshment break, there will be a 3D Flowers and Gardens competition among club members.

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

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 298-3591.

League of Women Voters plans auction

The League of Women Voters of the Northwest Wayne County will host the annual auction beginning with viewing at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20001 Newburg Road, Livonia. The auction is open to the public and there is no cover charge. Items to be auctioned include local business gift certificates, holiday and household items, jewelry, home-made baked goods and event tickets. The auction starts at 11:30 and continues until 1:30.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to fund League non-partisan election activities including candidate forums and voter guides.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party. For more information, call (734) 421-4420.

DTE

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debris from the site of the fire into black, 50-gallon sealed drums. The drums were clearly labeled as containing PCB, (polychlorinated biphenyls), a probable human carcinogen which cannot be by mamm-factured in the United States.

Describing the sub-station as an "older dying system," Stowe told commissioners trees cause 70 percent of power outages. He said that crews would be working to replace all the damaged equipment on the grid during the next six months and DTE is considering a future re-build of the facility that would modernize and replace all components and increase electrical capacity in the area.

Commissioner Joe Valenti asked if DTE "...was just patching and old infrastructure with a bigger patch." Stowe responded, "No, there's a lot of new stuff there."

"I thought it was good to see the regional director and engineer come to meet with us, but I felt the answers were pretty thin," Valenti said after the meeting.

In a later interview, Stowe and Diol had only scant information regarding any possibility of contamination or danger to residents and referred questions to their corporate communications department.

Sources close to the issue reported that DTE was also very concerned about possible contamination and collected 55 soil samples outside the fenced grid-area for analysis to be performed by a testing company.

In a later prepared statement, DTE spokesperson Randi Berris said, "DTE

Energy follows all federal and state environmental regulations. The EPA has been involved since the day of the fire in Plymouth and has been satisfied with all our samples and the data we have provided."

The statement added, "Because it takes time to receive the analytics back from the samples we tested, it's a federal requirement to label the drums as 'PCB.' That is out of an abundance of caution and does not mean that any PCBs are actually present. And in fact, there was no detectable PCBs once the testing was complete. The cleanup crew was wearing the protective gear because they were working in dirt and soot - not because of any concern about contaminants."

"Working with EPA, DEQ and the City of Plymouth, we checked the storm drains multiple times and saw no impact from the oil."

Northville-Plymouth Fire Chief Steve Ott said that during the fire the Wayne County Haz-Mat team conducted air-monitoring samples in the residential area and there were no signs of PCBs.

Ott said the 15-sets of firefighter turnout gear were given to DTE for testing even though there were no signs of visible contamination, oil or residue.

"Out of an abundance of caution and at the fire department's request, we collected and ran samples on the fire department gear-everything came back non-detect for PCBs. Testing of the transformer that caught fire did not show detectable PCB content," Berris said. Stowe said DTE received the official results of the after the cleanup occurred.

"The fire was not a PCB hazard and multiple soil samples proved the PCB levels to be under 50 PPM, the EPA threshold."

Forums

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for facility repairs and maintenance to the school buildings, which are, on average, 50 years old. Sinking Fund money will also be used for technological updates, security camera updates, lighting, carpet, tile, boilers, water tanks, roof, parking lots, athletic football/soccerball facilities and other repairs. These funds cannot be used for

salaries.


Additional Town Hall meetings about the millage issues are planned for 9 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at Romulus High School, 5:30 Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Wick Elementary School, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 at Barth Elementary and 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 at Romulus Elementary School.


Residents are urged, officials said, to attend the meetings and ask questions and voice their concerns regarding the upcoming millage vote.

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