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State Superintendent of Schools Brian Whistler visited Wayne-Westland Community Schools last week and stopped by several classrooms.

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Defeated officials OK suit against city

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved a motion to file legal action against the City of Plymouth in an effort to recoup an alleged \$3.7 million in retirement costs accrued by the now defunct joint fire department.

After much discussion, the measure was approved by a 4-3 vote during the regular board meeting last week. Supporting the suit were Supervisor Shannon Price, Clerk Nancy Conzelmann, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Mike Kelly, all of whom were defeated

in their bids for re-election in the Aug. 2 primary vote. Trustees Steve Mann, Chuck Curmi and Bob Doroshewitz abstained from the vote.

Township residents packed the meeting room last Tuesday in response to a published agenda which included the proposal by Kelly to file suit against the city. Other agenda items during one of the most contentious meetings in recent weeks

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for its share of the retiree medical and pension costs of firefighters pursuant to the former joint fire services agreement,” Kelly said.

The retirement costs stem from the tumultuous dissolution of the 15-year community fire department in February 2012. The township subsequently closed fire stations and reduced department staffing by nearly half while the City of Plymouth entered an agreement with the City of Northville to provide on-call fire services. Public safety in both communities has been a controversial issue since the dis-

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Valuable lessons Officials laud Champions program as benefit to entire community

One of the most important aspects of any community is the viability and effectiveness of the school district.

That information, presented to a crowd of local business owners and operators at Westland City Hall last week, came from a man who should know.

Glenn Shaw, owner of WCA, a professional appraisal company which contracts with multiple local communities to evaluate the value of residential and business property, spoke to the audience about the importance of good schools to the value of property in any community.

When prospective home buyers seek to relocate, the reputation of the school district is an important factor in their decision and that information is readily available to them on the internet, Shaw said.

More home buyers translates into more customers for local businesses and services, more residents paying property taxes which means more revenue for the city. That should then translate to improved city services making the community even more attractive to prospective buyers, he said.

Shaw, along with Westland Mayor William Wild and Superintendent of the Wayne Westland Community School District Michele Harmala invited the business community for lunch and a few lessons in the economic reality of promoting and helping the local schools last week.

“The schools affect every other service and are crucial to building a strong community,” Shaw told the assembled crowd.

Wild spoke to the audience about the accomplishments



Glenn Shaw speaks to the assembled audience of business owners as Mayor Bill Wild and Superintendent of Wayne Westland Schools Michele Harmala look on.

and growth in Westland during the past decade citing the multiple awards and improved reputation and services in the city. Harmala, too, cited the growth in the school district which now educates 11,000 students in 19 buildings.

The discussion centered, however, on the unique Champions program in the two high schools.

“Students in the Champions program at Wayne High School become better human beings,”

said Bill Gray, who is involved with the Wayne program. His praise was seconded by Sean Galvin who leads the Champions of Wayne program. Galvin, who did his doctoral thesis on the effectiveness of the program said he has empirical evidence and research proving how well it works and the benefits to students.

Shaw and his wife, Patty, started the Champions of John

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New Art Van planned for Ford Road

One of the busiest and most accident-prone intersections in Wayne County and the State of Michigan will become even busier late next year.

Canton Township officials have approved the site plan for a new Art Van flagship store to be located on Ford Road, near the I-75 at the intersection of Haggerty Road.

Art Van representatives said

the new 71,333 square-foot building would be a flagship of the furniture retailer and that this is the first new store the company has built from the ground up in 15 years.

Construction on the new store will begin early next year and will open, representatives said, late in 2017. About 60 employees will be at the location. Approval of the plan came

at the regular meeting of the Canton Board of Trustees last week.

The planned footprint of the new building will require the demolition of a current medical office building and a vacant former racquetball facility.

Traffic concerns should be addressed by the conversion of the traffic light on Ford Road near Haggerty a full-time signal,

officials said in response to concerns of residents about the possible increase in traffic congestion at Haggerty and along Ford Road.

The new store will include the features found in other Art Van facilities, including Scott-Sprague Interiors, a mattress department, a flooring department and a clearance center, officials said.

Exit could be ‘cash cow’ for officials

Edwards’ proposal would reduce the retirement age in the township to 60 from 65 and early retirement would be permitted at age 55.

If Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards has his way, he and other officials defeated in the Aug. 2 primary will walk away with a very attractive retirement settlement No. 20.

During the regular meeting of the board of trustees last week, Edwards proposed changes to the township Governmental Non-ERISA Retirement Plan that would lower the retirement age and change the current vesting period. Township officials currently participating in the defined con-

tribution plan have a 5-year vesting period. An employee with 5 years seniority is considered 100 percent vested, or eligible for full pension benefits, calculated on salary contributions during their employment.

Edwards proposed a resolution with no vesting period and called for amendments to the plan that would permit employees with vested retirement benefits to immediately retire without waiting. He claimed this

was in accordance with a current trend to make retirement benefits “portable.”

“In today’s age everyone’s making benefits portable,” Edwards explained.

Edwards said the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Defined Benefit Plan has a 10-year vesting schedule. “The difference is that an individual in MERS can leave after six years find employment at another MERS (job). Members

work four years and have 10 years of service and not forfeit any retirement benefits.”

Edwards’ proposal would reduce the retirement age in the township to 60 from 65 and early retirement would be permitted at age 55. Commencement date for retirement would be the employees’ anniversary date after working 12 consecutive months.

Under the current pension contribution formula, the township contributes 15 percent of the employee’s compensation each pay period and the employee contributes 5 percent.

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Don't have time

Students can earn college degree while in high school

Local parents looking to save as much as \$10,000 in college tuition are expected at a meeting planned at Romulus High School this month.

Romulus Community Schools will host an Early College information session for parents and their students currently in eighth through 10th grades at 6 p.m. Oct. 20 in room 519 at Romulus High School.

The school district has a unique partnership with the Wayne County Community College District, providing a college experience and education to students while they attend high school. The program graduated its first class of 35 students last year, saving families an estimated \$10,000 while students earned 60 to 82 transferable credits and an associate's degree while still in high school in Romulus. To be eligible for the program,

the students must live in Wayne County.

Students qualify for the program based on a point system that includes criteria from their grade point average, behavior, attendance record, and teacher recommendations. Students must apply by February of their sophomore year and write five essays to prove their writing skills are college ready. In their first year, students are juniors and attend up to three hours at Romulus High School and take two cohort classes at the college. They also have a college seminar course taught by the Early College Director Dr. Jaime Nelson. In their second year, students are seniors and attend two hours at Romulus High School and take two cohort classes and one elective course at the college. The third and final year students take one class at the high school and their

remaining workload at Wayne County Community College.

Nelson, who is in her 16th year as a teacher at Romulus High School, mentors students who commit to the program from start to finish. "I am able to be with the students both at the high school, and then at WCCCD campus as well. This makes the program unique as students have support at both locations."

"I am able to get to know the professors and even sit in classes with our students, so they are not just thrown in the college setting. It's comforting that they know they have a teacher who is there for support along the way," said Nelson.

Any student in Wayne County who is currently a 10th grader can apply this winter for the 2017 program.

For more information contact Nelson



Early College Director Dr. Jaime Nelson is the director of the Romulus High School program.

at (734-532-1157) or email her at jnelson@romulus.k12.mi.us.

Council will not close Main Street on Halloween

Belleville City Council members took no action on a request to close Main Street in the downtown area for Halloween trick or treaters Oct. 31.

This year, resident Phil Miller told council members that he had gathered 300 signatures supporting his request that the street be closed for Halloween. He told council that the city agreed to close Main Street every Monday from May to September for other events and that it should be closed one additional night for the safety of children trick or treating in costumes.

Mayor Kerren Conley responded that this issue is discussed by council members every year and the conclusion has always been to keep the street open. Police Chief Hal Bertram seconded the mayor's comments and said that the speed limit on Main Street is lowered as a precaution and that there has never been an incident when a child was injured during the trick or treating downtown. He said the current system with a lower speed limit was working well.

Fire Chief Brian Loran said that while he has always been in favor of closing the street for the safety of the children, he

was concerned that if the closure wasn't handled efficiently, it could be "chaos." Loraner noted that if Liberty Street is blocked both ways it is impossible to get the fire truck out of the station, presenting a hazard.

The council members discussed the possibility of closing Main Street from Belleville Bridge to Five Points or from Third to Fifth streets. Activities for children including some kind of block party or other events were suggested if the street were closed.

Miller said that his request was a response to opinions he was hearing in the community and that 300 people signed his petition "without flinching."

He told the council that he has seen drunk driving arrests while the children are trick or treating and that motorists speed disregarding the lowered limits.

After some discussion, Miller agreed to chair a committee to look into new ideas for Halloween next year. No further action on the closing of Main Street authorized by the council members.

Holiday raffle tickets are now available

The Inkster Legends organization needs help in providing the gift of Christmas to 100 families in need.

The Legends, known for the youth basketball camps, provides holiday gifts and food to families annually at the holiday. The effort is primarily funded by donations and the sale of \$10 raffle tickets, which is already under way in the community.

This year, the \$10 donation offers a chance to win first prize which is two tickets to see the world champion Cleveland Cavaliers play the Detroit Pistons. Second prize in the drawing this year is a 24-inch flat screen TV and third prize is a birthday party blast at the Romulus Athletic Center

for 15 people. Fourth prize is a Wayne Bowl party for 10 people and the fifth and sixth prize winners will each receive a one-day weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel or a one day weekend stay at the Marriott hotel. The seventh and eighth place prizes are a Wilson golf bag and a dozen golf balls and a case of Choice sirloin steaks. The ninth and 10th place winners will be awarded certificates for dinner for two at local restaurants.

The raffle drawing will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

For tickets or more information, contact Director Fred Smiley, (734)690-2470 or access www.inksterlegends.com.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 16-17-03 INTEGRATED BODY & PATROL VEHICLE DASHBOARD
CAMERAS WITH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & VIDEO STORAGE
FOR CITY OF ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is soliciting sealed written proposals from experienced and qualified firms to provide a fully integrated Patrol Vehicle Dashboard Camera Body Camera hardware, associated Management System and video storage as specified.

(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal must use the forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the [MUN system](http://www.mn.com) at <http://www.mn.com>.

(3) Four (4) copies of the proposal along with an electronic copy of the proposal must be returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed using the Proposal package label provided in the RFP documents.

(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time, all timely received proposals are to be publicly opened and receipt acknowledged.

(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive irregularities.

(6) Proposals shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting proposals.

(7) The successful Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements.

(8) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4588 or by emailing lynna@cityofromulus.com.

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Boo Bash set in Inkster

Ghosts and goblins are expected to fill the Dozier Recreation Complex Oct. 31.

The City of Inkster will host the Annual Boo Bash from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31 and provide a fun-filled, safe alternative to traditional door-to-door trick or treating activities.

There will be games, prizes trick or treat bags and refreshments for children in the 8th grade and younger.

The event is free and open to all children within the age limit.

Also planned for the evening is Trucks with Treats from 7-9 p.m. with

set up beginning in the parking lot of the complex beginning at 6:30. No unwrapped candy or fruit will be allowed at the event when children can go from "trunk to trunk" in the lot for treats to celebrate the holiday.

The Dozier House of Horror will also be available for children.

The events are made possible by private donations and sponsors including TRI and 2Byte Entertainment.

For more information, call (734)728-7538.

The Dozier Complex is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE TO ELECTIONS

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 State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Rd. 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.cityofromulus.com or call the Clerk's office at 734-942-7540.

Notice is further given that Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept ballots.

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

"EMERGENCY" REQUEST HEADLINE: 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.

REMINDER: The last day to register to vote for this election is Tuesday, October 11, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
 City of Romulus, Michigan
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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2016

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 Barlow.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barlow, Linda Choate, Harry Cony, Sylvia Makowski, Colene Rancos, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officers in Attendance:

Deputy City Clerk: Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

City Manager: Nancy Page, Treasurer

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

16-27-2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-2B. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes of the special meetings held on September 6, 2016: 6:45 p.m. cloud session, pending legal matters; 7:15 p.m. study session, 4th Quarter City Investments Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Chairperson's Report:

4. Moved by Rancos, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Barlow spoke about the Identification Committee's Recognition Program that was held this evening at 7:00 p.m. Community Services Director, Janine Davis, announced upcoming City events.

16-27-5A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt the Employee Identification Policy #65, for the City of Romulus and its employee policy and procedures manual. Discussion: Paragraph 2 - define City administration and legislative. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Public Comment:

16-27-6A.2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Rancos to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 16-17-03, Technology Services which was introduced at the Council meeting of September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.3. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 16-17-10, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which was introduced at the Council meeting of September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.4. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.5. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.6. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.7. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.8. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.9. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.10. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.11. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.12. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.13. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.14. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.15. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.16. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

16-27-6A.17. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council on September 6, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

PLANT

Federal audit 'recommendations' still incomplete

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials have not yet complied with recommendations from the Department of Justice.

Following a federal audit of the township last year, officials formally agreed to make changes to record keeping and accounting of drug forfeiture funds in the police department. According to information provided during the board of trustees meeting last week, those changes have not been made.

A request for an update of the status of the audit was requested as a last-minute addition to the agenda at the meeting by Trustee Chuck Curmi, who also requested a status report of the 2015 Plante Moran financial audit in the township.

A list of items of concern discovered during the much-publicized audit remains "unclosed" according to the official semi-annual recommendations report of the federal agency.

When the official results of the federal audit of the Plymouth Township Police Department Equitable Sharing Program activities were published in September 2015, several violations of federal guidelines were cited. Federal auditors were particularly concerned, it appeared,

with the conduct of Treasurer Ron Edwards who had established at least one bank account for the federal sharing funds under his individual control. Edwards' failure and refusal to provide records and receipts for the drug-forfeiture funds to Police Chief Tom Tiderington were also cited as irregular by the auditors.

Plymouth Township received nearly \$2 million as a share of funds from forfeited assets derived from illegal activities and the report stated that the treasurer's unauthorized and irregular control of the funds was a violation of federal procedures. The federal agency said at the time of the audit that they found no missing or unaccounted-for drug forfeiture funds, but identified various internal control issues "...including a lack of documented policies and procedures that weakened the Plymouth Township PD's (Police Department) management of its equitable sharing activities, as well as incomplete compliance with Department of Justice (DOJ) requirements pertaining to accounting for equitable sharing receipts and the allowable use of equitable sharing funds."

Investigators called the items violations of standard accounting procedures and made 12 recommendations to the DOJ Criminal

Division. According to the audit report, the criminal division through the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, agreed with all 12 recommendations.

On May 4, the Office of Inspector General provided a list of 12 recommendations to Plymouth Township that had not been "resolved" as of March 31, including: Item 205: Ensure that Plymouth Township PD, in coordination with Plymouth Township, establishes written procedures for the administration of equitable sharing funds. These procedures should appropriately incorporate the Plymouth Township PD's throughout the process including, at a minimum, processing the Chief of Police with copies of all documentation...

Item 213: Ensure that the Plymouth Township PD, in conjunction with the Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office, establishes procedures for timely submitting accurate and complete Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Reports...

MERS. Also the normal retirement age for Police Dispatchers and Fire officers for the defined benefit plan is 60. This will make normal retirement age consistent with all employees.

Trustees proposed the current motion after discussion, indefinitely, without any set date for further review or vote. However, there are three board meetings scheduled between now and Nov. 20; when the newly-elected officials will take office.

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Are we OK?

What's the risk of having to pay any money back or being excluded from the drug forfeiture plan.

Item 214: Ensure that the Plymouth Township PD, in conjunction with the Plymouth Township Treasurer, make any necessary adjustments to the ledgers so that the ledgers only reflect expenditures paid for with DOJ equitable sharing funds. They should also reconcile the bank account activity and properly allocate the money to the different sources of funds...

Curmi's verbal inquiry regarding the DOJ and township audits drew little response from Edwards when the agenda item was discussed at the meeting. Edwards said that the DOJ had requested information from his office in April, July and September.

"Are we OK? What's the risk of having to pay any money back or being excluded from the drug forfeiture plan," Curmi asked.

Township Supervisor Shannon Price replied, "When we got the report a year ago we complied with everything they asked for, but they came back and have more questions."

General practice is for any new supervisor to appoint his own staff and incoming Supervisor Karl Heise is expected to make numerous new appointments, making several current employees immediately retired and pension eligible.

The board also addressed a related salary issue and approved the disbandment of the five-member compensation commission during the second reading of a resolution proposed

Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington who was in attendance did not respond to the inquiries.

When Curmi displayed a checklist he obtained directly from Plante Moran which detailed numerous open items required to complete the township audit due since June 30, Edwards responded that most items were handled.

According to DOJ spokesperson John Lavinsky, the agency publishes the list of ongoing recommendations twice each year. Accordingly, all items on the report are labeled resolved, however "resolved" means the investigated department has agreed to implement the recommendation or has proposed actions that will address the recommendation.

"The recommendations list is a follow-up process to make sure things are done; it's an ongoing process. When the recommendations are assessed we close them one-by-one and when all are closed we close the report. The (Plymouth Township) items are not assessed." The report states, "Specifically, a recommendation identified as not closed in this report may subsequently have been closed."

The next list is scheduled for October or November and will contain information as of Sept. 30.

Exit

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The proposal would allow Edwards, 61, to retire immediately with full benefits. Edwards has 20 years seniority.

Defeated township Supervisor Shannon Price who has an annual salary of \$111,383 could retire with the 15 percent annual township contribution,

times two or \$33,416.

Clerk Nancy Conzelmann, who also lost in the primary election, has 4 years seniority and is paid \$101,410. Her pay-off under the new plan would be calculated at 15 percent of her salary, multiplied by 4 years for \$90,840.

Edwards proposed language stated, "The normal retirement age is currently 65 (but the board approved for Dispatchers (sic) the age of 60 for their defined contribution plan through

the deadline, a delay township officials claimed was caused by a lack of documentation from the city.

At the time, township officials claimed the city owed about \$1.3

million in health care legacy costs for retirees. City officials questioned the accuracy of those figures which have now increased to \$3.7 million, according to Edwards who quoted that

figure at the meeting last Tuesday.

"The complaint is ready and can be filed immediately," Price said prefacing any discussion before the trustees.

Lawsuit

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Wayne OK's contract to retain city manager

Wayne officials have unanimously agreed to a new, four-year contract to retain the services of City Manager Lisa Nocerini at a cost of \$120,000 annually.

The four-year contract with Nocerini Strategy Group LLC was approved by the unanimous vote of members of the city council at a meeting last month, with instructions to the city attorney to clarify the severance pay clause indemnifying the city should the state appoint an emergency manager.

The initial agreement proposed by City Clerk Matthew Miller and Personnel Director Carrie Vaux was for a two-year term with three months of severance pay. Nocerini proposed a four-year contract with five months of severance pay, which was enacted. Nocerini is not paid any benefits from the city under the current contract provisions and will not be paid benefits under the new agreement.

The five-months of severance, or \$50,000, is only to be paid to Nocerini if she is terminated by

an act of the city council and the contract also stipulates that she must be given 30 days notice of any termination. Should she leave the city position of her own accord, she is required to provide the city with an equal 30-day notice. The agreement originally proposed only a 10-day notice in either situation.

Nocerini has been the city manager for about a year. She previously worked as a consultant to the city at a rate of \$50,000 per year through her company, Nocerini Christopher

Sanders raised some questions about the contract language clause in the contract. Sanders said that he had not heard of severance pay for a contract employee and was concerned that should the state appoint an emergency financial manager for the city, the language could be interpreted as obligating the city for the five months severance pay.

He said his concern was the serious financial deficit in the city which is expected to be divested of all cash revenue by

late 2017 or early 2018.

Councilman John Rhaesa supported the four-year agreement over the objections of some other council members. He said that Nocerini brought stability to the city which is crucial in the current financial crisis.

Councilman Anthony Miller agreed with Rhaesa noting that he felt Nocerini had done a "great job" promoting stability.

Following the agreement to change the severance clause language, the contract was approved by unanimous vote.



Busload of help

Members of the UAW Local 900 and Ford Motor Co. Michigan Assembly Plant stuffed a bus full of school supplies which were then donated to the Family Resource Center of the Wayne-Westland Community School District. The resource center is located at P.O. Adams Elementary School on Palmer Road in Westland. The center provides referrals and many services to Wayne Westland families and this year support from local donors helped provide more than 500 backpacks full of school supplies to Wayne-Westland students. Donors, in addition to the UAW and assembly plant, Air Time Trampoline, Westland; Canton Christian Fellowship; Jack Demmer Ford; Kirk of our Savior Church; St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish and the Westland Goodwillies contributed school supplies. Superintendent of Schools Michele Harnala, center, was on hand to personally thank Ford employees for their help.

Champions

FROM PAGE 1

Glenn High School last year to nearly unprecedented success and publicity. The concept is simple. Students sign a contract, along with their parents, choose a monitor from many volunteers available, and agree to increase their grade point average by at least a half point that semester.

If they succeed, they receive a check for \$200, no questions asked and no strings attached. The program saw 420 students

enroll the first semester it was available at John Glenn and 137 students or 33 percent made their goal. In the second semester, 567 students enrolled and 159 or 28 percent made their goal.

"But the real success," Shaw said, "is the 94 percent of students who improved their grade point average. That is an incredible success."

Valerie Orr, principal at Wayne Memorial High School, said she believes that the \$200 incentive gives students the "street cred" to join the program and when the success in grades follows, they continue to learn

and value education.

Shaw agreed and said that the impact of improving the schools at this rate was crucial to the entire business and residential community.

"More people move in, there is a greater potential market for businesses and a more vibrant, thriving community," he said. Shaw reminded the audience of the hardships the Wayne Westland district had faced while still managing to succeed with pre-school and after school programs along with award-winning vocational education and training. Harnala noted that students

from the Vo-tech center have built award-winning homes and designed concept cars as part of their studies.

Currently, Shaw said, the district is one of the lowest in per pupil funding in the state, receiving only \$7,511 per student from the state while other districts in Birmingham and Bloomfield receive as much as \$12,000 per student.

The Champions program, which he and his family, along with the Westland Community Foundation have funded, is crucial to bridging that gap.

While he and his family have

committed more than \$60,000 to the program, the popularity and increased interest of the students has created an opportunity for local business and individuals to become involved in helping finance the Champions program.

"This is all done with private donations. No tax money is ever used," Shaw said.

"We're asking you to get involved to help the students, but at the same time, the benefit to your business and the community cannot be underestimated."

For more information about the program, contact Shaw at (734) 965-7727.

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Calendar of events

Liturgical dance classes offered

The Romulus Recreation Department will offer Praise Him In The Dance classes from 6 until 7:15 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 10 through Nov. 28.

The classes, which encompass the history and true meaning of worship dance, will take place at the Romulus High School dance room.

Tuition for the classes in West African, modern and lyrical dance, is \$50 per student.

Registration is now available in the mayor's office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 941-8967.

Freedom Walk registration open

Online registration for the Freedom Walk/5K Run to benefit human trafficking survivors is now available at <http://the-cureforhumantrafficking.org/events.php>. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Oct. 22 at Skateland West in Westland. All \$25 registrations will fully support survivors of human trafficking. Registration will begin at the event at 11 a.m. and a Zumba warm up will begin at 11:45 a.m. The walk/run will start at noon.

Skateland West is located at 37550 Cherry Hill Road in Westland.

Voter registration available

Residents of Westland may register to vote from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Presbyterian Village of Westland, 32001 Cherry Hill Road, Westland.

Members of the public are welcome. For more information, call Dick McKnight, (734) 421-1517.

Tai Chi deadline nears

Classes in Tai Chi, an Asian discipline designed to reduce stress, improve balance, increase energy, lower blood pressure, improve circulation, strengthen muscles and increase mobility, will be offered from 4:30 until 5:30 today, Oct. 6 through Dec. 1 at the Romulus Senior Center, 36325 Rhinings Road in Romulus.

Tuition for the eight-week session is \$50 and registration will only be accepted through Monday, Oct. 3 at the mayor's office in City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 941-8965.

Euchre tournament benefits station

The fifth annual euchre tournament to benefit the Plymouth Canton Community School District radio station is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$20 per player before Oct. 3 and \$25 at the door. There will be cash prizes for the top 10 percent of players and pizza and snacks will be served.

There will be a cash bar available.

Registration is available at wdspeuchre@gmail.com or by calling (248) 973-7382.

The station 88.1 is staffed by students from Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Beethoven and Blue Jeans Concert opens season

The Michigan Philharmonic season will open with Beethoven and Blue Jeans at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at The Village Theater in Canton.

Under the direction of Conductor Nan Washburn, the orchestra will perform Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony No. 6, Katherine Hoover's "Four Winds Flute Concerto" (2015) and Mikhail Glinka's "Kamarinskaya" (1848).

Audiences are encouraged to wear their jeans to the concert.

For tickets or information, visit www.michiganphil.org or call (734) 451-2112.

Kick or Treat planned

Kick or Treat, a Halloween Footgolf Tournament, will begin with a 2 p.m. shotgun start Oct. 9 at the Par 3 course at Lower Huron Metro Park in Belleville.

The entry fee is \$25 per golfer and includes golf and a barbecue dinner. There will be prizes for the best costumes or outfit, longest kick and closest to the hole. There is an additional \$10 fee to enter Lower Huron Metro Park.

The 18-hole event is suitable for adults, children and families.

All proceeds will benefit the Van Buren Civic Fund, a Michigan 501 c 3 organization which supports a mission to enhance the quality of life for residents of Van Buren Township. Sponsors are still being sought.

For registration or more information, call (734) 751-2545 or email vanburencivfund@gmail.com.

Cemetery Walk set

Some of the unsung heroes from the history of Northville will tell their own stories near their gravesites during the annual Oakwood Cemetery Walk planned from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

Advance timed tickets for the tour are priced at \$15 per person or \$10 per person for Northville Historical Society members. Each tour will last about 90 minutes and will take place rain or shine. Timed tickets include light refreshments following each tour at the Northville Art House.

Tickets are available at Mill Race Historical Village at 215 Griswold St. For availability and hours, call (248) 348-1845. Tickets can be purchased online by emailing archives@millracenorthville.org with the number of tickets and desired tour times. PayPal instructions and confirmation will follow.

Any remaining tickets will be priced at \$18 per person at Oakwood Cemetery beginning at 1 p.m. the day of the Cemetery Walk.

Oakwood Cemetery Walk 2016 is sponsored by the Northville Historical Society and is a fundraiser for Mill Race Historical Village.

Official's host coffee hour

Wayne County Commissioner Glean S. Anderson and State Sen. David Knezek will host their monthly coffee hour event from noon until 1 p.m. Oct. 10.

The meeting will be at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, located at 2005 Inkster Road.

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

Sen. David Knezek
Mail: PO Box 30308, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (252) 347-4005
Email: sendknezek@senate.michigan.gov
Commissioner Glean S. Anderson
Mail: 500 Griswold St., 7th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: (313) 234-8555
Email: District125@waynecountymichigan.org

Chicken supper served

Willow United Methodist Church, 36525 Willow Road, New Boston, will serve a chicken supper from 5 p.m. until sold out Oct. 12.

The cost for the meal is \$10 per person which includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea or milk.

Children's meals for those 12 and younger are priced at \$5.

For more information or directions, call (734) 654-0020.

Parenting classes offered

Parenting preschoolers with love and logic, a philosophy that provides simple and practical techniques to help parents have less stress and more fun while raising responsible children will be offered in five sessions at Northville High School, Room 146 from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 12 through Nov. 9.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple.

The fee is payable the first day of class and includes a workbook.

The classes will be presented by Amy Morelli, school social worker and enrollment is limited to 20. No child care will be provided.

For registration or more information, call (248) 455-2250.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The meeting will feature special guest speaker and noted 3D authority George

"Dr. T" Themelis. After a refreshment break, there will be a 3D image competition among club members.

The meeting is 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) 268-3591.

Daddy Daughter Dance tickets on sale

The deadline to purchase tickets for the Daddy-Daughter Sweetheart Dance is Oct. 10. Tickets for the dance which will take place from 6:30-8:30 Oct. 13 in the Romulus High School Cafeteria are priced at \$20 per couple and \$7 for each additional daughter. They can be purchased at the mayor's office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

The tickets include a flower for each daughter, a professional photo, music, dancing, pizza and other entertainment. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, call (734) 941-8965.

Genealogist to speak

The Wayne Historical Society and the Wayne Public Library will host a genealogy workshop with John Mills.

Mills will teach a workshop about family genealogy from 6:30 until 10 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Wayne Public Library. This is a free session and those who plan to attend should bring notebooks, tablets, laptops and information about their family history. The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne. For more information, call (734) 721-7332.

Wine tasting benefit set

Tony Sacco's and Plymouth Community United Way are joining forces once again for a Craft Beer and Wine Tasting fundraiser from 9-10 p.m. Oct. 14.

Tickets are \$30 per person, and must be purchased in advance by calling (734) 453-6879 or visiting the office at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth. With credit cards, purchases can be made directly over the phone, and tickets will be mailed on the same day.

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