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Voters will make choices Tuesday

Polls will be open from

7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

VOTE NOV. 8

Voters will be asked to choose a new president next Tuesday, Nov. 8 when polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. throughout the area.

In addition, there are state, county, judicial, local municipal and schools board elections and questions facing many voters. It is expected to be an extensive, and in some cases, confusing ballot. Local municipal clerks agree that those eligible for absentee voting should take advantage of the opportunity to avoid the anticipated long lines and waits Tuesday.

One of the most controversial

issues on the ballot is the 12 mill Regional Transit Authority Proposal which supporters say will add various types of bus services throughout Macomb, Oakland, Washtaw and Wayne counties.

The funding for the bus rapid transit system would be paid through a property tax millage for 20 years and cost the owner

of a home valued at about \$100,000 an estimated \$95 annually for two decades. A home with a taxable value of \$100,000 or a market value of \$200,000 would pay about \$120 annually for the service.

Voters will be asked to choose four judges from eight candidates for the Wayne County Circuit Court. The judicial posi-

tion pays \$140,000 annually. Vying for the jobs are Melissa Anne Cox, Matthew Evans, Wanda Evans, Thomas John Hathaway, Brian Morrow, Kelly Ann Ramsey and Regina Thomas.

Incumbent Wayne County Prosecutor Ryan Worthy is being challenged by David Aron of Dearborn. Democrat Colleen Pohr and Republican Jeff Noble are vying for election as State Representative and Republican Dave Trett is seeking re-election to the U.S.

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Salute to Service

Medal of Honor winner will be keynote speaker

Area residents will have the opportunity to meet and talk with a genuine war hero next week during the annual Salute to Service presented by Canton Township.

The event this year will feature Medal of Honor winner U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles Kettles, Ret., whose heroism is credited with saving the lives of more than 40 American soldiers during the Vietnam War.

Kettles will be among the men and women of the armed services who will be honored during the special ceremony beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township. The event will recognize military personnel currently in active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves, as well as veterans of the armed services for their exceptional commitment and dedication, noted a township spokesperson.

The free event is open to the public and will begin with a cookie and punch pre-show reception. Featuring displays of service memorabilia, prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 7 p.m.

Kettles, who was awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration in the United States, will be the keynote speaker at the event.



President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Honor to retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles Kettles for conspicuous gallantry, in the East Room of the White House. Kettles distinguished himself in combat operations near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam, on May 15, 1967, and is credited with saving the lives of 40 soldiers and four of his own crew members. (Official White House Photo by Chuck Kennedy)

Kettles was presented with the honor July 18, 2016 by President Barack Obama at the White House, for his actions on May 15, 1967, which involved his life-saving efforts in rescuing soldiers who had been ambushed by North Vietnamese troops and were trapped in a river valley in Vietnam. Kettles, a UH-1D Huey helicopter pilot who was serving as a flight commander assigned to the 17th Aviation Co., is credited with saving the lives of 40 soldiers and four of his own crew members.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Kettles was also awarded the following honors: the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with one

bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver service star and one bronze service star, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze houghlass device, the Master Aviation Badge, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with bronze star, the United Nations Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with palm device.

The program will also feature musical tributes sung by

the Workman Elementary Choir, under the direction of Keri L. Mueller.

In addition to the formal presentation, items for service men and women will be collected by the Michigan Military Moms, including individual size or travel size: disposable hand and foot warmers; foot and body powder; Q-tips; Beef Jerky; hot chocolate mix; wipes; granola/power bars; and monetary donations to offset postage. All items must be small enough to fit a 12 by 12 by 8 inch U.S. Priority Mail box.

For more information about this free event at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantontownshiptheater.org. The theater is located at 59400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Treasurer denies rumors of gun threat

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards has absolutely denied rumors that he made any kind of threat against township employees last week.

The reported threats to "shoot up" Plymouth Township Hall were variously reported to have taken place Monday of last week.

Edwards claims that no such threat was made and that he has "no idea who is making this stuff up and talking about me."

Police Chief Tom Tiderington confirmed that at least one 911 call was made last week about Edwards' alleged threats. Tiderington said that the caller asked to remain anonymous but did report that Edwards said he

could "come back on Halloween and shoot up this place" referring to township hall. Edwards absolutely denies ever making any such statement and said that if there were any such 911 call the authorities would have immediately investigated it and questioned him. He said he knew absolutely nothing about any such incident.

According to multiple unsubstantiated reports, however, Edwards made the comment in front of several witnesses, although Edwards says that no one will come forward and say they personally heard the alleged remark.

"I don't even know what they are saying about me because no one will come forward and tell

me what they claim I said," Edwards claimed.

Complaints about the threat were made to supervisors by township employees, according to reports of the incident. One female employee reportedly resigned as a result of the threat, although Edwards said he has not heard of any such resignation connected in any way with these alleged comments.

Supervisor Shannon Price called a meeting of some township employees as a result of the growing wave of conjecture regarding the alleged threat and told township hall employees that the situation was being handled by Human Resources Director JoAnn Coobatis and him. Edwards said the meeting

took place, he thought, at about 3:30 p.m. last Thursday and he did not attend. "I wasn't even aware of it," he said.

Coobatis said that it is her policy "not to talk to the media" and would not comment on the situation.

According to Tiderington, no "formal complaints" were made regarding the incident. Fire department clerk Nancy Jonsey said she "was aware of an incident" but refused any further comment.

Tiderington said that he was not asked by Price or other officials to investigate the situation and that he has a policy of non-involvement in issues or com-

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CANTON - WAYNE

Set for take off Beaumont opens new bariatric center

"You need to lose 100 pounds before you can think about having another baby."

Those were the grim words Lindsay Pack, 36, of Canton Township received from her obstetrician-gynecologist earlier this year.

The mother of two boys, 2 and 6-months-old, had been contemplating weight loss surgery for some time, inspired in part by her mother's 75-pound weight loss success with the procedure.

But this recommendation - along with the benefit of already having met her health insurance deductible earlier this year as a result of childbirth - motivated Pack to set the date sooner rather than later.

If all goes according to plan, Pack will have weight loss surgery in November, and recover in the new bariatric, post-surgical suites at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne. Follow-up appointments with her medical team will be scheduled at the new Weight Control Center in Canton.

"I'd like to have another baby," Pack said. "But right now, I can't keep up with my two boys."

As part of the surgery, Pack will have follow-up access to physicians, dietitians, exercise physiologists, psychologists and support group meetings at the weight control center. The center staff also works with patients to arrange health insurance coverage.

"I think the exercise piece is key to

maintenance," said Pack, adding that while she's been thin most of her life, she gained 70 pounds while pregnant with her first son, and more with the second. "I love the support group opportunity at the center. You get to meet people going through the same thing as you."

Easy access to the new facility is another key factor for Pack.

"I've been driving out to the Royal Oak center for my pre-surgery appointments and that's 45 minutes each way," Pack said. "We need something on our side of town. The new center is 4 miles from my house."

Location of the center is also a point of pride for Medical Director Tariq Kalkish, M.D., a board-certified bariatric physician. "We're very excited to be in Canton, which is currently underserved," Kalkish said. "I don't think there's another program out here like this."

A multidisciplinary approach, Kalkish stressed, is the most effective route to permanent, healthy weight loss. "Working alongside our bariatric physicians, we have a whole team of health care providers who through education, nutrition and exercise, can help patients change their relationship with food," Kalkish said.

Wendy Miller, M.D., corporate medical director for Beaumont Health Weight Control Centers, said patients are more likely to be successful long-term if the program is located near their home.



Pack, 36, of Canton Township, a patient at the new Weight Control Center in Canton, with husband, Michael, and son, Xavier.

"Individuals who aren't specifically enrolled with our program, are welcome to come to our healthy cooking demonstrations or work directly with our psychologists on emotional or psychosocial issues that may be contributing to weight gain," Miller said.

Featured equipment at the center includes a DEXA-Scan, which provides the most accurate measurement of percent body fat and can help determine an individualized, realistic goal weight.

The average weight loss for bariatric surgery patients is about 100 pounds, Miller said. Many patients resolve weight-related medical conditions after surgery, such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pres-

sure, high cholesterol, low back and joint pain. Quality of life also often improves considerably.

"We provide all the support patients need, pre-operatively and post-operatively, to be successful in their weight loss journey," Kalkish said.

Beaumont Weight Control Centers also offer a non-surgical weight loss program and weight loss programs for children and teens.

For more information about Beaumont Weight Control Centers or to sign up for a free, weight loss - seminar, visit <http://www.beaumont.edu/centers-services/weight-control-center/> or call 888-809-4600.

Firefighters promoted

Two Canton Fire Department officers have completed the Fire Staff and Command School at Eastern Michigan University.

Fire Marshal John Ottman and Capt. William Wisler graduated from the 360-hour program designed to take fire officers beyond operational methods and expose them to strategic thinking and creative, innovative problem-solving techniques. The curriculum consists of five major topic areas intended to address the changing needs expected in current fire service, including leadership, planning and decision making, human resources management, administration and critical situations, according to a prepared statement from the department.

Ottman has been with the department for 15 years, originally serving as a fire inspector. In his current role as marshal, he oversees the Fire Prevention and Inspection Unit which is responsible for plan reviews, site inspections, fire investigations and fire prevention.

Wisler has been with the department for 16 years, originally hired as a firefighter/paramedic. In his current role as captain, he serves as a station supervisor, providing leadership and development of firefighter/paramedics.



John Ottman



William Wisler



Words to the wise

Members of the Westland Grange visited Hamilton Elementary School recently, bringing a new dictionary for each student. The Grange club is donating dictionaries to third-grade students throughout the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Police veteran retires

Canton Police Department Deputy Chief Scott Hilden has retired after a 24-year career with the agency.

Hilden was hired by the police department in 1992 as a patrol officer. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2001, lieutenant in 2006 and deputy chief in 2013. Hilden holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of the Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command School.

Early in his law enforcement career, Hilden participated in numerous special units including department instructor and school resource officer. Later he worked as a shift commander in the patrol division, and completed special assignments as the department community relations coordinator and special services lieutenant.

In his current role as deputy chief,

Hilden led the patrol division consisting of four platoons of lieutenants, sergeants, police officers and PSSOs. His role encompassed overseeing the execution and administration of the division, along with assisting the director with the development of policies and budget.

"The public safety department is losing a valuable member of the organization," said Public Safety Director Joshua Meier. "Scott has had a commendable career with the department and is wished the best in his future endeavors."



Scott Hilden

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2016 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid title, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 90.024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE

Part I: The Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 99 is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map in accordance with the changes indicated on Amended Zoning Map No. 99A, attached hereto and made part of this Ordinance.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. 78-00189-0000-784.

Part II: CONFLICTING REVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III: EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on November 20, 2016.

Part IV: ADOPTION. This Ordinance was adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees by authority of Act 130 of Public Act of Michigan, 2006, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on October 25, 2016, and entered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be inspected at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: October 25, 2016

Effective Date: November 20, 2016

Published: November 3, 2016

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities to ensure they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modification to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even when pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Karen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103, (734) 394-5240 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the status of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Karen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103, (734) 394-5240.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to ensure the cost of providing auxiliary aids or services is borne by the individual, or any group of individuals, rather than from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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PLYMOUTH

School aid facing criminal sex charge

A 41-year-old Plymouth woman is facing criminal sexual conduct charges stemming from her relationship with a 15-year-old boy.

Bridget Caplin, a former teaching aide at East Middle School, was arraigned on the charges Oct. 14 and remanded to the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$250,000 bond, according to website information. She is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person age 13-15, distributing obscene material to children and using a computer to commit a crime.

According to police and investigative reports from the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor, the father of the boy discovered lewd photographs on his son's phone and took the evidence to Plymouth police in May.

The incident had been under investigation for five months before Caplin was officially charged with the crimes. Police obtained warrants for content and data from some social media sites during the investigation. She was arrested in Monroe and her arraignment took place in an out-

county court.

Caplin is also alleged to have had an inappropriate relationship with another 15-year-old, according to reports, sending him nude pictures of herself.

The teen's father said that Caplin is the mother of two daughters who are friends of his son's. He said that because of that contact, she would pick the boy up and drive him places. He now alleges that Caplin had sexual relations with the boy in a church parking lot and said that if this were a case of an adult male

with a teen girl, there would be far more attention and outrage.

According to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Caplin was placed on administrative leave in May when the investigation began and has subsequently been fired from her job at the school.

The statement says that Caplin has not returned to any district buildings since she was initially placed on leave.

Caplin is scheduled to appear in 35th District Court tomorrow for a preliminary hearing on the charges.



Bridget Caplin

Threat

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plaints involving elected officials. Those situations, he said, would be referred to the Michigan State Police to guard against any appearance of preferential treatment should further investigation be warranted.

Tidderington did say that he was doubtful that Edwards would have made any serious threat and that to the best of his knowledge, the 20-year treasurer does not own a gun.

Other elected township officials who asked not to be identified said that the threat was disturbing even if the comments were made in jest and were not serious.

One of them cited the volatile nature of Edwards who was involved in a physical altercation with the former township clerk just prior to a regular meeting of the

board several years ago. Allegedly, Edwards accosted then-Clerk Joe Bridgman and attacked him, placing him in a headlock in full-view of the other members of the board and the assembled audience.

Edwards was soundly defeated in the primary election Aug. 2 and has been recently criticized by the outside township auditing firm, Plante-Moran, for a long delay in providing records needed to file the state-mandated audit.

The township is in jeopardy of losing state grants without the audit filings, auditors said. Edwards was also criticized by auditors from the U.S. Department of Justice during a recent audit of drug forfeiture funding for his appropriation of control of those accounts and spending which are the responsibility of Tidderington.

Calls to the office and cell phones of Price were not returned at press time.

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

Library seeks veterans' photos

The Plymouth District Library is collecting photos of veterans and active military personnel for the second annual November "Honoring Our Veterans" display.

Photos can be submitted by emailing them to info@plymouthlibrary.org. The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.

The library display will also feature a "white table" in November. Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth, a black napkin and white candle, and a plate with a slice of lemon and salt. An empty chair leans against the

table. The display is modeled after the table in the children's book *America's White Table*, written by Margot Theis Raven and illustrated by Mike Boney. It is available for check-out at the library.

The tradition, little-known to the general public, of setting an empty table with a white tablecloth in remembrance of prisoners of war and those missing in action, had its beginnings with a group of fighter pilots who flew in Vietnam. For more information about the library veterans' display, call (734) 453-0750, extension 4.

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



A gift of art

Village Potters Guild members will host their annual Holiday Sale this month. Functional and decorative pottery created by members of the guild including wheel-thrown and hand-built items such as mugs, tiles, plates, bowls, vases, jewelry, holiday ornaments, and large platters in a wide range of affordable prices, will be available. The opening reception will take place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. The sale continues from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18 and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19. The studio is located at 326 N. Main St. in Plymouth behind the American Community Building. For more information or directions to the studio, visit www.villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Cemetery donors thanked

The list of people supporting the Romulus Memorial Cemetery restoration keeps getting longer.

The exclusive tournament supporting the ongoing effort was a sold-out event, attracting the largest crowd ever at the event. The tournament generated more than \$2,100, an increase over last year.

Jan Lemmon, chair of the Romulus Memorial Cemetery Board of Trustees, thanked everyone who attended or helped out during the event, as well as the many people who have donated to the effort over the last seven years.

They include: Carmelita Johnson, Ames Meyer, Tammy McCrane, Morlin Lemmon, former Mayor Alan Lambert, Doris Orstrom, City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg, Romulus Mayor Leroy Burecort, City Councilman William Wadsworth, Joyce Renfro, Sheldon and Gloria

Chandler, Ken and Linda Choate, Genevieve Dugan, Herbert and Marlene Smelser and Nancy Champagne.

It takes one person with an idea, but it takes many more to fulfill it.

The cemetery board, which includes McCrane, Craig Plank, Sheldon Chandler, Choate and Gerald B. Wendland, as well as Tim Keyes, economic development director for the City of Romulus, were instrumental, too.

"It takes one person with an idea, but it takes many more to fulfill it," Lemmon said. "You can't accomplish anything if you don't have the people to support you."

The city hosted a ribbon-cutting at the restored cemetery gate earlier this month and is planning the next phase in the project. Contributions are being accepted and checks can be made payable to the City of Romulus Cemetery Restoration Fund and mailed to 11111 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.



Responsive neighbors

Representatives from the Marathon Petroleum Corp. include John Steffler, left, Kristopher Fields, Marc Hester and Sam Awad, the Marathon Petroleum terminal manager presented a \$3,200 donation to the Romulus Police Department earlier this month. The donation was part of the Marathon First Responder Responsible Care Initiative and was accepted by Romulus Public Safety Director Jodie R. Settles and Romulus Police Sgt. Matt Krot. The money will be used to enhance traffic safety in the City of Romulus, and will be dedicated to the purchase of a portable electronic speed limit sign.

New assistant principal is named at high school

Brian Robertson has been named as the assistant principal at Belleville High School.

Robertson's appointment was confirmed by members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education members at a regular meeting early last month.

Robertson will replace Stacy Buhr who was promoted to

principal at the high school when the board members named Addal Madyun as the new human resources director for the district.

There were reportedly 180 applicants for the assistant principal position, eight of whom were current district employees. After three rounds of interviews,

Robertson was offered a one-year contract at a salary of \$92,652.

Robertson worked for the Detroit Public Schools for 15 years where he was a member of the district curriculum and instruction committee and a lead educator, a building designer, an athletic coordinator and a behavior modification spe-

cialist. Prior to moving to Michigan, Robertson taught in Texas.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree in Elementary Education from South University in Baton Rouge, La. and a master of science in Educational Leadership from Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

He is a resident of Van Buren Township and the father of three children, two of whom graduated from Belleville High School and another who is a student at Owen Intermediate School.

Madyun said that he felt students would find Robertson "very approachable" in his recommendation to the board members.

Goodfellows accepting applications for holiday help

Applications for holiday help from the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows will be available at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department.

Forms for help from the Goodfellows Christmas Food and

Toy Distribution Program will be available at the front desk. The forms will also be available online at the Van Buren Township website, www.vanburenmi.org and are printable.

All applications must be submitted in person before 3 p.m.

Dec. 2

Residents of the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township are eligible for the program. Sumpter Township residents can apply for help through the Goodfellows organization in that community.

Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or state identification card will be required during in-person applications. A current utility bill will also be accepted as proof of residency if it contains the name and address of the applicant or family.

Applications must be submitted in person and no mailed or emailed applications will be accepted.

For more information contact Pam Fleming at (734) 699-8934 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Calendar of events

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734) 740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurch-mi.com.

Winter Wonderland planned

The annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Gala Auction will have a Winter Wonderland theme this year.

The event is planned for 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at Laurel Manor on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

More than 500 items were donated for the auctions last year and more than 500 people attended the event. Organizers plan to have the room decorated to reflect a winter evening in Michigan.

For more information, contact The Graf at winter@plymouthchic.org or Doug Wallace at doug@plymouthchic.org.

Free balance workshops offered

A free award-winning workshop designed to manage falls and increase activity levels for seniors will be offered from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Nov. 7 through Dec. 5. There will be no class on Nov. 23.

The classes are beneficial for those concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength. The Matter of Balance workshop is also beneficial for individuals who have fallen in the past and those who restrict their activities because of falling concerns.

Participants must pre-register by calling the Wayne Senior Services office (734) 721-7460 and leaving a message. Class size is limited.

All sessions take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Student pottery day set

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a School Day Off Pottery Workshop from 10 a.m. until noon with lunch from noon until 12:45 on Tuesday, Nov. 8 when Plymouth Community Schools District students will not have class.

The workshop will begin with pottery basics and then students can make their choice of two projects. The workshop is for ages 6-14.

The fee for the workshop only, which includes glue, kiln time and instructions, is \$22 per person or \$30 for arts council members. The fee for the workshop and lunch is \$38 per person or \$36 for arts council members. Lunch includes two slices of

pizza, salad and dessert.

Registrations are now being accepted at (734) 416-4278.

The arts council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Volunteer help needed

Plymouth Community United Way looking for volunteers to clean yards and do light chores in Plymouth, and Plymouth and Canton townships on Saturday, Nov. 12. Volunteers will meet on the day of the event at Plymouth First United Methodist Church for a continental breakfast and instructions.

Check in time is 8 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools and gloves, and have their own transportation to travel between homes. Yard waste bags will be supplied and distributed at the church. Leaf blowers are a great help with larger yards, a spokesman said.

All ages are welcome, but those under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer, call Randi Williams at (734) 433-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuun.org by Friday, Nov. 4.

Low-income seniors, 65 and older, who feel they may qualify for service should contact Randi at (734) 433-6879, ext. 7. Income and age verification will be required.

For more information and an application, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org.

Person of the Year sought

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Romulus Person of the Year.

Completed forms, available at the chamber website, must be returned to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The office is located at 11119 Shook Road, Ste. 200, Romulus, MI 48187.

Later nominations will not be considered.

The committee will review the nominations and make the selection of the winning candidate. This is the 22nd year for the award in the city.

More information is available at (734) 883-0894 or adining@romuluschamber.org.

Holiday tree lighting planned

The seventh annual Main Street Boulevard Tree Lighting and Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick Off in downtown Plymouth is planned for Friday, Nov. 11. During the event, the decorated trees on the boulevard are illuminated and the Plymouth Salvation Army partners begin the Red Kettle drive. Non-perishable food for the Salvation Army pantry is also collected and a small gift is presented to the first 100 people who attend the event.

Gift certificates are being sought for the event from local businesses. For more information, contact Tony Brusato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, at (734) 455-1433.

Toast to veterans set

Romulus VFW Post 9568, located at 32270 W. Huron River Rd., is hosting veterans, their families and any members of the public to the post for a Veterans Day toast and ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

Early arrival is suggested. For more information, call (734) 941-3030.

Coffee to be served

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hoggood has set his November Coffee Hour for 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at Romulus House, 9110 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

For additional information regarding the meeting, contact Hoggood's office by calling (517) 373-7000, by emailing SenHoggood@senate.mi.gov or visiting his Facebook page at facebook.com/SenHoggood.

Tea is served

The Wayne Public Library is hosting an Afternoon Tea at 1 p.m. Nov. 12.

A wide sampling of teas, scones, desserts and tea sandwiches from Victoria's Tea Salon will be served.

Tickets, priced at \$35, are on sale now at the Wayne Public Library. The cost is \$35 per individual or celebrate as a group with a table of eight for \$280. All proceeds go to benefit the Friends of the Wayne Public Library. Tickets can be purchased at the Circulation Desk.

The Wayne Library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Seniors celebrate Thanksgiving

Romulus seniors can sign up now for the Thanksgiving luncheon planned for 11 a.m. Nov. 14.

The dinner will include turkey, stuffing, Roast's rice, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and cranberry sauce. Dessert will include pies donated by the Romulus High School Culinary Arts Program students.

Entertainment will be provided by Tom Station playing live music. The cost is \$5 per person and early sign-up is encouraged. The senior center is located at 38525 Bibbins in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 955-4120.

Award nominations needed

Nominations for some of the most pres-

igious awards in the community are now being accepted by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Leona Van Buhler, Chamber Member of the Year, Ted Kuckelman Community Service and Business of the Year awards will be accepted through Nov. 21.

Nominations can be emailed to info@bellevillechamber.org or mailed to 248 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111.

Members of the committee will be evaluating the nominees' involvement in the community, their service to the schools, area nonprofits, continued capital investment in the business and an overall community presence.

For more information or nomination forms, contact the chamber offices at (734) 697-7151.

Thanksgiving buffet served

The Family Resources Center Annual Fundraiser event, a Thanksgiving buffet provided and hosted by Chef Troy and his culinary arts students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center is planned for 11:15 until 1 p.m. Nov. 16.

The meal is a fundraiser for the resource center which provides help to Wayne-Westland families in need.

The William D. Ford Career-Technical Center is located at 36455 Marquette Road in Westland. The cost for the lunch is \$10 per person. All proceeds will be used to support the Family Resource Center of the Wayne Westland Community Schools District.

Thanksgiving concert planned

The combined adult choirs of several Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth at 4 p.m. Nov. 23.

The choirs will celebrate Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring anthems sung by a 75-piece community choir accompanied by handbells, organ and piano, as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

Admission is free; an offering will be requested to benefit the Salvation Army.

First United Methodist Church is located at 42501 North Territorial Road, east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance.

The concert is open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Coffee with a Cop served

Canton residents can join members of the police force from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Summit on the Park 55+ Club Room.

Coffee with a Cop is open to the public and provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton neighborhoods and business districts.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or stressful situations, noted Deputy Chief Scott Hilden.

Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for relaxed one-on-one interaction, he added.

The Canton Police Department is hosting multiple sessions throughout the community this year.

Anyone with a business or organization interested in hosting a 2-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, should contact the police department at (734) 394-5401, 4030 Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Free holiday meal served

For the fifth year, the members of Living By Faith Church in Romulus will serve free Thanksgiving dinners.

The traditional dinner with turkey and stuffing along with side dishes will be served from noon until 3 p.m. Nov. 24 at the church, 7705 Wayne Road. The dinner is open to the public at no charge.

For more information about the event, call (734) 776-5431.

Christmas Party date set

The Inlander Community on Aging will host the annual Christmas Party of seniors beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5 at the Dozier Recreation Complex.

Tickets, priced at \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members must be purchased in advance and are limited. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, call (313) 561-2382.

Mayor's Ball is planned

Planning for the Mayor's Ball, hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burecuff and Belleville Mayor Kerren Conner is now under way.

The traditional political fundraiser for the Romulus and Belleville Boys and Girls Clubs, will take place this year Feb. 12, 2017 at the Belleville Yacht Club.

Sponsors and donors are being sought.

For more information or to donate or become a sponsor, call Event Coordinator Robert McLachlan at (734) 678-9682.

Vote

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Congress challenged by Anil Kumar, a Democrat.

In this area, voters will be asked to choose between current Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, a Republican, and Democrat Nate Smith-Tyler, a Democrat, to represent them on the Wayne County Commission from District 10. Both candidates are Plymouth Township residents.

Canton Township voters will be asked to choose a replacement for retiring Supervisor Phil LaJoy. Democrat Sybil Tai and Republican Pat Williams are seeking the four-year term. In addition, voters are being asked to select from a field of eight candidates for four seats on the board of trustees, a state of Democrats challenging Republicans.

Van Buren Township voters are

being asked to approve a 6.5 millage to fund public safety operations in the township. While this seems like a serious increase to many, this replaces an expiring millage already approved by voters and is actually only a 1.5 mill increase. The current police and fire millage expires in December.

The City of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships will have the long-disputed and studied tri-county public library funding on the ballot. Officials in the three communities are asking voters for permission to borrow up to \$14 million to build the library and fund operations once it is open.

There are also school district elections throughout the area including seats on the Plymouth-Canton, Wayne-Westland, Romulus and Northville boards of education.

Additionally, voters will be asked to approve a new 2-mill Wayne County Educational Enhancement Millage, slated to provide about \$385 annually to local students to fill a funding gap.

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS NOV. 8

The Responsible Government Committee, a non-partisan, independent group, has carefully analyzed and evaluated candidates who will have a direct impact on the lives and welfare of residents of Canton Township. After careful consideration and discussion, the committee has selected these candidates as the best qualified to serve the residents of Canton.

These leaders have chosen the welfare and needs of the citizens as the priority of their political decisions and platforms. The Responsible Government Committee urges their election Nov. 8.

Our selections are:

FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP OFFICES



Pat Williams

Candidate for Canton Township Supervisor
Proven track record as a leader in both private and public sectors

**RATED AS
EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED**



Linda Obrec

Candidate for Canton Township Clerk
Superior educational credentials and expert experience

**RATED AS
BEST QUALIFIED FOR CLERK**



Melissa McLaughlin

Incumbent Candidate for Canton Township Treasurer

Exceptional record of efficient management and superior service
**RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY
WELL QUALIFIED FOR TREASURER**

FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES



John Anthony

Incumbent candidate for Canton Township Trustee

Exceptional record of involvement and board service

**RATED EXCEPTIONALLY
WELL QUALIFIED
FOR TRUSTEE**



Darian Moore

Candidate for Township Trustee

Strong record of community involvement and business operation

**RATED BEST QUALIFIED
FOR ELECTION
AS TRUSTEE**



Geoff Boltach

Candidate for Township Trustee

Strong educational credentials and business experience

**RATED VERY WELL
QUALIFIED
FOR TRUSTEE**



Tom Yack

Incumbent candidate for Township Trustee

Wealth of public service experience and successful management of township during 20 years as Canton Supervisor

**RATED AS
EXCEPTIONALLY
WELL QUALIFIED
FOR TRUSTEE**

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE THIRD DISTRICT



Melissa Anne Cox

Candidate for Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court

• Named as Super Lawyers Rising Star 2012 through 2015
• Named one of Top Female Attorneys in state by Super Lawyers Magazine

• Wayne-Westland assistant city attorney
**RATED AS
EXCEPTIONALLY
WELL QUALIFIED
FOR JUDGE**

FOR WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

Joe Barone

Candidate for Wayne County Commission

Exceptional service during appointment to commission
Instrumental in securing Wayne County funding for Canton roads

**RATED
EXCEPTIONALLY
WELL QUALIFIED**



UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS 11TH DISTRICT

Dave Trott

Incumbent candidate for U.S. Congress

Supported legislation to help small businesses in Michigan and to stop ransom payment to Iran
Dedicated to transparency in government and controlled spending
Proven record of responsible, reasonable representation of 11th district

**RATED AS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL
QUALIFIED FOR U.S. HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**



Thomas J. Hathaway

Candidate for Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court

• Proven character and judicial temperament
• Extensive litigation, ethics and arbitration experience

• Recognized as one of Best Lawyers in America and rated as Michigan Super Lawyer by Detroit News and New York Times
**RATED AS
EXCEPTIONALLY
WELL QUALIFIED**

FOR SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jim Fausone

Incumbent candidate for College Board of Trustees

Experienced, proven record of sound judgment
Strong management skills with concern for students
Involved with multiple civic groups and charities
**RATED AS HIGHLY QUALIFIED
FOR RE-ELECTION
TO SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



VOTE NOV. 8