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## Wayne reduces retiree health benefits

**"We are not going into bankruptcy, we aren't getting a financial manager. The state says we are not broke enough so we have to keep making cuts."**

Healthcare benefits for about 250 city retirees have been de-stimulated by Wayne officials who approved the payment of individual "stipends" rather than the current retirement health care premiums paid directly to the insurance provider.

Currently, the city pays 70 percent of retirees' health insurance premiums to Priority Health. That will end in January when the stipend plan becomes effective. The new plan, according to officials, will save the cash-strapped community about \$805,000 annually. The city estimates to fight a budget deficit of more than \$1.5 million and has been informed by financial auditors that Wayne will run out of money at the end of next year.

The 43 vote during the meeting last week effectively voided the retirement agreements with

employees from the fire, police, DPW, clerical and even administrative departments. Retirees are expected to use the stipend to purchase health insurance individually, a measure which several retirees at the meeting reminded officials was a violation of their negotiated union contracts.

Under the newly-adopted plan, retirees 65 and older will receive \$110 per month to pay for health insurance while those younger than 65 and single will receive \$175 monthly. Couples

will be allocated \$400 for health insurance and a family will receive \$455.

Temper and emotions ran high at the meeting during which several retirees expressed their criticism of the plan. Former Fire Chief Mel Moore told the officials that this action showed no consideration for the contract he signed with the city and asked Mayor Susan Rowan what plans are in place if it is impossible to find health care premiums at the stipend amount.

Rowan responded that there would be "people" at city hall to offer advice and direction to the retirees for finding plans in the open market.

"You are reaching a decision affecting my life," Moore said.

"We are making a decision to keep the doors of the City of Wayne open," responded Rowan.

"We have been assured you will find health care," Rowan said. "We are not going into bankruptcy, we aren't getting a financial manager. The state says we are not broke enough so we have to keep making cuts."

Union President Tim Reynolds told the council members and officials that they had disgraced the city "and everybody who wears the uniform and all those who sat in these seats

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## Extended holiday Annual Ice Festival follows celebration of New Year

The holiday season has been extended into the New Year in downtown Plymouth as plans for the 35th Annual Ice Festival Jan. 6-8 are well under way.

James Geitzman, president of JAG Entertainment, the company that organizes the event each year, spoke to members of the noon Plymouth Rotary Club last week, reminding them that the Ice Festival will closely follow the New Year's Day celebration in 2017. More than 100,000 people have visited the event in years past, he said, and this year with the help of corporate sponsors like Ford Motor Co., Genesis Credit Union, Blue Care Network, Fox 2 News and 98.9 The River, the festival will include even more attractions.

"This is an important event for downtown Plymouth," he said. "This brings people into businesses during these winter months which can be slow. Many times it is these customers that help keep merchants going until spring," he added.

This year's event will bring back fan-favorite activities like the Ice Playground, Fire and Ice Towers and the Dueling Chain Saws Competition. New attractions include the Winter Wonderland Michigan Market and horse-drawn carriages.

This year, small Michigan merchants from throughout the state will be displaying their unique goods and wares to festival attendees at a market on Forest Avenue between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing Street.

Geitzman told the Rotary Club members that all the favorite attractions would return, including the cutting of the ice ribbon, officially opening the event on Friday night in Kellogg Park. Opening ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. immediately followed by a live ice carving demonstration sponsored by IHA. Once the live ice carving is completed, there will be music with the IHA entertainment DJ that night and again on Saturday evening.

"And the Fire and Ice Towers will be back. These are chimneys we build of ice, fill with wood and burn on Friday and Saturday night," he said.

The annual Collegiate Ice Carving Competition presented by Genesis Credit Union is a tradition at the event, Geitzman said and this year there will be two carving competitions for various Michigan colleges and universities.

"Many folks don't realize that these students are in the culinary arts program and many ice carvers are chefs.



Photo by David Wilt

Having the ability to produce these beautiful ice carvings sets these students apart and often helps them get a job," he said.

He said another real benefit of the festival is getting children out of the house and into physical activity, something that isn't easy during the winter months.

"Again this year, families can enjoy learning how to ski together at the Blue Care Network Cross-Country Skiing Zone presented by Sun and

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James Geitzman

## Service remembers Trustee Marvin Gans

**"Marv spent decades working for us and representing the community in every sense of the word."**

The legacy of Marvin Gans can be found throughout the Northville community.

Through more than three decades on the Northville Township Planning Commission, more than 20 years as a township trustee and through organizations like the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, Mr. Gans was a tireless advocate who worked to improve his community.

"Marv spent decades working for us and representing the community in every sense of the word," said Township Treasurer

Marjorie Banner, who served with him for 16 years.

Mr. Gans passed away Dec. 2 at the age of 84. More than 200 friends and elected officials joined his family Saturday to celebrate his life, achievements and many positive things he left behind.

Born in New York City, Mr. Gans earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Hunter College, then a Master's Degree in Physical Education and Administration from the University of Michigan. He studied abroad on a Fulbright Teacher Exchange

before earning a Ph.D. in Physical Education and Recreational Administration and Facility Design from the University of Utah.

He served as the director of athletics at Schoecraft College and, later, assistant dean of Arts and Sciences and assistant dean of continuing education services before his retirement in 2003.

He essentially constructed the athletic program at the college from nothing. He designed the facilities that are still in use

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# BELLEVILLE - CANTON - PLYMOUTH

## \$1.1 million located, delayed audit ready

Members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees were expected to approve the finalized audit due June 30 at the regular meeting Tuesday.

According to Treasurer Mark Clinton, auditors from Plante-Moran have now completed the audit after receiving the final piece of information regarding the whereabouts of \$1.1 million. That money is now in the correct account and the financial accounts are balanced, Clinton said.

"I don't anticipate any problems," Clinton said of the expected vote on the audit. "I think it is well finalized." Clinton said, too, that there had been a great deal

of discussion about the audit at a work session two weeks ago and that the newly-elected board had opted to continue scheduling these work sessions where issues could be openly discussed at length and questions resolved prior to the official meetings where votes are taken.

He stressed that these sessions are open to the public to ensure transparency.

Clinton said that finding the \$1.1 million required some serious effort on the part of the staff, and he particularly singled out Cindy Kushner whom, he said, "did the heavy lifting" in pouring through the numerous bank accounts to reconcile the bal-

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ances.

The 6-month delay in filing the audit prompted the Michigan Department of Treasury to withhold \$24,285 in state shared revenue payments to the township, a situation that Clinton said should now be reversed.

"We should be fine going forward," he said.

The problems were evident in November when auditors

from Plante-Moran were still attempting to reconcile a general checking account from 2015, data necessary to complete the audit.

Clinton said that he felt that former Treasurer Ron Edwards "simply ran out of time" in his attempts to reconcile the accounts and leave the records "in good order."

"This isn't a one-man job. The office of the treasurer and the

clerk have to be in perfect sync with these records and financial balances," Clinton said. "I think we can achieve that going forward."

Martin Olejnik, a partner in Plante-Moran said preparation of the state-mandated township audit 6 months late presented exceptional difficulties.

"It was a tough process," he said. "It was a lot tougher than I'm used to, to be honest," Olejnik said.

Clinton said that he did not expect to face these problems in June, 2017 when the next state audit is due.

"I think we are on the right track now," he said.

## Grieving mother praises efforts of police

The sentencing of two Livonia residents to prison for supplying the drugs that killed a Canton Township man have brought a measure of peace to his mother.

Terrl Young, the mother of 34-year-old Andrew Kocoleski, expressed her gratitude for the efforts of the Canton Township police responsible for the investigation and prosecution of the individuals who provided the Fentanyl that ultimately killed her son.

Young praised the efforts of the officers who tracked down Eric Casey Rose and Megan Elizabeth Hicks and charged them with delivery of a controlled substance causing death, a felony punishable by up to life imprisonment.

Young said her son had faced a long battle with drug addiction, including heroin before his death Dec. 13, 2015. Before suc-

cumbing to drugs, Kocoleski was a commendable student and person, his mother said. In 2000, prior to his drug involvement, he was captain of both the basketball and football teams at Plymouth Salem High School. After graduation, he went on to play four years of football at Albion College where he was also nominated as team captain and was voted MVP (Most Valuable Player) during his senior year. He maintained a 3.5 grade point average during his college years, his mother said.

After college, he became addicted to drugs and last year battled that addiction to heroin with stints in a re-hab facility. While out of the support system, he arranged to obtain heroin from a source he had used several times in the past. He returned to his Canton Township residence and overdosed on the

drug sometime during the night Dec. 12, 2015.

His mother found him unconscious the next morning and immediately called 911. Canton police and fire personnel responded to the home but could not revive Kocoleski who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police officers on site noted evidence of drug use and an autopsy by the officer of the Wayne County Medical Examiner confirmed that the cause of Kocoleski's death was a Fentanyl overdose.

Canton police officers began an investigation into the incident and were able to retrace his steps to the deadly drug transaction, identifying the two suspects. Investigators submitted the evidence to the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor for a warrant recommendation.

The warrant was approved

and Rose, 30 and Hicks, 25, both of Livonia were each charged with one felony count of delivering the controlled substance.

Rose and Hicks each pleaded guilty to the charges in Wayne County Third Circuit Court.

Rose was sentenced to a prison term of 42 months minimum/15 years maximum, and Hicks was sentenced to 18 months minimum/15 years maximum.

Kocoleski's mother praised the Canton Police Department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for their efforts in taking these two suspects off the street.

According to a prepared statement from the police



Eric Rose



Megan Hicks

department, Young acknowledges her son's addiction, and its all-consuming effects and wants to pass along to the public that this disease does not discriminate.

She said she cannot stress enough her message of never starting or experimenting with opiates of any kind-as she watched her son pay the ultimate price with his life.

## School officials discuss poor test scores

The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) results in the Van Buren Public Schools district received scores below state averages for students, prompting discussion at the meeting of the board of education members recently.

District Director of Instruction Jeff Moore told the board members that the results "shows you we still have some work to do." Moore presented the scores and test results to the board members.

Moore said that while district students scored below the state averages, the test results were "just a snapshot of information."

"We want to be honest about this information and use the numbers for what they

are," Moore said.

He compared the poverty levels with the subject proficiency levels throughout Wayne County schools but admitted that even with the increased number of students receiving free and reduced-cost lunches in the district, students are still underperforming when compared to others with the same demographics.

Savage Elementary showed the highest scores of the four elementary schools with 92.21 percent proficiency in third grade math over a state average of 45.2 percent. Moore explained that this did not separate the gifted and talented students' scores, which would impact the percentages.

In third grade math, Edgemont stu-

dents achieved a 1.89 percent score while at Rawsonville students were 16.47 percent proficient and at Tyler, student scored 28.95 percent proficiency. Each of the scores indicated a lower proficiency level than scores last year at the same schools.

Moore said that the poor English Language Arts proficiency in the third grade had implications with the new reading bill approved in the state Legislature. Effective with the 2019-20 school year, third grade students who do not meet reading standards will be retained in third grade under the new state rules.

Moore said educational and sociological studies show that students who cannot read by the third grade are most likely not to graduate from high school and have a stronger chance of incarceration in the prison system.

Trustee Sherry Frazier clasped her hands in frustration, saying, "We won't get over this hump!"

Moore told the board trustees that school officials were adopting several curriculum improvements and researching teaching methods from other school districts in an effort to improve efficiency in Van Buren schools.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center St., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2017 for the following:

### PRINTING OF THE POISS NEWSLETTER

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.cantonmi.org](http://www.cantonmi.org) or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734-794-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, 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 proposals. 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.

MICHAEL SHEGRIET, CLERK

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### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO PURCHASING ORDINANCE: CHAPTER 39

On November 28, 2016, the City Council of the City of Romulus, approved amendments to the City Purchasing Ordinance, which in summary provides as follows:

- Provisions for local preferences to vendors who have a facility located in the City of Romulus were added to the Ordinance;
- Provisions to establish minimum insurance requirements for City vendors were added to the Ordinance;
- The threshold requirements for purchase of various amounts were clarified and some of the procedures for reviewing bids and for emergency purchases were clarified;
- The entire Ordinance is in file with the City Clerk, which can be reviewed or obtained by making a request to the City Clerk's office.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 28th day of November, 2016.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held at which a Mayor of the City was in said City on the 28th day of November, 2016.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in *The Eagle (Associated Newspapers)* a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 15th day of December, 2016.

EILEEN L. CRAIG-BRAGA, CMC, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against any ordinance containing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

### 2016 WINTER TAXES

Winter Taxes are due December 1, 2016 and payable through February 14, 2017 without penalty. Additional information appears on the accompanying open notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

Payments may be made at the Township Hall during regular working hours Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office. Township officials will be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26. The Treasurer's Office ONLY will remain open on Friday, December 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for year end tax payments. After hours payments can be placed in the 24 hour 131115 12809 BOX, located along the circle drive.

Mark Clinton

Treasurer

Charter Township of Plymouth

9915 Haggerty Road

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide reasonable, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting taking place on January 11, 2017.

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.

Employees: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and will not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services to ensure that individuals with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate 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.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and procedures 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 they are not permitted by law.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, should contact the Office of the Charter Township of Canton, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48106, (734) 394-5200 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 nature 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 Kaitlyn Coston, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48106, (734) 394-5200.

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 cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids or services or reasonable modifications of policies, such as interpreting from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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# WAYNE - WESTLAND

## New \$3 million project OK'd in Wayne

A new "state of the art" storage facility will be constructed in Wayne on a 2.2-acre parcel of city-owned land just east of the current police station on Michigan Avenue.

The project, estimated by Community Development Director Lori Gouin to cost in excess of \$3 million, was unanimously approved by members of the city council at their meeting Dec. 6.

The project, to be built and operated by Tim Judge, will be similar to a new facility in Plymouth on Ann Arbor Road,

Gouin said. The facility was described to the council members as two stories with the use of porcelain, limestone and brick in the architectural design. Gouin said the storage building would be climate controlled and include a total of 95,000 square feet, 70,000 of which would be rental space. She added that the building would offer UPS and post office boxes on site available to residents.

Gouin said that some approval from the city zoning and planning commissions would still be necessary to final-

"In addition, he is looking at \$75,000 in fees and a larger investment if he is not able to tap into the city storm drains as required by Wayne County."

tate the project with the vacating of an alleyway and street. "The units will be individually alarmed and this is a \$3 million investment for Mr. Judge," she told the members of the council. "In addition, he is looking at \$75,000 in fees and a large

investment if he is not able to tap into the city storm drains as required by Wayne County."

Gouin said that this project poses "a significant amount of land back on the tax rolls and that estimated taxes on the \$2.8 million project as presented

would be \$101,000 per year.

"And, the land is in the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) district, which means \$33,416 a year into the DDA fund which is much needed to make improvements," she said.

The project will provide from 50 to 75 jobs during construction and three jobs when operational.

Judge told the council members that he takes pride in his businesses and what he does and intends to "give back to the community."

## Suspect sought in multiple city robberies

A single suspect is thought to be responsible for several store robberies in the Westland area during the past weeks.

According to Westland police, they are seeking a man involved in three armed robberies that

took place Dec. 5. The first hold up took place at Rite Aid at 33563 Ford Road following by a robbery at a Family Dollar store at 31296 Michigan Ave. and another robbery at the Family Dollar store at 1963 South Wayne Road. The

three incidents took place, police said, within two hours.

Investigators believe the same suspect may have robbed the same Family Dollar store on Nov. 27. He is believed to have committed similar crimes in neigh-

boring communities, police said. Witnesses have described the suspect as a man in his 40s, about 5-foot, 8-inches to 5-foot, 10-inches tall, weighing about 180 pounds. The suspect was wearing a black coat, tan pants and a white hat at

the time of the first robbery at the Family Dollar store.

Police have asked anyone with information about the man or the incidents to contact the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9900.

## Stipend

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and came before you."

"We earned this. Our contract stated you would pay 100 percent," he said. "I am appalled people are going to support this."

Also voicing strong disagreement with the plan was Councilman Chris Sanders.

"The Other Paid Employee Benefits (OPEB) has been funding our city. We have been taking the money from retirees to support the city. We need to save money, but not on the backs of retirees. This is disgusting," Sanders said.

Councilman John Rhaesa responded loudly, "You're disgusting," prompting Rowe to request decorum at the meeting.

The motion was approved with yes votes from Rowe, Rhaesa, Anthony Miller and Tom Porter. Sanders, Ryan Gabriel and Richard Sutton cast the opposing votes.

Despite Rowe's attempts to quell comments on the matter, retirees continued to criticize the action during the audience comment portion of the agenda. Many retirees spoke about the effect of the action and the violation of their contractual agreements with the city.

Joe Cadillac, a 26-year employee, told the officials that

"We earned this. Our contract stated you would pay 100 percent. I am appalled people are going to support this."

their action was due to poor foresight and that it was a disgrace. He reminded them that former Tigers pitcher Denny McLain went to prison for spending the retirement money of employees at his meat packing plant.

In a statement following the meeting, Rhaesa accused Sanders of using the issue for political gain and said that

Sanders had been in favor even deeper cuts at study sessions and public hearings.

Sanders denied those claims and said that his remarks at those sessions were a criticism of what he has interpreted as the goal of the city to eliminate health care for retirees altogether.

"What I said was, 'If your

intent is to totally eliminate retiree health care, rip the Band-Aid off, but I can't support that."

Rhaesa called Sanders "battered" and claimed he was "pandering to the room full of retirees."

Sanders said Rhaesa had deliberately misquoted and mischaracterized his comments. He said that Rhaesa is attempting to misrepresent his statements in an attempt to defend the cuts which Sanders said he consistently opposed both publicly and privately.

"This city robbed retirees of money set aside to pay for their health care. As I said at the meeting, I find this action absolutely despicable."

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# INKSTER - ROMULUS

## Holiday spirit Basketball Legends of Inkster help 100 families at Christmas

One hundred families in Inkster will have a brighter holiday again this year, thanks to the efforts of the Basketball Legends of Inkster.

President and Director of Basketball Legends of Inkster Fred Smiley and a large group of volunteers helped package and organize food baskets, toys and gifts for the families, all funded by donations and the annual Christmas raffle the Basketball Legends organize. Help came, too, from the Kroger store in Dearborn Heights and Meijer, where volunteers shopped for goods for the families, Smiley said.

Winners this year in the annual Christmas raffle were announced last week, just before the giveaway took place.

Daniel Ponce won 10th prize which was dinner for two at Red Lobster; Yolanda Holmes won dinner for two at They Say restaurant; Ken Smith won dinner for two at Urban Soul restaurant and R.L. Harris won a case of Choice sirloin steaks, which was seventh prize.

Sixth prize, a Wilson golf bag and a dozen golf balls went to Eddie Hartman while fifth prize was awarded to Mladro Pehus who won a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Fourth prize went to Jim White who won a one-day weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

Third prize, a party for 10 at the Wayne Bowl, went to Perrel Singleton and second prize, a party blast for 15 at the Romulus Athletic Center, went to Robin Tuberville. First prize this year, a 24-inch flat screen television went to Anthony McNeil.

The grand prize, two tickets to see LeBron James and the World Champion Cleveland Cavaliers vs the Detroit Pistons went to Carl Sanders.

Bonus prizes were awarded to Irene Franklin, who received an official NBA Tablet and a Cleveland Cavaliers mug; Danielle Wright who won a Tristan Thompson autographed basketball and mug and Kay Borges who won a World Champion Cleveland Cavaliers shirt, hat and bag.

Smiley offered his gratitude to all those who donated the prizes, including George Blaha, piston tickets; Tim Nash, 24-inch flat screen TV; Wayne Bowl; Romulus Athletic Center; Don Kerr, Sheraton Hotel; Crystal Hudson, Marriott Hotel; State Farm - Clayton Ness; Gino, Fairway Meats; John Thompson, Urban Soul Restaurant; Terry Payne, They Say Restaurant and Lisa, Red Lobster in Dearborn.

The Cleveland Cavaliers donated all the bonus prizes.

Smiley said the group owed a special



Dennis Spencer and Clint Barnett were among the many volunteers from the Basketball Legends of Inkster who helped 100 families with groceries and gifts for the Christmas holiday during the annual giveaway this month. Volunteers from Kroger in Dearborn Heights helped package food and volunteers shopped at Meijer for the families.



Volunteers get ready to shop for families at Meijer along with Basketball Legends of Inkster Director Fred Smiley and shopping organizer Larry Spencer.

thanks to the Sheraton for providing the facility for the prize drawings and to all who participated in the event.

All the proceeds from the raffle were used for the Basketball Legends of Inkster.

Christmas Giveaway, Smiley said.

Smiley also said he wanted to especially thank Lawrence Simmons of Low 14 Films for a video of the actual raffle drawing.

## Say Their Names will honor veterans Saturday

Romulus Memorial Cemetery will be part of the national Say Their Names project this Saturday.

The event is part of the national non-profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) project and this is the first year that the Romulus cemetery will be joining more than 1,000 participating locations across the country on Saturday to "Say Their Names."

Romulus volunteers will place remembrance wreaths on the headstones of veterans interred there and announces the names of all these local heroes to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of America are not, and never will be, forgotten. This local initiative is being organized by the Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee and Romulus VFW Post #9568.

"Without the thousands of local volun-

teers across the country who give their time and energy to support the mission, Wreaths Across America would not exist," said Karen Worcester, WAA executive director. "All our supporters understand the value of remembering the fallen, honoring those who currently serve, and the need to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for our freedom."

National Wreaths Across America Day is a free community event open to all people. The local event will begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 17 with a ceremony and laying wreaths shortly after.

The Romulus Memorial Cemetery was established in 1832. More than 250 veterans are buried there including, 25 Civil War Veterans, and a Medal of Honor recipient of the Spanish American War.

For more information on how to get

involved, call (734) 955-8864.

Since 1992, WAA founder Morrill Worcester has always asked volunteers placing remembrance wreaths to take time to read the name on the headstone aloud. During the escort of wreaths to

Arlington National Cemetery last December, Worcester stated, "A person dies twice: the first time, when they stop breathing, and a second time, when someone says their name for the last time."

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## Calendar of events

### Coffee With Kurt tomorrow

Kurt Heise will host his first monthly "Coffee with Kurt" as Plymouth Township Supervisor from 8-9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Dec. 16, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9855 N. Haggerty Road.

Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided.

"As state representative for six years, my monthly coffees became a tradition in the Plymouth community," said Heise. "I want to build on that success and make sure our taxpayers have a chance to know what's going on at Township Hall in an informal setting."

Newly-elected Township Clerk Jerry Vorva and Treasurer Mark Clinton have also been invited to attend. Future coffees will also take place at township facilities, and at coffee shops and restaurants in the Plymouth community.

### 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) 470-4230 or access [www.redeemertulsa.lutheranchurch-mi.com](http://www.redeemertulsa.lutheranchurch-mi.com).

### 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 11189 Shook Road, St. 200, Romulus, MI 48174.

Later nominations will not be considered.

A committee will review the nominations and make the selection of the winning candidate. This is the 32nd year for the award in the city.

More information is available at (734) 883-0694 or [admin@romuluschamber.org](mailto:admin@romuluschamber.org).

### Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the

library at (734) 942-7589 or visit [www.romulus.lib.mi.us](http://www.romulus.lib.mi.us). The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

### Winter clothing collected

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community members to donate new, warm winter items for the Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth) will also be collecting donations through the end of December.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail [randi.williams@pcuwm.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuwm.org).

### Candy Cane contest begins

The Romulus Public Library is now accepting entries in the Candy Cane Counting Contest.

Entries will be accepted through Dec. 30 from those 18 and younger who must guess the number of candy canes in the jar. There will be one winner who guesses the total number of canes in the jar. In case of a tie, the library staff will choose a random winner to be announced Jan. 2.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589 or visit [www.romulus.lib.mi.us](http://www.romulus.lib.mi.us).

### Parent Child Storytimes set

Interactive Storytime for parents and children is planned for 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21 at the Romulus Library for parents and children 4 and younger.

There will also be activities for parents and children at the event.

This is a partnership with the Guidance Center. No pre-registration is necessary.

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### Sounds of the Season planned

A holiday concert, Sounds of the Season, is planned at 8 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Western Campus of the Wayne County



## Ice

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Snow: Seasoned professionals will explain the gear, help guests suit up and set them off on the cross-country skiing trail in Kelleys Park, he said. "If kids find they like it, it can lead to a real interest in skiing for them."

The Ice Playground interactive area sponsored by Lou LaRiche is full of games carved out of ice and has plenty of opportunity for pictures while the kids play with the ice, Getzen said.

The EG Nicks Party Lot on Forest Avenue will have cold beer, drink spe-

cials and live music. The Party Lot has become the place to be for the evening crowd. There will be live entertainment from Big Ray and the Motor City Kings on Friday, Jan. 6, and Fifty Amp Fuse on Saturday, Jan. 7.

"But," Getzen said with a smile, "the most exciting event is always the chain saw competition when we give each carver a block of ice, a chain saw, one other tool and have the audience tell them what they will carve."

"It's extremely high energy and kids love it," he said.

For more information, visit [www.plymouthicefestival.com](http://www.plymouthicefestival.com) or follow on social media at @PlymouthIce (Twitter) and on Facebook.

Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

The concert will feature the Michigan Philharmonic and special guests the Belleville High School Choir and is free and open to the public, although tickets are required.

To register and obtain free tickets, call (734) 374-3230 or access [www.wcced.edu](http://www.wcced.edu).

The concert is sponsored by the college School of Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

### Christmas Tea is served

The Canton Historical Society members will host their 4th Annual Christmas Tea at the Bartlett-Travis House, one of the oldest homes in the Canton community. The home will be decorated for the holidays in Christmas finery of the 1900s.

The tea will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17. Participants can take a stop back

in time as they enjoy a holiday tea in the home, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, mini-quiches, sandwiches and desserts.

Musical entertainment will be provided by harpist Laurel Fiederush. Tickets are priced at \$25 per person and available at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Seating is limited.

For more information, visit [www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org) or call (734) 397-3048.

### Christmas Concert planned

The Belleville Community Band will perform a Christmas Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

The concert will take place at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

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