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Jacqueline St. Antoine, a teacher at Franklin Middle School in Wayne, will travel to Finland to speak at an international conference of educators.

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Westland Mayor William Wild chose a pastel work by Laurel Ralsanen of Wayne as his favorite entry in the Three Cities Art Club Juried Art Exhibition.

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Future of golf course discussed

Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz urged the board to examine all possible solutions before closing the golf course.

Plymouth township officials continue to discuss the future of Hilltop Golf Course as financial losses at the municipal facility continue and the current management company has requested \$1 million for repairs and improvements.

The golf course, long a subject of controversy among residents and officials, is reportedly losing as much as \$100,000 annually while a loan of more than \$200,000 to the facility from the township general fund remains unsatisfied.

Currently, the 18-hole municipal course is managed by Billy Casper Golf Inc. and representatives from that independent venture have requested renovation and installation of walking paths, concession improvements, new golf carts and removal of several trees on the course. Those renovations and maintenance issues could total as much as \$1 million, according to township sources.

During a meeting last week, Township Supervisor Kurt Heise told members of the board of trustees that the township does not have the funding for those requested improvements. Representatives from the management company have said the course would be more attractive to golfers with the improvements helping reverse the annual financial losses.

Heise told the board members that the financial losses at the course could not continue while he was convinced that the golf course employees were "doing the best they can with what they've got."

He suggested that golf courses are being repurposed by communities and that the Hilltop site might be a recreational area to be used for walking, jogging, bike and cross-country skiing, with paths, green space, pavilions and other amenities.

He suggested forming a committee including township trustees and residents to examine possible uses for the site should township officials decide to close the golf course.

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before closing the golf course. Trustee Chuck Curni urged the board members not to interpret the discussion as a death sentence for the golf course.

Heise also suggested selling off a portion of the land on the southernmost section of the golf course for development of condominiums. He said he estimated the township could realize \$2 million from the sale of that section of the property.

Treasurer Mark Clinton suggested that residents were already concerned regarding worsening traffic congestion throughout the township as more homes are constructed.

Heise said that no decision had been made but the management contract with Billy Casper will expire in March of 2019 and the township is required to provide the company with 120 days notice if officials opt not to renew the agreement.



Making it merry

More than 30 children joined some local heroes Tuesday for a holiday shopping trip through Meijer in Westland. Firefighters and police officers from Westland joined the children for the 13th Annual Shop with a Hero event. Police Sgt. James Compton, above, was among the officers and firefighters who helped ensure families enjoyed a Christmas shopping outing. The children were also treated to a pizza party and a visit with Santa. Meijer, the sole sponsor of the event in Westland, also provided families food gift baskets for a holiday dinner. "To be able to provide a child with the joy of Christmas is an incredible opportunity," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "Our first responders and local charitable groups who are also participating do amazing work each year to ensure that the children of Westland have a magical and memorable Christmas."

Philharmonic conductor's contract

The Michigan Philharmonic has signed a three-year contract extension with Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn. Now in her 19th season with the Michigan Philharmonic, Washburn has led the organization's evolution into one of the most innovative and dynamic professional symphony orchestras in the region since her arrival in 1999, noted Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic.

The winner of The American Prize in Orchestral Conducting, professional division, in 2013 and 18 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming from the League of American Orchestras, Washburn is one of the most innovative conductors working in the United States today. For her engaging performances and leading-edge approach to concert programming, critics have hailed her work as having "perspicacity, nerve, imagination and fire around every word." Under her direction, the Michigan Philharmonic has garnered national awards

and recognition, winning six ASCAP awards from the League of American Orchestras as well as First Place in the prestigious American Prize for professional orchestras in 2016, Stewart continued.

Before being recruited to Michigan from California, Washburn served as artistic director and conductor of the West Hollywood Orchestra for five years; music director of Orchestra Sonoma, the Camella Symphony, and the San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra. Washburn first came to national attention as a co-founder, the artistic director, and associate conductor of the San Francisco-based Women's Philharmonic from 1980 to 1990, during which time she became one of the leading authorities on and advocates for orchestral works of women composers. For her pioneering work in this field, she was awarded the WTA - Joanne C. Rae Award for Advancement of Women's Culture.

Washburn has put the

Michigan Philharmonic on the map by working with and performing works by many of the leading composers in the U.S. today, including Joseph Schwaninger, William Bolcom, Libby Larsen, John Corigliano, Chen Yi, Lou Harrison, Tobias Picker, Michael Daugherty, Jennifer Higdon, Gabriela Lena Frank, Andre Myers and Michael Gilbertson, Stewart said.

"We are thrilled to engage Nan for another three years and the artistic head of our organization," said Stewart. "Nan brings the background and artistic leadership we need as the organization enters an exciting phase with the possibility of having a performance home for the orchestra."

As the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, which houses the administrative offices of the Michigan Phil and 36 other arts and recreational organizations, plans to renovate and expand the facility, a new performing arts center is one of the goals of the project, Stewart said.



Nan Washburn

"Having a performing arts center right in the heart of our hometown of Plymouth would be a dream come true for the Michigan Philharmonic," Washburn said. "It is something we have waited so long for and would be a perfect way to celebrate my two decades with the orchestra."

For more information the Michigan Philharmonic, concert schedules and tickets visit www.michiganphil.org.

NORTHVILLE - ROMULUS

Helping hands

Legends raffle provides holidays for families

The annual Inkster Legends Christmas Raffle was a "smashing success" despite some inclement weather, according to founder and director Fred Smiley.

Every year, the Inkster Legends raffle pays for holiday groceries and gifts for 100 less fortunate Inkster families.

"We give the families about two weeks of groceries, toys for the children and some clothing," Smiley said. "I give the team at Kroger on Meridian and Cherry Hill in Westland a shopping list and they shop for 100 families in Inkster; box up everything for us and have it ready to pick up on the Saturday we do the distribution," Smiley said. "I really want to thank the manager there and his team."

"I also want to thank the group at Meijer in Westland for their generous support. That is where we purchase the toys and clothes for distribution," he added. Meijer in Westland donated \$500 to help with shopping for the families, Smiley said.

Prizes for the annual raffle were awarded during a gathering Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

"We really need to thank the luxurious Sheraton Hotel for giving us use of the facility for our event," Smiley said. "I would also like to thank all the volunteers who make our event a success and I would be remiss if I failed to thank all the volun-

teers who help sell raffle tickets. Especially Nick Jones of Berta Vision for his continued great work with our organization," Smiley said. He added that the U-Haul manager in Inkster provided storage and a truck for hauling the toys, groceries and clothing.

Smiley said that he and the group also appreciated Greg Lewis and his staff at the Booker DeLozier Recreation Center for their assistance with the program.

This year the grand prize of two tickets to see the Houston Rockets vs. the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesars Arena Jan. 6, was won by Alice Brown; the second bonus grand prize of a Harlem Globetrotters family pack including four tickets along with an autographed basketball headbands and wristbands went to W. Singletary.

First prize of a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel including breakfast went to Dennis Spencer; second prize of four tickets to the world-famous Henry Ford Museum was won by V. Mitchell while third prize of a birthday party blast for 15 at the Romulus Athletic Center went to Clark Bishop.

Fourth prize of two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats in Detroit was won by Melvin Wiley; fifth prize of a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel went to Ernestine Williams and sixth prize, a



Inkster State Rep. Jewell Jones, above, and his friends came out to help with the toy shopping at Meijer for the Basketball Legends of Inkster Christmas giveaway. Among those who helped select items for the families this year were Jermaine and Rachael Bounds; Mikaela Wynn; Darius Turner; Javlon Johnson; Meelya Robinson and Jones.

Garmin GPS navigation system was awarded to Leita Taylor.

Seventh prize, dinner for two at Urban Soul restaurant in Detroit went to S. Vassallo; eighth prize, two vouchers for dinner for two at They Say went to Tyrone Orr and Ernestine Williams; ninth prize, dinner for two at Red Lobster was won by Woody Woodward and 10th prize, a \$25 gift card at Ford Garage in Dearborn was won by Beverly Spencer.

"I also want to thank God," Smiley said, "because none of this is possible without God's grace."

Inkster Legends also accepts donations to help their holiday efforts. To donate or for more information go to www.inksterlegends.com and click on contact us.



School leader rated 'effective'

Members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education have rated Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak as "effective."

The rating encompasses Kudlak's performance as the leader of the district from July through December 2017. The board has been in the process of evaluating

Kudlak since July.

He will be evaluated for his performance from January through December of 2018.

Discussion of the evaluation continued during a special closed session of the board members prior to the regular meeting last week.



Special guests

Radio Station 96.3 WVDV visited the Romulus Fire Department Dec. 15 as part of their "Salute to First Responders" program and delivered boxed lunches from HoneyBaked Ham for the crews on duty. They also donated gift cards to buy meals for the crews working on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Welcoming the visitors are firefighter Mike Pyke, left; Lauren Crocker, 96.3 WVDV on-air personality; Romulus Fire Service Director Kevin Krause; Christine Fowler, 96.3 WVDV on-air personality; Matt Laurinac, 96.3 WVDV on-air personality and Romulus firefighter David Ehler.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

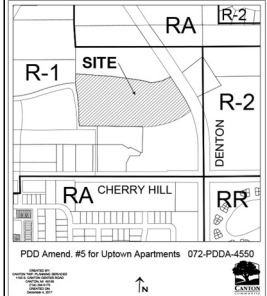
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018, at the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1158 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

UPDOWN AMENDMENT NO. 4 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27-04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PART OF PARCEL NO. 072-99-0001-713. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1158 Canton Center Rd. prior to Thursday, January 4, 2018 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP Greg Goetz, Chairman
Publics Newspaper December 21, 2017



PDD Amend. #5 for Uptown Apartments 072-PDDA-4550

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1158 Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2018 for the following:

SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.cantonmi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734-764-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the proposal number, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal 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 on the grounds of contract.

MICHAEL MCGINTY, CLERK
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 18 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS:

MICHIGAN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 120-99-001-001, 120-99-001-002, 120-99-001-003, 120-99-001-004, 120-99-001-005, 120-99-001-006, 120-99-001-007, 120-99-001-008, 120-99-001-009, 120-99-001-010, 120-99-001-011, 120-99-001-012, 120-99-001-013, 120-99-001-014, 120-99-001-015, 120-99-001-016, 120-99-001-017, 120-99-001-018, 120-99-001-019, 120-99-001-020, 120-99-001-021, 120-99-001-022, 120-99-001-023, 120-99-001-024, 120-99-001-025, 120-99-001-026, 120-99-001-027, 120-99-001-028, 120-99-001-029, 120-99-001-030, 120-99-001-031, 120-99-001-032, 120-99-001-033, 120-99-001-034, 120-99-001-035, 120-99-001-036, 120-99-001-037, 120-99-001-038, 120-99-001-039, 120-99-001-040, 120-99-001-041, 120-99-001-042, 120-99-001-043, 120-99-001-044, 120-99-001-045, 120-99-001-046, 120-99-001-047, 120-99-001-048, 120-99-001-049, 120-99-001-050, 120-99-001-051, 120-99-001-052, 120-99-001-053, 120-99-001-054, 120-99-001-055, 120-99-001-056, 120-99-001-057, 120-99-001-058, 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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Philharmonic awards teen scholarship

The Michigan Philharmonic has awarded a full year String Fellowship to Rachel Browning, bassist with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Browning is a senior at Plymouth High School and has been studying and playing the double bass for seven years. She joined the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Sinfonia in 2012 and became the principle bassist for the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Symphony in 2013. She is also the principle bassist for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) orchestra.

An accomplished musician, Browning has received a number one rating for three consecutive years at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association solo and ensemble state competition and was selected as a member of the Michigan Honors Orchestra for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in the spring of 2017. To broaden her experi-

ence with the bass, she participates in multiple pit orchestras and joined the John Coltrane Jazz Band at PCEP.

Browning said she is excited about her upcoming senior year in high school and plans to continue to her study of music and the double bass in college.

The Michigan Philharmonic String Fellowship is an award given to an advanced string player in the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Winners of the Fellowship have the opportunity to perform with the Michigan Philharmonic on several concerts per year and receive a stipend for their work.

"We have never awarded the string fellowship to a bass player before and we are excited that Rachel is such an accomplished musician," said Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra conductor Hector Oyler.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra was founded in 2003 and has

grown significantly since its inception. Currently the youth orchestra consists of more than 135 students in five different ensembles - two levels of beginning and intermediate strings, the Chamber Winds, the Flute Choir and the full Youth Symphony. Students have the opportunity to give two performances on a professional stage at the Village Theater in Canton in addition to side-by-side performances with the Michigan Philharmonic for the two upper ensembles.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will be hosting auditions for 2018 winter semester after the holidays. Visit www.mpo.org for more information. Auditions will be for all levels of strings, winds, brass and percussion instruments.

For more information on the Michigan Philharmonic, visit www.michiganphil.org or Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.



Rachel Browning

School district names new operations director

Northville Public Schools have a new director of operations.

District officials have hired Steve Banchemo for the position, replacing Chris Goans who announced his retirement after 20 years at the helm of the Maintenance and Operations Department for the district.

During the two decades of his leadership, Goans oversaw building maintenance during periods of significant reductions in school funding, assisted with the transition to contracting of trans-

portation and custodial services, and provided leadership in the implementation of Sinking Fund dollars toward facility needs, explained Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher.

She said that following a thorough search and interview process, the district selected Banchemo for the director's position.

Banchemo comes to Northville Public Schools with 18 years of experience as a construction project manager for McCarthy & Smith, Inc., in Farmington

Hills, specializing in the planning, budgeting, and construction of educational facilities, Gallagher said. Banchemo has a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in Civil Engineering and Construction Management.

"Steve is a Northville community member and school parent, who most recently volunteered his time and expertise in co-chairing the district Facility Review/Bond Study Committee. His

expertise in facilities and construction will be of great benefit to the district as we move forward with the implementation of Bond 2017 projects, and in overseeing facility operations and maintenance district-wide," Gallagher said.

"As we welcome Steve to the Northville Public Schools team, I also want to take the opportunity to thank Chris Goans for his 20 years of service, and his gracious offer to make himself available as needed to support the transition process," she concluded.

Annual Snowman Photo Contest under way

The Plymouth Recreation Department is sponsoring the annual Snowman Photo Contest again this year.

To enter, city residents need to build a snowman, dress him up and take a photo of the end result which should be

dropped off at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office. Photos can also be sent by mail, email or fax.

Entries should include the child's name, address, phone number and email address of the person submitting the

photo. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m. Friday, March 2.

Judging will take place the week of March 5 and the winner will be announced March 12.

Photos should be submitted to City of Plymouth Recreation Department, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, MI 48170 or emailed to plierzack@ci-plymouth.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 455-0620. The fax line is (734) 453-1132.

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CITY OF ROMULUS Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Projects COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FY 2018/2019

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and is scheduling a Public Hearing on **Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm** for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2018/2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an ESTIMATED \$151,065.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits to areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, preserving deteriorating housing, improving recreational facilities and programs and assisting in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carry out the following eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts.

OBJECTIVES:

- Benefiting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
- Benefiting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
- Addressing Slums and High or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
- Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

ACTIVITY	FY 2018/2019 Proposed Projects	Amount	* Objectives Met
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 65A		\$ 22,660	A, B
Park improvements in two City Parks: Historical and McAnally	LMA-03F	\$113,298	A, D
General Administration - 21A (10%)		\$ 15,107	A
	Sub-Total	\$151,065	
Next available project from Program Income		\$ 5,000	A, C,
		\$156, 065	

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the **second** Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before December 29, 2017. The City of Romulus will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7455.

Public Hearing, Thursday, December 21, 2017

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Calendar of events

Magician performs tomorrow

Las Vegas magician and Michigan native Aaron Radatz will be returning to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton one show at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

Radatz, who was recently featured on the global TV Masters of Illusion, will be presenting magic and comedy.

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Humane Society of Michigan. In addition, Radatz's new children's book, *The Adventures of Dingo the Dog* will also benefit the Humane Society with a portion of each book sale benefiting the organization. Radatz's own rescue dog Dingo inspired the book and will be part of the show helping to raise awareness of this cause.

Recently, Radatz completed his first headlining engagement on the famed Las Vegas Strip and is the only magician to have been commissioned by the US Pentagon to entertain overseas troops. To date, Radatz has toured 45 U.S. states, 27 countries, and six continents.

Tickets range from \$18 to \$24 and can be purchased online at www.cantonillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

Circus performs in Canton

The New Year will be celebrated with high-flying aerial antics on fabric, trapeze feats of daring and byrns moves along with other jaw-dropping performances as The Detroit Circus performs at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill New Year's Eve.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31 show, are priced at \$22 and available at www.cantonillagetheater.org or the Village Theater box office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekdays.

Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (734) 394-5300 ext. 3.

Spectators will be entertained by this locally-based, animal-free circus that features performers including acrobats, jugglers, and shows with feats of mind-bending strength and acrobatics. Performances of The Detroit Circus have sold out at The Village Theater each year since 2015.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonillagetheater.org.

Adult yoga classes offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer an Adult Slow Flow Yoga class from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Jan. 2 through Feb. 20 or Jan. 4 through Feb. 22 at

the Plymouth Cultural Center.

This active, multi-level yoga class is taught in a flow style format. The classes will incorporate a flow of movement and breath, with a focus on form and body awareness. Each class will end with a guided meditation and relaxation.

Cost for this class is \$89 for city of Plymouth residents and \$104 for non-residents.

Registration can be found online at www.plymouthmi.us or by calling (734) 455-0629, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Garden Club meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 3 at Ward Presbyterian Church, enter door 6 or 7 on east side of the building.

The speaker at the meeting will be Juliana Corn who will address the topic: "Carpenter's familiar phrase encouraging people to take advantage of the opportunity at hand because it may be gone tomorrow."

Her program demonstrates how this concept can be applied to gardens in ways that increase enjoyment and reduce labor. Using examples from travel both home and abroad, the discussion will explore possibilities for change and development in landscapes.

Guests are welcome at the meeting. For more information, contact Terri Plaut, (734) 551-0819.

Neuromovement class offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer an eight-week Neuromovement class from 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 4 through Feb. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The classes are designed to eliminate aches, pains, and stiffness and increase flexibility, both physical and mental.

Neuromovement® is a holistic approach to human functioning and action, based on the understanding that movement is the language of the brain. Cost for the class is \$125 for city of Plymouth residents and \$148 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at www.plymouthmi.us or by calling (734) 455-0629, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Pet CPR classes offered

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) is hosting a pet CPR and first aid training at the Plymouth headquarters at 1290 Goldsmith

PARC plans public forum

The new year will bring news about the future plans of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

Representatives of the facility will host a Community Forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Peon Theatre in downtown Plymouth to provide an update regarding the historic former Plymouth High Central Middle School which is being repurposed into an arts and recreation center. Plans to add a new performing arts center at the facility were announced last month, along with a major funding drive.

The forum is open to the public and representatives from PARC will be available for questions. Preliminary designs, site plans, and renderings of the facilities will be on display and available for public review.

"After two years of successful operation, PARC has far surpassed all reasonable initial expectations; this should provide the community great confidence in PARC's future," commented Don Soenen, PARC president. "Recent independent survey data indicates that an overwhelming majority of Plymouth city and township residents believe that PARC adds value to our community; this bodes well for the future," he added.

PARC is a 501(c)(3) public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Central Middle School and the 16.6 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the Greater Plymouth Community.

For more information contact Soenen at (734) 516-4053 or dsenen@gmail.com.

from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

The class and training are free and will explain how to care for pets in the event of an emergency.

All ages are welcome. Students must register in advance at <https://forms.jcfm.com/7340299692164>

Miniature Masterpieces performed

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform chamber ensemble music performed by 14 players during the Miniature Masterpieces concert set for 2 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth. The chapel is located at 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

Schools host open house

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include: scheduling,

graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend, and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Greenwood Street parking lot, and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at (734) 419-2215.

Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the Valentine's Day tradition Butterfly Ball in Canton are now on sale.

The dance returns to the Summit on the Park Feb. 9 and 10, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories for dads and daughters.

The evening will include dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly sovenir, and the highly anticipated balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Three dances are scheduled this year: 6 p.m. Feb. 9 and 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

All three dances will be in the Summit Gymnasium this year.

Tickets are \$11 for Canton residents and \$14 for non-residents. All ticket sales will end Feb. 1. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. This annual event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is advised.

For more information, call (734) 394-5480.



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