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Ford Road grant application is rejected

One of the most dangerous intersections in Michigan will not receive federal funding to reconfigure the traffic flow, after all.

Officials in Washington, D.C. who recommend and award the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery or TIGER grants, rejected the grant application from Canton Township officials last week. This was the third round of such grant funding and the third effort of Canton officials seeking funds to reconfigure the traffic flow at the intersection of I-275 and Ford Road. Township officials have indicated that should there be a fourth round of

TIGER grants, they will reapply for funding for the \$20.3 million project, which will reshape the intersection in an effort to ease traffic congestion, called "one of the most accident-prone areas" in the state.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Municipal Services Director Tim Faas have both spoken to the state Legislature regarding the necessity of making the intersection less hazardous for drivers. The Michigan Department of Transportation is moving forward with a traffic and environmental impact study that may take as long as a year to deter-

mine the feasibility of the project amidst growing bipartisan support from state legislators, according to a state spokesman.

In March, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, SEMCOG, will reportedly add the project to the list of regional transportation projects supported by the organization, which should bring more support, and funding, from the state, a spokesperson noted.

LaJoy reportedly said that there is a "good chance" that the project could be shovel-ready by the end of 2012, although there is no guarantee of state money at this time.

Holiday helpers GM plant workers raise \$15,000 to aid Toys For Tots

The employees at the GM plant in Romulus are experts at working together on the job—and have once again proven that cooperation is the key to success off the job as well.

Every year, the UAW members support several charities, but during the holidays, they put extra effort into the annual Toys for Tots drive which provides toys for children.

This year, the plant workers raised more than \$15,000 for the annual Toys for Tots campaign which was used to purchase bicycles, toys, and books for children in the Romulus area. Workers organized bake sales, t-shirt sales, pop can collections, Christmas ornament sales, poinsettia sales, and gate collections throughout the year to ensure the success of the holiday effort.

"The generosity of our workforce has continued to exceed everyone's expectations.



Plant Manager Kai Spande (left) and Bob Crumley, chairman - UAW Local 163, pose with Santa Claus at the GM Romulus Engine 2011 Toys for Tots Campaign.

Employee contributions and support of our local charitable programs have distinguished UAW Local 163 and Romulus Engine as key members of the community," said Bob Crumley, chairman - UAW Local 163.

This year, fundraising efforts also included donations from local GM dealers, local automotive suppliers, and local businesses in the Romulus area. Romulus High School

students also partnered with Romulus Engine on fundraising efforts.

"We would like to thank the men and women of Romulus Engine for once again donating their time, effort and money to support those less fortunate in our local community. Their generosity is especially appreciated in these difficult economic times and we are very proud of their efforts," said Kai Spande, plant manager at Romulus Engine.

Cause of Wayne explosion 'undetermined'

The cause of the explosion at William C. Franks Furniture in Wayne last December remains a mystery, despite the best efforts of fire investigators.

The early-morning explosion

killed two employees, James Zell, 64 and Leslie Machniak, 54, and seriously injured business owner Paul Franks.

In a report filed last week with the Michigan Public Service

Commission, investigators from Consumers Energy Co. made no definite finding as to the cause of the blast and subsequent fire which demolished the building. Investigators instead offered three possible causes in the 65-page report. They found a 2-inch break in a natural gas main about 230 feet behind the building, but could not determine whether the rupture occurred before or after the explosion. In the report, investigators were also unable to determine whether there was a gas leak inside the building which may have caused the blast. They said pipes had been removed or damaged during the rescue and fire containment efforts, making that determination impossible.

Another possibility was that gas came into the building through a sanitary sewer, investigators said in the report.

"There was a very intense effort to determine a cause," said Jeff Holyfield, a spokesman from Consumers Energy. "We did our best to identify the cause but we just weren't able to."

According to the gas provider, six of the 10 lawsuits that were filed as a result of the explosion have now been settled, including those filed by Franks and the families of those killed. Two other injury cases and two property damage cases remain open, according to Consumers Energy.

Franks is reportedly still recuperating from his massive injuries.



Salvation Army continues collection efforts

The chime of the bells ringing at The Salvation Army's more than 400 red kettle locations ended Christmas Eve - traditionally the final day of kettles at storefronts.

The Salvation Army still has \$5 million to raise in order to reach the \$8.2 million Red Kettle Campaign goal. The nonprofit is approximately \$300,000 behind in donations from this time last year.

"We're \$5 million away from achieving our goal to provide critical services to the neediest in our community," said Major Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander for The Salvation Army Eastern

Michigan Division.

According to Major Daniel Hull, corps officer at the Plymouth facility, the campaign for the Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Belleville service area has currently collected \$188,370 or 59 percent of the \$315,000 Christmas goal for this year. The Red Kettle drive has collected \$149,183 if its targeted \$225,000, Hull said.

"The money donated to the red kettles is used throughout the year to provide basic necessities to those who would otherwise go without," Anderson said.

"The bell ringing portion of our campaign has ended," Hull said.

"Donations are still being accepted through the end of January as part of our Christmas Fundraising Campaign. To make a contribution, please send it in or drop it off at our office located at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Our office is open between 9 a.m. and noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday." Funds raised by the Red Kettle campaign support programs and services such as food, shelter, utility assistance, free legal aid, after school programs, counseling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, disaster aid and more.

Contributions also can be made by sending a check to The

Salvation Army at 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075; calling 877-SAL-MICH; giving online at www.salmich.org until Jan. 31, 2012; or texting 'GOODMICH' to 80888*.

This past year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 3,194,802 million meals and 687,203 nights of shelter for the homeless. The Salvation Army uses \$.85 of every dollar raised to provide direct services to people in need each and every day of the year. For more information about The Salvation Army, please 877-SAL-MICH, or visit www.salmich.org.

ROMULUS

74 and counting

Club members plan fundraisers to repair roof, parking lot at hall

The club started with a goal of assisting needy children and families. To this day, the Progressive Hall at 11580 Ozga near Romulus Lanes at Five Points serves as a place for community gatherings, fundraising and charitable activities, parties and other functions.

Club leaders believe that a majority of Romulus residents have been inside Progressive Hall at one time or another.

The next opportunity to visit the hall is scheduled for New Year's Eve as the club brings in 2012 with a party that is open to the entire community.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Dance music will be provided by DJ Tony Martinez. There will be 50/50 drawings, raffles and door prizes.

Tickets are \$20 for most adults, \$15 for seniors 62 and older and \$10 for children 6 to 17.

The party will be the start of fundraising and membership drives intended to beef up club membership and refurbish the hall's roof and parking lot.

"This is the place for city events," said Jim Poet, whose family operates the hall with fellow club member Jim Vanmeer and his family. "We rent it for everything: birthday parties, graduation parties, wedding showers and receptions, funeral memorials - whatever you need."

Because the Progressive Club is a nonprofit organization, because the hall's rental rate is considered inexpensive - funeral rentals are only \$150, for example - and because the hall needs expensive repairs, the club is turning to the community it has helped for nearly three-quarters of a century.

In the earliest days of the Progressive Club, members provided hearing aids, wheelchairs and glasses to needy residents. At Christmas time, members would put together goodie bags for any child that would come to visit Santa Claus. When the school system grew too large to host such an event, the club donated money to the schools for Christmas parties.

Throughout club history, members worked with Goodfellows to make sure children had gifts at Christmas

time and families had enough groceries.

During World War II, the club sent contributions to the Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek to help entertain wounded veterans that were confined there.

According to a 1958 club report, members donated to the March of Dimes, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the Crippled Children Lilly Fund, the Jaycees and other groups. Members purchased high school band uniforms, playground equipment, sent boys to the University of Michigan Fresh Air Camp and met many other needs at the time.

In the 1950s, donations were made possible by the Progressive Club's Friday night benefit parties at the hall. Six years of hall rentals allowed members to build a parking lot.

It was the giving spirit that drew Poet and Vanmeer to the club decades later. When they joined, they were the club's youngest members. Since that time, the senior club members retired or passed away "after giving their hearts and souls to the club," Vanmeer said.

"It's for the community - that's why we're doing it," Poet said. "We like to help out people. We've done things for the high school volleyball team. We did a spaghetti dinner for the robotics team. Jim's daughter raised money for the three-day Walk for the Cure on behalf of her aunt, who had cancer. We try to help everyone out."

The Poets and Vanmeers give whenever they see a need. Diane Poet serves on the Recreation Commission. Gail Vanmeer provides Meals on Wheels on Wednesdays at the Romulus Senior Center.

Most recently, Progressive Hall hosted the annual Santa Claus visit, which drew hundreds of family members from Romulus and surrounding communities.

"We bleed Romulus," Vanmeer said. "The city's been great to us. If it wasn't for the city, we wouldn't have made it this far... But now we need some help."

Roof repairs and a new parking lot have been estimated at



Jim Poet and Jim Vanmeer, who operate the Progressive Hall in Romulus with their families, are planning several fundraisers to help with repairs at the 74-year-old hall.

tens of thousands of dollars. In addition to making money through hall rentals, the club will accept donations and sponsorships from individuals and organizations.

Poet and Vanmeer are seeking additional members who feel as they do: people who want to help the community.

"We're staying. We're going to keep going," Vanmeer said. "I like the tradition and I like helping the city, the Romulus Flyers, the Huron youth wrestling team and all the other organizations that have asked for help."

For tickets to the New Year's Party or Progressive Hall rental information, call Jim Vanmeer at (248) 640-4567 or the hall at (734) 941-3044.

Area firefighter arrested on sexual abuse charges

Romulus police have arrested a 16-year veteran of a downriver fire department on charges of criminal sexual abuse of his daughter.

The teen reported the abuse late in the evening Dec. 21 at Romulus police headquarters. She told investigators that while living with her father for the past few years, she was forced into performing numerous sex acts with him, including sexual intercourse, starting when she was 13 years old. The teen also reported that her father had taken and stored numerous nude and explicit photos of her.

Shortly after the report, Romulus police located the suspect driving in his vehicle near in the area of his residence and arrested him without incident. The suspect was wearing his firefighter uniform when taken into custody.

Romulus police obtained search warrants for the suspect's residence and for his per-

sonal locker at the fire department where he is employed. During the execution of the search warrants, detectives seized evidence supporting the allegations made by the victim. Detectives also received a video-taped and written statement from the suspect admitting to many of the sexual acts as described by the teen.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is in the process of reviewing the warrant request. Multiple charges were expected to be filed last Saturday morning at his arraignment in the 34th District Court.

In response to the incident and arrest, Romulus Police Chief Robert Dickerson noted that it was a sad situation.

"Although I'm pleased that this defendant is in police custody and will no longer be able to prey on any other innocent children, as a parent I'm deeply saddened that this teenager was violated for years and her innocence forcibly taken from her by her

own father."

Dickerson said he hopes that the courage shown by the teen in coming forward and reporting the sexual abuse in this case will

encourage other area victims of past or ongoing sexual abuse to come forward as well to seek the assistance of local police agencies.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS ACCEPTING LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that letters of interest will be accepted from citizens who are interested in serving on the City of Romulus Charter Commission. Please send any letters of interest to: City of Romulus Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 by January 31, 2012.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2011-34 DECEMBER 20, 2011

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Dobrowolski, McEachern, Damitio, Monit, Rhaesa; MEMBERS ABSENT: Henley; APPROVED: minutes of Regular Meeting of December 6, 2011; Site Plans #2011-13 & #2011-14; appointment of Timothy McClure, 38716 Meadowlawn as 2nd alternate to the ZBA until Dec. 2014; reappointments of Bruce Foulk, Lawrence Chastang, Terry Shenk to the Board of Review until Dec. 2012; Donna McEachern, Albert Damitio to the DDA until Dec. 2015; calling a public hearing for Jan. 17, 2012 for the '12-'13 CDBG Program Funds; professional services agreement with Environmental Testing and Consulting (ETC); resolution with Wayne County for r-o-w work; restoring Wayne Police K9 Program; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned 8:40 p.m.

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Happy meals McDonald's owner donates breakfasts

McDonald's owner Jon Campbell, whose six restaurants are located in southeast Michigan, served 250 free breakfast meals to Starfish Family Services clients last week.

"I have three children at home, so I know kids love McDonald's," said Campbell, who owns a McDonald's location in Inkster. "I'm thrilled to do my part in the community, especially during the holiday season, and give the families receiving services from Starfish Family Services a healthy meal option from our McDonald's breakfast menu."

Families enrolled in the Starfish Parent Empowerment Program received a hot meal, including McDonald's hotcakes and sausage, fruit and maple oatmeal and Minute Maid® premium orange juice, at the start of a special parenting session last Saturday.

"We're so grateful to Jon and McDonald's for such a generous gift and for getting involved with our community. It really makes the families feel special, just in time for the holidays," said Ann Kalass, Starfish chief executive officer. "Plus, we know breakfast is vital to a



healthy lifestyle and helps children concentrate and perform better in school. So many families we serve are hungry on a regular basis."

"At McDonald's, we know that our restaurants are a destination for families," Campbell said. "We're champions for the well-being of children, and we know that a good breakfast is the best way to start the day."

Volunteer honored for efforts to save school clinic

When the Wayne-Westland Community School District faced the difficult decision to close several schools, a popular and often-used community resource faced an uncertain future.

The school-based clinic at Lincoln-Jefferson Elementary school served an economically distressed area of the community, providing medical and counseling services many nearby residents wouldn't otherwise have access to. Staffed by the Oakwood Healthcare System, it relied on space at the school to serve patients and Cheryl Welday, a long-time community volunteer, didn't want to see it go away.

Welday led a fund-raising effort that has since brought in more than \$60,000 to help fund the renovations to move the clinic to nearby Adams Upper Elementary School, where it can continue to serve the same clientele. For her efforts, Welday was honored with the inaugural Apple Award from the School Community Health Alliance.

"She is a worthy recipient of this honor," said Lisa Rutledge, corporate director of community outreach for Oakwood Healthcare. "She has been an invaluable part of this project. Her tireless efforts will help bring healthcare services to many students and families that need it."

The Apple Award was created this year to recognize those who show dedicated support for a Child and Adolescent Health Center. Welday received the award at the annual meeting in Mount Pleasant, in front of more than 100 staff members from across the state.

"The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan is proud to recognize Cheryl Welday for her dedication to the field of school-based health care," said Michele Strasz, director. "She has tirelessly advocated time and effort to assure access to high quality healthcare in school-based and linked health centers in her community. She saw the benefit first hand of school-based



Cheryl Welday

health care on the health and educational achievement of the students her community serves."

The clinics are like a doctor's office in the school. They provide students with quality primary and mental health services in a safe, easily accessible location on or near a school campus. There are nearly 70 state-funded centers and programs in Michigan that serve more than 200,000 children of all ages in all different types of settings. They are strategically located in medically underserved communities where access to health care for youth is an issue.

Greg Baracy, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community School District, said the clinic has provided a vital service in the community.

"It's been a great partnership," he said. For more information on the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan, visit www.scha-mi.org. To learn more about the Oakwood Healthcare System, visit www.oakwood.org.

Police provide 50 holiday dinners

Inkster police handed out some special holiday gifts last week.

Officers donated personal funds to pay for holiday meals for 50 Inkster families this holiday season.

The officers pooled their funds and contacted Meijer about providing meals at a reasonable cost, in an effort to feed as many needy families as possible. Meijer officials offered to donate foods, some funding and even help package the meals for delivery to the Inkster families. Last Wednesday, the officers presented the meals to the 50 fami-

lies whose names were selected by Ruth Williams of the Goodfellows and Jeannie Fields, manager of the City Planning and Development Department.

Officers were surprised to discover that with Meijer's help, there was enough money to purchase some bicycles which they have donated to the Toys For Tots campaign.

"It's a nice feeling to be able to give back to the community that we serve. This was a collective effort from all the dedicated employees of this department," said Inkster Police Lt. Jeffery Smith.

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BELLEVILLE - NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Foundation awards funds to Plymouth programs

The Community Foundation of Plymouth recently awarded \$9,700 to local programs that benefit the community.

In the most recent grant cycle, the Community Foundation of Plymouth awarded grants to:

- Arbor Hospice - \$1,000
- To expand Grief Support Services provided to individuals and families in the greater Plymouth area who have recently lost a loved one.
- First Step - \$2,000
- To provide free counseling and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence who reside in Plymouth and/or Plymouth Township.
- Michigan Philharmonic - \$1,500
- To support the CLASSICAL Music Outreach Program which serves third, fourth, and fifth grade students in the Plymouth-Canton Schools.
- New Morning School - \$2,400
- Scholarships for Summer Science and Engineering Camps for low-income students living in Plymouth.
- Salem Area Historical Society - \$1,000
- Jarvis Stone School - Michigan Historic Marker
- Village Potter's Guild - \$1,800

To purchase a special kiln for community Raku workshops - a Japanese pottery that involves a unique firing process.

A group of 15 Plymouth community leaders serve in a volunteer capacity on the foundation Advisory Committee, and review funding requests to award grants annually.

Bill Lawson, advisory committee chair noted, said, "In keeping with our mission to enrich the quality of life in the greater Plymouth area, recent grants support an array of programs that serve Plymouth area residents -from providing an important safety-net for victims of domestic violence, supporting educational enrichment, to sustaining the arts locally."

In its first five years, the Community Foundation of Plymouth has made philanthropic investments in the Plymouth community through nearly \$95,000 in grants and scholarships that have touched hundreds of lives, he added.

The Community Foundation of Plymouth is dedicated to building a permanent endowment to enrich the quality of life in the greater Plymouth area. Established in 2005, CFP is affiliated with the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. For more information, visit www.cfplymouth.org.



Holiday blooms

Theresa Woodard, who works at NSS Technologies in Plymouth, admires the 30,000 holiday poinsettias that fill Pinter's Flowerland, on Rawsonville Road in Belleville. Woodard said she likes the variety of colors, high quality and long-lasting plants she purchases to decorate her home in Howell. Pinter's has been a family owned and operated business in Belleville for more than 80 years. Photo by David L. Malhalab M News Service

Northville police seek citizens for training program

The Northville Township Police Department is seeking volunteers for Civilian Emergency Response Training.

Should a major disaster or national emergency strike, people may well have to rely on one another in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

Preparation for that civilian

involvement is imperative in making good decisions while awaiting state and federal resources for help.

Civilian Emergency Response Training, or CERT, will provide residents with the decision-making, organizational and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors and associates while awaiting help

from trained emergency responders. Following a major disaster, these first responders who provide fire and medical services may not be able to meet the high demand for these services.

Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages could prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a

moment's notice through 911.

Under these conditions, it is normal for family members, fellow employees, and neighbors to spontaneously try to help each other. While the local municipality is prepared for everyday emergencies, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm that immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, state

and federal resources can help, there may be a delay in them getting to those who need them. The primary reason for CERT training is to provide the training residents need in case of such a situation.

To register for CERT training or for more information, contact Northville Police Sgt. Matthew Mayes or Sgt. Samantha Bowlin at (248) 349-9400.







New Week Day Specials

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WAYNE

Rolling? Wayne sets meeting to discuss new skate park

Nathan Adams will buy the pizza.

He just wants Wayne residents to show up at a meeting from 7-8 p.m. Feb. 1 to discuss the possibility of a skate park in the city.

Sponsored by the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, the Skate Park Think Tank meeting has been planned to hear the opinions of local residents about a skate park for skateboarding, in-line skating and biking.

According to a flier from Adams, director of the parks and recreation department for the city, "Once all the communities

have shared their opinions, we can make an informed decision and assemble a skate park that will be enjoyed for years to come."

The meeting is free and open to the public and pizza and pop will be served.

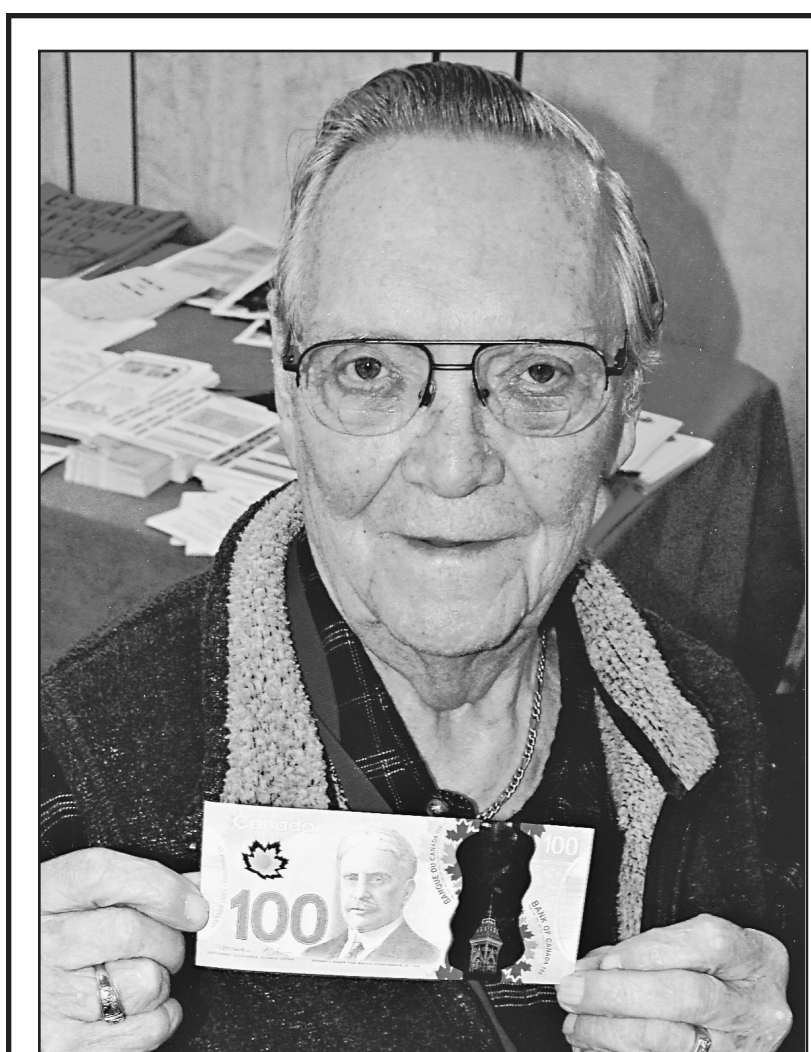
Registration at (734) 721-7400 is requested as "we don't want to run out of pizza."

The meeting will take place at the Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, on the corner of Howe and Annapolis roads.

For more information, contact Adams at (734) 721-7400 or email nadams@ci.wayne.mi.us.

Big achievement

Former Wayne City Councilwoman Susan Rowe was honored by the YWCA with a Woman of Achievement Award recently. Rowe, who served for eight years on the council before losing an election bid against Mayor Al Haidous, received the award on Dec. 2 in the Government/Law category. The award honors women who have made a significant impact on the community. In addition to her role on the city council, Rowe also a liaison with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and the Southeastern Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG). She is currently volunteering with the Wayne Ripple Effect to promote the revitalization of downtown Wayne. Also honored were: Communications/The Arts - Laila AlHusinni, Journalist; Business Leadership- Sandy Mull, Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber; Health & Wellness, Elizabeth Goch, Oakwood Health Promotions; Leadership in Education - Karen Donald, Community Advocate; Dedicated Volunteer - Sandy Boulton, Boulton & Associates; Young Woman/Professional - Chrishonda Smith, Trinity Health; and Senior Woman - Maggie Allesee, Community Activist. "They are all very worthy honorees," said Kathy Walgren, interim CEO of the YWCA.



Big money

Don Charters of Wayne, the president of the Central States Numismatic Society, holds one of the first new Canadian \$100 bills with new technology that makes them last longer and counterfeit-proof. The Canadian money will be made of polymer that cannot be torn and printed with images that can be seen from front and back. The new Canadian \$50 and \$100 polymer money will last 2.5 times longer, spokesmen claim. Charters, a nationally-known coin collector, noted that \$100 in Canadian funds is now worth \$100.91 in the U.S. Photo by David L. Malhalab M News Service

Huron Valley Ambulance marks 30th anniversary

More than 300 people helped Huron Valley Ambulance celebrate 30 years of service to the area at the Ann Arbor headquarters Dec. 15 during an open house.

The non-profit company was formed in 1981 and was invited to begin serving Belleville in 1986. Now, Huron Valley Ambulance serves several western Wayne and southwest Oakland County communities.

Huron Valley Ambulance President and CEO Dale Berry told visitors, "HVA has evolved from an organization that was formed in response to a community in crisis to one of the nation's finest providers of pre-hospital care."

"Over the years, we have expanded our service area to provide 9-1-1 service to more than one million residents in all or part of nine counties in southeast and south central Michigan."

Berry noted that the company is proud of its accomplishments over the past three decades.

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) was among the first ambulance services in the United States to become nationally accredited in 1993 by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS)

All HVA ambulances are equipped with the latest life saving technology and experienced paramedics.

Equipment includes LifePak electrocardiogram monitor/defibrillators, GPS systems that improve deployment and routing and wireless mobile computers that connect medics in the field with hospital personnel and electronic patient records.

HVA Mobility Transportation provides a cost-effective alternative to ambulance transports in Washtenaw, western Wayne and southwest Oakland counties. To meet the needs of people in our community who cannot afford specialized transportation to physician appointments, diagnostic tests or regularly scheduled procedures like renal dialysis, the HVA Board of Trustees created the HVA Social Responsibility Fund. Each year it allocates \$300,000 to subsidize the cost of HVA Mobility Transportation.

HVA special units include a Mobile Intensive Care Unit and medical support for HazMat teams, SWAT teams, and Urban Search and Rescue teams.

Special event coverage for the U-M Football, Milford Memories, Plymouth Art Fair, and

Michigan International Speedway are among the many special events the company serves throughout the year. In addition to ambulances, paramedic bike teams, gators, and a Mobile Operations Center can be staged at events throughout the service area.

Started in 1996, Camp 9-1-1 is a free summer day camp where children ages 8 to 12 learn CPR, first aid and all about EMS careers. Paramedics, public safety officials and special guests talk about their work and answer camper questions. The two-day camps take place in various locations throughout the service area.

A membership program for ambulance service, EMSPlus offers cost savings if emergency ambulance transportation is needed. For one low annual fee, members receive emergency ambulance and paramedic services with no co-pays or out-of-pocket costs.

The HVA call center is only a push button away for seniors who join EMS LifeLink, a 24-hour at-home monitoring system which allows those living at home alone the ability to summon help quickly in all situations, including emergencies.

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1. Obituaries



Karen Lawrence
Sunrise: July 3, 1956
Sunset: Dec. 19, 2011

Karen Lawrence died Dec. 19, 2011. Among those left to cherish her memory are her loving mother, Mildred Wilder; three sisters, Valerie Lawrence Bailey, Donna Fears and Sherlise (Denzell) Brown; a brother, Kevin (Surilla)

Lawrence; a stepbrother, Danny; three stepsisters, Theresa, Valerie and Faye; four nephews, Steven, Derek, Albrice and Kevin, Jr.; four nieces, Ayonna, Taylor, Kayla and Kyra; a great-niece, Arionna; three great-nephews, Isaiah, Mekhi and Kingston; special cousins, Melanee, Kathy and Simone; a host of loving aunts, uncles, and other cousins, and many friends. Funeral services were at Amity Baptist Church in Inkster with the Rev. Anthony B. Eaddy officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Gardens in Canton Township. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

30. Help Wanted

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89. Apartments For Rent

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CALENDAR

Daddy-Daughter Dance tickets on sale

The Plymouth Recreation Department is sponsoring the first Daddy-Daughter dance from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 4.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and include music by a DJ from Dramatic Dimensions, light refreshments and snacks and souvenir photos and packages will be available to order at an additional cost.

Semi-formal, dressy attire is recommended.

Space is limited so advance tickets must be purchased. No walk-ins will be admitted.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 455-6620.

Free tax help for seniors offered

The City of Wayne Senior Services will offer the tax assistance through the American Association of Retired Persons. The program is free to anyone who files basic tax forms and all returns will be e-filed the day of preparation.

Taxes will be prepared each Wednesday during February and March by appointment only. To make an appointment, call (734) 721-7460.

After school programs offered

Registration for the after school recreation programs sponsored by the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is now open. Activities include basketball, floor hockey, dodge ball and several others. The activities are open to third and fourth grade students at Hoover, Schweitzer, Roosevelt, and Taft-Galloway elementary schools.

For information or registration, call (734) 721-7400.

Northville Nite tickets available

Tickets for the family New Year's Eve party, Northville Nite, are now on sale at the Northville Parks and Recreation office.

The event, which will include carnival games, music, food, crafts and board games will begin at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

Art House opens exhibit

Etch, Sketch and Stilettoes, The Work of Topher Crowder is the latest exhibit at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. in

Northville.

The exhibit will continue from Jan. 6 through 28 with an opening reception and artist's talk during the First Friday Art Walk from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 6. Crowder will speak at 8 p.m.

Regular hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays. Admission is free.

Chamber speaker announced

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host David Goodwin, Goodwin, Lademan & Associates, as the guest speaker at the Chamber Business Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Cirrus Room, Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline, Romulus.

Goodwin's topic will be Obama Care Update and Your Group Insurance. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 members/\$18 non-members. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Reservations can be made by calling the chamber at (734) 893-0694 or by email at info@romuluschamber.com. Seating is limited.

Euchre Tournaments set

Buckminster's Pub in downtown Northville hosts a Euchre Tournament to benefit the New Hope Center for Grief Support every third Tuesday of the month.

The cost is \$15 to play and includes pizza and chances on cash prizes.

For more information, call Buckminster's, (248) 942-3317.

Chamber is on a roll

The Annual Bowling Night with the Romulus Chamber of Commerce is planned from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Jan. 28. Registration will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Lodge Lanes, on the south I-94 service Drive in Belleville.

The cost for three games of 9-pin, no tap is \$40 per couple or \$20 per person. There will be door prizes a 50/50 raffle, a basket raffle and a cash bar.

The event is limited to the first 144 bowlers and usually sells out quickly.

For tickets or information, call (734) 893-0694.

Pool party planned



'Time' to celebrate

Celebrate the past and toast to the future at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill where veteran rockers, Time Machine, will ring in 2012 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The musicians play covers of classic rock bands including the Stones, Beatles, Bob Seger, Alice Cooper, Bad Company, Fleetwood, Kid Rock and Van Morrison among others. The \$45 ticket includes a strolling buffet at 9 p.m., non-alcoholic beverages, two sets of classic rock music on stage, desserts, favors and a champagne toast at midnight. A cash bar will also be available. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information about the New Year's Eve event or upcoming performances, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org.

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a pool reopening party all day Feb. 1.

There will be free open swimming and the instructors will be on hand to meet the public.

Free water fitness classes and other features are also planned for the day.

There will be no membership rate increase to fund the pool.

For information, call (734) 721-7400.

Wayne to host Winterfest

Winterfest will take place all day Feb. 4 at the Wayne Community Center where activities including the Northpole Classic (a golf fundraiser), a dance/gymnastics/cheer minishow, dinner theatre, open skating, and Poolooza: the grand re-opening Splash Bash Party of the pool including free water fitness

classes, open swimming, meet and greet swimming instructors, prize drawings, and more will take place.

Details are available by contacting the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 721-7400.

Free legal assistance offered

Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan will offer a free presentation for Wayne County residents, 60 and older, at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Following the presentation, seniors may speak with an attorney who will offer legal assistance on most civil cases including wills, guardianship, trusts, power of attorney, assisted living and other matters.

Registration is requested by Feb. 13 at (734) 721-7460.

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