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NIGHT OF SONG & DANCE

'TWO ON TAP' BRINGS BROADWAY-STYLE MUSIC, COMEDY SHOW TO RRCA

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Author: Retelling story a healing experience

Reyna Grande also spoke in favor of immigration reform, saying that current laws divide families.

BY DANIELLE PORTTEUS

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Writing her memoir healed some of the wounds for Reyna Grande.

"It was a very healing book," she explained. "When I finished writing, I felt so free in a way I had never felt before."

Ms. Grande, the author of "The Distance

Between Us," spoke Wednesday night to more than 100 people at Monroe **County Community** College's La-Z-Boy Center.

Her memoir was selected as this year's read for One Book, One Community.

The memoir was published in August, 2012, and depicts her life before and after illegally immigrating from Mexico to the United States. When she was

Immigration just 2, her father left Mexico to find work in the United States. Her mother followed two years





Monroe Mayor Robert Clark talks with (left to right) Sang Mook Lee, president of Hanwha Holdings USA, Inc., Chang Bum Kim, president of Hanwha L&C Global, and Hanwha L&C Corporate Planning Manager Minah Lee, during the grand opening ceremony for the Hanwha L&C plant in Monroe Wednesday. The expanded polypropylene manufacturing facility started production in January and plans to increase its staffing to 70 employees in the near future.



Hanwha L&C, which makes automotive



for years until Hanwha decided to invest here and re-

later, leaving Ms. Grande and her siblings behind.

During her young life, Ms. Grande was separated from her parents. At 10, she entered the country and later became the first person in her family to graduate from college.

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– Monroe News photo by KIM BRENT

Reyna Grande, author of the memoir "The Distance Between Us," this year's pick for the annual One Book, One Community read, addresses the crowd during her appearance Wednesday night at the La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater.

components, has taken over a vacant factory on E. Front St.

BY RAY KISONAS rayk@monroenews.com

multibillion-dollar South Korean auto supply company with a global outreach formally opened a Monroe factory to expand its North American presence.

Hanwha L&C, an international high-tech materials producer, invested more than \$12 million in Monroe by converting an empty E. Front St. building into a gleaming 106,000-square-foot production facility that eventually will employ 70 workers.

While initial operations have begun, the company held its official grand opening Wednesday amid promises of long-term partnerships and a successful manufacturing future.

"Hanwha is moving this region in the right direction," Aaron Young of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation told a gathering during the ceremonies. "The City of Monroe now can compete on a global scale."

Production began in January and two more shifts are bumpers and floorboards.

Molds used in various automobiles are on display at the grand opening ceremony for the Hanwha L&C plant in Monroe Wednesday.

We are glad to be part of the community. Monroe, Michigan, has much to offer and that's why we chose this place."

Martin Kim

chief executive officer of Monroe Hanwha plant

expected to be added by May. Currently 30 workers are employed at the plant, which is expected to increase that number to 70. The facility produces expanded polypropylene (EPP) beads and molded products for the automotive and packaging markets.

The beads are used to create packaging and automotive interior and exterior components, such as portions of

Martin Kim, chief executive officer of the Monroe plant, said the city was selected over several others in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan due to its skilled labor force and proximity to the I-75 corridor, railway and shipping. The plant occupies the former PreBesto Homes, which at one time manufactured modular homes.

The building at 1530 E. Front near the Port of Monroe and Detroit Stoker sat vacant furbish the facilities.

"We are glad to be part of the community," Mr. Kim said prior to the ceremonies. "Monroe, Michigan, has much to offer and that's why we chose this place."

As an incentive to locate here, Monroe offered Hanwha 50-percent tax abatements for 12 years on new equipment only. The company will pay full taxes on the property and structure, said Dan Swallow, Monroe's director of community and economic development.

"Clearly they want to be closer to their customer base," Mr. Swallow said. "They view Monroe as a strategic location."

Hanwha operates three other manufacturing facilities in the United States in Alabama, North Carolina and Virginia. It also has a sales and development office in Fenton.

The company also has access to about 14 acres of adjacent land available to expand and add more jobs as it hopes. Global CEO and President Chang-Bum Kim told the gathering that he believes his firm will start a new vision in Michigan.

"I'd like to express my sincere appreciation," he said.

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TODAY'S OBITUARIES Details, 9A

SUZANNE (BEAUVAIS) BEECHLER, 75, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of Monroe EARL E. FARR, 76, of Newport BEATRICE GUTIERREZ, 92, of Monroe JOSEPHINE B. MARTIN, 80, of Monroe

ENDELIA M. MORAN, 83, of Ypsilanti DOROTHY L. NOGAR, 89, of Monroe WAYNE J. NUNN, 50, of Monroe JOAN K. VAN SLAMBROUCK, 83, of Monroe



Bin Laden

son-in-law

convicted

NEW YORK (AP) —

Osama bin Laden's son-

in-law was convicted

Wednesday for his role

as al-Qaida's fiery chief

spokesman after 9/11 -

a verdict prosecutors said

vindicated the Obama

administration's strategy

of bringing terror sus-

pects to justice in court.

A federal jury deliber-

ated six hours over two

days before finding Su-

laiman Abu Ghaith guilty

of charges that included

conspiracy to kill Ameri-

cans and providing sup-

Abu Ghaith, a Kuwaiti-

born imam who married

bin Laden's eldest daugh-

ter, is the highest-ranking

al-Qaida figure brought

to trial on U.S. soil since

port to al-Qaida.

the 9/11 attacks.

WEATHER REPORT

Tonight

90 percent chance of rain Low: 39°

Area Forecast

Light showers tonight. Lows 37-41. Mostly cloudy skies will be around Friday with a chance of light showers and highs near 48. It will be partly cloudy at night with a chance of snow showers and a low about 29.

LOCAL STATISTICS . . . Wedne

Wednesday's high	Wednesday's
Wednesday's low12	precipitation 4 in. snow
High, year ago today46	March precipitation 1.25 in.
Low, year ago today	2014 precipitation 6.99 in.
Record high80 in 1945	Sunset
Record low14 in 1955	
Average high51	Sunrise 7:25 a.m.
Average low32	Winter snowfall 78.9 in.

LAKE ERIE CONDITIONS

South winds 5-15 knots tonight increasing to 10-20 knots. South winds 10-20 knots Friday becoming west. West winds 10-20 knots Friday night becoming northeast 5-15 knots. Northeast winds 10-20 knots Saturday.



FRIDAY 30 percent chance of rain High: 48° Low: 29°

SATURDAY 50 percent chance of rain, snow High: **38°**



Low: 25°

SUNDAY

Mostly

sunny

High: 46°

Low: 33°



NATIONAL OUTLOOK forecast highs for today



A low pressure system will produce wet weather from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. Expect snow in the north, with rain and thunderstorms to the south. Another storm system will set off rain and snow showers in the Pacific Northwest and the Rockies.

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Author (cont.)

Cheryl Johnston, cochairman of the One Book, One Community committee, said Ms. Grande's memoir was selected for its "gritty realism" and its themes of education and family.

Ms. Grande spoke about immigration and its effect on families.

"I wanted to write about my experience of being left behind," she said.

During her college years, she was reading books about immigration and the obstacles immigrants face but the books lacked one topic in particular.

"Those books never talked about the children or the families left behind," Ms. Grande said. "I felt that was an experience that deserved to be told. As someone who was left behind, I still carry those scars."

Many opportunities opened to her, she said, when she received her Green Card.

"Once I stepped out of the shadows, I could live without fear and go on to do things I never thought I could do," she said. "When I got that Green Card, my dreams became real."

During the question por-

My dad taught me to dream and to dream big. My father never discriminated because I was a girl. I never grew up feeling that I was less just because I was girl, which is a big deal particularly in the Latino world."

- Reyna Grande author

fulfill their potential and benefit the country."

Ms. Grande told the audience she first thought of sharing her story while she was a junior in college. At 22, she met Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, the author of "Farewell to Manzanar," during a visit to college who talked about her autobiographical novel that details her and her family's experiences as Japanese Americans during World War II internment camps.

a way that I could finally write about it," Ms. Grande said.

Though it was still emotional, taking time off to write the other books helped her to finish the memoir.

"The writing got hard because halfway through the book, my father was diagnosed with liver cancer and then he died," the author said. "It was a very healing book.

She said the memoir helped her to appreciate her parents and realize that they were human. Ms. Grande said she learned to let go of the resentment she was holding on and look at her parents, particularly her father in another light.

"My dad taught me to dream and to dream big,' she said. "My father never discriminated because I was a girl. I never grew up feeling that I was less just because I was girl, which is a big deal particularly in the Latino world."

Another audience member asked about the title of the book which the author said originally was called "A Place of Broken Beauty."

"I realized how much I was talking a lot about distance; the physical distance that separated me from my parents, the emotional distance. Then, later, as I assimilated, the distance

between my life and my that happened in her life in Mexico," Ms. Grande said. "Now as a writer, my writing is yet another distance between me and my parents because they don't know a lot about writing."

Lela Wadlin of Monroe read the memoir as part of a book club.

"I liked the fact that it was a true story," she said. "I was astounded at her ration from her parents, it recollection of the events

Hanwha (cont.)

"I promise we will support this Monroe, Michigan, plant."

After city and company officials exchanged gifts and appreciations, Martin Kim said during the ceremony that the company was excited to move forward with its new production facility. Monroe, he said, offered the best location for the company's latest venture.

"It was the City of Monroe that generated more support," he said. "I be-lieve Hanwha is part of this community."

Monroe Mayor Robert E. Clark offered the key to the city to company officials, telling them that Monroe is excited to begin a longstanding partnership with the South Korean com-

young life. I don't know if I could remember what my life was like back then."

Ms. Wadlin, who also serves on the One Book, One Community committee, said she was impressed with the author's resilience.

"The poverty she faced is hard to fathom; the sepa-

roe," Mayor Clark said. "I look forward to our future together."

Hanwha was founded in 1952 and includes a range of businesses, including manufacturing, construction, finance, services and

The Hanwha group is one more than \$30 billion.

MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION INVITATION TO BID

The Monroe County Road Commission, located at 840 S. Telegraph Rd., Morroe, MI 48161 will receive sealed bids until 10:00 am local time, Monday, April 14, 2014. At which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened for furnishing and/or delivering the following materials:

Bituminous Surfacing Materials

Proposals will only be accepted on the Road Commission's bid

was very moving," she said. pany. "It's a great day in Mon-

leisure.

of the top 10 enterprises in South Korea that employs 40.000 worldwide and generates annual revenues of

tion, Ms. Grande was asked about immigration reform.

"The longer they put this off, passing immigration reform, the longer families have to be separated," she said. "Families are so important and we need to remember that. Family is a precious thing and we need to do what we can to care for our families."

She said she would like to ask the government to pass the Dream Act so "our undocumented youth could

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STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 38th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE 106 E. First St., Monroe, MI 48161 ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION CASE NO. 2014-35779-CH

BETSY C. WETZEL Plaintiff

PETER K. FALES (P34389) 315 S. Monroe St., P.O. Box 1156 Monroe, MI 48161 (734) 242-8040 Plaintiff's attorney

LEE LOGAN, any unknown spouse and any person claiming a title interest through these parties and all unknown heirs and assigns.

TO: LEE LOGAN

IT IS ORDERED:

IT IS ORDERED: 1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to Action to quiet title Lots 469, 470, 471 and 472 Stony Pointe Beach, Frenchtown Township, Monroe County, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 19, 2014. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. 2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Monroe News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. 3. Betsy C. Wetzel shall post a copy of this of the security per a cody

3. Betsy C. Wetzel shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at Monroe County Courthouse, 106 E. First St., Monroe, MI 48161 for three continuous weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

Dated: 3/10/14 Michael W. LaBeau P23716 MARCH 20, 27, APRIL 3, 2014

I was inspired by her story and I felt connected to it," she said.

Ms. Grande began writing her memoir, but found some of the memories too painful. After writing her first two books, she then felt she was ready to share her story.

"I felt I was ready to start looking at my childhood in

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SYNOPSIS OF LASALLE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 18, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. 4 members present, 1 absent

Items Approved. 1. Accounts Payable A. Vouchers 9369-9435 2. Payroll 3. Minutes of February 18, 2014, Concent exceeded Concentration

Consent agenda, Correspondence
 4.15 Line Item Transfers to Budget
 5. Monthly Reports by Building
 Inspector, Fire Chief, Assessor,

Attorney 6. Monthly Activity Report From Treasurer & Special Approval to Pay Bill Sheet

Bill Sheet
7. Board Reports as presented
8. Fire Millage – 1/2 mill for 5 yrs –
August 2014 Primary
9. 1st Public Hearing
A. N. Lakeshore Drive
10. Purchase Printer for Assessor
11. Digital Perspective Contract
12. Resolution Election Commission
2014, Roll Call Vote 4-0
13. Accepting resignation of John

13. Accepting resignation of John Pauli from ZBA, accept appointment of

Pauli from ZBA, accept appointment of Tony Carter to ZBA 14. ADT Contract-Security System for Township Office 15. Allow Mannik & Smith to do testing on N. Lakeshore Dr. 16.2 PA 116's Farmland Agreements for Marvin C. & Shirley R. Liford 17. Combine Parcel #'s 5809 180 026 00 & 5809 180 027 00 in Northshores Subdivision 18. Transfer sewer tap-in located in

Northshores Subdivision 18. Transfer sewer tap-in located in Northshore Subdivision from 5809 180 137 00 to Combined Parcel #'s 5809 180 026 00 & 5809 180 027 00 19. 2 PA 116's Farmland Agreements for Anteau Son & Holdings, LLC 20. Budget Hearing Date to be held on April 25, 2014 21. 2% raise for Township employees Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

21.2% raise for Township employees Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Prepared by Clerk Rick Feick. Approved by Supervisor Tim DeSloover. Copies of meeting minutes are available upon request from the Township Clerk. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Rick Feick, Township Clerk

Tim Desloover, Township Supervisor MARCH 27, 2014

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VILLAGE OF MAYBEE MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2011-001

An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 113 of the Village of Maybee entitled Noxious Weed and Grass Control Ordinance of the Village of Maybee and to adopt this Ordinance Maybee and to adopt this Ordinance pursuant to the authority granted by Public Act 359 of 1941 as amended, and which provides for the controlling and eradicating of certain weeds and grass within the Village of Maybee, to prevent such weeds and grass from growing to seed or blossom, to prevent such weeds and grass from becoming a fire hazard, and to control such weeds and grass to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Maybee. safety and welfare of Village of Maybee.

THE VILLAGE OF MAYBEE ORDAINS: This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the Village of Maybee Noxious Weed and Grass Control Ordinance.

Ordinance. Section 2. Definitions. 1. The terms "weeds and grass" shall include but not be limited to Canada thistle, milkweed, wild carrot, oxide daisies, mustards, dodders, bindweed, perennial sowthistle, hoary alyssum, ragweed, goldenrod, burdock, poison ivy, poison sumac, any type of growth, brush, or plants that exist by reason of not being cut over a period of time and which may have grown into trees or other cut over a period of time and which may have grown into trees or other types of plant life over the years, and other types of weeds or grasses as the terms are commonly used, or other plant which in the opinion of the governing body of the Village of Maybee is regarded as a common nuisance. 2. "Exempt vegetation" shall mean weeds in fields devoted to growing

2. "Exempt vegetation" shall mean weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye, agricultural crops, cultivated trees, cultivated shrubs, flowers or other decorative ornamental plants under cultivation and meadows plants under cultivation and meadows in agricultural zoning districts. Section 3. Duty to Cut Weeds and

Section 3. Duty to Cut Weeds and Grasses. It shall be the duty of every person who owns and/or occupies land within the Village of Maybee to cut to a height not to exceed six inches, destroy and remove from said land all such weeds and/or grasses growing thereon. Section 4. Newspaper Notice. The Village of Maybee Clerk shall publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village during the month of March that weeds and/ or grasses not cut by May first of that the month of March that weeds and/ or grasses not cut by May first of that year will be cut by the Village and the owner of the property charged with the cost. The notice shall be substantially in the following form: To Property Owners and Occupants of lands situated in the Village of Maybee, Monroe County, Michigan:

Michigan: Notice is hereby given that all weeds and grass growing and brush on any lands within the Village of Maybee must be cut to a height not to

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exceed six (6) inches, and destroyed and removed to prevent such weeds and/or grass from going to seed or blossom, from becoming a fire hazard, and/or from creating a condition detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Maybee.

of Maybee. The provisions of the Noxious Weed and Grass Control Ordinance of the Village of Maybee shall apply to all parcels of land in the Village

to all parcels of land in the Village except lands zoned agricultural and lawfully used for farming in a manner appropriate to such use, parcels of land containing exempt vegetation, or railroads situated within the Village. Failure to comply with this notice on or before May 1 shall make the property owner liable for the costs of cutting, destroying and removing said weeds, grass and/or brush by the Village of Maybee, said cost to be levied and collected against said lands in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, and being a lien levied and collected, and being a lien against said lands. The Village may cut

against said lands. The Village may cut the weeds and grass as many times as it necessary to achieve compliance with this Ordinance and charge the cost to the property owner. <u>Section 5. Penalty.</u> Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100, which fine, when collected, shall become a part of the "Noxious Weed Control Fund" of the Village of Maybee. Each day that a violation shall continue shall Fund" of the Village of Maybee. Each day that a violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. The foregoing penalties shall be in addition to the other rights of the Village to proceed at law or equity with other appropriate and proper remedies. <u>Section 6. Repeal.</u> All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict repealed. <u>Section 7. Severability.</u> The Ordinance, and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, subsections, phrases, and clauses thereof are declared to be

clauses thereof are declared to be severable and if any of them are adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder

is hereby provided that the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected. Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Maybee, Monroe County, Michigan. I, Theresa Gross, Clerk of the Village of Maybee, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Village Council at the require thereof. Council at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 12th day of October, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, the vote thereon being as follows:

In favor of the Ordinance (6) Against the Ordinance (0) Theresa Gross Clerk, Village of Maybee

Leonard G. Gaylor President, Village of Maybee MARCH 27, 2014

form(s) and must be returned in a sealed envelope with the con tents plainly marked on the <u>outside</u> of the envelope.

Material must meet current Michigan Department of Transporta-tion and/or Ohio Department of Transportation specifications.

The Board reserves the right to accept, reject and/or modify any and all bids, to waive irregularities therein, and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Monroe County Road Commission.

Bid packets may be obtained at the offices of the Monroe County Road Commission or by calling (734) 240-5102. Office hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

carried.

March 27, 2014

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MONROE CHARTER TOWNSHIP MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Synopsis of a Regular Meeting Held on March 18, 2014 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER A Meeting of the Monroe Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Alan Barron at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in the Monroe Charter Township Hall, 4925 East Dunbar Road, Monroe County, Michigan. ROLL CALL Present: Supervisor Barron Clerk Schourr Trustees Heck

Barron, Clerk Schnurr, Trustees Heck, Janssens, Pancone and Wilson.

Excused: Treasurer Barton Others Present: Attorney McCormick and three people in the audience.

Udience. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Motion #1. Motion by Wilson, upported by Heck to approve the legular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2014, as presented. Motion arried

carried. Motion #2. Motion by Janssens supported by Wilson to approve the payment of bills/invoices, as listed by

Clerk. Motion carried. Motion #3. Motion by Heck

Motion #3. Motion by Heck, supported by Wilson to accept and place on file the February 2014 Fire Department Report, as presented. Motion carried. Motion carried. Motion arried. Motion carried. PROCLAMATIONS Motion #5. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to approve Proclamation #14-01, Proclaming March 25, 2014 as National Agricultural Day and March 24-29, 2014 as National Agricultural Week in Monroe Charter Township, as

2014 as National Agricultural Week in Monroe Charter Township, as presented. Motion carried. Motion #6. Motion by Schnur, supported by Wilson to approve Proclamation #14-02, proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Monroe Charter Township, as presented. Motion carried. RESOLUTIONS Motion #7. Motion by Janssens supported by Pancone to adopt Resolution #14-04, 2014 General Fund Budget Amendment #1,

Fund Budget Amendment #1

Resolution #14-05, 2014 Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #1, Resolution #14-06, 2014 Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment #1, and Resolution #14-07, 2014 Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #1, as presented. Motion carried. NEW BUSINESS Motion #8. Motion by Heck, supported by Janssens to approve the renewal of the Fire Department Motorola Service Agreement for

Motorola Service Agreement for 1-year (5/1/2014-4/30/2015) at a cost of \$3,557.40, as presented. Motion carried

Motion #9. Motion by Heck, supported by Wilson to approve the 2014 Amended Appointments, as recommended by the Supervisor. Motion carried. Motion #10. Motion by Wilson, supported by Heck to accept and place on file the Monroe County Central Dispatch Annual Report for 2013, as presented. Motion carried. Motion #11. Motion by Janssens, supported by Wilson to accept and place on file 2013 Audit, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion carried. Motion #12. Motion by Wilson,

Motion #12. Motion by Wilson, supported by Heck to approve the request from the Assessor to have Annette Peters attend the Michigan Assessor Association Spring School at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center in Okemos, Michigan from May 5th-7th, 2014 at a cost of \$325 for course and test fees, plus hotel and mileage costs, as recommended by the Supervisor. Motion carried. PRESENTATION Community Development Block

PRESENTATION Community Development Block Grant Program presentation from Renee Matteson from MCOP. Motion #13. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to accept and place on file the information provided by the MCOP concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program, as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments started at 7:34 p.m. There were two public and board comments. Public comments ended

ADJOURNMENT Motion #14. Motion by Wilson, supported by Janssens to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

BOARD

carried. PUBLIC AND COMMENTS

Bob Schnurr Bob Schnurr, Clerk Monroe Charter Township Attested: Alan Barron, Supervisor Monroe Charter Township MARCH 27, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY Panel discussion focuses on immigration reform

Immigration issues affect families and businesses and has become a hot topic facing Congess.

Speakers will address these and other issues at a



free panel discussion, "Immigration Reform, A Family Issue," at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the La-Z-Boy

Center atrium at Monroe County Community College, 1555 S. Raisinville Rd.

The panel is part of the One Book, One Community project, which features "The Distance Between Us," a memoir by Reyna Grande about the trauma that families suffer when they are split up by immigration to the United States.

"A community is composed of families the way a house is built from bricks," said Diego Bonesatti of Michigan United, one of the panel members. "You can't keep a house standing if its bricks are broken, and our communities suffer the same way when families are separated.

"The immigration system is separating families or keeping families separated and that, foremost among many reasons, is why we need immigration reform."

The discussion is sponsored by The Agora, the student newspaper at MCCC. Editor Julia Wells, a sophomore at MCCC, will be moderator.

Panel members include:

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Mr. Bonesatti, director of legal services for Michigan United, where his work includes running the legal services program and recruiting and training volunteers to provide immigration services, such as assistance with the naturalization process.

He also advocates for community leaders in removal or detention situations and works to support immigration reform.

A graduate of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mr. Bonesatti's parents emigrated from Argentina.

Before returning to Michigan, he worked for many of Illinois' top immigration nonprofit agencies, including the National Immigrant Justice Center, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights and the West Suburban Action Project, or "PASO" by its acronym in Spanish.

■ David Koelsch, director of the Immigration Law Clinic and the Asylum Law

Clinic at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

The Immigration Law Clinic represents immigrants on a variety of legal issues, including abandoned immigrant children and abused immigrant women.

He also teaches U.S. immigration law and a comparative U.S.-Canada immigration law course, as well as a seminar on spirituality and the law.

He recently was named Outstanding Immigration Law Professor by the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

■ Maj. Troy Goodnough, head of jail operations for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

He directs the county jail, as well as the Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility, which houses roughly 1,200 detainees a year, many on their way to deportation.

A former MCCC student and Monroe High School graduate, Maj. Goodnough has a bachelor's degree from Spring Arbor University and a variety of certifications in law enforcement and corrections.

He's also been chairman of the Monroe County Safety & Traffic Committee, the Raisinville Township Planning Commission and the Monroe County Ambulance Authority.

Members of the Monroe County Hispanic community also have been asked to participate on the panel.



Photos by Tonya Wise/Invision/AP

The cast of "The Young and the Restless" poses for a photo at the show's 41st anniversary celebration Tuesday in Los Angeles.

'Young and Restless' turns 41

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Young and the Restless" took a break from love, deception and backstabbing to celebrate the soap's 41st anniversary Tuesday.

Led by longtime stars Eric Braeden, Melody Thomas Scott and Peter Bergman, the cast and crew gathered to celebrate a day early.

The CBS show has been daytime's top-rated soap since December, 1988, and recently was renewed through 2017.

"We've been very fortunate that we're still No. 1 and our ratings are even higher than they have been," Scott said.

A chocolate cake in the shape of the number 1 and covered in white icing with a red "YR" logo was cut on the set at Television City in Hollywood.

"It's a giant chunk of television history," said Bergman, who plays scheming Jack Abbott. "There aren't many



Hunter King and McKenna Grace play at the party.

41-year-old shows out there."

No one from the show's debut March 26, 1973 when it was just 30 minutes long - remains with the show. Jeanne Cooper, who arrived six months later to play grand dame Katherine Chancellor, died in May at 84. But she is remembered fondly by her former co-stars.

"She's up there orchestrating things for sure," Scott said.

Braeden is in his 34th year playing ruthless

tycoon Victor Newman, who is re-married yet again to Scott's character, Nikki Newman.

"Crazy as it is, we love each other," Scott said of their on-screen coupling. "We're not anywhere near the end of the road on that."

Joining the celebration was Lee Phillip Bell, who co-created the show with her late husband, Bill. Their daughter, Lauralee Bell, plays Christine, a role she has returned to at various times over the vears.

"Y & R" aired its 10,376th episode Wednesday. Lauralee Bell attributes the show's enduring success to its familiar characters who viewers have embraced over the years.

"There's still so many people they can count on every day when their lives are crazy," she said of the audience. "It's like their other family. They don't abandon you."

More programs this week ...

Monroe County is participating in the literacy program One Book, One Community, focusing on Reyna Grande's "The Distance Between Us."

viewing of this film, which is rated PG-13. Free movie candy and soft drinks will be available.

April 3 - Book discussion: "The Distance



The month-long event, with a host of activities, wraps up April 28.

Besides Tuesday's panel discussion on immigration, these are the events coming up this week:

Sunday — Film series: "Spanglish," 1:30 p.m., Bedford Branch Library, 8575 Jackman Rd., Temperance.

The comedy stars Adam Sandler, Tea Leoni, Cloris Leachman and Shelbie Bruce and focuses on a Mexican immigrant and her attempt to integrate into the American way of life.

Paul Hedeen, MCCC dean of humanities and social sciences, will moderate a

Between Us," 10:30 a.m., Bedford Branch Library, 8575 Jackman Rd., Temperance. April 3 – "Passport to Mexico," 4:30

p.m., Navarre Branch Library, 1135 E. Second St.

Children will learn about life in Mexico through authentic games and art projects.

April 3 – Genealogy 101, 7 p.m., Ellis Library & Reference Center, 3700 S. Custer Rd.

The class will introduce the tools and resources that will help families recreate their stories.

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Please Join Us! Monday, April 14: 11 am - 7 pm Tuesday, April 15: 11 am - 7 pm Wednesday, April 16: 8 am - 3 pm

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