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Federal audit faults township treasurer

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The long-awaited results of the Department of Justice (DOJ) audit of the drug forfeiture accounts in Plymouth Township were released last week by Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz.

The formal investigation, initially referred to by township officials as "training" when federal auditors arrived from Chicago in August 2014, found several violations of federal guidelines, many of which centered on Township Treasurer Ron Edwards establishing at least one bank account under his control for the funds and his failure to provide records and receipts to Police Chief Tom Tiderington, both violations of federal guidelines.

While township officials initially denied the audit was taking place, they later claimed they had "requested" the forensic examination of federal funds received as a result of drug forfeitures.

Plymouth Township received nearly \$2 million as a share of funds from forfeited assets derived from illegal activities. As provided by federal law, those assets can only be used for the support of law enforcement activities and require strict reporting and accounting procedures. The funds, by these guidelines, must be administered and managed by the chief of police in the municipality.

The auditing team said in the report that the treasurer's unauthorized and irregular control of the funding was a violation of federal procedures. They also questioned Edwards' failure to reimburse the bank account he

had inappropriately established and controlled. In one instance, auditors said, more than \$94,000 was not in the account for more than 2 years and 3 months. Those funds were identified as a "rebate" on the purchase of four police vehicles from a manufacturer. Edwards said he deposited the funds in the state drug forfeiture account rather than the account for federal forfeiture funds and adjusted the accounts when the error was discovered. He did not transfer the total amount but claimed that about \$13,000 in the federal account should have been in the state account so he transferred only the amount necessary to correct the balances. The auditors

called those actions a violation of standard accounting procedures. The auditors also questioned the use of about \$25,000 of the funds, but township officials, in a written response to the audit, said that they would appeal this finding as they felt the expenses fell within the specific spending guidelines for the federal funds.

Auditors found no missing or unaccounted for drug forfeitures funds, according to the report.

Tiderington failed to sign a required quarterly report submitted more than three months late regarding the use of the funds. He told auditors that he was not allowed to receive copies of the bank statements associated with the DOJ equitable sharing program, and therefore, he could not ensure that the equitable sharing funds were being appropriately handled.

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Spooky season

Storytellers to present tales of terror, ghosts, goblins and ghouls

Just in time for the Halloween season, Judge Ronald Lowe and Dr. Debra Christian will present terrifying tales of ghosts, goblins and all things spooky from 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

The featured storytellers will spin their yarns at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 North Ridge Road in Canton Township. The two will take audiences of those 8 and older on an adventure with tales of fright, twists and turns, and things that go bump in the night.

An evening of spine-tingling tales awaits those brave enough to attend and endure as fright levels intensify in each story as the night progresses. Cider and donuts are included with the ticket and will be available while supplies last.

Lowe, also known as The Spellfinder, has been telling spooky stories his entire life. He comes by it honestly as his father, mother, aunts and many other family members

were storytellers. Lowe became a professional storyteller more than 25 years ago when he told his first story publicly at The Stone Circle in Elk Rapids. In his profession as an attorney, Lowe often incorporated storytelling in his trial work. At the 35th District Court, Lowe often uses it in the corporate environment to teach from the bench and in his administrative capacity. In his early years, Lowe's mentor and partner was Christian who helped him begin and grow as a professional storyteller.

Lowe will once again team with Christian as the two present hair-raising tales during the Ghost Stories event. Award-winning storyteller Christian will serve up tales from long ago and her travels on six continents. She has performed at the National Storytelling Festival, WDET National Public Radio, Greenfield

Village, the Michigan State Fair and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Christian is a speech-language pathologist and has entertained thousands of families, school children, executives, and regional festivals with her stories and oral tradition. A native of Plymouth, she continues to keep this oral tradition alive throughout the Midwest.

Tickets are \$4 per individual and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park, the White Pole Barn at the Canton Farmers Market every Sunday, and at the door. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children during this special event. For additional information, please visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Step-grandson, 26, facing murder charge

A 25-year-old man has been arraigned on a charge of first degree murder in the death of a Wayne resident last week.

Jesse Wayne Gunderson faces the murder charge in connection with the Sept. 26 homicide of Danny Louis Dart, 38, of Wayne.

According to police, Gunderson was in the back yard of Darts home in the 4500 block of Chamberlain when it is alleged he fatally struck Dart in the head with an ax.

Gunderson is reportedly the step-grandson of the victim and arrived at the Wayne home of his grandmother and her husband about five weeks ago. Gunderson reportedly flew to Wayne from Fresno, CA without any notice to his family. Dart and his wife took him in and he lived in their home on the 4500 block of Chamberlain since his arrival in Michigan.

Prosecutors allege that at about 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, Gunderson went into the back

yard of the home and picked up an ax that Dart used for chopping firewood. When Dart stepped outside the home into the yard, prosecutors charge that Gunderson struck him on the head with the ax, killing him instantly.

Family members told investigators that Dart, a retired Ford Motor Co. employee, routinely took Gunderson with him on odd jobs or to see friends and that the two had recently attended a Tiger's game together.

No motive has been alleged in the death of the long-time Wayne resident.

Following his arraignment in 29th District Court on Sept. 29, Gunderson was remanded to jail where he remains in custody. A not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf with the court. He is scheduled for a preliminary examination on the charge Oct. 13 in the Wayne court.

If convicted, he faces life in prison.

County OK's projects for Northville parks

Two goals were accomplished when the Wayne County Commission voted 15-0 Oct. 1 to approve a two-year intergovernmental agreement with Northville Township. It will now be easier for bicyclists, runners and walkers to travel between I-275 and Maybury State Park, and water quality will improve in Johnson Creek and the spring-fed pond at Fish Hatchery Park.

The county will spend \$194,125 of Parks Millage money to complete a non-motorized

path that will access a new entry to Maybury State Park, and pave a parking lot at Fish Hatchery Park that will eliminate sediment from entering a spring-fed pond that feeds Johnson Creek, believed to be the only trout stream in southeastern Michigan.

"These are win-win projects," said Commissioner Terry Marek, a Livonia Republican whose 9th District covers Northville Township, Northville and most of her hometown.

"Maybury is such a jewel for not only the Northville area, but the entire region. This will make it easier to reach the park. And, paving the lot will improve water quality in the pond and creek, which will impact the environment beyond the park."

That's because Johnson Creek is a tributary of the Middle Rouge River, which eventually merges with two other branches to form the Rouge River, which empties into the Detroit River.

The 17-acre Fish Hatchery Park is along the south side of Seven Mile Road, about a half-mile east of Beck Road.

The non-motorized path will be completed along the south side of Eight Mile Road from Beck Road west about 200 feet to a new entrance at Maybury. It will complete the final segment of pathway between City and I-275, from Six Mile Road to Hines Drive through the City of Northville to the 944-acre state park.

BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Belleville to become 'Booville' for October

The City of Belleville has become the City of Booville for the month of October.

Members of the city council approved numerous activities for the month to promote downtown business.

Activities at the annual Harvest Fest will include the closing of Fourth Street from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. The street will be closed from Main to Charles Street for the annual event.

The annual cemetery tour will take place from noon until 3 p.m. Oct. 17, and participants will be transported from the Historic Museum to the cemetery this year due to the limited parking available.

The Rotary Club Pumpkin Carving display will take place from noon until 2 p.m. Oct. 17 at Fourth Street Square. Participants will bring their own pumpkins, carved or uncarved, which will then be lit and displayed on scaffolding along the wall of the chamber of commerce building.

The Booville Witches Ball will take place in a tent at Fourth Street Square from 7:30 until 10 p.m. Oct. 23. The event is sponsored by Egan's Pub and the Belleville Chamber of Commerce.

The women-only event will continue after 10 when a pub crawl for men is complete and they can join the 'witches'. The Cauldron Cook Off, also sponsored by Egan's and the chamber is planned for 6-8 p.m. Oct. 24. Participants from New Tech will cook up their favorite dishes to be voted on by the public using quarters or tickets. The Belleville High School Jazz Band will perform.

A 1-mile Booville Dash or Dash in Disguise is planned for 9 a.m. Oct. 24 sponsored by the Plymouth YMCA. The runners and walkers start at Horizon Park and travel to Five Points and back to a tent at Fourth Street Square.

The Community Assistance Fund (CAF) will serve pancakes from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, all proceeds from the breakfast will be used to aid families in the 34th District Court service area.

There are many other activities for all ages planned at the library and museums during the month-long celebration of all things spooky. For information, contact the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, (734) 697-7151.

All-day music festival planned at library

A full day of music and fun is on tap for area families as the Canton Public Library announces an all-day all-ages music festival on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Families will start the day by moving and grooving to the indie rock beats of Ms. Carissa at 10 a.m. Award-winning children's entertainer Kevin Devine keeps the beat going with his own brand of rocking, participatory music from 11 a.m. until noon. After a break for lunch and naps, the party fires up again with the Salline Fiddlers Philharmonic, a premier youth troupe of musicians who present a diverse range of music from American folk to jazz to western swing along with spirited vocals and step dancing.

The Bright Lullabies take over the stage at 3:15 p.m. with a multi-gal performance that involves all five senses. The festival ends with the return of Gustaf Yellowgold, a nationally-recognized multi-media show described as equal parts pop rock concert and hand-drawn cartoon movie.

"The Family Music Festival was developed to bring our community together for a common goal: to celebrate, dance to and enjoy a variety of fun, creative, live music," said programming librarian Nichole Weitz, the organizer of the event. "The Canton Public Library is thrilled to host this for our families."

While singing and dancing are undeniably fun for kids, creativity, learning and improved literacy skills are the main outcomes. Studies have established positive correlations between musical abilities and the acquisition of written language, she said.

"In order to succeed, children will need to be inventive, resourceful and imaginative. Having an appreciation for and knowledge of music helps develop the creativity needed to adapt to changes in the world," added Weitz.

"We would like to foster music appreciation by providing a fun space to engage families in creativity and learning." The Family Music Festival is presented with the support of the Friends of the Canton Public Library and is open to the public. Registration is not required. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information about this program, visit www.cantontp.org.

Police collect 86 pounds of medication during drug day

Canton Police collected more than 86 pounds of unused prescription medication last week during Drug Take-Back Day.

The drugs were dropped off at a special box in the lobby of the Canton Police Department on Sept. 26. The effort was part of a semi-annual effort in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency to keep unused and potentially dangerous medications out of the hands of abusers and out of the water supply. The national effort, scheduled again in March of 2016, allows the public to dispose of expired, unused and unwanted prescription medications. The drop-offs are anonymous and no questions are asked about the medications. Only pills are accepted, no needles or liquids can be deposited during the hours of the take-back event.

The initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue, according to a prepared release from the Drug Enforcement Agency. "Unused medicines in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet, the release stated.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards, officials from the national agency concluded.

Public safety survey planned

The Canton Public Safety Department wants to know how the community thinks they are doing.

During the months of October and November 2015, the department is offering citizens the opportunity to rate the township police, fire and emergency medical services.

The online survey can be accessed from the home page of the website at www.cantontpsurvey.org.

Included in the survey is the chance for residents to rate which area of concern they feel is most important for the police department to focus its resources—either criminal activity, traffic enforcement, or crime prevention.

Results of the survey will be available to the public in early 2016 via the Canton POCUS newsletter, and various local and social media outlets.

Lt. Craig Wilsher urged public participation in the survey as a tool for improving public safety service in the community.

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Concert planned to aid children's charity

The Adopt-A-Child Size Committee of Inkster, in partnership with the St. Clements Episcopal Church, will present a concert at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at 4300 Harrison in Inkster.

This is the 30th year the local women have worked to raise funding to provide overwear for children in the community.

The goal of the program is to continue to raise money to provide new winter clothing for children of Inkster. The number of children in need in the commu-

ity continues to increase, explained Chairperson Martha Lynem. "Therefore, we are all charged to provide assistance to them."

There is no set admission charge for the concert but a free-will offering will be collected.

Lynem said that the committee is able to help 400-500 children each year in Inkster and surrounding areas. She said that last year more than 150 Inkster children received help from the Adopt-A-Child-Size group.

"We get a tremendous amount of community support," she said. Usually about 100 to more people attend the annual concert, she added.

The program is a continuation of the efforts of Jean Maura, an Inkster native who "unselfishly gave of herself toward the effort to help provide winter clothing for Inkster children for more than 11 years. Maura led the efforts to raise funds for new winter clothing for children," Lynem explained.

"The committee has planned a wonderful and exciting program and invite you to share with us this presentation," she said. During the past 30 years, more than 15,000 children have been helped by the group led this year by Executive Director Teresa Moore.

Adopt-A-Child-Size and support system is a non-profit Human Service Agency serving portions of both Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

For more information, contact Lynem at (734) 331-3307.



Meet the champions

Members of the new Champions of Glenn Board of Directors include, from left, Bill Gray, director of Champions of Wayne, Sean Galvin, director of Champions of Wayne, Louis Przybylski, school psychologist at John Glenn High School, Kim Cieszyński, John Glenn assistant principal, Westland Mayor William R. Wild, Thomas Yack, Glenn Shaw and Doug Shaw. The new group, modeled after the Champions program at Wayne Memorial High School, will oversee the program which offers mentorship to students. Shaw and his family spearheaded the financial support of the group which will offer 400 John Glenn students a financial reward to reach or exceed goal they set with their chosen mentor, a staff member at the school. The group plans an award banquet in February to celebrate students' success.

Inkster men enter plea in Westland shooting death

Two Inkster men face life in prison without parole in the robbery and killing of a man in Westland.

The men allegedly killed Joseph McClendon, 21, and stole \$150 from him as he sat in his car near Hurff Ruft and Annapolis on March 28. Investigators said

that McClendon had agreed to pay \$150 for a 9 millimeter handgun to Arlandus Nolen II, 38, and Davison Dix, 19. The pair are accused of shooting the victim, more than 12 times as he sat in his parked vehicle. The pair face charges of first-degree murder, felony murder, armed robbery

and felony firearm. Each has entered a no-contest plea and will be sentenced Oct. 9.

According to police, the victim, from Redford, agreed to meet the accused pair to purchase the illegal handgun. Text messages between the two

defendants showed that Nolen had used slang to say he wanted to kill someone prior to meeting McClendon in Westland. Investigators also say that Nolen set a text using smiley faces as he watched televised accounts of the shooting on the news the same day.

Arlandus Nolen, Sr., 40, of Roseville, Nolen's father, is charged as an accessory after the fact in the shooting. He also faces charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, felony firearm and as a habitual offender. His trial on those charges is set for Dec. 16.

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1. Obituaries



Richard Price
Richard C. Price, age 84, of Belleville, passed away Sept. 30, 2015 surrounded by his family at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. Mr. Price was born Jan. 15, 1931 in Detroit, the son of John Clifford and Ivey Mary (Mackie) Price. He proudly served his country in the Korean Conflict. He retired from Wayne/Westland Public Schools after many years as a plumber. He enjoyed work, he was always willing to help others when the could, and was a real "M. P. It". He was known locally as the "Ice Man" from "Ice Man" for his beautiful ice creations with a little help from "Old Man Winter". Mr. Price was a member of Denton Faith United Methodist Church, Belleville. Mr. Price is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Barbara (English) Price; four children, Patricia (Herbert Happpie) Price of Belleville, John (Debra) Price of Britton, William (Heidi) Price of Commerce Township and Amy (Gary) Fulton of Belleville; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many other family members and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David in 2008 and two brothers, Alfred and Norman Price. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at David C. Brown Funeral

Home, Belleville. Funeral services are planned for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Denton Faith United Methodist Church, 6500 Westfield Road, Belleville, with a visitation at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be at Denton Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation. An on-line guest book is available to sign at www.davidcbrown.com.



Gwendolyn Rogers
March 26, 1941 - Sept. 24, 2015
Gwendolyn Rogers died Sept. 24, 2015. Among those survivors left to cherish her memory and mourn her passing are her loving husband, Elijah Rogers, Sr.; two sons, Brian and Elijah, Jr.; two daughters, Gloria Forbes and Albertine (Gerald) Luster; a brother, Wilford (Helen) Roberts; two special granddaughters, Taylor and Maye; a host of loving-in-laws, nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many friends. Funeral services took place at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Westland with the Rev. John E. Duckworth officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted by the family to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

30. Help Wanted

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The Senior Alliance to buy county-owned building

The Wayne County Commission voted 15-0 Oct. 1 to approve a three-part transaction that will result in the sale of the RESA Annex building in Wayne to The Senior Alliance, with the county leasing back about 5,000 square feet for \$1 annually.

The building is at 5454 S. Venoy Road, just north of Van Born Road, and is just east of the main building for the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, which is the intermediate school district that serves 33 public school districts and 108 charter schools covering almost all of Wayne County. The Wayne-based Senior Alliance, Area Agency 1-C,

is a private, nonprofit agency that coordinates a network of services for qualifying senior and disabled residents of 24 Wayne County communities as part of the state's MI Choice Waiver Program.

Wayne County is purchasing RESA's interest in the building and land for \$285,000, then selling it to The Senior Alliance for \$900,000, with the closing to happen by Nov. 1. The county will lease 5,000 square feet for \$1 annually for five years to house the Head Start administrative offices that will move out of the county-owned Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., Westland, where Head Start pro-

gramming will remain.

The county also has the option in 2020 to extend the RESA Annex lease for \$300,000 annually for five years. RESA has the option to lease space for its Early On program.

Wayne County Department of Environmental Services employees currently housed in the RESA Annex will move to the nearby Department of Health, Veterans & Community Wellness Building, formerly the Department of Public Health Building, at 33030 Van Born Road, Wayne.

As part of the \$900,000 purchase, Wayne County is setting aside up to \$90,000 for The Senior

Alliance to use by May 1, 2016, for asbestos abatement as a match to the amount the agency will spend.

Earlier this year, the Commission unanimously approved a more-than-\$3 million, one-year agreement with The Senior Alliance in which the agency will run the county's Meals on Wheels program, which had been based at the Kay Beard Building but will move to the RESA Annex.

The employees will transfer from the county to The Senior Alliance, which also pay for the drivers' mileage. The agreement is expected to save the county

about \$550,000 annually.

"Wayne County and The Senior Alliance have had a close relationship for many years," said Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, who chairs the Commission Committee on Health and Human Services. "The county has helped The Senior Alliance in the past, and now The Senior Alliance is helping the county during tough financial times. We really appreciate The Senior Alliance running the Meals on Wheels program. It's nice that the county can sell them the RESA Annex to help meet their needs. This will benefit both of us."

Rouge A Palooza is Saturday

Once again, there will be music, food, boat, canoe races, a rubber duck race and educational displays during Rouge-A-Palooza this Saturday, Oct. 10 at Goudy Park.

The event is an effort to promote recreational activities on the Rouge River in Wayne.

Rouge-A-Palooza will begin with a Log Jam Classic Canoe Race at 10 a.m. Racers, who can use their own canoes or rent one, should begin registration at 9 a.m. The

race will end at Goudy Park.

The Friends of the Rouge will host a group canoe ride at noon and there will be a raffle for a kayak.

Three heats are planned in the popular rubber duck races and the Wayne Rotary Club is again hosting a build-your-own boat activity - all materials provided.

A beer tent and live music will begin at noon and continue through 9 p.m.

For more information, visit www.rougeapalooza.org.

Library upgrades planned

The Romulus Library will see some improvements during the next year, according to Library Director Patty Braden.

Planned for this fiscal year is the purchase of a new public copier featuring color and double-sided copying and faster speed and the installation of electric plugs and USB outlets in study tables for wireless users.

The library is also planning the installation of an outdoor book return and the reconfiguration of circulation desk for faster service along with updated indoor signage to help patrons locate their way to specific areas.

Braden added that there will be an updated literature rack and bulletin board for library and public notices; shades in library meeting room to cut down on heat and sun allowing patrons to see out but not in; an additional checkout station for faster service and an additional public computer.

Also planned is an under-the-counter indoor book return and upgrades to the children's area of the facility which will be funded by contributions from the Romulus Rotary Club and Friends of the Library.

Braden added that the library is now open two hours earlier on Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"With these new hours, the library will be open 54 hours a week, more than ever before in its entire history," she said in a prepared newsletter.

She added that the library is seeking input from patrons and users to help plan for future improvements.

"We need your help in planning for the future. Tell us what we're doing well, what we can improve on and services you would like to see implemented. It'll take less than 10 minutes to fill out the survey which can be found at <http://bit.ly/1E3RtLx>," she added.

Survey is available through Oct. 17.



Helping hands

Members of the Romulus National Honor Society teamed up with the members of the Community United Methodist Church in Romulus to help with the Gleaners food distribution Sept. 26 at Community United Methodist Church in Romulus. National Honor Society students are required to maintain a minimum GPA (grade point average) of 3.5 and are selected on the basis of character, community service, and academics. Currently, Romulus High School has 27 active members. National Honor Society advisors Kathy Abdo, Liza Mookeridge, and Kathy Rice have challenged the honor society students to engage in more community service to help bring the Romulus community closer together.



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Calendar of events

Maybury Corn Maze is open

The 10-acre Maybury Farm Corn Maze is now open from 6-10 p.m. Fridays, from noon until 10 p.m. Saturdays and from noon until 7 p.m. on Sundays through Nov. 1. The last wages leaves for the maze one hour prior to close. Group tours and bonfires for 15 or more are available. To reserve a date, call (248)874-0200. Cost to visit the corn maze is \$7 per person and includes the hayride and admission to Maybury Farm. As always, children 2 and under are free. All proceeds from the maze are used to pay for the winter feed bolls for the farm animals.

Maybury Farm, operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a historic farm that provides interactive educational opportunities for the public. The farm is located at 30165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1.34 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, do not enter the State Park.

Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or www.facebook.com/mayburyfarm

Hats For Homeless needed

The Plymouth Community United Way is sponsoring a Hats For The Homeless drive through Dec. 18.

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

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

Autism stickers available

The City of Plymouth Safe Citizen Program has gained assistance from Jack's Place for Autism.

The City of Plymouth Police Department now offers Jack's Place for Autism house-door stickers and vehicle clings for inside car windows free of charge at the front desk located inside Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

At the time of pick up, a Safe Citizen form be completed, which can also be found at <https://cityplymouth.seamless->

[does.com/TKJkKm](https://cityplymouth.seamless-does.com/TKJkKm). The completion of the form is not required but will assist police and fire first responders in properly assisting those in need.

Jack's Place for Autism was created by Jim and Lisa Price as a non-profit to help families in Metro Detroit cope with autism. Information for Jack's Place can be found at www.jacksplaceforautism.org.

For more information, contact Det. Lt. Jamie Grabowski at (734)453-1234 x272 or jgrabowski@plymouthpolice.org with any questions.

Used books on sale

The Friends of the Romulus Library will host a used book sale from noon until 8 p.m. today, from noon until 4 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 9 and from noon until 4 p.m. on Oct. 10.

Saturday will be bag day when a bag filled with books is priced at \$3. all proceeds will be used to support programming at the library for adults, teens and children.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Freighters host open house

The Northville Township Fire Department will host an open house from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 10 in celebration of national Fire Prevention Week.

There will be fire safety tip, a live vehicle airbag demonstration the smoke house will be open and tours of the station and the fire trucks will be available.

The fire station is located at 45745 West Sic Mile Road, across from Northville High School.

The event is open to the public at no charge.

Church hosts Mom-2-Mom sale

A Mom-2-Mom and Bake Sale is planned at Willow United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Oct. 10.

Admission is a non-perishable food item or \$1. Gently used clothing, toys, books, games and other items will be for sale.

All proceeds go to Willow Women's Group Thanksgiving baskets, the food pantry and school supplies.

The church is located at 38925 Willow Road in New Boston.

For more information, access www.willowchurch.org.

'Annie' visits Canton stage

Everyone's favorite redhead will return to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in the Spotlight on Youth Theater production of *Annie, Jr.* for one weekend only, Oct. 15-17.

More than 100 children auditioned for the much loved musical and 67 youngsters, ages 5 and older, make up the entire cast. The young actors are from Plymouth, Livonia, Canton, South Lyon, Westland, Ann Arbor, Manchester and Ypsilanti. Canton sisters, Kate, Lucy and Marion Nolan are featured players in the production. Lucy plays the title role of Annie; Kate plays Star-to-Be and Marion, age 6, plays Sandy the Dog. Taylor Denry of Manchester plays Daddy Warbucks; Leslie Miller of South Lyon plays Grace; Colliach Allen of Canton plays Rooster; Cameron Denby of Manchester plays Miss Hannigan and Corinne Marsh of Canton plays Lily.

Annie Jr. is a 70-minute version of the popular Broadway musical *Annie* geared specifically for a youth cast.

Tickets are available online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or by calling (734) 394-5300. The Village Theater box office is open for walk-up service weekdays between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased one hour prior to curtain at 7 p.m.,



Canton sisters, Kate, Lucy and Marion Nolan are featured in the upcoming musical *Annie Jr.*

Thursday and Friday and at both 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

For additional information about Spotlight on Youth productions, call (248) 319-3637 or visit spotlighton-youth-mi.com, or www.facebook.com/SpotlightonYouth.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Genealogists to meet

The public is invited to attend, free of charge, this meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society from 1:15 until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville.

The roundtable "Researching in Michigan" will begin at 1:15 p.m., a business meeting at 2:30 p.m., followed by Judith Coebly presenting "A Rose is Not a Rose - Women in the Civil War" at 3 p.m. Coebly was in public education in Dearborn for almost 40 years and is active in many historical organizations. This presentation tells the story of the almost 900 women who served in disguise as soldiers in the Civil War.

There will also be a Beginner's Class on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Novi Public Library. Contact the library to register. Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the

Safe driving course offered

A safe driving course will be offered from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Oct. 13 and 14 at the HYPE Recreation Center in Wayne.

Tuition is \$15 for members of AARP and \$20 for non-members and the class is open to anyone older than 30. Instruction will be provided in defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies and new traffic law and rules. There is no test and those who complete the course will receive a certificate which some insurance companies will accept for a discount on premiums.

To register, call Nancy Wojewski-Noel at (734)721-7493. Classes will take place at the center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

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