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## THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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The Belleville Good-Fellows will be accepting applications for Belleville and Van Buren Township residents from Nov. 2 - Dec. 4. Applications will be available at the Van Buren Township Hall.

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Members of the Westland City Council have approved a 12-year tax abatement request from Williams-Bayer Industries, Inc., a Tier 2 automotive supplier.

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## Van Buren landfill may take radioactive waste

Increased radioactive waste may soon be headed for the US Ecology hazardous waste landfill in Van Buren Township.

Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers met with members of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission Oct. 21 as part of the process to determine if the landfill will be used to dispose of radioactive soil as part of the federal Superfund Cleanup effort. The Army performs clean ups across the country and is attempting to find locations for the radioactive waste to shorten the cross-country hauling now necessary for disposal. Several states refuse to take radioactive waste at anything higher than 5



Google Earth indicates the Wayne Disposal site owned by US Ecology is about 2,250 feet from the shoreline of Belleville Lake.

The landfill is located across 1.94 a short distance from Belleville Lake.

Physical health experts from the Army Corps attended the meeting which included Matthew Best, the township deputy director of Planning and economic development. Best said the meeting took place with only 24-hours notice.

Best said that the federal government is considering bringing radioactive waste of 50 picocuries to the local landfill. The waste, referred to as TENORM or technologically enhanced, naturally occurring radioactive material, would be buried 10 feet or more below the ground surface. Best said the corps representatives described the pro-

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## Hat trick Canton girl organizes Autism Awareness college hockey game

Kyle Scarpace may not play hockey, but she scored a hat trick at a recent University of Michigan game.

First, she convinced Wolverine head coach Red Berenson to host an Autism Awareness game. Then she negotiated a quiet room and special ticket price at the game for autistic fans and finally she sang the National Anthem before the sold-out crowd of 5,000.

The 11-year-old seventh grade student at Discovery Middle School in Canton Township took on the task of Autism Awareness in an effort to help bring attention to the increase in the disorder which affects her best friend and about 3.5 million others in the U.S. She came up with the idea watching a hockey game with her dad, L.J. Scarpace, the Wolverine director of player development at the U of M, who was a goalie on Michigan's Frozen Four team in 2001.

When she saw the Boston University team wearing the puzzle piece autism logo on their helmets, she asked her dad if the Michigan team could do something like that to support autism awareness.

He sent her to Berenson, someone she has known her entire life, telling her it was up to her to convince the coach to designate the game as a benefit for autism. She did have a slight edge with the coach, since her grandfather played

professional hockey with Berenson.

She prepared a Power Point and slide presentation and took teams of research to the meeting, convincing Berenson immediately to agree to the Oct. 18 Wolverine hockey game against Mercyhurst to the cause.

Both the Michigan and Mercyhurst players wore puzzle piece ribbon stickers, the National Autistic Society logo, on their helmets during the game.

Berenson was so impressed with Scarpace's presentation, he took the next step, calling Hockey Hall of Fame legend Ted Lindsay, who also got behind the event. His Ted Lindsay Foundation has donated more than \$2 million to fund autism research and increase awareness of the disease. Lindsay attended the game, dropped the puck to start play and his foundation set up information booths at the arena.

Scarpace was prompted to help people understand autism by her affection for best friend, who is autistic.

"We're all unique and different. We shouldn't judge people based on labels," she said. She added that she is very excited by the newest Sesame Street character, Julia, who is autistic, who will help bring awareness to the syndrome.

Scarpace said it was seeing the looks some people give her



Kyle Scarpace

friend that made her realize more needed to be done to help people understand autism.

The game, which attracted a crowd of 5,000 cheering fans, did just that, especially with the presence of hockey great Lindsay.

Scarpace included a quiet room for those with autism at the game in her proposal.

"When you have a child with autism, meltdowns can be at any moment and they are very sensitive to noise," Scarpace said. The quiet room was clearly marked in the West Arena lobby area and audio levels lowered inside.

Scarpace, who has been interested in music and per-

formance since she was a toddler, recently performed in her first professional stage role in Dexter and will be performing at The Dio in Pinckney in Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge, her second professional theater experience.

Her interest in performing led her to suggest, as part of her proposal to Berenson, that she sing the National Anthem at the game.

University officials, unfamiliar with her past theatrical performances, suggested she audition for the honor. When she did, her mother, Stacy Scarpace, said she vowed them

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## Former supervisor named to Plymouth board

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials voted unanimously last week on the appointment of Steve Mann to the unexpired term of trustee Kay Arnold who died earlier this month. Mann formerly served terms as a board trustee and supervisor in the township. He has reportedly said he will serve only until Arnolds term ends in November of 2016 and will not seek election to the board.

The unanimous vote came

after wrangling during a one-hour session during which several residents in attendance expressed hopes of a different manner and criteria for the selection.

Supervisor Shannon Price explained the selection plan starting with an endorsement from Mann, who was conspicuously absent from the meeting. Price said that Mann, an attorney with the Miller Canfield law firm, had a previous employment consultant.

Mann served as township supervisor from 2000-2004. In

2004 he was elected to serve a four-year term as a trustee and re-elected in 2008 for a second term which continued through 2012, when he opted not to seek re-election.

Mann, who began his employment career as a Plymouth Township police officer, earned his law degree while employed with the township.

Trustee Chuck Curmi noted that he was not in favor of Mann's appointment.

"Mann is not my first choice because I want new thinking. Ron (Treasurer Ron Edwards),

I'm a little pained by your number one (Mann). If you want consensus, I'll do it."

Clerk Nancy Conzelmann offered the motion to approve Mann's appointment while Curmi and Trustee Bob Doroshewitz suggested a poll of public opinion after shout-outs from audience members peppered the discussion.

"I don't think there's any harm in letting the public speak," Doroshewitz said.

After some discussion, Price

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# NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## Manufacturer cries 'foul' in sewer warning

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

A Plymouth manufacturing firm alleged to be depositing objectionable industrial wastewater into the township sanitary sewer system is taking exception after receiving a cease and desist warning from township officials.

Viola Holdings, doing business as VersaTrans, a manufacturer of custom-printed heat transfers located on Keel Street, received a warning letter in late September stating they are violating the Township Sewer Use Ordinance and ordered to immediately stop and submit a corrective action plan.

The Sept. 28, letter signed by Plymouth Township Attorney Kevin Bennett, said VersaTrans would be liable for any expense, loss or damage and could face criminal prosecution if compliance was not made within 10 days.

The warning letter referencing an inspection by Western Township Utilities Authority (WTUA) and Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) completed on Aug. 19, 2015 and said, "...the facility continues to discharge prohibitive substances to the Township's sanitary sewer system."

VersaTrans' attorney, Daniel Dalton, said he is very concerned that township officials believe his client is discharging prohibited materials into the sewer system and would like to know specifically what was wrong so corrections can be made.

"This letter is very extraordinary," said Dalton who referred to "unanswered phone messages and a response letter," he for left for Bennett asking for further information about the problem.

YCUA tested two weeks ago and everything was fine, then they tested again and confirmed everything is OK.

VersaTrans representatives recently accused Township Treasurer Ron Edwards of unfairly withholding final payments from the Wayne County Land Bank TURBO tax rebate program. Spokesperson Jared Rodriguez said a long-overdue check dated Oct. 7 was mailed to VersaTrans from Wayne County following a public complaint.

YCUA tested two weeks ago and everything was fine, then they tested again and confirmed everything is OK," Dalton said.

In a written response to the township, Dalton referenced dif-

ferences in the results of the YCUA monitoring conducted on Aug. 19-20 and those alleged by Bennett. The result letter sent directly to VersaTrans dated Sept. 17, found no problem, Dalton said, other than a request that VersaTrans apply for a wastewater discharge permit. The YCUA inspectors noted that the facility "Exerts a high oxygen demand."

A copy of the YCUA letter obtained by The Eagle shows a finding of elevated levels of Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Chemical Oxygen

Demand (COD) and says the process wastewater from the VersaTrans facility has "...a potential for solids deposition that could result in obstruction of flow."

Dalton acknowledged the high oxygen demand, but explained that report does not find an illegal discharge of materials as claimed by the township.

The inspection performed by the YCUA confirms that nothing prohibited is being discharged. If the Township believes that my client is discharging prohibited materials, or that the Township has performed additional tests and has separate data with respect to any discharge issues, please send them to my attention immediately. Once we evaluate the same, we will be in better position to respond and remedy any claims that the Township may have."

## Trustee

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was persuaded to allow public comment, limited to 30 seconds for each resident.

Doroshewitz had suggested the appointment of the fifth-place finisher in the 2012 primary election, Jennifer Mann. He suggested her appointment would bring some diversity of opinion to the board and would provide representation to a greater cross section of the township.

"His suggestion found no support from the other board members. "I don't think the board's dynamic will change with this," Doroshewitz said of Mann's appointment. I don't feel good about it now," he said.

Edwards, who was historically aligned with Mann, argued with Doroshewitz that he (Mann) was the best choice.

"He has the knowledge of what the township is doing. OK? Our business is between us here," Edwards said, suggesting that public input was inappropriate.

In 2004, Mann, then serving as trustee, headed an advisory committee to build a new \$12 million Township Hall and fire station, training facility and living quarters. By a 4-3 vote, despite residents' strong protests, board members approved the purchase of the 9-acre property from a local car dealer for the new township facility.

At that time, Mann defended the decision to proceed without putting the issue in front of voters. He cited other projects

he was involved with without voter approval, including a new fire station, the DPW building and a \$100 million sewer facility. "Each was built without a vote," he said in 2004. Mann claimed there was a need for more space, saying the facilities didn't reflect "the pride we take in our community..."

Mann publicly referred to a citizens' petition effort with 4,000 signatures as "trivialous" when residents wanted a vote on a 1-mill dedicated tax to fund the fire department. The board members refused to acknowledge the petitions and were subsequently forced to place the issue on a ballot by a Circuit Court decision. Rather than the 1-mill petitions requested, however, the board members asked the millage ballot question to 10 mills, a legal maneuver to ensure the defeat of the question.

In another major business matter that involved Mann, attorneys representing the township filed for the reconsideration last June in the Michigan Court of Appeals seeking to overturn a lower court decision that ordered the township to return 190 acres of land, part of a 323-acre parcel formerly known as the Detroit House of Corrections, to the city. The land dispute has been in court since the Detroit bankruptcy filing in 2012.

In August 2011, the board agreed to an Installment Purchase Agreement, drafted by Mann on Miller Canfield letterhead, to purchase the former DeHoCo prison property for \$606,150. Mann abstained from voting on the purchase agreement, "to avoid the appearance of impropriety,"

## Northville Home Tour nears

Believe it or not, it's almost that time of year again.

Tickets are now on sale for the Holiday Home Tour presented by the Northville Community Foundation. This year, the tour will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 13 and 14.

Again this year, five gorgeous homes have been selected to be decorated for the holidays, explained Foundation Executive Director Jessica Strieghe. "The style of each home is different and there is something for every taste. This year, the tour is an exceptional blend of traditional, woody, cozy and Victorian," she said.

"Each home is beautiful on its own but with our talented team of decorators the homes come to life with ideas on top of ideas for decorating your home for the holidays," Strieghe added.

Tickets for the Holiday Home Tour are

\$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the event. Tickets are on sale now at Haven in Northville, Gardenview, or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased on Visa or MasterCard by calling (248) 374-0800. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year, Strieghe cautioned.

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the work of the Northville Community Foundation in the community including holiday gifts for senior citizens confined to assisted living facilities, grants for nonprofits and community programs, scholarships for students, coordinating the Northville Independence Day Parade and operations at Maybury Farm.

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# INKSTER - WAYNE

## Crucial catch Center teams with hospital for breast care screening event

The Beaumont Breast Care Center - Wayne teamed up with the Western Wayne Family Health Center this month in a nation-wide campaign to promote breast cancer awareness and save lives.

Crucial Catch Day, a program sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Football League, took place Oct. 13. It was designed to reach out to women and encourage them to be screened for breast cancer through a grant provided to the health center. It included free mammograms and other screenings, food, gifts, a remote radio broadcast with Randi Myles from Prairie 102.7, visits with Gladys Bettis, a cancer survivor and mother of Jerome "The Bus" Bettis, as well as live reads between the Inkster center and the breast care center in Wayne. The center was one of only 32 breast care centers in the nation to take part in the event.

"Early detection saves lives. It's as simple as that," said Linda Atkins, CEO of Western Wayne Family Health Center (WWFHC). "We are proud to be part of A Crucial Catch Day to show that having a

mammogram is not something to dread, but to celebrate, as it can save a woman's life. Even though we can't have a party every day, we want all women to stay on top of their breast cancer screening and know that WWFHC is a place where they can come and feel celebrated and appreciated for taking control of their health."

Peggy Law, imaging coordinator at Beaumont Breast Care Center - Wayne, said one of the common excuses women give for not getting an annual mammogram is nervousness over the procedure and fear of the results.

"For every woman, whether they're coming in for a screening or a diagnostic, I think they all have it in the back of their mind that this is 'the one,' that they're going to find out that they have something," said Law. "They're worried about breast cancer, they're worried about the results. They're worried about the stories they may have heard about how painful the procedure is and it's not, anymore."

Law said she wanted to make sure it was a fun day for all who took part, providing food, punch, coffee and gifts to the



Kimberly Clark, of Taylor (left) and Dorothy McGregor, of Westland (right) receive special gift bags from Peggy Law at the Beaumont Breast Care Center - Wayne on Crucial Catch Day.

participants. The breast care center stayed up until 6 p.m. in order to accommodate as many as 30 free mammograms. Staff also answered questions and provided information about the importance of annual screenings for women 40 and older or younger, for those who have a family history of the disease as well as instructions on how to complete a monthly self-exam at home.

Robin Tremille, an Inkster resident, said she appreciated the royal treatment from meeting the celebrities and breast cancer advocates to the limousine ride from the Western Wayne Family Health Care Center, where participants were greeted with freshly-planted pink mums

and pink-painted parking spots in the lot.

"I was nervous, because it had been a few years since my last mammogram," said Tremille, who is 48 years old. "You're always nervous. But the staff was so welcoming and reassuring they made me feel comfortable. It was a wonderful event."

"It's so important to serve these women who may not otherwise get a mammogram and to show them that they can get top of the line care here," said Law. "We show them that there's nothing to be afraid of, the procedure is comfortable and even if we do catch something, if we catch it early it's very treatable. We help them get over any fear or discomfort so it'll be easier for them next year."

## Holiday parade cancelled in Wayne

There will be no parade this year to celebrate the arrival of Santa in the City of Wayne.

The annual event, a mainstay of the community of nearly 40 years, has been cancelled this year due to safety concerns, according to Rotary Club member John VanStipdonk. The club has organized the lighted, evening parade down city streets for several years. Club leaders made the

decision to cancel the event when faced with the expense of overtime costs for the police officers necessary to ensure safety at the event, he said. Additionally, the police department does not have the officers on staff necessary for the event, he noted.

The club cannot afford to pay the police overtime costs and the city is facing serious budget constraints making the overtime pay

for officers impossible. Police are responsible for blocking off the streets and intersections and controlling traffic so the parade can safely travel through the community and down a portion of Michigan Avenue, traditionally celebrating the arrival of Santa who waves to the crowds at the end of the event. Last year, the event ended with hot chocolate for the crowds at the State Wayne

Theatre.

Currently there are 22 officers on the Wayne Police force, although one is injured and not working while another is still in training. Officers are reportedly already working 12-hour shifts and putting in overtime.

Some type of alternate event will be scheduled for Dec. 5, Van Stipdonk said, although no details are available yet.

## Correction

In a story about a new Champions of John Glenn High School program last week, it should have said that a similar program at Wayne Memorial High School also includes a cash incentive for students who agree to sign a contract agreeing to improve their grade point average.

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# ROMULUS - WESTLAND

## Stepping up City Veterans Parade welcomes all

The second annual Romulus Veterans Day Parade is planned for 9:30 a.m. Nov. 11.

Individuals and organizations are welcome to participate in the parade, according to a city spokesperson. Veterans and parade entries with a patriotic theme should all have a patriotic theme can meet at 8 a.m. at the Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Oggs Road, for the line up.

The city will provide floats and motorized vehicles on which veterans can ride if they wish.

The parade will begin at the Progressive Hall, head north on Goddard Road, east on Bibbins and end at the Romulus Veterans Memorial located in front of the Romulus Municipal Complex at 11111 Wayne Road.

At the memorial, a Veterans Day Ceremony will take place with involvement from local VFW Post 9568 and other community members. The ceremony will recognize World War II veterans as well as highlight the new bricks that were purchased and engraved at the memorial during 2015.

"Spectators are needed along the parade route and at the Veterans Memorial Ceremony to give the veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve," said Robert McCraight, director of Public Services and chair of the city Veterans Outreach Committee.

Last year, Mayor LeRoy D. Buerhoff formed the committee to facilitate veterans programs and outreach in the city.

"The freedoms we share and live today



Romulus VFW Post 9568 Honor Guard marching in the parade.

are a result of our heroic veterans and for this we should continue to support them whenever we can," said Buerhoff.

Throughout the year the Veterans Outreach Committee conducts clothing, blanket and food drives to support the

local veterans, as well as coordinates the Romulus Veterans Day Parade.

For more information about the Veterans Day event, to register for the parade or for other suggestions on ways to help local veterans, call (734) 955-8800.

## Westland celebrates success of Blues, Brews and BBQ

The 5th annual All-American Blues, Brews & Barbecue in Westland was another event for the record books, according to Mayor William R. Wild.

Wild said the event raised more than \$30,000 for 13 local non-profit organizations for the second consecutive year. The event has generated \$150,000 in total for community organizations during the past five years.

Checks were presented to the volunteer organizations at the regular meeting of the City Council members last month.

Blues, Brews & Barbecue attracted thousands of attendees from Westland and surrounding communities, as well as a record number of sponsors, Wild said. "I want to thank all of our volunteers, the participating restaurants, our sponsors and

the performers for another remarkable event," said Wild. "This annual event has recently started to put Westland on the map for music and great food."

The 13 non-profits who will receive donations from the event include: the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Goodfellows, Lions Club, the Westland Citizens, the Westland Rotary Club, The Westland

Community Foundation, Westland Jaycees, Grange, the Westland Historic Commission, Warm Hearts, the Westland Youth Assistance Program, Police Explorers and The Fire Fighters Public Awareness Committee.

To receive the funds, these local organizations provided volunteer manpower to make the event a success, serving as

greeters, grounds crew workers, and ID checkers, among a variety of other roles in an effort to make the event cost neutral to the city.

Attendees were treated to music from some of the area's best musicians, mouthwatering barbecue from some favorite local establishments, and a variety of Michigan craft micro brews, Wild said.

## Council approves 12-year tax abatement for business

Members of the Westland City Council have approved a 12-year tax abatement request from Williams-Bayer Industries Inc., a Westland-based, Tier 2 automotive supplier that currently employs 80 people at its existing facility.

Williams-Bayer, which has

had a presence in Westland since 2005, considered a number of surrounding communities to locate their second plant but decided to utilize vacant land adjacent to their current 40,000 square foot facility, according to Wilbert Williams, president of Williams-Bayer Industries.

"We chose Westland to expand our business because we are able to share resources with our existing facility and Mayor (William) Wild and his Economic Development team have been very business friendly, highly competitive and have a history of expediting building permits,"

commented Williams.

Williams-Bayer makes CNC best tubing, catalytic converter shells, metal stampings, component assemblies, suspension bushings and stamped, stacked and welded assemblies. The company is an OEM supplier.

Total investment for this proj-

ect is approximately \$8.5 million which includes \$4 million for land and building and \$4.5 million for machinery and equipment.

The investment will generate approximately \$50,000 in new tax revenue for the City of Westland. It also will result in 55 new jobs.

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# Calendar of events

## 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) 453-6873 ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcu.org.

## Food supplies sought

Northville Civic Concern is looking for help in filling empty shelves.

The food bank does not have enough food available for the November distribution dates and is described as a critical situation. Client numbers are increasing as donations are decreasing for the group which serves more than 180 Northville households, many with school age children.

Residents are asked to bring non-expired canned or boxed food to Northville Civic Concern's office at 42851 West Seven Mile Road located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday. During other hours, items can be dropped off at Cassel's Restaurant or World Wide Alterations also located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza. Donations are accepted at Genelli's Restaurant, The UPS Store, Great Harvest Bread Company, and Northville City Hall.

There is a special need for fruit, macaroni and cheese, cereal, and canned meat products. For more information, call (248) 344-1035 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

## Blankets are needed

Plymouth Community United Way is holding a Blanket Drive in support of the homeless community through Jan. 15, 2016.

Blankets must be new, or handmade, and can be dropped at the Plymouth Community United Way office. The address is 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6873 ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcu.org.

## Annual church fair planned

First Congregational Church will present the 69th Annual Church Fair, Christmas Bells A'Ringin', from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Nov. 5 and 6 at the church, 2 Towne Square in Wayne.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., ala carte and dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m.

The dinner cost is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

The fair includes a Christmas shop, a boutique and country store along with antiques and books, hand-made goods a kids shop, a coffee shop and a raffle. The building is handicap accessible at the south entrance.

## Senator sets coffee hour

State Senator Hoon-Yung Hoggood (D-Taylor) who represents the new 6th Senate District that includes Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter

Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland, has set a coffee hour beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Tim Hortons, 10990 Belleville Road, Van Buren Charter Township.

For additional information, contact Hoggood's at (517) 373-7800, by emailing senhoggood@senate.mi.gov or visiting facebook.com/SenHoggood.

## Genealogy group to meet

Members of the Northville Genealogical Society will meet from 1-15 until 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady. The roundtable "Canadian Research" will begin at 1:15 p.m., a business meeting at 2:30 p.m., followed by Barbara Snow presenting "A Century of Change - 19th Century Marriage Laws and Customs" at 3 p.m.

Snow, a former librarian, teaches classes on genealogy at Washtenaw Community College and is a well-known lecturer. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library from 1-3 p.m. Mondays and also by appointment.

For more information contact Grace Wilfong (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootweb.com/~mings

## Medicare to be topic

Plymouth Community United Way in partnership with Plymouth Community Council on Aging, will sponsor a discussion of Medicare from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at Plymouth Township Hall.

Matthew LaMarre, CRPC of Jackson Kennedy Insurance & Investments will present the discussion which will include: questions to ask; key differences between Original Medicare with a supplement and Medicare Advantage; how to determine which plan to choose; when plans can be switched; Medicare Part D; How to determine the right plan for you; the donut hole past, present and future; effects of the Affordable Care Act on Medicare and Part B premiums.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6873 ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcu.org.

## Free movie for vets

In cooperation with MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 and John Glenn High School JROTC, State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hoggood will host a free screening of the James Bond movie, SPYGLASS. The movie will be shown at 1 p.m. Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the MJR Westland Grand Cinema 16 located at 6300 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Tickets are limited to two per veteran and are available on a first come, first serve basis. RSVP is required at (517) 373-7800, by e-mailing senhoggood@senate.michigan.gov or by visiting my Facebook page at facebook.com/SenHoggood.

## Church serves chicken suppers

Willow United Methodist Church will be serving chicken suppers from 5 p.m. until sold out Nov. 11.

The dinners include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea or milk. The price is \$10 per person and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

The church is located at 38925 Willow

Stacy Scarpace, a teacher in the Taylor schools, said she was very proud of her daughter. The family has lived in Canton since 1998 and Kylie has a sister, Chloe, who is 8.

The whole family supports Scarpace's efforts, her mother said.

"This is a little girl's dream, so anything we can do to help her promote autism awareness, we will," she said. "I'm extremely proud of her."



## Almost, Maine

Spotlight Players actors Joe Wikar of Canton and Julia Salloum of Plymouth, rehearse an intense scene from Almost, Maine, which will be presented in the Biltmore Studio of the Village Theater the weekends of Nov. 13-15 and Nov. 20-22. Tickets are priced at \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students and can be purchased by visiting www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to show time. For additional information, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For information about show times, call (734)394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

road in New Boston.  
For information, call (734)654-9020.

## Tree lighting planned

The annual Boulevard Tree Lighting and Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick Off event will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

E.G. Nick's and Gordon Food Service will provide free hot chocolate and coffee and Community Financial will provide cookies.

The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. with entertainment by 104.3 and the Salvation Army Brass Band.

The first 100 guests will receive a free gift and a donation of toys or non-perishable food items will ensure entry into a drawing for gift certificates from downtown merchants.

## Airport historians to meet

The second meeting of a new group dedicated to the history of Detroit Metro Airport will meet from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Romulus Public Library.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Daniel Mason, volunteer historian, at (734) 955-8875 or email historian@woxas.

## Blood drive planned

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Dec. 14 at Plymouth City Hall, 201 South Main St. in Plymouth.

The blood drive will take place on the second floor of city hall.

Organizers said that one pint of blood can save up to three lives and the need is constant.

For information, visit www.redecross-blood.org [http://www.redecrossblood.org/]and to schedule an appointment. Enter sponsor code PC10R call 313-549-7022. For donor eligibility questions, call (866) 236-5276.

## Zumba party planned

Canton will host Zumba® Party Hearty on Nov. 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, to benefit the American Heart Association. Zumba® enthusiasts are asked to wear red and dance the morning away for a great cause at the Summit on the Park, located at 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton. Admission to the event is a \$5 minimum donation.

"Folks who attend our Zumba® Party Hearty fundraiser will have a blast with this unique dance fitness experience where everyone usually forgets that they are exercising," said Kristi Zehrowski, health and wellness coordinator. "Together we can use our dance moves and join the fight against Heart Disease."

All ages are welcome. Zumba® Party Hearty participants are also asked to bring bottled water and come ready to move. For additional information, call (734)394-5480 or visit www.cantonfun.org.



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