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### **Crash claims 2 lives in Canton** ENTERPRISE - 99 -

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members agreed to put revis-ing current zoning for medical marijuana dispensaries on a "follow up" list at a recent meeting. See more 5



Experience music, da and drama from around the world when the Canton International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill this See page 2.



Two members of the ikster Fire Department have graduated from the prestigious Staff and Command School at Eastern Command School a... Michigan University See page 3.



ets are still available for annual Northville the annual Northville Community Foundation Holiday Home Tour which takes place tomorrow, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19. voc 19. See page 4.



Plymouth resident and former Wayne County Airport Chief Operating off has filed an appeal of retire-ment fraud charges leveled against him. See page 4.



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State Rep, Robert sowski (D-Westland) presented a state grant check for \$100,000 to Wayne city offi cials recently earmarked fo the renovation of city ball



Local veterans in need of Thanksgiving groceries should call Mayor William Wild's office through Monday to register for a box of food for a holiday meal. See page 5.

### ontinue to investigate the Sunday afternoon car crash which killed two pedestrians.

which killed two pedestrians. According to police reports, officers were dispatched to Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue at about 5:43 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 following reports of a three-car, two redestrion erach pedestrian crash. Preliminary investigatio

indicated that a 54-year-old Westland resident and a 45-year-old Inkster resident had been struck as they were cross been struck as they were cross-ing the eastbound lanes of Michigan Avenue at Lotz. Witnesses said the two were attempting to get from the south to the north side of the road when the Westland r dent was struck by a 2013-2016 dark blue or black Dodge

Police have asked anyone who witnessed the incident or who may have any information as to the identity of the driver...call the Canton Township Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Caravan or similar vehicle. Caravan or similar venicie, which then left the scene. The victim was then subsequently struck again by a Buick LaCrosse which did stop at the scene, police said. The Inketer resident was struck by a Ford bandwith the state of the state of the Expedition, which also stopped at the scene of the incident,

according to police . The 54-year-old pedestrian from Westland was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel. The 45-year-old Inkster resident was transport

ed to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in critical condition where he later succumbed to his injuries, police reports sa No injuries were reported by the drivers or passengers of the vehicles which stopped

The driver of the dark blue or black 2013-2016 Dodge Caravan was described as a Middle Eastern male, approxi-mately 3540 years old, cleanshaven with short black hair. snaven with short black hair. He was wearing a dark, possi-bly black suit with a red tie, wit-

or told officers who raid the driver stopped briefly exit-ed the vehicle and then imme-diately left the scene.

Police have asked anyone who witnessed the incident or who may have any information as to the identity of the driver as to the intended of the driver or the owner of the vehicle to call the Canton Township Police Department at (734) 394-5400. The Dodge Caravan or similar type vehicle should have significant front-end dam-age, police said.

Speed, alcohol and d ed driving do not appear to be factors in the crash with the two drivers who remained on scene, police said. The Canton Police

The Canton Police Department Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate the fatal crash.



### Special celebration

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### City OK's lease of closed fire station - , , -

ers of the Romulus City Council approved a one-year lease agreement last week for West Shore Fire. Inc. to use a West Shore Fire, Inc. to use a vacant city fire station as a fire equipment repair facility to sup-port its fire apparatus dealer-ship in motro Dottoit. "We're excited to be here," said Jeff Dupilka, president of West Shore Fire. "It's a great

location for us

Located at 37230 Northline Road, the fire station will keep the name of former Fire Chief Joe Crova. The city voted 4-3 to approve the lease, with council members Kathy Abdo, Harry Crout and William Wadsworth voting against the proposal

We need to get this fire staopen," Abdo said, voicing cerns that railroad traffic tion op

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\$1,600 monthly to rent the facili-ty, or \$19,200 annually. They'll also pay an estimated \$5,000 a year in city taxes. Those funds will be directed back into the fire department budget. The fire station had been vacant for about six years, used primarily

we get we're going to try to enhance it through people, through equipment training and resources. Our residents deserve more; we want to do

more, we just have to have the revenue to do it." Councilwoman Celeste Roscoe said she thought it was a good idea, too. "The monies are going to go

storage. back into our fire department. If "My intention is to try to add after one year, it looks like we

r own fim do in there, the building will still be in good condition and we can do that." she said. "In the meantime, it's going to be revenue we can use to improve our fire department right now." Councilwoman Linda Choate

pointed out that renting the vacant building out was a good way to protect the money Romulus had already spent on the building, which dates back to 1980

"The city has a lot of mo invested in that building. We built it new, we bought that large parcel of property. As long as its occupied, our investment is taken care of. If it just sits vacant it continues to not What's going to happen then? We're not going to have anything."

Gas line replacement set in Westland

A failing gas line in Westland ill be replaced by Consumers Energy

A series of inspections by the utility provider determined that a section of natural gas pipeline a section of natural gas pipeline along Middlebelt and Joy Road in Westland needs to be replaced "in order to ensure future reliability for the large number of residential, commercial and industrial customers who re-

area." according to a prepared statement from the office of Mayor William Wild

The first phase of the project will replace approximately 8,000 feet of 10-inch pipeline alone Joy and Middlebelt roads to Elmira Street. Construction is being expedited to enhance the pipeline in time for the winter ways. Lane closures on both Joy heating season, according to

and should be completed by mid-December. The new nineline will be

installed using both boring and trenching methods. In general, boring will be used to install the pipeline underneath major roads, while trenching will be Wild. Work will be performed by sary at times, but typically will 252-8938 between 6 a.m. and 7 Consumers Energy employees be from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Jon Monday through Priday.

Monday through Friday. Restoration of affected areas will follow construction: however er, due to cold weather full restoration may take place in 2017.

Construction questions should be referred to Kyle Howell at (248)/94-6903 while all other project questions can be addressed to John Turk at (517)

could hinder response times value to the fire service," said from other stations. "We need to Mayor Leroy Burcroff. "You have a fire station on this side of have my word that what revenue West Shore Fire will pay

# CANTON

## International festival set

from around the world when the Canton International Festival returns to The International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill from 1120 am until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. This annual cultural and educational festival celebrates the diversity of Canton and sur-rounding communities.

rounning communities. Countries represented this year through dance, music and vocal perform-ances, include: China, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland,

Italy, Mexico, New Zaeland, Poland, Polynosia, Thilit, and the United States. Postnerd performers this year include: Bollywood Pusition with Chinmayee Kulkarni, New Cortny, Choir, The Tim Ollares School of Traditional Firsh Dance of Ann Arbor and Plymouth; Ann Hua Chyla Dance Group, Jado Danes School Ann Arbor Cantron Qi Poo Toasey, Star Fal-turing, Charvitt, Valshanz, a student of Manjula Verma; Weidi Opera Thoshro G. Idoach Mahainen, fortunities Rosmane, Clodoxh Michigan featuring Soprano Clodagh Earls and Tenor Tyler Bouque with Plano Collaborator John Pavik; Team Blossom

and Ann Hua Dance; yangrze steelooy Group; Holoha with Melamee Hirvela; Anna Ballet & Dance; Ann Hua Waist Drum Team; Joyas de Mexico Ballet under the direction of Luly Del Real; Skylark of Novi; Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team; Julzie Gravel; Polish Centennial Dancers; Sunshine Polish Centennial Dancers; Sunshine Children's Choir; Dance the Life Mantra Academy; Asian Indian Dance Group of Canton featuring dance choreography by Parul Shah; Plymouth-Canton Chinese Learning Center, Michigan New Century Chinese School and the Bollyburn Dancers.

ous cultural exhibits will be fea Numer Numerous cultural exhibits will be tea-tured in theater lobby and cultural items from around the world will also be avail able for purchase during the event Visitors will be treated to an International Sweets Table where favorite International desserts from Metro Detroit area bakeries

will be available for purchase. The event is presented by the all-volun-teer Multicultural Committee of the

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MILETINGS





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re \$2 per p Audience members can get their hand stamped and come and go as they please International Festival, call (734) 394-5300 ut the day Seath ng for this main

age Theater at Cherry Hill i 1400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton or visit www

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CAP REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Conter S., Canton of the Office of the Clerk up to 2300 n.m. Thursday, December 1, 2016 for the following

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA DECEMBER 8, 2016

Call to Orde

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in to 4.90 PM on the date of the hearing. All 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Canton MI 48

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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# **INKSTER - ROMULUS**

## **City joins national** remembrance effort

joined the national nonprofit Wreaths Across America(WAA) as an official loca-tion for 2016. This is the first year that the cemetery will be participating in this national event. The cemetery will join the more than 1,000 participating locations across the country on Saturday, Dec. 17,

actors the country of Samiruly, Dec. 17, in an effort to "Say Their Names." Romulus must now collect enough funding to place 275 remembrance wreaths on the headstones and announce the names of all the local heroes laid to the names of all the social neroos land to rest there, to ensure that the individual who served to protect the freedoms of our country are not, and neaver will be, forgot-ten. This local initiative is being organized by the Romulus Veterans Outro Comn #9668

Without the thousands of local volum "Whont the thousands of local volum-teers across the country who give their time and energy to support the mission, Wreaths Across America would not exist." said Karren Worcester, WAA executive director "All our supporters understand the value of remembering the fallen, heathe value of remembering the lance, non-oring those who currently serve, and the need to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for our freedom."

Those interested in donating for reaths Across America, either locally or ington National Cemetery, are invi

Wreath sponsorships are \$15. Donations are requested online by Nov. 28. Visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org and choose, "Sponsor a wreath with a local fundraising group" option. Then search for "Romalus VFW", or MI0129, to find the local group and donate. There is also an option to sign up to volunteer for the day of.

National Wreaths Across Am is a free community event open to all peo-ple. The local event will begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 17 with a ceremony and laying eaths shortly after The Romulus Mer

The Romulus Memorial Cemetery was established in 1832. More than 250 veter-ans are buried there including, 25 Civil War Veterans, and a Medal of Honor recipient of the Spanish American War For more information on how to get involved, call (734) 955-8964.

Since 1992, WAA founder Morrill orcester has always asked volunteers placing remembrance wreaths to take time to read the name on the headstone time to read the name of the headshold aloud. During the escort of wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery last December, Worcester stated, "A person dies twice: the first time, when they stop breathing, and a second time, when someone says their name for the last

he added. The Inkster Fire Depart

## 2 firemen graduate from staff command school

ers of the Inkster Fir Department have graduated from the prestigious Staff and Command School at Eastern Michigan University

ed to more than 5400 calls for service last year with a uniformed staff of 24, accord-ing to the department website. Eastern Michigan University School of Captain Benjamin Ferguson and Sgt. Eric Ramirez each completed the course with high honors, according to a prepared ose from the department Fire Staff and Command is designed to prepare the professional fire officer to prefactively manage their fire agency. This management-oriented program consists of

"These officers worked very hard to complete the course and have made the Inkster Fire Department very proud to have them as part of our staff and serving our community," said Fire Chief Chuck

350 hours of competency-based education spread over 10 months, according to a pre-pared release. CITY OF ROMULUS

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Ramsey Manor of Performing Arts 11338 Ozga WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

the City of Romalus will hold a public he -00 aresday, De ansey Mar-(b) given that the Carly or restantian run and a patient instance or matter of December 7, 2016 for the parpose of considering use variance for BZA-2016-031 or of Performing Arts. In accordance with Section 22.03(4) of the Cây of Romalu ance, the Board of Zening Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a use vari-the existing church structure for a parforming arts center.



ect property is located at 11338 Orga. DP#073-01-0168 ble for review at City Hall during regular business hours,

blic hearing will be held at the Reenzlas City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, us MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an unity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be ed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Reenalus, MI

agg, City Clerk

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### CITY OF POMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Mid Michigan Crushing and Recycling Ecores Read west of Inkster WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

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# NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## Tickets still available for Holiday Home Tour

the annual Northville Comm Foundation Holiday Home Tour which takes place from 10 a.m om 10 a.m. mtil 4 p.m. tomorrow; Nov: 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19. "Once again five beautiful

Northville homes have been selected to be decorated top to bottom for the holidays. The style of each home is different and there truly is something for every taste. With homes ranging from a quaint condo to a home designed after a castle- this year's tour has got it all." said Northville Foundation

ding hor 'One outstanding nome is just loaded with unique features. From the two square medieval towers to the diamond and stained glass windows to the twostory great hall, this home is just ..., geos and, uns nome is just pectacular and one you will not rant to miss," she added.

Also a highlight of the tour she added, is a historic downtown Northville home that is more than 145 years old but has been recent ly renovated. The home has a modern style while still retaining some of the old Victorian charm

One outstanding home is just loaded with unique features. From the two square medieval towers to the diamond and stained glass windows to the two-story great hall ...

Striegle said, "add the holiday decorations and this home omes even more stunning."

custom-painted kitchen while another has Christmas trees in almost every room and loads of holidays dec ations throughout

Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year

Striegle said. To purchase tickets ton or Saturday, visit Ward Church at 40000 Six Mile Road, 1/4 mile west of Hagzerty Road. Tickets may be sed at the church fo

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the Northville Community Foundation holiday gifts for sen ior citizens confined to assisted living facilities, grants for nonnmfits and community programs profits and community programs, scholarships for students, coordi-nating the Northville Independence Day Parade, and

operations of Maybury Farm The Northville Comm Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) nonprot it organization. For more infor-mation, visit www.northvillecom-

## County pension plan fraud case is appealed

Staff Writer

In the 11 months since Plymouth resident and former Wayne County Airport Chief Operating Officer Daniel Option arrested and charged rement fraud he has lived in fear that a contractual interpre-tation may put him in prison for 20

Norbox 65 upp armeted Dec 6 originally faced fel charges of larceny by false pre-tenses, over \$100,000 and larceny by conversion over \$20,000 The conversion charge was dropped during a preliminary hearing in February before 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou. The false protenses charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison

son. Wavne County officials claim Kerber had a se Kerber had a severance agree-ment that specified that his defined-contribution assets of \$340,166, held by Prudential. would be transferred to their Wayne County Retirement System. Kerber retired in September 2009 and began receiving a monthly pension of \$11,337.48. At Kerber's request, according to prosecutors, Prudential deducted \$62,785.61 in taxes from his total retirement es and sent Kerber a check \$277,431.40 on May 2, 2011. rber continued to accept the for \$277,431.40

monthly pension payments after making the withdrawal of his 401K funds and the retirer system never notified him that it believed he owed money or had breached the agreement. The first time Kerber was contacted about the is are was in July 2015 when he was told that his pension was being terminated unilaterally without an administrative hear-

Vorber ploaded not miltr at his arraignment before 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe and was given a personal recognizamre bond and ordered to sur render his passport following h arrest in December

While vacationing at his Florida home, Kerber received the call that there was a warrant for his arrest and immediately returned to Plymouth to turn him-self in to authorities, according to his attorney Robert Mullen. After numerous filings in the 35th District and Wayne County Circuit Courts, going before four judges, two of whom recused they solve to avoid a potential conflict of interest, Kerber's case is now headed to the State Court of Appeals.

Mullen a roblic defender said this is a case about a contract interpretation and not about a crime. Mullen adamantly states because it doesn't have the usual criminal elements. "It's a civil

what he calls critical key issues in his appeal of the charges and claims the district court erred in its interpretation of his client's severance agreement. According to Mullen's court filings, a disement with the contract m between Kerber and the Airport Authority in 2009 and the Wayne County Employees Retirement System has turned into a criminal prosecution in an attempt to enforce alleged contractual obligations

The prosecution's crim charge is based entirely on a duty imposed by a contract, one that's ambiguous, uses permissive lan-guage and even the judge remarked is not a very good con tract. Mullen said.

At the time of Kerber's arre Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy spoke out in an unusual public indictment against him.

"This case is the ultimate mple of why the Wayne County example of urg the Wayne County Retirement system is not properly funded. The alleged facts in this case will show that the defen-dant's greed allowed him to net hundreds of thousands of dollars he was not entitled to, all while he ceived over \$11,000 a month in a msion from the county." Mullen is critical of Worthy's

ortions

Mullen said Wayne County offi ils had to app cials had to approve the specific contract clause that allowed him

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to transfer his Plan 5 assets. He said they had to know he had a defined contribution acco because they gave him the

"Isn't it odd that the Wavi "isn't it don't that the wayne County Prosecutor is prossecuting this case, are they really being objective? The Wayne County prosecutors are in the same retirement system. This is a con-flict of interest," Mullen said

The Airport Authority that employed Kerber is a for-profit entity, separate from Wayne County. The Wayne County Retirement System administrate he pension plans. Mullen claims in court do

ments that at all times the funds were the property of Kerber, held in a 401K account that remained in his name and no transfer of ownership ever occurred. He claims that the retirement system claims that the rotirement system lanew about Kerber's severance agreement. Regular statements issued over the years showed Kerber selice owner of the funds. "How can you steal your own monsy?" Mullen exclaimed Kerber believed that the funds in his defined contribution Plan 5

belonged to him. Mullen reference ing this in his filings states that the agreement language is permissive and it will allow him to transfer the funds not that he shall or

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Tapper, the division director the Retirement System testifithat Kerber's severance agree ment was a Plan 5 hybrid plan with two parts, a defined-contribu-tion portion (401K) and a defined benefit portion (pension) and the defined contribution portion of the plan was administered by Prudential. Tapper repeatedly testified at

Tapper repeatedly testified at the preliminary examination that although Kerber's severance agreement allowed him to trans-fer his Plan 5 assets into Plan 1, doing so is impossible.

Mullen says the entire case boils down to the meaning of o paragraph in Kerber's severan agreement, Paragraph 3, and one nd, "allow" "...The Authority agrees to

allow Employee to transfer his Plan 5 defined contribution pen-sion assets to Plan 1, and elect

Plan 1 as his retirement plan..." Mullen argues that Kerber's severance agreement includes no mandatory language whatsoever is so poorly drafted as to be susceptible to various interpretation of what he calls an ambiguou clause in the contract. Mullen say the case is not only a contractual possibility but a criminal

Mullen said that he as al K are looking forward to the State Court of Appeals to schedule the show cause hearing and dismiss the case



Johnny Roberta nny Stephan Roberta, of Van Burren rahip, passed away day, Oct. 31, 2016 at home. He was born 8, 1956 in Bronz, New , twin son of Jasse Lee Rose Patricis lama) Roberts. Tobarts mutuated from

(Williams) Roberts. Mr. Roberts graduated from Lincoln High School, San Francisco, CA and attend-ed Cogswell College, San Francisco, CA and Prancisco, CA and Northeastern University, Boston, MA He received Christ into his life in 1921 after his mother's death. Alan and Anita discipled John through his illness and saw God work reightly in his life. After attending artwork

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Betay and Pearl, and they were his pride and joy. In spile of the many health challenges Mr. Roberts faced, he remained positive and became more determined to survived and thrive. He loved cooking and wowed many with his different meat and yeoaben. His ic

passed by his love of peo-ple. He sought out ways to extend a helping hand to those in need both in his those in need both in his apartment, during his stays at the hospital, and at his local dialysis center, Presentus Nidney Care, in Romukas, where he was hoved by shift and patients alike. He especially loved his charch, Belleville Free Will Beptist. He also eminared hordubilitien.

alia: He expectally lowed his church, Baleville Tree Will Baginst. He sho will be applied to be applied mad. He was very tethic pert. and author is navely everything. Mr. Roberts is survived by his loving daughter Johanne Glaville Habian of Concord, CA: three grant-difibers. Adatas, Jaanna and Dorouwan; his cider ais-children, Adatas, Jaanna and Dorouwan; his cider ais-children, Adatas, Jaanna Alam (Rosarne) Roberts of Perethood, CA: his bother California, his twin brother Alam (Hoarran) Roberts of Beretrocol, CA, his brother and regulation of South South (Honnau), Contex, Daviet, Jarmas (Daniello), Ruchel (Honnau), Contex, Daviet, Jarmas (Daniello), Ruchel (Honnau), Contex, Daviet, Jarmas (Daniello), Ruchel Malcoh, Eljen and Zava coasino, Carreno, Martina, Nalar, Robe, Non, Pat and Visiar, Colon Hend, South Ober Hallon, Hom, South Ober Hellow, Barreno Barret of Belleville, Shreen Barret of He was preceded in death by his parents, ad his extended family of brothers and sisters-in-law church in San Fran

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community food pantry is in needy families throughout "If you look in to your refrigt blassed," he said. "A lot of a They need help."

He asked Romajas officiels and the community at large to dorate to the organization, which is boated at 37510 West Hunch D. The bod pathylis openhim 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tussdays, Wednesdays and Tussdays II service Romalian esistents only who are referred friem ether by a social worker, tashter, minister or dore subhody Ryue and hes provided

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## Wavne receives \$100.000 grant for ball fields repair

a sports complex thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

State Rep, Robert Kosowski (Dstate Rep, Robert Rosowski (D-isstand) presented the state check for 00,000 to city officials recently. "I am proud that I was able to bring

home this money to my district," Kosowski said. "By working across the aisle in a bi-partisan manner, residents

aisle in a bi-partisan manner, residents in my district will benefit from having improvements done to our parks and recreation department." The funds are a special legislative grant designated for a sports complex in the city. Wayne officials met with reprentatives of the Wayne Baseball Association earlier this year when the grant was initially announced by the state to discuss the best use of the funding. The money will be used, officials b. and money will be used, officials id, for improvements at the Forest and litz ball fields.

upgrades are necessary to con upgrades are necessary so ..... bring tournaments to the city. Specific engineering firm to be hired by th city to determine the necessary improvements at the field. The engi neering contract will be a hid process officials said. Kosowski said that he is aware that the fields need new dirt, fencing and dugouts and a total revamp

office area is probably necessary: "I look forward to seeing the projects as they unfold," Kosowski, the former parks and recreation director for the City of Westland, said. "One of the great-City of westmand, said. "One of the great-est things about being a legislator is being able to have a direct impact on your constituents' lives. Hopefully the residents of Wayne will enjoy these improvements to our recreational

Currently, the Wayne Baseball Association oversees organized baset for youths through adults at the fields.

### Marijuana zoning considered

ville City Council members greed only to put revising current zon-ng for medical marijuana dispensaries m a "follow up" list.

ing, attorney S At a recent meeting, attorney Steve Hitchcock made a presentation to the council members suggesting that remov-ing the special zoning in the city requir-ing the dispensaries to be located in an industrial district. Hitchcock explained the intricacies of new the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act approved by the state Legislature in September. The legislation has been signed by

Gov. Rick Snyder and will become effestive Dec. 20. Licenses will not be avai able for one year following that effective date Hitchcock said

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Hitchcock said the council could remove the current zoning requirements and not have specific zoning for marijua na dispensaries in the city.

He noted that the new state leg tion dramatically changes the rules for marijuana in the state and is considered a step toward legalization of recreation marijuana in Michigan. He added th he expects that issue to appear on an



### ver you think, Think Bigger That was the challenge posed to stu-dents at Franklin and Stevenson middle schools recently during the Young Inventors Contest. Wayne-Westland Community Schools partnered with AlphaUSA to sponsor the Young Inventors Contest,

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Students meet Viper engineer

an effort to inspire young people to develop a passion for building things. Middle school students who are in the Education Technology classes at Franklin and Stevenson were invited to the inaugural program, which feato the inaugural program, which fea-tured keynote speaker FCA Engineer David Bailey, the engineer for the Dodge Viner

ntation, the vipe was shown to the students as an exam-ple of what can be created when you think hiezer"

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As part of the project, students will think of something they want to create and present the concept to their or Teachers will select five final ists from each school and the top final-ists will be invited to the Young Inventors Showcase in January at Schoolcraft College. Students will explain their invention to an audi

For m test, contact Kim Mandrelle at MandrelleK@wwcsd.net.

## Veterans' meals available

League will be partnering with Mayor William Wild and State Rep. Robert Kosowski to help local veterans in need on Thanksgiving The partnership will work to ensure veterans in need have a Thanksgiving meal. Vic Barra, president of the Wayne-Ford

Civic League, Wild and Kosowski will be providing frozen turkeys, along with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce and choice of corn or green beans to veterans in need for their Thanksgiving dinner: Westland Veterans id call Wild's office at (734) 467-3200 wski's office (517) 373-2576, to regis for the emeeries through Monday New 21 pm. Tu

"As a veteran, I was proud to begin this tradition with Mayor Wild and State Representative Kosowski 3 years ago," commented Barra. "To see it grow as more veterans become aware of the effort is extremely rewarding and I appreciate the continued support of our local elected officials to help our veterans in need." "This is the third year that we have

partnered on this cause that is very impor-tant to us." commented Kosowski. "We want to ensure that every veteran in our district has everything they need for a delicious Thanksgiving meal to show our thanks for their service."





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#### Calendar of events

ged to join in the

annual Turkey Trot for a Cause on Thursday, Nov 24.

fight against epilepsy by taking part in this chip-timed 5K event that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

the Equippy Foundation of Michigan. The race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque. fact course that winds through Heritage Park and Phensant Run Golf Course end-

Thanksgiving concert planned The combined adult choirs of several Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth at

4 p.m Nor. 29. The choirs will celebrate Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring anthems sung by a 75-voice community choir accompanied by handbells, organ and

piano, as well as an audience sing-along

iar Thanksgiving hymns. iiar Thanksgiving hymns. iission is free; an offering v

requested to benefit the Salvation Army First United Methodist Church is locat-

ed at 45201 North Territorial Road, east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance. The concert is open to the public. For ore information, call (734) 453-5280.

ee nonday meal served For the fifth year, the members of

Living By Faith Church in Romalus will

stuffing along with side dishes will be

served from noon until 3 p.m. Nov. 24 at the church, 7065 Waynecorse Road. The dinner is open to the public at no charge.

we Thanksgiving d rve free Thanksgiving dinners. The traditional dinner with turkes

Ing. For registration or information Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-59

All ages are end

Congregation meets Sunday Redeemer Lutheran Church offe rship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville. For more information call (734)740-

4230 or access www.redeemerluther.

#### Ca

ndy Corn Contest continues Those 18 and younger have until Nov 30 to guess how many candy corn pieces are in the jar at the Romulus Public LB

mary. There will be only one winner who will se home the iar and the candy by guessing closest to the exact number of ci in the container. If more than one has the correct number, library staff ndies entry hers will randomly select a winner from

those entries. The winner will be contacted the first week of December and will have one week to collect the prize. The Romulus Public Library is located

at 11121 Wayne Road in Romub tion, call (734) 942 ore informa

A free award-winning workshop designed to manage falls and increase activity levels for seniors will be offered from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Mondays and sdays through Dec. 5. There will lass on Nov 23.

The classes are ber The classes are beneficial for mose concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength. The Matter of Balance workshop is also beneficial for individuals who have fallen in the past and who restricts their

tivities because of falling concerns. Participants must pre-register by call-g the Wayne Senior Services office (734) 721-7450 and leaving a message. Class size is limited.

All sessions take place at the HYPE ecreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in

mily Story Time continues Family Story Time continues at the omulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on esdays through Nov. 29.

eschays through Nov. 24 Story Time includes different aspe EAM (Science, Technology, ering, Art and Math) depending on kly theme. STEAM

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### son of the Year sought

The Romulus Chamber of C is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Romulus Person of the Year Completed forms, available at the

chamber website, must be returned to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The office is located at 11189 Shook Road, St 200, Romulus, Mi 48174. 200 12 Later nominations will not be consid-

ered mittee will review the A con

tions and make the selection of the win-ning candidate. This is the 32nd year for the award in the city

More information is available at (734) 896-0694 or admin@t

Library sells used books Priceds of the William P Faust Library in Westland are planning the Winter Used

The event will begin with a preview sale for members of the Friends of the Library from 3-6 p.m. Nov. 17.

The public sale will take place from M am until 4 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19. Sunday, Nov. 20 will be bag day when an entire bag of books, CDs, DVDs will be priced at \$4

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkvy, Westland. For more informa-tion, call (734) 235-6123.

Interactive Story Time under way The Rommius Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 am every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for suc-ore in otherd and beaved on the present cess in school and beyond and is present ed in partnership with the Guidance Cente

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us. The library is loosted at 11121 Warne Read

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community mem (PCUW) is isoking for community mem-bers to donate new, warm winter items for the Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December

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 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a m until 2:45 n m on Friday

Hom 746 km unit 246 pm, on Prince All adult and children sizes are welcome. Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth,) will also be collecting from Thursday, Nov. 24 through the end of

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

#### ward nominations r

Nominations for some of the m estigious awards in the community ity are orestigious awards in the community are now being accepted by the Belleville Area

ia Van Buhler, Chamb ember of the Year, Ted Kuckelman Community Service and Business of the Year awards will be accepted through Nov 21.

Nominations can be emailed info@bellevilleareachaber.org or mail to 248 Main St, Belleville, Mi, 481111.

Members of the con nittee will be evaluating the nominee's involvement in the community, the chamber, the schools, area non-profits, continued capital investment in the business and an overall com-

unity presence. For more information or nomination runs, contact the chamber offices at (734) 697.7151

11 am. Nov. 24. The dinner will include turkey, stuff-ing. Rose's rice, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and eranberry sauce. Dessert will include pies donated by the Romulus High School Culinary Arts

Tom Slatton playing live music. The cost is \$5 per person and early sign-up is encouraged. The senior center is located at 36325 Bibbins in Romulus. For more information, call (734)9654120.

For more information about the event, call (734) 776-5431. Anime Club meets The Romulus Public Library Anime Club meets from 3:20-4:20 p.m. the last

Nednesday of the month to enjoy refresh ments, a craft, movies and discussions o danga and Anime. Cosplay is welcome. The final meeting of the month is anned for Nov 30.

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