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## Pair to face murder charges in shooting -77-A Westland man and a

Wayne woman will face trial in the execution-style murder of a Plymouth Township man found dead in his home last month.

Judge James Plakas of the 35th District Court in Plymouth ordered Timothy S. Nutt, 22, of Westland and his girlfriend, Miriah Pisarski, 20, of Wayne bound over for trial in the death of Kenneth LaBita, 76, of Plymouth Township.

The pair had allegedly gone to the victim's home to buy a firearm when the situation "went bad" according the Timothy S. Nutt, the father of one of the accused. Nutt told the court, "He (Andrew Nutt) went over to Kenny's (Pisarski's) and he was supposed to buy a gun or something from him and it went bad and he shot him." Nutt was among 11 witnesses who testified during the five-hour preliminary hearing last Friday.

The pair had allegedly gone to the victim's home to buy a firearm when the situation "went bad"...

Andrew Nutt will face charges of premeditated murder, felony murder, larceny and using a gun during a felony.

Pisarski, will face charges of felony murder and larceny after Plakas dismissed charges of premeditated murder and using a gun during a felony against her.

LaBita was found dead in his home on Gilbert Street Oct. 27 when neighbors reported to police that his dog had been left outside for two days and his garage door remained open. Responding officers found him dead from an apparent gunshot wound to the back of the head which an autopsy

by the Wayne County Medical Examiner ruled was the cause of death and a homicide.

LaBita was a widower in the process of selling his possessions, including handguns and long guns in preparation for a move out of state, according to witnesses. Several police officers told the court that both Andrew Nutt and Pisarski admitted being at LaBita's home before he was found dead. Officers who questioned Pisarski said she told them that she became bored with the gun talk going on between Nutt and LaBita and left the room to use the restroom. She said she heard a bang and that Nutt came to the bathroom door and escorted her out of the house.

Nutt also admitted being in the house but did not confess to the killing. His brother, Timothy Nutt, told the court that Andrew Nutt told him that he shot LaBita in the back of the head and took guns out of the home wrapped in blankets.

Prosecutors allege that Nutt and Pisarski took guns and cash from LaBita's home and one officer testified that about \$4.000 was found in Nutt's home. None of the firearms have been located, police said.

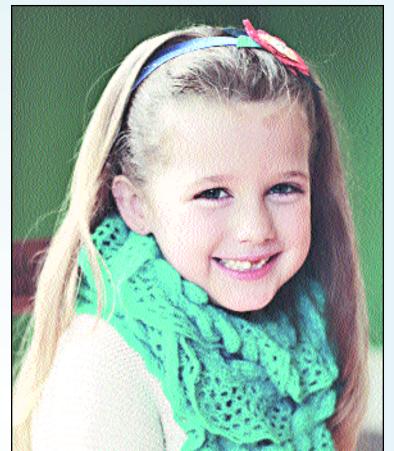
During their initial arraignment on the charges in 35th District Court, Judge Michael Gerou denied bond for both the defendants who have remained incarcerated since their arrest.

The pair will be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court on the murder charges tomorrow.

# **Jingle girl** Annual charity run will honor Canton resident

A local Canton Township girl will be honored during one of the nation's "Most Incredible Themed Races," next month when the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis takes place beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Compuware World

to jump, skip, and pedal a bike, our daughter was quickly withdrawing from physical activities," Werschky said. "It was October of 2009 when we noticed Emi was limping and her knee was swollen. Within weeks she could no longer get





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Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted 5-2 last week to close both Allen Elementary School and the Tanger Center.

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Two charitable causes in Romulus received some assistance last week, while another is gearing up for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Members of the Wayne-Community Westland Schools Board of Education have agreed to a \$5,000 fee for the development of a new set of policies for the district. See page 4.



The Sixth Annual Shop and Dine Holiday Campaign is now under way in Westland, a six-week multifaceted effort to promote the shopping district.

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Headquarters, 1 Campus Martius, Detroit. More than 3,000 participants are expected.

Among them will be family members and supporters of Emi Werschky of Canton who was diagnosed at 2 with juvenile idiopathic arthritis and is the 2014 Detroit Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis Honoree. After three years of treatment, Werschky experienced a pain free life and thought her arthritis was cured. Unfortunately, arthritis came back and treatments resumed.

"I can't wait until I am just Emi. Not a kid with arthritis," said Werschky.

"Physically, Emi is hurting, but emotionally, she's hurting just as much. She struggles and asks, 'Why me?"' said Lisa Werschky, Emi's mom.

"Emi was just 2 years old when she was officially diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis. While other 2-year-old children were busy running, climbing, playing and learning out of bed, walk up or down stairs, or even stand on her own. The arthritis was spreading and taking away Emi's chances to be a normal and active child.

"Emi has been battling this disease for over five years. Today, thanks to a great team of doctors, medical procedures, and numerous trials of medications to find the right combination, Emi is returning to normal 7-year-old activity. We have experienced what its like to be in remission and how quickly that can end. Emi receives weekly injections in her stomach and takes daily pills to keep her arthritis under control. For a child in the 2nd grade, the side effects to these medications can make it very difficult to keep up in school. We know she still has a fight ahead of her, and Emi does occasionally experience a flare of her symptoms, but she has shown more strength and courage than we could have ever imagined," Werschky said.

Emi Werschky

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis raises funds to fight and cure arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. Participants dress in holidaythemed costumes and tie jingle bells to their shoes creating a festive atmosphere. This family-friendly event includes a competitively timed 5K or 10K run, 5K walk, 1K kids' Snowman Shuffle, prizes for best costume and top fundraisers, and medals for the best run times in 13 age categories. Participants will also enjoy a post-race party sponsored by Hard Rock Cafe and New Belgium Brewery. Entry fees are \$30 for the 5K run/walk,

\$35 for the 10K run and \$12 for the Snowman Shuffle. All proceeds support Arthritis Foundation programs, services and research. Register by going to www.Arthritis.org/Michigan or

> calling (855) 529-2728. Arthritis is a serious disease that causes slow and painful deterioration of the body's joints. Often mischaracterized as an "old person's" disease, arthritis affects more than 50 million Americans, including 300,000 children. In Michigan, more than 2.3 million adults and 10,300 children have arthritis - 31 percent of the population.

# **Council 'tables' Westland firefighters' pact**

Westland Mayor William Wild said that the city bargaining team will review the pension multiplier section of the proposed new union contract with the Wayne-Westland Professional Firefighters Union.

Union members and officials had already ratified the negotiated agreement waiting for approval of the members of the Westland City Council. While the Wayne and Westland fire departments have merged, each is regulated by union contracts with the individual cities.

The six-year Westland pact calls for a 3-percent pay raise in 2015, a 1-percent raise in 2016 and the option for the reopening of wage negotiations in 2017. At the regular city council meeting earlier this month, a motion to approve the agreement was derailed by Council President James Godbout. Godbout relinquished the chairmanship of the meeting to President Pro Tem Adam Hammons enabling him to offer a motion to table approval of the contract.

Godbout said that he was

concerned about the effects of the pension multiplier amounts detailed in the contract. Those amounts, 2.5 percent for current employees of the fire department and at 2.25 percent for those hired after the date of the contract. Godbout said his concern was changing the multiplier from other union contracts in the city. He said he had no issue with the rest of the contract provisions, but wanted the multiplier issue made consistent with other union agreements. That multiplier is used as a factor in

the determination of employees' pension amounts.

Wayne Westland Professional **Firefighters Union President** Mitch Tokarski was less than pleased with Godbout's motion. He said that Godbout was attempting to negotiate the contract in the public eye and from the chair at the city council.

There was no proposed deadline for the review by the bargaining team, City Attorney James Fausone, Personnel **Director Cindy King and Deputy** Mayor Thelma Kubitskey.

# **BELLEVILLE - CANTON**

# **Canton Tree Lighting celebration set Dec. 6**

begin the holiday season with the 36th Annual Tree Lighting event from 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. outside the Summit on the Park, where visitors can enjoy holiday carols, watch Santa's arrival courtesy of the Canton Fire Department - and countdown to the official Tree Lighting with

The Canton community will Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy. Food options will be available for purchase onsite from The Qais food truck located in front of the Summit.

> The fee to participate in the indoor activities is \$5 per family, which includes: cookie decorating, arts and crafts, holiday shows and performances for all ages.

The Tree Lighting Marketplace, located in the Summit Banquet Lobby, will be open offering unique gifts and

holiday treats for sale. Locally handmade items available include: wool mittens and crocheted necklaces, handmade snowmen, cinnamon pecan sour cream coffee cakes that come boxed with a bow, natural personal care, aromatherapy and household cleaning products, handcrafted soaps, glass ornaments, hand-painted glassware and barware, holiday jewelry, toffee, cards, and American Girl inspired clothing and accessories. There will also be a snack area in the Marketplace where muffins, homemade pretzels, cookies and candy will be for sale.

Share in the giving spirit as Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services team up to make sure that "No Child in Canton goes without a Christmas." Stop by the Aquatic Center lobby to find out what items are still needed. Pick up a tag and then bring a new,

unwrapped toy or other item to: the Summit on the Park, or the Canton Administration Building.

Contributions will be accepted through Dec. 4.

The Tree lighting event is sponsored in part by Atchinson Ford; Community Financial; The Goddard School; and Jack Demmer Ford.

For additional information about the 36th Annual Tree Lighting Event, call (734) 394-5460 or visit Cantonfun.org.

# **2 retire from police department**

The Canton Department will say goodbye to two of its lieutenants this week as two veteran officers retire following long careers with the department.

Both David Schreiner and Mark Gajeski will officially retire as platoon commanders in the patrol division, overseeing the daily operations of their assigned shifts made up of sergeants and patrol officers.

Schreiner was hired as a Canton Police officer in 1987. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2001 and lieutenant in 2013. Schreiner earned his bachelor's degree from Ferris State

Police University, and his master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command School.

During his 27-year career with the department, Schreiner spent 12 years assigned to the department detective bureau, seven years as a detective and five as the supervising sergeant, investigating and overseeing countless felony cases. Most notably, he investigated a criminal sexual conduct case that was featured on America's Most Wanted. Schreiner also served numerous terms as union presi-

dent for both the police and command officers unions.

Gajeski was hired as a Canton police officer in 1986. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2006, and to lieutenant earlier this year. Gajeski earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University, and is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University Police Staff and Command School.

During his 28-year career with the department, Gajeski served 22 years on the Western-Wayne Special Operations Team. As a member of this elite SWAT unit, he specialized in chemical munitions and explosive breaching. He was promoted through the unit from Team Leader to Senior Team Leader, to Executive

Officer, serving as second in command of a multi-jurisdictional unit.

"The department is losing a tremendous amount of skill and knowledge with the retirement of these two individuals," said Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler. "Their careers with Canton took them down two diverse paths, with both men excelling in their respective spe-





**David Schreiner** 

Mark Gajeski

cialty of choice-Lt. Gajeski's being special operations, and Lt. Schreiner's being criminal investigations. They both have done an outstanding job of mentoring officers in their fields of specialty, setting the department up for continued success in their absence.

"I wish them both the best in their future endeavors," Mutchler said.

# Schools to ask for millage renewal Buren

Voters in the Van Buren Schools district will face a millage question in the election next May.

Members of the board of education unanimously agreed last week to place a seven-year renewal of the 1.13 sinking fund millage on the ballot in May to extend the current millage which will expire in December of 2015.

School officials said there is nothing unusual or different about the millage question and it is exactly the same rate that residents are currently paying. It is simply a renewal of the current sinking fund rate. Superintendent of Schools Michael Van Tassel said the May election would allow the board to time to reevaluate the request if voters do not approve the renewal at the May election. VanTassel said that the school administration would not present the millage question in the same way if voters reject it in May, but would attempt to rework the ballot proposal, should it fail.

The cost for the election is estimated at from \$6,000-\$9000, officials said. The sinking fund is the mechanism in school financing that funds repairs, construction

and building maintenance. Officials said the May language would be exactly the same as the question voters approved in 2008.

The proposal would mean residents would continue to pay \$1.13 for every thousand dollars of taxable value of property within the district until 2022

"It is estimated that the revenue the

school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$1,715,961 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority," according to the ballot language.



# Food drive aids Goodfellows

up with Canton Leisure Services to help make things brighter for needy families in the Canton community during the upcoming holiday season with its "No Child Without a Christmas" campaign.

A Holiday Food Drive will take place from 4-9 p.m. Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and from noon until 4 p.m. Nov. 23 at Holiday Market, located at 520 South Lilley Road in Canton. Suggested non-perishable food items include canned goods, rice, macaroni and cheese, noodles, pasta, soup mixes, coffee, powdered juices, cereal, cookies, crackers, jars of gravy, bread mixes, and other dry goods.

"So many families are already struggling to make ends meet throughout the year, so holidays can be an extremely difficult time of the year for them," said Canton Recreation Supervisor Jon

The Canton Goodfellows are teaming LaFever: "Any donation and gifts from area residents make a huge difference in bringing joy to their lives during the holidavs."

> Donations of new and unwrapped toys will also be collected through Dec. 5, at several Canton Leisure Services locations, including the Summit on the Park. located at 46000 Summit Parkway and the Canton Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

> Individuals, groups or families who would be willing to adopt a family or child and purchase gifts this Christmas should contact the Canton Goodfellows at cantongoodfellows@gmail.com. Cash donations and gift cards are also welcome and can be dropped off at the Leisure Services Department.

> For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit www.canton goodfellows.org.





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# **INKSTER – WESTLAND**

# Westland Shop and Dine campaign under way

Dine Holiday Campaign is now under way in Westland.

The annual six-week marketing campaign is a multifaceted effort to promote the premier shopping district in Westland as a location that includes, "Everything you want. Everything you need" for everyone's holiday season shopping list.

Westland's Shop and Dine district is anchored by the Westland rounded by more than 160 local shops, restaurants and services making it Wayne County's premier shopping and dining destination, according to a statement from the office of Mayor William Wild.

The city plans TV commercials which will begin airing the week of Thanksgiving with a huge emphasis on Thanksgiving Day, with a focus on female shoppers.

The Sixth Annual Shop and Shopping Center and is sur- The commercial, starring local resident and 2008 Miss Michigan Ashlee Baracy, will be shown on popular cable stations, including, Food Network, TBS, Bravo, E!, FX and History Channel. These commercials highlight and encourage shoppers to spend the day in Westland and enjoy the large selection of retail stores, restaurants and state-of-the-art MJR Theater.

Radio ads will also be hitting

city will utilize billboards on major freeways.

Back this year is "Wild About The Holidays!" This new initiative will see Wild playing the role of Santa as he greets customers at local stores and hands out gift cards to unsuspecting shoppers on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28.

"Small businesses are a crucial part of the success of our fan-

the metro area air waves, and the tastic shop and dine district," Wild remarked, "So when you visit Westland this holiday season, tell them the City of Westland sent you!"

> A new contest this year is a partnership with Westland Shopping Center. Until Dec. 15, visitors to the city Facebook page can register for a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree. No purchase is necessary to enter the contest.

# Talking turkey **Officials to provide turkeys to veterans**

Local veterans in need will have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day through the efforts of the Wayne-Ford Civic Foundation, Mayor William Wild and State Rep. Robert Kosowski.

The partnership will work to ensure veterans in need have a proper Thanksgiving, according to a prepared statement from Wild's office.

"The veterans of our community have given the ultimate sacrifice by putting their life on the line to defend those here at home. It is our duty to take care of those

distinguished members who have served our country. Providing turkeys on Thanksgiving is our way of honoring the veterans of Wayne and Westland," Wild said.

The Wayne-Ford Civic Foundation, Wild and Kosowski will be providing turkeys to those veterans in need in time for Thanksgiving. Veterans in need can call Wild's office (734) 467-3200 or Kosowski office (517) 373-2576 to register to receive for a turkey. The turkeys will be dispersed from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 21

# original play **Church** presents

Spare the Rod, a play written by Annapolis in Inkster. retired Inkster Police Officer Stacey Johnson, will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 5-7 at St. Clement's Episcopal Church.

The production is a story about a father who refused to correct his wayward son. An unexpected twist of fate in the play will have families thinking about their values, a spokeswoman said.

"This play will remind families that no matter what we've done, Christ loves us. We can always run back to him," she added.

The church is located at 4300 Harrison, between Carlysle and

Tickets for the play are priced at \$20 if purchased in advance and \$25 if purchased at the door.

Curtain time will be promptly at 7 p.m. for all three performances and doors will open at 6 p.m.

The production is presented by Stacey J. Productions and a portion of the ticket sales will be donated to help the young survivor of a shooting in the city last July.

For tickets or information, call (313) 779-0600 or (313) 587-3966.

Tickets are also available at www.eventbrite.comSpareTheRod.



Financial Literacy Classes are now under way at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library.

with the National African Business

Association will continue through Nov. 25. Upcoming free classes in the series take place from 6-7 p.m. Registration is avail-The classes, presented in partnership able at library, 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster. For more information call (734) 334-3184.



MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 3, 2014 Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden. **Pledge of Allegiance** Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Linda Choate.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-458 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 27, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Ayes -Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-459 2B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 27, 2014, 6:45 p.m. public hearing, ZYNP Int'l. Corp. - tax abatement request. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner: None.

### 4. Chairperson's Report

14-460 4A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Dennis Hackett, Jr. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to accept the chairperson's report. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report: Mayor Burcroff thanked all the volunteers who helped with the "Boo to Cancer" fundraiser. Building Director, Bob McCraight, spoke about the first annual Veteran's Day Parade on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - the parade starts at the Progressive Hall at 9:00 a.m. and will travel down Goddard Rd. to Bibbins to Hunt St at the Veteran's Plaza at the Historical Park where there will be a ribbon-cutting and flag-raising ceremony with the VFW. 14-461 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to award Bid 14/15-03 for Water and Sanitary Sewer Maintenance to the lowest bidder, Liquiforce Inc. for a twelve (12) month contract with option to extend contract for two one-year extensions. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 14-462 5B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-10 to recognize the revenue and corresponding expense for the Wayne County Park Grant awarded and accepted by Council resolution #14-412. Funds to be utilized towards the overall costs for the creation of the Oakbrook neighborhood/dog park.

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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon a two week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

> Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 2014 for the following:

#### COMMERCE ROAD LIFT STATION CONTROL PANEL REPLACEMENT & INSTALLATION

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Charter Township of Canton - Special Board Meeting Proceedings - November 6, 2014

A Special Meeting - Budget Study Session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Thursday November 6 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJov, McLaughlin, Williams. Sneideman Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Bob Belair, Barb Caruso, Carolyn Cox, Rob Creamer, Jeff Goulet, Greg Hohenberger, Gregg King, Kristin Kolb, Fire Chief Meier Deputy Fire Chief Stoecklein, Brad Sharp, Kristen Thomas, Abe Vinitski, Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Finance Director, Wendy Trumbull pre sented the following power point presentation of 2015 Budget Changes as well as the 2016 Proposed: **2015 Budget Changes**: 2015 Budget – Differences in Transfer to Fund Balance between October 29, 2013 and November 6, 2014 2015 Initial Capital Projects - Non Public Safety 2015 Updated Capital Projects - Non Public Safety 2015 Capital Projects - Public Safety Initial 2015 Capital Projects - Public Safety Updated Governmental Historical Capital Outlay - Excludes Public Safety 2015 Budget Analysis of Revenues by Fund 2015 Budget Analysis of Expenditures by Fund 2015 Analysis of Fund Balance 2016 Budget: 2016 Revenue Assumptions 2016 Expenditure Assumptions 2016 Capital Projects – Non Public Safety 2016 Capital Projects – Public Safety Debt Schedule 2016 Total Revenues by Fund 2016 Total Expenditures by Fund 2016 Projected Fund Balance Fund Balance Historical Changes Municipal Services Director, Tim Faas presented the following power point presentation for Municipal Services. Canton MSD 2016 Budget Presentation: MSD Mission Statement Staffing History of MSD 2016 Proposed Staffing Levels 2016 MSD Budget Summary 2016 MSD General Fund Detail 2016 Highlights: Residential Rental Inspections 2016 Highlights: MSD General Fund 2016 Highlights: General Fund Major Capital 2016 Highlights: Community Improvement Fund Independence Park Parking Lot 2016 Highlights: Water, Sewer & Stormwater Fund 2016 Highlights: Water Sewer & Stormwater Fund (continued) 2016 Highlights: Water & Sewer Major Capital (\$1.81 million) 2016 Highlights: Water & Sewer Major Capital (\$1.81 million) (continued) 2016 Highlights: Water & Sewer Major Capital (\$1.81 million) 2016 Highlights: Fleet Services Public Safety Director, Todd Mutchler presented the following power point presentation for Canton Public Safety. Canton Public Safety Proposed 2016 Budget and Five Year Strategic Plan: Public Safety Department Budget Process Public Safety Department - Accreditation Requirements Police Comparative Analysis - as of January 2014 Fire Comparative Analysis - as of January 2014 Public Safety Department -Alternate Funding Sources Utilized Since 2011 Public Safety Department --Alternate Funding Future Considerations Public Safety Department --Five Year Strategic Plan Objectives Public Safety Department -Concept of Effective vs. Efficient Fire Department - Strategic Plan Focus Fire Department -Run Volume & Staffing Fire Department --Prevention & Inspection Unit Fire Department --Fire Prevention Unit Staffing Fire Department – Training Fire Department – Community Relations/Public Education Fire Department – Apparatus/Vehicles Fire Department – EMS Cost Recovery Fire Department – 2016 Expenditures & 19. Fire Department – 2016 Capital Items Emergency Management Budget Emergency Management - Budget Implications E/911 Budget (2 Slides) Police Department - Strategic Plan Focus Police Department -Reinstatement of Special Units Police Department -Staff Operations Division (2 Slides) Police Department -Crime Suppression Unit Police Department -Sworn Police Officer Staffing Levels Per 1,000 Residents Police Department -- Crime Reduction in Canton Police Department -- 2016 Expenditure Increases over \$10,000 Police Department -2016 Capital Items (2 Slides) Public Safety Department - Closing Remarks Police Department Organizational Chart Fire Department Organizational Chart Canton Leisure Services Director, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz presented the following power point presentation for Canton Leisure Services. Canton CLS 2016 Budget Presentation: Canton Leisure Services (Statistics) CLS Budget Overview – Facilities Maintenance, Parks, & Cemetery CLS Budget Overview – Social Services, Seniors, Recreation CLS Budget Overview – Administration, Sports Center CLS Budget Overview – Performing Arts Center, Historic District Commission, & Summit Community Center CLS Budget Overview - Cable, Fellows Creek Golf Club, & Pheasant Run Golf Club CLS 2015 Capital Projects CLS 2016 Capital Projects Complete copies of the Power Point Presentations are avail-able at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None OTHER: None ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to adjourn 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. FC112014-1032 2 5 x 5 437

FUND/DEPT. <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u> General Fund	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT <u>BUDGET</u>	AMENDM	-	AMENDED <u>BUDGET</u>
Revenue           101-5110-511.68-15           Expense	Grant Rev - WC Park	Millage	0	50,00	0 50,000

50,000 50,000 101-5110-751.85-09 Grant Exp - Oakbrook Park 0 To recognize the revenue and corresponding expense for the Wayne County Park Grant awarded and accepted by Council resolution #14-412. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-463 5C. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to recognize Change Order #1, final Oakbrook Park Landscape and Maintenance Agreement with the Brickman Company in the amount of \$15,390.00 for necessary upgrades prior to the park opening on October 18, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-464 5D. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the agreement with Healthlink EMS pertaining to HIPPA rules to be followed between the Romulus Fire Department and Healthlink EMS as it pertains to patient and insurance information. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Navs - None.

#### Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-465 5E. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the agreement with Healthlink EMS for billing rules and collection for ALS intercept activities. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

#### Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-466 5F. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt the Local Support Plan with Wayne County Homeland Security for the City of Romulus. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 6. Clerk's Report: Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg encouraged residents to vote on Election Day, November 4, 2014.

14-467 6A(a). Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jerald Krampitz.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-468 6A(b). Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Herman Bader. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14-469 6A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-9, Motor Vehicle Fund, in the amount of \$185,000. (For Fire Department fleet upgrades, funds realized through sales of older fire apparatus and equipment, already budgeted funds, and grant match funds). Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Stacy Paige, commented on the fundraiser for the DeMoisey family.

7. Public Comment: Judge Candidate, Lisa Martin, encouraged residents to vote on election day and commented on the new dog park and the repairing of the roads. Resident commented on City Charter Proposals 13.1 and 13.2 - that passing of the proposals would not increase taxes.

Resident commented on the good job done by the fire department.

#### 8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business: Councilwoman Abdo congratulated Romulus High School football coach, Tom Patterson, and the varsity football team on their season record of 6-3, which qualified them for the state play-offs.

10. Communication: Councilwoman Roscoe commented on the Boy Scouts can-do bags drive - all canned goods will be donated to Romulus Helping Hands.

11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 3, 2014.

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# **PLYMOUTH - WAYNE**

# Wayne Goodfellows plan fundraiser for holidays

The Wayne Goodfellows will host the 28th Annual Fundraiser for the group from 5:30 until midnight Dec. 5 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Every year, the Wayne Goodfellows provides food, toys, and emergency assistance for the residents of Wayne. Last year, the group was able to help more than 200 families throughout the year and also supported various local organizations that provide support for the less fortunate in the community.

Tickets for the Dec. 5 event are priced at \$25 per person and include a dinner buffet, dessert, soft drinks and an entry into the door prize drawing. There will also be prizes, raffles, auctions, a DJ, dancing and a cash bar during the evening.

To purchase tickets, donate an auction or raffle item or for more information, call (734) 722-1111.

# District to update policies

Members of the Wayne-Westland **Community Schools Board of Education** have agreed to a \$5,000 fee for the development of a new set of policies for the district. Ongoing updates will cost the district \$1,500 annually.

The new policies and bylaws will be compiled by attorneys from the law firm of Lusk and Albertson after a systematic review of all current district policies.

Kevin Sutton, an attorney from Lusk and Albertson, told the board members at a meeting earlier this month that the new documents would encompass all the policies required by federal and state law and be specific to the Wayne Westland district. He said it is difficult to go through a year without updating policies and that most districts have a threering binder with policies from past decades that haven't been looked at since inclusion in the binder.

He said that the law firm representatives would review the policies and bylaws currently in place and consult with school board members about preparing a streamlined packet specific to Wayne Westland schools. He said that the preparation would include input from and contact with the policy committee appointed by the board members.

Sutton said the evaluation and preparation of new policies would be "extensive" and take a long time to complete.

Board members agreed to fund the review and development by a unanimous vote.



# In the money

The 59th Plymouth Rotary Barbeque generated nearly \$50,000 to be used by the Rotary Foundation for community programs and grants. Last week, members of the sponsorship committee for the event presented the foundation with a check for \$24,379 and the barbeque committee awarded the group \$25,000, all to be used for programs to benefit the Plymouth community. Celebrating the check presentations were: Mike Muma, left, Bill Ventola, Mike Sullivan, Kent Early and Bill Weber. Ventola and Randy Overly proudly displayed the sponsorship committee contribution check, above.



# Allen Elementary School, Tanger Center to be closed

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education voted 5-2 last week to close both Allen Elementary School and the Tanger Center.

The board members also approved a plan to repurpose **Gallimore Elementary School** in Canton Township to house

the elementary-level Talented And Gifted (TAG) program as part of a redistricting effort.

The closings and change in use were part of a plan the board members adopted in light of declining enrollment in the district and the opening of a new middle school in Canton, where, studies show, the majori-

ty of middle school students live.

The boundaries for that new school building were also adopted by a vote of the board. Currently, TAG students attend either Miller or Dodson elementary school.

The district plans to close Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth and move students to various other schools to evenly distribute classloads at all district buildings.

The new plan met with strong criticism from parents of Allen students who had previously expressed their discontent with the planned closing at board meetings. Parents cited

the superior academic performance of Allen students and urged the board members to reconsider the decision to close the school.

The board members, however, opted to follow the recommendation of the administration and the steering committee.

# ymouth resident is caught 'Blue Handed'

Buy Nearby Guy, the cam- stores in her community. paign mascot of the Michigan Retailers Association, present-

"I love the small-town atmosphere of downtown Plymouth,"

post photos and qualify for the shopping spree. President and CEO of



ed Linda Millard of Plymouth with a \$500 check on Friday, Oct. 17. Millard was selected in a random drawing from among the shoppers who entered the contest by posting photos of themselves buying nearby on Get Caught Blue-Handed Day -Saturday, Oct. 4. Millard - with help from her daughter, Lauren, posted a photo of herself making purchases at Gigi's Mode on the Buy Nearby Facebook page. The presentation took place outside Gigi's Mode, a women's boutique located in downtown Plymouth that specializes in clothing, shoes, jewelry and gifts.

Millard said she makes it a

practice to shop at the unique

she said. "I'm a firm believer in buying nearby. It's important to our community and our state."

Gigi's Mode is owned by Beverly Whitby and her daughter, Amanda Britcher. They opened their boutique - which carries the tagline "It's a girl thing" - in May 2004.

"I love the [Buy Nearby] campaign," Whitby said. "I think it's important to promote the retail industry and it's important to know the story behind what you buy."

Whitby participated in Get Caught Blue-Handed Day by offering 10 percent off all items in her store that are made in Michigan. She also encouraged Millard and other customers to

Michigan Retailers Association James P. Hallan praised Millard, Gigi's Mode and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for helping make the special day a success.

"We're delighted our shopping spree winner is someone who supports the Buy Nearby campaign and practices 'getting caught' shopping at nearby retailers," Hallan said. "We all win when we Buy Nearby."

The retailers group launched the year-round Buy Nearby campaign in 2013 to encourage Michigan residents to have fun shopping and support their communities by buying from retail businesses in Michigan. The campaign designates the

Buy Nearby Guy presents Linda Millard of Plymouth a \$500 check, her prize in the Get Caught Blue Handed Day raffle. Millard posted a photo of herself shopping at Gigi's Mode and owners Beverly Whitby and Amanda Britcher helped celebrate her win.

first Saturday in October as Get Caught Blue-Handed Day to focus greater retailer, shopper and news media attention on the campaign.

Economic research conducted for MRA shows that Michigan's economy would increase by \$9 billion and add nearly 75,000 jobs if all shoppers who make buys from "remote sellers" - mostly onlineonly merchants outside the state - switched their purchases to Michigan businesses.

Even if shoppers switched only one in 10 of their remote purchases, the state economy would see a gain of \$900 million and nearly 7,500 jobs.

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Kalvin L. Riley, Sr. died Nov. 7, 2014.

Among those left to mourn his passing and treasure his memory are his soul mate, Tracie; a son, Kalvin, Jr. of Long Beach, CA; step children, Ryan, Brittany,

Jaslyn and Jermaine; his aunts, Eva (Chester) Rodgers, Carolyn (David) Williams, Louis (Connie) sister-in-law, Graham; Felicia (Keith) Carr; a host of other relatives, and many close friends and loved ones.

Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with Elder Marvin Miller offi-



George Henry Anderson Sunrise: Oct. 9, 1936 Sunset: Nov. 3, 2014

George Henry Anderson died Nov. 3. 2014.

Among those left to mourn his death and treasure his memory are his three children, Georgetta Coleman, George and Andre

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# **NORTHVILLE - ROMULUS**

# **'Tis the season Goodfellows, Animal Shelter** receive welcome donations

Two charitable causes in Michigan v. Michigan State rival-Romulus received some assistance last week, while another is gearing up for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Representatives from the **Romulus Public Service Credit** Union presented two checks to the city during the meeting of the city council last week: one for \$3,000 for the Romulus Animal Shelter and one for \$300 for the Romulus Goodfellows.

The animal shelter donation came from a May promotion in which the credit union challenged members of the community to save more than \$500,000 through reduced interest rates on new loans and refinancing previous loans. They hosted a special event, provided games and other activities and offered four different charities to choose from, should the event be successful, said Nadine Hohnke, a representative from the credit union. The animal shelter was by far the favorite.

City Councilman William Wadsworth said the check was the second largest the animal shelter had received; the shelter opened in 2011 and was funded primarily through donations.

The \$300 check for the Goodfellows stemmed from the ry day, in which employees could donate money and dress casually.

The Goodfellows, who gather donations throughout the year to help provide Christmas gifts and meals to members of the community, are gearing up for their annual holiday drive, said Romulus Fire Chief David Allison.

"This gives us a nice boost to begin with," he said. "We'll definitely put it to good work."

Wadsworth listed several other charitable causes in the community, including the Library Fund, the Progressive Fund, the Civic Center, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army and the Romulus Helping Hands.

"There are lots of great organizations that need help in the community," he said.

The Helping Hands is a food pantry that provides necessities to citizens throughout the year and they need donations in order to provide them.

"There's still a need," said Councilman Harry Crout. "You don't realize how blessed you are to open up your refrigerator and find food. Some residents don't have that."

He said Thanksgiving may be



Robert Mercier, Public Service Credit Union vice president of growth and development presents a donation check to Councilman William Wadsworth, while Annie Hall, senior animal control, officer, Rae Lipkowski, animal control officer, Kim Ratcliff, senior animal control officer, Nadine Hohnke, PSCU marketing analyst and Jadie Settles, interim public safety director look on.

a difficult time for many Romulus families and the Helping Hands has not received any donated turkeys yet. Last year they gave away 50 turkeys.

"We all need to step up and help out," he said.

The food pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It serves Romulus residents only who are referred there either by a social worker, teacher, minister or other authority figure. For more information or to donate, call (734) 941-5323.



Robert Mercier, PSCU vice president of growth and development, left, Nadine Hohnke, PSCU marketing analyst, Linda McNeil, Romulus Goodfellows trustee and David Allison, fire department chief, were all smiles at the recent donation.

# **Chamber seeking nominations for Person of the Year, 2014**

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the Person of the Year honor in the community.

Criteria for the nominees are individuals who have made significant contributions to Romulus and its residents. A biographical synopsis should be provided stating reasons the nominee should be awarded the Person of the Year honor. An award banquet will take place next spring to honor the winner who will be selected by a committee named by the Camber of Commerce Board of Directors. The committee members will receive and review all the nominations and make the final selection.

The deadline to submit nomination is Dec. 5 and forms are available at the chamber office. There is no age limit for nominees who do not have to be Romulus residents, according to Betsey J. Krampitz, executive director of the

Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

"Being a part of this community, I will tell you that I feel it is a great honor to be nominated and selected by the chamber and recognized by them for outstanding contributions and service to this community," Krampitz said.

Nominations can be mailed to: Romulus Person of the Year, c/o Romulus Chamber of Commerce, 11189 Shook Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

# Holiday Tree Lighting set tomorrow

Annual Northville Parade of Lights,

The Annual Northville Holiday Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow at Town Square.

The parade, which requires that all entries be festooned with lights, will begin on West Cady in front of the Post Office and travel up Wing, down West Main to Linden, turn onto Dunlap and travel to Hutton where participants will turn onto East Main and drive back down Center to East Cady to end where the event began.

The parade theme this year, All I Want For Christmas, is expected to be seen on several of the parade entries. The parade is sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford and the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Following the parade, the tree lighting

will take place at Town Square where there will be a community sing-a-long. Santa Claus will arrive and Tina Genitti along with Mayor Chris Johnson will light the holiday tree. Northville Citizen of the Year Ken Roth will appear and Santa will receive visitors after the festivities.

There will be complimentary refreshments available before and after the parade provided by Destiny Worship Center, First Baptist Church of Northville, Northville Christian Assembly, OakPointe Church, Ward Church and First Church of the Nazarene.

There is no charge for the community event which is open to the public.

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Next Monday, Nov. 24, is the last day of the Blanket Drive currently under way throughout the City of Romulus.

**Blankets are needed** 

In an effort to help the Detroit Veterans Center, the city is collecting new and gently-used blankets, comforters, quilts, afghans and even twin-

size sheet sets.

Donations are being accepted at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road; the Romulus Department of Public Works, 12600 Wayne Road; Romulus Fire Station #4, 28777 Eureka Road and the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.



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# CALENDAR

### County Lightfest to open

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Santa will flip the switch to light up more than four miles of Hines Drive for the 21st annual Lightfest grand opening at 6 tonight at Merriman Hollow in Hines Park, at Merriman Road and Hines Drive in Westland.

The event is free and open to the public and will feature music, entertainment, refreshments and a fireworks show.

This year, several new displays have been added and the entire light show has been converted to energy efficient LED lights. The largest drive through light show in the Midwest, the Lightfest features more than 55 giant, animated holiday-themed displays.

The Lightshow will continue through Dec. 31. It is closed on Christmas Day.

#### Legislator hosts coffee hour

State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally and discuss state or local issues.

Heise will be available to talk with residents from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 21 at Panera Bread, located at 400 S. Main Street in Plymouth. No appointment is necessary.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

#### Museum exhibit continues

The Plymouth Historical Museum exhibit, Twas the Night Before Christmas, will continue through Jan. 11, 2015. The exhibit features several Christmas stories and movies from the past two centuries, including many family favorite classics in vignettes and displays.

Beginning Nov. 29, Santa will visit the museum every Saturday and will be at the museum from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Dec. 6 during the Annual Craft Bazaar and open house.

The museum is located at 155 S. Main St.. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students ages 6-17. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

### Bargains to Bounty program offered

Jolyn Felten of BargainstoBounty.com will present a program on couponing at the Romulus Community Library. She will teach audience members how to save money using coupons and how to get the most bang for a buck this holiday season.

This event will begin at 2 p.m. Nov. 22. Call the library at (734) 942-7589 to sign up.

### Holiday Greens Market open

The annual Holiday Greens Market will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22 and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at Northville Towns Square.

Holiday roping, wreaths, centerpieces, decorations and accessories will be for sale at the market.

### Holiday Art Sale set

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has planned the Annual Art Sale from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Nov. 22.

The sale will include giftable art work by local artists for everyone including hand illustrated ornaments, felted mittens, artists card packs, pieces form the Western Michigan University Ceramics Guild, fused glass, gift certificates, original handmade jewelry, photographs, hand printed gift boxes, a bake sale and more.

The arts council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

#### Art House exhibits set

The Northville Art House will present the 2014 International Mosaic Exhibit and Auction which includes a collection of 141 mosaic artworks from artists representing 13 countries.

The works are an example of the diverse creativity in this again-burgeoning art form. The work may be viewed at the Art House and is available for bid in an auction benefitting Doctors Without Borders at the online auction website: http://www.BiddingForGood.com/ DWB-MSF Nov. 22 through 5 p.m. Dec. 6.

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Art House is The Art of Light, the theme of the Northville Camera Club which is the largest event of the year for the club. Members are invited to participate in this show and it's the one time of year that their local photographic talent can be seen in one place.

This exhibit will continue throughout November and December in the lower level gallery at the Northville Art House.

### Church hosts card party

SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road in Westland will host a Winter Card Party from 6:30-10 p.m. Nov. 21.

There will be dorr and table prizes, a 50-50 drawing and a light meal and snacks available.

Tickets are \$8 per person and available at the door.

Several different card games will be played. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

### Thanksgiving concert planned

More than 100 voices will join in celebrating Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring choral anthems accompanied by handbells, organ and piano, as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

Adult choirs from Plymouth churches will combine for a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.

Admission is free and a freewill offering will be collected to benefit the Salvation Army. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road, a mile east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance.

The concert is open to the public. For more information, call (734)453-5280.

#### Contra dancing at Mill Race Village

Mill Race Village will host Contra dancing to a live band with introductory lessons at 12:30 and dancing beginning at 1 p.m. Nov. 23 and Dec. 21.

Contra dancing is a combination of the aspects of square dancing ans swing dancing and all ages and experience levels are welcome. Dancers should wear comfortable clothing and clean, indoor, smooth-soled shoes. Dances will end at 4 p.m.

The cost for general admission is \$10 and \$8 for students. The cost for a family is \$20, or \$15 with a Northville Historical Society membership.

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. For more information, call (248) 348-1845.

### Free heart screenings set

Oakwood Healthcare and Wayne Senior Services will offer free Heart Health Screening to everyone who is 18 years and older from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 26.

Blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and stroke risk assessment will be offered at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

This will be in conjunction with the Community Center Member Appreciation Day.

More information is available at (734) 721-7460 from 9:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Turkey Trot set in Canton**

The 12th Annual Turkey Trot will take place in Canton Township on Nov. 27.

The event is a fundraiser to help fight epilepsy.

Registration is available online; as a walk-in at the Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Canton, or by telephone, (734) 483-5600, ext. 0.

#### Nutcracker to be presented

The Northville Ballet Theatre will present The Nutcracker and other Christmas dances at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 and at 3 p.m. Sunday Nov. 30 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road.

Tickets for the production are now on sale and are priced at \$15 for adults and at \$10 for senior citizens and children 12 and younger. Group discounts are also available.

The program is a benefit for Northville Civic Concern.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call (248) 924-8357.



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