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Township accuses business of blocking sewer

Don Howard
Staff Writer

"We've been caught in the political crossfire with Plymouth Township," said Dan Dalton, a land use attorney representing a Plymouth Township manufacturing company, following the regular meeting of the board of trustees last week.

Dalton and attorney Matthew Proberger were in attendance at the meeting representing VersaTrans, a manufacturer of screen printed transfers, when Plymouth Township Director of Public Services Patrick Fehrath read a long list of allegations claiming violations of water pol-

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lution, meter rigging and plugging up the Western Township Utility Authority (WTUA) sewer system outside the VersaTrans facility.

VersaTrans, however, was given a clear report from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality stating that the company has officially been in compliance with state regulations since last January.

The state required only that

VersaTrans apply for a discharge permit, which Dalton said the company has completed.

Dalton said he's perturbed after hearing the allegations from Fehrath, but not surprised at the behavior of township officials.

"It was an odd situation. I don't know why it was on the agenda. I don't know why it was being discussed," Dalton said

later. "Nothing related to Plymouth Township came out of it."

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz suggested during the discussion that township officials could be attempting to mitigate previous actions regarding VersaTrans.

In early August, VersaTrans officials publicly complained that Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards arbitrarily withheld a tax rebate check due the company. VersaTrans invested more than \$150,000 to bring the Koel Street building up to building and safety codes and meet requirements

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Distinguished Teens to vie for title, scholarships

The life of one young area woman will change next week when she is named the Distinguished Young Woman of the Wayne Westland area in the annual pageant planned for Dec. 4.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program designed to help high school girls develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience, according to the organization website.

Formerly known as the Junior Miss event, this is the 49th event in Wayne Westland, the largest in the state with 11 young women participating this year, all vying to "be their best self" the motto of the program.

Co-directors of the local program this year are Lauren Perry, who was the Wayne Westland Junior Miss in 2005 and Jodi Berry.

"The Distinguished Young Women organization is one that continually inspires young women while providing them with opportunities to learn more about themselves and their local communities. This program is one that I am incredibly proud to be a part of, and I find it to have a positive impact on young ladies. One of our main goals is to provide an avenue for our participants to supplement their college experience via scholarship opportunities and to recognize their individual strengths and capabilities," Perry said.

The girls are judged in five categories: talent, poise, scholastic, interview and fit-



Participants in the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne Westland pageant this include, top photo, seniors Kelsie Wyszog, Riana Hardyniec, Emily Dietz, Brooke Acarag, Crystal Pinard, Tirzah Ault and Alyssa Brown and, lower photo, juniors Elena Wojtowicz, Nicole Duque, Kaitlyn Balko, Emma Diamond, Hannah Goltman and Antunika Alonzo. Photos by Marvin Solano

ness and scholarships will be awarded to the top two scorers in each category.

Participants in the event this year include juniors: Elena Wojtowicz, Nicole Duque, Kaitlyn Balko, Emma Diamond, Hannah Goltman and Antunika Alonzo and seniors: Kelsie Wyszog, Riana Hardyniec, Emily Dietz, Brooke Acarag,

Crystal Pinard, Tirzah Ault and Alyssa Brown.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at Wayne Memorial High School in the auditorium. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$8 for students.

The local winner will go on to the state competition in Saline.

Jury finds former Inkster officer guilty in beating

Former Inkster Police Officer William Melendez was found guilty of two felonies and remanded to jail last Wednesday in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A jury of eight women and four men found Melendez guilty of misconduct in office, a five-year felony and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony. The charges stemmed from a traffic stop Jan. 28 in Inkster when patrol car video showed Melendez, 47, pulling Floyd Dent, 58, from his car, wrestling him to the ground and then striking him with his closed fist 16 times while restraining him in what appears to be a chokehold. Other Inkster officers are on the tape kicking Dent viciously and using a taser on him.

The video was released to the public by Dent's attorney

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Gregory Rohl and immediately gained national attention due to the ferocity and extent of the beating. Melendez was immediately fired by then Inkster City Manager Richard Marsh and the city subsequently reached an out-of-court settlement with Dent for \$1,377,500.

Prior to being hired in Inkster, Melendez was accused more than 12 times of using excessive force during his 20-year law enforcement career. Judge Vonda Evans revoked Melendez bail and remanded him to the custody of the Wayne

County Jail despite arguments from his attorney, James Thomas, that he was not a flight risk.

According to Rohl, Dent has not yet returned to his job at Ford Motor Co. due to residual effects of the beating. While he is doing well physically, Rohl said, he suffers from Post Traumatic Stress, something Dent described on the stand. He was hospitalized for the injuries suffered in the beating, including a broken eye socket. He told jurors that he still suffers memory and hearing problems.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy issued a statement following the verdict noting, "The jury's verdict in this case is important because it shows that police brutality cannot and will not be tolerated."

Worthy's office dropped all charges, including cocaine possession, against Dent when her office was provided a copy of the patrol car videotape, something officers did not send with the original warrant request. Earlier, 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson dropped attempted escape charges against Dent when she viewed the tape. While Melendez and other officers claimed Dent was using cocaine and had the drug in his possession when he was arrested, no evidence of any drug use was found by the office

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Governor welcomes chinese manufacturer to area

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A subsidiary of mega-giant Chinese manufacturing firm Cixing Group Corp. LTD. is moving the U.S. corporate headquarters from Tustin, CA to a Northville Township industrial park. The company is planning to construct a 50,000-square-foot building located on 5 acres just off of Five Mile Road near Beck.

Last week while participating in a ground-breaking ceremony with company officials, Gov. Rick Snyder and Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix touted the potential benefits that will be created by the planned move of CW Bearing USA Inc.

Officials from the Chinese company, a sub-supplier of various automotive type bearings, said they chose Northville because of Detroit area manufacturing resources and the proximity of automotive decision makers. They chose the township site over competing sites in Toledo and Columbia, S.C. According to com-

pany officials, CW Bearings' \$25.9 million investment will include a new headquarters, design center and manufacturing facility that could bring 125 new jobs to the area within the next 5 years.

Snyder, who reportedly traveled to China five times in the last year on trade missions to encourage Michigan development, thanked the Chinese delegation for having the confidence to come to Michigan.

"We're known for making the best products in America. Michiganers are the hardest workers. We can show that prosperity and peace can happen together. You're now my customer. I'm happy to have you here," Snyder announced.

CW Bearing, which currently employs 15 workers in Michigan, already has sales offices in St. Louis, MS, Midland, N.C. and a sales and service office in Novi. The company was awarded a \$550,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant from the state and a 6-year tax abatement from



Local, county and state officials, including Gov. Rick Snyder, were on hand last week to celebrate the grand opening of a new \$25.9 million manufacturing headquarters in Northville. Photo by Don Howard.

Northville Township as an inducement to the move.

The initial construction at 15200 Technology Drive will house the CW Bearings sales and executive staff. The company has a second 5-acre parcel in same location where a manufacturing facility will be constructed. Officials said production parts would be ready by 2018. The target for construction completion is late 2016, for both parcels.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck who participated in the ceremonial ground breaking said the CW Bearing move was a coordinated effort with General Motors and Tier 1 suppliers. "We're providing their manufacturing base," Colbeck said.

After the meeting, State Rep. Kurt Heise who has been active in the Five Mile Corridor development, said the move was a positive sign.

"Today's groundbreaking is another sign of Michigan's recovery and the fact that more international businesses are looking to settle in Northville and Plymouth Township," Heise said.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said he was pleased with the new development, which is outside the official Five Mile Corridor that starts west of Beck Road and runs through Salem Township.

Sewer

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to qualify for the Wayne County Land Bank TURBO rebate program. The final rebate check was not sent to the county by the Edwards' office, according to VersaTrans attorneys, who threatened legal action to redeem the rebate, estimated at \$7,500.

Township Supervisor Shannon Price announced at the end of that month that the conflict between VersaTrans and Edwards was caused by the erroneous removal of VersaTrans from the TURBO program, "by someone in the office at Wayne County." VersaTrans finally received the long overdue tax rebate money from Wayne County at the end of October. Representatives from the Wayne County Treasurer's Office told VersaTrans they never received the funds from Plymouth Township that were earmarked for the rebate but later recanted, according to informed sources.

Dalton said his clients were taken aback when they received a warning letter at the end of September from township officials claiming VersaTrans is violating the township Sewer Use Ordinance. The cease and desist letter ordered the compa-

ny to immediately stop and submit a corrective action plan and appear at a hearing. The letter, dated Sept. 28, was signed by Plymouth Township Attorney Kevin Bennett. The letter informed VersaTrans officials that the company would be liable for any expense, loss or damage and could face criminal prosecution if compliance was not made within 10 days.

Dalton said he immediately sent a response to Bennett seeking more information and subsequently left phone messages for the township attorneys; all of which went unanswered.

Prior to the meeting last week, members of the board of trustees were provided 31 pages of detail regarding VersaTrans alleged violations with color photos of open sewers showing a blue substance at the bottom.

"It's not contaminating the environment. It's not dangerous," Dalton said of the substance. Doroshewitz questioned Polnath following his presentation regarding the alleged violations by VersaTrans.

"I'm not sure why this is on the agenda," Doroshewitz said. "It seems to be like building a case against somebody for some reason."

Price responded immediately, stating, "You have someone who's been very belligerent in the local media (and) we're being ripped about it."

"I get it - that you're trying to defend

yourself in the media. I'm just not sure..." Doroshewitz began, but was immediately interrupted by Price.

"I'm not defending myself. I'm bringing out the issue that a company is illegally dumping in a sewer. I'm not defending myself in the press. It's primarily to educate our board members."

The operations employed at VersaTrans have similarities to screen printing where there is a rinse process. VersaTrans said that he material used is citrus based and is biodegradable. "It's basically orange peel," said Dalton.

Dalton said VersaTrans first learned of their discharge water dumping in October of 2014 and hired a company to remove and haul away the material and then purchased equipment that cleaned the dis-

charge from their machinery.

"The only thing we (VersaTrans) were to do was apply for a waste water discharge permit by Dec. 14, and we're doing that," Dalton said.

It was unclear if the township board would request a show cause hearing, by either Western Township Utility Authority (WTUA) or YTTUA, the two local environmental authorities. VersaTrans could be required to add machinery to mitigate the potential for blocking the sewer lines, a spokesman said.

"We want to comply with any issue concerning discharge. We don't know what issue the township has with respect to discharge. All we want to do is comply with Plymouth Township, WTUA and WCUA concerning discharge into the sanitary sewer," Dalton said.

Commission fills vacant term

Members of the Plymouth City Commission unanimously voted to appoint 32-year city resident Joseph Valenti to a vacant seat on the commission.

Valenti will complete the term of Diane Bogenrieder who resigned Nov. 2 as she was relocating out of the city. Valenti will serve until the term expires in November of 2017.

Valenti, who has served on the Downtown Development Authority, was not a candidate in the Nov. 3 election, a circumstance criticized by some audience members who felt the appointment should

have gone to the fifth-place finisher in the election, Jack Wilson who garnered 306 votes.

Valenti was nominated by Mayor Dan Dwyer as prescribed by the city charter. Dwyer said that he "respectfully disagreed" with those who advocated the appointment of Wilson.

"Joe Valenti has served very well on the DDA board for years," said Dwyer. Valenti has a good record, disagrees with others on the board in a respectful way and has an extensive background in financial matters, the mayor said.

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In the spirit

The Wayne and Westland Rotary club members made donations to the Family Resource Center located at Adams Upper Elementary School recently. The center provides resources an support for all Wayne-Westland families. The clubs' combined donation exceeded \$2,000 in new toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves and socks. These items will be distributed to needy Wayne-Westland Community School students and their families. Above, Annika Dylus, Family Resource Center coordinator receives donations from Westland Rotarian Maria Mitter. Below, members of the Wayne Rotary Club present Dylus with much-needed supplies for needy Wayne-Westland families.



Trial

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of the Wayne County Medical Examiner where his hospital records were reviewed. Robb maintained that Melendez planted a small amount of cocaine in Dents car and

that Melendez can be seen on the videotape taking what could be drugs from his own person and placing them in Dents car, but those charges never went to the jury.

The jurors deliberated for about five hours after 11 days of testimony. They found Melendez not guilty of a charge of assault by strangulation.

Evans is scheduled to sentence Melendez Dec. 3.

Driver charged in deaths

A 31-year-old Inkster woman has been criminally charged in the deaths of two motorcyclists she struck with her car on I-94 Nov. 7.

Chana Woods is facing two counts each of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence Causing Death and two counts each of Driving With License Suspended. She was arraigned Nov. 10 in 24th District Court in Allen Park and remanded to custody on a \$1 million cash or surety bond.

Police reports indicate that Woods was driving under the influence of drugs

on I-94 near Oakwood Boulevard in Allen Park at about 2:35 p.m. Nov. 7. It is alleged she lost control of her vehicle and it struck and killed Marlon Rubin, 48, of Macomb City and France Bowers, 49, of Southfield. The men were each riding on motorcycles at the time Woods' vehicle struck them, police said.

A probable cause hearing on the charges took place for Nov. 23 before Judge Richard Page and her preliminary court examination on the charges is set for Nov. 30 before Judge John Courtright.

Council OKs shared tower

The City of Wayne will use a tower located in Westland to record new municipal water meters being installed as part of a \$24 million system being installed throughout the city.

Members of the city council approved the sharing of a cell tower located at Middlebelt and Ann Arbor roads in Westland for the transmittal of water meter readings from the new system. The new meters use a low radio frequency to record and report usage in a digital format. The data is transmitted to city hall where it is then translated into billing to water customers.

Installation of an antenna for readings at the tower is expected to cost \$24,000, a fee Wayne and Westland will split. Annual maintenance costs were

estimated at about \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually by Ramon E-Guerrero, director of the Wayne-Westland Department of Public Services.

Gharib told members of the Wayne City Council that the new systems are similar and that the tower would be used to read the meters in the southern part of the city. The new \$2.5 million water meter system in Wayne includes new meters at all Wayne homes and businesses. The system is being installed by Enna Supply, the same contractor installing the \$10 million system in Westland.

The 20-year agreement to share the tower antenna will expire at the same time as the 20-year accuracy warranty on the new meters and system.

Westland honors 2 employees

Two long-time Westland Department of Public Service (DPS) employees will be recognized at the Dec. 7 city council meeting for their efforts in designing, building and restoring the city holiday decorations.

Ian Smith, an 18-year Westland DPS employee, and Tom Sharp, who has been employed with Westland DPS for 17 years, saved the city more than \$1,000 by designing and building a new manger to display at Westland City Hall during the holiday season. The two purchased all of the materials and completed the work for less than \$250. They also refurbished the

Santa display which saved the city another \$1,000.

"We are very appreciative that Ian and Tom took the time and effort to complete this project," commented Mayor William Wild. "These two are very talented and dedicated employees and they deserve recognition for their efforts on this special project."

The nativity scene, refurbished Santa and the rest of the city holiday decorations can be seen on display in front of Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

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1. Obituaries



Marilyn Joanne Gardner died at her Plymouth home surrounded by her loving family Nov. 17. Mrs. Gardner was born Feb. 20, 1905 in Lucas County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Wesley and Mildred Willett. Her father was the co-owner of Associated Newspapers and the family lived in Canton Township for many years. Mrs. Gardner was widowed by the death of her first husband, Allen Lawrence, the father of her six daughters. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her second husband, Wes Gardner, a brother, Ronald Willett; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She is survived by a sister, Barbara Larkin of Kalamazoo; a brother, David Willett of Plymouth; and her daughters and sons-in-law, including Lynn (Paul) Simchek of South Lyon; Cynthia Reed of Blawiefield; Nancy Sparks of Westland; Leslie Nye of Plymouth, who was her longtime primary caregiver; Janice Bick of Berkeley and Julie Menzel of Canton Township; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and many friends. Final rites were accorded by Generations Cremation Service of Farmington Hills. Call 734-467-1900.

A private service for the family is planned for 2 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Plymouth Kingdom Hall.

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CANTON - ROMULUS

Center seeks to help parents, children with ADHD

When parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or ADHD look for help for their children, Shannon Litogot understands only too well.

Litogot, of Romulus, is part of a school-based program that helps students with special needs, some of whom have been diagnosed with ADHD. Litogot has faced many of the same issues with her teenage daughter who has ADHD.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 6 million children have been diagnosed since 2011 and the numbers are on the rise. Though more likely to be found in boys, ADHD is also being detected more and more often in girls.

ADHD is a common and very real medical condition that impacts numerous children with displays of hyperactivity, inattention and impulsiveness. These symptoms often take a toll on a child's social and emotional life, and leave parents looking for ways to make things easier both in and out of school.

Annalisa Lawson, a nurse practitioner at the Beaumont Center for Exceptional Families, says there are a lot of popular misconceptions about ADHD.

"It is a very real, very common disorder that affects children in different ways and in different areas of their lives," Lawson said.

She recommends establishing routines and breaking down tasks into smaller steps in order to help children establish healthy and effective habits that could have a positive, long-term impact on their overall health. "It takes about 30 days to build a habit, but only one day to break it," she added. Litogot's 14-year-old daughter has been working with her parents and teachers to find strategies for the classroom and at home. For example, she and her mom made a supply box to help her at school and they've also tweaked their routine at home in order to provide a quiet, distraction free environment to help improve her study habits. While these tactics are easy to incorporate into a regular day, Litogot says the most effective tactic is asking her daughter her opinion about what would best help in school.

"Listen to your kid," she said. "Listen to what they say and learn about what they find to be hard and what they think might help. They usually have a lot of great ideas about what works for and motivates them." In her work with parents, Lawson emphasizes the importance



Shannon Litogot, right, and her daughter discuss some strategies to help in coping with the effects of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

of a positive environment and encourages parents to make a list of their child's strengths and challenges. Parents should reach out to their child's school or physician to discuss concerns and available treatment options.

"There are many positive traits com-

monly associated with ADHD. Recognize why your kids great and help them where they need help but love them for who they are."

For more information about the Center for Exceptional Families, visit www.oakwood.org/csf.



Joining forces

Canton Public Safety Director Todd L. Mutchler has been sworn-in as the new president of the Wayne County Chiefs of Police Association. The new board pledged their oaths of office last week, administered by 38th District Court Chief Judge James A. Plakas. Wayne County Chiefs of Police Association is a non-profit organization made up of law enforcement administrators with the common goal of improving the delivery of law enforcement services in the communities in which they serve. The organization engages in educating its members, empowering them to address local and regional issues including trending community concerns, laws and legislation. The new board of directors includes, from left, Flat Rock Police Chief John Leader, Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caldwell, Grosse Pointe Farms Police Chief Daniel Jansen and Mutchler taking their oaths before Plakas.

Tree Lighting set in Canton

The annual Canton Tree Lighting event is planned from 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 outside the Summit on the Park. After Santa lights the tree there will be performances from Dancing Feet, Spotlight on Youth, and others inside the Summit. Joining Santa this year will be Frosty the Snowman, a Winter

Marketplace, cookie decorating, holiday games and more. Unique gifts and great stocking stuffers will be available at the Winter Marketplace. Tickets, for sale at the door, are priced at \$3 per child for residents, \$4 per child for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 304-5860.

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Charter Township of Plymouth Notice of Budget Public Hearing December 15, 2015

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2016 on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9055 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48178. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the above address in the Clerk's Office work days from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER FISHER & LENGE DRAIN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ABANDON AND VACATE A PORTION OF THE FISHER & LENGE DRAIN

DATE: December 8, 2015

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 409 Monroe Street, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan 48226

QUESTIONS: (313) 224-3620

A public meeting will be held at the above date, time and location pursuant to Section 391 of Public Act 40 of 1955, an amendment for the purpose of hearing objections and determining whether the portion of the Fisher & Lenge Drain to be abandoned and vacated has ceased to be of public utility and is no longer necessary or conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare.

The portion of the Fisher & Lenge Drain to be abandoned and vacated is described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, which is S.87°-23'-03"W., on the North line of said Section, 1327.62 feet, of the Northeast corner of Section 4, T.3 S.-R.8 E., Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan; thence S.01°-23'-50"W., 57.56 feet; thence S.02°-29'-22"E., 703.44 feet; thence S.76°-10'-10"E., 658.53 feet at a point which is S.01°-45'-11"W., along East line of said Section 4, 918.22 feet and 1963.59 feet, S.88°-14°-49"W. and there end. Total length of said route and course being 1,417.53 feet.

If the Drain Commissioner determines that the portion of the Drain has ceased to be of public utility and is no longer necessary or conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare and that the private rights of persons, acquired by reason of the establishment and construction of the portion of the Drain will not be interfered with or impaired by the abandonment and vacating of the portion of the Drain, the portion of the Drain will be ordered abandoned and vacated.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 400 Monroe Street, Suite 400, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: November 19, 2015 Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner

Calendar of events

Letters to Santa accepted

Canton Leisure Services has made special arrangements with friends at the North Pole and the US Post Office to deliver wish list letters to Santa. To mail a letter to Santa, drop it in the North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby through Nov. 30. Santa asks that you print your name and address clearly so he may directly reply to your letter.

Canton residents only please.

For more information, call (734) 304-5493.

Tony Saco's aids United Way

Tony Saco's of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to collect warm winter wear and blankets to help keep the homeless a bit warmer. Tony Saco's will be giving away \$5 gift certificates for hats, gloves, scarves, and socks, while \$10 gift certificates will be given for new coats and blankets that are donated. All items donated must be new. Gift certificates are valid for next visit.

Tony Saco's will also donate 20 percent of each patron's bill to Plymouth Community United Way. Mention Plymouth Community United Way, or print a flyer for the Wednesday, Dec. 2 event at www.plymouthunitedway.org.

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

Holiday help available

The Belleville GoodFellows will be accepting applications for Belleville and Van Buren Township residents until Dec. 4. Applications will be available at the Van Buren Township Hall.

The GoodFellows provide Christmas gifts for newborns - up to age 15 and food for seniors. For more information on ways to help the GoodFellows, contact Pam Fleming at (734) 699-8530.

The First United Methodist Church will be distributing Christmas food bags Dec. 15-17. To make a donation of non-perishable food, contact the church at (734) 697-9238.

Applications for Christmas help will be accepted Dec. 1-4. For Christmas, The Salvation Army will distribute gifts for newborn through seniors in high school including food, food for both seniors and singles and couples without children. Proof of residency, identification and proof of income for the household will be required.

To donate food, new clothing and/or new toys, call (734) 453-5464.

Lists are reviewed to ensure that as many families as possible receive assistance, a spokesperson noted. For more information, call the number listed above.

Red Ryder Christmas on display

The Plymouth Historical Museum is showcasing a new exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit draws its inspiration from the popular 1980s movie, A Christmas Story, in which the main character, Ralphie, longs for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

The exhibit includes period toys, clothing, and other artifacts. Visitors familiar with the movie will get a chuckle from the vignettes showing the Parkers' living room, complete with "FRA-GEE-LAY" lamp; Flick getting his tongue stuck on a metal pole; the window at Higbee's Department Store and other memorable moments.

Each Saturday, from Nov. 28 until Dec. 19, Santa Claus has promised to be present for visiting children. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays, as well as Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Santa has also agreed to be available from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, during the Annual Open House, Craft Show and Bake Sale at the museum.

The museum is located at 155 S Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

ArtWar DETROIT in Northville

The Northville Art House will feature the ArtWar DETROIT Trunk Show from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 28, Small Business Saturday.

The works are by Michigan artists from the Detroit Urban Design Studio and include original watercolor art, handbags, clothing and accessories.

Also exhibiting in the upper gallery through Dec. 12 is the All Media Small Works exhibit featuring 120 works of art limited to 12x12 inches by artists throughout Michigan and several other states.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St., in downtown Northville, one block south of Main Street and two blocks west of Center Street. For further information visit www.northvilleart-house.org or call (248) 344-0497.

Teddy Bear Toss set

USA Hockey and Plymouth Community United Way are sponsoring for the annual Teddy Bear Toss at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Simply bring a new stuffed animal, or buy a teddy bear at the game for just \$5, to throw on the ice after the National Team Development Program's first goal. All proceeds and stuffed animals go to Plymouth Community United Way.

Show your stuffed animal at the game and receive a raffle ticket to win a suite for a future 2015-16 NTDP home game. The prize includes 20 suite tickets and \$150 food voucher.

Teddy bears will be available for purchase at the game, but bringing new stuffed bears is encouraged. To purchase tickets call the USA Hockey Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or online at usa-hockeyntdp.com.

USA Hockey Arena is located at 14900 Beek Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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

Hats For Homeless needed

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

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and

socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7-45 a.m. until 4:30 Monday - Thursday and from 7-45 a.m. until 2:45 Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

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

Kalamazoo on stage

Tippling Point Theatre will present Kalamazoo by Michelle Khoo Brooks and Kelly Younger through Dec. 20 with a special New Year's Eve performance.

Kalamazoo curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

On New Year's Eve, the performance of Kalamazoo will include an afterglow provided by Rocky's of Northville, and a toast to the New Year with beer, wine, and champagne. Tickets: \$85 (\$40 tax deductible) and \$45 for SeasonPASS ticket holders (\$40 tax deductible).

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$35 for adults, \$28 to \$31 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information call the box office at (248) 947-0003.

Simply Dickens at museum

The Plymouth Historical Museum will present the popular Simply Dickens Christmas Show for the fifth year at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The show highlights the carols that were well known long ago during the Christmas season but are rarely heard by modern ears, along with a few of the more familiar tunes. There are also comedic holiday skits performed by group members.

Simply Dickens is a period-dressed quartet of trained vocalists and musicians that specializes in the music of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Tickets to the show are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Museum doors will open at 6 p.m. Visitors can also tour the special museum exhibit A Red Ryder Christmas Story.

The museum is located at 155 S Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Blankets are needed

Plymouth Community United Way is

holding a Blanket Drive in support of the homeless community through Jan. 15, 2016.

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

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

Story time for families set

The Belleville Area District Library hosts Family Storytime at 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 14.

The storytime is for children in preschool through elementary classes, ages 4 through 10.

Toddler Time storytimes take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays through Dec. 15 and at 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings through Dec. 17.

This program is designed for children ages 2 through 4.

Registration is available at the library circulation desk. The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

The library will host Santa from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Dec. 21.

Spectacular tickets on sale

The Central City Christmas Spectacular will celebrate the magic of Christmas like never before with an all-new, unforgettable experience as Santa Claus, Mrs. C, and Ellie take center stage with a large cast of performers from throughout the area.

Audiences will get a sneak peek at what really happens in the North Pole as Santa and his elves prepare for the big day.

There will be twirling ballerinas, dancing Top Soldiers and a sleigh ride around the world with Santa and his magical reindeer.

Seven performances are planned at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton, at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14 and 15 at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 and at noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17 through Dec. 20. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale at Central City Dance Center, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton, Tickets are reserved seating and cannot be purchased the day of the show.

For more information, visit Central City Dance at www.centralcitydance.com or call (734) 459-0400.



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