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THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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

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Canton will honor area service men and service women in a special “Salute to Service” ceremony at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR

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

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Tickets are now on sale for the Holiday Home Tour presented by the Northville Community Foundation planned for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 13 and 14.

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A Plymouth manufacturing firm is taking exception after receiving a cease and desist warning from township officials.

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Individuals and organizations are welcome to participate in the annual Veteran's Day parade planned for 9:30 a.m. Nov. 11 in Romulus.

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There will be no parade this year to celebrate the arrival of Santa in the City of Wayne for the first time in nearly four decades.

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

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Van Buren landfill may take radioactive waste

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

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



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

I-94 a short distance from Belleville Lake.

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

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

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Hat trick Canton girl organizes Autism Awareness college hockey game

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

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

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

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

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

professional hockey with Berenson.

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

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

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

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

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

Scarpace said it was seeing the looks some people give her



Kylie Scarpace

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

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

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

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

Scarpace, who has been interested in music and per-

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

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

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

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Former supervisor named to Plymouth board

Don Howard
Staff Writer

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

The unanimous vote came

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

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

Mann served as township supervisor from 2000-2004. In

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After some discussion, Price

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