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## National Diabetes Month

National Diabetes Month is observed every November to draw attention to diabetes and its effects on millions of Americans. The National Diabetes Education Program's (NDEP) 2015 theme Diabetes Education and **Support: Everyone Has a Role**. What's Yours? highlights the need for ongoing diabetes education and support among people with diabetes and those who care for them.

Help people in your community learn more about the importance of diabetes education and support with these resources from the NDEP and the National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).

### Am I at Risk?

If you have wondered or possibly been told that you are at risk for developing diabetes or that you have prediabetes, you should know that diabetes prevention is proven, possible, and powerful. Studies show that people at high risk for diabetes can prevent or delay the onset of the disease by losing 5 to 7 percent of their weight, if they are overweight—that's 10 to 14 pounds for a 200-pound person.

Two keys to success:

- Get at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity five days a week.
- Eat a variety of foods that are low in fat and reduce the number of calories you eat per day.

In other words, you don't have to knock yourself out to prevent diabetes. The key is small steps that lead to big rewards. Learn more about your risk for developing type 2 diabetes and the small steps you can take to delay or prevent the disease and live a long, healthy life.

## Voters elect new city officials in Inkster; Ecorse mayor wins big with 58 percent of vote

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Lamar Tidwell  
Ecorse - Mayor



Byron Nolen  
Inkster - Mayor



Jewell Jones  
Inkster Councilman -

Results for the November 3rd election are in. Inkster voters chose several

new officials to run the city, including a new mayor and various city council elects.

Residents also said yes to three key ballot proposals. In Ecorse, each incumbent was

reelected for a second term, with one new councilperson set to take office.

Here is an official breakdown of election outcomes for each city:

**Inkster**  
Inkster's mayoral race came down to two new candidates: Byron Nolen and Walter Starghill, Jr., with Nolen coming out on top with a landslide victory. He will replace the city's former mayor Hilliard Hampton, who previously served in the position for 16 years.

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## Downriver residents come together to support businesses impacted by bridge closures

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Members of the Downriver community that included Mayors, city council members, school board members, business owners and residents came together in solidarity to show their support. They were joined by men who are working to repair the Jefferson bridge

On Friday, downriver residents enjoyed lunch at the Brown Derby on West Jefferson Avenue in River Rouge. Initiated by downriver native Colleen Minter, the occasion aimed to support local businesses impacted by the Jefferson Bridge closure that has impeded traffic coming in and

out of Ecorse and River Rouge since 2012. Friday's occasion marks the third within an ongoing initiative, which kicked off at Ecorse's Auburn Café in September, followed by another gathering at Zenith's Lunch in River Rouge last month. "We really haven't come up

with an official name for this event, but I can describe it as downriver family supporting other downriver family," said Minter. "I put this together after Mayor Bowdler told me about the serious issues faced by businesses in this area. Some of them are losing as much as 50% of their business

and have considered closing down due to the bridge closure. I thought it would be great to invite all of my friends to lunch so that we can provide support. Our first gathering was at the Auburn Café, and the second was at

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# NEWS FROM LANSING

## Statement from State Representative Erika Geiss on legislation designed to raise money for road repairs:



**Erika Geiss**  
State Representative

"The \$1.2 billion, seven-bill roads funding package that was passed by the Senate and presented to the House yesterday for concurrence is still woefully inadequate.

"It still creates a burden for the people of my district (and all Michiganians) with an increase in registration fees on top of an increase in the gas tax. While the current iteration is lower than the 40 percent increase proposed previously, a 20 percent increase is still too much when we are asking our constituents to pay more at the pump. While increasing

gas taxes to a sustainable level is a good idea, increasing both the gas tax and registration fees will hit our most financially vulnerable residents hardest.

"Additionally, this package doesn't do enough to lower the weights on the heavy trucks that do the most damage to our roads, nor does it adequately fund public transportation.

"Further, having all of these bills tie-barred to a possible (yet elusive) tax cut does not make sense either and public safety, education and health care funding are still possibly all at risk from cuts to the general fund.

"Worst of all, our roads continue to deteriorate underneath us and will continue to do so for years because this new package won't take full effect until 2021! Delayed activity is the main reason for our current fiasco, and it is the greatest cost of all in this ill-conceived package of bills. This is why I voted no on concurrence with the package that was presented to us."

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## We must remember Veterans Day, sacrifices made by veterans Branch Notices Secretary of State offices will close for the Nov. 11 holiday



LANSING, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that, in honor of Veterans Day, all Secretary of State offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11. She also encouraged people to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice.

"I had a rare opportunity to visit our troops in the Middle East in 2012 to study how to make overseas voting easier for those in the military," Johnson said. "I will never forget the sense of honor, duty and patriotism that those young men and women displayed in spite of the terrible conditions. We owe everyone who has ever served this country a great debt for their service and sacrifice."

Michigan is home to more than 680,000 veterans, the 11th largest population nationally. Given the great number of veterans who live here, Johnson has unveiled a number of initiatives in support of them:

Creating a veteran designation on driver's licenses and state ID

cards that helps identify Michigan veterans so they can be connected with the benefits they have earned and deserved.

Pushing new ways to ensure that military personnel have their votes counted on Election Day, such as successfully advocating to extend a federal write-in ballot to state and local races.

Waiving road tests for veterans applying for a Commercial Driver License to help their transition to civilian life if they have sufficient heavy truck experience in the military.

Offering more than two dozen military license plates that are available for veterans and their spouses, allowing them to display their service with pride.

"Patriotism and service run deep in Michigan," Johnson added. "This Veterans Day, take a moment to thank a vet for his or her service."

Because of the Veterans Day closure, Johnson recommends residents find alternate ways or days to get their Secretary of State business done.

Most people renewing license

plates and driver's licenses and ID cards can do business online at [www.ExpressSOS.com](http://www.ExpressSOS.com). For example, plates can be renewed at [www.ExpressSOS.com](http://www.ExpressSOS.com) with Print 'N Go technology that allows users to buy their tabs online and print a receipt to carry with them until their tabs arrive in the mail. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. In addition to renewing driver's licenses and plates online, [www.ExpressSOS.com](http://www.ExpressSOS.com) customers also can submit changes of address, renew or replace vehicle and watercraft registrations, request duplicate titles and enroll to be organ donors.

Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, may be renewed the following day without penalty.

License plate tabs also can be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available around the clock. Visit the Branch Office Locator at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos) to find a Self-Service Station near you.

Originally known as Armistice Day, this special Nov. 11 holiday was first celebrated in 1919 to recognize the men and women who died during World War I. In 1938, it became an official federal holiday. The name was changed to Veterans Day in the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War to commemorate veterans of all wars.

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## Adults are the Problems

By Marian Wright Edelman



It is time for adults of every race and income group to break our silence about the pervasive breakdown of moral, family, and community values, to place our children first in our lives, and to struggle to model the behavior we want our children to learn. School children don't need one more "Officer Slam" as some students referred to the White South Carolina school resource officer who this week shamed the nation with his violent ejection of a 16-year-old Black female student from her classroom for a nonviolent offense. A very welcome counter narrative took place when a White female police officer in Washington, D.C. after diffusing a potentially volatile conflict between two groups of Black teens, then charmed with a "dance off" a defiant teen-age girl who had refused to leave.

Any parent who has gone through the challenges of adolescence could only admire the quick thinking and agile footwork of the D.C. police officer. The last thing children need is violent assaults in schools which ought to be safe havens, and a suspension, expulsion and arrest to blot their school records and push them closer to the prison pipeline. And the very last thing children need is out-of-control adults using violence as a way of resolving differences.

I am often asked what's wrong with our children and I almost always answer, adults are what's wrong. We tell our children to control themselves while slapping and spanking and ejecting them violently in our homes, child care centers, schools, detention facilities and prisons. Adults tell children to be honest while lying and cheating and not to be violent while marketing and glorifying violence.

I urge every parent, adult, educator, faith and public leader to conduct a personal audit to determine whether we are contributing to the crisis our children face or to the solutions they urgently need. And if we are not a part of the solution, we are a part of the problem and need to do better.

Our children don't need or expect us to be perfect. They do need and expect us to be honest, to admit and correct our mistakes, and to share our struggles about the meanings and responsibilities of faith, parenthood, citizenship, and life. Before we can pull up the moral weeds of violence, materialism, and greed in our society that are strangling so many of our young, we must pull up the moral weeds in our own backyards and educational institutions. So many children are confused about what is right and wrong because so many adults talk right and do wrong in our personal, professional, and public lives.

If we are not supporting a child we brought into the world as a father or mother with attention, time, love, discipline, and the teaching of values, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution to the family breakdown today that is leaving so many children at risk.

If we are abusing tobacco, alcohol or other drugs while telling our children not to, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution in our overly addicted society.

If we have unlocked and loaded guns in our home and cars, and rely on them to feel safe and powerful, and don't stand up to those who market guns to our children and to those who kill our children with guns, or glamorize violence as fun, entertaining, and normal, then we are part of the problem rather than the solution to the escalating war of American against American, family member against family member, and children against adults and adults against children that is tearing us apart.

If we profess to be people of faith and send rather than take our children to worship and religious education services, and believe that the Sermon on the Mount, Ten Commandments, the Koran, or whatever religious beliefs we hold, pertain only to one-day worship but not to Monday through Sunday home, professional, and political life, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution to the spiritual famine and hypocrisy plaguing America today.

If we tell, snicker, or wink at racial, gender, religious, or ethnic jokes or engage in or acquiesce in any practices intended to diminish rather than enhance other human beings, then we are contributing to the proliferating voices of racial and ethnic division and intolerance staining our land

again. Let's not fight the civil war or repeat the worst lessons of our past. Let's prepare for the future in an irreversibly interconnected world that is majority non-White and poor.

If we think being American is about how much we can get rather than about how much we can give and share to help all our children get a healthy, fair, and safe start in life, and successful transition to college and productive work in our boastfully wealthy nation and are unable and unwilling to support a concept of enough for the poor among us then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution.

If we, or our organizations, are spending more money on alcohol and entertainment than on scholarships, books, tutoring, rites of passage, and mentoring programs for youths, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution to ensuring positive alternatives to the streets and drug dealers for children.

If we'd rather talk the talk than walk the walk to the voting booths, school board meetings, political forums, PTA, congregation and community meetings to organize community and political support on all sides of the aisle for our children, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution.

If we are not voting and holding political leaders at every level and in every party accountable for investing relative pennies in quality early childhood opportunities, education, housing for homeless children and jobs – jobs with dignity and decent wages – and billions in the military budget, and for cutting investments for poor mothers and children while protecting massive government welfare for rich farmers and over-paid corporate executives, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution to the undemocratic unjust and growing gap between rich and poor.

And if we think we have ours and don't owe any time or money or effort to lend a hand to voteless, voiceless, hungry, homeless, miseducated, neglected and abused children, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution to the fraying social fabric and violence and uncertainty that threatens all Americans.

*Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org).*

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# Guard Your Essence

by Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



In the movie "Dark Crystal" (1982), toward the end, the Skeksis (villains) were going to kill the female Gelfling. But before they killed her, they wanted to drain her essence. I thought there must be something powerful about her essence for them to want it. It reminded me of the villain who is against us and also wants to drain us of our essence in life.

If you look up the word 'essence,' you'll find that it means basic quality, essential character, nature, substance, core, meaning or significance. Your essence is the spirit of what and who you are. Because you are made in the image of God, there is God-nature inside of you. When the enemy looks at you, he sees God-like characteristics and he hates it. Thus, he wants to rob you of your God-given glory, which I will liken to essence. With this in mind, we must guard our essence.

The enemy comes at us in many ways to drain our essence. He is a deceiver and a liar and can be really slick in trying to trick you. That's why you have to be sharp minded and discerning. Be prayerful in your decision making. Be careful who you spend time with, what you hear and what you look at. The enemy wants to make you weak, ineffective and embarrassing. If we're vigilant, we can shame the devil.

Vigilance is the condition of being watchful and alert, especially to danger. We have to watch at all times. The moment you let your guard down,

you're vulnerable. "Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life" [Proverbs 4:23 AMP]. Guarding our heart is the most important thing. The course of your life depends on it.

It sounds exhausting to be on guard all the time. Always at war with no retreat. If you ever feel overwhelmed, call His name and remember that He said, "my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matt. 11:30). Being on guard doesn't mean we have to live in a bubble either. We can enjoy life. We just cannot be careless or forget that we are walking targets. We cannot conform to the world, even though we're in it (Romans 12:2). Even though we assimilate, we cannot allow ourselves to be corrupted by the culture.

Our enemy might not strap you to a machine to drain your essence, like the Skeksis did to the Gelfling. Instead, he will assign people to do it inconspicuously. They might even be friendly or attractive (2 Corinthians 11:14). I'm not saying we need to walk around paranoid and always preoccupied with warfare and mistrust, but be cognizant that someone is trying to drain your essence. Be diligent about guarding your heart.

"But be on your guard. Don't let the sharp edge of your expectation get dulled by parties and drinking and shopping. Otherwise, that Day is going to take you by complete surprise, spring on you suddenly like a trap, for it's going to come on everyone, everywhere, at once. So, whatever you do, don't go to sleep at the switch. Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that's coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man" [Luke 34-36 The Message].

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Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb! Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers!

3

Do not spend your strength[a] on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings.

4

It is not for kings, Lemuel— it is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer,

5

lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.

6

Let beer be for those who are perishing, wine for those who are in anguish!

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# DEATH NOTICES \* DEATH NOTICES



**SHIRLEY COPELAND**  
Oct. 8, 1952 – Sept. 11, 2015

Ms. Shirley D. Copeland was born in Eutaw, Alabama. Once in Michigan, She worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's office, and then at Ford Motor Company, from where she retired. Shirley thoroughly enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed music and cooking.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Daniel (Sherry), Coretta, Katina, Katanganicka (Shannon), Jason (Sharice); eight grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Eula Mae Eatmon (Clay); siblings, Jeanette, Lona (Josh), Roy (Deborah), Mildred, Johnnie, Nell, Terry (Anthony), Darnell, Denise and Dwayne as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home (chapelchimes.com)



**ADOLPH SCOTT**  
July 24, 1925 – Sept. 16, 2015

Adolph, affectionately called 'Scottie' was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. He was a Navy man. He met Essie Lee Ford and they were happily married for 67 years. In 1951, they moved to Detroit, Michigan and he became a floor decorator. He later created his own business in the 60's and he continued to work until 1997.

Scottie was affiliated with many organizations including The Masonic Lodge-St. Johns Lodge No. 44, F&AM, PHA of Romulus MI, Scottie was a wonderful husband and father. He always took great care of his family and he and his wife Essie did everything together.

He leaves to cherish his memory: His wife, Essie L. Scott. His children- Kenneth, Lesia (Ron) Woodson, Monica (Rodney) Holt, Nathaniel (Kelly) Scott. Six Grandchildren. Five Great-grands; One brother-Leroy Scott, Two brothers-in-law-Willie B Ford and Willie Gilmore; Two Sisters-in-law Martha Ford and Janie Mae Ford and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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**TIMESHA ROCHELLE YVETTE FLOYD-CARSWELL**  
Oct. 21, 1993 – Sept. 17, 2015

Timesha also known as "Lisa" born in Detroit but she was raised in Inkster. "Lisa" will be remembered at Christ Temple City of Refuge for being a Soul Winner, Sunday School Teacher, Praise Singer and Praise Dancer. Bringing many souls to Jesus Christ.

She graduated from Inkster High School in 2011. While attending Inkster High School, she actively participated in the choir, "The Melodious Voices", which traveled extensively across the U.S.A. under the leadership of Mr. Damon Debose.

Timesha attended Kentucky State University with a Music Scholarship from 2011 to 2013. Earlier this year, she was awarded a scholarship by Christ Temple City of Refuge and another Music Scholarship to sing in the Bethune Cookman University Concert Choral, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her mother, Emma J. Floyd; her sisters, Chanavia Floyd, Cherise Floyd, Davionna Floyd-Moore; her brothers, Sandree Floyd-Williams, Saundre Floyd-Williams, Sedric Floyd-Williams, David Floyd-Moore, Javari Floyd-Moore; grandmothers, Frankie Carswell, Rosalind Simpson, Joanne Bell; great-grandmother, Dorothy Simpson and a host of more aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that she loved dearly.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home (chapelchimes.com)



**WARDELL LEON JOHNSON**  
May 1, 1930 – Sept. 26, 2015

Wardell was born in Mulga, Alabama. He was drafted in 1951 and served in the Korean War for the U.S. Army until 1953. He worked at the V.A. Hospital, in construction and at Great Lakes Steel before retiring from Ford Motor Company in 1993 where he worked as a hi-lo driver.

In 1980, Wardell was united in marriage to June (Orr) Martin, to whom he was married to for 35 years. He then became head of household for a family of four, including stepdaughter Shannon and stepson Russell S. Martin II. He was baptized at Amity Baptist Church with his stepson Russell.

He leaves to mourn his passing; wife, June Johnson; son, Porter

Johnson (Beverly); two daughters, Tracey Davis (Darryl) and Audrey Lee (Orlando); Venicia Foreman and a very special step-daughter, Shannon Speight, 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and other loved one.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home (chapelchimes.com)

**ANNA BELLE CRAIG-BURTON**  
June 8, 1936 – Sept. 29, 2015

ANNABELLE in Birmingham, Alabama. Annabelle moved to Inkster in 1956, where she met her beloved husband Joe Louis Burton. They spent much of their time camping and fishing in Canada, their other home.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her soul mate, Joe L. Burton; two sons, Phillip Craig, Sr. and Terrance Craig; two daughters, Lisa Burton and Danielle Joe; one brother, James Edward Craig, Jr. (deceased); one sister, Dorothy M. Thomas; four grandsons, Phillip, Jr., Michael, Jr., Darrick, and Dominick; two granddaughters, Tamika and Julesia; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

**Paul Alexander Davenport**  
Apr. 17, 1976 – Oct. 1, 2015

PAUL ALEXANDER DAVENPORT III was born to Loretta Arrington and Curtis Young

Paul started his career at University of Michigan, Dearborn, at the age of 14. He continued to work until his health wouldn't allow him to. Paul "LOVED" his automobiles. He was known for changing them as often as six months.

Paul was always nice, funny, kind-hearted, and was such a loving person.

Paul leaves to cherish his memory: his loving mother, Loretta Arrington; his sister, Kim Chappell (Richard); a very special friend/brother, Michael Marbury; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



**RUTH ANN DAVIS WOODS**  
Jan. 5, 1942- Oct. 10, 2015

Ruth was born in Richland, Georgia. She grew up in River Rouge and was employed at Sumbly Memorial Hospital and AAA of Michigan. Ruth loved to communicate with her Lord-Jesus and talk to everybody about His goodness. Her love for her family was deeper than the sea, she would council with family and pray.

Leaving to remember Ruth were Tracy, Laverne, Kenny (Sandra), Lener, Vernon Davis, Zachary Woods, Leteria Driscoll, James Driscoll, sisters Betty Woods and Loretta Mack and a host of family, friends, neighbors and others.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home.



**TYRON ARTURO MILES**  
Jan. 1, 1976 - Oct. 1, 2015

Tyron was born in Detroit. He

was a 1994 graduate of Ann Arbor Public School and attended classes at Eastern Michigan University in the Coaching Program. Tyron had a great talent when it came to acting. He starred in two major movies. Besides acting, he was a talented vocalist. He loved basketball and was a true friend.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Maria Miles, father Charles O. Miles, grandmothers Dr. Luvenia Miles and Crystal Clark, two daughters, Imani and Aisha, sister Charise Miles, James & Jarold Hicks, Charde' Miles, Ashley, Amesha & Alyssa Miles (Molly Vaughn, Marcus Miles and Preston Miles and a host of friends and family.

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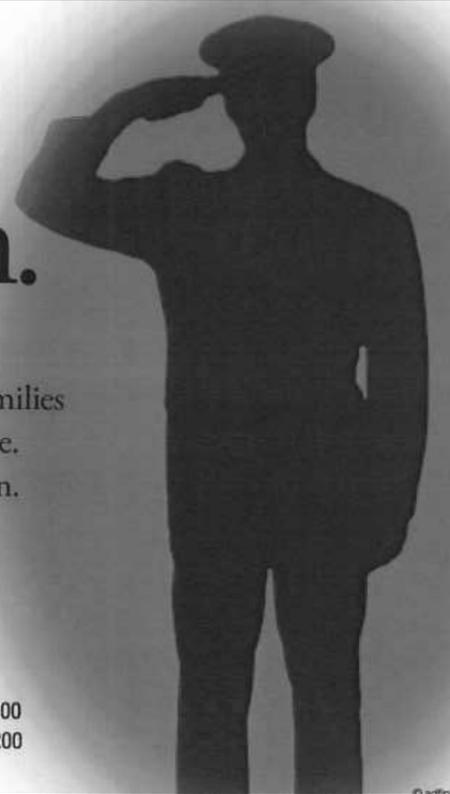
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# Downriver

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Zenith's; we filled the building up both times. This is our third one, and we're so happy to see all of the people who came out to support us." Several bridge workers were also present at the lunch, in addition to River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler, Southgate Mayor Joseph Kuspa, 25th District Court Judge Greg Clifton and various other downriver city officials. Channel 4 and Channel 7 were also on hand to cover the event, as well as countless small business owners eager to support fellow their vendors.

For Mayor Bowdler, this marks a positive effort that can help the area move forward from the economic impact of the bridge closure. "Colleen lives in Wyandotte, so this is truly downriver helping downriver. She's been

going through River Rouge for 40-50 years, and like so many of us, she'd come down that bridge to take Jefferson Avenue home when I-75 was busy," Bowdler said at the event. "This affects everyone, and we're going to do this altogether. With your help, we're going to be able to survive - especially the small businesses." Minter echoes these sentiments, and anticipates hosting additional outings in the future to assist local businesses throughout the area.

"This will definitely continue as an ongoing effort," she said. "We will keep everyone informed about when and where the next lunch will be. We're definitely looking forward to it."

## News from the Ethel Stevenson Senior Center

ECORSE - Calling all seniors!! Have you been to the Center lately? There is so much to do there!!

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Winter is coming when getting out and about can be difficult. The exercise class provided by the Path and the Kidney Foundation is not only good for keeping your muscles active and bones strong it provides a social outlet to keep the winter blues away.

Path and the Kidney Foundation have invited Humana to come out to come to the center to discuss the upcoming

changes in Medicare and how they affect us as seniors. The date is November the 12th at 1:00 pm.

The holiday calendar is being prepared. There will be a number of trips and social events on it. Transportation will be provided with advance notice. Come celebrate the season with us.

The Light Up The City contest was a big success last year. Prizes were given to the homes and businesses with the best displays. The contest will continue this year. More information will be available soon.

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# Celebrating Native American Heritage Month

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter

On November 1st, President Barack Obama released a proclamation, declaring November 2015 as National Native American Heritage Month: "American Indians and Alaska Natives enrich every aspect of our country," he stated. "As the first to live on this land, Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired – and continue to inspire – the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our Nation. This month, we recognize the contributions made by Native Americans since long before our founding, and we resolve to continue the work of strengthening government-to-government ties with tribal nations and expanding possibility for all." As we celebrate Native Americans throughout the month of November and beyond, here are 6 influential figures who have made substantial contributions to our nation's history.



**Sitting Bull**

A Native American Chief of the Hunkpapa Lakota Sioux tribe, Sitting Bull is most known for overpowering U.S. forces during the 1870's. Courageous and resistant to white miners intent on taking over the Black Hills of South Dakota, Sitting Bull led the Great Sioux wars that culminated with the 1876 Battle of the Little Big Horn, resulting in the defeat of U.S. federal troops under George Armstrong Custer. After escaping to Canada, Sitting Bull surrendered to U.S. forces, and was later killed by agents due to fear that his influence would fuel the budding Ghost Dance movement. Nevertheless, this unapologetic defiance in the face of white domination, in addition to an unwavering focus on preserving indigenous cultural identity, cements Sitting Bull's legacy as one of the most courageous figures in U.S. history.



**Sequoyah**

A member of the Cherokee nation, Sequoyah joined in with

the U.S. to fight the British and Creek Indians during the War of 1812. Unfamiliar with the English alphabet, he and other Cherokee soldiers struggled to read military instructions, and were unable to write letters to friends and family – contrary to their white counterparts. Because of this, Sequoyah created a distinct writing system for his people, teaching them to read and write using an 85 symbol alphabet representing sounds. Through Sequoyah's newly invented syllabary, thousands of Cherokees became literate within a matter of months, allowing the nation to evolve as one of the most powerful tribes in the world. For his creation of the Cherokee language, Sequoyah received a silver medal from his people, and remained a longtime diplomat and statesman throughout his lifetime.



**Maria Tallchief**

The daughter of an Osage tribe member, Maria Tallchief grew up on an Indian reservation, and eventually rose to become one of the most prominent faces on the 20th Century ballet scene. At a time when American dancers were adopting Russian stage names, Tallchief stayed true to her cultural background, maintaining her ethnic surname and ultimately evolving as a leading ballerina within a field traditionally dominated by Europeans. In 1947, she became the first prima ballerina of the New York City Ballet. Also the first U.S. dancer to join in with the Paris Opera Ballet, Tallchief strove to dispel stereotypes and misconceptions surrounding Native American culture, even after retiring in 1965. Remembered as a world acclaimed trailblazer who revolutionized American ballet, Tallchief ultimately remains the pioneering figure who paved the way for the existence of future ballerinas of Native American descent.



**Anna Mae Aquash**

A member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), Anna Mae Aquash was a leading Native American activist during the 1970's. Born to parents from the Micmac tribe, Aquash became active with community organizing in the late 1960's, ultimately joining forces with AIM during the 1972 Trail of Broken Treaties – a march on Washington aimed at highlighting Native American inequality. One week after occupying the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, the government agreed to address their concerns – marking the first time a national Indian American organization had accomplished such a feat. Like many radical groups of the time, AIM and its members became prime targets for FBI surveillance throughout the 1970's – resulting in Aquash's arrest and eventual underground escape from authorities. On February 24, 1976, her dead body was discovered along a South Dakota highway. Though initial reports cited frostbite exposure, a second autopsy revealed a .32 caliber bullet at the base of her skull – prompting officials to rule her death a homicide. Though Aquash's murder remains unsolved, she remains a key symbol in the ongoing fight for Native American civil rights.



**John Herrington**

A member of the Chickasaw Nation, John Herrington is the first Native American to walk in space. Designated as a Naval Aviator in 1985, Herrington earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering, and was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 1996. On November 23, 2002, after boarding the Space Shuttle Endeavor, Herrington becoming the first Native American in history to trek outer space. As members of his tribe looked on, Herrington payed homage to his native heritage by toting six eagle feathers, a braid of sweet grass, two arrowheads and the Chickasaw flag.

## Celebrating Native American History

### Election

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"I'm excited and humbled by all of the support I've received from Inkster residents," Nolen said. "I look forward to getting to work with my colleagues on council, and doing everything within my power to turn this city around."

Inkster voters also re-elected two incumbents for city council: Timothy Williams – who ran unopposed in District 1 – and Kim Howard, who walked away with 68% of the votes in District 5. Several fresh faces will additionally join the council, with Sandra Watley and Dee Richardson beating out two other incumbents, while Clarence Oden Jr. and Jewell Jones gained victories in District 2 and District 4.

At 20-years-old, Jones made history as the youngest councilperson ever elected in the City of Inkster.

Also of note, residents voted "yes" on three ballot proposals: a Non-Homestead Millage ensuring that tax rates remain unchanged for homeowners in the former Inkster Public School District, in addition to Parks and Recreation/Senior Service millages – guaranteeing that the Booker T. Dozier Recreational Complex remains open, and that amenities for senior citizens continue throughout the city.

A total of 2,303 votes were cast during the November election.

**Ecorse**  
Ecorse voters opted to keep each incumbent in office for another term. Mayor Lamar Tidwell was re-elected, beating out the challenger, Mayor Pro-tem John Miller, by a total of 269 votes.

"People in the City of Ecorse spoke," said Tidwell. "Apparently they felt that I was doing a good job, and they showed that because I won by a good margin; it wasn't close.

This is a huge victory, and I know that the citizens want to keep our city moving forward. They definitely see my vision."

Councilmember's Donald Agee, Jr., Brenda Banks, Robert Hellar, Nathaniel Elem and Gary Sammons each return to their seats, while Roger Parker, Sr. becomes the only new elect on the council. Dana Hughes will also continue in her role as City Clerk, while Bob Heller resumes as City Assessor and Doris Young as City Treasurer.

During Tuesday's election, 1,558 ballots were cast in the City of Ecorse.



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**Shoni Schimmel**

Throughout a stellar career at the University of Louisville, Shoni Schimmel helped take women's basketball to new levels, eventually taking her talents to the WNBA as a current member of the Atlanta Dream. Now one of the league's most beloved players, Schimmel is also making history – standing as the highest drafted Native American player to ever join the WNBA. Growing up on Oregon's Confederated Tribes of the

Umatilla Indian Reservation, Schimmel developed her skills playing pick-up games with other natives, eventually becoming a high school standout in southeast Portland. Receiving a full-ride scholarship to Louisville, Schimmel – alongside her sister Jude – became famous for her dazzling handles and unlimited shooting range, ultimately leading her team to the 2013 NCAA championship game.

A first round WNBA draft pick in 2014, Schimmel has become a role model for Native American girls everywhere. Since joining the league, the 23-year-old has served as host of the WNBA's Native American Heritage Night featuring United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY), allowing thousands of American Indian fans to see her in action on the basketball court.

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## Veterans Day: Initiatives Helping Veterans Apply Skills, Experience to Business Leadership



(StatePoint) Of the 24 million veterans in the U.S., nearly one in 10 is a small business owner and veterans as a whole are 45 percent more likely than those with no military experience to be self-employed, according to U.S. Census Bureau Data. Experts say that these figures should come as no surprise.

“When veterans reenter civilian life, they carry with them the discipline, hard work and strategic thinking acquired and developed during military service. They take pride in these skills and strive to use them during their next phase of life,” says Tim Davis, a veteran and president of The UPS Store, which offers a number of initiatives designed to promote veteran entrepreneurship. “Veterans are extremely

likely to be successful entrepreneurs. Sometimes the challenge is finding that opportunity.”

Despite the bleak headlines regarding the variety of problems faced by returning veterans, The UPS Store is a good example of a business taking steps to change the dialogue and offer these entrepreneurial opportunities. For example, their participation in the Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative (VetFran) is helping veterans obtain the resources they need to become their own boss, and the results have been notable. In fact, of the 4,400 UPS Stores, 250 are owned by veterans.

Other programs sponsored by various universities and the U.S. Small Business Administration

are offering returning veterans training and mentoring, grants, and access to business development opportunities.

Davis, who believes military skills easily translate to the business world, encourages other corporations and organizations to begin similar measures in their operations.

This Veterans’ Day, celebrated November 11, is a good time to learn more. Visit [www.theupsstorefranchise.com](http://www.theupsstorefranchise.com).

From strong leadership skills to focused work ethic to a comfort with procedures, the characteristics exhibited during one’s service in the military can translate well to the world of business, say experts.



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# BIG WEEKEND for High School Sports

By Butch Davis



River Rouge Football Coach Corey Parker gives last minute instructions to one of his player

Photo by Xavier Jones

Champions will be crowned in Lower Peninsula Boys Soccer and Cross Country this week. The Girls Volleyball tournament enters its first round of play and it Week Two in Football. The 41st MHSAA Football Playoffs have District Finals in 11-player and Regional Finals in 8-player play this week. District Tournament -- Nov. 2-7 in Girls Volleyball and yes, it's the 20th year at the track for the Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals, at Michigan International Speedway.

Speaking of high school football many expected a real enjoyable game between Clawson and the River Rouge Panthers. The Panthers Alexander Carter 16 yard touchdown run got the game going very early on the move in which the home team Panthers built the lead 44-0 at the halftime. In short, Antoine

Burgess was 11-for-11 for 232 yards and four touchdowns, Reggie Pearson had an interception return for a touchdown, and Aaron Vincent had four receptions for 92 yards and two touchdowns for River Rouge who now move on to the district finals at Panthers Stadium this Friday. Final score River Rouge 74, Clawson 0. Incidentally, River Rouge Panthers fans, I said in last weeks Telegram News that your team would play Dearborn Heights Robichaud and that incorrect and I apologies for the mistake. However, here are this weeks high school football playoff games in Telegram News reading area.

Detroit East English at Grosse Pointe South, Friday, 7:00 PM, Chelsea at Trenton, Friday, 7:00 PM, Redford Thurston at Allen Park, Friday, 7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Robichaud

at Ida, Friday, 7:00 PM, Detroit University Prep at River Rouge, Friday, 7:00 PM, Almont at Algonac, Friday, 7:00 PM, Riverview Gabriel Richard at Detroit Loyola @ Hazel Park, Friday, 7:00 PM. Dearborn Fordson at Detroit Cass Tech, Saturday, 1:00 PM, and Wyandotte Roosevelt at Detroit Martin Luther King Saturday, 1:00 PM

By the way, congratulations are in order as Allen Park High School Boys Varsity Cross Country finishes 1st place at MHSAA Region meet. The Allen Park Jaguars' made history last Saturday claiming their first Regional Championship in school history! In its 64-year history, this marks the 4th time the team has qualified for the MHSAA State Finals (1956, 1957, 2014, 2015). The conditions were not optimal for great times, but that did not faze the Jags on the muddy, windy course. The Jaguars will make their return trip to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, MI to compete in the MHSAA State Finals next Saturday at 2:30PM.

## DREAM DEFERRED

### Roosevelt gains revenge, ends Lincoln Park's dream season, 23-7

By Christian Young

Those who are suckers for feel-good stories would have loved the story of the Lincoln Park Railsplitters this season.

After having a 66-game losing streak, the Downriver League program snapped it two years ago, and progressed to a 6-3 season this year to clinch their first postseason berth since 2002. One of the teams they beat on their way was longtime foe Wyandotte Roosevelt, whom Lincoln Park vanquished with a 18-15 victory on Sept. 18.

The Bears would host the Bears for an MHSAA first-round playoff game, eager to avenge their loss—and they got to serve that dish of revenge, pulling away a tight 23-7 victory. "I will take this group to battle anywhere, anytime, anyplace," said Lincoln Park coach Jamie Grignon. "I'm proud of the seniors, how they led. I'm proud of the underclassmen, how they accepted their roles. It's tough to lose...In our hearts we know that we gave it our all and things just ended." With the win, the Bears (8-2, 7-2 DRL) advance to play Detroit Martin Luther King for the Division 2 district title.

For Wyandotte coach Ron Adams, it seemed as it was business as usual. "I just feel that it was experience that showed and ultimately helped us win," said Adams, who has guided the Bears to the postseason each of the last 10 years. "I'm proud of our guys and the way we fought. I knew it was going to be a tough game, and I give Lincoln Park credit, they played tough."

The first half was the slugfest many anticipated it would be, as not a single point was scored. Lincoln Park threatened with a four-play, 23-yard drive late in the second quarter, but it ended with a fumble by Lincoln Park quarterback Glenn on fourth down.

The Railsplitters actually held the halftime edge in yards over Wyandotte, 154 to 43. Neither quarterback seemed to be much on target, as Glenn was only 6-of-15 for 64 yards and

Thorington was only 1-of-5 for nine yards.

Adam Groat blocked the Lincoln Park punt at 7:20 left in the third to give the Bears the ball at the LP 44, but the Bears' drive stalled. However, the Bears got the ball back, and made inroads with two David Long runs to get the Bears in the Lincoln Park 12-yard line, before a holding call pushed them back.

The Bears finally got on the board when Thorington hit Hunter Sauve for a 21-yard touchdown catch over the middle with 57 seconds left in the third quarter. The extra point attempt was missed, but Wyandotte held a 6-0 lead.

Wyandotte rode the momentum by recovering a fumble on the ensuing return from Lincoln Park at the Railsplitters' 22-yard line, and would yield a 30-yard field goal by Wes Fiema to push the Bears' lead to 9-0 eight seconds into the fourth quarter. The Rails took only two plays to answer, as Glenn hit DeAngelo Taylor with a 35-yard pass to set up his own nine-yard scoring run. Javier Montes hit the extra point to cut the lead to 9-7 with 11:08 left in the game.

The Bears would cap off a 49-yard drive—and shut the door on the Rails' dream season—with a 1-yard run by Long. Fiema hit the extra point to make it 16-7, Wyandotte.

Anyhope of a crack of the door to let the Rails back in was slammed shut when Cameron Garrison's interception of Glenn set up a drive, capped off by a three-yard touchdown run by Long. Fiema's extra point made the score 23-7, Wyandotte.

Glenn finished with 100 yards passing and about 50 yards rushing. For the Bears, Long finished with 115 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

"We gave it our all. We had a couple turnovers late, and that ended up being the game," Grignon said. "We turned the ball over and they didn't."



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# First Place Pistons

By Butch Davis



Pistons Rookie Stanley Johnson, will be needed to fill in for Jodie Meeks who is gone for 12 weeks

The Pistons are 3-0 for the first time since the 2008-09 season in addition to being one of only two Eastern Conference teams to remain unbeaten. (Toronto; 3-0) Yes, in three games, the Pistons have held opponents to 91.7 points per game; fourth best in the NBA. In addition, André Drummond is finally playing like an all-star as the NBA announced today that Pistons Center Andre Drummond has been named Eastern Conference Player of the Week for games played from October 27 through November 1. Drummond becomes the first Piston to win the award since Rodney Stuckey did for the week of December 7 through December 13, 2009. Drummond posted a point-rebound double-double in each game, leading the Pistons to an NBA-tying-best 3-0 record behind averages of 18.7 points and 16.3 rebounds. He also added 2.0 blocks per game. The fourth-year center opened the week with an 18-point, 19-rebound effort during a 106-94 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Oct. 27, and closed the week with a 20-point, 20-rebound to help the Pistons defeat the Chicago Bulls 98-94 in overtime on Oct. 30. Drummond leads the NBA in rebounds this 2015-16 season with a 16.3 rebounds per game.

So far the team that Stan Van Gundy wanted on the floor is now in service as Marcus Morris is enjoying a hot start at the small forward position, averaging 19.3 points while shooting 57.1% from beyond the arc, and grabbing 7.7 rebounds in 38.0 minutes through his first three games.

The Pistons are on a six game west coast road trip until the 17th of the month that when the Pistons will be home to take on LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Marcus Morris scored a season-high 26 points vs. Chicago last Friday. "It doesn't surprise me he's playing a lot of minutes because he's been our most efficient guy," Van Gundy said. "He's a guy that we were able to go to the other night with things breaking down to get us good shots. And he rebounds the ball, too."

How about the job that shooting guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope is doing defense. The last two games Caldwell-Pope has had to guard the likes of Rodney Hood's of the Utah Jazz potential tying the game with 3-pointer, preserving the Pistons victory with a blocked shot. What about last Friday when Caldwell-Pope had to guard all-star Derrick Rose handling the ball with the score tied at 83 in the final seconds of regulation. Rose faked and pulled up for a 17-footer, which was off the mark thanks to the pressure of Caldwell-Pope.

However, Detroit Pistons shooting guard Jodie Meeks will miss 12-16 weeks due to a broken bone in his right foot, the team announced Friday. Meeks underwent surgery on the fracture on Thursday, after sustaining the injury on Wednesday night in Detroit's 92-87 win over the Utah Jazz. Meeks entered the 2015-16 seasons on the heels of a lower back injury that sidelined him for 22 games last year.

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Detroit – Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon is holding a special testing session for men and women with military service who are interested in applying for jobs working in the Wayne County Jails. The pre-hire Physical Abilities Test starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The test—which is normally \$50—will be free that day and takes place at Michigan Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. Eight Mile Road in Detroit (48234). Those who pass the physical test will have the option that day of taking required written tests and submitting a job application to expedite the hiring process. The Sheriff's Office has nearly 200 vacant officer positions in the jails. New hires are paid a salary of \$28,284, a \$1,200 annual retention bonus, healthcare and other benefits. Included on the test, which must be completed within five minutes, 35 seconds:

- 35/17 Climbing up and down a four-step staircase 15 times
- 35/17 Running about 330 feet around six cones
- 35/17 Dragging a 165-pound dummy 45 feet

Test applicants must be at least 18 years of age and bring a driver's license. A signed note from their doctor approving participation must also be presented at testing (health screening form available at [http://www.misctc.org/downloads/LCOPAT\\_Health\\_Screen\\_Form.pdf](http://www.misctc.org/downloads/LCOPAT_Health_Screen_Form.pdf)). In addition to successful completion of the physical test, applicants for officer positions in the Wayne County Jails must have a high school diploma or GED and be qualified to obtain a concealed pistol license. Those with felony convictions will not be considered.

For more information about the job openings and requirements see [www.sheriffconnect.com](http://www.sheriffconnect.com) or <http://waynecounty.com/phr/jobpostings.htm> or contact Matthew Bueter, Wayne County Personnel Department

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**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN  
At a meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on Oct.20, 2015  
Meeting called to order at 7:54pm

The following Commissioners were present:  
Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward  
Mayor Bowdler in the Chair  
Absent: None  
Excused: Pruneau

15-259 Approval of minutes of 10/06/2015  
15-260 Voucher approval  
15-261 Building permits approval  
15-262 Approval to hire full-time police officer  
15-263 Approval of dues for DCC in the amount of \$4750.00  
15-264 Approval of dues for DRANO in the amount of \$4954.61  
15-265 Approval of dues to Mich. Municipal League  
15-266 Approval to purchase body-cams and in-car video equipment for Police Dept.  
15-267 Motion to adjourn  
A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson  
City Clerk

**ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**City of Romulus, Tax Increment Finance Authority**  
**ITB 15/16-07 – Project #0155-15-0121**  
**Wick Road Reconstruction & Vining Road Rehabilitation**

The City of Romulus, Tax Increment Finance Authority, a Michigan Tax Increment Finance Authority, is requesting sealed bids for the reconstruction of Wick Road and the rehabilitation of Vining Road (Project 15/16-07). The major items of work shall include approximately 0.6 mile of HMA Road Reconstruction (9200 Tons), 0.3 mile of Cold Milling and HMA Resurfacing (3200 Tons) and 4000 Feet of 48-inch Water Main.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711).

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on November 24, 2015. All bids should be clearly addressed:  
ITB 15/16-07 – Project # 0155-12-0121 Wick Road Reconstruction & Vining Road Rehabilitation  
City of Romulus Clerk's Office  
11111 Wayne Road  
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined on and after 4:00 PM, October 28, 2015, from the office of the City Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711) or online at the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network website: [www.MITN.info](http://www.MITN.info).

Copies thereof may be obtained from the office of the City Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. A prepaid, non-refundable fee of eighty dollars (\$80.00) will be charged for each set of contract documents and an additional non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be charged if contract documents are mailed.

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus T.I.F.A. Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus, Tax Increment Finance Authority. No such contract shall exist unless and until all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and an agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and/or the City of Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority and the successful Bidder.

Questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed to Marcus McNamara, 734-522-6711.

**CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RE: Case No. 15-07 (SCU)

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 23, 2015, 6:00 p.m., in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider a special conditions use to expand the operation of a Daycare and Preschool in a B-2 (Thoroughfare Mixed Use District). Leila Chammout is the applicant. The subject property is located on the west side of Inkster Road between Somerset Ave and Cherry Hill Road and is legally described as follows:

24A321 LOT 321 ASSESSORS INKSTER PLAT NO. 7 T2S R9E L65 WCR (Property ID #44-003-01- 0321-000, Commonly Known As 314 Inkster Road).



Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, November 23, 2015 at 12:00 Noon. Please reference Case No. 15-07 (SCU) in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business day's written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563. 9770.

Felicia Rutledge Inkster City Clerk

PUBLISH: November 5, 2015

Community Development Department • 313-563-9760

**Concrete repairs on I-75  
Rouge River bridge requires lane closures**



Concrete pavement repair work will require lane closures on I-75 on the Rouge River bridge between Schaefer Avenue and Springwells Avenue. There will be one lane closed in each direction for the two-week repair, with additional lane closures during off-peak hours, over-nights and weekends.

**START:**  
9 a.m. - Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015  
**END:**  
5 a.m. - Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015

**WHERE:**  
I-75 Rouge River bridge in Wayne County

**BACKGROUND:**  
The 1.6-mile Rouge River bridge, originally built in 1967, is scheduled for a major repair project in spring 2017. This concrete repair project is part of the maintenance of the bridge until 2017.

The following closures are scheduled:

- 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 - 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6: northbound and southbound I-75 will each have the right lane closed between

Schaefer Avenue and Springwells Avenue.

- 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 - 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9: northbound and southbound I-75 will each have the two right lanes closed.

- 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9 - 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12: northbound and southbound I-75 will each have the right lane closed.

- 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 - 5 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12:

- the northbound I-75 ramps to and from Dearborn Street will be closed.

- the I-75 ramps to and from Springwells Avenue will be closed.

- the northbound M-85 (Fort Street) ramp to northbound I-75 will be closed.

- 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 - 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13: northbound and southbound I-75 will each have the left lane closed.

- 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 - 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16: northbound and southbound I-75 will each have the two left lanes closed.

- 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16 - Thursday, Nov. 19: northbound and southbound I-75 will each have the left lane closed.

**CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 15.13  
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ECORSE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 7-1 INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS PRIOR TO SALE OR TRANSFER, OF ARTICLE I IN GENERAL, OF CHAPTER 7 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

A copy of this ordinance is posted outside the City Clerk's office and outside the Council Chambers at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229. Also a copy of this ordinance can be viewed at the Ecorse Public Library at 4184 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Dana Hughes  
City Clerk

PUBLISH: November 5, 2015  
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**CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 15.14  
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ECORSE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 7-160 THROUGH 7-171 OF ARTICLE XII RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION, OF CHAPTER 7 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

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Dana Hughes  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 12, 2015**

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Pro Tem, Linda Choate.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Excused: John Barden, Sylvia Makowski.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-353 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 5, 2015.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. **Petitioner: None.**

4. **Chairperson's Report:**

Chairwoman Pro-Tem Linda Choate announced that the Romulus Citizens for Social Change will host the 13th Congressional District Democratic Party monthly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Romulus Athletic Center.

4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Burcroff presented a video which listed upcoming City events.

Dennis Davidson, Cable Production Coordinator, spoke about the dedication of the new "Charley Lau" baseball scoreboard at the high school on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

6A. **Clerk's Report**

6B. **Treasurer's Report**

7. **Public Comment**

8. **Unfinished Business**

9. **New Business**

10. **Communication**

15-354 11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to pay Warrant 15-19 in the amount of \$5,820,208.18.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

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 October 12, 2015.

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## JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH HITS THE STAGE AT THE BONSTELLE THEATRE THIS NOVEMBER WITH A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES



am drawn to James' journey of personal transformation. Although the story was written over fifty years ago, I feel the themes of perseverance and friendship transcend the decades to resonate with the youth of today."

Starring as James is Detroit native actor, Joseph Paul Nix, who comes to the Bonstelle Theatre Company as a Marine Corps veteran whose stage credits include: A Christmas Carol, and RENT. Joseph comments on his connection with the role in saying, "James is a child, stripped bare of his identity, in an environment that seems to offer no sense of solitude. Like James, I embraced a courageous transformation. Going from the Marine Corps to the stage, I quickly found that theatre is every part of me and has strengthened my will to live for something larger than myself." Each night before the performance, audience members will be encouraged to create their own paper seagull to aide James in his flight across the Atlantic. The arts & crafts project will be located in the Bonstelle room on the 2nd floor, and will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Following each performance, there will be a meet and greet with the cast in the same area. You will have the opportunity to take pictures, ask questions and bask in the magic that is James and the Giant Peach

Follow young James into a land of talking insects, mean old grown ups, and one giant peach in the Bonstelle Theatre's production of James and The Giant Peach. One of Roald Dahl's earliest novels comes to life in this adaptation for the stage by David Wood. Playing November 13-22, this classic story promises enjoyment for the whole family, as it sets out to unleash your vibrant imagination and spark magic and wonder in the hearts of all.

James and The Giant Peach is told through storytelling, puppetry and enthralling live action that keeps you on the edge of your seat. James Henry Trotter has been forced to live with his two atrocious aunts after his loving parents are killed by an escaped rhinoceros. When he spills the ingredients of a magic potion onto a barren peach tree, it grows a single peach as large as a house. In

this giant peach, James meets a human-sized grasshopper, centipede, earthworm, spider, and ladybird. These friendships will help him persevere through an exploration of the world, involving a runaway peach, sharks at sea, and taking flight across the Atlantic with the help of five hundred seagulls.

The production will feature original music from composer and Detroit native Neal Warner. Neal has previously composed music and new works for the Bonstelle Theatre's productions of Peter Pan and Urinetown. Directing James and the Giant Peach is guest director Katie Campbell, the associate director and company actor with the Arkansas Art Center's Children's Theater. "It is a delight and welcomed

challenge to bring this well beloved story to the stage," says Campbell. "As a theatre artist, I

## ASK ALMA



Hi Alma -

I'm divorcing my husband of 24 years. (The ink is just about dry) We have been apart for the last 3 years. I'm new to dating again. I've been with my new guy for 2 years. We met on eHarmony. He's amazing inside & out and I love him. I'm 47. My guy is 46. He is divorced. He has been divorced for 2.5 years. He was apart from his ex for 3 years before the divorce was final. So he's been single for 5.5 years.

I believe in marriage and I do want to get married again. How long should I date him? What's enough time to give a man to pop the question?

- Elizabeth

Hi Elizabeth -

You're not quite free! Until the ink dries you're still legally married, pretty woman.

TBT you have yet to join the squad of single sisterhood and trust me when I say, there are huge differences between each stage of marriage, separation and divorce. All three phases has its own umbrella of uncertainties.

Like me, you married young. You've spent a large part of your life with one fella, exercising the commonality of compromise. This explains your

comfort in cohabitation, longing for togetherness, and an extended view for two. Ain't nothing wrong with that - but wait, for goodness sake and let's pull up for a minute to reevaluate.

What if you take more time to center and focus on you? Figure out your likes and dislikes independently, without the consideration of another. Have you taken a vacation alone? Sign up for a class you've always wanted to try or learn a new language. Use this time to be good to yourself. Your first marriage ended in divorce, that doesn't mean you're lacking, unlovable or incomplete.

Okay, you've met a new guy, that's cool. Allow him to come to the conclusion of marriage on his own, not meet a demand or ultimatum. I understand it's been two years, but there's no set limit to how long a great relationship should last before marriage, that's a personal choice. You and I both know that marriage doesn't make a relationship better nor does it complete who you are as a woman. You've had 25 years of practicing to be a good wife, live and love yourself unmarried for a few more years to come. You said dating's still new to you, and if that's the case, this isn't the time to remarry. If and or when that time rolls around, you won't need to Ask Alma, you and he will know, that you know that you know. And oh what a joy it will be!

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

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**CRIME ALERTS**

**RIVER ROUGE**

October 25th, 2015

At 1640hrs, officers were dispatched to the area of West Jefferson & Marion Street in regards to a Domestic dispute a couple inside a vehicle. On the way to the scene an officer was flagged down by a 21 year old female. The female stated that she was kicked and thrown from a vehicle by her boyfriend, a 23 year old male. She states the argument began between them and then it became physical. While the officer was gathering information the suspect vehicle, a black 2002 Ford Explorer was spotted traveling down West Pleasant Street. The officer attempted to conduct a Traffic Stop but the driver accelerated his speed and began to flee. The suspect stopped the vehicle in the middle of Burke Street and fled the scene with the vehicle still running and the keys in the ignition. The vehicle was towed and officers were unable to locate the suspect. Officers observed the female face and right eye bruised and her face all red and flushed. She appeared to be under the influence of an unknown narcotic. When officers questioned he behavior she admitted to having just smoked "crack and use Heroin. Healthlink arrived on scene and she was transported to Wyandotte Henry Ford. A short time later the Command officer received a call from that hospital stating that the female had three different types of narcotics in her system. And the boyfriend was now down at the hospital with her. Officers investigated the allegations that the boyfriend had assaulted her, and learned that the boyfriend had nothing to do with her being assaulted and that another male.

October 22nd, 2015

At 2313hrs, an officer was dispatched to the police station lobby for Damage to Property complaint. The 22 year old female states at 2250hrs she was driving west bound on Visger Road with a 16 year old female passenger and turn on to Polk Street. She states as she was driving past the alley she heard 4-5 gunshots from the alley and when she arrived home she discovered her 2003 Pontiac was struck by a round. The officer observed fresh damage to the passenger side A-pillar near the top of the passenger fender. The damage appeared to be

caused from a projectile fired from a firearm and also the front windshield was cracked from the bullet strike. The two females states they do not know if they were targeted or if the bullet randomly fired, and both further stated they do not know anyone who would want to harm them.

October 21st, 2015

At 0138hrs, officers were parked on West Jefferson Ave near West great Lakes, when both observed a male wearing red pants running on west bound on East Great Lakes. The male looked at the officers and continued running. Officers looked up and notice a black Chevrolet Malibu driven by a 33 year old female owner. She appeared to be beeping he rhorn trying to get the officers attention. The officer pull along side of her vehicle and she stated the male had just broken into her vehicle and she was trying to catch him. Officers got out of their vehicle and began a foot search. A short time later an officer observed the suspect running across Genessee through the baseball field towards Dan Riney Hall. Officers caught the suspect in the 300 Block of Richter Street. The female told officers incident began when she went to her vehicle at 0130hrs in front of a home in the 100 Block of Walnut and opened the door and observed the suspect sitting in the front seat, talking to someone on his cell phone. The witness heard the suspect tell someone on the phone "come get I don't know where the f--- I am". All of the contents of her purse were thrown all over the seat. The witness asked the suspect if he knew the complainant and he just walked away. The witness states she ran into the home and told the vehicle owner that she had just caught someone inside her vehicle. When the two went outside they saw the suspect hiding in the bushes. One of them yelled at him and he took off running and the chase was on, until they met up with police. The owner searched her vehicle and observed 7 credit cards were stolen, along with her social security card and a prescription in a cup holder that didn't belong to her. She told the officer she didn't lock her vehicle. The bottle had bills and loose change inside totaling \$12.56. It was taken and tagged as evidence. The suspect was placed under arrest and issued a violation for Larceny From Vehicle.

**Michigan state parks accepting applications for 2016 campground hosts**



Host\_crafts: State park campground hosts enjoy free camping while getting the opportunity to engage with guests of all ages in fun activities, such as crafting.

duties), visit [www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers) or contact Miguel Rodriguez at [rodriguezsm2@michigan.gov](mailto:rodriguezsm2@michigan.gov) or 517-284-6127.

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Learn more about how the Recreation Passport gains you access to Michigan state parks and more at [www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport).

Kids doing crafts with the campground host. During the warmer summer and fall months, hundreds of volunteers spend time camping for free at Michigan state parks and state forest campgrounds in exchange for their service as campground hosts. The Department of Natural Resources now is accepting 2016 campground host applications, with opportunities available from April through late October.

Campground hosts must be able to answer questions about the park, plan campground activities and perform light maintenance duties. Hosts are responsible for 30 hours of service per week (including weekends and holidays), with a minimum commitment of four consecutive weeks.

"What we really enjoy about hosting is all of the people that we have met over the year," said campground hosts Mary Lou and Bill Brininstool. "Camping is a lot of fun and a nature experience for the whole family to enjoy and get to make memories."

Individuals and/or teams (such as husband and wife) at least 18 years of age are eligible to apply for campground host positions. Hosts must provide their own camping equipment.

Applicants are screened and interviewed by park staff, and selection is based on familiarity with the state park system, camping experience, special skills, availability and knowledge of the area. Se-

lected campground hosts will attend training June 1-2, 2016, at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Michigan.

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# LIBRARY NEWS



## ROMULUS LIBRARY EVENTS

**NOVEMBER:**

- Tuesday, November 3 @ 6:30 pm – Family Story Time: Dogs
- Wednesday, November 4 @ 10:30 am – Ready to Read Story Time
- Wednesday, November 4 @ 6 pm – Family Movie Night: Mr. Popper's Penguins
- Monday, November 9 @ 7 pm – Second Monday Book Club: Still Missing by Chevy Stevens
- Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30 pm – Family Story Time: Traffic Safety
- Wednesday, November 11 @ 10:30 am – Ready to Read Story Time

- Saturday, November 14 @ 1 pm – Teen Movie Matinee/Pizza Party: Paper-towns
- Tuesday, November 17 @ 6:30 pm – Family Story Time: The Pout-Pout Fish
- Wednesday, November 18 @ 10:30 am – Ready to Read Story Time
- Tuesday, November 24 @ 6:30 pm – Family Story Time: Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, November 25 @ 10:30 am – Ready to Read Story Time
- Monday, November 30 @ 3:30 pm – Teen Writing Club

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Michigan State Treasurer Nick Khouri

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Breakfast Forum Time:

8:30 a.m. - Registration

Cost:

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