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Chief Judge Michael Ciungan to Retire From 25th District Court in Lincoln Park

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Judge Michael Ciungan swearing in former Ecorse Mayor Darcel Brown

LINCOLN PARK - At the end of the calendar year, the Honorable Judge Michael Ciungan of the 25th District Court will officially retire after 30 years on the bench.

addition to the Detroit College of Law. He served as City Attorney in Ecorse before being elected 26th District Court judge in 1984.

An alumnus of Ecorse High School, Ciungan attended the University of Notre Dame, in

In 2013, a state legislative ruling merging Ecorse and River Rouge with the City of Lincoln

Ciungan - Page 14A

President Obama proclaims November National College Application Month



Governor Rick Snyder

LANSING. – A nationwide effort to support college application week has been declared by President Barack Obama, who proclaimed November Na-



President Barack Obama tional College Application month and in our state by Governor Snyder who recently declared Nov. 3-7, 2014 Michigan

College - Page 7A

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority encourages people to sign up for FEMA assistance

Deadline ends November 24



Members of FEMA, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and NAACP Western Wayne Branch gather in Garden City to help residents

GARDEN CITY - The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Detroit and Inkster chapter hosted a FEMA sign up ses-

sion on Monday of this week. They along with FEMA representatives were on hand at Christian Faith Ministries

Church in Garden City to assist any persons that had experi-

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Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald

By: Gina C. Steward



Visitors stop by the River Rouge Historical Museum to remember that day

RIVER ROUGE - The annual remembrance celebration of

the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald took on a different

look this year. The normal ceremony

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CALL TO ACTION

Is a tree branch a switch?

Andrian Peterson's life has changed because of his discipline method

By: Gina Steward - Publisher



When I first heard of the plight that Andrian Peterson was facing because he had disciplined his son with a tree branch, I said, "What did that boy do?" I assumed it was a teenager that had gotten out of control and bossed up on him. When I read the story and discovered that it was a four year old, I said, "Oh, that was probably a switch."

If you are over 40 years old, you know what a switch is and in most cases you have felt the sting of one. Growing up in our neighborhood and many other urban cities, our parents and grandparents used a switch to discipline us when we misbehaved. I know in these days, it might be seen as abuse, but I don't think so. I think it is more cultural than anything. When kids misbehaved, there were a few techniques that your parents used; It was 1) The look – you know the one when their face is twisted with eyes glaring, 2) The stern voice – the tone when you hear it you stop in your tracks and 3) The switch – going to the tree in the backyard, picking a switch and sliding those leaves off. That means you were in trouble. If your mom, dad or grandmother didn't want to get a switch then beware. You

were going to get it with anything in arm's reach.... (a belt, an extension cord, a brush, a shoe, etc.) Talk to any person over 40 years of age and you will hear the stories. It didn't kill us, it was meant to trigger positive reaction. I know some cultures use The Time Out option. Well that was not an option in our homes unless your parent was so sick of looking at you and shouted, "Get out of my face!" That was your time out. However, that was time for them to regroup and think of what punishment you were going to get. (In most cases, it was better to just take the whipping)

Adrian Peterson's mom said that he disciplined his child the same way that he had been disciplined. (probably with a switch) The media and I guess the baby's mother would say 'tree branch'. I looked up the definition of switch. The first definition for switch on Dictionary.com is 1. A slender, flexible shoot, rod, etc used especially in whipping or disciplining. I was shocked that it was in there, and extra shocked that it was the first definition. Being a former engineer, I assumed the first definition for switch would be – a mechanical part used to change something. Anyway. I look at some kids today and I am so glad my youngest child is about to be 18 years old and a young man. I thank God that he wasn't a problem at all. But how would you discipline your bad kids today? You know some kids are terrible. What do you suggest? You can't use a switch, you can't beat them- you might get arrested. So would you use Time out, Stare down or what? Let me know.

FEMA

From Page 1A

enced any damage to their homes or businesssed during the August 11th excessive rain and flooding. There have been many people that have taken advantage of the services offered by FEMA and they want everyone that feels they may have a claim to meet with a FEMA representative to find out if they do indeed qualify for any funding to replace their damaged property or homes.

The State of Michigan and FEMA report that the registration deadline for Michigan residents affected by last August's severe storms and flooding is approaching.

November 24 is the last day that homeowners, renters and businesses can apply for federal disaster assistance. To date, more than 111,000 residents have registered with FEMA online at disasterassistance.gov or have called 800-621-3362. Hundreds more are registering every day.

"The clock is ticking, and FEMA wants to reach each and every homeowner and renter who sustained property damage or losses from the August flooding disaster," said Federal Coordinating Officer Dolph Diemont. "We urge them to register for assistance right away."

More than \$170 million in federal assistance has been paid to eligible applicants and is jump-starting the recovery efforts of individual survivors, their families and communities in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties, the three counties designated as disaster areas.

"Michigan residents are making progress in their recovery from the storms," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "The efforts of residents, combined with those of government, businesses and nonprofit agencies, have made all the difference in Southeast Michigan."

More than \$61 million in state and federal assistance was in the hands of 65,000 residents within two weeks after the disaster declaration was announced, FEMA reports.

In addition to these millions in funding assistance to individuals, families, businesses and communities, federal programs are helping survivors with temporary housing, assisting eligible parents with childcare services, and helping connect survivors to other agencies' assistance programs to ensure they get the help they need.

To qualify for any of this assistance, renters must first register with FEMA online at www.disasterassistance.gov, via web-enabled phone at m.fema.gov or by calling 800-621-3362 or TTY users call 800-462-7585.

Court upholds same-sex marriage bans

CNN) -- A federal appeals court Thursday allowed four states to prohibit same-sex unions -- a decision that could force the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the issue.

In a 2-1 ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit reversed lower court rulings in Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee and Kentucky that struck down same-sex marriage bans.

"When the courts do not let the people resolve new social issues like this one, they perpetuate the idea that the heroes in these change events are judges and lawyers," Judge Jeffrey Sutton wrote in the ruling.

"Better in this instance, we think, to allow change through the customary political processes, in which the people, gay and straight alike, become the heroes of their own stories by meeting each other not as adversaries in a court system but as fellow citizens seeking to resolve a new social issue in a fair-minded way," Sutton wrote.

I in October 2013. The state Supreme Court denied the state's request to prevent same-sex marriages temporarily, clearing the way for same-sex couples to marry.

The ruling Sutton, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, said that it's not the responsibility of the judicial branch of government to make "such a fundamental change to

such a fundamental social institution."

"Process and structure matter greatly in American government," Sutton wrote. "Our judicial commissions did not come with such a sweeping grant of authority, one that would allow just three of us—just two of us in truth—to make such a vital policy call for the thirty-two million citizens."

Judge Deborah L. Cook joined Sutton's decision, while Senior Circuit Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey dissented.

"This is a very important decision from the federal court of appeals in Cincinnati, which disagreed with every other circuit court that has decided this case so far," said CNN senior legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin. "[The court said] there is not a constitutional right to same-sex marriage."

Daughtrey said that Cook and Sutton's decision read more like a piece of political philosophy than a court decision that grappled with a constitutional question.

"Instead of recognizing the plaintiffs as persons, suffering actual harm as a result of being denied the right to marry where they reside or the right to have their valid marriages recognized there," Daughtrey said, "my colleagues view the plaintiffs as social activists who have somehow stumbled into federal court."

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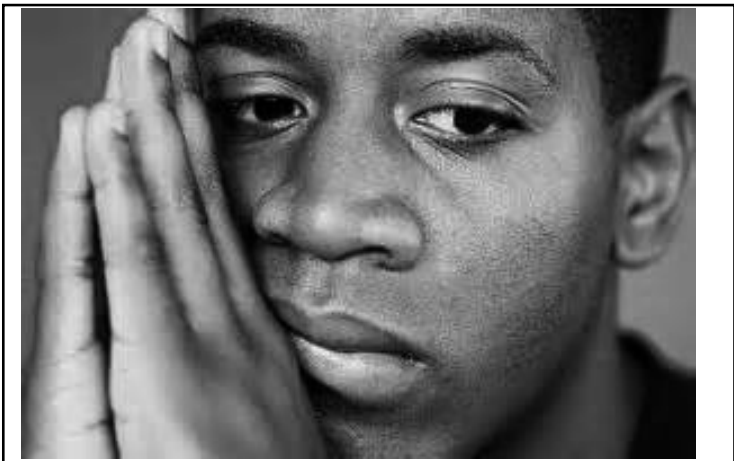


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COPD and Depression Among Blacks

By Frederick H. Lowe



WASHINGTON---African Americans, who suffer from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or COPD, are diagnosed with depression at three times the rate of blacks without the disease, The Gerontological Society of America reported at its 2014 annual conference.

A 2012 nationwide-telephone survey of 39,691 blacks found that 2,925 African Americans who were diagnosed as depressed by health care professionals also were suffering from COPD, said Esme Fuller-Thomson, PhD, who holds the Sandra Rotman Chair in Social Work at the University of Toronto.

Some 38.1 percent of African Americans with COPD reported they had been diagnosed with a depressive disorder compared to 12.5 percent of those without COPD, Fuller-Thomson told Frederick Lowe, editor of The NorthStar News & Analysis and blackmansstreet.Today. Depression affects a person's ability to function and often interferes with a person's ability to sleep and eat in healthy ways. In some cases, individuals sleep too much or too little, Fuller-Thomson said.

COPD, a lung disease that makes breathing difficult, is the third leading cause of death after heart disease and cancer. In 2009 -- the latest figures available --133,965 people in the U.S., including 4,060 black men and 3,479 black women, - died from COPD, according to the American Lung Association. In 1999, 3,978 black men and 2,728 black women died

LETTER TO THE RIVER ROUGE COMMUNITY

Although I lost the election, I would like to thank the community, my committee and my poll workers for your votes and support. I do plan to run again. Also congratulations goes out to the candidates that won.

Viveca (Howard) Butler

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Fifty and still going

By Jim Abeare - Contributing writer



I recently turned fifty, the same age as the Ford Mustang, though the car precedes me in age by seven months. I have seen many things in my time here on Earth, miracles really, from men on the moon to the Lions in the NFC Championship game. People got personal computers when it was said earlier that there was no need. Telephones like communi-

caters on Star Trek.

Now there are wristwatch phones like Dick Tracy had. TVs, Ipads, laptop computers, there are so many things we take for granted now that wasn't around a hundred years ago.

With the good we have also had the bad.

President Nixon resigned, the Challenger explosion and the death of Elvis.

Then there is the interesting. Does anyone remember the earth quake in 1986.

How about the green skies in 1980 during the Republican Convention in Detroit. I still believe that storm was because of all the hot air from the politicians.

Fifty years is a long time but it goes by fast, here's to the next fifty years.

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Dormant Soldiers

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



"There's an army rising up..." Those words that Tasha Cobb sings are prophetic. I believe that.

Many people look around the world, they watch the news and see all this bad news of corruption, killings, poverty, socioeconomic imbalance, sickness and disease and all manner of evil running rampant in our society and they are convinced that the devil is winning. We witness wickedness being normalized and even celebrated. It's easy to get discouraged and wonder why God is not doing something to stop all this.

We protest. We have marches and rallies. We try to fight this evil every way we know how. We pray asking God to give us victory over the enemy. We look around and think that most people are bad and good people are rare.

We put on dark colored

glasses and see the world as a maniacal and frightening place where death looms and bullies our state of peace. It often looks and feels like the devil has taken over as he runs loose to and fro in the earth. The devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. That's why we have to remain sober and vigilant (1 Peter 5.8).

Don't be dismayed. Remember what God said to Paul when he was surrounded by Jews, "For I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have MANY people in this city" (Acts 18.10 NKVJ).

When the Jews got mad at Paul for teaching Jesus (Christianity), they took him to the judgment seat. This was right after God said he would protect him. For a brief moment, Paul could have thought that God let him down. I mean Jesus had just assured him protection and now here he sits in the judgment or hot seat.

Then Gallio, a deputy of Achaia speaks on Paul's behalf. Paul got released and was able to leave Corinth and go to Syria. God sent help. It looked bad for a while and got kind of tight, but God came through on His Word.

Just like Gallio rose up to help Paul, I believe that there are many dormant soldiers who will arise when God says it's time. They will come out of

what seems like no where, even though God has them strategically placed for an appointed time. Some of them may be quiet or hidden right now. There may be some you haven't recognized as soldiers who may help you at some point. They may be non-traditional or church groomed, but God has a lot of people on His side and He will use them when He needs to at the appointed time.

The future generation may look hopeless over all because it's what is prevalent before our eyes. Bad news makes the news and you are persuaded to believe that is all there is. But there are some people doing wonderful things behind the scenes going unrecognized. God still has many people in this city. They may not appear active or victorious, but they will rise.

It might be tight right now but don't give up on God. He has a ram in the bush. There are dormant soldiers scattered about and they will awaken. There is an army rising up. So don't give up. Be strong and courageous.

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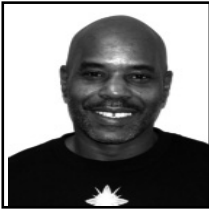
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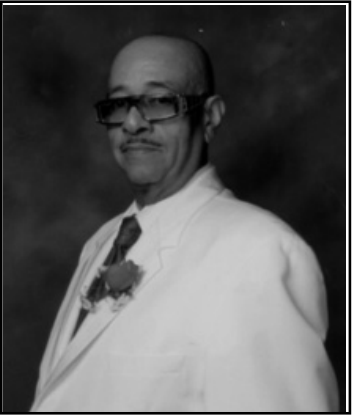
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MARY ANN SIMPSON
May 6 1938 – October 23 2014
Mary Ann Simpson was born in Detroit, Michigan and she graduated from Inkster Public School System in 1956.

Mary enjoyed traveling and camping with the "Star Dusters Club", also having fun with the "Red Hatters" and talking with Artie Johnson about the "Bold and the Beautiful" and the "Young and the Restless". They talked everyday.

Mary Ann leaves to cherish her memory, husband Roy; daughter, Meredith; son, Kevin; her faithful sisters Naomi and Fannie; three grandchildren, Ashleigh, Lelan and Hunter; a very loving aunt Neomi Bradley; brother-in-law Stanley Simpson and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.
Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (Chapelchimes.com)



RALEIGH HENRY KING
Oct. 3, 1948 - Oct. 25, 2014
Raleigh Henry King was born in Detroit, MI. As a young boy, Raleigh enrolled in a certificate program with his father and became the youngest person to graduate from RETS Electronics School at 10 years old. He graduated from Robichaud High School in 1956 and retired from Ford Motor Company after 38 years of service.

Raleigh was an excellent father and loved his children more than words could describe. His children were his pride and joy and as long as they were happy, he was happy.

He leaves to cherish his memory four children, Rhonda King-Garrett, Cynthia King-Wells, Raleigh King, II and Torrance King, a brother, Ralph King, a sister, Juanita Strozier and a host of other family and friends.

PAUL TRACEY BUTLER
May 3, 1962 – Oct. 25, 2014
Paul Tracey Butler, affectionally known as "Redd" was born in Detroit, Michigan.. Paul attended Inkster Public Schools.

Paul was a beautiful, warm hearted person throughout his entire life, and when he could, he often provided assistance to family members or friends. It really didn't

matter what the job was, Paul would complete the task like no other. He was meticulous with his work and he always sought to make sure you were pleased with the job he was doing for you.

He is survived by his loving mother, Andrene Butler; three sisters, Venessa Butler, Diane Carson and Joycelyn Butler; three brothers, Aaron Butler, Dwight Butler and Edward Jones and a number of devoted aunts, uncles and a host of other relatives and friends.
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ROSITA MARIE ISHMON JOHNSON
Feb. 8, 1950 – Oct. 29, 2014
Rosita Marie Ishmon Johnson was born in Inkster, Michigan, Rosita was a loving wife. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Frank Edward Johnson, Jr. on July 9, 1988.

Rosita proved to be a wonderful example of courage and strength as well as demonstrating an inner heart of compassion with a quiet mild manner. She had "Her Particular Way of Caring for Everyone!" Everyone loved her smile and her tasty meals (especially the chitterlings and potato salad; cause we all said "Save Me Some".)

Rosita leaves to Cherish her memory: her devoted husband, Frank E. Johnson, Jr., one sister, Evelyn; two brothers Duane and Kenneth; god-daughter, Diane; Brother/sister in-law, Eddie, Gladys and Annette; and a host of cousins and special friends.
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NIMROD DEWAH WALKER
May 20, 1980 - October 31, 2014
Nimrod Dewah Walker was born in Westland, Michigan and attended the Inkster Public Schools.


For all who knew Nimrod also affectionately known as "Nimfo", knew him as a caring person. Nimrod was a man of many talents. He had a very big heart always lending a helping hand. He was loving, caring and definitely a man of his word.
Nimrod shared his love, joy and most of all, his smile with family and friends on all occasions.
He leaves to cherish his memory; his mother, Fanny (Robert) Walker; his children, Estasia Walker, Ilisha Walker, Neveah Walker, Nimyia Walker, Nylia Walker; his son, Nimrod Robb; his siblings, Hardy (Leonette) Robb, Antonio (Aisha) Robb, Michael Bigbee, Jahmad (LaQuita) Anderson, Robert (Denasha) Walker, Rajabu Nelson (Meagan), Andrea Anderson, Amior (Kendall) Mixon, MI and Katela Dye (whom preceded him in death) and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins family and friends, God,

his companion Christine Stephens and a special friend Stacey Dolson.
Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (Chapelchimes.com)



WAYNE SMART
Oct. 5, 1955 -
Wayne was born in River Rouge and he graduated from River Rouge High School in 1973.
He joined Triumph Church in 2006 where he served in the Men's Ministry.
Wayne was known to most as "Gretsky". He was a very loveable person. There was never a dull moment when he came around. He was a handy man that took pride in the work that he did.
He leaves to cherish him memory; Mother Alma, daughters - Misha and Aisha, son Wayne Jr and their mother Patricia; grandchildren - Ariel, William III, brother Christopher (Brenda), sisters Gloria, Crystal (Mike) and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.


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UNSOLVED MYSTERIES?

By: Rev. Julius Collins



Isn't it strange that a crime can be committed and no one has solve it? That someone can commit murder or rob a person in broad daylight and no one saw or heard anything. The police conducts a crime scene investigation, gathers evidence and files a police report that a crime has been committed.

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The truth is that somebody has committed a crime and is hiding out in somebody house. They are on the "lam, running from the police. Now if you know somebody in your house has committed a crime why don't you report it to the authorities? If you know that one of your kin folk harmed somebody or has broken the law you are harboring a criminal. You have placed your home and everybody in it in jeopardy. And everybody can be held as a accompish to the crime.

It's a mystery to me why people have the nerve to attack or kill someone over a cell phone, gym shoes, a jacket, twenty dollars, over some food and even over a argument. That is no reason to take somebody life. God blessed the families and mothers that has suffered the lost of a love one over senseless violence to there children. It's a cowards act to kill someone without a cause. Who made them judge and jury? Is that the only way you

can proof you are a man is with a gun in your hand? Jesus said, If you live by the sword you shall die by the sword. If you use a gun to harm folk you gone die the same death.

There has been violence spreading in our community. Every week someone getting murdered. And these killings are not being solved. No arrest made! They have turned to unsolved mysteries. No body saw or heard anything. A criminal is on the loose held up in somebody home. Hanging out in your neighborhood. You know who they are but wont say anything.

The bible tells of the first death of a human being. Cain slew his brother Abel because of jealousy. Cain killed Abel and tried to cover it up by burying him in the sand. God called out for Abel and he did not answer. God asked Cain where is Abel your brother? Cain answered; Am I my brothers keeper? God said unto Cain what have you done? Your brother blood cries out from the ground. God did not give Cain what he deserved but cursed him for the rest of his life; he was a marked man.

God knows the answer to every unsolved mystery. There is no problem that my God can not solve. Whatever you do on the earth whether good or evil you gone answer to God. What you did and doing God knows! What you covering up he knows! The people you hurting he knows! The lies you telling he knows! God knows everything you do! And one day we all gone stand before God and give account of the things we have done in life. Will you receive a reward or punishment? There is no Unsolved Mystery God has already solved!

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A Salute to Our Nations Veterans:
Honoring Inkster's American Legion
Bivens Bonner Post 285

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



The American Legionaries in Inkster recognized Veterans Day. Pictured here from the Bivins Bonner Post in Inkster are Roosevelt Stubbs, Michael Canty - The Adjutant, Clarence Oden and Art Blunt - the Commander.

As Inkster's City Council meeting commenced earlier this month, members of the municipalities American Legion, Bivens Bonner Post 285 led the engagements presentation of the Pledge of Allegiance. At the chants conclusion, the room erupted in loud applause to honor their unsounded heroism and service to our nation. While ceremonies paying tribute to our servicemen and women took place in various locations across the country this week in honor of Veteran's Day, for Inkster native Roosevelt Stubbs-also a United States Army veteran and an active American Le-

gion member for 19 years-it's especially touching to be acknowledged by fellow local citizens. "It's always special because this is my hometown," Stubbs said. "Just like every area, Inkster is paying homage to its veterans; those that served to keep this country free. It's always a pleasure to be honored by the city." Described as an organization of "veterans helping veterans", the Bivens Bonner Post stands as the only remaining veteran's service organization in the City of Inkster. Chartered in 2003, the group currently has approximately 18 active members hailing from different

military eras-all the way from the Korean War, to the War in Iraq. The organizations current mission remains to get as many local veterans informed about their existence, and present them with the opportunity to join their branch. "We're currently trying to assist people in getting whatever benefits are due to them," Stubbs said. "At one time Inkster was rich with a lot of veterans, and we're now trying to touch base with them to see where they are, and what they're willing to do. If they want to reach out and help, or if they want to accept a mem-

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College

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College Application Week. These efforts across the country can be seen on a local level at nearly 300 high schools and career technical centers across the state. As part of the nationwide American College Application Campaign (ACAC) initiative launched by American Council on Education (ACE), Michigan College Application Week seeks to increase the number of students applying to college in their senior year, with a focus on first-generation college-going students, low-income students and minority students who may not otherwise apply to college.

During Michigan College Application Week, seniors at participating high schools and career technical centers will be assisted as they complete college applications during the school day, with the goal of every graduating senior submitting at least one college application. Students may apply to any in-state or out-of-state college or university of their choice. School staff and volunteers will work with seniors to complete and submit their application successfully.

A number of Michigan's community colleges and public universities with application fees have elected to waive their application fee during the week. Many other institutions already offer free online or paper applications.

"We're thrilled the White House and Michigan's governor support our efforts to increase the number of students applying to college," said Brandy Johnson, Executive Director of MCAN. "This is the most crucial step on the pathway to college. At least 70 percent of all new jobs in Michigan will require at least an associate's degree by 2020."

The initiative is supported by Governor Rick Snyder, who proclaimed Nov. 3-7, 2014 Michigan College Application Week, and President Barack Obama, who declared November 2014 National College Application Month

About Michigan College Access Network
As the leader in the state's college access movement, MCAN's mission is to increase Michigan's college readiness, participation and completion rates, particularly among low-income students, first-

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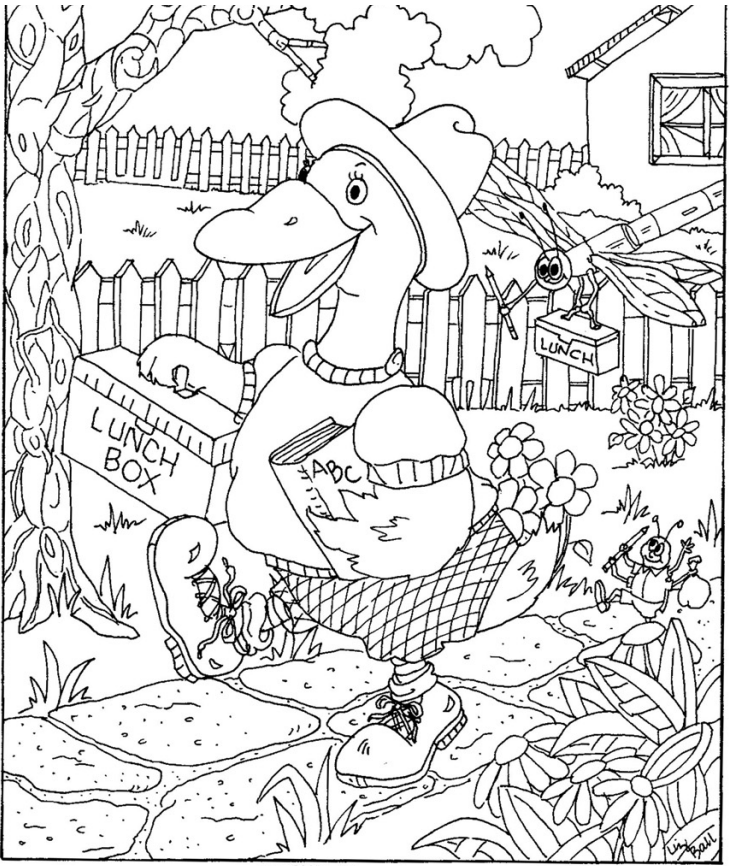
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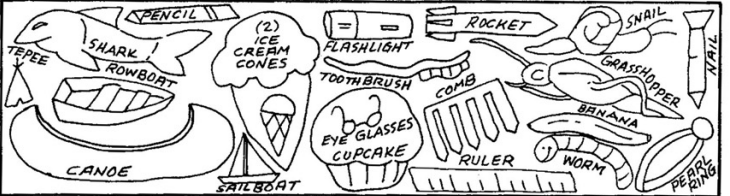
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Public Service Credit Union donates to Romulus groups



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from left to right: Robert Mercier, PSCU vice president of growth and development, William Wadsworth, councilman, Annie Hall, senior animal control officer, Rae Lipkowski, animal control officer, Kim Ratcliff, senior animal control officer, Nadine Hohnke, PSCU marketing analyst, Jadie Settles, interim public safety director

During council meeting on Monday, Public Service Credit Union made two donations to Romulus organizations. On behalf of the members and employees of the credit union, they presented \$3,000 to the Romulus Animal Shelter. The funds were from a Community Challenge that was held in May. Everyone that got a loan in May were able to vote for one of four charities that would receive the funds. They also donated \$300.00 to the Romulus Goodfellows.



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from left to right: Robert Mercier, PSCU vice president of growth and development Nadine Hohnke, PSCU marketing analyst, Linda McNeil, Romulus Goodfellows trustee, David Allison, fire department chief

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November is National Diabetes Month

The ABCs of managing your Diabetes



ANN ARBOR—More than 29 million Americans—or about 9 percent of the U.S. population—have diabetes, and it is estimated that one in every four people with diabetes does not even know they have the disease. In the state of Michigan, it is estimated that 10 percent—or 758,300—of adults have been diagnosed with diabetes, while an additional 250,200 adults are currently undiagnosed. If left undiagnosed or untreated, diabetes can lead to serious health problems, including kidney failure, heart attack, and stroke.

This November, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is encouraging people with diabetes to “Control the ABCs of Diabetes” in order to prevent diabetes-related health complications down the road. Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, causing more than 40% of all kidney failure cases. The good news is that people with diabetes can lower

their chance of having diabetes-related health problems by managing their Diabetes ABCs:

- A is for the A1C test (A-one-C). This is a blood test that measures your average blood sugar (glucose) level over the past three months.
- B is for Blood pressure.
- C is for Cholesterol.
- S is for stopping smoking.

“Many people do not understand that having diabetes can affect many parts of the body and is associated with serious complications such as kidney failure, heart disease and stroke, blindness, and more,” said Art Franke, Senior Vice President of Programs at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. “Managing the ABCs of diabetes can help prevent diabetes-related health complications.”

If you have diabetes, ask your health care team what your A1C, blood pressure, and cholesterol numbers are, and what they should be. Your ABC goals will depend on how long you have had diabetes and other health problems. For additional diabetes resources, community events and programs, and more, visit www.nkfm.org/DiabetesMonth or call the NKFM at 800-482-1455. You can also check out the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) for great diabetes management tools and information at www.YourDiabetesInfo.org/Diabetes-Month2014.

For over a decade, reducing health disparities has been a focus of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, bringing together key strengths and expertise to address the formidable challenges implementing innovative community-based interventions. The NKFM has received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control to help tackle diabetes disparities.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it. The NKFM is widely known for providing more programs and services to more people than any other region or state. The organization was recognized for its success in sound fiscal management by receiving a 4-star rating, seven years in a row, from Charity Navigator—the nation’s



The Montford Point Marines



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In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Fair Employment Practices Commission mandated that the Marines permit the enlistment of African-Americans and other minorities. From 1942-1949, during a time when all military branches were still segregated, the Marines Corps recruited approximately 20,000 black soldiers who received basic training in isolated facilities at Montford Point—a base located at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Accomplished recruits from Montford Point included Mortimer A. Cox, Arnold R. Bostick, Edgar R. Huff and Gilbert H. “Hashmark” Johnson—all of which became the first black Marines to train as drill instructors. Today, Camp Johnson (named after the late Sergeant Johnson) remains the only existing Marine Corps location to be named after an African-American. Though nominally recognized and widely overshadowed by the more celebrated Army Buffalo Soldiers and Air Force Tuskegee Airmen, the Montford Point Marines were at last awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2012 for their valor and patriotism, as well as their contributions to the desegregation of our nation’s armed forces.

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Edmund Fitzgerald

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Tom Abair (front) from the Museum was on hand to answer questions about the Edmund Fitzgerald and the River Rouge Historical Museum

emony that took place on the shores of the Detroit River under a large heated tent. This year the memorial event was held at the River Rouge Historical Museum located at 10750 W. Jefferson Ave. There were displays of the Edmund Fitzgerald ship, the plant where the ship was built in River Rouge and many photos of artifacts from the ship. There were also lanterns placed throughout the museum and each lantern was labeled with the name of one of the crewmen that died that night in the chilly waters. Vistors to the museum were from across the state and many were regulars that come each year to participate in the

program. The memorial of the sinking of the ship takes place each year on the actual date that ship sank. Members of the River Rouge Historical Museum were onhand throughout the evening to answer any questions that the visitors had. The entire crew of 29 died when the Edmund Fitzgerald sank during a storm on Lake Superior on Nov. 10, 1975. The ship, which early that morning had reported winds of 52 knots and 10-foot-high waves, was mere miles away from safe harbor when it went down.

The 17-year-old freighter — more than 700 feet long and more than 13,600-plus gross tons — was, until 1971, the largest ship plying the Great Lakes, according to the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum's Web site. The Edmund Fitzgerald ferried Taconite to Detroit- and Toledo-area steel mills. On its ill-fated final trip, it was taking more than 26,000 tons of the pellets from Superior, Wis., to Zug Island.

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bership with us...that's what we're in the process of doing right now." The Bivens Bonner Post also seeks to keep able bodied colleagues active in endeavors occurring around the community. Stubbs, for example, has traveled to local area schools to discuss numerous programs offered by the American Legion, including an oratorical contest where students can complete essays for a chance to win scholarship money. On occasion, Stubbs will additionally partner with posts in neighboring areas to attend special events, and tries to keep his branch involved in larger occasions like the annual Memorial Day Parade held in Inkster. The goal remains to stay involved wherever they can, which can subsequently increase the visibility of veterans around the city. Although the Bivens Bonner Post had no specific plans for Tuesday's countrywide celebration of Veteran's Day, for Stubbs-a Vietnam War hero with three brothers who also spent considerable time in the military-the holiday holds both personal and more widespread significance. "This is one time out of the year where we pay homage to all veterans, from all branches

of our military-living and deceased," he stated. "For me, a couple of my schoolmates fell in the Vietnam War, so Veterans Day is quite special to me because I actually knew someone who died. I came along at a time when we didn't volunteer, we were drafted... we learned to adapt and overcome whatever was put before us...Some of us probably had never been in a fist fight, and here we are fighting a war. A number of people unfortunately did lose their lives, but I hold this day special because of what we sacrificed. Even to be a veteran who's still living, we are to pay homage to all those who paid with their lives." To members of the American Legion Bivens Bonner Post 285, and to all of our nation's veterans, the Telegram salutes you for the immeasurable sacrifices you've made for our freedom. If you are interested in joining the American Legion, please visit the organization's website at http://www.michiganlegion.org/ . You can also contact Roosevelt Stubb's of the Bivens Bonner Post 285 at 734-812-7928, or RStubbsALP258@yahoo.com.

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TAURUS Sometimes, a path down the middle is better than taking sides in an issue that may lead to discomposure of your emotional harmony. Your challenge this week is to double-check arrangements or tasks that others say they have done. Be discreet, but if it involves your schedule or needs, do check twice. Soul Affirmation: I enjoy learning new things about myself this week. **Lucky Numbers:** 22, 38, 42

GEMINI Your mind is sending bubbles to the top of your consciousness, signaling the imminent arrival of a couple of brilliant ideas. These ideas may even come as you are in your bubble bath or asleep in your comfy bed, so keep a notepad and pen nearby at all times to capture thoseimpressions as they make themselves known to you. Soul Affirmation: I master fear by knowing that all is well. **Lucky Numbers:** 1, 33, 35

CANCER Check the fine print carefully this week. You may find yourself in a number of positions this week to advance your financial state. Be sure you have scrutinized the details before signing on any dotted lines. A partner or relative could seem to be urging you toward one of these opportunities; examine that one with love and common sense. Soul Affirmation: What I need to be is fully present inside of me. **Lucky Numbers:** 6, 15, 40

LEO Keep your sunny side up and avoid arguments with anyone who seems to give off any negative vibes in your direction. You know in your heart that what you do in the world is much needed. Others know too, they just may have a hard time admitting it this week. Look for love to give you a lift. Soul Affirmation: The winner is me. I smile for the cameras. **Lucky Numbers:** 31, 32, 54

VIRGO Your philosophical principles are ready for a larger congregation. Your hard work, patience, and determination to present a positive outlook will be paying off this week. You'll be blessed with an intuitive flash of all that you have going for you, and the realization will make you very happy. You'll be encouraging many others with your manner of being in the world. Soul Affirmation: All things work together for good **Lucky Numbers:** 12, 16, 30

LIBRA Be cautious about when and where you present your ideas this week. There's some minor jealousy lurking about, and it wants to rain on your gorgeous parade. Be calm and keep your faith in yourself high. You've earned the respect and admiration of many by simply acting with complete faith in the rightness of your actions. Take all criticism, constructive or otherwise, with a grain of salt Soul Affirmation: I change the way I look at business this week. **Lucky Numbers:** 28, 32, 50

SCORPIO Your charm is unstoppable, and your poise is unflappable, sweeties. Continue to take advantage of all of your gifts this week and be your whole, wonderful self. If you take a high road where shared property is discussed, you may wind up with more than you started with. Exercise some caution when dealing with negative energy, whether from people or just avague intuition. Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things. **Lucky Numbers:** 13, 39, 41

SAGITTARIUS You need to stay in a positive zone to make your magic happen. A flirtation on the part of a younger person towards you needs to be gently discouraged. Trust has been placed in you; don't inadvertently betray it. If in doubt, retire to your home and do some cleaning and catching up by telephone with the folks back home. Soul Affirmation: I flavor my life with good wishes towards everyone this week. **Lucky Numbers:** 16, 28, 52

CAPRICORN A happier mood is in store if you spend some of your emotions on a mate or family member. Your sensitivity to criticism should be kept in check as much as possible this week, because you don't really want to spend your perfect moments feeling temperamental, do you? Others mean well, they just don't express themselves perfectly every time. Soul Affirmation: I am a giver of good words this week. **Lucky Numbers:** 15, 23, 50

AQUARIUS A very pleasant week is in store as peace seems to be the dominant current. Your experiencewill tell you how best to proceed with a close relationship. Right words and actions can restore all to the previous beauty. Soul Affirmation: I concentrate on what is beautiful about my life **Lucky Numbers:** 26, 34, 47

PISCES Friends call and you should answer their requests to join them. You'll have a nice week out if you go, with lots of camaraderie and good fellowship. You'll be creating energy for a very inspiring environment. Soul Affirmation: I am inspired by my own words this week **Lucky Numbers:** 5, 18, 21

City of Inkster Privatizes Building Services



The City of Inkster recently agreed to engage McKenna Associates of Northville for professional services including building inspections and plan review of codes for electrical, mechanical, building, plumbing, and the City's residential rental housing inspection program.

"It will all be done through scheduling. We will have access to more than ten inspectors on a daily basis and more could be added as the volume increases when the economy does better," said City Manager Rich Marsh. "The City was trying to cover things with three or four inspectors." In the past, that could have meant delays in contractors getting inspections.

"Residents, the real estate people and sellers will see quicker inspections," said Marsh.

McKenna will be paid by in-

spection fees receiving 70 percent with 30 percent going to the City to cover clerical and administrative costs. McKenna staff will also be on hand Monday through Thursday in City Hall to answer questions, process permits and schedule inspections.

Privatizing the building inspection services was spurred by finances and the need to improve services and Marsh noted the lower demand for inspections due to the mortgage crisis and vacant buildings.

"Under this arrangement, no costs to the city are geared to inspections," said Marsh, who estimated a savings to the city in long term costs.

Marsh said the City is concerned about maintaining the City's housing stock because he said that there are a lot of vacant, neglected properties in the community. "In the middle

of the night, banks and speculators just slide people in," he said. "Lack of control of rental properties can create a cancer in the community," he added.

For several years McKenna has provided similar services to the Wayne County cities of Garden City and Westland plus several other Michigan municipalities, including Ecorse, Novi, Royal Oak Township and Lathrup Village. "The McKenna firm has an exceptional, award-winning track record helping Michigan communities effectively work to their potential," said Marsh. Named a Small Business of the Year by Crain's Detroit Business magazine, McKenna also specializes in community planning, landscape architecture and economic development to Michigan and Ohio cities and townships.

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Tips to Prepare Now for Severe Winter Weather Ahead



CHICAGO – Cold temperatures, heavy snow, and treacherous ice storms are all risks of the impending winter season.

"Severe winter weather can be dangerous and even life-threatening for people who don't take the proper precautions," said FEMA Region V acting administrator Janet Odeshoo. "Preparedness begins with knowing your risks, making a communications plan with your family and having an emergency supply kit with essentials such as water, food, flashlights and medications."

Once you've taken these steps, consider going beyond the basics of disaster preparedness with the following tips to stay safe this cold season:

Winterize your emergency supply kit:

Before winter approaches, add the following items to your supply kit:
Rock salt or other environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.
Sand to improve traction.
Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
Sufficient heating fuel and/or a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
Stay fire safe:

Keep flammable items at least three feet from heat sources like radiators, space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves.
Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Ensure you have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home. Check it on a monthly basis.
Keep warm, even when it's cold outside:

If you have a furnace, have it inspected now to ensure it's in good working condition.
If your home heating requires propane gas, stock up on your

propane supply and ensure you have enough to last an entire winter. Many homeowners faced shortages due to the record freezing winter weather last year, and this season there's the possibility of lower than normal temperatures again. Don't be caught unprepared.

Avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide by installing battery-powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors.
Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
Prevent frozen pipes:

If your pipes are vulnerable to freezing, i.e., they run through an unheated or unprotected space, consider keeping your faucet at a slow drip when extremely cold temperatures are predicted.

If you're planning a trip this winter, avoid setting your heat too low. If temperatures dip dangerously low while you're away, that could cause pipes to freeze. Consider draining your home's water system before leaving as another way to avoid frozen pipes.
You can always find valuable information to help you prepare for winter emergencies at www.ready.gov/winter-weather. Bookmark FEMA's mobile site <http://m.fema.gov>, or download the FEMA app today to have vital information just one click away.

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Winter Time is Here

Rouge River High Beat Ida in Districts 42-14

By Butch Davis



River Rouge Panthers Senior defensive lineman Myles Campbell holds the District Trophy up high and with pride.

Photo taken by Butch Davis

The River Rouge Panthers finish their second leg with a convincing 42-14 triumph over the Bluestreaks of Ida High School. The fans on both sides of the stadium were treated to a very physical first half with both teams playing very good defense with hard hits and good licks. However with about six and a half minutes left in the first half Ida's Ed Bugg, score on a short touchdown run giving the Bluestreaks a six point lead over Rouge. The Panthers received the ball back on offenses to only give the ball back to Ida on interception to the Bluestreaks David Kolakowski, however the Panthers defense was up to the task by stopping the Bluestreaks on four downs with in which that stop gave the Panther fans a real boast that carried to the Panthers players performing on the field. On the second play after receiving the ball back quarterback Dontez Blackshear threw a 65-yard bomb to Aaron Vinson to put the home team Panthers on the board to tie the game a six points apiece. After the two point conversion after the touchdown was no good for the Panthers they kick the ball back to Ida in which again in a wing T formation the Bluestreaks, Andrew Oberski

and Nick Levicki ran the ball down the field with Levicki finishing the drive with a seven yard touchdown run and with the two point try after touchdown good to give Ida back the lead.

Bluestreaks 14-6 lead did not last very long as Ida kick the ball of to the Panthers JuJuan Kemp and he race 83 yard for the Panthers touchdown breaking the lead down, nevertheless, Bluestreaks when to the lockers room leading at the half 14-12.

In the third quarter the Panthers defense continue to punish the Bluestreaks offense as the Panthers senior defensive linemen Myles Campbell and Chris Agee recover fumbles in the second half to help hook their offense to additional scores. Burgess, Kemp, and Lenell Martins all scored for Rouge in the second half the put the game out of reach in which the Panthers put a halt to the Bluestreaks drive to Ford Field, final score 42-14. River Rouge moves on to the regional high school football playoffs to play the Raiders of Almont High School in Almont, seven o'clock on Friday night.

I talked to the winning Division 5, Region 4, District 1, Head Coach of the River Rouge

Panthers, Corey Parker, and he said, "I told my team during half time to stay the coarse, we fought to hard and we clawed and scratched all season to get here, I told them to trust what we during and what I taut them, stay the coarse and you'll be fine and my guy's did not let themselves or me down, I'm very happy with their performance tonight them deserve to be champion of the district however we are not done." The different in the game was the Panthers in the second half of the game used the pass to open up run as Coach Parker explained that him and the coaching staff made changes in the offensive approach against Ida. "We saw cornerback and safeties playing deep off of our receiver so we started to run curls on their backs and used our quick offense to confuse Ida defense enough for our team to take over the game. With our defense making plays (Deonte Wilson had eight tackles for Rouge) in which we lost a couple of player due to injuries, nevertheless, they made plays all night, no matter who we put it they made plays."

Now other teams in the area winning their districts are Wyandotte Roosevelt, Detroit Cass Tech, Canton, New Boston Huron and Detroit Loyola. Here are the days and times of the following game; New Lothrop (11-0) at Detroit Loyola (11-0) - Friday, 6:00 PM at U of D Jesuit. Southfield (8-3) at Wyandotte Roosevelt (9-2)- Friday, 7:00 PM. Canton (9-2) at Saline (10-1)- Friday, 7:00 PM. Redford Thurston (8-3) at New Boston Huron (10-1)- Friday, 7:00 PM and Clinton Township Chippewa Valley (8-3) at Detroit Cass Tech (11-0) - Saturday, 1:00 PM.

Lions Third Comeback in a Row now 7-2

By Butch Davis



Calvin Johnson back and making plays for the first place Detroit Llons.
Photo taken by Lakiesha Harvey

With a 20-16 comeback win this past Sunday over the Miami Dolphins, the Lions improved to 7-2 on the season, matching the team's best nine-game start to the season since 1993. The Lions extended the team's current winning streak to four games. The last Lions four-game winning streak during a single season occurred at the beginning of the 2011 season when the Lions started 5-0. Detroit Lions Head Coach Jim Caldwell has now earned the most wins through nine games for a Lions head coach in his first season with the club since the franchise moved to Detroit in 1934. He surpassed the six wins through nine games garnered by Dutch Clark in 1937 (6-3), Gus Henderson in 1939 (6-3) and Buddy Parker in 1951 (6-2-1).

Quarterback Matthew Stafford engineered his 15th career game-winning drive in the fourth quarter or overtime, and has accomplished this for the third consecutive game. Down 16-13 with 3:13 left to play, Stafford led the team on an 11-play 74-yard drive that was capped off with an 11-yard touchdown pass to running back Theo Riddick. With less than 1:00 to play in the fourth quarter or in OT, Stafford has eight-career game-winning drives, and has accounted for six touchdowns (five passing, one rushing) to complete the comeback wiCalvin Johnson back and making plays for the first place Detroit Llons.

Photo taken by Lakiesha Harvey. On the game-winning drive, Stafford was 8-11 and threw for 79 yards to complete the comeback with the connection to Riddick. Stafford now has 11 game-winning 4th quarter or OT drives with less than 2:00 to play in regulation, and seven of those drives were capped with game-winning touchdown passes. He has now accomplished this in two of the past three games. In addition, Stafford is now just 47 yards shy of becoming the first player in NFL history with

20,000 passing yards through his first 70 career games.

Lions Coach Jim Caldwell said this about his team's ability to win close games: "I just think that you can sense that they have a lot of poise. They don't mind a little pressure, they know how to hang in and come from behind. I think that was an 11-play, 74-yard drive there at the end to kind of seal it. There was a lot of really good, fine football play within that segment. Even the first drive I think they started out maybe 84 yards and held the ball for about eight minutes. So, you know, we're doing some good things. We're probably not as consistent as we'd like, but overall you've got to say this team has shown week in and week out, up to this point, that they'll play you all the way to the end of the ball game. Sixty minutes, whatever it takes, they're willing to give it."

Caldwell also praising the defensive on being so successful late in games: "There's some talent. There's character and there's talent on this team, and I think you see that being displayed each and every week. And obviously I think the front seven is a pretty dominant group because of the fact that we can roll in so many guys that go in there and play for us. Darryl Tapp got a sack. There were a number of guys that did a tremendous job there in the front for us, but I think they set the tone and our perimeter is playing well. They don't give most quarterbacks much time to think about it back there in the pocket. They can put pressure on you and they stop the run. So, those two things are key to playing good football."

Following the team's 20-16 win over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, Lions Head Coach Jim Caldwell presented the game ball to United States Army Specialist Andrew Martin from Shelby Township in honor of all the men and women currently serving and who have served in the U.S. Military.

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CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the November 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Approval of the Agenda.

Approval of Consent agenda.

Approval of a public hearing for an Amendment to the City of Inkster Code of Ordinances TCD District.

Approval of a public hearing for an Amendment to the City of Inkster Code of Ordinances Medical Marijuana.

Approval of a board appointment.

Approval of a first reading to the TCD District.

Removal of a first reading for Medical Marijuana.

Approval for repair of a Vactor Rodder truck.

Denial of TJ-Staffing agreement.

Approval to apply for Phase II MSHDA grant.

Approval of a Resolution of support for the DDA for MSHDA main street program.

Approval of a service agreement with WCA Assessing.

Approval of a 90 day moratorium for Medical Marijuana.

Felicia Rutledge

City Clerk

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AMENDMENTS TO THE INKSTER, MI CODE OF ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, whereas Public Act No. 279 of 1909, as amended, being MCL 117.1 et seq., authorizes the Inkster City Council to adopt, revise, amend, restate, repeal, codify and to compile any existing ordinance or ordinances and all new ordinances not heretofore adopted or published and to codify and/or incorporate said ordinances into one ordinance in book form; the Inkster City Council will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2014, 7:30 p.m. in the Inkster City Hall Council Chambers located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan 48141. The City Council will consider proposed amendments to the Inkster City Code of Ordinances pertaining to building regulations, building fees, business regulations, land usage, blight and special events.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider amendments to the Inkster Code of Ordinances that would have the following effect:

- * Adopt the State of Michigan Building Code so as to eliminate any conflict of laws pertaining to the City of Inkster Building Code and the State of Michigan Building Code.
- *Amend the Business Registration requirement to mandate a separate business registration requirement for each business.
- *Amend the Land Usage fees to require a registration fee for the re-occupancy of a vacant property.
- * Amend the code to permit the City Assessor to assess and levy for fees owed to the City for blight violations.
- *To amend the code to create a Special Events license.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that complete text of the amendments to the Code of Ordinances will be available for review at the Inkster City Clerk's Office which is located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI 48141 beginning November 24, 2014. All meetings of the Inkster City Council are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Manager, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 Noon, December 1, 2014. Information may be obtained from the department of Community Development at (313) 563-7709.

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 written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice CITY OF ECORSE

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 5-15 TETHERING OF DOGS, OF DIVISION I GENERALLY, OF ARTICLE I DOGS, CATS AND WILD ANIMALS, OF CHAPTER 5 ANIMALS AND FOWL, TO REGULATE THE TETHERING OF DOGS.

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

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CRIME ALERTS

POLICE BLOTTER

RIVER ROUGE

October 28th, 2014

At 0942hrs, officers were dispatched to the 400 Block of Lenoir Street on a Purse Snatching that had just occurred. The 61 year old female told officers she was walking north on the sidewalk on Morrow just off of Kleinow when a unknown male ran up to her, snatched her purse and pulled it away from her and continued running on Kleinow. She chased after the youth but he was faster. He then ran into the alley and ran in and around into possibly one of the housing units. The female did not suffered any injury doing the attack.

October 28th, 2014

At 0853hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Polk street on a rescue run. Officers arrived and found a 30 year old male sitting at the kitchen table with obvious signs of trauma.

Blood was observed on his face from an assault that had just taken place. He states he had just spoken to his 24 year old ex-girlfriend who was suppose to come and get her clothes and possession from his home. But when she arrived she had her new boyfriend with her. A cousin was present to give her things. The couple goes and confronts the homeowner in the bathroom and attacks him, throwing punches and grabbed him around his neck. All while the current boyfriend was holding him the ex-girlfriend punch and struck him in his face and about his body. He believes at some point he lost consciousness. Health Link was notified and arrived on scene and transported him to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for medical attention.

October 26th, 2014

At 2235hrs, an officer went to the Marathon Gas Station at 276 Visger Rd on a MDP complaint. A 22 year old male stated that a 53 year old male walked into the gas station, and he ordered him to leave, after witnessing him on prior occasions stealing. The male states the older male left and walked to a gold colored vehicle parked at the gas pump. The male went into the vehicle and now had a glass bottle in his hand and throw the bottle toward the attendant's parked vehicle. The bottle struck the rear windshield and broke it. The older male went back to that vehicle that had 53 year old female sitting behind the wheel and drove off. The office observed a broken empty Remy Martin pint size bottle on

the ground near the vehicle. Officers view the video camera and the vehicle in question was a gold Chevrolet Cobalt. While patrolling the area officers located the vehicle at Beechwood & Melvin. The 53 year old male told officers he didn't mean to break the window, he was just throwing the bottle at the building. The male was placed under arrest for MDP and transported to the station, where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call, then housed.

October 26th, 2014

At 2100hrs, officers were dispatched to the Riviera Market on a fight complaint. Officers arrived and witness two males inside the store arguing. A 33 year old male stood with a large laceration under his left eye. The other male was 24 years old. The injured male told officers the other male had started threatening his cousin when he stepped in the middle of the two. He stated that the other male showed him and a fist fight broke between the two of them. Both were arrested and the injured male was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital and the other male refused medical attention. Both parties were issued violations for Disorderly Person. While officer were reviewing the video a fight broke out next to the counter between a 29 and 37 year old females. The 29 year old told officers that the other female walked into the store and bumped into her husband. The two of them exchanged words before the 37 year old female approached them in a threatening manner. She scratched the other female in the face and they began to exchange punches before the officers intervened. The 27 year old had scratches all over her face and refused medical. The 37 year old female was arrested for Disorderly Person and transported to the station, where she was booked, allowed to make a phone call, then housed.

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Park formed the newly consolidated 25th District Court, upon which Ciungan was named the jurisdictions chief judge. Since the changes were put into place, the court has seen nothing but positive results. They have most significantly received rankings in the 90th percentile based on satisfaction surveys conducted by the State Court Administrator-an accomplishment Chief Judge Ciungan insists can only be attributed to the courts exceptional personnel.

"It's been a great challenge because we are now one of the two busiest courts downriver, so we have a lot of cases that we hear over here," he stated. "We've been able to run the courts well, but it's because I've got such a wonderful staff. Without them here, we would be worthless."

The court has also prospered for various other reasons. Since his appointment, Chief Judge Ciungan has maintained positive relationships with city leaders, preserving important programs first employed during his time as district judge in Ecorse, including the community work program. In addition, the incorporation of his own personal philosophies that assure that each citizen entering the doors of the 25th District Court should be treated with courtesy, respect and compassion, seem to be key to their overall success as well.

"As the old saying goes, 'Justice delayed is justice denied',

Ciungan

so we try to hear all of our cases timely," Ciungan said. "There are two courtrooms here that cover three cities, so we stagger the cases all day long in hopes that people don't have to wait...we try to have it so that hopefully they feel they've been treated justly and in a timely fashion.

I also do my research because in my jurisdiction, if there's a felony we have to do preliminary examinations ...Those can be quite challenging because they are often horrific crimes, but you certainly want to make sure that everyone gets their day in court, and are treated fairly."

While he will undeniably miss his job, the 63 year old certainly looks forward to the next big chapter in his life. Upon retiring, he plans on teaching undergraduate law classes, and also anticipates enjoying some travel time with his wife.

In the end, Chief Judge Ciungan leaves the bench with a deep sense of gratitude for all of the citizens, from each community for which he has served.

"I'm just so thankful and honored to have been your judge for 30 years," he expressed. "I have always said that I take this job very seriously, but I try not to take myself too seriously. I really just want to thank the people here. It's just been a great honor to be able to serve you during this time".

Former Romulus Police Officers sentenced

ROMULUS, - Three former Romulus police officers have been sentenced to probation in connection with a corruption case that sent the city's former chief to jail.

The officers will also have to pay restitution in the case.

Richard Balzer was given 3 years probation and must pay back \$11,000 to the city. Donald Hopkins was sentenced to 2 years probation, as was Richard Landry. Hopkins must pay back \$1,333 and Landry must pay back \$4,650.

Two other officers involved in the corruption case are no longer with the department and they also received probation.

Former Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre received a 5-20 year prison sentence for his part in the case. He pled guilty to three counts of running a criminal enterprise, falsifying police reports and embezzling drug forfeiture money.

St. Andre began abusing his power in 2006. He bought his wife a new salon in Westland with drug money. She's now serving 5-20 years.

The corruption continued until 2011. During that time, for at least a year, St. Andre picked five of his officers and organized them into a special unit. That unit was to oversee an investigation into two adult clubs.

The cops were supposed to look into liquor license violations and allegations of prostitution and drug trafficking. Instead, they falsified police reports, embezzled more drug forfeiture money and solicited prostitutes.

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The 2014 December Dance Concert features eight diverse works, including the relentlessly energetic *Of the Earth Far Below*, choreographed by the 2014-15 Allesee Artist in Residence, Doug Varone, director of Doug Varone and Dancers in New York City. Biba Bell's assembly illuminates dance as more than the sum of its parts, as a single dancer sets the ensemble into motion. The program also features *Haitian Suite*, an African dance offering by To Sangana, the Wayne State African Dance Workshop Company and *Doubt*, a hip hop piece by faculty member Travis Staton-Marrero.

The concert features select student choreography by Samuel Horning, Christina Chammas, and Lydia Di Iorio. Horning, a senior and president of the Dance Workshop Company, presents a skillfully crafted group dance investigating family dynamics and connection. Chammas draws inspiration from poetry, weaving text with physical partnering and full stage pictures to create touching landscapes. Soloist Di Iorio's delivers poignant spoken word while dancing, adeptly engaging the viewer.

ASK ALMA

My Husband Stole from
the Church



Dear Alma,

My husband and I have been faithful servants in our church for over 20 years. I am on the Usher Board, Woman's Day committee and we participate in the Married Couples Ministry (MCM). My husband, too, is very committed to the MCM and he also serves as head of the Finance Committee. Let me start by saying that I am mortified. He just recently confided in me that over the past year he has stolen over \$100,000 from the church. I could just die. I don't know why he did it and he says he doesn't know why he did it, either. We don't need the money.

We are both gainfully employed, college graduates who make more than enough money to take care of our family. I did not know or suspect anything. I have not seen any extravagant purchases that he's made with the money. Our financial budget has not changed. We have 2 children who are too very active at our church. I love our church, our pastor and the first lady and our church family. I just can't believe this is happening, I'm ashamed to show my face. I am so embarrassed I can hardly speak to him. How on earth could he do this to me and our children? My first thought is to put him out of the house. I do not want to sleep next to him and at least that way the church will see I had nothing to do with it. I am at a lost as to what to do next. I'm interested in what you think about what my husband has done to me. What are your thoughts?

Name withheld

I can see you are cross-eyed mad, upset, angry, stunned

and outraged over what has happened. As you should be, but, in my opinion, you're obligated to stand by your husband. The trust has been broken, yes I know. And you know what, if you stay married long enough, that's what happens, everything is not alright all the time. Remember your vows, especially the one that says, in sickness and in health. This, my dear, certainly qualifies as a health issue. Although I'm no doctor, I think he may be suffering from kleptomania.

Pull up the shades and stop hiding in the basement. You need to move past being mad and pray, take deep breaths and figure out what you can do to help your husband. Let go of the embarrassment. Everybody's got a "oh-Lawd-I-hope-they-don't-find-out" sweater, hanging in the closet. Some sweaters are larger than others mind you, but turn the large magnifying mirror away from your face towards your husband. Look for loving options to address his issue. Here's your chance to see what you've learned from all those "love is kind & forgiving" sermons. The truth of the matter is, this ain't about you! Listen to your husband. Notice I didn't suggest that you do the talking. Sit with him and allow him to express what's going on inside and how it makes him feel. Obviously, he should make an appointment to see a therapist and apologize to the pastor, maybe even the congregation of your church. That's a decision that should come from the church officials.

Pick up a copy of *Kleptomania: The Compulsion to Steal – What Can Be Done?* by Dr. Marcus J. Goldman. Your husband, for his sake, needs to address the root of this compulsion, and it's a responsibility he has to own. Be supportive and stop worrying so much about what's going on outside your house. You have no control over that. Your husband should be your first priority, just as it would be if he were your child. Uh huh, you know what I'm saying. Don't give up on him, he needs you now more than ever.

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Help those with disability



WESTLAND - Chairperson Ray Schuholz, and Judy McKinney of the Disability Concerns Committee recently participated in a public relations event to highlight Caroline's Carts being placed in Kroger stores in Westland. Joining them at this event held October 1, 2014 at the Michigan Avenue/Merriman Road Kroger was Ken McClure, Consumer Communications Director for Kroger along with Sean Thompson, Store Manager. Personnel Director Cindy King, the City's liaison to the Committee, was also in attendance.

Caroline's Carts were the creation of Drew Ann Long in response to a concern that her daughter, who is disabled, would outgrow the seating found in a typical shopping


cart. Caroline's Carts feature an easily accessible seating area that can seat an average-sized adult as well as children and comes equipped with harnesses to ensure the safety of those using the cart. The storage area of the cart remains free for placing items in it. Ms. Long applied for a patent and named the carts in honor of her daughter.

Responding to a request from the Westland Committee on Disability Concerns, Kroger became the first grocer in Westland to offer Caroline's Carts. Speaking on behalf of the Kroger Corporation, Mr. McClure recognized the needs of families whose members have disabilities and said that Kroger would continue to add these carts to their other stores in the region. Chairperson

Schuholz and Director King applauded Kroger for their response to the Committee's request and for taking this step to help people who are disabled. Recorded by WLND Cable, the October 1 event will be broadcast on the City's public access channel.

Westland's Disabilities Concerns Committee encourages families with members who are disabled to shop at the Michigan Avenue Kroger and to thank them for adding these carts to their store. The Committee invites you to contact us if you've experienced difficulty in gaining access to a business or a service here in Westland. Inquiries may be made to the DCC through Cindy King, Personnel Director, and liaison to the DCC. She may be reached at 734.467.3225 or via email to cking@cityofwestland.com

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



SNAKE gets loose on 11th Street and a resident captured the runaway snake

Ecorse Senior Citizens Birthday Club

Seniors 55 years and older are welcome

We welcome you to come, have fun, and join the Ecorse Senior Citizens Birthday Club. The Birthday Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 1:00 pm. Come out and enjoy fellowship & refreshments.

Please contact President Mary Ann King at 313-381-1616 for any questions. You may also call Ethel Stevenson at 313-382-3305.

Come out and have a good time with other Seniors.