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## City faces court deadline on water credits

The City of Inkster must credit residential water sewer accounts with a total of \$2,559,321.63 by tomorrow by order of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Inkster attorney Byron H. Nolen filed for a show cause hearing before Circuit Court Judge Robert L. Ziolkowski which took place June 16. The hearing, Nolen explained, was to force the city to explain or show cause as to why the previous orders of the court to make refunds on residential water bills had not been performed. Nolen, who represented Inkster resident Terrance D. Trahey and a class of similarly situated persons, sued the city seeking redress of the exorbitant water rate increases that were passed along to both residential and business customers. When new water meters were installed throughout the community, residents began receiving bills for as much as \$2,000, including charges for water allegedly used before the new meters were in place.

Earlier this year, the court determined that

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the rates approved by the city council were unreasonable and the water and sewer charges from the new meters unsupportable. The court ordered that the city credit each water/sewer account for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 \$2.68 per unit for water used during that period. The court also ordered a credit to every water customer in the city of \$2.41 per unit of water used during the same period.

Each of the current 8,425 water/sewer customers in the city is to receive a total credit of \$303.78, by order of Ziolkowski, who also imposed the June 27 deadline for implementation of his order.

According to court documents, this is the final pending claim and will close the case, unless the city fails to comply with the order. According to Nolen, should that happen, the city would face contempt of court charges and subsequent penalties which could include fines or even jail time.

“It feels good to finally obtain the relief the Inkster residents deserve,” Nolen said, but he did caution residents that the relief may be temporary.

“Despite the ruling that the current rate of \$15.30 per unit of water was unreasonable pursuant to the city charter and that the city was being unjustly enriched by charging the residents that amount, as of July 1, the water and sewer rate will be raised again to \$15.52 per unit of water used,” Nolen said.

“The only recourse the residents have is to sue the city again challenging the new higher rate because the Jan. 23 judgment does not apply to future rates.”

## Crisis Local police participate in training

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

Four local officers were among the 20 police personnel who encountered wounded victims lying on a school hallway floor last week as police exchanged gunfire with suspects. As shots rang out, the school principal shouted emergency instructions through the loudspeaker system while police commands were heard over the sounds of fired rounds booming as shell casings bounced off cement block walls.

While it wasn't the real thing, the noise and chaos provided law enforcement officers including City of Plymouth Police Sgt. Chris Voorheis, and Sgt. Paul Sumner, Off. Matthew McKenzie and Off. Dan MacArthur, all from the Northville Township force, some real time experience in dealing with a school shooting scenario. The training exercise took place last week at Dickenson School in Livonia, where officers re-enacted several school emergency situations.



A squad of four police officers undergoing specialized training last week approach a mock downed shooter at Dickenson School in Livonia. At left is Plymouth City Police Department Sgt. Chris Voorheis.

The training was provided by the Wayne County Department of Homeland Security using federal grant funding to offer specialized training to more than 1,000 police officers in 43 surrounding communities.

This was the second in a series of intensive three-day training exercises patterned to help local law enforcement officers prepare for an active school shooter emergency in a reality setting. The scenario-based training exercise labeled “Practical Day” was taught by veteran law enforcement officers.

A Homeland Security Emergency Management mobile command post was set up in the school parking lot loaded with

hi-tech visual, video and infrared cameras plus state-of-the-art satellite communications and radio equipment capable of reaching hundreds of miles.

There have been at least 74 school related shootings in the U.S. since the 2012 Sandy Hook School tragedy, according to national statistics. The latest occurred earlier this month at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle when a 26-year-old man killed one and wounded two others before being tackled by a security guard.

The former protocol waiting for SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics), wasn't working,” said Capt. Ron Taig, the 26-year Livonia police veteran in charge of the training exercise. “The

safety of our schools is our top priority and all officers in Wayne County will be trained.”

“We want to make sure our patrol officers are given the equipment and the training. In this day and age, every second counts. We teach them the right-way, the wrong-way and corrections,” Taig said.

The program consists of lectures, demonstrations, isolation drills and scenario development.

The \$45,000 federal grant was prepared by the office of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, a strong supporter of the training.

“No Wayne County general fund money was used...” Ficano said.

## Romulus celebrates reopening of city park

Romulus officials and residents celebrated the official ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the grand reopening of Elmer Johnson Community last Saturday. The park is located at 9755 Ozga Road on the west side of the city.

The 36.6-acre park was among several parks closed in recent years due to tough financial times and budget cuts in the city, officials said. The city workforce and several organizations have worked to restore the premiere

recreation site to “better than ever.”

“We are excited to bring summer recreation back to Romulus starting with the grand reopening of Elmer Johnson Park,” said Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff, who has made restoring the park to its former glory a priority in his first year as mayor.

“Recreation is so important to a community,” he added. “We’ve got a jewel in Elmer Johnson Park and I’m happy to say it’s shining again.”

Saturday's ribbon cutting coincided with the announcement of a variety of recreation programming that is returning to the city this summer. Three of the programs - cheerleading classes, youth and adult softball - will take place at Elmer Johnson Park.

The park is named for Elmer

Johnson, a retired Kelsey-Hayes tool and die maker, who was the first and only president of the Romulus Progressive Club for nearly 40 years. The Progressive Club donated \$5,000 to the then-Romulus Township Parks and Recreation Commission for the park's development on Feb.6, 1967.

The park features a basketball court, a softball field, children's play areas, a large picnic shelter area with barbecue grills, two sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, an inline hockey court, children's play areas, restroom facilities and more.

Burcroff's plan called for a joint public/private partnership of city employee members of Teamster Union Local 214, a professional landscape design company, the

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Romulus Fire Department mascot Firepup entertains children on a bridge of one of the playscapes during the reopening of Elmer Johnson Park last weekend. Photo by Roger Kadam



# BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

## Park City OK's new signs for church, plaza

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members of the Rotary Club of Romulus and other volunteers. The goal - performing the necessary work to open the park in time for the annual city fireworks June 26 - came to fruition.

Burcroff praised the many volunteer groups that helped make the park reopening happen and said he wanted to be able to reopen other parks that were closed several years ago because of budget concerns, too.

“We’re trying to make sure we have parks and recreation in the community and we’re not doing it with any new tax burden on the residents,” he said.

An archery range is being restored at the park by members of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters Local 867.

“City staff and everyone involved have done an incredible job restoring the park,” Burcroff said.

Members of the Belleville Planning Commission approved two of three new sign requests during their last meeting.

Commissioners approved signs for Belleville Church of God on Hull Road and Davenport Plaza on East Columbia Avenue. A request for a sign at Lake Plaza on Main Street was not approved as the petitioner, Sam Kassab, did not identify all the materials and colors

to be used in the sign.

This was Kassab's second request for approval of the sign. At earlier meetings, city planning consultant Jill Bahm explained to Kassab in writing that his original proposal would interfere with sight lines at the driveway at Lake Plaza. This request did agree to a 4-foot setback to solve that issue, but did not provide the required information regarding the materials to be

used. He also did not provide details regarding landscaping and the proposed parking entry, specifics the commissioners requested in March.

The new Church of God sign at 45170 Hull Road will be a one-sided ground sign on a 12-inch base.

The sign area is 3 feet by 8 feet. The sign will be installed 48 feet from the center of Hull Road. The

sign will be illuminated.

The Davenport Plaza ground sign will be installed on a 1.7 foot block base and the sign area is 8.7 feet by 7.3 feet wide.

The sign will be have a limestone cap and a brick background. The individual sign panels are made of cut stainless steel and can change when the business tenants change. The sign will not be illuminated.

## Romulus plans series of city concerts

Sounds in Downtown, a series of free summer evening concerts, will continue from 7-9 p.m. tomorrow, June 27, at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St.

The schedule includes

- Friday, June 27 - Hines Drive (Classic pop music from the '60s and '70s)
- Friday, July 11 - The Rick Lieder Band (“Margaritaville” and Bob Marley music)
- Friday, July 25 - Mark Harrington (Variety, dance, Top 40 and country music)

- Saturday, Aug. 8 - The Rusty Wright Band (Rock and blues)

The concert series, presented by Magic Productions, is sponsored by the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, the Romulus Arts Council and the City of Romulus.

Organizers suggest spectators bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets for the evening at the park. Early arrival is recommended. There will be family activities, vendors, concessions and refreshments.



Bill Kren, executive director of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, left, presented Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, DDA Recording Secretary Merrie Druyor and Maria Lambert, DDA director, with a check for \$1,000 to help fund the concerts.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton 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 meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2014 for the following:

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF CARDIOVASCULAR EQUIPMENT 2014

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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ZONE ONE  
INTENT TO INSPECT FOR 2015 SIDEWALK REPAIR

PLATTED SUBDIVISIONS	SWR YR	PARCEL ID	# LOTS
1 Forest Trails Sub (1977)	SWR06	010-02-0001 thru 0216	216
2 Hampton Court Sub (1976)	SWR05	011-01-0001 thru 0124	124
3 Hampton Court West Sub (1978)	SWR05	011-02-0001 thru 0153	153
4 Mayfair Village #1 (1977)	SWR07	009-01-0001 thru 0228	228
5 Mayfair Village #2 (1977)	SWR07	009-02-0229 thru 0468	239
6 Windsor Park Sub #1 (1970)	SWR99	012-01-0001 thru 0240	240
7 Windsor Park Sub #2 (1971)	SWR00	012-02-0241 thru 0321	81
8 Windsor Park Sub #3 (1971)	SWR00	012-03-0322 thru 0505	184
9 Windsor Park Sub #4 (1972)	SWR01	007-01-0506 thru 0662	157
10 Windsor Park Sub #5 (1972)	SWR01	007-02-0663 thru 0804	142
11 Windsor Park Sub #6 (1972)	SWR01	007-03-0805 thru 0836	32
12 Windsor Park Sub #7 (1976)	SWR01	007-04-0837 thru 0913	77
TOTAL # LOTS			1873

PERIMETER OF ZONE ONE:  
South side of Joy Road, West side of Haggerty Road, North side of Warren Road & the East side of Canton Center Road

NOTE:  
The area of zone one includes all commercial and residential parcels that are located along a public road right-of-way.

2015 SIDEWALK REPAIR AND GAP PROGRAM

Canton Township Engineering Services will be performing sidewalk inspections in zone one to obtain preliminary quantities for replacement. Sidewalks that need replacement will be denoted with one of two (2) colors.

GREEN - Denotes the property owner's responsibility for the cost of replacement. RED - Denotes Canton's responsibility for the cost of replacement.

Defective sidewalk located within a drive may require driveway slabs directly adjacent to be marked for repair (owner's responsibility). Should an owner have a defective concrete drive approach, located between the sidewalk and curb, upon request only (owner's responsibility) we can include with the sidewalk repair program.

In an effort to complete the inspections in a timely fashion, we ask that if there is a concern regarding responsibility that the property owner wait to contact Engineering Services until the fall of 2014 or Spring of 2015 to schedule an appointment to review the markings. The paint dots are preliminary markings during the initial walk thru of the subdivision and along the public right-of-way. There may be some revisions that occur upon measuring the quantities and determining the responsibilities.

Additional information will follow when you receive your notification letters in the Spring of 2015. The following represents a tentative schedule:

NOTIFICATION LETTERS (Estimated Cost & Quantity) - Spring 2015  
PUBLIC HEARING - Spring 2015  
CONSTRUCTION - 60 Days After the Public Hearing  
INVOICES - Fall/Winter 2015

Please review the sidewalk ordinance and our website for commonly asked questions at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). The sidewalk ordinance section is in Chapter 62, Article 2, and Section 62-3 1/38 inclusive.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The last day to register for the election is Monday, July 7, 2014. Persons residing in Canton Township registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the election.

Please take notice that the voters of Canton Township will be voting on the following:

Governor  
United States Senator  
Representative in Congress  
State Senator  
State Representative (20th & 21st Districts)  
County Executive  
County Commissioner (10th District)  
Delegate to County Convention

and to vote on the following proposals:

Proposal 14-1 Approval or Disapproval of Amendatory Act To Reduce State Use Tax and Replace With a Local Community Stabilization Share to Modernize The Tax System To Help Small Businesses Grow and Create Jobs

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.

2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.

3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.

4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.

5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.

Should this law be approved?

Yes

No

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full foundation allowance per pupil under Proposal A. The remaining 2 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of a "Headlee" rollback and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that rollback.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 20 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2015 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes, the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2015 is approximately \$24,900,000(this is a renewal of millage which will expire on November 30, 2014)?

Yes

No

Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and Distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count. Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operation purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014. The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, School District of the City of Detroit, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District.

Yes

No

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964  
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 01, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Comm. College	November 6, 2008 November 6, 2012	1.25 mills 1 mill	2020 2022
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	September, 2004	18 mills	2014 (non-homestead only)
Van Buren Township School District	November, 2011 November, 2008	18 mills 1.13 mills	2016 (non-homestead only) 2015
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	May, 2010 February, 2012	18 mills 1 mill	2025 (non-homestead only) 2022

Persons entitled to be registered voters in Canton Township must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of, the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and Canton Township for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).

Registrations will be received at Canton Township Hall located at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2014 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, August 4, 2014, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, August 5, 2014.

To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120 prior to Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card, check the Clerk's voting page on Canton's Website at [www.canton-mi.org/clerk/voting.aspx](http://www.canton-mi.org/clerk/voting.aspx), or call the Clerk's office at 734-394-5120.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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# CANTON - PLYMOUTH

## Shakespeare Festival includes Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is teaming up with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to bring special performances to Canton next year. For three weeks in the summer of 2015, from July 29 - Aug. 16, 2015, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival will present its 2015 Season lineup, which will consist of two Shakespearean plays and one classical comedy, in Canton.

"I am thrilled beyond belief that the Michigan Shakespeare Festival will be expanding to the Canton Village Theater next year," said Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. "The festival will give our residents the opportunity to see professional Equity actors performing classic theater in repertory; not an easy thing to find short of driving an hour or more. This will also be the opportunity of a lifetime for our resident arts groups to witness classical theatre being professionally produced - as they rub elbows with the best of the best in Michigan."

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival's official 2015 season will be announced on opening night June 19. The festival will begin the 2015 season by rehearsing, previewing and opening performances at the Potter Center in Jackson, then moving the productions to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"Our hope is that we develop a long-term relationship with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival that serves to educate and enlighten



our community," said Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy. "Ultimately, we would like to put Canton on the map as a Shakespeare lover's destination and add this

to our growing lineup of popular annual cultural offerings."

"As the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, I think we have the responsibility to share

these works with as many people as possible - and with the expansion of the 2015 season to The Village Theater, we will be able to bring our amazing company closer to audiences in Southeast Michigan, said Artistic Director Janice L. Blixt. "We couldn't be happier about our partnership with Canton and The Village Theater at Cherry Hill."

Founded in 1995, The Michigan Shakespeare Festival has produced for 20 years in Jackson. Starting as an outdoor festival in Ella Sharp Park, the company moved indoors to their current home at the Potter Center on the campus of Jackson College in 2003, allowing for higher levels of technical and professional performances, as well as audience comfort. That same year the group received the designation as The Official Shakespeare Festival of Michigan by the state Legislature.

Ticket sales for the Canton performances of the 2015 season, including season Flex Passes, will be announced this autumn and available through The Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office. A Flex Pass will include one ticket to each production, and show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase, or at a later date.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

For additional information, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call (734)394-5300.

## Local fire fighters help ‘Fill the Boot’ effort

More than 10 members of the Plymouth Township Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 1496 raised \$2,146 during the annual Fill the Boot drive May 30.

Plymouth Township Fire Department employees stood in front of the local Kroger and Busch's stores greeting customers and raising funds to help local families affected by Muscular Dystrophy.

"For six decades, fire fighters have fueled MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) mission to find treatments and cures for life-threatening muscle diseases, and this year's Plymouth Township Fill the Boot results are a perfect example of the true dedication Local 1496 has toward supporting the families we serve," said Executive Director Robin R. Rhea. "We're grateful for the support of these inspiring, selfless individuals who provide life-saving help that will fund research, advocate for

children and adults affected by muscle disease, and rally our community to fight back."

Funds raised through 2014 Plymouth Township Fill the Boot event will help support MDA programs of worldwide research, specialized health care services, and day-to-day support - which includes sending children affected by muscular dystrophy and related muscle diseases to a weeklong, barrier-free MDA summer camp at Camp Cavell in Lexington, MI.

As the Muscular Dystrophy Association's largest national sponsor, the IAFF fuels MDA's mission to find treatments and cures for life-threatening muscle diseases.

The IAFF is a major contributing sponsor of the MDA Show of Strength Telethon, and IAFF contributions from charity baseball games and other local events help support MDA's efforts to raise awareness and

provide professional and public education about neuromuscular diseases.

IAFF support for MDA began in 1954 when the organization committed by proclamation to support MDA until a cure is found.. The IAFF raised \$100,000 for MDA in 1955, and \$1 million in 1970, and fire fighters continue to raise the bar in their fundraising efforts. In 2013, more than 100,000 fire fighters participated in Fill the

Boot events across the country and raised \$26.2 million. To date the IAFF has raised \$530 million for MDA.

The International Association of Fire Fighters represents more than 300,000 professional fire fighters and paramedics who protect 85 percent of the nation's population. More than 3,200 affiliates and their members protect communities in every state in the United States and in Canada.

## Workers blamed in roof fire

One man was treated at the scene of a roof fire at the Golden Gate Shopping Center in Canton last Sunday, but no other injuries were reported.

According to reports from the public safety department, a 911 call was received at about 8 a.m. on June 22, reporting a fire at the shopping center, located on Lilley Road, south of Joy. Responding fire fighters reported heavy smoke from the roof of the building and were told by dispatch that there could be workers trapped in the roof section.

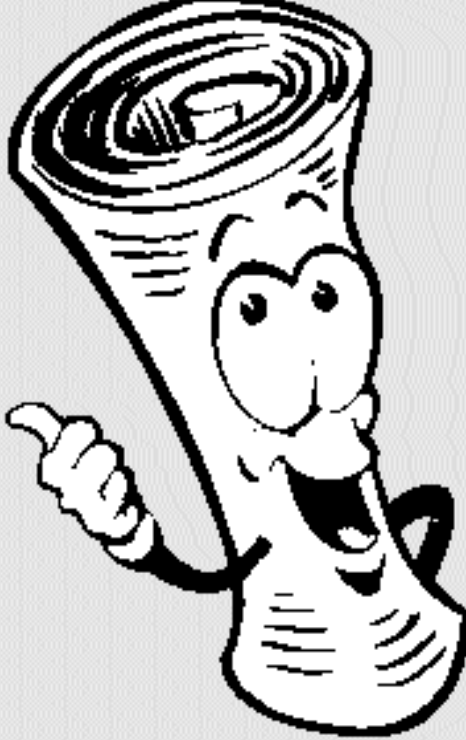
Firefighters wearing protective gear, including self-contained breathing apparatus, forced entry into the business and found fire in the attic. They used the department

100-foot ladder truck to safely gain access onto the roof to cut ventilation holes, which allowed heat and smoke to escape from the attic.

All employees and patrons of the occupied businesses were evacuated with assistance from Canton police officers. One rooftop worker was treated on scene by firefighter/paramedics for minor burns but declined transport to a hospital, according to official reports of the incident.

Several businesses within the shopping center suffered smoke damage, officials said. The fire was ruled accidental in nature, having been started by workers using a torch to make repairs to the roof, according to official reports.

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# Inkster - Northville

## At last Navy veteran awarded service medals 68-years after discharge

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Staff Writer

When retired Northville barber and veteran Tom Arbanas disembarked the USS Walker in 1945, he had just returned from 80 days at sea and heavy combat in Okinawa. His Navy ship had sustained persistent Japanese kamikaze attacks and the young 18-year-old Petty Officer Third Class was ready for discharge.

All Arbanas could think about was getting home.

Now 68 years later, the 86-year-old World War II veteran is being recognized for his bravery and courage during his military service.

Last Friday, U.S. District Veterans Liaison Joe Salvia, representing Congressman Kerry Bentivolio, R-11th District, along with Commander Steve Frazer and Past Commander Lyle Avery of VFW Northville Post 4012 presented Arbanas with service medals and ribbons he missed on that November day he was discharged in San Diego.

"I didn't think about much it," said Arbanas who lives in Kings Mill in Northville along with his wife of 64 years, Katherine.



VFW Post Commander, Steve Frazer, left, Tom Arbanas, Past Commander Lyle Avery and, special AMVETS emissary Joe Salvia celebrate Arbanas medals.

"I didn't have enough time to get the medals," Arbanas said. He trained as a barber after leaving the Navy and owned his own shop on Dunlap Street in Northville from 1986 through 1992.

When Frazer got a call from Washington, D.C. regarding Arbanas' service, he went to work and contacted special emissary Salvia, from the AMVETS Commerce District Office to help get the paperwork in place so Arbanas, who served in the Asia Pacific campaign and Pearl Harbor, would receive his medals.

Arbanas received three medals for his service; American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign and the Victory Medal.

## International nonprofit moves into Inkster

The former Livernois Engineering building in Inkster will soon have new owners.

Zaman International, a nonprofit organization with a 10-year record of service to marginalized women and children, has closed on the purchase of the 40,500 square-foot building that will serve as the new company headquarters and center of operations.

The building, located at 26091 Trowbridge St., south of Michigan Avenue and west of Beech Daly, will allow Zaman to consolidate six operating locations, including the current Dearborn headquarters office, into one facility, according to a company spokesperson. The facility will be known as Zaman International's Hope For Humanity Center.

In addition to the Zaman head-

quarters, the Hope For Humanity Center will include space for the organizations food bank, vocational training, clothing recycling and distribution, and furniture donation programs. It enables the organization to have the space to grow its programs for women and children as well as add educational programs, while responding to new needs as they emerge, the spokesperson continued.

"The Hope For Humanity Center includes everything Zaman offers under one roof and is on a bus line, close to the members of our community who are most in need of Zaman's services," said Najah Bazzzy, Zaman International executive director, a trans-cultural nurse who founded the organization in 2004. "This location allows us to be as cost-

effective as possible and convenient for the people we serve and the volunteers who help our organization fulfill its mission every day."

The purchase includes an 18,000 square foot parking lot across the street from the main building, which could eventually be used for future expansion. The organization is currently raising funds for a renovation of the building.

## Tickets on sale for 21st Annual Northville Garden Walk

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville are sponsoring the 21st Annual Garden Walk from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9.

The walk will feature six pri-

vate gardens in and around Northville and Northville Township. Included in the ticket price are a garden market, live music and complimentary refreshments, all in a 19th century village setting at the historic Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St. in downtown Northville.

Non-refundable tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Gardenviews Garden Gallery, 117 E. Main St., (248) 380-8881, on the day of the walk at the gate at Mill Race Village or ordered from <http://www.cgcnv.org/www.cgcnv.org> [ghttp://www.cgcnv.org/interested/ht](http://www.cgcnv.org/interested/ht) [tp://www.cgcnv.org.interested/.](tp://www.cgcnv.org.interested/)

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Obituaries



**Amelia Davis-Singleton**  
Sunrise: March 21, 1960  
Sunset: June 8, 2014

Amelia Davis-Singleton died June 8, 2014.

Among those survivors left to cherish her memory are her loving and devoted husband, Kenneth Singleton; her loving daughter, Jamil Adell (Brandon Kyle) Smith; her grandchildren, Breana and Brandon, Jr.; her in-laws, Geraldine (John) Pounds and Issac Singleton; loving sisters, twin Aletha (Matthew) Hicks, Connie (John) Boyce, Linda (Gregory) Boyce Foster, Charlotte (Vern) Fields and Ragna Anderson; a brother, Kenneth Boyce, Jr.; step brothers, Casso, Clyde, Paul, Kene and Michael, her step sister, Pearlaine; brothers-in-law, Torrance Singleton and Carlton (Raushanah) Singleton; nieces and nephews, Angel, Taleah, Lateria, Diaviane, Calvin, LaSalle, Jr. Kendall, Thomas, Cameron; a host of other relatives including great-nieces, great-nephews, step-nieces and nephews and cousins, and many friends.


She was preceded in death by her sisters Diane and Esterleen and a niece, Star.

Funeral services took place at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Westland with the Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth officiating.

Final arrangements were

entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.



**Harold Grant Thomas**  
Sunrise: July 5, 1949  
Sunset: June 10, 2014

Harold Grant Thomas died June 10, 2014.

Among those survivors left to cherish his memory are his loving mother, Eva Thomas, a brother, David Thomas; two sisters, Eula Sally Payne and Linda Rounds; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, and his very special friend Joyce Purry.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by a brother, Samuel Thomas and a sister, Pamela Brown.

Funeral services took place at Womack Temple CME Church in Inkster with the Rev. Tyson Kelley officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

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**Joe Louis Valentine, Sr.**  
Sunrise: Aug. 15, 1937  
Sunset: June 14, 2014


Joe Louis Valentine, Sr. died June 14, 2014.

Among those survivors left to mourn his death and celebrate the memories of a life well lived are his wife of 55 years, Berthenia Valentine; his children, Joe Dean Bobo, Robert (Lorraine) Surratt, Cynthia Valentine, Joyce (Eddie) Valentine-Dudley, Joe (Debra) Valentine, Jr., Kelvin (Cassandra), Sharon and Carol Valentine, all of Michigan; grandchildren, Tomeka, Marcus, Robert, Jeffery, La'Keah, DeShawnte' (Artice), Triaire, Ciera, Jon, Janson (Wanetta), Kelvin, Jr., Raynard, Audree', Kandice and Jessica; four brothers, the Rev. L.J. (Ruth) Valentine; J. B. (Louis) Valentine, Jessie Ray Valentine, Jr. and Charles E. Valentine of South Carolina; two sisters, Kathleen (William) Hughes and Mittie Harris, both of Michigan; many great-grandchildren; a host of other family members and loved ones, and many friends..

Funeral services took place at the Romulus Community Baptist Church with Pastor Hiram McBurrows, Jr. officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.



**Arthur William Treadway**  
Dec. 29, 1939  
June 12, 2014

Arthur William Treadway died June 12, 2014.

Among those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 49 years, Jackie Treadway; sons, Gary (althea) and Adam (Tyona); brothers, Mark of Cleveland Heights, OH and Geroge of Barbeton, OH; brothers-in-law, Charles (Earlene) Tye and Wallace (Lisa) Watson; grandchildren, Tanya, Cecilia, Amber, Ashlie, Amari, Eve, Ken, Imaria, Tiria and Jeran; two great-grandchildren, Demitria and Ken, Jr.; cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members, and many friends.

Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Mark A. McClain officiating.

Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

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