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## IN RIVER ROUGE, CHALLENGES ARE INEVITABLE, DEFEAT IS OPTIONAL

### RIVER ROUGE PUSHES FOR ACADEMICS

By: Derrick Coleman - River Rouge Superintendent



Coach Corey Parker (center) River Rouge Academic All State Students

The River Rouge High School Panther Football Team continues to receive accolades for this historic season. Coach Corey Parker demands that his team meets an incredibly high standard for the gridiron and in the classroom. He understands the power of athletics and his ability to shape these young men into the standard for high school student-athletes who desire to become difference makers in their communities well after their playing careers are over.

In addition to leading the Panthers to the Division 5 State Championship game at Ford Field on Saturday, November 28, 2015, this year's team also garnered Academic All State for their commitment to academic excellence, and Coach Parker was named Division 5 Coach of the Year. The Academic All-State Award is presented to the four teams in each of the eight-playoff divisions with the highest team GPA based on a 4.000 scale.

Coach Parker was extremely proud of these accomplishment and said, "The Academic All State award weighs much higher than any other trophy that we have won this year. Many athletes are patted on the back for scoring, or tackling on the field, but this shows we are committed to helping them reach their goals in life outside of football. Football is temporary and something they can only do for a short period of time; however, academics puts them in the position to be successful in life and that is our ultimate goal."

"The complete outlook on how we wrap our hands around the students. As a staff we are willing to get these students what they need outside of football. Their parents trust us to change the course of the student's life. We are pushing for them to live everyday lives as productive citizens from the love, support, discipline that they need", said Parker.

The students that were selected for this incredible achievement for us were: Lee



Coach of the Year Corey Parker with son holding the Division 5 trophy

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### STEM roots in River Rouge

By: Krystal Muhammad - STEM Principal



Students making recycled car projects

STEM education includes every field under the umbrella of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math—everything from chemistry to physics, software design to trigonometry. STEM, and therefore, STEM education—are vital to our future—the future of our region, the future of our city and the future of our children.

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- Donate money to groups/organizations that dedicate their time to helping others
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- Open up your home to help house children that are in the system and provide them a loving family.

I'm sure there is something in the list that touches your heart and encourages you to give.

If you spread your giving throughout the year, we would be able to put a smile on people's faces for twelve months verses just for one month.

Well, I hope the year 2016 is filled with the season of giving all year long. If you do your part it will be.

Each year during the month of December, I focus one of my columns on giving during this season.

It normally goes like this.... "What if people gave all year like they do during the Christmas season? How much happier the world would be.?"

Well, what I realized was that I was singing the same song to the same choir. Have you ever done that? You keep saying the same thing over and over and you keep getting the same result, but it isn't the result that you are looking for. I realized that maybe I need to change the message.

I have decided to revise the message. Each year, I say to you, Christmas is not the only time that

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# Local control restored in River Rouge

City released from consent agreement following significant financial reform



provide quality services for its residents.

Background

May 18, 2009

Treasury begins a preliminary review of the City's finances under Public Act 72 of 1990. The preliminary review finds justification for a deeper financial review.

October 17, 2009

A Review Team is appointed to probe the City's finances. The Team ultimately concludes that a "serious financial problem" existed in the City.

As an alternative to the appointment of an emergency financial manager, the Review Team negotiates and executes a Consent Agreement with the City, effective on December 15, 2009.

LANSING -- State Treasurer Nick Khouri has informed River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler that the city has performed well under a consent agreement signed in December 2009 and as a result of significant financial and budgetary reforms, will be returned to local control effective Monday, December 7, 2015.

Khouri noted that the city had made "significant operational and financial progress" since signing the agreement and that "circumstances which led to the financial emergency have been corrected." Khouri also noted that previous deficits have been eliminated and replaced with multi-million dollar fund balances.

"The city has made significant progress over the last few years to address the financial emergency in River Rouge," Khouri said. "Local officials

have made numerous critical decisions and taken important steps forward to ensure continued fiscal stability. As a result, the city has complied with terms of the Consent Agreement, therefore a release from the agreement is justified."

Treasury will continue to meet with River Rouge officials quarterly to ensure support for the city as it continues to improve financially, operationally, and

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# The Global Genius of President Barack H. Obama

By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.  
NNPA News Wire Columnist



When you are considered by millions of people across the nation and throughout the world community to be the "Leader of the Free World," that is an awesome and serious international responsibility. Do you remember when President Obama was first elected eight years ago? There were numerous pundits who questioned whether or not the first African American to be President of the United States of America had the fortitude and intellectual capacity to provide leadership not only across the country, but also on the worldwide geopolitical stage.

This month as President Obama prepares to enter his last year as president, it is important to state for the record that I believe history will one day stipulate that Barack H. Obama was in fact the most successful President of the U.S. That is a fact in terms of Obama's leading the restoration of the nation's economy, reducing the deficit, increasing employment, providing health care for the first time to millions of people, innovating the energy sector, leading the world toward environmental and climate protection, and challenging racism by irreversibly shattering the myth of white supremacy.

There are some, however, who would ask what about the escalating problems of terrorism and the devastating wars that still rage particularly in the Middle East? Those are fair questions. But we should not forget about the catastrophic aftermath of the ill-advised and counterproductive war that President George W. Bush initiated by unjustly invading and occupying Iraq. The international dangers and threats of terrorism increase exponentially as a direct result of the Bush-Chaney regime.

The vast majority of all Americans are proud of the leadership and success of President Obama even in the face of seven straight years of partisan obstructionism and political division in Washington, DC. In particular, most African Americans applaud the outstanding leadership of President Obama. It is also true that there are many in the African American community who feel that President Obama should

be doing more to help improve the overall quality of life of Black America unapologetically.

I, however, take a broader view. Yes, all of the various federal government departments and agencies directly under the supervision of the Obama Administration should commit the next 12 months to significantly increase the allocation of resources to benefit and empower African Americans, Latino Americans and others who have been historically denied equity and access to assistance from the federal government.

For example more funding for all our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and redirecting millions of U.S. government advertising dollars back to African American-owned newspapers, media companies and other businesses to make up for past non-equitable allocations of funds should now be a top priority. Ending the disproportionate mass incarceration African Americans and others needs to be accelerated.

Of course confronting poverty in our communities with economic development and enhancing the education of our children continues to be a priority. Black Lives Matter and we must continue to protest police brutality and the failure of the justice system to be fair and just.

Sometimes, when we only see the glass of life and society as being half empty rather than being half full, our perspectives and aspirations will be constrained by the negatives and contradictions of life. The resilience and steady progress of Black America are not ultimately in the hands of our detractors or oppressors. They are in our own hands. We are blessed, not cursed, with the resilience of African people.

Our ancestors refused to permit oppression to determine their future. We, therefore, will not permit today's oppression to determine the sustainability of our future. The reason why I focused this piece first and foremost of the essence of the contemporary leadership of President Barack Obama is because if we do not lift him up, nobody else will. If we do not lift ourselves up, no one else will do it for us.

In case you did not see the recent press conference that President Obama held in Paris, France during the International Summit on Climate Change in the wake of the tragic terrorist attack in that city, I encourage you to go online and view it in its entirety. Why? Because at that critical moment in Paris in front of other world leaders, President Obama did not

waiver. He rose to the occasion with poise, stamina, intellect, knowledge and tremendous strength of character, vision and integrity.

In short, the global genius that President Obama boldly displayed in Paris gave millions of people throughout the world encouragement and a reaffirmation to continue to work to make the world a better place today and for future generations. Tough and hard questions were asked at the press conference. President Obama gave tough and clear answers to all of the questions in such a manner that it should have made all of us proud and determined to keep pressing forward for freedom, justice and equality for all.

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# The Donald does it again

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, no stranger to controversy herself tweeted "This is reprehensible, prejudiced and divisive. You don't get it. This makes us less safe."

And Marco Rubio tweeted "Making offensive and outlandish statements will not bring Americans together."

The best tweet came from Jeb Bush when he said that "Donald Trump is unhinged".

The Philadelphia Daily News, compared Trump's plan to Adolf Hitler's imprisonment of Jews during the Holocaust.

Comparing him to Hitler is a bit of a stretch, but a comparison to Franklin Roosevelt biggest mistake, the interment of Japanese Americans is right on target.

This country is stronger when all the people work together.

Now for the President. Obama's speech from the Oval Office on Sunday did little to instill confidence during this war on terror.

His main proposal was for more gun control.

What is his fear of law-abiding citizens having guns?

His idea to stop people on the no fly list is a good one, but what is to stop people from wanting to do harm from getting guns.

Especially if they are supported by ISIS?

*Special thanks to Yahoo Politics.*

Presidential candidate Donald Trump did it again. He is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.

Can we have a total and complete shutdown of Donald Trump?

Please.

Such a ban brings up memories of Japanese-American interment during World War Two.

Do we really want to go there?

He initially said that the ban would include Muslim-Americans traveling overseas but changed his mind.

Trump said on Tuesday that there would be exceptions.

"If a person is a Muslim, goes overseas and comes back, they can come back," Trump said. "They're a citizen. That's different."

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Get Your House In Order

by Janine Folks By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



We're in the last month of the year. It's a great time for an alignment!

Assess where you are and where you want to be. Are you headed in the right direction? Are you taking steps to get there? Although we may never arrive totally, we can try with all that's in us to come as close as possible.

I hope that 2015 has been a productive year for you. You may not have done all that you wanted to do, but I know that you accomplished something significant this year.

I am not here to deliver a deadly diagnosis like Isaiah did with Hezekiah in Isaiah 38.1. Yet, I hope that you take heed all the same.

Hezekiah was granted fifteen additional years (Is. 38.5) to do what he needed to do. This came after fervent prayer. Only God knows how much time you have or how much time you need. We do not know, but I do urge you to make every day count, maximize each and

every moment.

Live a balanced life! Work hard but don't neglect to have times of enjoyment. Cherish family and friends. Do things that matter and bless people.

Formulate a task list. A list is a great tool to use as a guide, but know that God will amend it by doing exceeding abundantly above what you could imagine or think to write on your list (Eph. 3.20).

As we wrap up the year, tie up your loose ends. Get a grip on your life, or at least try to. Sharpen your vision. Envision your future; God has (Jer. 29:11). Whatever is not right in your life, work on getting it right, or at the very least work on getting it better.

In short, 'get your house in order.' Prepare you heart and mind for 2016: yourself, your family, your life's work, and all that is important to you. Prepare your soul for eternal salvation. (Rom. 10.9). No one knows the day or hour (Mat. 24.36).

Again, get your house in order, whatever that means to you, my friend. I wish you love and blessings. Email janinewritestoinpire@yahoo.com

Janine Folks Minister. Writer. Author. Chaplain www.janinefolks.com Inspired to write; Writing to inspire

BIBLE VERSE

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. JOHN 14:1

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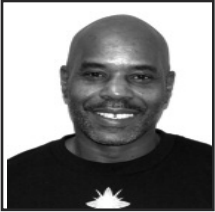
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## He Changed the world Ron Scott - Activist dies at 68 years old



*In his own words*

I like to call myself a "Transformational Anthropologist." I am deeply interested and engaged in activities and projects that change human and social behavior in the direction of peace and reconciliation. I am a political/social activist, a political consultant, a radio/television host and a documentary producer and chronicler of history.

Two of my most cherished awards are that of Unsung Hero from the Congressional Black Caucus; and the Silver Circle Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. I have spoken locally and nationally about transforming community, peace-building, the Black Panther Party, engaging today's Black youth, mentoring, and activism.

I grew up in the Jeffries Projects in Detroit, where my political and social worldview was shaped by an astute single mother who eventually earned a degree and became a teacher, and by conservative as well as progressive teachers who angered, challenged and ultimately inspired me. I was accepted into the University of Michigan in 1965, before Affirmative Action was in place to ensure educational equity.

I was fortunate to have participated in the famous 1963 Detroit March, where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. previewed his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. later that year. A few years later, in the middle of my U-M attendance, I heard an electrifying Kathleen Cleaver speak at Detroit's St. Matthew/St. Joseph Church and found myself co-founding Detroit's Black Panther Party Chapter.

I am a political consultant and media strategist who has worked with the likes of the late Mayor Coleman A. Young, Congressman John Conyers and H. Ross Perot. I was an early producer of one of the longest-running African American-focused shows in the U.S., WTVS (PBS affiliate) "Detroit Black Journal" and have interviewed some of the 20th century's most intriguing people, from Martha Reeves and James Brown and the group "Enchantment" to the Archbishop of Durban, South Africa to Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

I've covered Republican and Democratic National Conventions alike, and am a member of Michigan's Democratic State Central Committee.

Now, I serve as spokesperson for the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality ([www.detroit-coalition.org](http://www.detroit-coalition.org)), and am a member of the Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leader

ship ([www.boggscenter.org](http://www.boggscenter.org)). The public funeral for Detroit activist Ron Scott will be 11 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Historic Little Rock Baptist Church.

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TAYLOR – Gilead Baptist Church, officials from the City of Taylor and concerned residents of the community will hold a candlelight prayer vigil for the late Emma Watson Nowling on Thursday, December 10. The vigil will begin at 7 p.m. in front of the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road (just south of Northline). The public is welcome to attend.

Emma, 7, was shot and killed by a family acquaintance December 3 after a soccer practice at the Sportsplex. Her mother, Sharon Elizabeth Watson, 37, was also shot and severely injured but is expected to recover. The mother and daughter lived in Belleville.

A brief service with musical accompaniment will be conducted by Executive Pastoral Assistant Shawn Lewis and Worship Leader Craig Brown of Gilead Baptist Church. Mayor Rick Sollars and Police Chief Mary Sclabassi will speak at the event.

A member of Gilead Baptist Church approached Lewis about hosting the event.

An opening prayer will be offered by Lewis before Mayor Sollars officially greets the crowd and offers some introductory remarks. Chief Sclabassi is scheduled to follow. She will talk about Emma, who was known as a very sweet girl who was progressing tremendously over the past year at her school, South Arbor Charter Academy. Just days ago, the entire student body wore blue in Emma's memory.

Those who participate should bring their own candles, paper cups and lighting device for the candlelight portion of the event.

Please take note that while the event will be held in the a clearly marked area in front of the building, anyone attending the prayer vigil should park in the back of the Sportsplex, off Superior Blvd. Attendants will direct vehicles to specially assigned parking.

Those attending are asked to refrain from parking in the front of the building, because both soccer and hockey have full schedules inside the arena.

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December 11, 2005 from 2:30-4:00 PM at The Family Place located at 8726 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. Call 313-410-5264 to register. If you're having a baby or have a child under the age of 5, the City of Detroit has a number to link you to the resources you need, 961-BABY.

**Christmas at Historic Fort Wayne**  
Saturday, December 12, 2015 12:30-6:00 PM at Fort Wayne 6325 W. Jefferson 48207.

**Ecorse Senior Fitness Day**  
Thursdays at 1:00 pm at the Ethel Stephenson Senior Citizen Building.

**Romulus Star Wars Saturdays**  
December 12, 2015 at noon at 11121 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174. Showing "Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" (PG-13) & "Episode IV - A New Hope" (PG)  
No registration is required, just drop in!  
**City Council Meeting**  
Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Romulus City Hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd., Romulus MI 48174.

**Ready to Read Story Time!**  
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**Taylor Santa's Magic Forest** will be open through December 22 in the Heritage Park Activities Building, 12111 Pardee Road. It will be open Fridays (5-8 p.m.) Saturdays (1-8 p.m.) and Sundays (1-7 p.m.) every weekend (times change to 1-7 p.m. on December 21 and 22). Special hours during Reindeer Days at the Heritage Park Petting Farm are 12p. m. to 8 p. m.

**Wayne Sew Friendly - Senior Services Office**  
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
This group (all ages) gets together to work on their hand-sewn projects.  
Location : Recreation & Exercise Club, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, MI 48184

**Rouge-a-Palooza**  
Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 7:00-8:00 PM. Please join Kurt Kuban and Mathew Mulholland to discuss the 2015 RAP at Goudy Park. The meeting will take place at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center located at 35000 Sims Ave. Wayne, MI 48184.

**Wyandotte City Council Meeting**  
Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers located on 3200 Biddle Ave, Suite 300, Wyandotte MI 48192

**Wyandotte Museum Open House**  
Friday, December 18, 2015 from 5:30-8:30 and Saturday, December 19, 2015 from noon-4:00PM. Join us for a special holiday celebration at the Ford-MacNichol Home. Step back in time with us as we recreate a turn-of-the-century Christmas with the custom and décor of days gone by. Free admission to the Museum during the event! Located at the Museum Campus on 2610 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte MI 48192.

**Inkster Amnesty International**, representatives from the United Nations, will be in attendance at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 4300 Harrison, Inkster, Michigan on December 12, 2015. The group will be taking TESTIMONY from the citizens, parents, guardians of the displaced students from the Inkster School District regarding the closing of the Inkster School System. Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday, December 12, 2015. Please direct any inquiries to: Inkster.Nan@gmail.com.

To have your event listed in the Community Events, send an email to Estefania Arellano at info@telegramnews.net.

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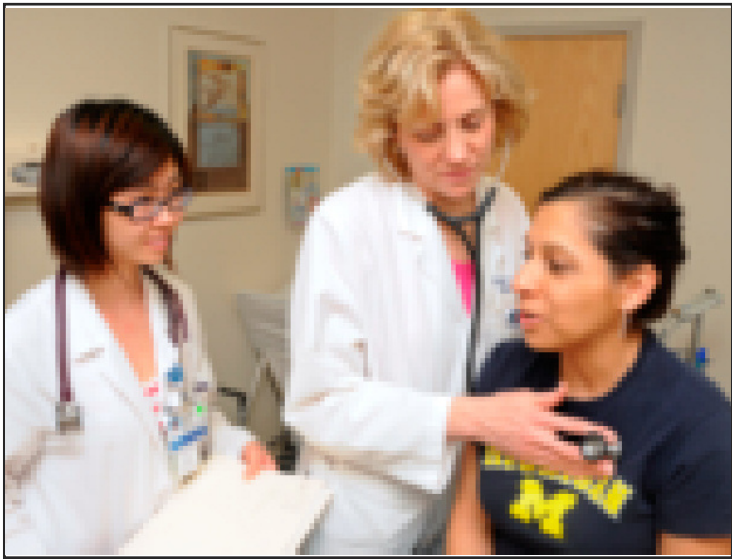
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## Wyandotte Clinic Earns \$20,000 Safety Net Grant



Doctors provide services to Downriver residents

WYANDOTTE – The Wyandotte Clinic for the Working Uninsured Board of Directors is pleased to announce Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the BCBSM Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant to the clinic. The grant will support the clinic's operations and enhance its primary care and preventive services, including some critical specialty services. The clinic is one of 52 healthcare facilities across the state of Michigan to receive an award.

"This generous grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is of critical importance to the clinic," stated Edward C. Bush, M.D., founder and Clinic President. "A tremendous demand for our services continues despite national and staff efforts at healthcare reform. We can continue to provide a high level of primary and chronic care services to those in need in the Downriver Region."

"Clinics like ours are vital to the community. They exist to help people take care of themselves on a regular basis and avoid the high cost of an emergency department visit," said Nancy Zack, clinic administrator. "Our patients are working to provide for their families and medical coverage is often seen as a luxury. In the next few months the clinic is going to extend serv-

ices to underinsured working adults and this grant will definitely help us do that."

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan safety net grant program is in its eleventh year and is dedicated to expanding access to healthcare for underinsured and uninsured Michigan residents. The program seeks to strengthen the safety net and fund free and low-cost medical and dental services and treatments to this segment of the community.

The Wyandotte Clinic for the Working Uninsured, located at 3333 Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte, Mich., was established in 2005 to help working adults improve and maintain their health by offering free primary and preventive care. Since opening its doors, the clinic has served more than 15,000 residents of the Downriver communities. The clinic operates solely on funds awarded by grants, fundraisers and donations. All physicians, medical personnel and administrative staff donate their time. Office hours are by appointment only and patients are seen on Wednesday evenings and occasional Saturday mornings. Call 734-365-3560, visit [facebook.com/wyandotte-clinic](http://facebook.com/wyandotte-clinic) or visit the web site: [www.wyandotteclinic.com](http://www.wyandotteclinic.com).

## HEALTH

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 16, 2015



## December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Take time to discuss your driving habits with your family, it only takes a second to change a life

Did you know that December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month? Last week, President Barack Obama released an official proclamation highlighting the recognizable risks of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, while also emphasizing the growing dangers associated with a less acknowledged hazard: distracted driving.

"Drunk drivers kill more than 10,000 people annually, and about one-third of traffic deaths in the United States involve a driver with a blood alcohol concentration above the legal limit," he said. "Driving under the influence of drugs, an increasingly common occurrence, carries the same risks as drunk driving and is just as avoidable. And driving distracted, including while using a cell phone, can lead to tragic outcomes that are also preventable. Every American can play a role in reducing the frequency of these incidents by speaking out and warning others of the dangers associated with impaired driving, taking away the keys of would-be

drivers they know to be intoxicated, and reminding drivers they are riding with to stay focused on the road and to limit distractions."

As President Obama explained, while impaired driving previously applied to those solely under the influence of drug or alcohol, cell phones now increasingly impair those behind the wheel (this includes texting, calling, eating, utilizing hands free technology, and any other task that takes your hands, eyes and mind off of the road). Heading into the holiday season, a time where our nation witnesses an annual surge in impaired related accidents, it's important that all motorists recognize the dangers associated not only with drunk and drugged driving, but also operating a motor vehicle while distracted.

Of course, to avoid driving under the influence, authorities frequently urge impaired individuals to choose a designated driver or call a taxi. Likewise, it's just as easy to prevent distracted driving incidents by pulling over for texts or calls, or by preferably avoiding tasks al-

together that leave you unfocused while on the road.

Heading into Christmas and New Year's, we can all do our part to reduce road hazards associated with impaired and distracted driving. As President Obama explained, "No person should suffer the tragedy of losing someone as a result of drunk, drugged, or distracted driving... This month, we recommit to preventing these incidents by acting responsibly and by promoting responsible behavior in those around us. Together, we can enhance public safety and work to ensure a happy, healthy life for all our people."

Take the Telegram's pledge against distracted driving today. And don't just sign the oath, take a picture of you with your completed pledge! Your photo could appear in an upcoming issue of the Telegram as we continue our ongoing campaign against distracted driving. Please send pictures to [srjefferson@telegram-news.net](mailto:srjefferson@telegram-news.net). You may also mail to: 10748 West Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218.



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**REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT COMMEMORATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
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THE PRESIDENT: "In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free." That's what President Lincoln once wrote. "Honorable alike in what we give, and what we preserve. We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth."

Mr. Speaker, leaders and members of both parties, distinguished guests: We gather here to commemorate a century and a half of freedom -- not simply for former slaves, but for all of us.

Today, the issue of chattel slavery seems so simple, so obvious -- it is wrong in every sense. Stealing men, women, and children from their homelands. Tearing husband from wife, parent from child; stripped and sold to the highest bidder; shackled in chains and bloodied with the whip. It's antithetical not only to our conception of human rights and dignity, but to our conception of ourselves -- a people founded on the premise that all are created equal.

And, to many at the time, that judgment was clear as well. Preachers, black and white, railed against this moral outrage from the pulpit. Former slaves rattled the conscience of Americans in books, in pamphlets, and speeches. Men and women organized anti-slavery conventions and fundraising drives. Farmers and shopkeepers opened their barns, their homes, their cellars as waystations on an Underground Railroad, where African Americans often risked their own freedom to ensure the freedom of others. And enslaved Americans, with no rights of their own, they ran north and kept the flame of freedom burning, passing it from one generation to the next, with their faith, and their dignity, and their song.

The reformers' passion only drove the protectors of the status quo to dig in harder. And for decades, America wrestled with the issue of slavery in a way that we have with no other, before or since. It shaped our politics, and it nearly tore us asunder. Tensions ran so high, so personal, that at one point, a lawmaker was beaten unconscious on the Senate floor. Eventually, war broke out -- brother against brother, North against South.

At its heart, the question of slavery was never simply about civil rights. It was about the meaning of America, the kind of country we wanted to be -- whether this nation might fulfill the

call of its birth: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights," that among those are life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

President Lincoln understood that if we were ever to fully realize that founding promise, it meant not just signing an Emancipation Proclamation, not just winning a war. It meant making the most powerful collective statement we can in our democracy: etching our values into our Constitution. He called it "a King's cure for all the evils."

A hundred and fifty years proved the cure to be necessary but not sufficient. Progress proved halting, too often deferred. Newly freed slaves may have been liberated by the letter of the law, but their daily lives told another tale. They couldn't vote. They couldn't fill most occupations. They couldn't protect themselves or their families from indignity or from violence. And so abolitionists and freedmen and women and radical Republicans kept cajoling and kept rabble-rousing, and within a few years of the war's end at Appomattox, we passed two more amendments guaranteeing voting rights, birthright citizenship, equal protection under the law.

And still, it wasn't enough. For another century, we saw segregation and Jim Crow make a mockery of these amendments. And we saw justice turn a blind eye to mobs with nooses slung over trees. We saw bullets and bombs terrorize generations.

And yet, through all this, the call to freedom survived. "We hold these truths to be self-evident." And eventually, a new generation rose up to march and organize, and to stand up and to sit in with the moral force of nonviolence and the sweet sound of those same freedom songs that slaves had sung so long ago -- crying out not for special treatment, but for equal rights. Calling out for basic justice promised to them almost a century before.

Like their abolitionist predecessors, they were plain, humble, ordinary people, armed with little but faith: Faith in the Almighty. Faith in each other. And faith in America. Hope in the face so often of all evidence to the contrary, that something better lay around the bend.

Because of them -- maids and porters and students and farmers and priests and housewives -- because of them, a Civil Rights law

was passed, and the Voting Rights law was signed. And doors of opportunity swung open, not just for the black porter, but also for the white chambermaid, and the immigrant dishwasher, so that their daughters and their sons might finally imagine a life for themselves beyond washing somebody else's laundry or shining somebody else's shoes. Freedom for you and for me. Freedom for all of us.

And that's what we celebrate today. The long arc of progress. Progress that is never assured, never guaranteed, but always possible, always there to be earned -- no matter how stuck we might seem sometimes. No matter how divided or despairing we may appear. No matter what ugliness may bubble up. Progress, so long as we're willing to push for it; so long as we're willing to reach for each other.

We would do a disservice to those warriors of justice -- Tubman, and Douglass, and Lincoln, and King -- were we to deny that the scars of our nation's original sin are still with us today. We condemn ourselves to shackles once more if we fail to answer those who wonder if they're truly equals in their communities, or in their justice systems, or in a job interview. We betray the efforts of the past if we fail to push back against bigotry in all its forms.

But we betray our most noble past as well if we were to deny the possibility of movement, the possibility of progress; if we were to let cynicism consume us and fear overwhelm us. If we lost hope. For however slow, however incomplete, however harshly, loudly, rudely challenged at each point along our journey, in America, we can create the change that we seek. (Applause.) All it requires is that our generation be willing to do what those who came before us have done: To rise above the cynicism and rise above the fear, to hold fast to our values, to see ourselves in each other, to cherish dignity and opportunity not just for our own children but for somebody else's child. To remember that our freedom is bound up with the freedom of others -- regardless of what they look like or where they come from or what their last name is or what faith they practice. To be honorable alike in what we give, and what we preserve. To nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of Earth. To nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of Earth. That is our choice. Today, we affirm hope.

Thank you. God bless you. May God bless the United States of America.

## Inkster Police Department looks to hire new officers

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Inkster police department looking for new officers

As 2015 winds down, the Inkster Police Department is looking for new full-time officers to serve the city.

Applications are currently accepted at the Inkster City Hall HR/Personnel Office, and will remain available until each opening has been filled. The number of vacant positions has not been specified, though new candidates are set to be selected by early next year.

Inkster's search for new officers reflects a growing mission to mend rocky relations between law enforcement and city residents -- an aspect that came to a head following the beating of an unarmed local citizen, Floyd Dent, during a routine traffic stop in January. With the introduction of the city's new Chief of Police William Riley, each prospective candidate will undergo a rigorous interview process to ensure that the IPD and its officers holistically reflect the art of community policing.

"We're going to be very thorough with every applicant," said Riley. "Once each application comes in, a pre interview will be set up with personnel and then with myself to determine if we need to move forward. We will then conduct a background check to see what they've been involved with; we go out and talk to neighbors, as well as past and present employers.

"We're definitely going to do our homework because we don't want just anyone in our department. We're looking for positive, energetic people who understand community polic-

ing, and really have it in their hearts to do public service. That's the direction we're going in."

According to Riley, applicants should be 21 years old or older, and must also pass a psychological and physical exam to be considered for a position. With several veteran officers scheduled to retire within the next two years, bringing in qualified candidates remains imperative for the department -- an aspect that stands as a key component as the IPD continues to move forward in the coming months.

"I believe that this marks a key step for us," Riley said. "In bringing on new people, we're looking to restore good community policing, quality customer service, and our connection to the community. "Our officers will know that we will not tolerate misbehavior, or someone who's mentally and physically abusive to citizens. Our job is to keep citizens safe and maintain a good relationship with our residents. This is the first step in making sure that there is no misunderstanding of what we will expect as we move forward to grow our organization."

If you're interested in applying for a position, please go to [www.cityofinkster.com/Reference/JobOpportunities/Police-Officer.asp](http://www.cityofinkster.com/Reference/JobOpportunities/Police-Officer.asp), or visit Inkster City Hall at 26215 Trowbridge Rd. Completed applications should be returned to the HR/Personnel Office.



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# River Rouge Panthers

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River Rouge Varsity coaching family after winning Regional Title



Coach Corey Parker giving instructing for next play

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Junior 3.68, Jakyree Roper-Sorrells, Junior 3.50, Jharyn Price, Senior 3.99, Reginald Pearson, Sophomore 3.88, Devin Montgomery, Junior 3.78, DeAnte Rigsby, Sophomore 3.48, Marquis Robinson, Senior 3.35.

Coach Parker continued by saying, "These student-athletes represent the collective commitment of the school district here in River Rouge to support all students. Whether they participate in athletics, ROTC, Culinary Arts, or any of our other electives, we use the things they enjoy doing as an incentive to get them to school so we can make certain they develop as students first and foremost."

Two-Time Coach of the year Recipient- "I won this in 2012 and it was a great feeling. To receive the award again meant something more to me. This does not usually happen for a coach to win this award twice. It was a collective effort from my coaching staff. We worked together and they deserve to share this award with me."

**Junior Varsity SCHEDULE**

**Junior Varsity**  
Saturday, December 12, 2015

- 11:00 am - Pershing vs Country Day
- 12:30 pm - UPREP vs Hamtramck
- 2:00 pm - Cornerstone vs Hazel Park
- 3:30 pm - River Rouge vs Redford Union

**Junior Varsity**  
Sunday, December 13, 2015

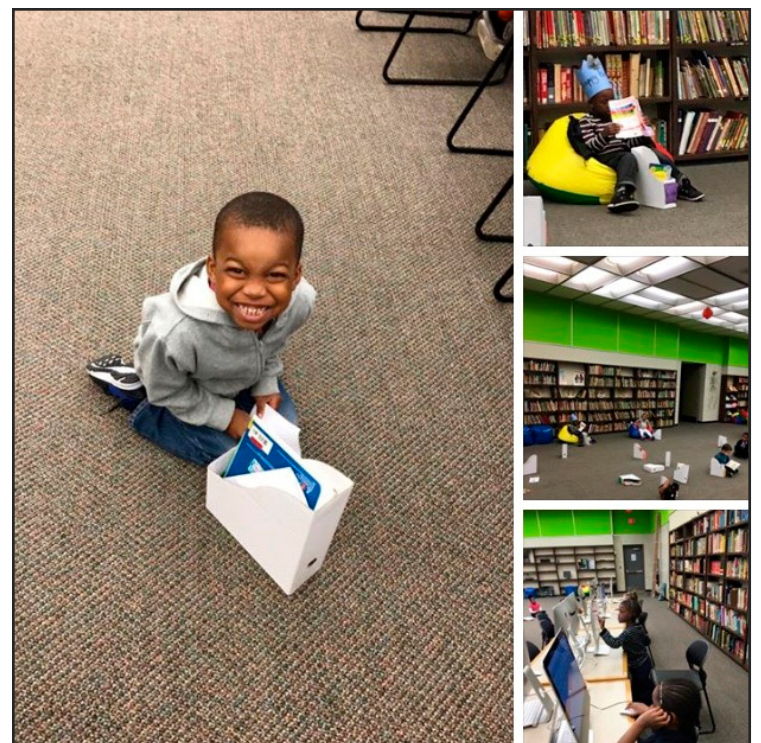
- 11:00 am - Loyola vs M.L. King
- 12:30 pm - Mumford vs Ecorse High
- 2:00 pm - Western vs North Farmington
- 3:30 pm - Cass Tech vs Orchard Lake
- 5:00 pm - River Rouge vs DEPSA



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# River Rouge STEM

From Page 1A



Students utilizing the scope of technology in library

in both the elementary and middle school through the Project Lead the Way curriculum. The school day (8:30a – 3:50p) includes courses that are designed to provide students with in-depth learning opportunities.

We are a small school. Our mission is simple; to prepare a career and college ready workforce of innovators in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We will work to produce innovative thinkers by any means necessary!

Since we opened in September, several exciting things have transpired and more opportunities and partnerships are in the making.

- DTE visited River Rouge STEM Academy in September to teach our students how to use energy more efficiently.
- In October, our 8th grade students visited Hewlett-

Packard for a STEM Careers Expo and we had a school-wide visit to Wiards to celebrate the Harvest Season.

- In November, our 3-5 grade students visited the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum.
- In December, our 5th thru 8th grade students began their recycled cars projects and our entire school began an Hour of Code.
- December 10 marks our Minute to Win IT; STEM Edition at 6.00pm at Dunn.
- December 14 we will host our first Parent Technology Workshop.

We've only just begun. If you're looking for something different for your child, a challenging curriculum, small class sizes and a caring staff; we invite you to consider the River Rouge K-8 STEM Academy; open enrollment begins in January.



Community men welcome STEM students on first day of school

# Kobe Gains Sell-Out at the Palace

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Kobe Bryant plays last game at the Palace of Auburn Hills  
Photo taken by Butch Davis

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 22 points, Andre Drummond added 18 points 15 rebounds, and Reggie Jackson added 20 points as the Pistons won their fourth straight beating the Los Angeles Lakers 111-91 blowout this past Sunday. The most excitement was in the fourth quarter when Nick Young shoved Anthony Tolliver after a hard foul. Metta World Peace was on the bench and didn't get involved as Marcus Morris quickly broke things up. Young was ejected. However, the real attraction was the present of superstar Kobe Bryant playing in the Palace of Auburn Hills for the last time. Kobe Bryant missed much of the Lakers' pre-game warm-ups' while battling a stomach bug, and needed an IV after the game before talking the floor. Bryant received a standing ovation before the game, when the arena went dark while Pistons public address announcer John Mason read off his long list of achievements, graciously skipping the loss to Detroit in the 2004 Finals. Bryant missed his first nine shots, and when he finally made one, a 3-pointer midway through the third quarter as the fans in the Palace gave him his second ovation of the night and a brief "KO-BE" chant broke out. He finished with five points on 2-of-15 shooting. In the mean while, the Pistons opened the

game with a 15-0 run over the first 3 minutes. That included a play where Bryant dribbled the ball at the top of the key while surveying the defense, and Jackson slid over to make a clean steal and broke back the other way for a basket. It was embarrassing. "This entire process has made me more mature," Bryant said about the reception he has received on his farewell tour. "It helped me realize how fortunate I've been to play this sport." Oh YEAH, the NBA announced this past Monday that Pistons Guard Reggie Jackson has been named

Eastern Conference Player of the Week for games played from November 30 through December 6. With Jackson's nomination, he and Pistons Center Andre Drummond became the first Pistons to win the award in the same season since Ben Wallace and Chauncey Billups each won Player of the Week honors during the 2003-04 season. Jackson posted averages of 27.0 points and 8.8 assists, leading the Pistons to four consecutive wins – the longest current win streak in the Eastern Conference. Jackson shot 56.9% from the field and 52.9% from beyond the arc during the four-game stretch and posted 30 points twice and recorded 20-plus points in each game. The fifth-year guard opened the week with a 31-point, eight-assist performance in a 116-105 win vs. Houston on 11/30, recorded 34 points and a season-high 16 assists in a come-from-behind 127-122 overtime win vs. Phoenix on Dec. 2. With his performance, Jackson became the first Piston to record 30-plus points and 15-plus assists in a game since Isiah Thomas recorded 40-plus points and 17 assists vs. Denver (1/2/88) and closed the week with a 20-point, six-assist game in just 25 minutes in a 111-91 win over the L.A. Lakers this past Sunday.

By the way the home team Pistons took to the road this past Monday night looking like they ran out of gas as Cody Zeller scored 20 points and the Charlotte Hornets snapped the Detroit Pistons' four-game winning streak with a 104-84 victory. Ouch!



Reggie Jackson Eastern Conference Player of the Week  
Photo by Butch Davis

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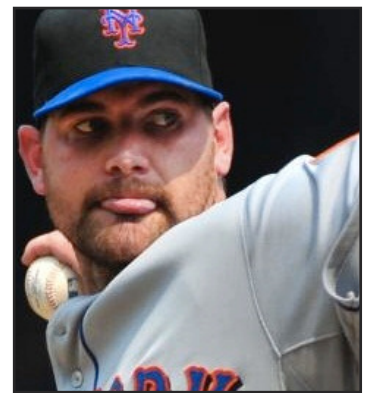


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# Tigers Add Two Players to Roster

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Mike Pelfrey agreeing to join the Detroit Tigers Roster. Photo By MLB

The Detroit Tigers announced that the club has agreed to terms with catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia on a one-year contract and has agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Mike Pelfrey agreeing on a two-year contract. "Jarrod provides catching depth to our roster and is a veteran presence," said Tigers Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations and General Manager Al Avila. "As a switch hitter he adds some power from the left side of the plate. He will compete for a roster spot in spring training." Saltalamacchia, 30, played for the Miami Marlins and the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2015, appearing in 79 games between the two teams. The 6-4, 235 lbs. switch-hitter posted a .225 (45x200) batting average with 26 runs scored, 15 doubles, nine home runs and 24 RBI. He hit .308 (8x26) as a

pinch hitter, which ranked tied for 10th in the National League. Al Avila also said these kind words about Mike Pelfrey, "We are happy to add a veteran pitcher like Mike to our club," "He is a proven major league starter who will strengthen our rotation." Pelfrey, 31, started 30 games for the Minnesota Twins in 2015 and posted a 6-11 record with a 4.26 ERA (164.2IP/78ER) and 86 strikeouts. The 6-7, 240 lbs., right-hander finished the season tied for the major league lead with 29 ground ball double plays, while he led the American League with 0.60 home runs allowed per nine innings and ranked sixth in the AL with a 2.14 ground ball-to-fly ball ratio. With the additions of Mike Pelfrey and Jarrod Saltalamacchia, the Tigers 40-man roster now stands at 39.

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## MHSAA Schools Approve Membership at 6th-Grade Level

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter

Big changes took place this past Monday as by a vote of 561 in favor and 87 opposed, the membership of the Michigan High School Athletic Association has approved an amendment to the MHSAA Constitution that for the first time in 2016-17 will permit schools to join the MHSAA at the 6th-grade level. Currently, MHSAA membership is open to schools at the 7th- and 8th-grade level as junior high/middle schools and at the 9th through 12th grades at the high school level. The MHSAA's total membership of 1,458 schools consists at this time of 705 junior high/middle schools and 753 high schools. The revision in the MHSAA Constitution does not require school districts to become member schools at the junior high/middle school level and does not require school districts to sponsor any interscholastic 6th-grade programs. If a school district's MHSAA Membership Resolution lists a

junior high/middle school as an MHSAA member school, and if the school sponsors a 6th-grade team in any sport or permits a 6th-grade student to participate with 7th- and/or 8th-grade students in any sport, then all MHSAA Regulations apply to all 6th-graders in all sports involving 6th-graders on teams sponsored by that school. If the school does not allow any 6th-graders to participate in a sport, MHSAA rules do not apply in that sport. "There are a variety of reasons school districts so overwhelmingly supported this change," MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said. "Some wanted the change so they could better market school sports to younger students. Some districts have their 6th-graders in the same buildings and even classrooms with 7th- and 8th-graders and see the natural fit. Some of our smaller junior high/middle schools need 6th-graders to fill out teams."

## Bowling Green bowls over Huskies, 34-14, to take MAC title

By Christian Young - Contributing Reporter

They always say that things happen in threes.

For the Mid-American Conference Championship on Dec. 4 at Ford Field, it was the third consecutive matchup between Bowling Green and Northern Illinois.

But this year's edition of the matchup started out a bit different from the offensive fireworks put on in the last two championship games, which were 47-27 Bowling Green (2013) and 51-17 Northern Illinois (2014), respectively.

However, the results ended up similar, as the Falcons jumped out to a 21-point lead and running away with a 34-14 victory, claiming their second MAC title in three seasons.

Bowling Green (10-3) had been known for their explosive offense under Babers, but they showed off their tough defense this time around. The Falcons put the Huskies in the pound and pounded them, with 266 of their 501 total yards coming on the ground. Northern Illinois finished with only 259 total yards.

"I'm so excited for our senior class," former Bowling Green coach Dino Babers said. "They have an opportunity, if we win the bowl game, to be the winningest senior class in the history of BGSU. The leadership these young men displayed the entire year, from the 51-17 loss in the MAC championship last year to where we are sitting

now as MAC champions is extremely exciting."

Bowling Green quarterback Matt Johnson's 235 passing yards and two touchdowns (on 25-of-37 passing with two interceptions) was enough to give him 4,700 yards and 42 touchdowns on the season, passing Ben Roethlisberger and Omar Jacobs to set new MAC single-season records for both categories.

Travis Greene rushed for 183 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries, and Fred Coppet ran for 85 yards on 16 carries with a touchdown.

When asked about his

The Falcons got on the board with a four-yard touchdown rumble from Coppet with 4:15 left in the first quarter. The extra point kick from Tyler Tate gave Bowling Green a 7-0 lead, capping off a 10-play, 69-yard drive.

The Huskies drove down to the BG 22, but a trio of turnovers would soon ensue throughout the second quarter. First, Darnard Turner recovered a fumble to get the Falcons the ball back at the end of the quarter. However, the next two possessions would prove fruitless for the Falcons, as one drive sputtered at the NI four-yard line. An interception by Brandon Mayes in the endzone thwarted another Bowling Green scoring opportunity, but Mike Minns would

## Romulus student uses Junior Achievement experience to prepare for the future



Junior Achievement Headquarters

Romulus High School honor roll student Jalyn Barnett gains valuable knowledge about economic success by taking part in Junior Achievement of South Eastern Michigan. JASEM has a mission to inspire and prepare young people for success in a global economy. Barnett recently had an opportunity to present at the Junior Achievement breakfast held at Quicken Loans in Downtown Detroit.

By participating in JA Finance Park, Jalyn was able to learn, firsthand, the ins and outs of budgeting and the importance of continuing her education in order to make her own dreams come true. She is a student athlete who represents Romulus High School very well.

"Next fall I will enter my freshman year of college. I never thought this would be possible. Before I came to JA, I didn't understand budgeting, or feel confident in my ability to make

important life decisions. Junior Achievement inspired me and I believe that I am in charge of my future! I can pursue all my dreams and I am able to deal with adversity along the way. I am one of many JA students who will use their training to not only invigorate the economy, but forever change the landscape of the business world." Said Jalyn.

According to Junior Achievement inspiring and preparing young people to own their economic future is a difficult task. The need to educate our youth has never been more important, studies show 46% of teens do not know how to create a budget and nearly 50% of teens are unsure of how to use a credit card effectively. JA teaches students, with help from volunteers, the path to financial responsibility. To find out more information about the Junior Achievement program visit [www.jamichigan.org](http://www.jamichigan.org)

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Fatima Casillas-3.93  
Zoe Finley-3.93  
Luis Zacarias-3.93  
Ely Vazquez Arriaga-3.86  
Aliasha Khampreuth-3.73  
Arianna VanZant-3.61  
Brook Agee-3.60  
Asjah Free-3.55  
Natiaya Caradine-3.46  
Eddie Martinez-Velazquez-3.44  
Xavier Jonnes-3.38  
Evelyn Salcedo-Salcedo-3.38  
Shyla Rhodes-Hankins-3.33  
Jazmean'e Griffen-3.33  
Shania Head-3.33  
Serenity Singleton-3.30  
Eugene Campbell-3.20

### 7th Grade

Micah Bolden-3.75  
Rylon Robinson-3.62  
Rosalinda Flores-3.54  
Hattie Mathey-3.54  
Brin Gondor-Leverenz-3.50  
Jalen Holly-3.45  
Oliva Torres-3.41  
Amonte' Hamer-3.33  
Eric Zervos-3.33  
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Celeste Richardson-3.29  
Paola Velazco-3.25

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recover another Northern Illinois fumble to set up the Falcons at the Huskies' 17-yard line.

"Give Bowling Green a lot of credit, they played a whale of a ballgame," Northern Illinois coach Rod Carey said. "They got us in all three phases—offense, defense, and special teams—with the fourth one being turnovers."

Runs by Johnson and Coppet set up a two-yard touchdown pass to Derek Lee. Tate's extra point pushed the Falcon lead to 14-0, and Travis Greene would put in his bid with a 25-yard touchdown dash just a minute before halftime to put the Falcons at 21-0. Bowling Green had quadrupled the Huskies' first half output, 288-

72.

Johnson came out of the locker room smoking, hitting Roger Lewis (75 yards on six catches) with a 45-yard touchdown strike just a little under two minutes into the second half. The Huskies threatened to score with their ensuing drive, but Alfonso Mack picked off the pass in the endzone.

However, the Huskies would jump back in the game, as Fiedler would hit Desroy Maxwell with a 32-yard touchdown pass to cap off a five play, 46 yard drive, and then Shawun Lurry picked off the ball and returned it 64 yards for a touchdown, cutting the lead to 28-14.

The Falcons started off the

fourth quarter with a 12-play, 83-yard drive culminating in a one-yard scoring plunge by Greene. The extra-point was blocked, but the score stood at 34-14 Falcons.

A Marcus Milton interception sealed the game for the Falcons—and sealed the Bowling Green tenure of Babers, who was named the head coach at Syracuse two days later.

The Falcons will face the Georgia Southern Eagles in the GoDaddy.com Bowl on Dec. 23, while the Huskies will take on Boise State in the Poinsettia Bowl the same day.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

**December 3, 2015**

**Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

County of Wayne Department of Health, Veterans and Social Wellness Community Development Division 500 Griswold Street, 10th floor Detroit, MI 48226

On or about December 11, 2015 the Charter of Wayne County will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93.383), as amended, for the following project:

**Wayne County**  
**CDBG PY 2014: -\$7,204 City of Inkster**

These funds will be used to for the demolition of a commercial building located at 27210 Michigan Ave, Inkster MI 48181

**Public Comments on Finding**

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at the County's address listed above on or before December 10, 2015. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of Federal funds or take administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds**

The County of Wayne will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing & Urban Development Act of 1974. The County of Wayne is certifying to HUD that the County of Wayne and Executive Warren C. Evans, in his capacity as County Executive, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the County of Wayne may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**Objections to County and HUD Release of Funds**

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Dr. Mouhanad Hammami  
Director, Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans & Community Wellness

Posted: December 3, 2015 to December 10, 2015

**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 23, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Roll Call  
 Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.  
 Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
 LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor  
 Barbara Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk  
 1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to accept the agenda as presented.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-402 2A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 9, 2015  
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.  
 Nays – None.  
 Abstain – Wadsworth.  
 Motion Carried.  
 15-403 2B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 9, 2015, 7:00 pm, closed session, Pending Union Matters.  
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.  
 Nays – None.  
 Abstain – Wadsworth.  
 Motion Carried  
**3. Petitioner**  
 4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**5. Mayor's Report:**  
 Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming events in the City of Romulus.  
 15-404 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to adopt a resolution in accordance with Section 8.6 of the Romulus City Charter to schedule a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 for the purpose of placing a bond issue before the electors for a road improvement program consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstruction and improving residential streets. The ballot language reads as follows:  
 Neighborhood Street Improvement Bond Proposal  
 Shall the City of Romulus, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, cost of neighborhood street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing and improving neighborhood streets, including all related appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2016 is 3.53 mills (\$3.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.55 mills (\$3.55 per \$1,000 of taxable value).  
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth.  
 Nays – Crout, Roscoe.  
 Motion Carried.  
 15-405 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout, to adopt a formal resolution to authorize the mayor and clerk to execute the necessary documents to authorize the Notice of Intent for the issuance of the 2015 34th District Court Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for the purpose of renovating the 34th District Court building and grounds.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-406 5C. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and authorize the City of Romulus to extend Bid 04/05-07 with HydroDesigns, Inc. for an additional thirty-six (36) months with the term to expire on March 31, 2018 at an annual contracted amount of \$21,480.00 for 211 inspections (12 monthly payments of \$1,790.00).  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-407 5D. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize renewal of the Michigan Municipal League membership dues for January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$7,068.00  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-408 5E. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout, to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-12 to increase the revenue for engineering review fees collected for a new major project as well as increase the expense for engineering reviews conducted by contractual engineers on that same project.  

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>				
101-371-477.000	Building Permits/City Cert	735,000	40,000	775,000
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Expense</b>				
101-371-818.000	Building Dept. Contractual Services	60,000	40,000	100,000

To increase the revenue for engineering review fees collected for a new major project as well as increase the expense for engineering reviews conducted by contractual engineers on that same project.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**6A. Clerk's Report**  
 15-409 6A1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-11 to cover the cost of the DWSD 48" water main installation on Wick Road that the City will be reimbursed by DWSD 100%.  
 Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.  
 Nays – None.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-410 6A2. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to schedule a study session for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss City first quarter investments. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 15-411 6A3. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to schedule a study session for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Ecorse Creek Resolution. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**7. Public Comment:**  
 A resident spoke about her water bill.  
 A resident commented on the need to fix the neighborhood roads.  
 Gina Wilson-Steward, Telegram Newspaper, commented on the renovation of the 34th District Court.  
 A resident thanked the mayor and council for their concerns to repair neighborhood roads.  
**8. Unfinished Business:**  
 Mayor Burcroff mentioned that if anyone is experiencing extremely high water bills that his administration would be happy to help troubleshoot the problem. He also said that the administration Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the Animal Shelter (adopting a pet for Christmas) and also the many other charities in the City that could use donations.  
**9. New Business**  
**10. Communication:**  
 Councilwoman Makowski announced upcoming activities at the library.  
 15-412 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to pay Warrant 15-22 in the amount of \$1,181,960.24.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.  
 Motion Carried Unanimously.  
 I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 23, 2015.

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# NAACP Calls for Justice Department Review of All Chicago Police Oversight Agencies

Teresa Haley, President, Illinois State Conference,



Laquan McDonald was 17 and was shot 16 times by Officer Jason Van Dyke on Oct. 20, 2014 while walking with a knife in his hand on Pulaski Road on the Southwest side of Chicago. He was many feet away and walking away at the time and no other officers fired their guns. The shooting was captured on a police dashboard camera.

A 2008 study by a University of Chicago Law Professor found more than 10,000 complaints were filed against officers from 2002 to 2004 alone – more than any city in the country. Only 19 of the 10,000 complaints resulted in significant disciplinary action, and

complaints were dismissed without interviewing the officer in 85 percent of cases

The Independent Police Review Authority, (IPRA) was created to be an independent agency that investigates police shootings and misconduct cases. Currently, this process isn't truly independent because cases are sent back to Chicago Police Department to approve. The process needs to provide IPRA with true independent authority with referral rights to an independent prosecutor.

It took a year of excuses and denials before a federal judge

forced city officials to release the 2014 video of Laquan McDonald and charge the officer responsible. Given the millions paid to settle police misconduct cases in Chicago, the fact that only one officer has been charged in 30 years in a police shooting clearly demonstrates the need for serious reform.

The NAACP calls on U.S Department of Justice (DOJ) to complete a thorough investigation into the handling of police misconduct incidents by the Mayor's Office, the Chicago Police Department, the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), the State's Attorney office, the Corporation Counsel, Law Department and all Chicago police oversight agencies.

On Monday Nov 30 at 12 PM NAACP members demonstrated at Chicago City Hall, For more information contact: *Teresa Haley, President, Illinois State Conference, thaley@illinoisnaacp.org*, *Atty. Rose Joshua, President Southside Branch, chicagosnaacp@gmail.com*, *Karl Brinson, President, Westside Branch NAACP, westsidenaacp@gmail.com*

## CRIME ALERTS

### RIVER ROUGE

**December 2nd, 2015**  
At 12:11hrs, an officer was dispatched to River Rouge High School on a report of a student in possession of a counterfeit bill. The officer met with the principal who stated a 15 year old male student attempted to purchase food in the cafeteria with a counterfeit \$50.00 dollar bill. The student told the principal he found the counterfeit bill lying on the ground at his bus stop. That bill was taken and tagged as evidence and a report was generated and he was out of meal.

**December 2nd, 2015**  
At 01:33hrs, officers were patrolling the area of Palmerston Street and Visger when they observed a late model black Chevrolet Impala, heading east bound on Visger, with no head lights. A traffic stop was affected at 9th & Visger and contact was made with the 24 year old male driver. The male stated he did not have a license. A check with LEIN showed three prior DWLS Suspensions and multiple warrants out of different cities, including one for ours. He was placed under arrest and taken into custody. 2W was notified, impounded vehicle and confiscated license plate. He was issued for Defective tails lights, DWLS.

**December 1st, 2015**  
At 10:21hrs, officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of Superior Street on a Hit & Run Accident. A 58 year old female stated she had just returned home when an unknown vehicle came speeding around from the corner of Eaton Street, and a male inside of the vehicle yelling that she just struck his vehicle. The female states she states she had just drove down Kleinow but did

not strike his vehicle, a maroon Mercury Grand Marquis and went inside her home. She states the Mercury circled the block several more times before observing her red Saturn and seeing if they were going to leave the area. While standing outside officer observed the Mercury turn off Kleinow and now observed a 39 year old female driving the vehicle. The driver told the officer one of her neighbors contacted her and witness the Saturn strike her vehicle that was legally parked. Fresh damage to the driver's side door of the Mercury and checked the other female's vehicle and observed scratched along the front passenger bumper, along with the passenger window hanging loose. The female states the mirror was loose because it had been recently replaced due to another accident.

**December 1st, 2015**  
Sat 07:05hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 1st Block of Myrtle Street on a report of Damage to Motor Vehicle. The officer met with the 28 year old male owner who states at 06:40hrs a black pick with an identified license plate side swipe his 2007 GMC Yukon. He states his SUV was parked in front of his home and his bedroom window overlooks the street and that when he witness the incident take place. There was damage to his driver's side mirror. The mirror and housing unit was broken. A check with LEIN determined who the suspect vehicle belong to a 22 year old male that the owner knew. The owner stated that his younger brother may have had an altercation with the suspect over a female.

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# Ecorse Birthday Club kicks off Light Up the City contest

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



For the second year in a row, the Ecorse Birthday Club will hold its Light Up the City contest. A team of judges will determine first, second, and third place winners from three different categories that will include local residents, business owners and block clubs. Prize recipients will enjoy a monetary reward given for homes and businesses donning the best Christmas lights and decorations throughout the area.

“Last year was the first time we tried the project, and we hope that people will also respond for 2015,” said Birthday Club member Ethel Stevenson. “We got the applications out, but so far no one has entered the competition. The deadline to register is December 16th, and we’re encouraging every Ecorse resident to participate. We’re not talking about just \$25-\$30 in rewards, we’re talking into the hundreds. The Birthday Club supplies the money to

pay for these prizes ourselves.”

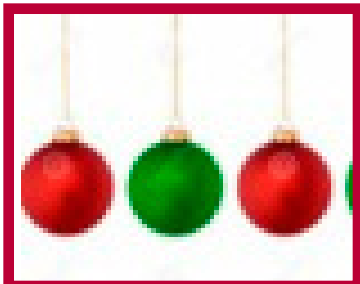
Competition winners will be announced at an upcoming Ecorse City Council meeting, and prizes will be presented by various Birthday Club members. While the contest stands as a primary focus, Stevenson is also seeking to bring the holiday spirit to the entire city – an aspect she discussed at a meeting at the Senior Center on Thursday. “I spoke with donors from 2014, all of which were asked to take on a project,” she said. “Last year we only had one, so we need two more to assist this time around. We’re simply asking that certain businesses take an area and decorate it so that the city can be lit up all over.”

In addition to local businesses, corporate sponsors like PNC and DTE were solicited to help with the project. Over the next several days, Stevenson hopes to see West

Jefferson lit up all the way down to River Rouge, in addition to Southfield Road, Outer Drive, Salliotte and Visger. Though it remains unsure whether the endeavor will be successful, Stevenson – a longtime Ecorse resident – simply longs to revive the city she has always loved.

“Every Christmas, when you go into River Rouge and Wyandotte, it’s all lit up. But when you get into Ecorse, it’s dead. That hurts me,” she said. “I’ve been here since 1935, and on January 8th I’ll be celebrating my 101st birthday. We used to be a going city; we used to have Christmas parades and everything. Now we don’t have any of that. “Ecorse has got to be rebuilt. I keep trying to get everyone to understand, we have to do it ourselves. That’s why we started Light Up the City, we need to get everybody involved, throughout the holidays and beyond.”

To enter the Light Up the City Contest, visit the Ecorse Senior Center 4072 West Jefferson Avenue. All entries are free, and must be submitted by December 16th at 3:30 PM. For additional questions, please call 313-382-3305.




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