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The City of River Rouge loses an icon Roland Bowdler dies at 94



Bowdler, Roland (The Gov)
(April 20, 1921 - March 5, 2016)

Roland was a dedicated public servant for the City of River Rouge, serving in various capacities including as a River Rouge Commissioner for over 25 years. He served under five River Rouge Mayors; Jim Doig, Hezekiah McDonald, Margaret Watson, Dan Cooney and Greg Joseph. His dedication and service to the City of River Rouge made the city a better place and will be sorely missed by those he served. A proud United States Veteran, he served in WW II under General Patton in Europe and won numerous citations including a Bronze Star for bravery. Roland was a Mason for over 68 years and was a member of the Solomon's Key Lodge #580

in Allen Park. He started being active in the community by serving as President of the school PTA and being active on the Jury Commission for the Public Safety Commission. His last position held was on the River Rouge Public Safety Commission. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and all those that he touched with his advice and kindness. He passed away peacefully at home on March 5, 2016 at the age of 94. Preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Dearest father of Gary (Doc) Bowdler (Diane), William Bowdler, Mayor Michael Bowdler (Diana), Jeffrey Bowdler (Patricia), Timothy Bowdler (Joy) and Marianne Bowdler. Beloved grandfather of fourteen and great-grandfather of ten. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 4pm to 8pm with a Masonic Service at 7pm and Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 12pm to 8pm.

Funeral Service on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 11am Girbach-Krasun Funeral Home, 10783 W. Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, Michigan 48218.

Interment at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock, Michigan with Military Honors provided by the Wyandotte Veterans Honor Guard.

Trump, Sanders win Michigan

By: Gina Steward



**Businessman
Donald Trump**

Bernie Sanders pulled off his biggest win of the Democratic presidential race this past Tuesday in Michigan. Senator Sanders' consistent opposition to free trade deals appears to have been a decisive factor. That is the topic that he drilled home at the debate in Flint and every time he has an audience. Hillary Clinton campaigned hard in Michigan, first coming to Flint to address the water crisis. However, it wasn't enough as Sanders squeaked out a victory. The final numbers were — 49.9%-48.2% despite



Senator Bernie Sanders

Sanders trailing Clinton by an average of 21 points in recent opinion polling. Clinton won Mississippi by a landslide and still has a commanding lead in delegates.

Before Tuesday's elections, Clinton was ahead of Sanders by 673 to 477 pledged delegates and — with the vast majority of super delegates too — was nearly halfway to securing the 2,383 needed to clinch the Democratic nomination. She now has 1,221 delegates to his 571.

Trump took everyone by surprise when he displayed his name brand products, steak, wine, magazine and water during his press conference. He talked more about his success and business ventures than about the United States of America and what plans he has for the country.

Trump fended off a week of attacks from the Romney and defied predictions his campaign might be losing steam with his primary wins on Tuesday in Michigan, the biggest prize of the night, as well as Mississippi and Hawaii. His closest challenger, Senator



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Daylight Saving Time Starts Mar 13, 2016



Sunday, March 13, 2016, 2:00:00 AM clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 13, 2016, 3:00:00 AM local daylight time instead

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 13, 2016 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

Also called Spring Forward, summer time, and Daylight Savings Time

The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution

Former Panther, Kathleen Cleaver, speaks on the organization's legacy, Stanley Nelson's new PBS film and modern black liberation

By Shelby Jefferson — Telegram Staff Writer



At this year's Super Bowl, Beyoncé made a strong political statement while performing her new single "Formation", a radical anthem addressing police brutality, self-empowerment and black cultural identity. Surrounded by a troupe of dancers rocking afros, berets and chic leather outfits, the singer visually paid tribute to the Black Panther Party — 50 years after its original foundation.

Of course Beyoncé drew praise from many viewers; her performance echoing a new generation of black activism and a modern crusade against racial injustice. On the contrary, critics condemned her salute by mislabeling the Party as violent, hateful and anti-white — unveiling common misconceptions that have historically robbed the organization of its true meaning, and minimized its key role within the black liberation struggle.

Black Panther Party communications secretary, Kathleen Cleaver (to the left)

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Informing * Educating * Empowering * Uplifting

A woman who ROCKED

Regina Wilson lived the life of a virtuous woman



26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31: 26-30

That was my mom,

Regina Mae Bates Wilson.

This month we celebrate Woman's History Month and my family personally celebrates our mom making her transition to be with her heavenly father. Our mom was the type of mother that expected the best of her children and her children's friends. We had a strict rule, homework first.

Although we were all active in sports and she left that part of our lives to our father, Robert Wilson, she made sure our academics was done. We had a combined TV life of the Leave it to Beaver and the Cosby Show. Our wonderful mom was a Stay at Home mom through most of our lives. My dad worked and provided for our family so mom could focus on us. She cooked breakfast each morning, had lunch for us (we came home for lunch each day) and dinner for us when we got home from school activ-

ities. She was active in PTA, community events and political groups. We went to Circle Y church camp each summer, girl scouts outings and events with the Beechwood Community Center groups.

At our house, education was primary. My mom eventually graduated with an Associate's Degree and spread her magic with the Head Start program in River Rouge. She served on the River Rouge School Board for years and the City of River Rouge named a street by the school Regina Wilson Blvd. Me along with my brother and sisters went to Historically Black Colleges. (Derek - Lane College; Ingrid - Spelman and me and Angela - Tuskegee University) When asked by one of my co-workers at my first job after I graduated from college, "When did you decide you wanted to go to college?" I replied, "I never knew there was another option. We talked about college always." As I thought about that answer later, I realized that during our Sunday dinners at our grandparents house (The Farm) on Martinsville Rd in New Boston, the talk was college... All of our first cousins also went college. There comes a time when you realize that your mom is a special person. She died 15 years ago this month and I still run into people that say she positively impacted their lives. I miss my mother a lot, but the memories that we have and the values that her and my dad instilled in us has helped us raise our children to be respectable young adults.

As we celebrate Women's History this month, I honor my mom, Regina Wilson, because, "She Rocked"!

Gina Wilson Steward
Publisher

Former Flint resident, Mike Moore, to keep track of how much time the Flint water has been poisoned



Dear fellow MoveOn member, The water in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, has been poisoned for 680 days.1 On Thursday, the very first lead pipe was replaced—by private citizens who pooled their money to make it happen.2

With the national spotlight back on Flint as the Democratic candidates prepare to debate there tomorrow, MoveOn has just launched a digital counter to track the days, hours, minutes, and seconds that Flint's water has been poisoned by the disastrous decisions of Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's administration.

Tomorrow MoveOn will park a giant mobile billboard of the digital counter outside the governor's mansion in Lansing to make sure Gov. Snyder can't possibly miss seeing news of the counter. Then they're going to drive it to the Democratic debate tomorrow night. And in the coming week, it will frequent the governor's mansion, his office, and his new condo in Ann Arbor.

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver is moving forward with an ambitious \$55-million plan to remove and replace Flint's residential lead pipes, starting immediately. But Gov. Snyder has failed to embrace the plan and secure the \$55 million for project.3

It's unthinkable that the gover-

nor would allow a white, affluent community to drink, bathe, and cook with poisoned water for 680 days. But for Flint, a majority Black city where poverty is rampant, the days have turned into weeks, the weeks into months, the months to nearly two years—and Gov. Snyder has yet to replace a single lead pipe.

We need to increase the pressure on Gov. Snyder to replace Flint's lead pipes now, training and employing Flint residents to complete the work.

Please join me in demanding justice for Flint by sharing the digital counter now.

Thank you.

—Michael Moore



Flint water as of Sunday, March 6, 2016

Photo by Dale Rich

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Auto Dealers Charge Blacks, Hispanics Higher Interest Rates on Loans

By Charlene Crowell - NNPA News Wire Columnist



In recent months, this column has reported on a series of settlements reached between banks and finance companies with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Department of Justice. All of the actions were taken to resolve claims of discrimination in auto lending.

To date, over \$200 million in fines and restitution have been made to car buyers of color who paid higher interest rates than White borrowers – a violation of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. Additionally and as a condition of the settlements, defendants were required to change their lending practices by significantly reducing the amount of additional interest dealers can add to car loans for compensation.

Despite these developments, discriminatory practices in auto finance persist with some lenders and dealers. While law enforcement comes after discriminatory acts have already been committed, a new advocacy effort appeals for dealers to change their practices to prevent further discrimination in auto lending.

A group of consumer advocates and civil rights groups recently wrote Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, to stop this discriminatory practice at his dealerships. Last year, Berkshire Hathaway acquired the Van Tuyl Group, the largest privately-held dealership group in the nation. Renamed "Berkshire Hathaway Automotive," the firm now operates 81 dealerships in 10 states, selling a range of domestic and foreign brands.

"While we welcome and applaud efforts of federal regulators to rein in this discriminatory practice, we urge responsible auto dealers to move immediately to end the practice on their own," wrote the advocates.

"As you have publicly stated, we need to end discrimination in any number of settings. We are writing to you to respectfully request that you join us and openly condemn this discriminatory practice and help lead the way to a fair, open and transparent marketplace,"

they continued.

When a consumer finances a car purchase through an auto dealer, the dealer has the discretion to increase the interest rate offered by the lending institution and keep some or all of the difference as compensation. This difference between the interest rate priced for risk and the additional interest the dealer adds more compensation is known as dealer interest rate markup. It has also long been shown to result in higher interest rates for borrowers of color.

The 17-member coalition calling on Buffett to act includes the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, League of United Latin American Citizens, NAACP, National Consumer Law Center, National Urban League, and the Center for Responsible Lending among others. The joint appeal also acknowledged the influential opposition faced in fighting for fair lending in auto finance.

"Unfortunately, the nation's largest auto dealer trade association, the National Auto Dealers Association, has responded with a campaign to defend this discriminatory practice, jeopardizing the good will that auto dealers may have in their communities," said the coalition. "As you have said, 'it takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it.' As a leader in the financial sector...[Y]our leadership would have a market-wide impact."

Ranked by Forbes as the nation's second wealthiest billionaire – surpassed only by Bill Gates – Mr. Buffett built a solid reputation for astute investing and major deals that grew Berkshire Hathaway into a multinational firm with more than 90 businesses owned and additional investments in corporations such as American Express, Coca-Cola, IBM and Wells Fargo.

Beyond Buffett, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) and its allies have also called on regulators to end the practice of dealer interest rate markup.

"More than two decades of evidence that dealer interest rate markup leads to discrimination is enough," said Chris Kukla, an executive vice president at CRL. "Consumers of color continue to pay more for car loans than White borrowers. The law is clear: every consumer is to be treated fairly and equally – not sometimes, but all of the time."

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

The Political Frontline from a Millennial's Eyes

By Estefania Arellano - Communication Specialist



Senator Bernie Sanders addressing the crowd in Dearborn

How do you decide who would make a President of the United States? I think it is important to be a part of the process from the front line. Over the past three days, I had the opportunity to be involved in the process. From Flint, to Dearborn, to Detroit, it was a whirlwind experience.

On Sunday night the Democratic candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton faced off in Flint, Michigan, each in hopes of persuading the Michigan voters. For Clinton, this would mean another big win. Outside of the Debate Hall, Secret Service Personnel and Police cars swarmed the area. Security was tight. Also on the scene was a modest crowd of protesters voicing their disdain for Governor Rick Snyder and the Flint water crisis.

As with a political event, there were petitioners asking for signatures banning fracking, as well as a petition to legalize the recreational use of marijuana.

The Bernie bus was around, ready for bystanders to stand by and snap pictures. A Black Men for Bernie bus handed out T-shirts. A crowd of union workers and educators sported their Hillary signs and swag. The air was electric. Finally, the debate started. It was a stark contrast to Thursday night's debate featuring the Republican candidates.

with ethnic and religious minorities. A Bernie Sanders paper-mache doll towered over the crowd outside prelude to the event. Sanders was introduced to the stage by congressman Keith Ellison (D-Minnesota). Sanders touched on a majority of his issues, emphasizing the utter difference between his campaign and the Trump campaign when it came to minorities.

Later that day, at the Charles H. Wright African American Museum in Detroit, the Clinton rally was met with a different crowd. Older professionals and union workers littered the line to the rally. Clinton's rally was a star-studded event. Local and state elected officials filed in. In attendance were John Conyers (D-MI), Detroit councilwoman Brenda Jones (D), Debbie Dingell (D-MI), and Detroit's own mayor, Mike Duggan (D). Clinton's speech was noticeably shorter, with key points regarding her role supporting the auto industry, her fight for education and the health system, and a promise to keep the spotlight on Flint's water crisis.

At both rallies, I asked fellow attendees, "If your candidate does not win the nomination, will you vote for the other Democratic candidate?" The ubiquitous answer was "yes" as long as it was "not Trump." I could not have said it better myself.



Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton with supporter at rally



Oversized Bernie Sanders

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Company Match

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



When I was first introduced to a savings plan at one of my jobs, they explained the company match savings program. With the company match, the company would match whatever amount you chose to have put aside into your savings account, usually for retirement.

The more you put into the account and the company matched, the more you save. The more you put in, the faster your account grows. The less you put in, then your savings don't accumulate as fast. The company match doubles and accelerates growth of your savings. Contribute more, get more.

This reminded me of us and God with regard to our faith. God is moved by our faith. Our faith triggers a response from God. Faith of people throughout the Bible got a response from God. When we exercise faith, God matches it with an action. We have to do something, as an act of faith, and in return, God does something.

When the woman with the issue of blood for twelve years

touched the hem of His clothes and she confessed, Jesus' response was: "Daughter, your faith has made you well (Mark 5:34)." Her faith was matched with supernatural healing. She did something and something happened.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed (the smallest seed), you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." (Matthew 17:20). An act of faith yielded healing. A small mustard seed amount of faith yields a mountain moving. That's much more than a match! That's better than a company match program. When you put in faith, the match that God puts in is exponentially greater! Sometimes we don't even realize how much God has rewarded our faith.

When I first learned about the company match with savings, I remember thinking it was the best deal ever, like getting free tax-free money! But what God offers in return for our faith, is indescribable. We also have to remember that faith is not just a passive hope. Faith is action in doing something.

"Faith without works is dead" (James 2:17). Act out your faith, and watch God's match utterly amaze you!

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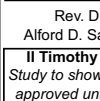
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GEORGE C. THOMPSON, JR.
June 6, 1938 - Feb. 22, 2016

George Carroll Thompson, Jr., was born in Michigan. He graduated from Eastern Michigan. After acquiring both his B.A. and M.A. degrees, he began teaching in Inkster at Parkwood Elementary where he became the head basketball and tennis coach, eventually becoming the Athletic Director. He held this position until retirement. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association hall of Fame.

His work career also included more than 10 years of employment by the City of Inkster Parks and Recreation as Swim Director. He leaves to cherish and honor, his wife, Dosye (Ann); daughters, Deliena Verna (Cornell) Grantham and Dena Viola (Kris) Grantham; sons, Chester (Rosemarie) Hicks, Gregory Craig (Tracy) Thompson, Terrance Michael (Sherry) Hicks and Geoffrey Corey Thompson; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Final arrangements entrusted to Penn Funeral Home Inkster



EVA ANNIEBELL BURROUGHS EADDY

March 10, 1917-Feb. 17, 2016

Eva married the love of her life William M. Eaddy. She joined the church to which William belonged and was baptized in St. Beulah Baptist Church. She joined the Ark of Noah Missionary Baptist Church in 1996. Ten children were born to William and Eva's marriage. They raised their children on the farm, instilling in them the values of the love of and service to God, the love of each other, and hard work. Eva, in particular, helped them to understand that laughter is the best medicine. She had a great sense of humor and a keen wit that she exercised liberally until the day she died. Her smile was magic and her laughter sublime.

Eva leaves to cherish her memory nine children: Rev. Dr. Frances (Tommy) Cannon, Rev. Dr. James (Betty) Eaddy, Charline (Grant) Steward, Doris Nunlee, Wilma (Willie Cleo) Bates, William (Doris) Eaddy, Anthony (Annie) Burroughs of Washington D.C.; one sister Blondell Brockington of Baltimore, MD.

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MARY ELIZABETH HUMPHREY

Feb. 19, 1924 - Jan. 10, 2016

Mary was born in Detroit and graduated from Northeastern high school.

Mary was married to James Richberg, and from this first marriage her

first son was born, John William Richberg. October 19, 1945, she married Nathaniel Edward Humphrey in Oakland, California, and later moved to Romulus Michigan.

She joined Mount Olive Baptist Church where she was a member for 15 years. She later moved her membership to Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church and was on the Minister Wives' Alliance, she sang in the choir, she was a member of the Culinary Department and she was on the Mothers Board she also worked with the Deaconess Board.

She leaves to cherish her memories her daughters Shelia, Pamela and sons Nathaniel (Ann), Rodney (Jackie) and Derek (Katrine), her sister Janet Stroter and a host of nieces, nephews, honorary family members and friends.



CELLETTE EVONNE MURRAY
June 9, 1953 - Jan. 15, 2016

She was born in Inkster and graduated from Robichaud High School and Wayne State University. She was affectionately known as "Letty" and had a passion for horses and her dogs. She loved cooking shows, home renovations shows and movies. Her work in the field of Social Work brought her happiness and fulfillment. Her contagious and distinctive laugh and beautiful smile will never be forgotten. She leaves behind her husband Derrick Murray, sons Brandon Murray and Kristopher Murray, sister Janice Peammon, brother Robert Peammon, II, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

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



Rev. George E. Johnson, Sr.
Oct. 19, 1954 - Jan. 16, 2016

George affectionately known as "Sonny", was born in Dry Branch, Georgia.

Being a man of many talents and gifts who loved people, George retired from Inkster Public School having served as a physical education instructor, track coach, intervention specialist, and classroom aide. He served as an associate minister at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, or a ministry leader at St. Stephen's Baptist Church. He was active with the school system and in the community and a life-long advocate for disadvantaged youth.

He leaves to continue his legacy, his wife, Olivia; four children: Camilah Buxton (Thomas), George Jr. (Denise), Jason (Brandale), and Jocelyn Johnson; six brothers and sisters: Ira (Ruby), Anna Gray, Glenda, Daniel (Michelle), Louise Murphy, Ella Mae (Louis) Russell, Wallace, Christha (Kennic) Bond, Alvin (Ruby), and Gary (Amrita); his in-laws Marie Parnell; Johnnie Parnell; John (Joyce) Parnell; Claressa Parnell; his godchildren Angel Gray and Alvin Jr.; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends

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



WILLIAM A. CLARK, SR.

March 8, 1943 - Jan. 16, 2016
William was known as "Spider" was born in Detroit. He was reared in the City of Inkster and attended Inkster Public Schools. After completion of high school, he enlisted into the United States Army (1963). He served in the military for over eight years. William was employed with Ford Rouge Steel (Severstal), for over 30 years.

He was a kind and gentle soul, with a warm and loving spirit. You could always find him mentoring, counseling, telling jokes and giving to others, even the shirt off his back.

Billy is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Clark, his son William (Squirt) Clark, Jr., one grandchild, Keira Mone, two brothers, Kenneth (Lula), Anthony (Connie), one sister, Angela (Guy) Gibbs Jr. in-laws, Leon Conerly, Fred Conerly, Lucy Cranford and a host of nephews, nieces, close family and good friends.

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State Representative Visits Romulus High School



RHS Student Shanel Defoe, Representative Geiss, RHS Student Steve Dalumo, Kathy Norred, RHS Student Kingsley Enenchukwu

Romulus High School had a special appearance from State Representative Erika Geiss on Friday, February 19th for Legislator to Lunch Week. The visit was prompted by Kathleen Norred, who is the Food Service Director for Romulus Community Schools. The School Nutrition Association of Michigan encourages the partnership between schools and government officials in hopes to establish an on-going relationship for dialog around the issue of child nutrition programs. During the four lunch periods at RHS, Representative Geiss was able to speak with students about the variety of healthy lunch options that are offered, in addition to being civically engaged in their community. Geiss said "I loved the visit to Romulus High School. It is a great way to interact with students and to hear about some of their concerns and future goals. We

need to ensure that funding is secure in our public schools so that students have nutritional options." RHS offers multiple food stations on a daily basis that include lean proteins, fresh fruits and vegetables, and made to order deli sandwiches. "This provides us an opportunity to dispel rumors of what some believe school lunch is. It allows us to high-

light the healthy meal options we offer our students and provides insight to the public." In addition to sharing lunch with representative Geiss, Mrs. Norred was also able to show her the RCS school lunch mobile app. To learn more about the daily lunch menus and nutritional facts visit www.romulus.nutrislice.com.



Representative Geiss speaking with RHS Student David Lipscomb

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March is Reading Month!

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Did you know that March is National Reading Month? Kicked off each year by Dr. Seuss's birthday, the month long initiative celebrates literacy through numerous reading inspired events and local programming.

Various activities are already underway in the metro Detroit area, all which highlight the importance of reading for both kids and adults – encouraging them to pick up a book this month, and throughout the rest of the year.

Check out this list of great programming in your local area!

Romulus Public Library

Get Caught Reading Program: Catch a friend or family member reading this month, and send a photo of the excitement to the Romulus Public Library.

Reading Log Drawing (For 3-11 year olds): Keep a reading log throughout the month of March. After turning in your records, you'll enter a drawing to win a free Dr. Seuss book!

March 14th at 7 PM: Second Monday Book Club Discussion, "33 Men" by Johnathan Franklin

March 15th at 10:30 AM: Senior Book Club Discussion, "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck

March 22nd at 6:30 PM: Family Story Time

Westland Public Library

March 10th at 10 AM: Storytime at Bigby Coffee

March 10th at 7 PM: 5th and

6th Grade Book Club
March 12th at 11 AM: 1000 Book Finishers Party!
March 14th, 21st and 26th at 6:30 PM: Sleepytime Story Time
March 16th, 23rd and 30th at 10 AM: Family Story Time
March 19th at 2 PM: K-2 Book Club
March 20th at 2 PM: Adventures in Nonfiction
March 24th at 7 PM: 3rd and 4th Grade Book Club

Detroit Public Library (Main Branch)

March 10th, 17th 24th and 31st at 10:30 AM: Nursery Rhymes Storytime
March 11th and 18th at 10 AM: Preschool Storytime
March 16th and 21st at 10:30: Toddler Storytime

March 22nd at 10 AM: "A Honey Pot of Pooh Stories"

Melvindale Public Library

Visit throughout the month of March to have your photo taken in the facility's special rocking chair. Your picture, along with your favorite book, will be featured on the library's official Facebook page!

River Rouge Public Library

March is Reading Month! River Rouge Public Library is celebrating by having special story times at 5:00 pm each Wednesday for the whole month.

Each story time will include a story and a craft. Some of the themes include dragons, bugs and farm animals. We look forward to seeing you!

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For more information, call 313-928-2955.

Did You Know? 80% of donations are collected at blood drives, hosted by generous sponsors - close to where people live and work.

Visit redcross.org if you would like to learn more about the donation process.



Detroit
Community and Opportunity Fair
Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7PM
join Mayor Mike Duggan for the
District 1 Community and Opportunity Fair at Fellowship Chapel, 7707 W. Outer Drive. For more information, contact Linda Vinyard at 313-224-3876.

Senior Health & Wellness Fair
Thursday, March 17, 2016 from noon-4:00PM there will be a health fair for seniors at the Williams Recreation Center, 8431 Rosa Parks Blvd. This event is free to the public. Vendors include health providers, insurance, senior living, and many more.

Ecorse
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from 7:30-9:00PM, there will be a city council meeting in the Ecorse city hall, located at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave.

River Rouge
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016, there will be a city council meeting at 6:30PM at the River Rouge city hall, 10600 W. Jefferson Ave.

Employee Retirement Commission
Thursday, March 17, 2016 there will be a meeting for the River Rouge employee retirement commission at 4:30 in the council chambers of city hall, 10600 W. Jefferson Ave.

Romulus
Bible Study
Monday, March 14, 2016 beginning at 11:30AM there will be a bible study group at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 26525 Bibbins St.

City Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Romulus City Hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd., 48174.

Taylor
From 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, a free-of-charge home ownership seminar will be presented by the Michigan State University Extension at Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee). The seminar will equip you with valuable information about the home-buying process to help you navigate technicalities and avoid costly mistakes.

MSU Extension is a HUD and MSHDA approved housing agency. MSU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Call Beth Martinéz at (734) 720-7689, ext. 104 to register, or the Library at (734) 287-4840.

Toddler Story Time
Toddlers and their parents or guardians can listen to Miss Julie tell stories during "Toddler Story Time" Tuesdays, March 1 through March 22. The program runs from at 10:30-11 a.m. at the Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee, Taylor, MI 48180. Phone (734) 287-4840 or click on <http://www.taylor.lib.mi.us/> for more information.

Wayne
Needles and Hooks for a Cause
Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 09:00am - 11:00am at Helium Studio, located at 3127 S Wayne Rd, 48184. Bring your own supplies and create for a cause. This month the cause is St. Mary's Open Closet. Make hats in different sizes! Can't make it in person? Create your hat(s) on your own and drop off at Helium Studio during

business hours.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Ecorse city hall, located at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Westland
Mornings with the Mayor On the

Road
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 9:00AM, at the Westland Police Station (36701 Ford Road), Mayor William R. Wild is taking his monthly "Mornings with the Mayor" on the road in 2016. Mornings with the Mayor helps residents connect with Mayor Wild and his administration about matters

of importance regarding City services or programs and events. This month's "Mornings with the Mayor" is sponsored by North Brothers Ford. We will be raffling off five \$10 gift gas cards. Entry into the raffle is a water donation to the city of Flint.

Wyandotte
City Council Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00PM there will be a city council meeting in the Council Chambers of the Wyandotte City Hall located at 3200 Biddle Ave, Suite 300, 48192.

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What is the age requirement for Kindergarten?

Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016. If the child is not eligible to enroll based upon these guidelines but will turn 5 before December 1, 2016, the parent may apply for a waiver. Waiver deadlines apply. Contact either school for more information.

When will Kindergarten registration take place?

Between 5:00 and 6:30 PM on April 7, 2016, parents should register their children at either Daly Elementary or Thorne Primary School. Contact information for both schools can be located at the District's website by visiting www.westwood.k12.mi.us.

Does the child need to accompany the parent on April 7th?

Yes! During registration, children will meet the classroom teachers, principals, and other important staff members. They will engage in fun-filled activities and tour the school.

What information should parents bring to register?

- Original Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records (up to date)
- 2 Proofs of Residency (current utility bill and a lease agreement/mortgage)

- Photo ID of Parent/Guardian
- School of Choice Application (if address is outside of Westwood boundaries)
- Westwood Enrollment Application
- Kindergarten Waiver (if child is turning five between September 2 and December 1, 2016)

What other items are needed before children can begin Kindergarten?

Kindergarten students must have a vision and hearing test before starting school in September. Proof must be provided.

What if a parent is unable to attend on April 7th?

Please make every effort to register your child on April 7th. If this is not possible, feel free to visit either school at your earliest convenience.

Questions?

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Wayne Metro program provides utility assistance in Wayne County

By Shelby Jefferson — Telegram Staff Writer

This year, Wayne County residents can receive utility assistance through a Home Energy Supports program, provided by the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro).

The ongoing program will continue until further notice, allowing qualified candidates to receive financial help with past-due utility bills (gas, electricity or other deliverable fuels like home heating oil). Likewise, Home Energy Supports can be used to restore utilities, though it remains best to take care of the issue before services are shut off.

"The sooner you call us, the better," says Mia Cupp, Wayne Metro Chief Development & Communications Officer. "This is an ongoing program but funds go rather quickly, and will be offered until we run out. In the end, don't wait until you are completely shut off; contact us before you receive a notice because once it happens, it's a lot harder for us to get everything restored."

"If you're behind, get in touch with us today; we're currently taking appoint-

ments."

Home Energy Supports is made possible through a direct agreement between Wayne Metro and DTE, requiring that applicants hold a past-due standing to be considered for the program. Qualified residents should additionally provide proof of household income at 150% of poverty, and must also reside in Wayne County.

All interested residents should contact the Wayne Metro Call Center to make an appointment, where they will meet with a Direct Care Specialist to learn if they are eligible for utility assistance — with options to inquire about additional services and programs offered through Wayne Metro.

"Residents should know that they can participate in a lot of different services including homeless preventions services, financial literacy, tax preparation etc." said Cupp. "You can contact our call center at 313-388-9799 to discuss Home Energy Supports or any of these other programs. Let us know what you need and we will jump in to help."



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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Inkster City Councilwoman Sandra Watley

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Writer



Councilwoman Watley in her seat in council chambers

The "Getting to know our elected officials" feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week, we interviewed **Inkster Councilwoman Sandra Watley** who spoke with us about why she chose to go into public service, the biggest issues affecting her city, personal hobbies and interests, and much more.

This is your first term as an Inkster City Councilperson. How is everything going so far?
Of course it's been a large undertaking because there are so many things the city needs right now. For the past three months, I've been on the other side of the podium, and I'm finding that there's a lot of governmental tape involved when it comes to me changing things in the city. I can say that it's been a challenging learning curve.

Why did you want to run for this position?
I chose to run because I was tired of not having my voice heard by our public officials. I believe that you should implement the will of the people; that's my job now that I'm on the council. When they speak, government should listen. These things are absolutely necessary to involve and engage them, and to ultimately make the city better.

During your time on the council, what changes would you

like to personally bring to the Inkster area?

So far, I've been teaching residents how to make complaints because a lot of the time, there's a process in place that will be far more effective if we work together. For instance, if someone has an issue with trash in their neighborhood, contacting the city ordinance office and taking down a record of who they spoke with is important. When I follow up, I can refer back to those calls, which gives me a hammer to work with on their behalf.

We're also trying to bring change through our cleanup campaign. So far we've held three different ones, and we'll be performing another later this month. Overall we've cleared both Cherry and Allen Streets, but there are a lot of systemic problems in other areas that we're looking to address.

Lastly, I've made sure to return every call that I've received – some of which came from other districts. I don't mind that at all because even though I'm head of District 3, my commitment is city-wide. We all have that way as councilpersons.

What are the biggest issues do you see affecting Inkster today?

Of course, one of our biggest problems involves finances. That always tends to influence other things like our police force and adequate policing, which also im-

pacts businesses within the city. It's a vicious cycle, but we have plans to implement that will make all of this better.

Are there any upcoming city developments or events residents should know about?

The Inkster Citizen Action Network (ICAN) was formed in 2013 by a group of citizens (we sued the city following the water issue and won). We've decided to stay together and positively impact the area, which leads into our membership program for \$20 a year. Those who contribute will annually help restore programs and address issues in Inkster (for instance, ICAN is putting on the 2016 Memorial Day Parade, which has not occurred in 2 years). And you'll not only subsidize community events, but there are 25 Inkster businesses that will also give out discounts to members. It's a full service type of commitment.

Also, the Inkster Block Club Coalition sends out a calendar of events every month. One of my biggest concerns surrounds the dissemination of information because if you don't know, you can't do anything about the issues. Anyone interested in joining our email list can contact watsonia-parkblockassoc@gmail.com.

What hobbies/interests do you engage in during your leisure time?

I'm an avid reader; I have two Kindles but I usually prefer to have the actual book in my hand. I also love crossword puzzles, and I play a little bit of the piano. I additionally enjoy roller-skating, cooking and gardening. In fact, the Watsonia Park Association's Gardening Club holds flower sales every spring, and this year we signed up to complete the flower bed in front of the Western Wayne Family Health Centers. That should be a lot of fun.

How can residents get in touch with you if they have a concern?

They can reach by phone at 313-562-7103, or via email at swatley@cityofinkster.com.

Election

From Page 1A

Ted Cruz of Texas, won Idaho. Trump's convincing win in Michigan narrowed prospects for the party's anti-Trump forces to stop him before next Tuesday's contests, which also include Illinois, North Carolina and Missouri.

Trump now has 458 of the 1,237 delegates needed to win the nomination, with Cruz second with 359 delegates, according to the Associated Press. Rival Marco Rubio trails with 151 delegates, while John Kasich is far behind with 54.



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Results in High School Varsity Sports

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter

The districts for the boys in the State of Michigan are in full swing now as this past Monday some teams moved on and some teams season had ended. However, before I give you fans the scores of this past Monday action, congratulations are in order to the following.

Wyandotte Roosevelt won its first state title at the boys Division 1 bowling team championships last Friday afternoon with a total pin fall triumph over Macomb L'Anse Creuse North, 1,342-1,211. Michael Mars of Westland John Glenn was victorious in the D1, 112 lbs. final during the MHSAA wrestling finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills, on March 5, 2016.

In additions, congratulations to these Girls teams that won their district finals in basketball and now has move on to the regionals, Class A, District 14

Brownstown Woodhaven, District 15 Belleville, District 16 Dearborn. Class B, District 39 Flat Rock, District 40 Dearborn Heights Robichaud. Class C, District 72 Riverview Gabriel Richard and Class D, District 102 Taylor Baptist Park.

Now here is the run-down of the districts for the boys. Jon McMath had 16 points and seven rebounds, Alex Ismail had 13 points and 14 rebounds, and Juwan Banks had 12 points for Annapolis as they edge Melvindale 60-56. The River Rouge Panthers host of District 40 started the first quarter faster than Dearborn Heights Star International could blink their eyes as River Rouge hammered them 100-31. Garrett Kraatz had 25 points, Brady Fressel 13, Brad Riddle 11 and Nathaniel Pardo 10 for Inter-City as they trounce Taylor Baptist Park Academy 76-40. Here are the rest of this past Monday's district play in the Telegram News reading area and remember the district finals are this Friday. District 14, Brownstown Woodhaven 61, Riverview 39 and Wyandotte Roosevelt 47, Southgate Anderson 41. District 15, Belleville 74, Taylor Kennedy 44 and Wayne Memorial 45, Taylor Truman 32. District 16, Dearborn Edsel Ford 59, Lincoln Park 50 and Dearborn Fordson 53, Allen Park 34. District 19, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 69, Livonia Franklin 47. District 39, Flat Rock 66, New

Boston Huron 51, and Romulus Summit Academy 56, Allen Park Cabrini 50. District 40, Dearborn Divine Child 73, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 49, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 60, Melvindale 56, and River Rouge 100, Dearborn Heights Star International 31. District 41, Detroit Consortium 56, Dearborn Advanced Technology 46. District 71, Westland Lutheran 77, Ann Arbor Greenhills 62. District 72, Detroit Cristo Rey 73, Detroit West Side Academy 62, Melvindale Academy for Business And Tech 64, Taylor Prep 57 and Riverview Gabriel Richard 61, Dearborn Riverside Academy-West 27. District 102, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 76, Taylor Baptist Park 40, Plymouth Christian 66, Inkster Peterson-Warren 33, and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 56, Newport Lutheran South 28. Good Luck to the teams remaining to play in the Friday district final.

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Megatron announced his Retirement from the NFL

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



We will miss these catches from the "Megatron" Calvin Johnson.
Photo from Butch Davis

Sad day this past Tuesday morning as Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson, who for the past nine seasons established himself as one of the greatest wide receivers in National Football League history, announced his retirement from the NFL effective immediately. Johnson also filed his retirement papers with the NFL today in advance of the new League year that begins at 4 p.m. ET Wednesday, March 9. The Lions also announced, with respect to Johnson's contract, that those matters were settled to the satisfaction of the parties.

STATEMENT FROM CALVIN JOHNSON IS AS FOLLOW, "Let me begin by apologizing for making this announcement via a statement and not in person. While I truly respect the significance of this, those who know me best will understand and not be surprised that I choose not to have a press conference for this announcement.

"After much prayer, thought and discussion with loved ones, I have made the difficult decision to retire from the Lions and pro football. I have played my last game of football.

"Let me assure you that this was not an easy or hasty decision. As I stated, I, along with those closest to me, have put a lot of time, deliberation and prayer into this decision and I truly am at peace with it. I also want you to know that I have the utmost respect and admiration for the game of football. It has provided so much for me and my family and I will be forever grateful to the game.

"With the reality of my decision, I realize there are a lot of people I would like to thank. I must start with my family - thank you for all your love and support.

"I also want to especially thank Mrs. Ford and the Ford Family for

all their support over the years. They are tremendous owners and I loved playing for them. I would also like to recognize Mr. Ford, who I was honored to know and play for before he passed away.

"While it would be hard to name them all, I would also like to thank all of my teammates past and present.

"I also want to thank all of my coaches who I played for, in particular Coach Caldwell for his support, wisdom and guidance over the past two seasons. I loved playing for Coach Caldwell.

"There are so many other people I would like to recognize and thank for what they have done for me throughout my career, but rather than risk forgetting someone, I will simply say "thanks" to everyone.

"And finally, to the fans of Detroit and Michigan. I so appreciated your passionate support over the years and truly enjoyed playing for you. I loved playing in Detroit and will forever be a Lion. My biggest regret is that I wasn't able to help give our fans a championship. But I do believe the future of the Lions is bright and with the leadership from people like Rod Wood and Bob Quinn, who I have gotten to know over the past few months, I am confident that our fans will soon be rewarded with the championship you deserve.

"From the bottom of my heart I thank you all for everything."

Yes, a sad day for football fans as Calvin Johnson retires. I shared many fun moments together throughout his career. It's a crime the Lions couldn't figure out a way to win a single postseason game with this person that gave us so much to cheer about every time he walk on the field of play. Thanks for the memories we shared and the Telegram News family and I wish you well with your future.

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| | | |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of meeting: | March 21, 2016 | 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| | | 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. |
| | March 22, 2016 | 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. |
| | March 23, 2016 | 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. |
| | | 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. |

Location: 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, MI. 48141 (Inkster City Hall)

PUBLISH: March 3, 10 & 18

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on February 16, 2016

The following Commissioners were present:

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Excused: Perry

- 16-43 Approval to suspend order of business and hold public hearing
- 16-44 Approval to open public hearing
- 16-45 Approval to close public hearing
- 16-46 Approval to open Council meeting
- 16-47 Approval of minutes from special meeting held on 01/28/16
- 16-48 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 02/2/2016
- 16-49 Voucher approval
- 16-50 Building permit approval
- 16-51 Approval to purchase video arraignment equipment for Police Dept.
- 16-52 Approval to sell vacant lot at 44 Forest
- 16-53 Approval to sell property at 79 Oak
- 16-54 Approval to sell property at 43 E Pleasant
- 16-55 Approval to sell property at 418 Polk
- 16-56 Approval of payment of \$25,894.67 for back taxes on demo properties
- 16-57 Motion to adjourn

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

**ASSESSOR OFFICE
CITY OF RIVER ROUGE
ASSESSOR
Kameelah N. Pasha
313-842-5602**

Attention River Rouge Taxpayers

Please take notice that the River Rouge Board of Reviews will be meeting in the Assessor's office, Room 205, at 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218. Date and times the board will be meeting:

March 14, 15, 16 and 17 2016 9:00 – 12:00 pm

This meeting is for the purpose hardship applications and errors. Further, State law requires that all applicants for poverty reductions must supply the following information to the board before the board can grant a hardship reduction.

Complete poverty (hardship) application (available in the Treasurer's Office. Hardship applicants must meet the income guidelines.

The Board requires that all persons applying for a hardship reduction must have completed their application and returned to the Treasurer's office by December 11th, 2015. Hardship reductions cannot be granted by telephone.

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| NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOMESTEAD | POVERTY INCOME THRESHOLD |
|---|--------------------------|
| One (1) person | \$13,000 |
| Two (2) people | \$16,460 |
| Three (3) people | \$20,800 |
| Four (4) people | \$24,000 |
| Five (5) people | \$27,500 |
| Six (6) people | \$31,900 |
| Seven (7) people | \$35,200 |
| Eight (8) people | \$39,600 |
| Nine (9) people | \$43,300 |

River Rouge Board of Review: published
March 3
March 10

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on February 2, 2016

The following Commissioners were present:

Present: Campbell, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Excused: Cooney

- 16-27 Approval of minutes of 01/19/16
- 16-28 Approval of minutes of 01/28/16
- 16-29 Approval to open public hearing
- 16-30 Approval to close public hearing
- 16-31 Approval to hold 2nd public hearing regarding CDBG funding
- 16-32 Appointment of V. Williams to Board of Review
- 16-33 Voucher approval
- 16-34 Building permit approval
- 16-35 Approval of Right-of-Way permits for DTE
- 16-36 Approval to convey properties at 58 and 49 E Cicotte
- 16-37 Approval to demo 95 Elm
- 16-38 Approval of fixed asset capitalization policy
- 16-39 Approval to hold 2nd public hearing on 02/16/16
- 16-40 Approval to transfer of CDBG funds
- 16-41 Approval to allow J. Hubbard to purchase City service time
- 16-42 Motion to adjourn

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Patricia Johnson City Clerk

Telegram Newspaper Classifieds, continued

BLACK WOMEN AND ROCK & ROLL COLLIDE AT THE WRIGHT MUSEUM'S WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH OPENING EVENT

Jessica Care Moore Recruited All-Star Talent
to Play for Sold-Out Audience



DETROIT – On Saturday evening the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History and the Jessica Care Moore Foundation presented the 12th Annual Black WOMEN Rock! (BWR!) Concert to a sold-out audience. Over 500+ concert-goers showed up to the Museum to witness a rare performance from a group of internationally-known, African American female Rock & Roll musicians. Performers included Kimberly Nichole (The Voice, Season 10 Top-10 Finalist), Divinity Roxx (bass player from Beyonce's all-female band), guitarist and vocalist Kat Dyson (Prince, Musiq Soulchild, Cyndi Lauper, George Clinton) and Jessica Care Moore, founder and executive producer of the event.

Since 2010, BWR! has kicked-off Women's History Month at The Wright Museum to a standing room-only audience. A showcase of independent women artists of color who make a living in the Rock & Roll genre, the concert pays tribute to Betty Davis, funk artist and "pioneer rocker." Moore stated on stage Saturday evening that Black WOMEN rock!'s purpose is to celebrate and bring awareness to extraordinary artists who, although they have played to crowds around the world, are not publicized to mainstream audiences.

"We have to create these platforms. And that's why I'm creating this platform," she said. "We understand that black women do rock, and I don't mean

just as in 'we're cool,' but in a Rock & Roll kind of way."

In addition to Saturday's concert, this year's events included a five-day art exhibition entitled "Nasty Gal" curated by Detroit visual artist Sibrina Nelson and "They Say I'm Different" artist talk to take place Sunday, March 6 at 12:30 PM at the Charles H. Wright Museum. Parents and caretakers are encouraged to bring children to the talk, which will include workshops, video presentations and a panel discussion. Admission is free and open to the public.

About Black WOMEN Rock!

In 2004, renowned poet and performer, Jessica Care Moore created Black WOMEN Rock!, a tribute to Rock Icon, Betty Davis, in conjunction with The National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta. BWR! aims to defy stereotypes of what a Rock & Roll artist looks and sounds like; featured artists have spent their careers breaking down barriers of image, politics and sexuality in the music industry.

About the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History Founded in 1965 and located at 315 East Warren Avenue in Midtown Detroit's Cultural Center, The Wright Museum is the world's largest institution dedicated to the African American experience. For more information, please visit TheWright.org.

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on February 24, 2016

The following Commissioners were present:

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pruneau, Ward

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Excused: Pierce

16-58 Approval to accept and approve the FCDVT for civilian dispatch and jailer grant

16-59 Motion to adjourn at 12:15pm

Susan P Joseph, Deputy City Clerk

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson City Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Ecorse POVERTY GUIDELINES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ECORSE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING IN THE ALBERT B. BUDAY CIVIC CENTER-3869 W. JEFFERSON ECORSE MI IN THE ON THE 2ND FLOOR ON:

MARCH 14, 2016 9:00 A.M. TO NOON AND 1:00P.M. TO 4:00P.M.
6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

MARCH 17, 2016 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

To be eligible for a poverty exemption, a person shall annually:

Own and occupy the property as a homestead as required by law, and provide evidence of ownership, if necessary.

1. File the approved form provided by the City.
2. Submit copies of federal and state income tax returns for all **person(s)** residing in the homestead as well as copies of any property tax credit returns, as required by law.
3. The Board of Review may require proof of identification if it feels it is necessary.
4. The household income (including all persons residing in the homestead) shall meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget. In cases where household income meets the federal standard, the assessment I taxable value shall be adjusted so the out-of-pocket property tax, as best estimated based on the previous year's millage rate and after deducting the applicable state property tax refund, equals five percent (5%) of the household income for those applicants under 65 years of age, and three percent (3%) for those applicants over 65 years of age.
5. Income included as household income shall be from any and all sources and shall include all dependents and occupants income including, but not limited to types such as salary state or federal aid, alimony, social security, pension and insurance benefits, return on investments, savings, and any other forms of compensation received.
6. The total of all household assets, not including the homestead shall not exceed \$25,000.
7. Poverty Applicants must meet the following income guidelines:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| ONE PERSON | \$13,000 |
| TWO PERSONS | \$16,460 |
| THREE PERSONS | \$20,800 |
| FOUR PERSONS | \$24,250 |
| FIVE PERSONS | \$28,410 |
| SIX PERSONS | \$32,570 |
| SEVEN PERSONS | \$36,730 |
| EIGHT PERSONS | \$40,890 |
| EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON | \$ 4,160 |

8. The Board of Review may waive the income limits for a household with greater incomes but who have expenses beyond the ordinary scope of expected costs which are severe and unavoidable, such as unusually high health care costs not covered by insurance. In such catastrophic scenarios, the state equalized value may be reduced to zero (0).
9. In cases where the Board of Review deviates from the income limits for substantial and compelling reasons, such as described above in number 8, these reasons will be noted on the petition and communicated in writing to the claimant. Such reasons will be properly documented.
10. In no case will the board of review approve any reduction without proper and required documentation.

Publish: 2-25-16
3-6-16

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY 2016 – 2017 FINAL STATEMENT

Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster approved final projects and funding levels for Inkster's allocation of the 2016 – 2017 Wayne County CDBG Program funding as follows:

| ACTIVITY | LOCATION | FUNDING |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Administration | City-Wide | 24,170 |
| Code Enforcement | City-Wide | 96,275 |
| Demolition | City-Wide | 60,000 |
| Housing Rehabilitation | City-Wide | 25,000 |
| Public Services (Neighborhood Clean Up) | City-Wide | 36,255 |

Total Estimated Request Allocation \$241,700

This estimated amount is based on the 2015 – 2016 funding allocation. The above activities meet HUD's National Objectives by benefiting low and moderate income persons and aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. To submit comments, please contact M. Jeannie Fields at 313.563.7709.

Posting Date: March 8, 2016
Publication Date: March 10, 2016

CRIME ALERT - RIVER ROUGE POLICE DEPT.**A Note from
Police Chief Price**

"In light of the recent rash of robberies that have occurred in the city, I ask the public to remain vigilant in reporting suspicious activity, situations and individuals to police at once. River Rouge Police Officers go out on the streets each day to ensure the safety of the city and it's citizens. All suspects involved in this Crime Alerts were caught and have been charged. Each suspect remain innocent until proven guilty by the court of law. I say Good Job and well done, to the officers that put their life on the line to protect and serve."

March 3rd, 2016

At 1736hrs, officers received a transmission from the command officer on the desk that a Strong Armed-Robbery had just occurred in the area of Louis & Burke. There were two suspects and one had brandished a weapon, which was a silver/black handgun. The two were last seen fleeing the area heading westbound towards Haltiner Street. The first 18 year old suspect male was last seen wearing a blue jacket and blue pants and the second 18 year old suspect was wearing a beige colored jacket with blue jeans. The suspects were stopped by officers at Neiman and Haltiner, and both suspects took off and fled in different directions. The officers were in pursuit. One suspect was

apprehended, with a loaded weapon in the backyard of a home on Neiman Street and the other was apprehended in the backyard of a home on Haltiner Street. Suspects were placed under arrest for Strong Arm-Robbery, handcuffed and placed in the patrol vehicle where both was transported to the station, booked, allowed to make a phone call, and then housed. The 49 year old male victim states the incident began when he was getting off the bus in front of McDonalds. He states he crossed West Jefferson heading home and began to walk through the lot of the Dairy Queen when he was approached by two suspects. The males were walking behind him and he approached the alleyway on Louis when the two pushed him to the ground. He states the one in the blue jacket pulled out the weapon and pointed it at him, while the other male demanded money and began to search his pockets. The suspect took \$14.00 in cash and his brown wallet, containing all of his credit cards. The suspect began hitting him in the face with his fist. The victim sustained bruising on his face and the suspects fled the area.

March 3rd, 2016

At 0205hrs, officers were dispatched to the area of LeBlanc & West Jefferson on a report of another Armed-Robbery that had just occurred. Officers received information that there was two males involved, one wearing a camouflage jacket and blue jeans and the other wearing a dark colored jacket with blue jeans. Officers made contact with the 48 year old male victim who states two males just robbed him. The victim states that incident began while he was walking from the gas station at Forest & Jefferson, when he was approached by two males suspects. He states the male with the camouflage jacket pointed long rifle at him and told him don't move or he would blow his brains out. The second suspect reached into his pants pockets and took the victim's identification card, credit cards and

bridge card, cigarettes and a cell phone. The K-9 unit was on scene and fresh foot prints were in the snow. The officer followed the tracks that led them to a house on West Jefferson & Glenwood Street in Ecorse. The 24 year old suspect with the camouflage jacket was later seen at the back door of a home on West Glenwood and threw the rifle over a fence after existing the home. Ecorse officers were notified and responded and observed one of the suspects fleeing in the area of Auburn & Florence in Ecorse and a River Rouge officer followed him with a foot pursuit. He was apprehended and placed under arrest. The officer located the cell phone and handgun that was taken during the Robbery. The second 22 year old suspect was apprehended in the basement of the same. Both were transported to the police station where they were booked, allowed to make a phone call and then housed. Each had outstanding warrants. **If you notice any suspicious activity or are a victim, please call 911 or contact the River Rouge Police Department at 313-381**

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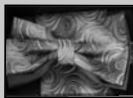
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Black Panthers

From Page 1A



Kathleen Cleaver (right), with Telegram Staff Writer Shelby Jefferson (left), at the Wright Museum's screening of "Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution"

Thankfully, filmmaker Stanley Nelson's "The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution" aired last month on PBS, dispelling these myths while offering a timely analysis through the use of archival footage and personal interviews with former members. Prior to its debut, the documentary was screened at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, featuring an appearance by Kathleen Cleaver – the Party's founding communications secretary – one of many Panthers highlighted throughout the acclaimed film.

"[Nelson's] documentary is a viable medium for the Black Panther organization," she said. "We were a youth based revolutionary movement that wanted to free the land, the community and all people who sought peace, freedom and justice. And we were willing to give our lives for it. That's who we were, and that's why most of us were put out of business."

Indeed the two-hour documentary adequately presents this narrative, highlighting the group's rise to prominence in Oakland, California and the tumultuous factors that gave way to its existence, including: mass frustration, dire poverty and police terror in black neighborhoods – all of which sparked riots in cities across America. This collective rage, paired with an ideological disconnect between southern civil rights leaders and black urban youth, created a sense of urgency from which the Party was born – with members exercising their Second Amendment right to bear arms; "policing the police" in self-defense to end rampant violence waged against unarmed citi-

zens. For Cleaver, these very issues persist decades after the Party's emergence, as new movements rally against state-sponsored police brutality in cities throughout the nation.

"This was the very reality we were facing when the Party began. In fact, our first newsletter read, 'Why was Denzil Dowell Killed?' in response to a 17 year-old who had been shot in the back by police," she said. "What bothers me today is that there's a whole new generation of policeman and a different generation of black youth. The Panthers came into existence to combat this problem, so I would like to see even more organizations address this in modern times."

Cleaver went on to praise the film's depiction of women's roles within the Party, as well as the Panther Survival Programs designed to meet basic needs in the community (i.e. Free Breakfast for Children, which fed 20,000 kids each week before school).

By 1968, the Panthers were becoming one of the most influential group's in America; its ideals of self-determination and black pride resonating worldwide. Consequently, with 38 chapters and over 5,000 members, the Party naturally posed a threat to the U.S. status quo – making it a prime target for the FBI's counterintelligence program, known as COINTELPRO. By and large the classified initiative aimed to disrupt, discredit, neutralize and ultimately destroy the Panthers through secret and often illegal means, including

false imprisonment, hidden surveillance and murder.

"COINTELPRO was J. Edgar Hoover's secret program devised to destroy the black liberation movement. Most importantly, he wanted to prevent the rise of a black messiah who could unify the masses," said Cleaver. "The FBI would often use violent tactics against chapters in the west, and set us up through arrests on the east coast. And the other half of the time, they just wanted to confuse you by creating dissension and turning you against each other. The object was to completely destroy, disable and eliminate this organization of young people, and in the end they were successful."

Indeed COINTELPRO was an effective weapon, leading to the Party's demise by the early 1980's. Nevertheless, the organization left behind a remarkable legacy; one rapidly revitalized in the wake of Beyoncé's performance, and aptly reexamined as the same conditions that gave rise to the Panthers directly influence modern movements like Black Lives Matter.

And today, as mass misperception maintains a distorted image behind the Party (willfully uninformed subjects have even compared it to a domestic terror group known as the Ku Klux Klan), Nelson's documentary could not have surfaced at a better time – unveiling the true history behind an organization that supplied food for the hungry, clothing for the naked and healthcare for the sick; one whose leaders became assertive voices for the voiceless, defense for the defenseless and renovators of self-determination to the oppressed.

Ultimately on the brink of the group's 50th anniversary – as their once "radical" ideas serve as a blueprint for current social initiatives like the School Breakfast Program, a federal platform that offers free meals to low-income children across America – it remains evident that the Party's legacy lives on, and it lives strong.

"I told someone recently, 'We wanted to change the world,'" Cleaver said. "They turned to me and replied, 'You guys DID change the world!' I never really looked at it that way, but I guess they were right; we certainly did."

With that, Cleaver raised a clenched fist, ending with a refrain that will forever embody the Panther spirit: "All Power to the People!"

ASK ALMA

Children should stay out of their single parents' relationships



Dear Alma,
My 59-year-old father may have conceived a child with his 28-year-old girlfriend. I say "may" because his girlfriend sleeps around, and everybody in town knows it. My father is raising this child as his own. He asked my siblings and me to accept this baby and his girlfriend in our lives. He wants them invited to family parties, holidays, birthdays, cookouts, etc. I believe that before we welcome this conniving duo into our family, he needs to take a DNA test. How do I suggest this without getting him mad at my sister and me? My brother says it's not our business.

Signed,
My Father, Not My Business

Okay, pull up a seat. We need to have a semi-confidential conversation. I've read your e-mail, perused and pondered it and I've got to say, I remain planted at the same conclusion. I understand the circumstance don't sit well with you, so scoot close. Lean in, are you ready? Watch my lips – listen to your brother. Paadow! This ain't your red wagon to pull. I know that's your daddy and I get the feeling you guys have a close relationship, which is fantastic and more than likely the reason why you're so upset with the big, white 28-year-old elephant in the room. Yes, I agree, she's too young for your daddy and yes, I agree, he's too old to have a baby, but you know what – it is what it is and nei-

ther one of them is required to ask for your permission.

Frankly, this is not your state of affairs; you have no control here. Why in the world are you trying to make decisions for a 60-year-old man? Whether he's living long or living wrong, 60 years is enough time for him to follow his own map of directions. Your father can and will decide with whom he wants to share his life. Here's a news flash: he was making decisions about women and finding his way before you were born, LOL.

Stay in your lane, sweetie. He's a grown man handling his business. If he is raising the baby as his own, then it's his – period. Like my mama use to say, "If you feed 'em long enough, they'll favor you." LOL!

He has accepted this responsibility, and so should you. If the tables were turned, would you want your father all up in your business? Probably not. Should you date only the guys he approves and accepts for you? Ahhh, I think not. Your daddy has enough love for all his children. This new baby is not taking your place. For the last time, Missy, mind your business.

Truth be told, we all have enough drama going on in our own backyards to keep us busy. Focus on the weeds in your own garden and let your father tend to his. Seems to me, what looks like an overcast cloud to you is bringing much joy and sunshine to your father. Motivate yourself on being a great big sister. Now wouldn't that be the most decent move you could make out of this madness?

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

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Janine Folks - Women's History Spotlight Minister and Author

By Gina Steward



Janine Folks at a book signing to promote her books

Janine is a licensed and ordained minister who graduated from University of Michigan in 1997. She has been a weekly columnist for the Telegram Newspaper for over 14 years and a Hospice and Hospital Chaplain for more than 10 years. She is, currently a Spiritual Coordinator with Heart to Heart Hospice.

She is an author and has self-published eight books. As part of her outreach in the community she is the co-founder of Women of Transition women's prayer group that meets regularly as a support group for women in the community. One of her newest projects is the Owner of Star Company, a free-lance copywriting service company, provider of Get the Pen Workshops for self-publishers, and books sales for books written by Janine. The workshops are a way to encourage others who have the desire to write and publish their own books. Janine is a graduate of River Rouge High School is the mother of three and she attends Mount Zion MBC in Ecorse.

The Telegram asked Janine Folks a few questions as we

dive into the minds of successful women this month. We wanted her to share her thoughts with our readers.

1. Who inspires you now and who inspired you while you were growing up?

Now, I have some great friends who inspire me. To name a few, Sam, Susie, Treva, Nkoh and Rita. They make me feel like I can conquer the world. I watch them accomplish amazing things and they inspire me more than they realize. Growing up, I watched my mother's creativity and nurturing and my grandmothers' passion and faith and my Dad's wisdom and discipline. Special teachers in elementary school, especially the substitute teacher who told me I can 'do anything I want in life.' She said it like she meant it and I believed her. I wasn't so much influenced by celebrities, but the women who were around me, directly connected to my life. There are many famous people who inspire me, but those closest to me had the greatest impact.

2. What message would you like to give to young ladies?

I would love to give young

ladies the ability to be CONFIDENT, in themselves and in their gifts and talents and also to live with integrity with a true heart for God, people and life.

3. As I look over your life, I see that you have a strong belief in God. How has that impacted your life? My faith has been with me since I was a young child. Dedicated as a newborn, by my parents, church was always in my sphere. But I do remember as a child, meditating on existential issues without being prompted. I wondered why I was here, where is here in the grand scheme of the universe and who's watching over it all? I was inquisitive and wanted to know so many whats and whys. God has always been with me and I was always aware of His presence and voice, even though I often thought His voice was my own.

4. Growing up, most people had the same job/career for their entire life, that's not true today. If you had to choose ONE of the careers that you have, which one would that be? I have been blessed to work many amazing jobs and have a variety of wonderful workplace experiences. But the career I have now is amazing. I am a chaplain who ministers to the dying and grieving. I view it as a high calling and I am grateful for it right now. The only other thing I would rather do or want to do, is be able to write full time, publish books, write for television and movies and help other people put their projects together.

5. Michelle Obama is coming to the end of her reign as the First Lady of the United States, what are your thoughts on her being the first Black woman to fill this position.

I am grieved at the thought of Michelle Obama leaving the White House. She has been and is a huge breath of fresh air. She is confident and not afraid to be who she truly is. She is wise, strong and courageous. I am glad the world got the opportunity to see such an amazing woman. She represented extremely well. She has been one of the greatest reflections of us and I pray she is able to continue to Shine!



Janine with her Women in Transition group walking and praying through the cities



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