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Residents demand answers regarding hiring of new police chief in Inkster

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Chief William Riley III
New Inkster Police Chief

After hiring Dr. Joseph Thomas as Interim Chief of Police in May, the City of Inkster embarked upon hiring a permanent candidate to fill the position. According to City Manager Richard Marsh, applicants underwent a new se-



Richard Marsh
Inkster City Manager

lection process that involved extensive residential participation. This included the assembly of several interview panels consisting of various citizens and different community

Police Chief- Page 9A

Inkster Council amends medical marijuana zoning ordinances;

Business owners look to move dispensaries to local business districts

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Owner of Suite B Provisional Center, Patric Wimberly, with the Hydro Hut owner Peter Cimeot

INKSTER - On July 20th, Inkster residents attended a city council meeting to address a potential amendment to the city's zoning codes. During the public hearing, City Planner Paul Lippens recommended that the city deny proposed marijuana dispensary use

within municipal business districts, prompting some residents to openly voice their support for the amendment, with others expressing staunch opposition. Based on an ordinance passed earlier this year, general provisions permit medical

marijuana uses in Inkster's M-1 Light Industrial District, provided the facilities remain in "compliance...with applicable laws, including, but not limited to, State Law and City Ordinances." On Monday, the council voted 4-3 to amend the

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The votes are in; although there weren't many of them



The votes from this year's Primary Elections have been counted. As usual, the number of participants in the election process was low. Although there were candidates campaigning for months, when it came to people going to the polls to

support their candidates, they were a no show.

The results of the elections in the cities of Ecorse and Inkster are listed below. In Ecorse, the total number of votes cast were 748 with 271 of them being Absentees. The top 12 vote getters will continue on to the November General Election.

1. Robert G. Hellar (I) 403
2. Brenda Banks (I) 357
3. Nathaniel Elem (I) 356
4. Gary W. Sammons (I) 342
5. Donald Agee, Jr. (I) 321

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River Rouge residents open lending library for local children

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Children in River Rouge and surrounding areas now have access to a very special feature: a new lending library located at Maple Street Park. From a handcrafted red, white and blue schoolhouse – with the accompanying sign, "Little

Free Library: Take One Now, Maybe Leave One" – kids can choose from dozens of books to read during the summer months. The project, initiated by neighbors seeking to provide more opportunities for local

kids, kicked off two weeks ago at Maple and Byron Street. For area resident Pat Kemplin, who helps maintain the park with her husband John, the project

Lending library' - Page 7A



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Thank you for 71 years



Mother Jeralean Talley, Gina Steward and Ms. Talley's daughter Thelma

Wow! This week the Telegram celebrates being in business for 71 years. It all started in the City of Ecorse when J. C. Wall had an idea to create a newspaper to keep the community informed. It may not have been thick, but it was reliable. The residents in Ecorse began their love of their weekly newspaper. Now 71 years later the love is still there. I would have to say that the City of Ecorse is still the top City when it comes to loyalty to the Telegram. It never fails that I run into someone who tells me that they used to deliver the Telegram Newspaper when they were young. It makes my heart proud that I am a part of the rich legacy that has touched the lives of so many people. I want to thank all of the residents, businesses and municipalities that have supported and are still supporting the Telegram. We are family driven and not a day goes by that my wonderful father, Robert Wilson, doesn't stop by to check on me and offer

words of encouragement. I think about my mom, Regina, often and her love for kids has helped me to share myself with other kids that have become my own. Our goal is to continue to grow and reach more people with positive information that will encourage their souls. The expansion from distributing in our original three cities to now distributing in 13 cities is just the beginning of our success. I have opened up the window and awaiting God's blessings on me and the Telegram. I am sharing two photos with you that made me smile over the year. One is of me and my wonderful daughter Alexandria during our 70th Anniversary Gala that we had. It was a blast. The other photo is of me and Mother Jerealean Talley at her 116th birthday celebration. She was such a wonderful young lady. As we celebrate our 71st Anniversary, I ask everyone to 'Take Time to Read' the Telegram Newspaper. We work hard to provide you with news that will help you have a better life for you and your family.

Gina Wilson Steward
Publisher



Alexandria Wright-Wilson & Gina Wilson Steward at our 70th Anniversary Gala



Election

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8. Johann Ector	247
9. Devonte Sherard	243
10. Patrick O'Connell	186
11. Nakeeta O'Brien Stewart	183
12. Casondria Walker-Keith	183
13. Faye Petlikowsky	162
14. Coy Akers	74

The residents in Inkster only held elections in two Districts; District #2 and District #3. A Primary election was not required in the other Districts. The results of those two Districts are as follows.

The Total Ballots cast in Inkster were 324

DISTRICT #2	
Clarence Oden, Jr.	91
Calvin Haayes	55
Charmaine Normandy	47
DISTRICT # 3	
Sandra Watley	129
Lorenzo Monier, Jr.	81
Courtney Owens	62

The top two candidates will advance to the General Election that will be held on November 3, 2015.

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Tips to Trace Your Family's Past



(StatePoint) Were your ancestors humble farmers or wealthy nobility? Did they travel to find their fortune or have they always lived close to your current home? Exploring your genealogy can be fascinating.

In the 2010 U.S. Census, 34.7 million Americans claimed Irish ancestry, the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, representing more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.

Those of Irish descent, or those who suspect they have some Irish in them, may be inclined to do some research to prove their Irish heritage. Now, the process may be even more revealing, as a new set of records is now available online which tells the harrowing tales of families in the Great Irish Famine.

"The Great Famine caused widespread starvation and disease in Ireland 1845-52. Over one million people died, and one million emigrated, many bound for the United States," says Brian Donovan, Irish records expert at Findmypast, an online family history site. "The records of their arrival can help many Irish-Americans put together the pieces of their family story."

"Family history is much more than facts and statistics. It's an opportunity to discover your story and connect with your family – past, present and future," says Donovan.

So how do you go about discovering yours? Here are tips for getting started:

Building a Family Tree

Start by building your family tree with information you have already. When you're done, ask family members to contribute their knowledge. Important information to gather includes names, dates, life details, stories, romances, physical descriptions and anecdotes.

Interviews

Sit down with relatives for interviews, starting with older relatives first. Face-to-face is ideal. However, phone calls or video chatting work well too. Record the interviews to help with your research later or merely to serve as a memento.

You may hear inconsistencies in stories from relative-to-relative, but avoid interrupting or asking leading questions. Ask to see family photos, certificates and other documents. If you have any to share, bring them along to help jog more memories.

Search Online Records

Register with a website that can help you explore your family history. A good choice for those of Irish descent is Findmypast, which among its two billion historical records from around the globe, boasts the best and by far the largest online collection of Irish records, and an extensive archive of British and Irish newspapers. Their Irish records date as far back as the 14th century, including estate records, military, prison and court records, and passenger lists. Searchable transcriptions and scans of original historical records from Ireland, the U.S. and beyond make it easy to trace your family tree back hundreds of years.

Common setbacks to genealogical research, such as variations on spellings of names, are hurdles that are easier to overcome using certain features on the site. Findmypast also offers plenty of resources and tips to help you discover facts and organize the information, including an easy to use online family tree builder. To subscribe, or try a free trial visit www.findmypast.com.

In the past, family history research could, at times, be a difficult and laborious process. Now, with online records and features, it's easier and more fun than ever before.

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Voter Suppression Over- shadows Voting Rights Act Celebration

By: George Curry - NNPA Columnist



Thursday, Aug. 6, marks the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the 1965 Voting Rights Act into law. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the organization co-founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will hold a Call to Action Rally at 9 a.m. on Thursday at the Martin Luther King Memorial on the National Mall.

The NAACP hopes to cap its Selma, Ala. to Washington, D.C. relay march, called America's Journey for Justice, in the nation's capital on Sept. 16. Other celebratory activities are planned for different times.

Considered among the most far-reaching legislation in history, the 1965 Voting Rights Act removed many of the impediments to voting created by cities, counties and states that prevented many African Americans from exercising their right to vote under the 15th Amendment to the Constitution.

As the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, observed, in 1965, more than half of Dallas County was Black. However, of the county's 15,000 voting-age African Americans, only 156 were registered to vote. By contrast, two-thirds of voting-age Whites were registered.

It took the savage beating of 600 protesters, including future U.S. Congressman John Lewis, by White law enforcement officials on April 7, 1965, known as "Bloody Sunday," to stir the nation's conscience against ballot box indignities. That provided the momentum for passage of the bill.

"Only in the wake of the Voting Rights Act did black voter registration in the South begin to approach that of whites," the Joint Center said in a report titled, "50 Years of The Voting Rights Act: The State of Race in Politics." It continued, "Five years after the passage of the Act, the racial gap in voter registration in the former Confederate states had closed to single digits. By the start of the 1970s, the black/white registration gap across the Southern states was little more than 8 percentage points."

In four of the 12 presidential elections since 1964, Black voters have turned out at higher rates than their White counterparts, according to the Joint Center. And the number of Black elected officials have increased from less than 1,000 in 1965 to more than 10,000 in 2015, including President Barack Obama.

"Since the 2010 election, 21 states have new laws making it

harder to vote – ranging from photo ID requirements to early voting cutbacks to registration restrictions – and 15 states will have them in place for the first time in a presidential election in 2016. Those 15 states are: Alabama, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin," according to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law.

The Brennan Center also noted, "As the early stages of the 2016 presidential race begin, state legislatures are already considering hundreds of laws that could determine voters' access to the ballot. Since the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, and as of May 13, 2015, at least 113 bills that would restrict access to registration and voting have been introduced or carried over in 33 states."

Many of these bills were introduced in the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision in Shelby County v. Holder. On June 25, 2013, the court invalidated Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, the provision determining which jurisdictions are required to pre-clear any voting changes with a federal judge or the Justice Department because of a history of racial discrimination.

To repair the court's damage, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) and James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) took the lead in introducing a bill that would, among other things, require states and municipalities with a history of repeated voting violations to pre-clear any election law changes with the Justice Department or a federal judge in Washington, D.C., just as had been the case before the Supreme Court's recent action.

Of course, Blacks must also continue to fight against regressive changes at the state level.

Any euphoria created by the tremendous gains made since passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act should be tempered by a stark reality cited in the report by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

It noted, "Based on the most recent data, African Americans are 12.5% of the citizen voting age population, but they make up a smaller share of the U.S. House (10%), state legislatures (8.5%), city councils (5.7%), and the U.S. Senate (2%)."

A report by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights concluded, "While the VRA has been enormously successful in eliminating some of the most egregious forms of discrimination, the reality is that discrimination in voting remains real and immediate."

George E. Curry, former editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine, is editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service (NNPA) and BlackPressUSA.com.

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Evangelism 501

By: Janine Folks



“I used to believe in God, but I don’t anymore,” a woman said angrily. “What made you stop believing?” I asked. “When He let this (sickness) happen to me!” she responded. “What a mean man he must be! This is not fair. There are hungry and homeless people out there. What kind of God allows that? I don’t believe in Him!” She was angry that her mind no longer worked the way it used to and her health is failing her. Rather than argue and try to convince her that God is good and loving, I validated her complaints. Rather than preach at her making her feel judged, I simply listened to her hurt with compassion. Her pain was real to her.

I agreed. It is bad that you’re sick. It’s bad that there are hungry and homeless people in the world. Rather than give her a lesson in theology, I allowed her to ventilate her feelings. I did not discount her anger. I listened intently as she poured out her verbal fury. I expressed empathy for her anger. Then I asked, “So you used to believe in God at one time?”

“Yes, I did years ago.” “What was it like when you believed?” She paused and was silent for a few moments. She then

reminisced about how wonderful it was when her mind was intact and she loved her God. At the conclusion of our visit, she gave me permission to pray. She began to cry. She remembered the sweetness of that relationship and regrets giving it up after a series of disappoint- “I used to believe in God, but I don’t anymore,” a woman said angrily. “What made you stop believing?” I asked. “When He let this (sickness) happen to me!” she responded. “What a mean man he must be! This is not fair. There are hungry and homeless people out there. What kind of God allows that? I don’t believe in Him!” She was angry that her mind no longer worked the way it sed to and her health is failing her. Rather than argue and try to convince her that God is good and loving, I validated her complaints. Rather than preach at her,

And the reconnect began... I share this to encourage you to evangelize wisely. Everyone is different. Everyone’s story is unique and should be approached with love. Connect at the heart and God will use you to capture hearts for Him and His glory!

Sometimes the gospel preaches itself through love and caring. You are a walking living epistle. Be love. That’s what will draw people back to God. “With loving kindness have I drawn thee... (Jer. 31:3). Now: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation (Mark 16:15).

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- 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Matthew 5:13-17 KJV

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II Timothy 2:25
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people. His trips to the Detroit Building Safety and Engineering Department as a contractor allowed him to meet Kwesi Aquil who invited him to join the Eye of Heru Study Group. This began the associations he had with the many groups joined or created during his lifetime. To mention a few there was Kheper Ra, ASCAC, the Leo Hansbury Institute, the Melanin Conferences, Pitch Black Community Arts Institute, Alkebulan Community Center and the Dexter Elmhurst Community Center. Kwadjo was also active in the political life of Detroit. He was one of the early supporters of the candidacy of Coleman A. Young for Mayor. Since then he has been an important supporter of various candidates for Mayor, City Council, County offices and others. Finally, those of us who loved him will miss his compassion, his willingness to help others, his sense of humor and the light he brought into our lives. Surely in judgement his heart will be found to be lighter than a feather by Maat, and after toiling in the fields of the earthly paradise of Aaru, he will ascend to the top of Mt. Olivet, enter the bark of Ra and spend eternity as One with the Most High.



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Ecorse Mayor feeds hungry citizens

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell takes time to feed people walking on Visger

On July 25th, Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell took time out to give back to the community. With the help of local volunteers, Tidwell distributed brown-bag lunches to area citizens at 19th Street and Visger. Participants from Southwest Detroit, River Rouge and Ecorse enjoyed turkey sandwiches, cookies, apples, water and bags of chips. "It's all about giving back to the community," said Tidwell. "I drive around and see things, so I know that there are hungry people out here. I just thought it was important to get out and feed people in our local neighborhoods because in those areas, there are people who may not have a place to stay. So whether they were homeless or just hungry, this was for anyone who simply needed something to eat." The initiative, started by Tid-

well and engaged residents, will be ongoing throughout the next several months to ensure that needy citizens are receiving food. For the next giveaway later this month, Tidwell is welcoming additional volunteers to help give back to the community. "If people want to get involved, the more the merrier," he said. "They can contact my office to let me know that they want to be a part of it. We're going to try to do it once a month from this point forward because there are hungry people all across America. It's important for those who have to give back to those who don't have as much. So it's definitely necessary to make this an ongoing thing in our area." Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Mayor Tidwell at 313-386-2520.

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Lending Library

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Vacant lot turned into a wonderful place for the community seems to be a huge hit among youngsters.

“The kids are really enjoying it,” she said. “We have it set up where if they want to bring their book back and take another, they can. If they want to keep the book, they can do that too. And it’s not just for kids on our street, we’re offering this to all who need books. We hope everything continues to work.”

According to Kemplin, the idea for Rouge’s lending library first surfaced from neighbor Alicia Chisenhall, whose husband constructed the schoolhouse currently housing books at Maple Street Park. From that, neighbors put various ideas together to provide a fun filled educational experience for children, primarily running off of local donations.

“We put out a Facebook announcement to let people know that if they had used children’s books, we could use some donations,” Kemplin said. “A lot of our books came

from Alicia [Chisenhall] and other neighbors, and I’ve been going to a lot of garage sales. We’ve had to refill the schoolhouse twice so far, so the kids are definitely taking them.

Kemplin maintains hope that this will be an ongoing initiative that continuously helps local youth throughout the area. Anyone interested in making donations can drop books off at corner houses on the first block of Maple. You can also place books in the schoolhouse structure at the Maple Park. Books for youngsters of all ages are currently accepted.

“Right now, we’re definitely looking for books written in Spanish for several children living on our block,” said Kemplin. “We don’t want people to have to pay an arm and a leg to read, so we’re hoping that the kids who don’t have many books at home can take them and get some vital reading done.”

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Romulus Provides Free Youth Activities in City Parks Every Tuesday in August 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ROMULUS – The Romulus Recreation Department is hosting four free youth days during the month of August.

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•**Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at Fernandez Park**
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•**Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at the Thomas J. Coleman**

Community Center
oLocated at 35351 Beverly Rd
oFeaturing a tug of war contest, obstacle course, scavenger hunt and more.

•**Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at Oakbrook Neighborhood Park**
oLocated near Colbert and Spain Streets
oFeaturing a “Romulus Olympics” with competitions and a combination of the most popular activities from the previous three weeks.

“We want to invite out children of all ages to enjoy some fun summertime activities at our neighborhood parks. It’s important that we provide a safe place to play for children and students that might not have anywhere else to go during the day,” said Mayor LeRoy D. Burckoff.

If you have any further questions about the youth days or other upcoming recreation events, please call the Romulus Recreation Department at (734) 941-8665.



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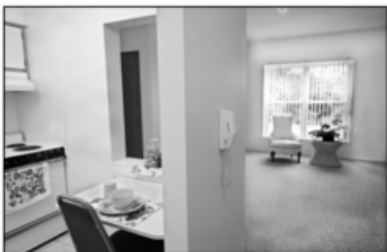


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River Rouge School District help students with Summer Youth Employment Program



High School students that are gaining valuable work experience this summer throughout the City of River Rouge

RIVER ROUGE - "We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work"
— Thomas A. Edison

In River Rouge, we embrace the belief that our youth need access to opportunity and we decided to invest in our students through a summer youth employment program. The River Rouge School District employed 31 students through an innovative program geared towards preparing our students for the future. The students were surveyed and jobs were assigned based on their interests.

The students will work for a total of 6 weeks and they had to meet all of the requirements for the State of Michigan as a working minor. Since this was the first job for many of our students, it was necessary to properly prepare them for all of the responsibility working people go through. The students engaged in mini job seminars to help them to understand the importance of the job process, including financial literacy, and workplace etiquette.

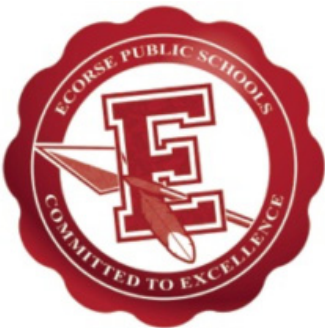
Our students were placed in assignments to work throughout the city and those positions included working in a variety of local businesses, teaching assistants, and office assistants. The intent of the summer youth employment program was to provide our students with opportunities to gain valuable work experi-

ence while providing local businesses with the chance to mentor future entrepreneurs and business people.

As always, the River Rouge family of business owners received the students and the district with open arms. The

participants learned day-to-day operations and can use the experience as they transition into the work world. We would like to thank the local businesses for giving our students the opportunity and we look forward to growing this program in the future.

A New Day at Ecorse High School Dress Code Eliminated



ECORSE - The Ecorse Board of Education and Superintendent Thomas E. Parker is extremely proud to announce a number of innovations and opportunities that have developed within the learning community of Ecorse High School. Truly, there has never been a better time to be a part of the Ecorse High School team.

Along with the College and Career readiness programming that has successfully run the past three school years producing future medical professionals as well as current college students, the Dual Enrollment opportunities in partnership with Wayne County Community College District allowing students to earn college credit while in high school, we have also launched a one to one technology initia-

tive, and creative arts programming which includes our nationally recognized marching band, television and film production program, and digital music programs to complement the core academic programs we have in place.

In an effort to allow students to be most comfortable while taking advantage of these great programs, we have also adapted our dress code in a manner designed to allow our students to come as they are and focus on the many great learning opportunities at Ecorse High School. Student will have guidelines for their attire, but will not be required to wear a formal uniform. Principal Nina Hicks will be communicating with all parents and students regarding the dress attire.

We are extremely excited about all that is new at Ecorse High School and look forward to better serving each of our students this year and beyond. More details will be made available in regards to all new programming and policies. Follow @EcorseSchools on Twitter as well as Like the Ecorse Public Schools page on Facebook For updates.

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CRIME ALERTS

RIVER ROUGE

July 26th, 2015

At 1620hrs officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Abbott on an Overdose. A 31 year old male allowed officers into the home and were led to the living room where a 33 year old male was laying on the floor. The male was extremely sweaty and had shallow breathing. Healthlink was notified and arrived on scene. The 31 one year old stated that he had been home for 20 minutes when he noticed the victim appeared to be on something, because he was stumbling around and slurring his words. The male states he went into the bathroom for a few minutes and when he came out the victim was on the floor. He states he called 911 and started CPR. When Rapid Response started treating the victim and he began to come around. The victim told them he had taken several Vicodin for his back pain and also told officers he wasn't trying to kill himself. The victim was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. Officer noticed a lawnmower in the bedroom of the home and asked whose it was. The male told them it was his and he had been cutting grass all day. When asked who it belonged to the male replied it's not stolen but it was the greatest value of items in the home, so it was taken for safekeeping until the homeowner got back.

July 26th, 2015

At 1115hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Abbott Street on a Domestic. Upon arrival the officer spoke to a 31 year old female who states her 31 year old ex-boyfriend and the father of her 9 year old son came to her home and kicked in the side door. She states incident began at 0430hrs., when the ex boyfriend came home intoxicated and tried several times to get in the house. She states he even tried to come through

the window and the door. Then at 1100hrs, he came back and kicked in the side door. Officer observed the side door kicked in and the door frame damaged. The ex-boyfriend fled the area before police arrived.

July 25th, 2015

At 1714hrs, an officer was patrolling the area of Visger and Campbell when he noticed a 22 year old male enter the Marathon gas Station, 276 Visger. The attendant inside the station has been recently complaining about this same male coming into the station loitering and stealing merchandise. When he would ask the male to leave, the male would say something lewd and refuse to leave the station. The male has been warned several times not to come into the station. So he was placed under arrest for Trespassing. He was transported to the station where he was booked, allowed to make a call, and then housed.

July 25, 2015

At 1110hrs, officers were dispatched to the 1st Block of West Cicotte Street on a Domestic. Officers met with a 25 year old female who states her 24 year old boyfriend had just left with his sister, who lives across the hall. She states incident began when she got up this morning while making a hot beverage she accidentally bumped into her boyfriend, spilling some hot water on his back. She states he was already in a foul mood and had just accused her of talking to one of the neighbors. So he began assaulting her, punching her in the face with his fist and choking her. Officers observed a large bruise up under her left eye and a laceration beneath her nose. She was offered medical treatment but refused. She gathered her belongings and requested a ride to mother's home in a nearby neighborhood.

Police Chief

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groups/organizations. "Before deciding what kind of police chief was wanted and needed, we asked citizens, business owners, clergy, seniors and youth what kind of person they'd like to see hired," Marsh said in July. "At the end of the day that chief will serve them, so they deserve to have a voice in the process." Last month, the city announced that William Riley of Selma, Alabama was chosen to fill the vacancy. In the wake of these developments, several residents voiced their displeasure at Monday's City Council meeting over the fact that Thomas – who managed to develop an impressive rapport with local residents – had been overlooked for the position. According to panel members, each applicant stood before several committees to answer set questions during the hiring

process. At the end of the interview session, candidates were ranked by each panel, with the majority of votes coming out in favor of Thomas. In the end, residents maintain that the people elected Thomas as their new police chief, to no avail. "The majority of people on those panels voted for Thomas as the permanent chief," said Inkster resident and local minister, George Williams. "The city manager said that he wanted citizens and members of the clergy involved in the process, but instead used the people to select a candidate, then went and picked who he wanted. We don't need anyone who's going to say one thing and do another. They tried to tell me that the state had something to do with them not picking Thomas, so I'm going to write a letter to the treasurer's office to see who exactly voted

against these committees that were picked. I'm tired of being held hostage in a community that I love, and I don't want to live in a town that's a dictatorship. I'm very upset about this outcome." Residents feel betrayed by the fact that their input stands overruled, in spite of their active participation in the hiring process. Overall, for City Councilman Lorenzo Moner, there's no question as to whether Thomas was the right candidate for the job. "I spoke out at last night's council meeting to say that Thomas should be our candidate. That's who the people selected, but the city manager chose someone else," he said. "As an auxiliary officer, I've worked with him, and he's done an excellent job dealing with the public, as well as the issues we need dealt with in our city. Why they picked someone else, I have no idea. I was there for the screening of the other candidates and they were okay, but Chief Thomas is head and antlers above all the others. We need someone who's outstanding, and that certainly describes him. "I've lived in Inkster my entire life, and I don't think we've had anyone as good as Thomas. He's the person we need for the job." Riley will begin his duties as chief of police on August 10th.

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Let the Football Season Begin

By Butch Davis



Lions coach Jim Caldwell jokes with the media Sunday before training camp.
Photo taken by Lekiesha Harvey

The Lions completed their first practice this past Monday at ATI Detroit Lions 2015 Training Camp at the team’s practice facility in Allen Park with an afternoon workout in shorts and helmets. This past Tuesday practice will be the second and final practice reserved for Lions season ticket holders, suite holders and club seat members. ATI Detroit Lions 2015 Training Camp will open to the public at the Lions headquarters and training facility in Allen Park for an eighth-straight year beginning Friday, August 7. Training camp practice viewing areas at the team’s headquarters and training facility in Allen Park can accommodate approximately 1,500 fans. Access is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates open 30 minutes prior to each practice session. A full schedule of open practices is available at <http://www.detroitlions.com/schedule-and-events/training-camp-schedule.html>

Now on expectations for the

offense and defense in his second year as Coach for the Detroit Lions, Jim Caldwell talked to us the media this past Sunday and made these statements on the 2015 team. “The big thing and what I’ve been trying to stress for quite some time is to be more efficient in what we do. I think those are the by-products of it. Whether that adds to scoring or anything of that nature, the thing I’m most interested in, just like anything else, I’m interested in wins. If it translates into wins, that’s the business that we are in right now. We want to make sure that we win more often. I think our guys do have a better feel for our offense, defense, our kicking game is going to be new, but we still expect to be very good in that area as well.” On the progress of the defensive tackle position: “I think that we had a good, solid spring and we still have some guys that have to come on at our offensive line position and our defensive line position. I think all of us that have been

around the game know that it’s been very difficult to judge and determine where you are without pads on. They have to be able to make contact to see how low they play in terms of their pads, how they carry their pads, executing their techniques, taking care of their gaps and things of that nature. There’s a lot of work to be done from the standpoint of learning, from the standpoint of moving to the ball and the standpoint of being where they’re supposed to be. There in the spring we had very good work. We anticipate that that is going to carry on.”

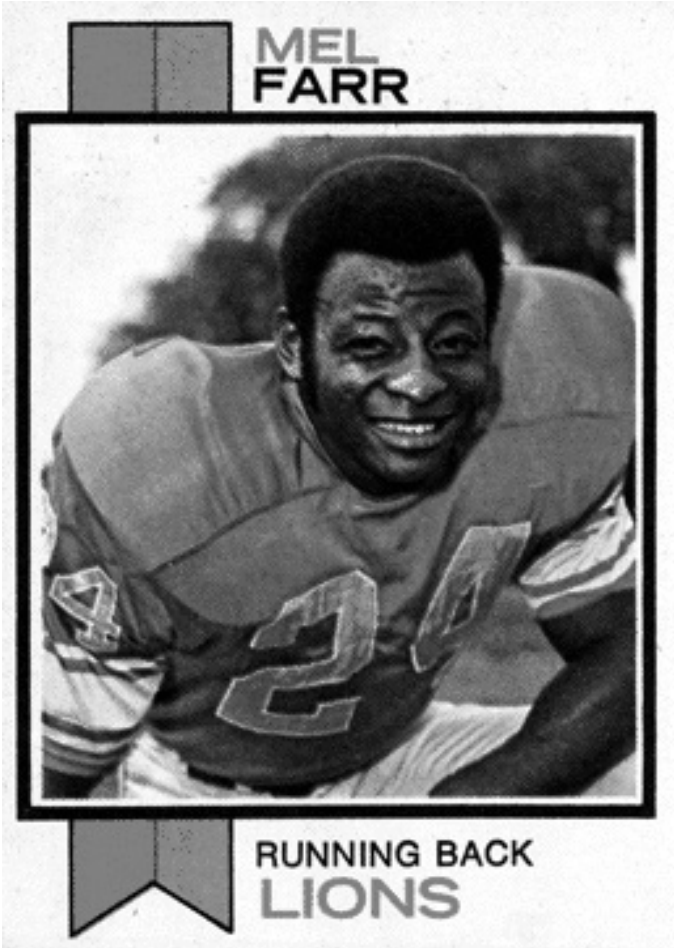
On what makes coach Caldwell an optimistic heading into the 2015 season: “Probably to sum that up, I think you know and realize that most of us that are in this profession set fairly high standards for our entire group. I am optimistic about our entire team, but I know there’s work to be done. We have a lot of work to do on offense, a lot of work to do on defense and a lot of work to do on our special teams. We have work to do first and then we will make a determination of where we are, but overall, as a team, as a unit, a talent level and those kinds of things, I am very optimistic that we can get to where we need to be.”

Day one this past Monday resembled day one in some phases. The team certainly wasn’t quite as sharp as they would like to be, however that’s what practice is for. I do think the guys hustled and worked extremely hard. They were energetic. They were into it out there. Obviously, the first day is always a lot of excitement. They have a lot of work to do yet; nevertheless I’m looking forward to it.

For the record the Detroit Lions announced today they have traded CB Mohammed Seisay to the Seattle Seahawks in exchange for a 2016 draft pick. Also the Lions announced this past Monday that DT Haloti Ngata was placed on Active/Non-Football Injury.

The Super Star is gone

By Butch Davis




Mel Farr, the Detroit Lions' running back who rushed for over 3,000 yards in seven NFL seasons, has died. He was 70. A Lions spokesman said Farr's son confirmed his father died this past Monday night. Farr spent his entire NFL career with Detroit, from 1967-73. He was named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 1967, when he ran for 860 yards in 13 games. He ran for 717 yards in 1970, helping the Lions go 10-4 in the regular season. They reached the playoffs that season for the first time since 1957. Farr finished his pro career with 3,072 yards on 739 carries. Farr played college football at UCLA, and he finished seventh in the voting for the 1966 Heisman Trophy. During his career, Farr became the all-time third-leading Lions rusher. His son, Mike Farr, also became a Detroit Lions wide receiver. In 1974, he retired from football after being traded to Houston. The next year, Farr launched a new career, becoming a partner at Cook-Farr Ford in Oak Park; soon after he'd be known for his “Mel Farr Superstar” television ads with an announcer intoning at the start of the commercial:


“Fighting high prices to bring you a Farr better deal.” He pitched the cars wearing a red cape and pretending to fly. Within three years, Farr had assumed sole ownership of the dealership, and President Jimmy Carter cited him for “outstanding achievement” in business.

The businessman’s stature grew in the 1990s, when he purchased a Ford store in Fairfield, Ohio; opened Mel Farr Hyundai/Suzuki/Kia and Used Car Superstore in Royal Oak Township; and invested in Ford dealerships in Houston, Baltimore and Grand Blanc. He also went to Wall Street with Jackson to raise money to expand used-car operations and in 1998, Black Enterprise magazine cited Mel Farr Enterprises as the nation’s biggest black-owned business with revenues of \$596 million. Farr faced problems, as well. In 1999, lawsuits were filed in Wayne County alleging violations of Michigan consumer laws and dangerous flaws in high-tech dashboard devices that prevented leased cars from starting if the customer fell behind on payments. Farr also was sued for falsifying

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Tigers Sacked Dombrowski, Hire Avila



Dave Dombrowski



Al Avila

The Detroit Tigers this past Tuesday sacked (fired) Dave Dombrowski and announced that Assistant General Manager Al Avila has been promoted to the role of executive vice president of baseball operations and general manager. Avila will assume all responsibilities related to baseball operations of the club and he will report directly to Tigers Owner Mike Ilitch. Executive Vice President of Business Operations, Duane McLean, will continue to oversee all aspects of the team's business operations and will also report directly to the team owner.

"I would like to thank Dave Dombrowski for his 14 years of service," said Ilitch. "Together we've enjoyed some success, but we're still in aggressive pursuit of our ultimate goal: to bring a World Series title to Detroit and Michigan. I've decided to release Dave from his contract in order to afford him the time to pursue other career opportunities. I feel this is the right time for the Tigers to move forward under new leadership."

"I'm very excited for this opportunity, and honored and grateful to Mr. Ilitch for having the faith and trust in me to run the ball club in our continuing pursuit of a World Series championship," said Avila. "After 24 years in professional baseball and 14 with the Detroit Tigers, I believe I'm uniquely qualified to be successful in this role in leading this organization. We're confident we can make a strong push to win this year, and that we have the foundation in place to win next year and for years to come." Avila in his 24 years in professional baseball career played key role securing talent such as Miguel Cabrera, Livan Hernandez, Josh Beckett, Adrian Gonzalez and J.D. Martinez.

Avila make note that owner Mike Ilitch approach him about the role of executive vice president of baseball operations and general manager this past Saturday.

Mel Farr

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lease costs, overcharging consumers and skirting consumer protection laws in Michigan and at stores he previously owned in Ohio. In one case, an Ohio jury socked a Farr dealership with a \$5 million punitive verdict in the case of an elderly Ohio couple who sued for fraud. As per Wikipedia, there were legal problems surrounding Farr's On-Time Device, which prevented drivers of leased vehicles from starting the car if they missed payments. In June 2000, Farr settled a suit with customers who complained that the device turned off their cars when they were in motion. Many claimed they had not been late with their payments. Each of the 1,500 customers

received \$200 worth of coupons for their troubles. In January 2002, Farr was in discussions to sell his franchises in Oak Park and Waterford Township, Michigan, to Ford Motor Company, who had outstanding liens with Farr. The franchises were sold in April 2002 and subsequently closed. More recently, Farr was at the bedside of fellow Lions great Charlie Sanders, who died July 2, 2015 at age 68. For many years Mel Farr was one of the great running backs for the Detroit Lions, however, his dealerships' commercials in a stylish suit and superhero red cape flying through the sky christened "your Superstar dealer" earned Farr pop-

Medical Marijuana

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zoning ordinance, permitting the opening of dispensary locations as a special condition in the B-1, B-2 and B-3 Commercial Districts, located in the hub of the city. These new advancements mark a huge victory for proprietors like Patric Wimberly, an Inkster resident, former city council member and owner of Suite B Provisionary Center – a dispensary located on Michigan Avenue. Falling outside of regulated zones, Wimberly's business was shut down in February, though he plans to reopen now that the latest regulations are in place. "We hope to be running again within the next 45 days," he says. "To me, this is important because alternative medicine really helps people. I know this because my mother was diagnosed with diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. After finding that her prescriptions turned her into a walking zombie, she was prescribed marijuana topical creams, lotions and oils. As a caregiver, I've seen it help with PTSD and other chronic issues too. People are so afraid of what they think is a hard drug, but these meds are helping patients with debilitating pain and keeping them functional. Numerous misconceptions exist, but we want people to do their research. Inkster alone has 523 registered patients, so this is going to be beneficial to them, as well as the city." In the wake of Monday's decision, opposition to medical marijuana remains a hotbed of concern among various citizens, some of which remain fearful that an influx in dispensaries could lead to increasing crime in the city, while exacerbating negative media coverage and further stifling economic development. Nevertheless, Wimberly profusely disputes these assertions, citing a statistical decrease in crime within local and national areas housing dispensaries. He also points to financial growth within these same municipalities, most specifically highlighting the City of Ypsilanti as a model for potential benefits imposed by medical marijuana facilities. "I've visited dispensaries in California and Colorado, in addition to Detroit, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor," he says. "In those cities, foot traffic has in-

creased because people are coming in who can't get medicine in their own communities. Ypsilanti's task force, city hall and Chamber of Commerce are located within the bubbling downtown district on Michigan Avenue, and right across the street there's a dispensary. We want it to be the same way here where we can grant safe access to caregivers and their patients, while bringing people from other cities to our area." Ypsilanti's City Attorney, John Barr, authenticated these sentiments when speaking on the municipality's regulation of medical marijuana facilities, first introduced in 2011. "There's a lot happening now in our city," he says. "It's hard to say that one particular aspect has caused the improvement, but it's definitely on the up and there's a lot more foot traffic here. When it comes to medical marijuana dispensaries, we haven't experienced any major problems safety wise, and the facilities haven't attracted bad elements or crime. They've followed the rules and improved the property that they're in. So overall, that's what's happened here." Falling in line with Barr's reflections, Wimberly's observations regarding criminal activity and medical marijuana are supported by studies revealing a stark decline in felonious offenses in Washington, Colorado and California, among other states. Likewise, debunking myths that dispensary facilities drive away potential consumers from a given city, further aiding in economic decline, James Caldwell – owner of the Fisherman's Net on Michigan Avenue and Inkster Road – attests to the positive impact of Wimberly's Suite B Provisionary Center, located across the street from his establishment. "I'm not for or against medical marijuana, but when that dispensary was over there, my business increased," he says. "I noticed an influx of people I hadn't seen before, regular

people not criminals, just coming to get their medicine. People would come here and order food from my restaurant, and then some would head over to Family Dollar, Metro PCS or City Trends. Economically, it was helping a lot of the businesses here, I can definitely attest to that." Regardless of where individual residents stand on the issue, universal realities remain in place regarding the regulation of marijuana dispensaries, starting with the fact that patients must have a medical card provided by the License of Regulatory Affairs to simply enter the doors of a facility (which can only be applied for after receiving a prescription from a licensed doctor). Caregivers must also acquire a license to distribute medication, while businesses can fall no less than 500 feet from local churches, libraries, churches and schools. Overall, in the face of a growing debate within the city, one Inkster citizen personally vouches for the perceived benefits of medical marijuana dispensaries. "I work at Carefirst Community Health Services in Detroit, and we have an early intervention program for those living with HIV," she says. "Their bones ache a lot, and they take harsh meds that cause severe diarrhea and loss of appetite. Medical marijuana actually makes them hungry again, and also relieves their pain. This is why they turn to this as an alternative. "People don't understand that there are many different strands of marijuana; you don't necessarily have to smoke it, you can also go for pills or oils. This is a positive step for our city, and we need to get rid of this stigma and shame. So many people right here in Inkster will benefit from this because they won't have to travel so far for their meds. That's the bottom line." Wimberly offers similar thoughts regarding the beneficial value of the recent zoning amendments: "Right now, taxpayers are asking: 'What's this going to do for us?' First, it's going to get rid of some of these dilapidated buildings and make the community more appealing so that other businesses can open up here. Second, we have to pay property taxes on our building just like any other establishment. And third, we want to set ourselves up where people want to come here from other communities. In the end, this shows that Inkster is innovative, it's huge for us."

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a re-scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on July 23, 2015

Meeting called to order at 2:45pm

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

15-179 Award demilition bid for 199 Summit and 127 Walnut
15-180 Approve the sale of vacant lot at 127 E Henry
15-181 Approval to sell vacant lot at 296 Beechwood
15-182 Approval for Legal Dept. to exercise the Righ of First Refusal for foreclosed properties
15-183 Approve the conveyance of property at 400 Burke, 396 Burke and 10171 W Jefferson
15-184 Approval to appoint Shawn Doeer to Planning Commission
15-185 Approval to appoint James Hightower to DDA
15-186 Approval to appoint Serian Perkins to the DDA
15-187 Approval of NEZ exemption certificates
15-188 Approval for officials to attend training
15-189 Approval to convey 10 properties to Wayne Metro for demolition
15-190 Approval for block party on 07/28/2015 – 500 block of Superior
15-191 Approval of minutes
15-192 Voucher approval
15-193 business license approval
15-194 Building permit approval
15-195 Block Club party approvals
15-196 Motion to adjourn

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Patricia Johnson City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 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:
Robert Dickerson, Chief of Staff
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout, to accept the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-249 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 6, 2015.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None
Abstain: Makowski.
Motion Carried.
15-250 2B. Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2015: 6:00 p.m. Study Session, PA 198, Plant Rehab District for 8111 Middlebelt Rd., and Brownfield Authority (BRA) Bylaws and Appointment of new board members.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Abstain: Abdo, Makowski.
Motion Carried.
3A. Petitioner: None
4. Chairperson's Report:
Reverend Willis requested a no fee- permit to close Ozga Road at Mary Ann Banks Park to the Romulus Middle School for the 1st Annual Family Health, Faith and Prayer Revival on August 8, 2015. The number to call for more information is 313-701-2423.
Mayor Pro Tem John Barden announced that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Wayne County residents will be held on August 15, 2015 at the Westland Shopping Center on Warren Road. He read a list of items that will be accepted on that day and he encouraged residents to call 734-326-5608 if they have any questions.
15-251 4A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to authorize a no-fee permit for the closure of Ozga Road at Mary Ann Banks Park to the Middle School football field on August 8, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of the 1ST Annual Family Health, Faith and Prayer Revival fitness walk.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
5. Mayor's Report:
Chief of Staff, Robert Dickerson gave the Mayor's report.
A Romulus resident asked if any TIFA, DDA, or City money would be used for the redevelopment of the property located on 8111 Middlebelt Road.
15-252 5A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution " Amended and Re-stated Bylaws of the City of Romulus Brownfield Redevelopment Authority" and to remove Article II, Section 9 of said bylaws.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-253 5B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Choate to approve the following appointments to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with the terms to expire as described: Randy Moffat and Dean Trudeau, for a three year term to expire July 13, 2018; Jeffrey Mansfield and Daryl Jamieson for a two year term to expire July 13, 2017; Julie Allison for a one year term to expire July 13, 2016.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
6A Clerk's Report:
15-254 6A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to schedule a Public Hearing for PackSpec's request to establish a Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on Monday July 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-255 6A2. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to approve first reading of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, Section 3.06C, Commercial Vehicles; Section 8.02, Gas and Oil Wells; Vehicle Dismantling, Wrecking, Recycling and Sale of Parts; and Section 21.02, Enforcement.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-256 6A3. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to withdraw item 6A3 from the agenda.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-257 6A4. Moved Choate, seconded by Makowski to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to not purchase any of the properties included on the Wayne County Treasurer's 2015 "First Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax-Foreclosed Property in Wayne County.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-258 6A5. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve first reading of amendments to Chapter 39, Sections 39.2, 39.8, 39.11, 39.12, and 39.13, Purchasing Ordinance.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that tax bills went out and were forwarded to the mortgage companies. She also announced that if residents have questions, they may call the Treasurer's office at 734-942-7580.
7. Public Comment:
1. A resident commented on the fireworks that were set off on his block and he suggested that an ordinance be passed that would impose penalties for illegal fireworks.
2. Jadie Settles, Public Safety Director, addressed traffic complaints made by a resident on Beverly Road.
3. A resident asked a question about the tax bill.
8. Unfinished Business:
Councilman Wadsworth asked about the date for the completion of the Goddard Road construction project. He also inquired about the completion date for the construction in the downtown area. Roberto Scappaticci, Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW), responded to Councilman Wadsworth with a completion date for Goddard Road set for Mid-September and the downtown area to be completed by August 30, 2015.
Councilwoman Abdo inquired about when the City will have a grocery store downtown. Tim Keyes, Director of Economic Development, responded that hopefully a grocery store will be open by Thanksgiving of 2015.
Councilman Barden asked Director Keyes what the status is on the outlet mall. Mr. Keyes re-

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sponded that two federal approvals need to be obtained before ground can be broken for the project. At this time, there is no definitive completion date.
145-259 9. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution for Mr. Russell Woinowsk in celebration of his 100th Birthday.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously
10. Communication:
Councilman Crout commented that Helping Hands is in need of food supplies.
15-260 11. Moved by Choate seconded by Crout to approve Warrant 15-13 in the amount of \$1,693,135.89.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes –Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
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 July 13, 2015.

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER
In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the July 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:
Approval of the agenda.
Approval of Consent agenda.
Public Hearing and First Reading on a Zoning amendment.
Approval two appointments to the DDA.
Second Reading of a Zoning amendment
Approval of a street closure on Florence
Approval of a transfer of properties to Michigan Land Bank
Approval of A SCU Permit.
Approval of an Offer to purchase vacant land on Walnut
Approval of CDBG funding.
Approval of a proposal to be placed on the November 3, 2015 ballot.

Felicia Rutledge

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER
In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the August 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:
Approval of the agenda.
Approval of Consent agenda.
Approval one appointment to the Aging Commission.
Approval of a Second Reading of a Zoning amendment.
Approval an amendment to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.
Approval of two proposal languages to be placed on the November 3, 2015 ballot.
Approval of a Special Event.
Approval of a contract to Lukas & Sons.
Approval of two votes taken in closed session.

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Jimmie ‘Blackman’ is Back

By: Kellee Jordan - Telegram Newspaper Intern Reporter



Singer Jimi ‘Blackman’ Rutherford and Kellee Jordan - Telegram Newspaper Intern Reporter

DETROIT - The 62 years-old singer of Detroit is back. Jimi ‘Blackman’ Rutherford has done it again with his creative instructive and musical genius. The 70’s singer has returned with a new soul sound and it is the gospel. “I realized R&B wouldn’t last.” Blackman discovered late in life that he could sing. “In junior high I got a hold to ‘Light my Fire’ by Jose Louisiana and said, I got a little voice.” From then on Blackman would continue to sing. His junior high teacher Mrs. Brown would make him sing in front of the class. Doing that helped to grow Blackman’s confidence. Performing here or there, Blackman pockets were fat, “R&B will spoil you...but I wasn’t getting fulfilled,” says Blackman. Soon he stopped R&B and started to write his own songs. “The best way to stay in the music business is to be original,” he adds. Blackman began a cultural movement. He would write songs containing the message for cultural motivation of Blacks. “It was different nobody was doing that, not touching on it.”

Blackman would put out a song stating that if you are a Black man, you got to be an African. He had other messages like the unforgettable Malcolm X wife, returning to the door of no return and much more. He was the key invite to All Things African in metro Detroit, like African Liberation Day and Million Men March dedications. In 1980, he did his first song in the studio, Go For what you Know. After that Blackman’s life changed. A life alternating accident led Blackman to sing a new song, the gospel. “I was paralyzed and could not walk,” says Blackman. He was in a wheelchair and at that moment, knew what he needed to do. “I promised the Lord that if he got me through this I would sing gospel.” Blackman had a cyst in his back on his spine, and with the slip of the knife, it would leave him paralyzed. He was also a dialysis patient. “I had been singing gospel all my life, I just realized these last fifteen years this was my purpose,” says Blackman. The singer has a ten record album entitled ‘X’. The concept is from the Temptations and

his earlier high school group. The message behind it is based on the Ten Commandments of the Bible. His beautiful cover work shows great visual. Blackman brags at his vocals being the only feature on the album. “It’s all me, only one person singing background,” he says it called overdump. According to him, only Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson have done such a thing. His favorite songs on the album are Put a Shout in your mouth and I’m bout to get my knees dirty. Shout as he calls it, is different, like a New Orleans beat, deep south feel; knees dirty is just saying that, it’s like the Temptations gospel harmony. Blackman is an artist for Jala records, a local record company whose name means Outspoken in Swahili. Currently Blackman is performing at Mr. Munchy, 505 Salliotte St and 16th Street, where you may get soul food and food for your soul. Blackman and local activist leaders are asking for twenty-four hours of no crime, robbery or rape committed with a hand gun. To purchase a copy of Blackman’s album and more information about seize fire day, contact 313-408-3426 or 313-891-8819. Blackman CDs are \$10 and sold at Mr. Munchy and Globe Bookstore, 2990 East Jefferson Avenue.

RIVER ROUGE SCHOOL DISTRICT & THE CITY OF RIVER ROUGE CALLING ALL ALUMNI/COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE

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Sat., August 8, 2015
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ASK ALMA

Trying to Help Mom



Dear Alma,

My sister and I are very close. We’re only three years apart. Although not roommates, we do everything together. She’s a free spirit, college professor and lives well. I am a government employee that has a secret clearance and I too make a good living. My sister and I often take spa trips and luxurious vacations together. She was in a car accident and smokes marijuana for the pain. Recently, she’s started bringing her weed on our trips. I don’t smoke and I can’t take the chance of being caught at the airport with drugs. When I asked her not to bring it, she says

it’s no big deal. She and I have a trip planned, but I’m not sure I want to go. I don’t want to lose my job because of her habit. I’m not judging, but how do I get her to understand the position she’s put me in?

Name withheld

Sister, sister, based on your relationship, I’d suggest you be frank with her. Just say, “I can’t afford to lose my secret clearance, so you can’t bring your weed when we travel.” Remind her that you aren’t asking just because you don’t smoke, you’re asking because she’s jeopardizing your job. If she can lay off the pot for a few days, as a peace offering add Colorado to your list of vacation spots, just to show her you can be a good sport, LOL! If that’s not an option for her, here’s plan B. Take a different flight and book a separate hotel room. Boom, it’s that easy. She’s a smart woman, she’ll understand. What a double blessing, a sister who’s like a best friend. It doesn’t get much better than that.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jazz on the Avenue at City Hall Park featuring Charles and Gwen Scales

When: August 5th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Where: City Hall Park, 13615 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
Cost: Free

8/7, **Sounds in Downtown**
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Romulus

American Idol Live
When: August 7th at 8:00 PM
Where: Sound Board at Motor City Casino
Cost: \$64, \$44, \$39

Dearborn Homecoming
When: Aug 7th to Aug 9th
Where: Ford Field, Cherry Hill Street, Dearborn
Cost: FREE

Charles H. Wright Museum

of African American History Ford Free Second Sunday
When: August 9th, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Where: The Wright Museum
Cost: FREE admission to the museum courtesy of Ford Motor Company

Westland Blues, Brews and BBQ
When: Aug 13th to Aug16th
Where: Westland Farmers and Artisans Market

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When: August 15th at 8:00 PM
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The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History Presents the 33rd Annual African World Festival: Shining As We Rise



FREE Weekend Festival Taking Place August 14-16, 2015

- AWF is The Wright Museum's 4th Celebratory Event Recognizing its 50th Anniversary
- Live Entertainment from Julian Marley, The Clark Sisters & Soweta Street Beat

DETROIT, MI – August 4, 2015: The Charles H. Wright Museum of African History is proud to present the 33rd Annual African World Festival (AWF), celebrating 50 years of The Wright Museum. AWF is Detroit's largest ethnic festival, attracting over 150,000 visitors annually. This year's festival will take place on the grounds of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History located in Midtown Detroit's Cultural Center, Friday, August 14, Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, 2015. Hours are 4 PM to 11 PM Friday, and 11 AM – 11 PM Saturday and Sunday.

Beginning in 1983, AWF presents an assortment of art, music and history to local, national and international audiences. The 33-year-old festival is a celebration of the richness, diversity and worldwide influence of African culture through performances, cuisine and fashion. AWF is The Wright Museum's most comprehensive cultural and educational community outreach event.

This year's festival, themed Shining As We Rise, is sponsored by Ford Motor Company, Heritage Works, Pepsi, United Auto Workers (UAW), Michigan State University Detroit Center, Whole Foods, WMXD and WJLB.

FREE and open to the public, AWF features three days of family activities, live entertain-

ment and the Fantastically Fun Children's Book Fair, where every child can go home with a free book, courtesy of The Knight Foundation. Additional highlights include craft vendors, Watoto Children's Village & Generation NEXT Kingdom, an array of ethnic cuisine, and much more!

Performances will include local, national, and international artists - which means non-stop entertainment throughout the weekend. The main stage will feature various styles of music including traditional African, neo-soul, world music, gospel and rhythm & blues. This year's entertainment highlights include The Clark Sisters presented by Greater Emmanuel Institutional C.O.G.I.C. (Saturday, August 15 at 6 PM), Detroit Rocks

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mickey Durham a senior citizen of Romulus. This past weekend she won seven medals in the Downriver Senior Olympics.



AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 12, 2015

ARIES

Harmonious communications are part of your charm, and you'll get far this week by speaking your word in an easy-going way. You'll find that your domestic arrangements are very comfortable to you.
Soul Affirmation: I let my words reveal the not-so-hidden truth about my being.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 4, 12

TAURUS

This week is a good week to get in touch with your emotional self. You will respond well to what people close to you will ask from you. Your loved ones will appreciate your kindness when they find out how highly sensitive you are to their needs.
Soul Affirmation: My life itself is my greatest creation.
Lucky Numbers: 8, 19, 54

GEMINI

You know what you want and you have the ability to make it happen. Step into action at work this week and you will get a lot done. You can get what you want without being too demanding. Enjoy the time you have with your family. True rewards come from those who are related to you by blood.
Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.
Lucky Numbers: 2, 4, 6

CANCER

Live this week with an adventurer's spirit. Trade in the comfortable for the exciting; the reliable for intriguing; the familiar for the new. Perhaps a change of scenery will get you started. You will rediscover feelings that you have denied yourself for a while
Soul Affirmation: Communication is a skeleton key that fits many doors.
Lucky Numbers: 10, 12, 13

LEO

If you've just made a power move in your work life or love life, you couldn't have timed it any better. There will be a new level of appreciation and admiration for your leadership and forcefulness.
Soul Affirmation: I work hard to combat envy this week.
Lucky Numbers: 15, 30, 34

VIRGO

You've made your point. Now wait. Wait for the feedback about the impact it had on the people around you. Be careful of those who don't celebrate with you. They feel the impact and are resisting the positive effects.
Soul Affirmation: Before goodness can come I must expect goodness.
Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 23

LIBRA

June 19 – August 14, Be sharp! All of your needs will be met in indirect ways. Gifts

will come from unexpected sources. They will be carefully packaged to go unnoticed. Unwrap everything and look inside. There will be empty boxes, but there will also be a prize in an unanticipated situation.
Soul Affirmation: I look for the good in all that comes to me this week.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 41

SCORPIO

Don't respond to situations in a hasty manner this week. Your impulsive side is strong. Suppress it. Play a game called self-control. You know that this is the kind of game that you can win easily. Smile as you play at not being emotionally affected by an important matter, and eventually you'll really won't be emotionally affected.
Soul Affirmation: I give my mind a holiday again this week.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 28, 50

SAGITTARIUS

Offer to help someone in your office who is struggling with a difficult project that you have mastered in the past. There will be several birthday celebrations that you are invited to. Attend them all! Celebrate!
Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.
Lucky Numbers: 12, 19, 22

CAPRICORN


Think of who you like to have fun with. Give them a call. Plan something that diverts you from your unexciting tasks. Spend some money. Find a place that jumps. Jump with it. Flirt. Even serious people flirt once in a while, especially if you've worked your buns off all week.
Soul Affirmation: The true path is mapped out by my impulses.
Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 27

AQUARIUS

You're likely to experience a blast from the past. An acquaintance will meet up with you again. Don't be shy in establishing a more solid friendship this time. It could lead to something important professionally or personally. Love sometimes works better the second time around.
Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.
Lucky Numbers: 16, 17, 20

PISCES

Who are the people who are empowered to assist you? The material objective you are focused on right now is very doable. All you need is some assistance. Ask for it. It's coming soon.
Soul Affirmation: I let positive emotions carry me through the week.
Lucky Numbers: 33, 37, 42



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Darnell Hearst - Romulus

By: Chasidy Hall - Telegram Newspaper Intern



Darnell Hearst doing what he loved - working as a fire fighter

In the latest issue of the "What's in a Name?" Community Series this is a part 2 edition of 'Hearst Avenue', which is located in Romulus, MI. This week we honor Darnell Hearst who is the grandson of Joel Hearst. Darnell Hearst is a retired firefighter for the city of Romulus, MI where he served for 15 years. Darnell Hearst used to work in General Motors for 33 years. Out of the two career opportunities, he had a passion for being a firefighter more than anything. "I miss the fire department now. I miss the action. They had a bad accident on I-94 where a truck was hanging over the rail. I miss all that. I also helped deliver two babies while on duty" said Mr. Hearst.

In addition to his contributions in the field, he has a number of volunteer experiences in the community. Starting in kindergarten through sixth grade, he helped his mother who was a janitor, clean at Beverly school. "I used to work

with my mother at the school, cleaning up, mopping, and dusting" said Hearst. Starting in the 11th grade, Hearst used to coach girls softball at Romulus Community School from 1974 to 1990. He coached a variety of different grades that were all on the same team. "We were a pretty good team. We won five championships from different classes and years. We were a class B and C team; All teams were top of the line. We were young but we learned how to play as a team".

He is also currently the director for the Thomas J. Coleman Center, on Beverly Road which is formerly known as the American Progressive Association. The building's purpose is to help serve the neighborhood and offer work opportunity for people in the community. The center provides a work program for high school students that allows

them to receive academic credit by participating in community service activities. In addition, it allows at risk youth to accomplish their work hours instead of serving time in a Juvenile Center. The Thomas J. Coleman center will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year and it is in the process of being remodeled. Hearst and the members of the committee built a new pavilion, roof, repainted the inside and they have planted beautiful gardens near the center. The city of Romulus has helped with the remodeling by providing grants.

Darnell Hearst was born on September 16, 1956 in Detroit, MI to parents James and Lois Hearst who are currently living. He was raised and lives in the city of Romulus, MI. Hearst attended Romulus High and graduated in 1975. He got married to his wife Sandra D. Hearst in 1988. They went on to have four children, Yolanda, Delores, Antonice and Devon Hearst.

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