



www.telegramnews.net

A GOOD EDUCATION IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING

Volume 71 Number 17

www.telegramnews.net

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2014



TELEGRAM

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF SERVING DETROIT AND THE DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY*

New Western Wayne NAACP Officers take Oath of Office Ready to serve

By: Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett speaking at NAACP meeting

The Western Wayne NAACP concluded its final general membership meeting of the year with a swearing in of new officers for 2015. Eight members were instated into various positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. During the meeting, President Walter L. Starghill Jr. commended the Western Wayne branch for its tireless work leading up to this year's

midterm elections. From voter registration efforts to the promotion of relevant local candidates, members certainly made significant contributions to the community over the past several months. But with social unrest and racial tensions recently arising across the country as a result of unarmed African-American men dying at the hands of local law enforcement, Starghill maintains that

NAACP- Page 8A

Ecorse School District is “Continuing Greatness” Celebrates its 100th Anniversary

By: Gina Steward - Publisher



Supt. Thomas Parker recognized the members of the Ecorse School Board

Alumni from all classes from Ecorse High School came out for the big celebration on Saturday, December 6, 2014. An evening that showed a century of history that took place in 48229. There were current students in attendance, recent graduates and graduates from as far back as 1935. The new

principals of the school district presented a banner to the school that included the graduation programs that dated back to 1934. It was complete with the names of each graduate. The current Superintendent, Thomas Parker said, “Never have I been to a city that car-

ries so much pride in its people, its children and its school. The City and the school district are one.” The current Mayor, Lamar Tidwell, who is a graduate of Ecorse High was a part of the video presentation and shared how his time on the Ecorse football and basketball

Ecorse - Page 9A

Detroit stands taller, stronger as city exits bankruptcy today

Emergency manager relinquishing final responsibilities,
city receivership ends



Gov. Rick Snyder



Mayor Mike Duggan



Kevyn Orr

DETROIT-Today, Detroit's financial emergency is ending and a stronger city has emerged, Gov. Rick Snyder said, accepting the determination from Emer-

gency Manager Kevyn Orr that his work will be completed and signaling the city can exit bankruptcy on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Detroit Mayor Mike

Duggan and city leaders said they are building upon Detroit's solid financial foundation and guiding a renewed city. Duggan and the council

Bankruptcy- Page 6A

Giving Circle Church helps people stay warm



Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton donated 18 quilts to Starfish families for the holidays.

Informing * Educating * Empowering * Uplifting

How to Plan for Your Child's College Education



(StatePoint) Planning for life's major financial hurdles is critical and when it comes to college, a plan can have a dramatic influence on how families are able to finance a degree.

That said, only 38 percent of American families today have developed a plan to pay for college, according to the 2014 "How America Pays for College" report by Sallie Mae and Ipsos. What's more, only 40 percent of American families with college aspirations have a contingency plan in case of an unexpected event, which one-third of families typically encounter.

For many families, creating a financial plan or even starting to save for college can be daunting. But those who do strategize a plan statistically

borrow less, making it especially critical for families who have, or will have, two or three kids attending college at the same time.

Luckily, many resources are available to help demystify the process, and they're free.

For instance, many high schools have a career center and guidance counselors who can offer information about specific schools and scholarship opportunities.

Online tools can also prove a valuable resource. For example, Sallie Mae has launched a suite of new, user-friendly tools, including a College Planning Calculator where families can create a customized plan to pay for college, as well as a scholarship database with more than \$18 billion in com-

bined scholarships. These tools are on the company's new "plan for college" section of its website at Salliemae.com/planforcollege.

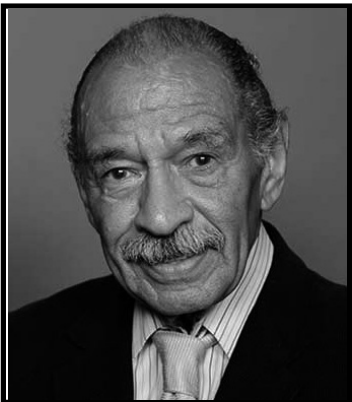
Mobile resources, such as the new app "College Ahead," are specifically designed to help college bound students take the next step, providing an interactive roadmap for saving and planning for college.

Lastly, families should consider applying for federal student aid on an annual basis, no matter what their financial status. To fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), visit www.FAFSA.ed.gov.

It's never too early or too late to start saving or planning for college. With 98 percent of families agreeing that college is a worthy investment, as much planning as possible can set families on the path to success.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

Congressman Conyers Urges Michigan Businesses To Learn More



DETROIT- The U.S. Department of Labor has granted the state of Michigan \$2,840,535 in federal funding to support implementation and promotion of the new short-time compensation (STC) program.

The STC program, commonly known as "work-sharing," prevents layoffs by allowing employers to reduce employees' hours as an alternative to layoffs during an economic downturn. Under the STC program, workers affected by reduced hours have their wages supplemented by a percentage of the weekly unemployment compensation that they would have received had they been laid off. The program gives businesses the crucial ability to retain skilled employees at reduced hours during tough economic times, allowing them to simply restore employee hours when demand improves which significantly reduces the high cost to employers of conducting layoffs and re-hiring.

"As an early supporter of work-sharing here in the United States, I am very pleased that Michigan has received federal resources to bolster this important program," said Rep. John Conyers, who is a founder and chair of the Congressional Full Em-

ployment Caucus. "Work-sharing is win for all invested parties: workers remain employed and get to keep their health and retirement benefits, while employers can retain skilled workers that are integral to the success of their businesses. Entire communities benefit when lives are not disrupted unnecessarily by the scourge of unemployment."

The federal funding resources were made available through the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, which included language taken directly from the Layoff Prevention Act (H.R. 2421) that was co-sponsored by Rep. Conyers and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-03) in July 2011.

States have until the end of this year to apply for federal resources to implement the STC program. To address this looming deadline, Reps. Conyers and DeLauro again joined forces to co-sponsor H.R. 5583, the Layoff Prevention Extension Act of 2014, which will give states an additional year to make their STC programs eligible for federal support. Both members plan to reintroduce the Layoff Prevention Extension Act in the 114th Congress.

Several U.S. states and countries with STC programs have seen significant economic results. In Rhode Island, work-sharing prevented more than 13,000 layoffs between 2007 and 2010 – the height of the Great Recession. Countries such as Germany and Japan have reduced levels of unemployment by as much as 1% through work-sharing programs.

**You have the power.
Now use it!
Shop in your community**

**Look for your copy of the
TELEGRAM
NEWSPAPER**

in: *Dearborn Hts, Delray, Detroit, Ecorse, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne, Westland and Wyandotte*

or stop by the Office located at
10748 W. Jefferson in River Rouge

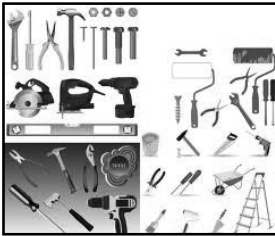
**For more info - Call
(313) 928-2955**

Celebrate the holiday season with the Ecorse Public Library

Free pictures taken with Santa
Date: December 13, 2014
Time: 11 a.m-1p.m
Ecorse Public Library
4184 W. Jefferson Ave
Ecorse, MI 48229

BRAZILL CONSTRUCTION

Residential - Commercial Carpentry-Roofing-Ceramic Tile -Kitchens - Plastering Windows



Marvin Brazill
(313) 388-1052
(313) 706-7052 cell

TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER

*Informing * Educating * Empowering * Uplighting*

10748 W. Jefferson Ave River Rouge, MI 48218
Phone: (313) 928-2955 Fax: (313) 928-3014

Email: telegram@telegramnews.net
Website: www.telegramnews.net

Gina C. Wilson Steward Publisher
JC Wall Founder

Serving Detroit and the Downriver Community for 70 years

TELEGRAM

Serving Detroit and the Downriver Community Since 1944

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
For the Cities of River Rouge & Ecorse
ADJUDICATED for the city of Inkster
SERVING
DEARBORN HEIGHTS, DELRAY, DETROIT, ECORSE, INKSTER, LINCOLN PARK, MELVINDALE, RIVER ROUGE, ROMULUS, TAYLOR, WAYNE, WESTLAND AND WYANDOTTE

Published weekly on Thursday by Telegram Newspaper, Inc.

P.O. Box 29085 • River Rouge, MI 48218
General Office • 10748 W. Jefferson Ave.
Phone (313) 928-2955 Fax (313) 928-3014
Email: telegram@telegramnews.net
Website: telegramnews.net

SUBSCRIPTION RATE
Home or Business Delivery 6 months - \$15.00 1 year- \$26.00
6 months 1st class mail \$40.00 1 year 1st class mail \$65.00

DEADLINE
All news item and advertising copy submitted for publication on Thursday must be at the office of The Telegram no later than 4:00pm on Friday.

MEMBERSHIPS



Michigan Minority Press Association

National Newspaper Publishers Association

Yes, Marching Still Makes a Difference

By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. - NNPA Columnist



“Hands Up, Don’t Shoot”
“No Justice, No Peace,”
“I Can’t Breathe”
“Black Lives Matter”

Those are the chants and hand-written signs that continue to characterize marches, die-ins, sit-ins and other non-violent actions in more than 50 cities across the nation in response to grand jury decisions in Missouri and New York not to indict White police officers for killing unarmed African Americans. As always, there are detractors who argue that civil rights marches, while helpful in the past, are passe in an era of a Black family occupying the White House. They are wrong. And if they had studied history, they would know it. Every inch of progress toward racial justice and equality in America has only come as a consequence of organized public protest and struggle. Each march had goals that went beyond marching for the sake of marching. The Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965, and Fair Housing Act of 1968, as well as all the subsequent racial justice laws were only established after a protracted period of civil rights demonstrations and protest. It is noteworthy that today a growing number of young people are not only marching, but assuming leadership roles in the mass marches in support of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, and Romain Brisbon. From Boston to Los Angeles, Miami to Phoenix, from Chicago to New York City, from Washington, D.C. to Atlanta, and from St. Louis to Pittsburgh people are demanding equal justice. People are protesting excessive use of deadly force and police brutality. And the movement is growing. On Saturday, December 13, there will be another “March on Washington, D.C.” This time, it will be called the “National March against Police Brutality” and will demand equal justice

and federal intervention to halt the senseless killing of unarmed Blacks and other people of color. It will be co-sponsored by a coalition of civil rights organizations and union and trade associations. The coalition includes the National Action Network, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Urban League, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the Institute for Policy Studies, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and the Hip-Hop Caucus. The goal of the march will be to seek additional protection from Congress and the Department of Justice (DOJ). We want the DOJ to deploy federal special prosecutors to take over cases of Black Americans being killed by police officers. We should work with members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) to craft the appropriate legislation and remedies that should be adopted into law. The issues of racial profiling, police use of deadly force, prosecutorial misconduct, inadequate police training, video cameras on police officers, and grand jury injustice all are matters that require systemic change. Yes marching does make a difference in particular if it leads to both a change in how laws are established and enforced with transparency and equal justice. In his book, Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. warned, “The persistence of racism in depth and the dawning awareness that Negro demands will necessitate structural changes in society have generated a new phase of white resistance in North and South.” It is ironic, although some will say it is providential, that 47 years after Dr. King’s prophetic words, the persistence of racism in America continues with a majority of White Americans living in what Rev. Joe Lowery calls the 51st state – the state of denial. Yet, younger Americans – Black, White, Latino, Asian, and Native – are jointly protesting racially-motivated police killings. I agree that attaining equal justice today requires more marches and demonstrations. But, as always, they represent a great start.

Trying to fix Ferguson

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Ferguson, Missouri, seems to be what everyone is talking about these days, the black youth are afraid of the police, especially if the officer is white.

News reports keep saying “a black teen shot and killed by a white police officer”.

Now I should say that I thought that Officer Wilson should have been brought up on charges, but my opinion has been distorted by the evening newscasts, and the over the air networks tend to lean more to the left.

But the riots, they serve no good, these are people that just want to cause trouble and steal from the stores, some from as far away as Chicago. Look how long it has taken Detroit to come back after the 67roits, some 40 years.

Then you have the race baiters like Al Sharpton that keep stirring the pot.

Those of us who are actually color blind just keep shaking our heads in disbelief.

I will say this, the Ferguson Police Department needs more African-American police officers to even up with the populace.

I just wonder if it's the of the skin or the color of the uniform that the city has a problem with?

COUNCIL CORNER

Statement by Detroit City Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López on House Bill 5977



equipped to determine the economic needs of their communities. HB 5977 would undermine these effort by creating a blanket policy. HB 5977’s attempt to create economic uniformity throughout the State is short sighted and will be detrimental to Michigan’s economy. One size rarely fits all.’ Furthermore, every local government has the right to regulate development. Developments that receive public subsidies are receiving a public benefit and thereby have a responsibility to return the public benefit in some shape or form. Local hiring and contracting preferences have a positive impact on our economy and quality of life.

Restrictive policies such as HB 5977 do not attract businesses or residents to our state or cities.

Not allowing municipalities to determine how they make deals is bad for the state, bad for business and bad for residents.

I want Detroit to succeed, I want Jackson to succeed. As a state, we should want all cities to prosper. That cannot happen if local governments’ability to govern and act in the best interests of their economies and residents is restricted.

I strongly oppose House Bill 5977 as it strips local municipalities of their right to home rule, contradicts the Michigan constitution and places an unfair hindrance on the economy and people of Michigan.”The State is prohibiting local City governments from passing vital laws and ordinances regarding their municipal concerns.

In addition, HB 5977 undermines efforts to grow Michigan’s economy by prohibiting local municipalities from requiring the use of Michigan based companies. It further weakens our economy by placing restrictions on local governments ability to negotiate wages and employee benefits. As stated in the legislative analysis of the bill, every development or redevelopment of properties in municipalities is critical to the economic success of those municipalities. HB 5977 would strip a local government of their right to ensure that these developments benefit their local economies and residents.

Local governments are better



LOZON  HARDWARE

FULL SERVICE HARDWARD & BUILDER’S SUPPLY

Computerized Paint matching * Screen & Window Repair * Keys Cut * Masonry Suppliers * Blocks * Bricks * Steps

Fast Delivery Service

10563 W. Jefferson Ave River Rouge

Letter Policy

The Telegram encourages letters from all readers. Submissions must include the writer’s name, address and signature and phone number. Only the name will be published. Send your letters to:



Letters to the Editor
Telegram News
10748 W. Jefferson Ave.,
River Rouge, MI 48218 or
telegram@telegramnews.net

Letters published in the Telegram does not neccessary reflect the views and opinions of the Telegram.

Zenith Lunch

Breakfast * Lunch & Dinner

2 + 2+ 2 Breakfast Specials

11295 W. Jefferson Ave. River Rouge
(313) 849-0833

Your Friendly Family Restaurant

"Come With Us We Will Do You Good"



Danzy Insurance Agency

(Locally owned & operated)

6726 Metroplex Rd
Romulus, MI 48174
734-895-1761
Gdanzy@farmersagent.com

Tis the Season

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



It's December and 'tis the season for many things. Foremost, we reflect on the celebration of the birth of our Savior, the King of Kings! Shopping, family gatherings, reflecting on the year past, anticipating a new year and dreams to conquer and improve ourselves are among the things that occupy our minds in December.

My son wanted to understand Christmas. I explained to him: "We are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Conceived by a virgin, born in Bethlehem in a manger. Even though He was worthy of a grand fabulous palace birth, Jesus was delivered in a place where animals were kept. It was not the most desirable place, but it was chosen for Him. He was quickly recognized as a King because shepherds brought gifts to celebrate His birth: gold, incense and myrrh. Just as well, He was quickly recognized as a threat to evil rulers, because King Herod wanted the newborn Christ dead and put out a hit on all boys under age two. Consequently, Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, fled with Him to Egypt.

Jesus survived all that up until the day He surrendered at the crucifixion. We celebrate His birth because He came to earth to redeem us as explained in John 3:16."

"Jesus was not born on December 25th per se. I've heard October and I've heard possibly April, but December 25th is just the day chosen to have His party. Even though the party has become more about 'us', it really should be about 'HIM' and what we give 'HIM' and being thankful for His arrival. But I guess giving to each other in love is like giving to HIM because He did say that what we do to others we do to Him. I could very well be argued that we've gone overboard with commercialism." That pretty much sums it up.

The hustle and bustle of shopping and finding the best deal can easily consume us. Arguments over whether we should call it Christmas vs. X-Mas or Merry Christmas vs. Happy Holiday (or Season Greetings) can quickly distract our thoughts and make contention rise. Wondering if our gift-giving is sufficient, we can beat ourselves up needlessly.

Failure of others to meet our expectations, going over budget, past due bills, misbehaving children, crazy exes, miscellaneous drama can beset us and occupy precious thought life. For some, this is what the season has evolved into. Although it is good for business, the economy and retailers, many people have mixed emotions during this time. Painful reminders of loss and what used to be often take away from the joy once experienced at this time.

While it is good to reflect on the Savior and enjoy precious family time, let us also think positively about what lies ahead as a new year approaches. Don't let busyness, problems, or anything else cause you to neglect planning for 2014. Failing to plan is like planning to fail. Experience some success in 2014. Tis the season for many things. Reflect on the reason for the season, which is acknowledgment of Christ's birth. Cherish loved ones, break bread, pray, envision, write it down and plan for success in the new year!

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

Community AME

4010 17th St,
Ecorse, MI
313-386-4340



Rev. William D. Phillips,
Pastor

Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Wed Bible Class 6pm

*"Empowered by the living
Word" Matt 4:4*

BIBLE VERSE

Isaiah 9:6 -
For unto us a child is
born, unto us a son is
given: and the govern-
ment shall be upon his
shoulder: and his
name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The
everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ECORSE
3837-15th ECORSE , MI

PASTOR'S CHORUS PARTNERS IN PRAISE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

THEME::

"Amazed By His Grace" 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 4:00 P.M.

SPECIAL GUEST:

KENNETH ALEXANDER ... Organist
Evangelist KIMBERLY WHITSETT ... MC
PRESIDENT - VERA OWENS
DIRECTRESS - LINDA PARKER
ORGANIST - GEORGE FOWLER
PASTOR - Rev. Alfred L. Davis Jr.

Jehovah Jireh Ministries

Mercy House 15 E. Charlotte Ecorse 313-282-9508

Sunday- Fulfillment Hour 10am Worship 11am & 6pm

Monday -Bible Study 7pm

Wednesday - Prayer and Praise 7pm

Rev. Everett Thomas Pastor

*"Transforming Lives Spirit, Soul and Body
We proclaim Jesus is Savior and Lord!"*

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

"Where The Will of God Will Be Done" {Mark 14:36}

Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth, Pastor

29066 Eton Street

Westland 48186

Office: 734.721.2557 Fax: 734.721.1383

Sunday Morning Worship Services 8am & 10am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm

Email: gethsemane02.org

St. James United
Methodist Church
30055 Annapolis Rd.
Westland



Sunday School
9:30 am

Worship Service
10:30 am

Bible Study Wednesday
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Rev. Willie F. Smith -
Pastor

734-729-1737

stjamesumewestland

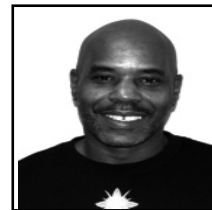
@att.net

stjamesumcwestland.org

Runner For Christ Ministries

Church of the Resurrection

27085 W. Outer Dr. Ecorse



Sunday School 8:30am
Sunday Worship 9:30am

Prayer & Bible Class
Thursday 5:30 PM

Pastor Gerald Overall
313-381-9303

rfrm@comcast.net or
www.rfrm.org

Face to Face International Outreach Ministries

Sunday Morning Service
10am - 12 noon
313-477-6710



Building people of purpose, power and praise.

Bishop Walter L. Starghill Sr. -Pastor

Ecorse Seventh-day Adventist Church

3834 10th St
Ecorse, MI 48229-1617
(Corner of 10th & Francis Streets)
Dr. Errol Liverpool, Pastor

Sabbath School (Saturday) 9:15 a.m.
Sabbath Worship Service (Saturday) 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m.

Community Services Food Distribution
Every third Wednesday
9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 35625 VINEWOOD ROMULUS

Phone: (734) 728-1390 Email: thepen@sbcglobal.net
website: www.pentecostmbc.org

Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Sr. Pastor



Growing Forward

SERVICES

Sunday School - 9:30am

Sunday Morning Service - 11:00am

Wednesday Prayer 6:00pm Bible Study - 6:30pm

*Let's worship together down here so
we can live together up there*

The joy Christmas brings...

glows like the lights on a tree.
It's like a beacon, shining so
bright the entire family can feel it.

We sincerely hope you have a
happy holiday season, filled with
joy, from our family to yours.

Stinson
FUNERAL HOMES

Two Locations to Service You:

Stinson Chapel 16540 Meyers (313) 863-7300
Stinson-Diggs Chapel 1939 S. Fort St. (313) 386-8200

www.stinsonfuneralhomes.com



DEATH NOTICES



PEAOLA RHEA
Oct. 31,1948 - Nov. 16, 2014

Penny graduated from Robichaud High School in 1966. Penny has always been a "doer" and a lover of music. Her involvement with her family and friends was untiring and always unselfish. She dedicated her life to her children, grandchildren, family and friends.

Peola leaves to cherish her memories; a daughter Kristine Rhea-Robertson (Marvin); sons, Tyrone Rhea, Orlando Rhea (Nicole) and Nikolas Rhea; stepson, Lavell Williams (Stephanie); stepdaughter, Nicole Williams (Gerald); sisters, Sandra Rogers, Caroline Adams; one brother, James Rhea; 11 grandchildren and a host of family and friends. **Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.com)**



HARLIN THOMAS
Jan. 10, 1933 - Nov. 16, 2014

Harlin Thomas was born in Logan, WV on January 10, 1933. He worked as a manager at Riverside Ford Dealership for 20 years.

He married Iona Thomas. From this union was one son, Shawn H. Thomas. Harlin was such a loving husband and father. He was a kind and beautiful person. He loved everyone.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife of 30 years; children: Mon-ephia Givens (William), Michael Thomas (Thelma), Theresa Ford, Jeannie Miles (Calvin), Regina Jones (Robert), and Shawn H. Thomas; 14 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. **Final arrangements were entrusted**

to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.com)



ETTA DOREEN KNOX YOUNG
Nov. 7, 1924 - Nov. 19, 2014

Etta Doreen Knox Young was born on November 7 in Ann Arbor, Michigan and she graduated from Ecorse High School in 1943. In 1960, she met William Young and they married on June 26, 1965.

Doreen loved life and lived it to the fullest doing the things she enjoyed the most. She was a member of the Romulus Senior Citizen's Club and occasionally enjoyed lunches, special outings, and celebrating birthdays with her friends and associates. Doreen is survived by her son Cedric III (Freda); her daughters Maryetta (John) and Gwendolyn (Lyall); her daughter-in-law Emily; her brother Richard; 13 grandchildren and their spouses, 25 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson, as well as a host of extended family and friends. **Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.com)**



STANLEY HARRIS
Jan. 26, 1947 - Nov. 20, 2014

Stanley Harris "Papa" was born January 26, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan and was educated in the Detroit Public School system.

On November 12, 1966 he was joined in holy matrimony to Alexandria Harris who preceded him in death. If you knew Stanley you knew he loved his music, loved to crack jokes, and always hid his love for you through his sarcasm. Stanley was a big man, with a great heart, and a big smile to match.

He leaves to rejoice in his loving memory; his daughter, Susan Mel-one; grandchildren: Angela Mel-

one (Alvin), and DeAngelo Mel-one; great grandchildren: Andrew and Tamara Griffin; a brother Jefferson III, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and wonderful caregivers. **Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.com)**



MAE H. REED
Jan. 23, 1934 - Dec. 2, 2014

Mae Reed was born in PariTexas. She married Jake Reed in Greenville, Texan and moved to Detroit in 1952. Mae leaves to mourn her passing; son, Vaughn, Sr; daughter-in-law, Belinda, sisters, Jean, Pat and Carolyn, granddaughters, godson Richard and 13 great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends. **Final services were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home.**



CHANA KAYE RAGAN
Jan. 18, 1961 - Nov.

CHANA KAYE RAGAN was born in River Rouge. On October 7, 1982 Chana wed her childhood sweetheart Jay Carver Ragan, Jr. For Chana, family was her greatest love and source of happiness. She especially bonded with children finding time to create treasured memories. Her excitement at the birth of their grandchildren can never fully be expressed --- she was overjoyed! In her professional career Chana excelled as an Auditor taking great pride in her work. She was determined to help others succeed and lived by a simple creed, "everybody deserves a second chance". She graduated from William Carey University with a B.A. in Accounting in 1998. Chana leaves to cherish her memory a devoted husband of 32 years: Jay Carver, Jr.; three children: Jay (Latoya) Carver III, Michael Joe and Chanta LaKay; four grandchildren: Jaslyn Camille, Aubrie Michaela, Jaleah Corrine and Vernon DaShawn Marshall III; nine siblings: Marva Ross, Joe (Charlotte), Van, Renita (Willie) Finley, Joette, LaRoyce, Trent (Patsy), Brent (deceased) and Christie Johnson; four sisters-in-law: Stephanie Walker, Sherry, Bettina, Leslie and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

As we tell "HIStory" Female Soloist for the role of Mary. Male Soloist for the role of John The Baptist and the Prodigal Son. Female Liturgical Dancers. Those who love to sing. Narrator and Musician Performance Date: March 7, 2015 Performance Place: Faith Christian Assembly Melvindale, MI Performance Time: 5:00p.m For more details please contact: Brother Tyrone Loving (313) 791-7510

TAKE YOUR KIDS TO CHURCH

United Church of Faith

6064 Fourth St
Romulus



Sunday Worship
11:30am

Bible Classes
Tues & Wed-6:00 PM

Rev Mark R.
Zockheem, Pastor
(734) 765-5335
Welcome Home!



Rev. Dr. Alford
D. Sample

II Timothy 2:25
Study to show thyself
approved unto God;

St. Marks

Missionary Baptist Church

3860 Inkster Rd, Inkster * 313-792-9789

Services:
Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship/Youth Church 11:00 am
Bible Class/Youth Church 6:30 pm
Bus Pickup Available



Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

3936 12th Street Ecorse, MI 48229
CHURCH PHONE # (313) 383-1069 FAX: (313) 383-2842

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays:
Early Morning Worship7:30 a.m.
Church School at Study9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship10:50 a.m.
First Sunday: Baptism & Communion Service.....10:30 a.m.
Mid-Week:
Tuesdays- Bible Class9:00a.m. & 6:00p.m.
Wednesday - Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
CORPORATE PRAYER
Sun 6am Mon-Tues 5pm Wed 6pm

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light into my path."
- Psalms 119:105
ALL ARE WELCOME

List your church in the
TELEGRAM-
Church
Directory



Call
313-928-2955

Church
Announcements
and
pastor columns
are
included.

Love Joy
Missionary Baptist
Church

332 Polk street
River Rouge, MI 48218

SERVICES:

Sunday School - 9:30 AM Sun-
day Worship -11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer & Bible
Class - 6:30 PM

Rev Darryl Bynum, Pastor
Phone: 313 516-2482 -
Email:
Pastordbynum@yahoo.com

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

4411 5th Street Ecorse
313-382-8577

Rev. Marcus Johnson
Pastor

Sunday Morning
Service - 11:00am
Everyone is welcome

BUSEN APPLIANCE

2323 Fort St, Lincoln Park 313.381.4575



Used Washer & Dryers

90 Day Warranty
Delivery Available

Parts & Service for all brands

Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy from Page 1A

regained full powers to run the city in September, but Orr remained as emergency manager until the city exits bankruptcy later today.

Orr informed Snyder and state Treasurer Kevin Clinton that he relinquishes his position today, which will be the effective date of the court-approved plan of adjustment and the closings of a series of settlement agreements. Orr also recommended the city's receivership pursuant to Public Act 436 of 2012 be terminated.

"Detroit stands taller today," Snyder said. "Our state's largest city has moved through this historic bankruptcy to move toward a brighter future. This was difficult work that required bold leadership and sacrifices from many people, and there is more to do. But we also have watched through this process the people of our state draw closer and stand together in support of Detroit, recognizing that all of Michigan is better when the city thrives."

Snyder authorized the placement of the city into bankruptcy in July 2013 because it could not provide adequate services to its residents or meet its obligations to creditors. Today, the quality of life for the city's 700,000 residents is improving. The response time for police and emergency medical services has dropped dramatically. Work is underway to improve streetlights, trash is being picked up and a plan is in place to remove hundreds of abandoned structures that have blighted neighborhoods.

Detroit also has a firm, sustainable financial foundation, with a two-year budget in place and plans for reinvestment in the city's services and infrastruc-

ture.

Snyder, in his letter accepting Orr's determination, thanked him for his service, "which has been extraordinary and transformative for the city of Detroit and our state as a whole."

The bankruptcy effort was guided by Orr and was supported by a wide variety of community, business and philanthropic leaders in and around the city as well as appreciated sacrifices from hard-working Detroit employees, past and present.

"Reaching the effective date of the plan of adjustment is a milestone, but it also is just one step in a journey," Orr wrote in his letter to Snyder and Clinton. "If the city takes advantage of this unique opportunity to shed the problems of the past and stays on the path that has been blazed in the restructuring, Detroit is poised to grow and thrive for the benefit of its residents and this state for many years to come."

Mayor Mike Duggan said that having Detroit out of bankruptcy, combined with effective partnerships with City Council and in Lansing, will allow the city's recent progress to continue.

"Over the past year we have built a strong management team that is beginning to deliver better city services in a number of areas," Duggan said. "With bankruptcy behind us, our administration's full energy can remain on making city government work for all Detroiters."

City Council President Brenda Jones said Detroit emerges from bankruptcy with a plan to invest in the city and its people.

Ecorse Senior Center Presents "Light Up the City" Contest



The Ecorse Senior Center is presenting its annual "Light Up the City" contest this month.

All homes and businesses are invited to decorate their properties with lights and other embellishments in celebration of the holiday season. Winners will have a chance to win cash

prizes.

Anyone interested in participating can make their submissions by contacting the Senior Center and providing their name, address and phone number to officially enter the competition.

All decorations must be up by

December 15th.

ECORSE SENIOR CENTER
4072 W. Jefferson Avenue
Ecorse, MI 48229
(313) 382-3305

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.



STAY INFORMED
SUBSCRIBE TO THE TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER

TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER

TELEGRAM

Informing * Educating * Empowering * Uplifting

Your Information Resource

PHOTO: [Image of a woman]

Available Every Thursday

Follow Us Telegramnews

Subscriptions Available for Home/Mail Delivery

10748 W. Jefferson Ave
River Rouge, MI 48218
313-928-2955

TELEGRAM

Available Every Thursday

Follow Us Telegramnews

Subscriptions Available for Home/Mail Delivery

10748 W. Jefferson Ave
River Rouge, MI 48218
313-928-2955

AFFORDABLE RENTAL COMMUNITIES FOR SENIORS
ECORSE MANOR CO-OP

CSI Support & Development is a resident/member controlled organization that utilizes a cooperative management system and engages its resident membership in decision-making at every level of its operations.

For 50 years as a mission-driven non-profit, we exist solely to provide the highest quality, affordable housing communities possible for seniors.

CSI SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT
Affordable Rental Communities for Seniors

www.csi.coop
(800) 593-3052
TDD (800) 348-7011

4560 9th St.
Ecorse MI 48229
Please call our leasing office at 313-388-8793 to schedule a tour!

Amenities

- Rent Subsidized
- Secured Entry
- Most utilities Included
- Transportation Available

- On-site Laundry
- Individual Heating & Cooling
- Emergency In Unit Pull Cords
- Utility Allowance

Our resident members benefit from:

- Diversity & Open Membership
- Not-For-Profit Operation

- Democratic Control
- Continuing Education

- Senior Empowerment
- Social Interaction

Positive Changes for Romulus Community Schools in 2014-2015

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Last week members of the Romulus National Honor Society volunteered their time serving the free thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Romulus House restaurant

The past few years have certainly become a test of wills for Romulus Community Schools. Nonetheless, noticeable changes leading up to the 2014-2015 academic year have enabled them to once again come out on top. In addition to being classified as a deficit free district, Romulus officially welcomed a new Superintendent of Schools, Marjie McAnally in July. Overall, the region is making an effort to implement continuous changes that will keep their students on the right path to success.

“Our vision now is to get everything moved in the same direction and on the same page,” McAnally said. “We have a dynamite central office and the best students around. Once the deficit was off of our shoulders, it gave us the opportunity to start thinking about how our

vision can improve, and where we go from there.

The big picture is that we’re aligning our curriculum together with assessments to make sure we’re getting our students where they need to be for college and career. We’re looking for everything to be better, so it’s time to tell the story about Romulus and all of the terrific programs we offer our students.”

As a choice school district and home to over 3,000 students, Romulus offers a variety of options providing kids with important training on real world experiences. For example, “Early College” presents 11th and 12th graders with opportunities to take college level courses through a partnership with Wayne County Community College, earning them an

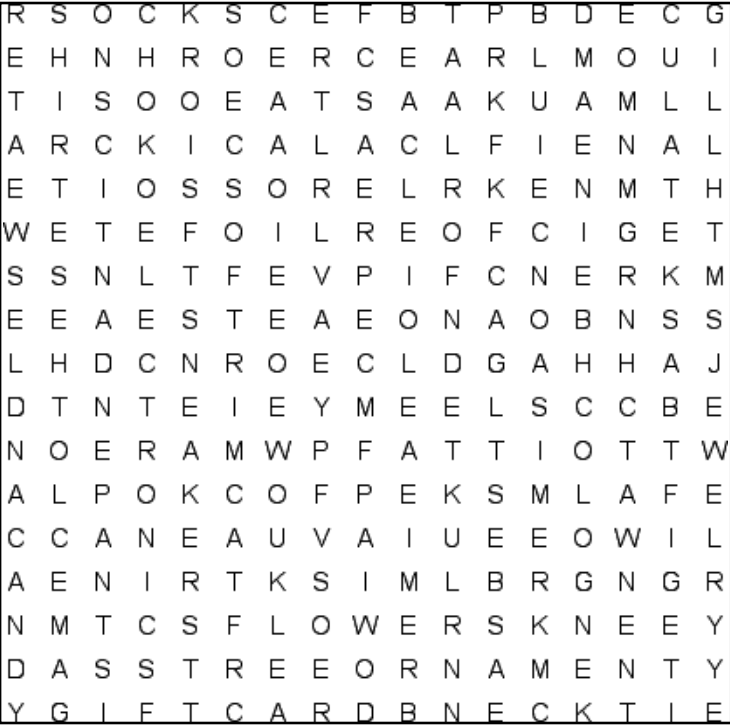
associate’s degree upon the completion of their 13th year. In addition, hands on education can be obtained in culinary arts where students receive instruction from a professional chef, and also operate a restaurant located on school premises allowing them to prepare meals for respective faculty, as well as their fellow peers.

Karensa Smith, newly appointed Director of Grants and Curriculum, maintains that a collective effort is also being made to amend courses and programs so that students matriculating through the district are able to receive the best education possible. New trainings are now offered in NWEA, Academic Vocabulary and formative assessments to fully equip

Romulus School - Page15A

Christmas Gift Ideas

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 13 letters spell an additional Christmas gift idea.



- | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| BAKING | FLOWERS | SCARF |
| BELT | GAME | SHIRT |
| BOOK | GIFT BASKET | SLIPPERS |
| BRACELET | GIFT CARD | SNEAKERS |
| CANDLES | HERBAL TEAS | SOCKS |
| CANDY | JEWELRY | STUFFED ANIMAL |
| CHOCOLATES | MONEY | SWEATER |
| CLOTHES | MOVIE | TELEVISION |
| COFFEE MAKER | MUSIC | TOOL SET |
| COFFEE MUG | NECKLACE | TOY |
| COLOGNE | NECKTIE | TREE ORNAMENT |
| COOKIES | PANTS | WATCH |
| DOLL | PENDANT | WINE |
| EARRINGS | PERFUME | |
| ELECTRONICS | PLANT | |



G AND C VARIABLES

“STRIVING TO BE BETTER”
313-341-6606

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| -PORCHES | -SIDING |
| -ROOFING | -INTERIORS |
| -CEMENT | -MASONRY |
| -CARPENTRY | -AND MORE |

Words of Encouragement

The Challenger

By: Khodr Farhat - Telegram Intern



Challenges are plenty out there. Conflicts are a lot just waiting for us. Difficult time is more than expected to block our path. We have to stand against any challenge. We have to fight so graciously to defeat any conflict. We have to make our best so we could overcome the hard time.

Education is one of the main components. It is very essential. It is one of our life

bedrocks. Knowledge is very powerful! Gaining an analytic understanding is so affective because it leads to better decisions. In order to obtain a great lifestyle, we should stick to our academic goals. We will have more valuable opportunities when we shine and pursue our degrees. Unique doors will be open! Exclusive moments will be made just as a result of our accomplishments.

Nothing is easy! We have to devote a lot of time, effort, and work before we achieve our aim. Battle the fear! Thrive until the last moment! Never back down! Never give up! We don’t notice the importance of education right away. It builds up!

Let us keep in mind one thing! There are students that encounter special hardships and

challenges. They can still conquer the world! They disregard all of the obstructions. They live the bitterness! They have to learn how to operate very exceptional equipments. They have to fulfill their tasks completely differently! They are the true challengers. I am talking about people with disabilities.

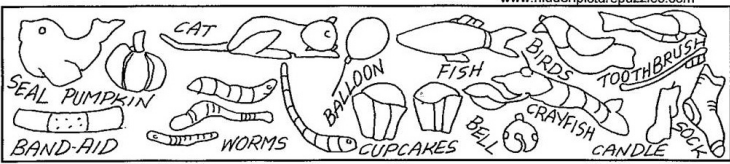
If someone who is overloaded with tons of challenges can make it, then everyone is able to make it! Beat down your hesitation! Enroll in a school and show everybody what you are able to contribute. Make a difference in your life as well as others.

Do not draw any limit! Keep the sky as your endless dream!

Khodr is a student at Henry Ford Community College majoring in Education.

Winter Hidden Pictures

Find all of the hidden pictures that the mice have outside in winter.



NAACP

From Page 1A



Wayne County Clerk, Cathy Garrett (far left) with newly sworn in officers of the NAACP Western Wayne Branch

there is a long road ahead. Overall, the branch must stay diligently active in the continuous fight for social justice in 2015.

"We had a great year in 2014...We're working on building our branch higher to a level that has not been seen before," Starghill said. "We're going to need each of your help to make this branch more vibrant and even stronger. We've got to be to be on the offense, and we have to be a relevant part of the community...I'm excited with great anticipation about what's going to happen with the Western Wayne NAACP."

The gathering continued with updates on current events occurring within area municipalities, followed by a discussion on upcoming business within the organization. Members also brainstormed on different solutions to local concerns ranging from police brutality to criminality, while highlighting the Community Conversations in Crime forum that will take place in Inkster early next year to help young people in regional neighborhoods across the district. Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett was brought in to officially adminis-

ter the swearing in ceremony, but first took a moment for a "State of the County" segment to address issues occurring locally, as well as on a national scale.

"It's been a long year, but I'm looking forward to moving on to new things," she said. "We have to remember where we came from with recent things that have happened in other states, and at Northland in Southfield...it's the same thing...I'm tired and I'm still emotional about it, but I just want our people to wake up... Our ancestors fought all of these years to get us to the

point where we are now. It seems like a lot of people have forgotten..."

With that being said, the Western Wayne Branch welcomed its officers for a new term, carrying with them a renewed motivation to carry on the fight initially started by the NAACP a little more than a century ago.

The officers for the 2015-2017 term are; President - Bishop Walter Starghill Jr., 1st Vice President- Daisy Truss, 2nd Vice President Lisa Martin, 3rd Vice President - Lory Parks, Secretary - Gina Steward, Assistant Secretary - Regina

Hunter, Treasurer - Rev. John Hearn Jr., and Assistant Treasurer - Evelyn Clark. Vicki Dobbins will serve on the Executive Committee.



**HOW MANY
TIMES DOES
YOUR DOLLAR
TRAVEL
AROUND
YOUR
COMMUNITY?**

***You have
the power!!!
Now use it!
Shop in your
community***

STYLES OF FASHION

SHIRTS, TIES & CUFFLINKS
Bring in this Ad for 10% Off
Check out our Holiday Specials



Two Locations

Detroit Location
18461 W. McNichols Detroit - 48219

River Rouge Location
Telegram Business Center
10748 W. Jefferson Ave Suite #204
(313) 310-7813

CANNON'S WAREHOUSE

HOME OF THE \$99.00 SUITS
2707 INKSTER RD. INKSTER, MI 48141
313-277-8000
(ONE BLOCK SOUTH OF MICHIGAN AVE.)
HOURS: MONDAY-SATURDAY 10AM-8PM (OPEN SUNDAYS DURING HOLIDAY SEASON)



BIG SALE



MEN'S SUITS
REGULAR \$179.00
NOW \$99.00

50% OFF DRESS SHIRTS


BOY'S SUIT SPECIAL
3 PIECE SUIT (JACKET, SHIRT, PANTS)
INCLUDES HANKY, TIE, SOCKS, & GARMENT BAG
ONLY \$39.99 AND UP
(SIZE 2T TO BOYS SIZE 20)

MEN'S 2 PIECE SETS PANTS SHIRTS
\$39.95 AND UP



Millennium Laundry



- Same Day Service
- *Washers up to 80 lbs.
- *Drop Off Service
- *Maytag Equipment
- *Commercial Accounts Welcome

Last Load at 9:00pm

969 Southfield Rd

Accepting all Major Credit Cards & EBT

Lincoln Park
(313) 388-5003
Hours: 8am-11pm

Have you visited the Telegram Business Center?

10748 W. Jefferson
River Rouge, MI 48218

Telegram Business Center "Where Dreams come ALIVE"

Call about leasing a space, hosting a seminar or having an event 313-928-2955.

Coop's Casual Wear

Men & Women Clothing
11431 W. Jefferson Ave, River Rouge, MI 48218
Phone: 313-297-6990
LIQUIDATION SALE!!!
Everything price to sale
\$5, \$10 & \$15



Stop in & Shop
Men's Jeans & Tops for the big man
up to 5X

Ecorse

From Page 1A
team were some of his fondest memories.

And then the entertainment began. There is so much talent that has come out of the City of Ecorse. Many of the groups performed as they took a trip down the Musical Lane from 1914 to 2014.

The page is just a small tribute to the Ecorse School District and the residents that came out to celebrate.

The 100th Celebration Gala Committee included Shaunda Miller-Giles, April Ackerman-Miller, Alean Nixon, Supt. Thomas Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem John Miller, Councilman Donald Agee, Kenneth McPaul, Debbie Comer, Derrick Underwood, Carol Salisbury, Johann Ector and Jerome Barlow.



Lions Claw the Buccaneers

By Butch Davis



Detroit Lions Nadamkong Suh is putting the hurt on the Buccaneers
Josh McCown

Photo Taken by Lakiesha Harvey

We will all agree that our home town Detroit Lions are giving us all something to talk about as this season compare to last has got us all in a great holiday spirit. Yes, With a 34-17 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Lions claimed their ninth victory in the season's first 13 games and improved to 9-4. This marks Detroit's best record through 13 games since 1991 (9-4). By starting 9-4, the Lions tied for the fifth-most wins through 13 games in team history, which includes the 1952-54 and 1956 seasons when the Lions only played 12 games. Quarterback Matthew Stafford led the Lions on offense in the team's 34-17 win over Tampa Bay by completing 26-of-34 passes (76.5 pct.) for 311 yards and threw for three

touchdowns. His passer rating of 133.8 was the second-highest tally of his career behind only his 137.6 efforts vs. San Diego December 24, 2011. Stafford garnered his 27th career 300-yard passing game with 311 yards in the air. This was his fourth 300-yard game of the season. He now has registered 300 yards in back-to-back games for the eighth time in his career. However it has been a while that both Stafford and his favorite receiver Calvin Johnson been health at the same time. Johnson caught 8 passes for 158 yards and had one touchdown reception (6 yards). Johnson has now surpassed 150 yards in a game for the 14th time in his career, and he is now tied with WR Randy Moss and WR Isaac

Bruce for the fifth-most 150-yard receiving games in NFL history. Wow!!!

The Lions defense limited the Buccaneers to 233 total yards (26 rushing, 207 passing). It was the seventh time this season; Detroit has held opponents to under 300 yards in a game. With the 233-yard output from Tampa Bay, the Lions are now allowing just 295.7 yards per game. This is the lowest yards per game allowed by the Lions through 13 games since 1993 (280.8). In addition the rush defense has been fantastic again, only allowing just 26 rushing yards to Tampa Bay in the team's 34-17 win. The Lions now have allowed opponents to under 60 yards rushing in six games this season, four times under 50 yards and twice under 30 yards. Again, Wow!!!

Lions Head Coach Jim Caldwell put the game in perspective, as this is what he had to say in his opening statement during post, "I think our guys played a pretty good team game. It certainly wasn't great, it wasn't perfect, the games never are particularly against a team that has the kind of talent they have. That's a talented football team and I think when you look at teams that we play in this league, you've got to throw the record out of the window. They're big, strong and physical up front. I think our offense played with control. Matthew (Stafford) had another really good day and we ran the ball better than we have ran it all year, obviously, in terms of numbers. I think we were over 117 yards, which is the first time we've been over 100 yards, I believe this year. Calvin (Johnson) did his usual. Defensively, one of the big things I think is, coming out of the half, we had a couple of penalties, they took the ball down the field, scored and they had a little momentum, I think. And our defense came out and only allowed them 25 yards, I think, that entire quarter. That really kind of sets the stage for the rest of the game and gave us a chance to get a little bit of a cushion, some breathing room. But no lead is insurmountable in this league, but the guys played well. Special teams were solid as well. We've got a lot of room to improve and we've got to get ready for another tough one next week."

The Lions began their preparation for their game against Minnesota Monday with meetings at the team's practice facility in Allen Park. The Detroit Lions will take on the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday at Ford Field with kickoff slated for 4:25 p.m. ET. The Lions will be looking to win their third straight.

Here is this week's high school Girl's Basketball schedule. The Boys season also starts with a full slate of games being played this weekend.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/11, 6:30 PM
Lutheran Westland at Dearborn Advanced Tech

Basketball (Boys), Varsity, 12/11, 7:00 PM
 Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Dearborn Edsel Ford
 Romulus Summit Academy at Melvindale
 Plymouth at Southgate Anderson

Basketball (Boys), Varsity, 12/11, 7:30 PM
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Detroit Loyola

Basketball (Boys), Varsity, 12/12, 5:30 PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Taylor Trillium

Basketball (Boys), Varsity, 12/12, 7:00 PM
 Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
 Dearborn Divine Child at Lincoln Park
 Detroit Plymouth Educational Center at Taylor Baptist Park
 Dearborn at Wyandotte Roosevelt

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/12, 7:30 PM
Flat Rock at Allen Park Cabrini
John F Kennedy HS at Detroit Catholic Central
Dearborn Henry Ford Academy at Riverview Gabriel Richard

Basketball (Boys), Varsity, 12/12, 8:30 PM
 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Allen Park
 Ann Arbor Huron at Dearborn Henry Ford

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/13, 3:00 PM
River Rouge at Detroit Cass Tech

12/13. 4:30 PM
Romulus at Detroit Pershing

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/13, 7:30 PM
Detroit Western International at Saginaw Arthur Hill

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/12, 4:00 PM
Detroit Western International at Detroit Cass Tech

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/12, 4:30 PM
River Rouge at Highland Park Renaissance Academy

Dearborn Advanced Tech at Dearborn Hts Star International

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/12, 5:30 PM
Detroit University Prep Science & Math at Ecorse

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/11, 6:00 PM
Detroit Cristo Rey at Dearborn Hts Star International
Riverview Gabriel Richard at Southfield Christian

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/11, 7:00 PM
New Boston Huron at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn Heights Crestwood
John F Kennedy HS at Riverview

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/12, 7:00 PM
 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Allen Park
 Dearborn at Wyandotte Roosevelt
 Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Dearborn Fordson

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/13, TBA
Flat Rock at Port Huron Northern
Ypsilanti Community at Romulus

Tenacious Defense Give Eagles Statement Win Over Michigan

EMU hoops downs U-M, 45-42,
ANN ARBOR-. (EMUEagles.com) – Behind the stifling 2-3 zone defense, the Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team delivered a statement win by knocking off the University of Michigan, 45-42, Tuesday night, Dec. 9, at Crisler Center. It was just the third time in the series history that the Eagles (8-1) defeated the Wolverines (6-3). With the game tied at just over three minutes remaining, Karrington Ward (Lockport, Ill.-Lockport Township (Moraine Valley C.C.)) hit a go-ahead three, and the Eagles would force Michigan into contested shots for the rest of the game to hold on for the three-point win.

The Eagles claimed the victory over their Washtenaw County rival by limited the Wolverines to their fewest point total since Feb. 9, 2009, when the Maize and Blue fell to then-No. 9 Michigan State University, 54-42. The Green and White snapped a 59-game streak with no back-to-back losses, the longest such streak in the Big Ten. EMU's win was also the second victory over a Big Ten Conference opponent in the Rob Murphy era, the previous win coming almost two years from tonight's win, a 47-44 home decision over Purdue.



Movie Review: ‘Top Five’

By Dwight Brown



Gabrielle Union and Chris Rock star in the comedy satire Top Five.

Chris Rock recently hosted “Saturday Night Live.” During the show’s normal intro section, he did around 10 minutes of standup. One of the targets of his wicked humor was the new World Trade Center. He said he would never go in it. There were audible gasps, and a bit of controversy followed. Some weren’t amused that he had the audacity to say what people think. That’s the brilliance of Rock, who is a talented social satirist; he’ll say anything. Top Five gives us a glimpse of that comic genius. Just a tad.

Andre Allen (Rock) is a hip New York-based stand-up comedian who has stretched his talents thin. He’s in a plethora of movies; none are particularly good, though they have brought him fame and fortune. His ladyfriend, Erica Long (Gabrielle Union), a gorgeous, sexy brown-skinned woman with a blonde, two-tine weave, has a reality show, and Andre is a frequent guest. An impending filming of their marriage will put their fragile relationship to the test, on coast-to-coast TV. He lives in a fish bowl.

Rock’s script sets up the incessant turmoil of Andre’s life perfectly. You know something deep and meaningful is missing in his existence, yet you don’t feel sorry for the wealthy brotherman. A normal screenwriter/director would add just a couple of more characters to the soup. But not Rock. His script calls for an endless parade of cameos, from his own friends and acquaintances that turn the proceedings into a potpourri of New York Who’s Who and Who Cares.

Fate brings a tall, lovely, head-on-her-shoulders-right journalist into Allen’s life. She’s Chelsea Brown (Rosario Dawson) and she’s writing a profile

piece about the comedian. He’s reluctant at first. His agent (Kevin Hart) twists his arm. Then almost instantaneously, Allen is smitten. Chelsea is everything Erica is not: genuine, smart and not playing to the cameras. Could she be the one that helps him find a more fulfilling life?

Over a 24-hour period, sequences on the red carpet, in the ghetto, the streets, fancy apartments, busses and bathrooms blend together like a drunken night spiraling out of control. It’s New York. Anything can happen, and it does. The over-the-top scenes peak with a mini-orgy and Allen trying to manhandle two sexy, insatiable ladies. It’s the funniest scene in the movie.

As a director, Rock’s style is either controlled mayhem or he’s letting his cast run amuck. An endless parade of headstrong comedians, movie stars, journalists and celebrities play to the balcony seats. They overpower the thin plotting. And the way-too-talky script makes the movie feel like a play on wheels. If you get the feeling that this vanity project panders to a shallow, attention-deficit, reality TV-type audience, you’re not alone. But so what? You’ll laugh anyway.

Rock is solid as the comedian in turmoil, and he looks dapper. Dawson is the kind of alluring actress most men wish they could date, and her Chelsea character has an equally come-hither persona. Gabrielle Union’s Erica is a synthesis of all the Housewives of Wherever shows. Shallow, glamorous and add another pinch of shallow for good measure. Saying Kevin Hart is manic as the agent, is redundant. He does frantic better than anybody.

Chilean cinematographer

Manuel Alberto Claro was the D.P. on Lars Van Trier’s controversial sex drama Nymphomaniac: Vol. I. Maybe that’s why the bedroom scene was so much fun to watch. Editor Anne McCabe (Maria Full of Grace) has OK timing; the laughs, outrageous moments and funny cameos come at the right times.

There’s a good chance this nugget of urban and urbane humor will find a laugh-starved audience this holiday season. But if Chris Rock truly wants to give his fans a holiday treat, he will film a new stand-up comedy concert and talk about: Police shootings. Global warming. Oil pipelines. Poll tax. National healthcare. Immigration. Or, even the new World Trade Center. It’s what he does best.

Visit NNPA Film Critic Dwight Brown at DwightBrownInk.com.

ASK ALMA

Sisterly Competition



Dear Alma,
My girlfriend and I have been together six months. I enjoy our relationship, except for one problem: She thinks I might be attracted to her sister, even though I’m not. They live together, so that makes this situation crazy. They fuss and fight when I visit, so now I’m not allowed to talk to her sister or be in the same room with her. My girlfriend has been hurt by her sister before, and that is where this comes from. I would never hurt my girl like that. What can I do to help her get over this?

Not interested

Dear Not Interested,

Hey now, sounds to me like those sisters have a boatload of unresolved issues, and you’ve landed smack dab in the middle of their madness. My first instinct is to tell you to keep it moving and not waste any more of your time. This is not your problem to fix. As unimpressed by her (and her sister) as I am, your email is

tugging at my heartstrings. I can tell you must be serious since you’re searching for peace and relief inside this storm of distrust. I think it’s sweet you wanna smooth things over with your new boo, but you know how we do here at Ask Alma – the truth has gotta be told.

You’ve got a hot mess on your plate, baby boy. If both women are knee deep naked in wicked amour and attitude, you may be fighting an endless m  le   you can’t win. That being said, my minds eye’s telling me you can’t let go without giving it your best shot, so let’s get started. Have a conversation with your girlfriend about trust. Remind her that your relationship won’t last without it. Tell her you trust her and that she should trust you, unless you give her reasons not to. The trust she has for you should be based solely on your actions, not the actions of a boyfriend from her past. Discuss what’s necessary for her to shed her excess baggage, duffel bags, trash bags; sorry, I got caught up. You feeling me? Otherwise, you’ll have to leave her living in yesterday. I’m gonna close my eyes, throw a penny in a pond, wishing you’re not wasting your time. When it comes to love, life’s too short to knock out a window just to get in the house. Heaven knows good love opens the front door... wide, welcoming and whole-hearted.

Alma

Follow us on Twitter



twitter.com/telegramnews



Join our Facebook Fan page

www.facebook.com/telegramnews



FEELING RUSHED?

Not when it comes to health care!

WALK-IN VISITS MONDAY - FRIDAY

- No Appointment Needed*
- Pediatrics
- Adult Medicine
- Family Practice

2500 Hamlin Court, Inkster, MI 48141
(313) 561-5100

26650 Eureka Road, Suite C, Taylor, MI 48100
(734) 941-1400

25650 W Outer Drive, Lincoln Park, MI 48146
(313) 303-1097

*Subject to Availability

**Western Wayne
Family Health Centers**
www.wfhc.org

Barrington Irving’s “Flying Classroom” takes learning to the sky



Did you know that Barrington Irving holds the Guinness World Record as the first black pilot, and the youngest person to fly solo around the world? Born in Jamaica and raised in inner city Miami, Irving developed a burgeoning interest in aviation at the age of fifteen. After turning down a full ride football scholarship to the University of Florida, he began cleaning aircraft to earn funds for flight school, and also invested in a \$40 flight simulator video game to sharpen his ever growing piloting skills. Irving’s hard work and humble beginnings played a key role in the development of his dream to fly across the world—a feat that would ultimately propel him into the realms of history. In 2007, Irving took off in a single-engine airplane called “Inspiration” for a 97 day, 30,000 mile transnational journey. With a mere \$30 in his pocket, and no weather radar or deicing systems on board, the

twenty-three-year-old endured thunderstorms, snowstorms, sandstorms and monsoons to successfully circumvent the entire globe. In completing his historic mission, Irving professed all hope that the epic flight would somehow inspire young people to fearlessly pursue their aspirations. Even when facing a shortage of finances to fund his voyage, and in the mist of cynics who told him that it could never be done, he became living proof that through hard work and dedication, anything is possible. Now the founder of a non-profit organization called “Experience Aviation”, Irving “aims to boost the numbers of youth in aviation and other science and math related careers.” In September, the groundbreaking pilot took to the air in the world’s first “Flying Classroom”—a jet plane aptly named “Inspiration III”. Through videos and real-time blogs, the program allows for students from across the globe to accompany

Captain Irving as he embarks on 75 different STEM+ land, sea and air expeditions. From this exciting, intercontinental trek through destinations like Machu Picchu, the Galapagos Islands, the pyramids, the Serengeti Plains, the Roman Coliseum, the Taj Mahal and the Great Wall of China, students are able to complete virtual challenges and competitions, and are provided with assorted lessons in science, technology, engineering, math, geography, culture and history. Following this experience, children will undoubtedly walk away with a newfound love and respect for the art of flying. Ultimately, through his extraordinary accomplishments as a pilot, and with the creation of innovative programs like the “Flying Classroom”, Barrington Irving has come to serve as a prime example of what it means to dream the impossible dream.

HOROSCOPES

DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2014

ARIES

Balance is an important skill. If you’ve been working too hard, the urge to play is going to be nearly irresistible this week. However, if you’ve been playing too hard, it’s a terrific week to restore some order to your work. Keep smiling!
Soul Affirmation: I quiet all confusion
Lucky Numbers: 11, 26, 27

TAURUS

Your energy level is marvelous, and you are probably getting a great deal of work done in an unusually facile manner. Bless your lucky stars, and stay on track. Expect to hear from a friend this week.
Soul Affirmation: I entertain wild ideas about making money this week.
Lucky Numbers: 40, 46, 52

GEMINI

A little space from your current love interest seems to be in order. Use a brief timeout to remember the unique and wonderful personality traits of the person you love. Don’t forget to tell her or him of your love! Keep your heart open.
Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week
Lucky Numbers: 19, 30, 32

CANCER

This is truly your week. Take a break from any disappointments that you may have been remembering and move toward the Now with a wise heart. Your attention may focus on personal health, and ways to make yours better.
Soul Affirmation: I exercise to lower tension this week.
Lucky Numbers: 9, 17, 24

LEO

Family matters will be pleasant this week, but save your evenings for your romantic partner. The vibes support a mutually wonderful experience that will deepen your appreciation for one another!
Soul Affirmation: I obey the rules this week and avoid hassles.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 2, 46

VIRGO

You lucky ducklings! Everything goes your way this week, so relax and enjoy the abundant and wonderful soul vibrations. Make calls early in the week so that you can cruise through the afternoon.
Soul Affirmation: I find peace in spending time out of doors this week.
Lucky Numbers: 18, 29, 36

LIBRA

A project at work may suddenly demand your attention. If you pounce on it rather than waiting for it to go away (it won’t), you’ll be finished by lunchtime. Your speed and agility enable you to work smart; use your advantage.
Soul Affirmation: By going slowly I get there faster this week.
Lucky Numbers: 14, 40, 55

SCORPIO

Talk it up this week. You’ve got a gift with words this week that will facilitate all endeavors. If you’ve been meaning to ask for a raise, this week might be the day to broach the subject with the boss. Trust your instincts!
Soul Affirmation: By rewarding others I reward myself.
Lucky Numbers: 51, 53, 54

SAGITTARIUS

Energy in the mornings will be more productive than the energy you feel in the afternoons. Work hard early each day, then take the afternoons off to play. Better yet, get your honey to join you in playing hooky from work!
Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for the chance to give.
Lucky Numbers: 31, 42, 52

CAPRICORN

Finding a way to do it better than others is not going to be hard this week. Share your wisdom with other seekers. All who receive your word will benefit this week. Happiness rules! Don’t waste a moment of this perfect week on any negative thoughts.
Soul Affirmation: I create a positive world for myself by thinking positive.
Lucky Numbers: 11, 13, 18

AQUARIUS

Strong vibrations bring a series of dramatic interactions with others this week. Practice your charm. Let it come from the heart, and let your energy carry you upwards to your best, highest self. Keep emotions calm.
Soul Affirmation: In the storms of the week I find comfort inside myself.
Lucky Numbers: 25, 28, 30

PISCES

People often forget about the roaming side to your personality. This week is a week when you’ll love thinking about “far away places with strange sounding names,” as the song says. What you do about your urges is yet another matter. Home calls too. What a week!
Soul Affirmation: I smile as I think about far away paces.
Lucky Numbers: 42, 47, 49



PLACE YOUR
CHRISTMAS GREETING
IN THE TELEGRAM
NEWSPAPER’S

CHRISTMAS EDITION
ON DECEMBER 24TH

For more details call
313-928-2955
or email

telegram@telegramnews.net

Report any illegal scrappers, car thefts,
breaking and entering or taggers.
Don’t let them bring our cities down!

Telegram Newspaper Classifieds

APT FOR RENT

Across the Park Apartments

NEWLY REMODELED APARTMENTS

Spacious 1 bedroom apartments

Available for 62 and older or Handicapped & Disabled.

COME SEE OUR MODEL

Rent is based on income.

Heat & water included. Activity Room & Laundry facilities on site (313) 382-3201 TTY-1-800-567-5857 M-F 8-5



Equal Housing Opportunity

CO-OP AVAILABLE

WELLESLEY TOWNHOUSES COOPERATIVE

1 BEDRM RANCH TOWNHOMES \$490/Month

2 BEDRM TOWNHOMES STARTING FROM \$505/Month

For more information call (734) 729-3328

Equal Housing Opportunity



HOMES FOR RENT

SOUTHGATE

2 bedroom, 1 bath, fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer w/ central air

734-775-2519

313-585-7865

AS1130

DETROIT

3 Bedroom Bungalow Schaefer/Puritan Area Living & Dining Room 2 Kitchen & 2 Baths Contact (313)247-3913 and/or (313)758-1634

ECORSE

2 & 3 Bedroom Homes Nice area Contact (313)247-3913 and/or (313)758-1634

APT FOR RENT

River Rouge

434 Beechwood

2 Bedroom, Washer, Dryer & Refrigerator Included

\$550+Security Call

313-758-7545

SMALL ADS WORK

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT OR LEASE

YOUR OFFICE AWAY FROM HOME

RENT INCLUDES VIRTUAL OFFICES AVAILABLE TOO

CALL 313.469.5755

HOUSE FOR RENT

DETROIT

Nice 3 bedroom home with 1 1/2 car garage. All appliances included Immediate occupancy

313-460-0969

SW DETROIT

3 bedroom home with side drive and back yard \$650/month + Security Deposit

313-297-1269

210-367-1636

734-334-8552

FS1106

INKSTER

Comfortable 3-Bedrm Ranch style Home, Newly Remolded, Carpet thru out. Fenced in Yard. Immediate Occupancy

\$750.00/month. Plus water.

313.561.9352

DETROIT

3 Bedroom Living & Dining Room Contact (313)247-3913 and/or (313)758-1634

SMALL ADS WORK

call 313-928-2955

HOUSE FOR SELL

Detroit

\$10,000

Single Family House No Taxes Owed

2 Bed Rooms 1 & 1/2 Bath

Kitchen, Living Rm, Den Unfinished Basement Enclosed Basement

1 1/2 detached Garage

313-623-7190

MS1120

HAMTRAMCK,

Fenelon St-3BR/1.5BA

Single Family 1920 sqft, Detached Garage

Lease To Own \$250 DN, \$190/mo

855-671-5658

DC1206

HOUSES FOR SALE

River Rouge, Ecorse, SW Detroit Area

No credit check. No money down

3 – 4 bedroom Move in Ready or fixer uppers

Going Fast

313-964-6884

LAND CONTRACT

Ecorse house

Three bedrooms, one bathroom, full basement with one car garage. Land contract lease contact owner

Call (313) 701-3464

River Rouge

New Construction Home

3 bedroom 2 car attached garage

Move in Ready

5 year Land Contract \$600/month

313-964-6884

SERVICES

Down River Xpress

Non Emergency Transport

Transport For All! Any Where, Any Reason

Call Us For A Ride To Your Next Destination

Flat Rates Available 15% Senior Discount

Serving The Metropolitan Area

Handicapped Accessible Vehicles

Licensed & Insured

Reliable Transportation

Courteous & On Time

313-757-5024

313-978-8450

ITEM FOR SELL

Entertainment Center

Gray & White in Color Custom made, never been moved, width is 8ft long height is 7ft will disassemble

\$400.00 or Best offer

313-623-7190

SERVICES

We sell & repair tires

313-478-6299

Got Bed Bugs? Call us we can help.

313-843-3011



Local & Regional Drivers! Holland is hiring Drivers in the Detroit area. Drivers w/ 1 year or 50k miles exp, w/ tanker & hazmat. Company paid health insurance. Terminal open daily from 7am to 7pm to submit applications at 27411 Wick Rd, Romulus 48174.Hollandregional.com/careers. EEO/AEE Minorities/Females/Persons with Disabilities/Protected Veterans

Be a ‘Sweet’ Holiday Host This Year



(StatePoint) Festive holiday parties are a winter staple. But how do you put a twist on the annual tradition? To add new flavor and excitement to your holiday gathering this year, consider incorporating a series of sweet surprises to delight your guests.

The Sweetest Buffet
To show your guests you care, create a candy buffet and invite them to pick a selection of their favorite sweets. Not everyone has the same preferences, so be sure to offer a variety of treats including a selection of truffles, nuts and chews, and for the little ones, gourmet lollypops are always a hit!

Always serve sweet treats made with high-quality ingredients. See's Candies is one of the few remaining candy makers that ages its chocolate -- a process that takes longer, but imparts a smooth, mellow flavor. See's candies have no added preservatives and are also gluten free.

Sweets for the Road
If you're not sure your guests will save room for dessert, consider sending them home with a goodie bag to enjoy later. See's Candies offers treats in a variety of sizes and price ranges, sure to fit within your budget and please each of your guests. You can find See's Candies at holiday gift center locations in major malls nationwide or at www.Sees.com. With these simple twists, your guests are sure to have only "sweet" things to say!

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE Public Notice

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ECORSE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION 4, WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AT SECTIONS 2-244 THROUGH 2-250, OF ARTICLE V FINANCE AND TAXATION, OF CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR A PROPOSED MULTIPLE FAMILY PROJECT FOR PERSONS OF LOW OR MODERATE INCOME TO BE FINANCED OR ASSISTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT.

A copy of this ordinance is posted outside the City Clerk's office and outside the Council Chambers at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229. Also a copy of this ordinance can be viewed at the Ecorse Public Library at 4184 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Dana Hughes
City Clerk

PUBLISH: December 13, 2014 December 20, 2014

RIVER ROUGE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE

River Rouge Housing Commission

Located at 180 Visger Rd., River Rouge, MI 48218 will be accepting applications for our Public Housing units all sizes from January 7, 2015 until January 28, 2015 between the hours of 9am until 2pm on Wednesday's only. We will give out one application per family only.

We will not accept any applications after January 28, 2015 at 2pm.

Thank you
Michael J. Sloan, PHM
Executive Director

Have you visited the Telegram Business Center?

10748 W. Jefferson

River Rouge, MI 48218

We are the home to many new Small Businesses in the City of River Rouge.

Call about leasing a space, hosting a seminar or having an event

313-928-2955.

To have your business highlight listed in the Telegram Newspaper call

313-928-2955

POLICE BLOTTER

December 7th, 2014
At 2133hrs, River Rouge officers responded at aid and assist Ecorse PD behind a white 2003 GMC Yukon at High & Salliotte, heading towards the City of River Rouge. An officer located the vehicle at Elizabeth & Haltiner Street traveling slowly and swerving from left to right. The officer activated the overhead lights and the driver of the vehicle began to reverse and almost struck the patrol vehicle. The vehicle finally stopped and the 35 year old male rolled out of the vehicle and almost fell to the ground. Officer helped him up and smelled a strong odor of intoxicants and observed his blood shot eyes. When the officer asked him what had he been drinking , he replied "Tequilla". Officers perform Field Sobriety Tests on the male and he could perform due to his lack of balance. The male was placed under arrest for OUIL, was handcuffed and placed in a patrol vehicle and transported to the station for booking . His vehicle was impounded.

December 4th, 2014
At 0943hrs, an officer responded to 10152 West Jefferson, the Rouge Car Wash, only to find a 29 year old male driver in the back area of the parking lot, with his tractor trailer, facing south bound and stuck between the building. The driver took a Tractor with trailer attached and pulled up into the back of the car wash attempting to turn around. The space was not big enough and he could not maneuver the tractor and became stuck between the build, smashing against the fence and wall barrier for the trash dumpster. The driver states he was confused about where he was and the wheels locked on him and wasn't turning. There were multiple tire marks indicating a tire was spinning not smudging or smearing from no t turning or being locked. The driver states he did not work for a

truck company and he owned the truck and was working for a temporary service. He was issued a citation for Damaged to Property.

November 29th, 2014
At 0400hrs, officers went to Sumby Senior Housing to investigate a possible Drug Overdose.

Upon arrival, a 63 year old male standing in the lobby took the officer to his apartment. A 45 year old female lied on the bed in the living room unresponsive, with no pulse. The Wayne County Medical Examiner was notified and would arrive on scene a short time later. The male stated the female was his girlfriend and she came to his home for a visit on the 28th after being gone since November 24th, 2014. The male states this incident began when his girlfriend came over to go shopping on "Black Friday" and just hang out. He states she went into the bathroom and stated that she wanted to take a shower and stayed in there for about an hour. He got worried and tried to get her to come out to make sure she was okay. When she finally opened the door he states she was just standing there and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. He tried offering her food to eat but she refused and did not want to go anywhere. Then the girlfriend complained about being hot so he cut on the air conditioner. They laid down on the bed and watched a movie. Later when he tried to wake her, she was unresponsive. He thought she was just resting. The male stated she had been using Heroin and "crack cocaine" for the last three years and believed she use them while she was in the bathroom. Prayers go out to the family. She was someone's mother, sister, aunt or friend has passed away. RIP.

Dennis Luke to Retire As River Rouge City Attorney

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



RIVER ROUGE—Dennis Luke is set to retire as River Rouge' City Attorney in December. Luke is an alumnus of both River Rouge High School and Wayne State University, and has served as City or Assistant City/Housing Commissions Attorney in River Rouge throughout a lucrative career that has lasted over three decades. In addition, the "F Dennis Luke Law Office" was established in Allen Park over thirty years ago. As City Attorney, Luke has had the honor of working under a total of six different mayors and a variety of city commissioners, along with several former classmates from his high school years. This provided an enjoyable, familial style atmosphere amongst colleagues that will always stay with him, even after retirement. "I've always enjoyed working with the people there, the mayors and the councils," he said. "I've probably worked with upwards of thirty different com-

missioners over the years. Just like with the elected officials, I went to high school with some of the appointed officials as well. There were so many people that I knew even before I was an attorney, so it's just kind of a family attitude." In practicing law, Luke has also remained active in community development and downtown authority, additionally functioning as Deputy District Attorney in River Rouge, Allen Park and Melvindale at one time or another. He maintains that these were the some of the most rewarding projects because he was able to contribute to substantial improvements being made around the community. For Luke, a native of the downriver area, these types of neighborhood operations have always brought him the greatest gratification. Though he leaves his post as City Attorney at the end of the year, Luke hopes to motivate River Rouge residents to stay

involved in issues occurring within the area. "I would like to see more participation and involvement with local government," he said. "When I first got here, there were a lot of people attending council meetings. Now very few people bother to come. I think part of that is because it's kind of changed from a homeowner's community to a renter's community...But both are citizens so everything like public safety, recreation and pollution affects everyone. So whether they're renters or owners, they should participate." After his retirement is made official, Luke anticipates spending time at his new home in Union Lake. He also plans on expounding upon his growing interest in gardening, and will also enjoy the opportunity to do some fishing around the area. Amongst other things, he also expects to set aside a bit of traveling time to enjoy with his family. All in all, Luke ends his career with a special connection to the place from which he grew up. "It's been nice to know all of the players here, that's for sure," he said. "I moved into River Rouge in 1955, and the city sure has changed a lot since then. But I think that familiarity with the people and the community was very helpful during my time here."

Are you having a Community Friendly event?
Keep the community aware of your events
and have them listed.

Call 313-928-2955

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Do you know any of these baseball players?

Are you ready to start Shopping in your Community?

FEELING LUCKY

NUMEROLOGY

HOT PICKS

260	002	554
803	720	305
2487	9650	4803
3491	1234	8879

BIG MOMMA'S HITS

645	235
122	145
510	674

BIG RAY'S PICK 4

1670	4432
9975	9753
0293	1126

For entertainment purposes only

Romulus Schools

From Page 7A



Romulus Superintendent of Schools, Marjie McAnally

educators on different styles and strategies to implement in order to effectively prepare scholars for college academia and life after high school.

“When I first got here, I met with a lot of different staff members, administrators, teachers and learning specialists to see where the curriculum was at during that point and time,” Smith said. “The data that I looked at was showing that we really weren’t in alignment, so now I’m working hard on getting our curriculum vertically and horizontally aligned from top to bottom. We have this K-12 curriculum that everybody can view, and you can see what previous grades have done in math, science, social studies and ELA. We can start looking at those gaps to see where our holes are and fix them to make sure our students are career and college ready.”

Other notable adjustments to the district arose at the beginning of the school year with the transfer of over 300 students following the dissolution of Inkster Public Schools. Even with the sudden changes, those newly integrated into the school system seem to be adjusting well to their latest academic environment. Additionally, Romulus Community Schools are in talks with several K-8 charter schools to see if the district can serve as their next step into the high school rank.

Another significant change this year can be seen through modifications made to school tax billing throughout the City of Romulus. While tax bills are presently divided amongst two terms, the new system will require residents to pay a lump sum in the summer months-subsequently eliminating winter payments altogether. The city has attempted to give citizens at least two years notice so that they can budget for the changes accordingly.

“Our taxes are currently split into two bills-part in the summer, part in the winter,” McAnally said. “Every year we have to take a loan that will float us from June until those winter taxes come in....So the board decided that if we got one collection in summer, that can carry us through without having to get a loan. Right now that’s the big plan.”

In the meantime, many Romulus students are keeping busy with charitable endeavors in honor of the holiday season. On Thanksgiving eve, the National Honor Society took time out to serve free turkey dinners to underprivileged families at the Romulus House. At the current time, various students are gathering collections for Goodfellows, while others involved in the culinary arts program are in process of baking pies for Christmas dinners at local senior’s centers. All in all, the district strives to instill the value of giving back to those in need during this special time of the year.

Though various staff members have left over the past several months, those who chose to remain with the district are making steady contributions to guarantee that Romulus area schools are able to return to their full potential. Despite being laid off after twelve years as a teacher, learning specialist and principal in Romulus, Smith never questioned returning to the region as the new Curriculum Director.

“It’s really nice to be back,” she said. “For me, this is definitely home.”

With selfless contributions made throughout the district by individuals like Superintendent McAnally and Karensa Smith, it’s safe to say that Romulus Community Schools is in good hands for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, and beyond.

Commission votes to appoint Marcella Cora as Wayne County legislative auditor general



The Wayne County Commission voted 14-0 Dec. 4 to appoint Marcella Cora as the Wayne County legislative auditor general to replace Willie Mayo, whose term is expiring Jan. 4, 2015. Cora’s initial appointment is for three years; the maximum a legislative auditor general can serve is 10 years, according to the Wayne County Charter. Cora has served as deputy legislative auditor general since 2011 and has worked in the office since 1999. The office, which is mandated under the charter, provides independent audits, reviews and other work products to assist county

elected officials in their oversight and operational responsibilities. “I’m excited about being named as legislative auditor general,” said Cora, 52, a River Rouge resident. “I’m looking forward to leading the department as it continues to find ways for Wayne County government to strengthen internal controls, increase efficiencies and add value.” Mayo has served as legislative auditor general for 10 years. “Marcie is an extremely capable individual and will make a fine auditor general,” Mayo said. “She possesses outstanding skill sets and institutional knowledge, so this will be a seamless transition.” Four candidates were interviewed Nov. 18 by the Commission’s Auditor General Search Task Force, which voted 4-0 that day to recommend Cora for the position. Two days later, the Committee of the Whole voted 11-0 to send the nomination to the full Commission for final approval. The search task force was chaired by Commissioner Raymond Basham (D-Taylor),

chairman of the Commission’s Committee on Audit. “Marcie Cora was easily the top candidate,” Basham said. “She was the first interview, and she set the bar very, very high. Her experience and her expertise will serve the department and the county very well. “Willie Mayo has done an excellent job in guiding the office. We wish him the very best in retirement.” Cora is a certified public accountant, certified internal auditor, certified internal control auditor and chartered global management accountant. The 1993 Davenport University graduate was a senior auditor for the U.S. Army Audit Agency from 1994 to 1999, when she joined the Wayne County Legislative Auditor General’s Office. She was a principal senior auditor and supervisory auditor from 1999 to 2005 and Audit Division administrative manager from 2005 to 2011, when she was promoted to deputy legislative auditor general. She also served on the River Rouge School District Board of Education from 1998 to 2010.

Holiday Events at the Inkster Public Library



There are many exciting events planned for the holidays at the Inkster Public Library.

Lego Nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm. In December Lego nights will be held December 11, 16, 23, and 30, 2014.

Story time follow Lego Nights at 530 pm. Miss Wanda will be having lively Story times on the same evenings Lego Night is listed above.

The Inkster Public Library will be having a Christmas Party on Saturday December 20 at 10:30 am. This party is for children aged 10 and under, there will be treats, and entertainment for the younger crowd.

We will be showing Movies at the library! On Saturday December 20 at 1 PM, "Maleficent" will be shown. On Saturday December 27 at 1 pm "How to Train Your Dragon 2" will be shown. And on Monday December 29, " The Amazing Spider-Man " will be shown @ your Library. Pop-corn will be served.

4-H will be sponsoring Activity Days at the Inkster Public Library! Please sign up at the library or by contacting Milaina Macklin at 734-720-7689 x 112 (macklin3@anr.msu.edu). These exciting events are: China Art Exchange on Monday Dec 22 from 12 noon -4 pm, STEM Activity Day on Tuesday Dec 23 from 12 noon-2pm, Healthy Living Day on Monday Dec 29 from 12 noon-4 pm, and Community Service Day on Tuesday Dec 30 from 12 noon-4 pm.

The library will be closed December 24, 25 & 26, 2014 for Christmas, and December 31, 2014, January 1 & 2, 2015 for New Year's!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library!



COMPUTER TROUBLE?

(313) 218-4888

2727 Second Ave. Suite 131 Detroit

D & J TIRES AND TOWING

NEW & USED TIRES • FLAT REPAIR

2681 S Schaefer Detroit 48217



ALIGNMENT

HIGH SPEED BALANCE

BRAKES & MUFFLERS

SHOCKS & STRUTS

AXLES

MINOR REPAIRS

WE BUY JUNK CARS!!

K. DREW 313-478-6299

M. PRATHER 313-978-3716

J. DREW 313-412-7258

B & R Exterminating Co.

Thank you for your Support!
All Pest can be Eliminated
We appreciate your business



Roaches	Bed Bugs	Water Bugs
Spiders	Crickets	Rats
Lice	Moths	Ants & Mice
Flies	Carpet	Bee-

313-843-3011 Ask for Bill
www.BREXTERMINATORS.COM



SEAN FRENCH

Owner/Operator

S & S TRANSMISSION REPAIR

Transmission * 4x4 Axles * Differentials and Clutches
Most Transmissions rebuilt \$1150 or under
NOW OFFERING FINANCING
Home of the 18 month, 18,000 miles Warranty

313-554-2000

10193 W. Jefferson Ave
River Rouge, MI 48218

sstransmissionrepair.com

LIST YOUR SMALL BUSINESS AD HERE

Millennium Laundry



Same Day Service *Washers up to 80 lbs.
*Drop Off Service *Maytag Equipment
*Commercial Accounts Welcome

Last Load at 9:00pm

969 Southfield Rd
Lincoln Park
Now accepting EBT

(313) 388-5003
Hours: 8am-11pm

Wayne County to host annual Family Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting

Santa Claus will illuminate historic mill in Westland December 13



Children gaze at the lit holiday tree while singing-a-long on the porch of Nankin Mills

WESTLAND – Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills invite you and your family to the annual Family Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting. On Saturday, December 13, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., there will be several holiday crafts, games and prizes for children in the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Immediately following, there will be a short outdoor ceremony with the mill lighting and sing-a-long, ending at 6:00 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to visit Santa and enjoy refreshments after the mill lighting.

“The Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting is another way in which Wayne County Parks


helps to spread the joy of the holidays,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “I encourage everyone to enjoy the Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting, our ongoing Lightfest and all of the great family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks,” Ficano added.

There is no charge to enjoy the mill lighting and Santa visit. However, to participate in crafts and games, the cost is \$6.00 per child and \$2.00 per adult, for Wayne County residents and \$7.00 per child and \$3.00 per adult, for non-residents. You must pre-register, as there is limited space available.

The public is reminded they can celebrate the magic of the season during the 21st annual Wayne County Lightfest, now through December 31, from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday, and 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday – Sunday. Lightfest is closed on Christmas Day (Dec. 25). Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185.


TELEGRAM CHRISTMAS ISSUE DECEMBER 24, 2014




Vivian S. McClary
Jan. 11, 1938 - Dec. 4, 2011

55 years in Funeral Service

This month we reflect on our loss, but yet we are so thankful that she lived.



Gregory B. McClary
CFSP- President- Manager



DeNelda V. Dawkins
VP -Head of HR

God Gave His Best, His Son Jesus Christ

From Mother's Children: The Staff of Chapel of the Chimes


Wishing you and your family: Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2015

Chapel of the Chimes

Funeral Home -Westland

"The Home that Service Built"

4670 South Inkster Road
Westland, Michigan 48186
(313) 295-2500 – (313) 585-0489 – Fax (313) 295-4454
Toll Free (866) 355-7133
www.chapelchimes.com



Gregory & Terry McClary