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Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

The Legacy of Christmas

By: Cedric Dukes - Special to the Telegram



The holiday season is here. The hustle and bustle of holiday shopping draws us to a frantic pace with sales at every turn of the corner. I enjoy seeing decorated houses, visiting family and friends and the smell of sweet baked goodies. You too have experienced a different kind of memorable legacies. Memories left to us by our parents and grandparents will never be forgotten but there was a

legacy over 2000 years ago that will be remembered for ever. An angel came to Mary to announce the birth of her son. The angel told her the child will be the Son of God named Jesus. The angel affirms that the child shall be great and He shall reign and His kingdom will never end. Mary was troubled by the words but she

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Prevention of Future Investments in Romulus Hazardous Waste Facility Passes in the Legislature



Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor).

LANISING — The Michigan House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 1105 today, legislation to put an end to speculative investments in a controversial hazardous waste injection well facility in Romulus sponsored by Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor). The bill was passed out of

the Senate last month and now heads to the Governor to be signed into law.

"Too much damage has already been caused by irresponsible investments in this dangerous facility, but the Legislature's action this morning will finally and permanently protect pensioners from this type of harm," Sen. Hopgood said. "I appreciate my colleagues' support of this important legislation, and I hope that Governor Snyder will act swiftly to sign it into law."

The Romulus facility, previously owned by Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS), began injecting hazardous waste into mile-deep disposal

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New Supervisor Brings Positive Change to the Booker Dozier Complex

By Shelby Jefferson — Telegram Staff Reporter



The Booker Dozier gym floor has a new look

Over the past several months, the Booker Dozier Complex in Inkster has revealed some rather impressive changes. With the introduction of new programs for local residents, along with fresh renovations to the building's interior, citizens throughout the city can remain confident that the center is back on the right track towards

the success of its glory days. As various changes continue to take place throughout the facility, many residents will agree that much the positive transformation at the Booker Dozier Complex can be attributed to the appointment of the center's new supervisor, Craig Lewis. Since being hired in July, the Inkster native has made it his

mission to restore the complex to a communal location that offers programming geared towards affecting citizens in a positive way, while also keeping the community actively engaged.

"I grew up coming here in the early 80's, and during that time, the building had an array

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The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

December 26, 2014 - January 1, 2015



The foundation of Kwanzaa are the Seven Principles, or Nguzo Saba. When Dr. Karenga created the celebration of Kwanzaa he wanted to

reflect the best qualities and characteristics of the "first fruit" or harvest festivals that were celebrated throughout Africa. It was these qualities that estab-

lished the Nguzo Saba, or Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. (Nguzo Saba is Kiswahili for

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CALL TO ACTION

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As this year comes to an end and we begin to celebrate Christmas, KWANZAA and New Year's Day, its time for reflection over 2014. In most cases, this is a time to socialize with family and friends. We will eat, eat and then eat again. There is nothing wrong with eating and socializing, but I want to encourage you to eat, socialize and plan for the future.

Look back over this year and see what you accomplished. Did you save more money than you did in 2013? Did you start the business that you wanted to start? Did you spend more time with your family? Did you volunteer with a community group to help someone out? I don't know what your goals were for 2014, only you know them. I want you really think about what you accomplished this year. If you don't come up with anything.....you work to do. So get busy in 2015.

As you set your goals for 2015, I have one that I would like you to add to your list. Can you spend more money in the community where you live? Back in the day, we had to shop and use the services that the local businesses provided. We couldn't go other places to shop. During that time, our cities were flourishing and our businesses were doing something special. They were employing people from the community. If you talk to some of the elders in the community, I am sure they will tell you some stories about 'The Old Neighborhood'. During the 50 year celebration of the City of Inkster, Pastor John Hearn, Jr. ran down a list of former businesses that existed Inkster. That made me think of all of the businesses that existed in the other Cities that the Telegram is distributed in. What an impact we would make in our communities if we just started shopping in our cities. I challenge you to make it a point to spend money in your community. If a big business is not coming into your city, then maybe several little businesses is the answer.

Merry Christmas and thanks for your support of the Telegram during 2014.



Wishing you and your family happiness always in the coming year. It has been an honor serving you and your family in the Michigan Legislature.

My door is always open to you.

Best, *Rashida*

Hazardous

From Page 1A

wells in 2006, but was shut down by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) within the first year of operation due to above-ground leaks. In addition to the grave environmental and health risks associated with injecting hazardous waste underground, the facility has been at the center of a failed investment scheme involving the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System. The pension board of the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System invested in the project by issuing multi-million dollar loans to the operator of the facility, but the loans were eventually defaulted on, resulting in approximately \$40 million in losses. In recent years, Environmental Geo-Technologies, which is owned by Greektown businessman Jim Papas, has received permits to resume operations at the facility.

Senate Bill 1105 would seek to stop future investments in the failed project and protect pensioners from further harm. The bill would provide that an investment fiduciary of a large sponsored system that has invested in a hazardous waste disposal well facility would be prohibited from making additional investments in the facility and would be required to sell, redeem, divest or withdraw all investments in the facility if certain conditions occur, including: the operator of the facility files for bankruptcy, a controlling interest in the operator of the facility is sold or transferred, or if an environmental protection violation occurs at the facility.

NEWS FROM LANSING

State Representative Stephanie Chang Takes Oath of Office

New Rep. ready to advocate for families, seniors, kids of state House District 6



DETROIT — Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) was sworn in as the new state representative for the 6th House District on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Rep. Chang was sworn in by state Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, with her husband — Sean M. Gray — holding a copy of the constitution.

"I am honored that the voters in Ecorse, River Rouge and Detroit have given me this great opportunity to serve them as their new state representative," said Chang. "I am ready to open my door to meet with families, seniors and youth to discuss their issues, help connect them to services, and strategize ways that we can all work together to make state

government work better for us and for families and communities throughout Michigan."

Chang was joined at the swearing-in ceremony by her parents, Sarolina and L.C. Chang, and her sister, who joined her via Skype from Colorado. Volunteers and supporters also attended and were treated to music by Southwest Detroit-based musician Steve Jarosz.

"I look forward to going to Lansing in January and getting settled in to my office, as well as continuing to get out into the various neighborhoods across the district and hearing from people how I can help as their new state representative."

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A Wealth of Unfair Criticism for Obama

By Bill Fletcher, Jr. - NNPA Columnist



I had an interesting, though brief, discussion with a rich friend about President Obama. He is quite conservative, politically. He made the point that this has been the longest economic recovery since World War II. His point was that this was President Obama's fault.

I have many criticisms of President Obama, as you know. But what unsettles me about conservative criticisms of Obama revolves around issues of context and facts. Anyone who has been watching the price of oil drop over the last weeks may have guessed that the global economy is having a great deal of difficulty recovering from the Great Recession. In fact, some parts of the world remain in recession or have returned to recession. Japan, for instance, has been economically stagnant. The U.S. has edged out of the recession.

The problem in the U.S. goes beyond any one presidential administration. Since 1975, the living standard for the average working person has been stagnant or dropping. This is a documented fact. It relates to several factors, including the changes in the global capitalist economy (specifically what we refer to as globalization); changes in economic policies, e.g., privatization; and de-unionization, i.e., the attacks on workers and their right to organize. The combination of these factors has led to an economic malaise.

As you will probably remember, when President Obama came into office in 2009, the economy was in free fall. He, successfully, helped to stop that. But, because of excessive caution on the part of his administration plus his allies on Wall Street, his administration was not prepared to carry out the sorts of profound economic initiatives necessary to lead to a full recovery, e.g., a greater commitment to investment in infrastructure rebuilding. By "full recovery" I mean putting people back to work on the scale that is necessary. Thus, Wall Street recovered; all of the economic figures have been up; but for most working people, there remain on-going challenges due to home foreclosures and the failure of our incomes to rise.

My rich friend does not believe in anything approaching wealth redistribution, but that is precisely what we need. As the Occupy Movement pointed out, the wealthiest 1 percent are seizing a vastly disproportionate share of the wealth of the country. That happens when workers don't have unions. That happens when politicians are elected based on whoever can pay them the most for their campaigns. That happens when people despair and, instead of struggling collectively, struggle against one another, such as falling prey to the race card.

People like my rich friend have done very well under President Obama, which is what makes it ironic that they hate Obama as much as they do. I guess they feel that they are actually not wealthy enough? Go figure.

Bill Fletcher, Jr. is the host of The Global African. He is a racial justice, labor and global justice writer and activist. Follow him on Twitter, Facebook and at www.billfletcherjr.com.

Remembering a Television Legend

By: Jim Abeare



Television legend Bill Bonds died on December 13th of a heart attack, he was 82.

What can you say about Bill Bonds? He was "Must See TV" before the term was in use.

You never knew what he would say or do on the air. Remember when he walked off the set when Don Shane came out in a Bill Bonds wig or when Bill challenged Detroit Mayor Coleman Young to a fight?

He was so good at his job, both Los Angeles (remember his cameo in "Escape from the Planet of the Apes" and New York came calling but he returned back to Detroit.

But he had his demons. He was an alcoholic and would come on air drunk.

He went into rehab and came back but eventually channel 7 got rid of him. He made a return, this time at channel 2 for a while. He then did commercials for Gardner White furniture.

How the mighty had fallen. Bill Bonds will be remembered around here for a long time. He is still the standard that TV anchors are measured.

So long Bill, I am sure that God has you on his anchor's desk.



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On December 30 brings Community Service where you can learn about and make something for a community project. All Activities begin at 12 noon! Please call the Library at 313-563-2822 to sign up! The Leanna Hicks Public Library is located at 2005 Inkster Rd Inkster, MI 48141



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**Merry Christmas and
Season's Greetings
from the
Josie Odum Literacy Project**

Winter Solstice: A Turning Point

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



I didn't grow up to be a scientist, but in high school, Earth Science was my favorite class. So fascinated by the content, I have retained a lot of the information. When I observe the earth, a lot of what I learned in Earth Science comes to mind daily. God is beyond brilliant.

There is no way I could believe that the earth was formed incidentally by a spontaneous combustion resulting in a big bang and then the earth in all its intricacy came to be. Right. I know the earth was created on purpose by Divine Design, by God, creator of heaven and earth (Gen. 1:1).

In Earth Science, with Mr. Tonkery, I learned about winter solstice. One thing that I ways think about at this time of year, besides Christmas, is winter solstice. It happens every December 21st. It is the shortest

day of the year; the longest period of night time or darkness. December 21 just passed, so that means we are on the upswing!

The long dark nights remind me of dark times in life. We know studies even show that people are more prone to depression in winter because of the increased darkness. Darkness can make us sad. Dark times in life seem to last longer than we like. Sometimes things get worse or darker by the day. Sometimes things get worse before they get better. Just like the nights get longer before the shift or turning point takes place at winter solstice, then things begin to look up. In life, sometimes we bottom out and then something pivotal takes place and things turn around and improve.

Every day after December 21st is a minute longer until the opposite happens every June 21st. At winter solstice, we can look forward to longer brighter days. We know the dark days will come back eventually, and they will go. It's cyclical. So is life. We can look forward to brighter days and enjoy them and we try to gird up and prepare for the darker ones. Whenever it gets dark, remember that the daylight will return. Like Dr. Millicent (Hunter) Thompson so eloquently put it on the title of her book: "Don't Die in the Winter." Don't give

up, brighter days will be back. A shift will take place and things will look up and brighten up! Wait...(Psalm 27:13)

Even though the Christmas Season is a joyous time, some people are struggling. Some people are sad and grieved. Some are facing economic challenges, loss of loved ones, battling sickness and disease, witnesses of injustice, failed relationships, and overall difficulty coping with life challenges. There are many things weighing heavily on a lot of people during this time. Just remember, that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5). See this time of year as a turning point. Things are about to look up. Anticipate wonderful works of the Lord in the New Year. Brighter longer days are coming.

Enjoy this Christmas and New Year Season and enjoy your family. God bless.

BIBLE VERSE

Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:7-11

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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In Loving Memory of
Deacon Jessie Lee Gholston, Sr.

The historical birth of Jessie Lee Holston, Sr. began when he born June 9, 1934 to the parentage of Gege M. and Annie M. Bailey O'Hara- Gholston in Randolph County, AL. Jessie was educated in Anniston Alabama School District where he attended High School in Hobson City, Alabama Calhoun County Training School. He was an avid athlete and he excelled in all sports; track, football and basketball. He had the opportunity to play semi-pro baseball with the "Birmingham Black Barons". As well as the Anniston Rams", both teams were part of the Negro League. Golf, as everyone knew, was Jessie's passion. He played with many golfers, as he was very gifted.

He worked in many capacities; retiring from the Chrysler Trenton Engin Plant after working there for thirty four years.

Jessie joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and made it his family church under the Pastorage of the late Rev. J. B. Barlow, Jr. He was selected as a Deacon, sang in the choir and he also served with the Golf Ministry and the Willing Workers.

Jessie leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted and loving y. His love, his wife, Shirley O'Hara Gholston, his children that he cherished, four girls, Rosheena C. Gholston-Johns (Larry), Vanessa R. Ison-Jackson (Dennis), Sherrie M. Gholston-Truitt (Reginald), Karen L. Gholston, five boys; Jessie L. Gholston, Jr. (Danielle), Keven L. Gholston, Doughson L. Gholston (Whitney), Omar S. Gholston (Marion) and Shannon D. Gholston also leaves, Michael Prather Gholston, nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren as well as a host of nieces, nephews and many Godchildren. Jessie will truly be missed and remembered for his love and generosity. Jessie we love you.

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JEFFROI CASS STRINGER
May 24, 1996 – Dec. 2, 2014

Jeffroi Cass Stringer was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. As a child, "Mookie", a nickname given to him by his dad, showed signs of his love for music; as early as the age of two, by constantly beating on his mother's pots and pans as if they were drums. As he grew older, he expressed his talents through the arts. Mookie displayed an abundance of love, care, and loyalty to all of his family and friends.

Mookie is survived by his parents Jeffrey Stringer and Kimberly Benton; his brother: Terence Reed; sister: McKenzie Stringer; grandmothers: Janie Benton, Carolyn Walker, and Joann Brown; grandfather: C.W.; aunts: Vernisha Woolfolk; Brenda and Pam; uncles: Terrence Woolfolk, Solomon and Curt James; nephew: Kaiden Reed, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home.

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ROCHELLE ELIZABETH ROSE
Feb. 6, 1950 – Dec. 6, 2014

Rochelle Elizabeth was born in Atlanta, GA. She met and married Jimmy Ray Rose. Rochelle loved music and was a gifted singer. She traveled throughout the country with the Southwestern Christian College Chorus. direction.

She was an excellent cook and talented in sewing and open to hospitality

Mourning her passing are her son Jamerson Rose and his son Jaylen Rayshaun; daughter and son-in-law Rachelle and Dante Williams and their daughters Anaya Rai, Emani Elizabeth, Ilana Ann, Omara Kendall and Uriah Zoe-Nicole; a foster son, Dennis Cistrunk; five sisters: Jacqueline Mitchell, Barbara (Wesley) Brown, Eleanor Mayberry, Joanne (Johnie) Rodgers and Patricia (Robert) Adams; three brothers: Anthony Freeman and John Freeman and Mack (Sandra) Freeman; eight brothers and sisters-in-law: Dorothy Duiguid, Floyd Rose, Dr. Helen Curtis, Emily Rose (Joe) Winston, Richard (Everly Jean) Rose, Gene Rose, Marshall (Maxine) Rose and Sylvia Rose.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home.



THOMAS J. HAYMON
Feb. 4, 1929 – Dec. 6, 2014
He was born in Malvern, Arkansas. Thomas, known as

"Jerry", matriculated to the Arkansas State College, and graduated in 1954. He played basketball for the Harlem Globetrotters, and professional baseball for the Kansas City Monarchs.

Thomas served in the United States Army for 11 years. Then he came to Inkster, MI in 1956 and married Essie Hall in 1966.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory; his wife of 48 years, Essie Lee; two daughters: Pearl K. Meyers and Renee Allen; one son, Reggie Haymon; Goddaughter, Bobbie Merriweather, a host of adorable grandchildren, and great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; one special and loving and a host of good friends.

KELLIE MICHELLE JACKSON
May 3, 1980 – Dec. 13, 2014
She was born in Detroit Michigan and raised in Inkster.

Kellie was educated in the Romulus School. Kellie was always a loving, free-spirited person that loved everyone she came in contact with. She was independent and self supporting to herself and her children.

Kellie leaves to cherish her memory, four adoring children: Jaquan, Destiny, Reginald Jr. and Michael III. Her mother, Cora Roberts and father, Darryl Jackson. One brother, Cortland Roberts; two sisters, Kayla Todd and Danisha Nelson. Her grandparents, Mrs. Doretha Graham and Mr. and Mrs. James and Helen Jackson and a host of family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home.



GREGG LOWE
Oct. 5, 1953 – Dec. 5, 2014
Greg was born in River Rouge. He married Amelia Williams in 1984 and to this union two children were born.

He retired from Chrysler Corporation after 30 years of service. He had a love for people and also worked at the Detroit Rescue Mission.

He leaves to cherish his memories daughters Eboni Lowe and Shanna Lowe, grandchildren Brandon Harris and Maliq Lowe. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Stinsons Funeral Home

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Holidays Don't Have To Be An Excuse For Overindulging!



Brooke Bendix, L MSW a therapist at Western Wayne Family Health Centers in Lincoln Park discusses options healthy options

It happens to most of us every year at this time—too many cookies, homemade family recipes, drinks and not enough time to exercise. But the holidays don't have to bring extra pounds with all that enjoyment. You can enjoy the treats and still not do damage to your health or to your waistline.

Brooke Bendix, L MSW is a therapist at Western Wayne Family Health Centers in Lincoln Park. "For many of us the holiday season brings along parties and time spent with family and friends; this can also bring along added stress. Too many time commitments, financial stressors, and family time can sometimes lead to stressful eating and over-indulging in high-calorie foods. The holidays need to be a time for us to reflect on the year and set our intentions for the up-

coming year, not to over-indulge and gain weight." It is possible to make small adaptations that have big results come time for those New Year's resolutions.

Brooke suggests keeping track of what you eat so that you can make better choices. Keep a food diary on paper or use an app on your Smartphone or tablet like MyFitnessPal that tracks both the calories you put in and the calories you burn with exercise. If you know that dinner will be full of yummy high calorie foods, you can plan a healthy, low calorie breakfast and lunch—and get some exercise before the party. Set goals for the day so that you can pay attention to what you eat and drink at parties and family gatherings. "Watch for the calories in beverages too", she says. "One

glass of a soft drink can be over 100 calories; alcoholic beverages are empty calories as well." You can cut down on calories by using sparkling water with your favorite wine or juice as a spritzer, and using sugar free mixers and less alcohol for mixed drinks. Drinking water with meals also helps fill you up.

In addition to keeping track of what you eat during the holiday season, Brooke suggests to keep up with an exercise routine. "Even a short 30 minute walk can help balance out a heavy meal; it can even be a new family tradition to walk together before or after a feast. Put on the tunes and have a family dance party after dinner or attend a yoga class the morning of." Brooke also recommends taking a few minutes away from all the hustle and bustle and take "mini breaks" to allow reflection and relaxation.

Portion size also makes a difference. Plan to fill at least half of your plate with vegetables (with sauce and salad dressings on the side) like salad, carrots, green beans or broccoli. Another quarter is for starches (carbohydrates) like potatoes, corn, rice, sweet potatoes or pasta. The last quarter of the plate is for protein.

Avoid dark meat and take the skin or extra fat off before you eat it. "It's not that you can't have all the foods you enjoy, just keep in mind: moderation is key," she advises.

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KWANZAA

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The legacy continued as the wise men traveled for a couple of years to honor the new born king with gold, frankincense and myrrh. The king at that time, Herod, was furious because his throne was being threatened. He understood the prophecy in Micah 5:2 would eventually supplant and cause his end. Herod sent a decree throughout the land that any male child under two years old must die (trying to destroy the legacy). Again the angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream and told him to go to Egypt because King Herod was looking to take Jesus' life. The Christmas season is not another event where we buy gifts but it is a season represented by the legacy of love.

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Right to left is store Manager Julius Brown and Staff.



Fred Smiley- Director(center) along with Foster Grandmothers standing amongst the goods that the 52 families received on Saturday, December 20th. Proceeds from the Inkster Legends 'A Night to Remember, the Golf Outing and the Breakfast fundraiser at Golden Coral were used to purchase the items. Smiley thanks the community for their support for the Annual Inkster Legends Christmas Giveaway that supports needy families in the Inkster Area.

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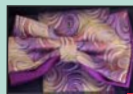


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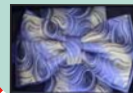
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Dozier

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of programs," Lewis said. "I don't know where the signals got crossed, but somewhere down the line all of the programs went away. So I have been in touch with the community to see what kinds of programs they want here. You must have a variety of things going on so that people can be interested in visiting your location. I think that's where a lot of community centers are successful because they have a lot of different things available for people to do."

And with Lewis's progressive outlook on how to keep members of the community interested in the facility, residents of all ages can certainly pursue different interests, hobbies and various other kinds of activities at the Booker Dozier Complex. Locals can choose from a variety of exciting classes which include boxing and karate, Zumba and dance, ballrooming lessons, crocheting and jewelry, senior exercise sessions, and even a boot camp to keep residents in shape. Other additions to the facility involve the freshly renovated fitness center complete with weights, bicycles, elliptical machines and treadmills, along with an up-to-date gym floor equipped with

new basketball rims. Furthermore, the building has been internally updated with a recently restored front desk, in addition to modernized banquet rooms (one of which was utilized to host Inkster's 50th Anniversary celebration in November). Even more noteworthy, instead of occupying the sizeable office usually designated for supervisors at the center, Lewis opted to transform the space into a computer lab from which kids can complete homework assignments after school.

While Lewis undoubtedly stands as the mastermind behind the center's current success, he humbly maintains that none of these recent advancements would have been possible without considerable assistance from individuals within the community. "The volunteer community has been outstanding," he said. "Someone will ask me, 'What do you need?' So I'll say, 'I need to paint this room'. Now people are volunteering to paint, or even pledging to donate to materials. The UAW donated all of the equipment in the weight room, which was like \$40,000 worth of stuff. Also, a construction company gave us all of the material to renovate the front counter. Stuff like that has been tremendous because people see when you really want to make a difference. A lot of them have said that this is what the center has needed for twenty years.

They've been very supportive because they've been able to see someone get out there and actually do something to make some changes at the complex."

With the productive strides made throughout the center this year, Lewis hopes to continuously build upon these accomplishments to keep the facility evolving into 2015. Over the next several months, the administration hopes to launch a latchkey program for kids, in addition to starting a membership drive where residents can purchase one month of service, and receive an additional 30 days of benefits free. The center will also host a local health expo on January 17th, offering a variety of health and wellness services including dental screenings, physicals, eye and ear examinations, massage therapy and chiropractic assessments. And to

top it all off, the complex is in the process of obtaining grants to make appropriate updates to the building's exterior, while also working to improve playground infrastructure for youth programs in the summer.

In addition, the number of citizens opting to utilize services at the Booker Dozier Complex is constantly on the rise—particularly amongst seniors and local youth. And while the City of Inkster currently grapples with the pressures of ongoing financial strain (leaving limited funding for the parks and recreation department), locals continue to see the center as a central force of influence within the community—perhaps now more than ever before.

As a key entity within the complex, Lewis contends that putting forth an effort to sustain the recreational facility is cru-

cial—not only because the building serves as a staple within the city, but also due to the fact that it represents a safe haven for kids from area neighborhoods. All in all, experiences obtained at the Booker Dozier Complex may very likely influence youngsters and the critical decisions they make as they transition through their juvenile years, and eventually into adulthood.

"I'm really passionate about this job because if you give kids something to do, they'll stay out of trouble," Lewis said. "I truly believe that because I was one of those kids. I grew up in Lemoyne Gardens, and I always had the rec center to go to and stay out of trouble. I feel like with the center closing down, kids are now getting into trouble that normally would not be going down that road because they have nothing else to do.

...That's really why I'm trying to have a diverse center. Everybody's not going to play basketball...You might have a twelve year old who loves clothes, but if you don't have a space where he can hone into his craft, you will never know. You have to offer a variety of programs so that kids can tap into what they're really good at. This is exactly why we have to keep this facility up and going, that's just how I look at it."



The office was converted to a computer room for the seniors

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Lions Beat Bears, Show-down Now

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



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Detroit Lions Matthew Stafford and benched Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler embrace each other after the game.

A late touchdown run by Joique Bell, the Lions managed to get past Jimmy Clausen and the chaotic Chicago Bears 20-14, this past Sunday. The win keeps the Lions in the race for the top spot in the North Division of the NFC conference as the show down will be this Sunday against the Green Bay. The winner will not only win the division, however will receive a week off and a home game against the winners of the "Wild Card Weekend". Now the playoff-bound Lions (11-4) can wrap up the NFC North title with a win or a tie next week against Green Bay. Regardless, the Lions will make their second trip to the post-season in four years and third in 16 years after Philadelphia's loss to Washington on Saturday.

Matthew Stafford outplayed Jimmy Clausen, but just barely. He completed 22 of 39 passes for 243 yards and hit the 4,000-yard mark for the fourth straight year. Ndamukong Suh had two sacks, Calvin Johnson added six catches for 103 yards, Reggie Bush ran for a touchdown and finished with 54 yards rushing and 44 receiving for Detroit and running back Joique Bell 13 carries for 74 yard including a touchdown for the home team Lions on offense. The Lions came away with their highest win total since they went 12-4 in 1991. The Lions might have run away with this one if not for Stafford's interceptions in the second quarter and a muffed punt by Jeremy Ross that led to a touchdown for Chicago near the end of the first half. The Bears' Jeremiah Ratliff blocked a 37-yard field goal by

Prater early in the fourth, keeping it a four-point game. The defense for the Lions was outstanding went needed as an interceptions, by Safety Glover Quin late in the fourth quarter help savage a win in Chicago to go along with Suh two sacks.

However, a couple of Lions players will receive a letter from the Commissioner office in New York as Defensive End Ezekiel Ansah was call for a 15 yard penalty for hitting Bears Quarterback Jimmy Clausen helmet to helmet, in addition to the play that everyone is talking about is the one Lions center Dominic Raiola finished up a play in Sunday's Bears-Lions game by stomping on the outstretched ankle of Chicago defensive tackle Ego Ferguson. No doubt about it; he saw the ankle and stomped down hard. This was a dirty play. This isn't the first time this season Raiola has stirred up trouble. Earlier this year, he charged at the knees of several New England Patriots defenders on a victory-formation play. This was much, much worse. Raiola got hit with a \$10,000 fine for the New England incident. Expect the NFL to come down a lot harder this time around.

So this is it in a nutshell, the Lions travel to Green Bay where they have not won in over twenty years (including playing at Milwaukee). It will not be easy, however, if the offense and defense show up and play the game they are capable of playing without mistakes and penalties the results could be pretty sweet for the team and its fans during the playoffs.

Holiday Varsity High School Basketball

By Butch Davis



Yes indeed, there is Varsity High School Basketball being played during the holiday vacation. It's a great time to get out and support the girls and boys who take part in doing something great in their lives. Let's get out and cheer them on at a gym or recreational center near you.

Note: Some of the games are Christmas Tournaments so the word versus (vs.) instead of at is being used. Please check your school for the location via home or your team is partaking in a special Christmas Tournament game. Now on behalf of Chris Young let me Butch Davis of the Sports Department of the Telegram Newspaper wish all of you a "Happy Holiday Season."

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12/26 to 12/30.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/26, 1:00 PM
Farmington vs. Detroit Cass Tech

Basketball (Girls) Varsity,
12/26, 4:00 PM
Reese vs. Romulus

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/26, 7:30 PM
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood vs. Dearborn Advanced Tech

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/27, 11:00 AM
Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/27, 5:40 PM
Toronto Fr Henry Carr (CN) vs. River Rouge

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/27, 7:00 PM
Detroit Western International vs. Westland John Glenn

Basketball (Girls) Varsity,
12/27, 7:20 PM
Howell vs. Detroit Cass Tech

Basketball (Girls) Varsity,
12/27, 9:00 PM
Waterford Mott vs. Flat Rock

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/28, 3:30 PM
River Rouge vs. Detroit Martin Luther King

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/28, 9:00 PM
Chicago Orr (IL) vs. Romulus

Basketball (Girls) Varsity,
12/28, 9:00 PM
River Rouge vs. North Farmington

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/29, 12:40 PM
Dearborn Divine Child vs. Harper Woods

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/29, 1:10 PM
Windsor Catholic Central (CN) vs. Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

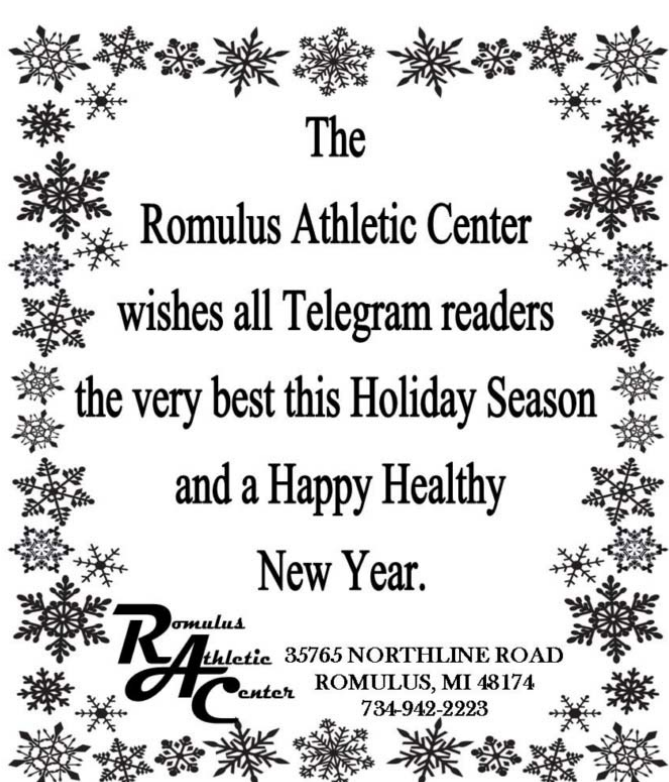
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12/29, 9:00 PM
Walled Lake Western vs. Ecorse

Basketball (Girls) Varsity,
12/30, 9:20 AM
Waterford Kettering vs. Southgate Anderson

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/30, 7:00 PM
Ecorse vs. Howell

Basketball (Boys) Varsity,
12/30, 9:00 PM
Wayne Memorial vs. River Rouge





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SHELBY'S CINEMA REVIEW



Bet Your Bottom Dollar, 'Annie' Will Leave You Entertained

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter

**SHELBY RATES IT:
3 STARS OUT OF 5**



Co-Stars of Annie - Jamie Foxx and Quvenzhané Wallis

Last weekend, director Will Gluck's modern take on the Broadway inspired, motion picture classic, 'Annie,' made its theatrical debut—delivering a hip, fun filled experience for audiences of all ages. The much anticipated film managed to exceed box office expectations with a solid \$16.2 million in opening weekend sales—even in the midst of the highly publicized Sony Pictures hacking scandal that led to widespread online leaks of the production weeks before its scheduled release date.

While the announcement of a new millennial 'Annie' delighted many prospective moviegoers, the flick wouldn't kick off without some sort of backlash. After word surfaced that the lead role would be played by up and coming star Quvenzhané Wallis, previously known for her breakout, Oscar nominated performance in "Beasts of the Southern Wild", disgruntled spectators around the world of social media demanded to know: Is Annie really going to be black? The answer in short: Yes—with deep brown skin and a lovely natural afro—a radical departure from the signature red hair and fair skin traditionally associated with the characters image. Still, in spite of the criticism and negativity, Wallis predictably rose to the occasion, brilliantly shining as Annie and further demonstrating why she has long been considered a multifaceted force to be reckoned with. Though the movie features other

prominent Hollywood stars, Wallis naturally steals the show as the adorably witty, impeccably resilient 10-year-old orphan caught up in the hard knocks of life as she braves the madness imposed by her raging, alcoholic foster mother, Miss Hannigan (Cameron Diaz). As fate would have it, Annie stumbles upon Will Stacks (Jamie Foxx)—a wealthy cell phone tycoon running for mayor, who eventually welcomes her into his million dollar penthouse (initially as a publicity ploy by his campaign manager to boost the odds of winning the election). In the end, Stacks grows to love the youngster as she comes to teach him valuable lessons in hope, family, love and the true meaning of friendship.

Yes, this version of 'Annie' contains some noticeable glitches, particularly when it comes to the realism of the plotline. But what remains unmistakable is the fact that the film is adorable and superbly entertaining. For that, kids are guaranteed to love it. Most notably, the film will undeniably pull at anyone's heart strings. The loveable bond that eventually forms between an emotionally detached Stacks and an optimistic Annie remains particularly touching throughout the production, while scenes where the hopeful orphan patiently sits outside of a local restaurant in hopes that her real mother and father will arrive is especially memorable as well. And while the movie indeed falls short at times during its failed attempt to deliver comical dialogue (most no-

ticeably with Diaz's character, who was indeed a bit sensational and over-the-top), no one can deny that certain elements of Miss Hannigan's misguided existence serve as rather hilarious additions to the production's storyline. I mean, she was a wannabe pop star who got kicked out of C+C Music Factory during the 1990's. Come on now, really?

When it comes to the remixed interpretation of the film's music, classic songs, such as the ever emotive "Tomorrow", do seem to miss the mark when contrasted with the alluring sound of the original recordings. One tune of note however, is the finger snapping, stomp and clap rendition of "It's the Hard Knock Life" that makes you want to bob your head and sing along as the foster children express their collective discontent, while cleaning their Harlem apartment amidst the draining demands of Miss Hannigan. In addition, new numbers are introduced throughout the movie, as is demonstrated through Annie's performance of the now Golden Globe nominated ditty, "Opportunity". While this moment could possibly represent an attempt to add a contemporary flare to the picture, the lengthened out scene, accompanied by the dreary, prolonged string arrangements seem to fall flat rather quickly. (Still, who knew Quvenzhané could sing like that?)

While 'Annie' fails to fare amongst the instant classics, if you're looking for an enjoyable, family friendly film to see over the holidays, this remake is a must see. The atmosphere undoubtedly makes you want to sing and dance in your seat, while also providing inspirational messages for young viewers to internalize in the process. And in an industry as historically one dimensional as Hollywood, what may stand as most notable about this 21st Century reboot is the fact that Wallace's brilliant performance as Annie successfully demonstrates that black actors are capable of portraying classic, on screen heroes as effectively as everyone else.



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Oh wait, and now on top of all that, you're angry at him for accepting your offer. Why, Miss Lilly Lifeguard? You've rescued him, again, albeit through his silently solicited salutations, LOL.

Nothing will change until you say no, returning his responsibilities to him on a silver platter. Trust me on this one. After that first no, it gets easier and easier.

You might not like it, but I'm removing you from "Jesus" status. You'll thank me later. I understand you're doing what you think is best, but consider this — there's a possibility you could be blocking his blessings, stunting his growth. If you're the one always holding up an umbrella while yawl are walking in the rain, there's no need for him to check the weather forecast. You get what I'm sayin'?

I know you love him, but do your brother a favor, exercise a spoon full of tough love and reel it in. Given the chance, he'll find some "I can do it" nestled down in his own back pocket. Before long you and he both will be prouder than peach pie that he's stepped up to the plate and is handlin' his bidness!

Alma .

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BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK REVIEW

Special to the Telegram - goddess of literature

A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens

"Marley was dead: to begin with." Another memorable opening line by Dickens. It sets the mood and leaves no argument that when Marley appears, he is most certainly a ghost. When Marley does appear it is with a warning of the fate that awaits Scrooge in the afterlife if he continues along the path of indifference and lack of compassion. With the help of the three ghosts - Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future - Scrooge learns the details of people's lives that he hadn't been bothered to concern himself with and also of the friendship and goodwill that he has been missing out on.

The reason that this story has been immortalized throughout the years is because the values it teaches still holds true today. Christmas isn't about material possessions, or even necessarily about religion. It is about empathy and imagining what your fellow humans are going through and being a little kinder or even trying to make someone's situation just a little bit better. We don't have the help of the Christmas Spirits to show us the situations and stories that belong to the people that we meet in our daily lives, sometimes I wish that we did. Compassion and kindness costs nothing but a little of our time and can mean so much to others, not only at Christmas but all year long as well.



To the River Rouge residents, River Rouge School Board and the community:

I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement during my term with the River Rouge School Board. As we come to the end of another awesome year, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vicki Dobbins

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christian Education

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:50
Bible Study - Wednesday
6:30 P.M.
Worship Services
8 A.M. & 10 A.M.

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Our Mission Statement

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Our Purpose Statement

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Our Pastor

Dr. John E. Duckworth is a Teacher-Scholar-Pastor; He's a bold and uncensored ambassador for the LORD. God has laid on his heart three elements to an effective, meaningful and relevant ministry; an ENERGIZED CHURCH, EMPOWERED FAMILY and an ENCOUNTER WITH THE COMMUNITY.

"WHERE THE WILL OF GOD WILL BE DONE" Mark 14: 36

To The Telegram Staff
Cities of Inkster, Westland &
Surrounding Communities

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!

from Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth & Gethsemane

HOROSCOPES

DECEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 31, 2014

ARIES

You've done a lot of things in life that no one has agreed with at the beginning. Finding agreement this week will be difficult, but it should not deter you from moving forward. Feeling sorry for your loneliness will discolor what you are doing. Be happy that you are alone.

Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 18, 31

TAURUS

Eternal optimist, eternity is now. Get in touch with your hopefulness and be a beacon to others. Try not to be taken in by promises made by others or promises you've made to yourself. Concerning your own affairs, avoid contemplating lofty subjects and seeking long ranged solutions.

Soul Affirmation: Time is the greatest peacemaker of them all.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 28, 39

GEMINI

Some say optimism is fantasy. Suppose the good thing you're optimistic about never comes. This week you'll know that the joy of anticipating it is joy enough. Just the certainty of coming goodness is present goodness. The joy of tomorrow is available this week.

Soul Affirmation: This week is the week the Lord has made. I rejoice in it.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 36, 38

CANCER

You might be looking into the buying or selling of a piece of property, and this week seems to be a favorable week for this type of negotiation. Be careful with the intricacies of the matter. Pay attention to details or it could cost you a great deal later.

Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 21, 35

LEO
Your multi-tasking abilities will kick into high gear this week. While it's sometimes difficult for you to know how to handle a particular situation, this week you'll know the perfect answer. Everything good is unfolding!

Soul Affirmation: New intuitions create new plans and a new cast of characters.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 8, 25

VIRGO

Your self-discipline helps you to do more this week. People will be watching as you zip around with style and grace! Broaden your cultural horizons by trying new foods and meeting new people. You'll be pleasantly surprised!

Soul Affirmation: I am patient with all that comes my way this week.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 5, 9

LIBRA

SOCIAL
Sociable, lovable you! You can have a wonderful week this week if you hook up with like-minded friends. You'll find that many are on your wavelength this week. Appreciate your ability to bring people together.

Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 29

SCORPIO

You'll be full of good ideas this week, so make sure you write down the ones you don't have time to put into action. You'll want to share your thoughts on a grand scale, and your mind will seem truly universal to you. Try to be patient with those who are staggered by your brilliance.

Soul Affirmation: Light from my soul shines in many directions.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 9

SAGITTARIUS

This week let your gentle spirit shine through. Your rough and tumble side is not appropriate for the relationships that you'll encounter. Someone will need your understanding and sympathy. Give it with sensitivity.

Soul Affirmation: My life itself is my greatest creation.

Lucky Numbers: 30, 39, 44

CAPRICORN

You're faced with a formidable task but when you defeat it, you'll take big steps toward a goal. Weigh in and give it your best. Your energy is high. The task looks larger before you start. Compromise with a partner. The immediate future promises love.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the spirits of people whose spirits are akin to mine this week.

Lucky Numbers: 33, 34, 52

AQUARIUS

Yield to the harmony that lies below the surface of any seeming disagreement. Serenity is more important than your sense of righteousness. Questioning the motives of others will make your mind too suspicious to benefit from the unclear way in which love will present itself this week.

Soul Affirmation: Freedom of mind is the greatest gift for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 53, 54

PISCES

Your intuition is showing, and you may surprise yourself as much as you surprise another by making a sudden intuitive leap and saying what you feel. You may feel as if you can read a certain someone's mind. Use your gift for good..

Soul Affirmation: I let my luck work for me.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 23, 46

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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

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PLEASE READ

CITY OF INKSTER TRANSITION TO MONTHLY WATER & SEWER BILLING

In response to the request of Inkster customers, the City of Inkster will begin billing monthly for water and sewer usage effective January 1, 2015. Customers will no longer be billed on a quarterly basis. This change will assist customers in managing their water and sewer bills more efficiently and assist our customers in tracking water usage and detecting leaks earlier which could result in saving money.

Why is the City switching to monthly billing?

Monthly billing makes it easier for customers, especially those on a fixed income, to manage their monthly household finances and budget more efficiently. It also provides customers with more frequent and timely information about their water usage. This allows customers to track their usage, reduce consumption and detect leaks in their household plumbing sooner. Detecting leaks and reducing consumption saves water and money.

What are the benefits of monthly billing?

It allows customers to budget more efficiently.

It is easier for customers, especially those on a fixed income, to manage their monthly household finances.

It provides customers with more frequent and timely information about their water usage. It allows customers to adjust month-to-month consumption, especially during summer months, which can save money.

It allows customers to detect leaks more timely, thus allowing for prompt repairs and reducing the potential of a high water bill as a result of the leak. (Customers are responsible for repairing household leaks).

How often will my meter be read?

Meters will be read on a monthly basis and will be billed monthly based on consumption.

Will my water bill look different?

No changes will be made to the water bill. The bills will contain water and sewer charges for one month of usage versus quarterly usage.

During the transition, will I be billed more than once for the same water and/or sewage consumption?

Customers will not be billed more than once for water or sewer services. Each bill will cover a different usage period.

Where or how can I pay my monthly bill?

Payments may be made as follows:

By Mail:

In order to expedite bill payments and to avoid past due notices and accrual of penalties, please allow five (5) days for your payment to be received timely. Bills should be mailed to the following address:

City of Inkster, Water Dept
26215 Trowbridge
Inkster, MI 48141

In Person:

Visit City Hall at 26215 Trowbridge Monday – Thursday between 8:30 am – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm or drop it in the City's Drop Box any day, any time. Payments left in the drop box will be processed on the next business day.

Internet:

Go to the City's website at www.cityofinkster.com. Only credit cards are accepted.

What is the timeline for the monthly billing?

We anticipate a smooth transition from quarterly billing of water and sewer to monthly billing. Below is a timeline describing when you can expect to receive your bill and for what usage period as the transition is made.

Timeline for the new monthly billing

District	Usage Period	Customers receive bills	Due date	Late fees applied
1	10/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/9/14	1/5/15	1/7/15
2	11/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/9/14	1/5/15	1/7/15
3	9/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/5/14	12/30/14	1/5/15
4	11/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/5/14	12/30/14	1/5/15
First full monthly billing for all districts				
1	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/12/15	2/6/15	2/10/15
2	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/12/15	2/6/15	2/10/15
3	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/10/15	2/4/15	2/6/15
4	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/10/15	2/4/15	2/6/15

Billing districts are separated by the first digit of the utility billing account number i.e. "1", "2", "3".

Shut-off for non-payment will be scheduled 30 days after the due date.

Information may also be obtained on the City of Inkster website at www.cityofinkster.com or by contacting the Department of Public Service (DPS) at 313.563.9774 or the Water Dept (Billing) at 313.563.7704.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the Court Room of City Hall on December 2, 2014.
Meeting called to order at 7:55p

The following Commissioners were present: Mayor Bowdler in the Chair
Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Ward

Absent: None

Excused: Pruneau

- 14-279 Approval of minutes
- 14-280 Voucher approval
- 14-281 Building permit approval
- 14-282 Restore 8% of wages for non-union active employees
- 14-283 Restore 6% of base pay for Police Chief
- 14-284 Payroll changes will be effective 12/05/2014
- 14-285 Accept resignation letter from Police Chief Harris
- 14-286 Approval to recommend to PSC to appoint Lt. D. Allen as next Police Chief
- 14-287 Approve budget for new Police Chief
- 14-288 Approval to send letter of appreciation to D. Luke and J. Harris
- 14-289 Approve 2015 Council meeting schedule
- 14-290 Approval to re-zone 91 Haltiner St.
- 14-291 Approval to renew Liability and Property insurance
- 14-292 Approve annual maintenance permit with Wayne County
- 14-293 Approve annual pavement restoration permit with Wayne County
- 14-294 Approve annual special events permit with Wayne County
- 14-295 Approve Amendment No. 2 of DWSD with City of Detroit
- 14-296 Approval to renew Davis Vision services contract
- 14-297 Motion to adjourn

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

Patricia Johnson, City Clerk

Susan P. Joseph, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ECORSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Ecorse City Council, at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 in the Albert Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan, 48229. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed use of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Funding.

It is estimated that approximately \$2,000,000.00, will be received through the CDBG Program funded through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are available for projects that benefit low to moderate income persons.

The proposed 2015-2016, CDBG Fund Allocations are as follows:

Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 100,000.00
Fire Truck	\$ 50,000.00
Ordinance Officer - Blight Control	\$ 40,000.00
Administration	\$ 19,000.00

Total: \$209,000.00

The estimated amounts reflect the 2014 allocation. The 2015-2016 funding levels may be reduced as a result of new census data and an overall reduction in federal grant funding.

Individuals or groups wishing to make oral presentations or submit prepared statements pertaining to the CDBG Program may do so at the Public Hearing. Interested parties who are unable to attend the Public Hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City of Ecorse Clerk's Office located at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, MI, 48229.

People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation at this meeting should contact the office of community development at (313) 386 2400 or the office of the City Clerk at (313) 386-2520, at least three (3) business days in advance to request mobility, visual hearing or other assistance.

Posting Date: 12/15/2014
Publication Date: 12/18/2014

THERESA CAPRA
Community Development Manager

POLICE BLOTTER

December 5th, 2014

At 0307hrs, an officer was patrolling the area of Haltiner & Elizabeth Street and observed a white Chrysler pulled up to a residence, known for selling narcotics. Officer observed the vehicle for several minutes turned on headlights and stayed stationary. A 24 year old male came out of a home and walked to the driver's side door. Minutes later the driver turned on his headlights and sped off and blew threw a Stop Sign on at Elizabeth Street & Haltiner. A traffic stop was affected and the 27 year old male driver was asked to provide the driver's license, Registration and Proof of Insurance. The officer smelled a strong odor of "Marijuana" emitting from the vehicle when the window rolled down. The driver quickly told the officer he had a Medical Marijuana Card and grabbed two green vials containing "marijuana" from his jacket pocket and handed them to the officer. The male stated he came from a friend's house and admitted purchasing "marijuana from his 24 year old friend. The male was told he cannot purchase marijuana illegally from an unlicensed marijuana dealer, it has to be purchased from a license medical marijuana provider. The marijuana was taken and tagged as evidence and the driver was issued citations for Possession of Narcotics and released on scene.

December 9th, 2014

At 1510hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 100 Block of

East Great Lake as on a report of a male being unresponsive. Officer met with the apartment manager and daughter of the 70 year old male. The daughter stated when she couldn't reach him by phone; she made contact with the manager. The manager informs her of the strong odor emitting from his apartment. When they entered the unit they heard water running in the kitchen and observed the male laying across the bed unresponsive. The officer secured the area and checking all doors and windows. The detectives arrived on scene and check the area. The Medial Examiner and Clara Funeral Homewere notified. It's a good time to do well being checks on friends, neighbors or relatives who live alone. RIP!

December 12th, 2014

At 1138hrs, an officer was dispatched to the police station lobby for a Disorderly Person. The officer had previously dealt with the 36 year old male just moments earlier. The male was advised to leave the area and after he refused and became irate and uncooperative. Officers asked several questions and the male appeared confused and made statements that did not make sense. The officer transported the male to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for Commitment and further evaluation. The officers and hospital staff eventually had to secure the combative male before he could be treated by the doctor.

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Help find this armed robber DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?



Authorities are asking for help in identifying the man pictured above. He robbed the Family Dollar Store located at 3933 Jefferson in Ecorse. The robbery took place on December 3, 2014 about 9:30 pm. Anyone with information on this armed robbery or if you are able to identify this man, please contact the Ecorse police department at 313- 381-0900 or call Crimestoppers. You don't have to give your name.

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Downriver Delta CDC reward kids who have vision for the community

By: Dominiqu Madden - Contributing Writer



Photo by Shelby Jefferson

Members of the Downriver Delta CDC along with bike winners and parents and volunteers

Each year the board members of the Downriver Delta CDC celebrated their 3rd Annual Bike Give Away to local kids. This year, kids from Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge and Southwest Detroit

participated in an Essay Contest to win a bike. The youth wrote an essay about how they wanted their city to look in 2025. The youth read their essays during the bike presentation on Monday, Dec. 22. They will be invited to participate in the next Roll

Along the River Bike Ride that the Downriver Delta CDC host next year. The bikes were donated by The Bike Hub of Detroit. Mayor Michael Bowdler of River Rouge was on hand to listen to the suggestions from the youth.

The members of Local 2555, of River Rouge School District Sponsored Families for Christmas



The AFSCME Council 25, Local 2555, of River Rouge School District has sponsored three families from Ann Visger Elementary, C.B. Middle School and River Rouge High School. Each family received a Food Basket and a \$100 Gift Card.

We, as a Union would like to thank Superintendent, Derrick Colman and Dept. Superintendent, Alisa Berry-Brown for their support in us making a difference this is what the holiday season is all about when we can be a blessing to others by easing the burden from the family and to see a glowing smile on a Child's face and knowing they will have a wonderful Christmas.

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.

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