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## Celebrating Women's History Month

**Dr. Ingrid Wilson Johnson,**  
Obstetrician/Gynecologist at  
Garden City Hospital

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Dr. Wilson Johnson with residents at the hospital

For most women, Dr. Ingrid Wilson Johnson is the perfect type of Obstetrician/Gynecologist. Whether you're expecting a child or coming in for a rou-

tine office visit, her compassionate demeanor and open relatability brings a comforting

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## Mayor Duggan announces no-interest home repair loans to help strengthen neighborhoods



DETROIT— Mayor Mike Duggan joined city, community and nonprofit partners to unveil the Detroit 0% Interest Home Repair Loan Program, which will provide \$8 million in financing for eligible homeowners looking to patch roofs, replace win-

dows, upgrade plumbing and address structural or safety issues.

The program is a city-led partnership with the Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC) and Bank of America. It is designed to help homeowners fix deteriorating properties and help eliminate blight—all while laying a foundation for renewed private investment in areas struggling to attract capital. It's a focused public-private commitment to Detroit's neighborhoods.

The program targets Detroit homeowners earning up to 80 percent of the area median in-

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## Romulus Employees and Residents Raise Almost \$1,600 for American Lung Association



Back Row (Left to Right): Dawn Denison, Merrie Druyor, Ron Witten, Linda McNeil, Joanne Jensen, Paulette Matlock; Front Row: Robert McCraight, Larry Lindenmuth

ROMULUS – On Sunday, March 2, 2015, a team of seven from Romulus climbed 70 flights of stairs at the Detroit Renaissance Center to raise money for the American Lung

Association and to show their support for friend & coworker, Linda McNeil.

because of her own fight with cancer, was unable to do the climb this year.

McNeil had done the Fight for Air climb the last two years, but

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## Two men get life in prison for killing 2-year old baby last summer



A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found Raymond Jackson guilty of first-degree murder, torture, assault and gun charges earlier this

month. Authorities said Jackson shot the toddler in the head on July 1, 2014, as she played outside with her father and friends at an Inkster home. The child's father, Kenneth French, and a 13-year-old girl were also shot, but recovered.

French called Jackson a coward, a punk and a sissy during the sentencing hearing on Tuesday.

Judge Ulysses Boykin called the case one of the most "heinous crimes" he had ever seen.

The jury also convicted Raphael Hearn of first-degree murder after prosecutors said the shooting was orchestrated by Hearn, who had a falling out with French after Hearn was shot months earlier at a club where French was working security. French testified that he believed the shooting was in retaliation for the incident at the club, and that Hearn had wanted French to suffer by seeing his daughter shot.

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CALL TO ACTION

Registering to Vote is Easy and Important



Registering to vote only takes a few minutes. With this simple process, you'll be able to vote in the next election and fulfill your duty as an American citizen.

Not only is it important to vote in presidential elections: your vote has even more impact on the local level, whether it's taxes, schools, city government or voter initiatives. All the more reason to be registered. It's a small price to pay for the chance to affect how things are done in your neighborhood, your city, your state and nation. Here's how to do it.

Getting registered to vote is basically a matter of filling out a simple form. Where can you find it? Voter registration forms are available at post offices, city halls, DMVs and other public buildings. You'll also find the form on college and university campuses, other schools and wherever people are gathering signatures for initiatives. Whether or not you agree or disagree, sign a petition or don't, you can still register to vote here.

The form is fairly simple--name, address and other basic information. It also asks you to list any party affiliation with boxes for Democrats, Republi-

cans and Independents. This information is used in primary elections when the parties are choosing their candidates. If you do not fill it out, you cannot vote in these elections. Some states allow all registered voters to vote in primaries regardless of their affiliation.

It may be advantageous to check a party affiliation since it means you can vote in primaries. However, it in no way determines how you can or can't vote. A registered Democrat can vote Republican or any other party and vice-versa.

Once the form is complete, return it at the public counter or to the form taker and you'll be mailed a registration card, showing your proof of registration. You will also receive election information automatically and you will be informed where to vote in person at the time of the election.

While some might consider it a civic duty, registering and voting are really ways that you can control the way we live. Whether it's a financial, community or personal issue, a vote is a voice and the act of standing up for what you believe.

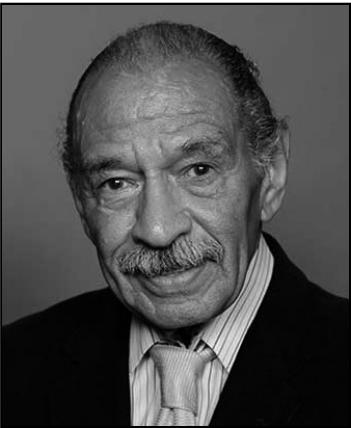
The last day to register to be able to vote in the May 5th election is April 6, 2015.

Make it a family affair and check to make sure everyone in your family is registered to vote and they vote in the Special May election that addresses the condition of the roads in Michigan.

Gina Steward  
Publisher

NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

Five Years Later, The Affordable Care Act is Saving Lives and Taxpayer Dollars



John Conyers, Jr.  
U. S. Congressman  
13th District

Washington, D.C. – Congressman John Conyers, Jr. issued the following statement on the fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Affordable Care Act:

"Five years ago, President Obama signed into law one of the most important pieces of legislation in a generation: the Affordable Care Act. Along with some of our most historic legislative achievements, including Social Security and Medicare, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) stands as a central pillar of America's social safety net and a key step toward realizing the universal right to health care.

"Thanks to the ACA, more than 16 million previously uninsured Americans now have access to affordable high-quality coverage. At least 105 million Americans have been relieved of the threat of an annual or lifetime limit on care. More than 130 million Americans with pre-existing conditions can no longer be denied coverage and

women can no longer be charged higher premiums than men for the same plan.

"The ACA has not only been essential for Americans' health—it's also been crucial for slowing the growth of healthcare costs. After more than a decade of runaway cost increases, the growth in health care costs has slowed to the lowest level in 50 years. The Medicare Trust Fund is more solvent than it has been in a decade.

"The evidence is clear: the ACA works. It means greater coverage, better care, stronger consumer protections, and lower overall costs. I am proud to salute this landmark legislative achievement and look forward to the additional progress that will come of it."

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NEWS FROM LANSING

PROS AND CONS: MORE ABOUT PROPOSAL 1



Bert Johnson  
State Senator - District 2

Last December, the legislature tried to devise a plan that would work for all Michiganders. However, the marathon session on the last day of the 2014 legislative calendar produced the ballot initiative.

So, the Proposal 1 ballot proposal on May 5, stands as the

only – and most viable – option to repair our broken roads. However, the repairs come with a cost and in this case, if Proposal 1 passes, there will be a tax increase.

The Michigan sales tax will be raised from six to seven percent, while the fuel tax will be increased by 42 percent. With the fuel tax increase, gas prices will be raised by nine cents per gallon. Under the Proposal 1 plan, taxes collected in the first two years beginning in 2016 will eliminate the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) debt that it will cost to repair the roads in their current state. According to MDOT, it has accumulated \$1.3 billion in debt.

If Proposal 1 passes, the revenue collected from sales and gas tax increases will cover the much-needed road repairs that are inevitable in our state. The hope and expectation by this legislature is that this plan is prudent, lasting for years to come.

In voting on Proposal 1 in May, Michigan citizens will have the opportunity to amend a part of the Michigan State Constitution to allow an increase in sales and use taxes. Proposal 15-1, better known as "Prop 1", calls for an the increase of state sales tax by one percent (from six to seven percent) to replace and supplement the reduced amount of money going to the School Aid Fund (SAF) and local municipalities caused by the elimination of sales/use taxes on gas and diesel fuel for traditional public road vehicles.

Also known as the "Road Funding Prop", this proposal is purporting to help Michigan's road infrastructure as it mainly receives its funding from revenue received from vehicle registration fees and motor fuel taxes. Over the years with the raise of more fuel efficient vehicles, gas is not being consumed as much as before causing a decrease in gas sales tax revenue and funding

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# “Empire” Shows that Black Dollars Matter

By Ron Busby, Sr. -NNPA Columnist



“According to a Nielsen consumer report, African Americans are voracious consumers of media, watching 37 percent more television than any other slice of American demography. While that’s not new news, it is disturbing that we don’t completely understand the connection between our TV consumption and the huge profits generated by our connection to television.

To be fair, some TV programming can actually be beneficial. The recent coverage of the 50th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday” opened the eyes of generations of Americans who were unaware of the brutality of racial oppression in America. Much of television, however, is simply escapist entertainment for us, but a tremendous cash cow for programmers and advertisers. Take for example “Empire” on Fox. The network is known for its history of racist banter and has exploited Black America while simultaneously benefiting from Black consumers. Statistics show that “Empire” is Fox’s highest grossing show in three years, which translates into a huge pay-off for Fox.

How big?

How about the \$45.2 billion Comcast/Time Warner merger? How about the \$48.5 billion AT&T acquisition of DirecTV or the estimated \$1.3 trillion dollars spent annually by Black consumers? Not to mention the \$20 billion lawsuit filed by the National Association of African American Owned Media and Entertainment Studios Networks, against Comcast, Time Warner, and other civil rights organizations as party to a plan to ensure that profits from Black viewership continue pouring into the same pockets?

We’ve watched with interest and commented on this situation earlier, but the situation has not im-

proved. We will reserve judgment on the soundness of Entertainment Studios Network’s CEO Byron Allen’s pending legal action, but there are a few things of which we are absolutely certain:

No telecom giant has a plan for meaningful participation/inclusion of Black business in their day-to-day procurement activity; No programming giant has a plan to include, develop or support the development of positive Black portrayals to any meaningful degree; No cable/pay TV provider makes programming targeting Black consumers available at their basic service level, which requires their best customers to pay extra to view their favorite shows; No advertiser using the TV/PayTV medium includes Black business in any significant way in the development, production, delivery/distribution of their products to this loyal consumer base.

Telecom companies and consumer product companies are gearing up for an assault on your wallets like nothing you’ve ever seen, and if you’re riveted by the latest episode or game-of-the-week, you may not even notice your pocket being picked. Decisions about your money are being made right now. These decisions are being made by people who don’t know you, and whose only interest is how long you’re in front of your TV before you go buy the products they are selling.

We understand it’s about business – big business. We also understand that it is Black consumers’ money that makes the business so big. But if Black businesses don’t flourish as a result of all this activity designed to move dollars out of Black pockets, we’ll be back to “Good Times” in the projects instead of building Empires. All the more reason to invest money in the Black community. If you can devote time to watching your favorite television show, then you can also devote time to buying from your local Black businesses. Make #Blackdollarsmatters not just a hashtag, but a way of life.

Ron Busby, Sr. is president of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.

## Ecorse Senior Citizens Birthday Club Seniors 55 years and older are welcome

We welcome you to come, have fun, and join the Ecorse Senior Citizens Birthday Club. The Birthday Club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 1:00 pm. Come out and enjoy fellowship & refreshments.

Please contact President Mary Ann King at 313-381-1616 for any questions. You may also call Ethel Stevenson at 313-382-3305.

Come out and have a good time with other Seniors.

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# With the End In Mind

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



When I read "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey, one of the habits that stuck out to me was habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind. This habit has to do with thinking about the end of your life and letting that impact the way you live each day. What will you be remembered by? Are you living to impact the image and legacy you will leave behind? Are you living like you want to go to Heaven?

Many of us avoid thinking about end of life as if thinking about death will make it happen. Very often, intense fear is associated with death. We need not dwell on thoughts of death, but we do need to consider it. Instead of looking at it as the end, look at it like a new beginning.

As a hospice chaplain, I spend a lot of time with dying people. Although I see many sad situations, dying people have taught me more about life than I could ever learn in any classroom. They teach me how to live. They remind me that one day I'll die and as long as I am

alive and able, I should love and appreciate God and people, use my gifts, take care of business and myself, and enjoy my life as much as I can. The dying give real meaning to the phrase, 'maximize the moment.' The dying realize their moments are limited, but we who are alive should also live like ours are limited. We should live to to our best to fulfill our destiny and purpose. Don't waste time. Don't be afraid of the future. Embrace it. Alter it if you can. Trust that God will be providential in it.

Death is sad to the living and grief is bitter, but the what gives me hope is when a dying person has peace with God that is beyond our understanding and is looking forward to their encounter with our Maker. While their loved ones try to hold on to them, they are eager to be released from suffering to fly away to glory. There is something different about the death of the godly. In the book of Numbers, the Prophet Balaam recognized this. In verse 10 he says, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his." (NKJ).

Death is inevitable, we have no choice about that. However we can choose whether we die like the godly or the ungodly. Which do you choose? Are you living with the end in mind? Are you being highly effective in the Kingdom?

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Romulus Ministerial Alliance

host their annual Good Friday Walk and Service on Friday, April 3, 2015.

The walk will begin at 11:30 at the Historical Park and proceed down Godard Rd to Romulus Welsyn Church. Good Friday Service will begin at 12:00noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Rev. Arthur Willis at 734-728-1390.

### Pentecost Missionary Baptist Church 35625 Vinewood Romulus

The Pentecost Youth Department - HYPE invites all youth and young adults to their Annual Lock In on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the Romulus Recreation Complex located at 35765 Northline Rd. Registration and Check in begins at 8:00pm. The Lock-In will run from 8:00pm - 1:00am. Activities include youth service, basketball, volleyball and swimming.

Tickets can be purchased at the church or onsite.  
Youth Pastor - LaThomas Willis can be reached at 734-728-1390 or for more information visit the church's facebook page Pentecost Missionary Baptist Church

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SENIOR STAR

Ethel Smith - 93 years old



Ms. Ethel Smith at her 93rd birthday party

Ms. Ethel Smith lives in Detroit and just celebrated her 93rd birthday. She was born in St. Maurice, Louisiana. She has seven children, sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. She was married to Eddie Smith and together they founded New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church in 1977. She is known for cooking the best pound cakes in the Downriver area. She is also known for the soul food dinners that she passed out to her neighbors and anyone who was hungry. She is known as a Great Prayer Warrior. She worked at the Bancroft Nursing Home for ten years and housed over 30 families over her lifetime. The motto that she lives by is 'Prayer changes things.' Who inspires her is The Holy Ghost. - What she remembers most about growing up is


Old Morning Star Church. This is where the teachers would take them during recess to get baptized.

The one thing that people in the community need to change is, "People need to give their heart to God." Her favorite type of music is old time gospel singing. Her favorite person is Jesus.

*The Telegram Newspaper is looking for the next Senior Star. If you know of anyone eighty years old or older call the office to have them included in one of our future issues. Our number is 313-928-2955. Or you can send us an email at [telegram@telegram-news.net](mailto:telegram@telegram-news.net)*

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ALL ARE WELCOME



# Mayor Tidwell focuses on future plans for Ecorse in State of the City Address

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Photo by Robert Frierson

Residents of Ecorse came out to hear Mayor Tidwell give the State of the City

On March 18th, a capacity crowd gathered at Ecorse High School to witness Mayor Lamar Tidwell’s inaugural State of the City address.

“We’ve faced many challenges over the past 30 years, but the old Ecorse way has to stop,” he said. “We can’t allow special interest groups to take away from the citizens of Ecorse because at the end of the day, taxpayers are the stakeholders here. We need to start moving forward in the right direction because the old way is not working.”

Other topics discussed throughout the address included the return of Smart bus services for local seniors, little league baseball/recreational activities and the possible removal of the Ecorse Public Library from the Wayne County system. In addition, Tidwell revealed pertinent budget information regarding FEMA flood reimbursements, decreasing DTE costs (which will result in the installment of LED lights citywide), and economic development efforts to reduce area blight.

“So far since I’ve been in office, we’ve torn down about 60

houses. Now with the new money we’ve received, we want to tear down another 80-100 homes,” Tidwell said. “We’re going to be replacing sidewalks, and demolishing blighted homes to change the image of Ecorse. The grand total of money received in the past 18 months is \$4 million, so that’s a big plus for the city.” Tidwell also commended the municipality’s public safety department for making steady improvements, while also acknowledging special units within the division that have contributed to additional revenue for the area. With new plans on the horizon for the coming year, Tidwell seems set

on looking toward a brighter future for the City of Ecorse.

“So what can we do to move forward? Stop the old Ecorse way, increase revenue, and create a DDA to make the city more attractive,” he said. “Most importantly, we have to come to council meetings, and we have to complain. I don’t care if you call me because that’s my job. You have to tell us because we don’t know everything, and we need you to help. We have to come together as one big happy family and put our differences aside. The community has to get involved.”

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## HOROSCOPES

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### ARIES

You are often superb at exercising good judgment and rational decision-making. Yet sometimes you are rash. Flip to the observant side of your mentality this week. You will soon find yourself in a situation where there will be strife if you are not careful. Soul Affirmation: A cheerful soul should be wrapped in a cheerful package.  
**Lucky Numbers: 18, 36, 44**

### TAURUS

Just to prove to yourself once again how lucky you are you should fly into the face of bad predictions. Gamble this week in business, relationships, love - something. Remain truly confident that things will come out in a way that will satisfy you. Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.  
**Lucky Numbers: 4, 28, 37**

### GEMINI

Move through your social environments and festive occasions this week without stopping even for a little while to listen to rumors. Rumors are often untrue. And for goodness sake believe only good things about friends and your lover. Soul Affirmation: I keep my eyes open for business opportunities this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 15, 30, 45**

### CANCER

Keep focused. Your energies are likely to be spread out this week. Your attention is likely to be pulled in many directions. Let yourself be seduced by the things that interest you most. Concentrate on your affairs. Others need you, but they can wait. Soul Affirmation: I find a source of strength in someone I love.  
**Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 21**

### LEO

Being stubborn won't get the job done. Work with others so they can work for you. Your ideas are not always the best ideas, so don't push them too hard this week. You might find yourself in an awkward position with no allies. Give in to your emotional needs and don't be afraid to let you guard down. Soul Affirmation: I let go and let my spirit take control.  
**Lucky Numbers: 20, 42, 54**

### VIRGO

This week will bring a tendency to dwell on a past betrayal. Your feelings of suspicion are well founded. However, do not personalize it. Work against the harmful act but not against the person who committed it. Soul Affirmation: I am what I consistently do.  
**Lucky Numbers: 5, 6, 23**

### LIBRA

Look forward to excellent financial news based on some-

thing you're likely to do this week. Wow! It's about time. This week might be an excellent week to window shop for a dream vacation or luxury purchase. You can even window shop in your imagination for the best possible dream vacation location! Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 8, 18, 44**

### SCORPIO

In the spiritual realm appearance is not important but in the physical realm looking good matters a great deal. Love has a foot in both realms. It is your challenge to balance the spiritual and physical aspects of love this week. Soul Affirmation: Slow and steady is an enjoyable way to go.  
**Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 13**

### SAGITTARIUS

Stand up and get ready. Be a public speaker this week. Any subject you choose is ripe for your "rap." Spin the tale. Tell the story. People will be fascinated by the way you see things. They'll be impressed. Watch out for a jealous friend when attention is on you! Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.  
**Lucky Numbers: 24, 32, 53**

### CAPRICORN

Be as sharp as you can be this week. Make being alert a personal challenge. Watch carefully for details that might otherwise escape your notice as you search for the best way to get things done at work. Be steadfast in your determination and don't be pulled into conflict with coworkers. Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me.  
**Lucky Numbers: 12, 23, 27**

### AQUARIUS

What do you do when you're not as lucky as usual? Slow the game down. Risk less. Bet conservatively in all areas of your life. Restrain yourself. Give the job at hand your attention. Live in the present and enjoy what is rather than in anticipation of what luck might have brought. Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.  
**Lucky Numbers: 27, 41, 52**

### PISCES

Like-mindedness is going to be hard to achieve among your coworkers, but there are likely to be a few who see things as you do. Choose carefully and find someone to walk with you on this week's journey. Some words of encouragement might be needed to enlist the person you choose. Soul Affirmation: My needs will be met if I just ask.  
**Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 14**

# A List of Scholarships for College Students



Visit <http://www.scholarshipsgrants.us/a-list-of-scholarships-for-college-students/> for a list of scholarships that you may be eligible for. Below is a list of some of the scholarships listed.

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Check back next week for more scholarship tips.

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# Principal Kevin Weber discusses success at Wayne Memorial High School

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Kevin Weber (left) receives the 2013 MASB Education Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards

This is only Kevin Weber’s second year as principal of Wayne Memorial High School. Still, in teaching there since 2004 and also serving as an assistant principal, his dedication to the Zebra way reflects an overall atmosphere at the school personally described by Weber as nothing short of exceptional. “Wayne pride is a really unique part of this school; it’s truly contagious,” Weber said. “We always say success is the only option, so we try to live that statement as best as we can for our students. I’m really fond of the community support, and the teachers here are really great as well. We’re all just very passionate about making sure that this is a positive place for our students to come to.”

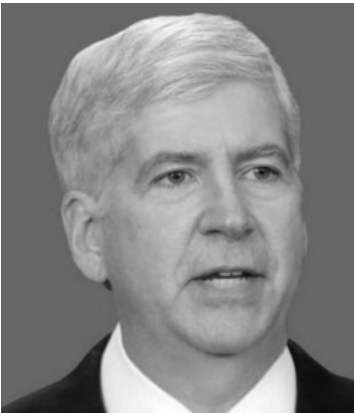
With that, Wayne Memorial offers various learning options for students on every level of the developmental spectrum. The Champions Program grants monetary incentives to students who successfully reach new academic goals, and special reading programs identify and meet specific needs based on individual reading proficiency. Students also have access to advanced placement courses and online learning through a partnership with Michigan Virtual High School. For Weber, these academic based opportunities distinguish Wayne Memorial from many other schools throughout the area. “We have a lot of things going on that are pretty unique,” he

said. “We put a lot of emphasis on post-secondary planning, so we have an accelerated curriculum for students who want a more rigorous high school experience. Also, we offer a Direct College Program where students can elect to receive high school and college credit. Starting next year, there will be an accelerated program that allows for students to accumulate up to 48 hours of college credit, in addition to their high school diploma when they leave Wayne Memorial High School.” Also of note are the great extracurricular offerings at Wayne Memorial, including a fine athletic program and Bright Futures alternative for those not interested in sports related activities. And as part of the annual “Celebrate Wayne” festivities, kids are bused in from Franklin Middle School in order to provide a prospective glimpse into the realities of high school life. Overall, Weber maintains that these types of experiences have made his time at Wayne Memorial High School truly remarkable. “When I first applied for this job, I really liked everything about the district,” he said. “I accepted a teaching position in 2004, and I’ve stayed here ever since. “It’s really a lot of fun here, and I also enjoy the challenges. To be clear, I’m not actually the one out front making changes and creating things, my hands are just involved in making sure roadblocks are out of people’s way so we can actually get things done. It’s different and fast paced, but I enjoy every aspect of it.”

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### Michigan leads the Midwest in creating private sector jobs since end of 2010

Unemployment rate drops to 5.9 percent, lowest in 14 years



LANSING, Mich. – Michigan has gained more private sector jobs than any other Midwestern state since the end of 2010, and the state’s unemployment rate has dropped to 5.9 percent – the lowest in 14 years, Gov. Rick Snyder said Wednesday.

“We should be proud that our hard work in reinventing Michigan is showing results, with companies tapping our talent and legendary work ethic as they create more and better jobs,” Snyder said. “But we can’t just be satisfied with being a leader in the Midwest. We’re working to lead the na-

tion in developing the skilled trades, creating an environment for businesses to grow and thrive and building on the entrepreneurial spirit that is known around the globe.” Statistics released Wednesday show Michigan’s unemployment rate to be the lowest since October 2001. The state has gained nearly 400,000 private sector jobs since December 2010, including 105,000 in manufacturing. There have been nearly 100,000 private sector jobs created overall in Michigan in the past year alone.

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# Detroit Western 58, Ypsilanti 37: Cowboys use size advantage to reach program's first state semifinal

By Justin P. Hicks | jhicks3@mlive.com



Detroit Western senior Josh McFolley (23) drives to the basket for two of his 19 points during the quarterfinals at Calihan Hall in Detroit, Mich., on March 24, 2015. Detroit Western defeated Ypsilanti, 58-37. Patrick Record | The Ann Arbor News

DETROIT -- Detroit Western International benefited from second and third-chance points Tuesday evening, using its size to win the rebound battle against Ypsilanti.

After the Cowboys found their rhythm, there were few offensive boards to collect en route to their 58-37 victory in the Class A state quarterfinal game at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Senior Josh McFolley scored 15 of his game-high 18 points in the second half to pull away and crush any hope of another Ypsilanti comeback. Gerald Blackshear followed with 11, and Brailen Neely added eight.

Avery Williams led the way for Ypsilanti with 12 points, followed by Corey Allen's 11.

With the win, Detroit Western (24-0) advances to its first state semifinal in program history. They'll face Detroit U-D

Jesuit at 2:50 Friday at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

### Highlights

-- The Cowboys outscored Ypsilanti 13-4 in the first quarter with the help of five offensive rebounds between the 6-foot-8 duo of Kheri Maxwell and Blackshear. Blackshear led all scorers in the frame with five points, though he was 1-of-4 from the free-throw line.

-- Avery Williams carried the struggling Grizzlies through the first half, scoring seven of his nine points in the second quarter. Allen added five points, including a three-point play off a steal, but Ypsilanti started the second half in a 15-point hole.

-- Allen capitalized on an unforced turnover by the Cowboys, picking up the loose ball and taking it in for two points to begin the second half. The Grizzlies turned the ball over on two of its first three possessions though and the Cowboys made them pay.

-- After Western settled down its offense, McFolley scored five-straight points including a second-chance 3 following a Maxwell rebound, and a layup inside. He recorded nine third-quarter points to lead the Cowboys to an 18-point lead heading into the fourth.

-- Western finished out the game with a 16-13 final eight minutes, led by McFolley with six and Armanti Tinsley with four.

-- Neither team shot particularly well from the free-throw line. The Grizzlies made 4-of-9, while the Cowboys made 6-of-18.

### Pregame notes

-- Ypsilanti earned its Class A regional title last Thursday, 63-58 over Romulus. Corey Allen scored a game-high 19 points and Jamezell Davis and Kendrick Williams both added double-digit scoring in the Grizzlies victory.

-- Detroit Western International came into Tuesday's contest with a 23-0. Their most recent victim - Warren De La Salle by a score of 51-35. Blackshear led the way for the Cowboys with 14 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks. McFolley and Karim Murray added a combined 24.

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## Are the Pistons Jelling?

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Pistons' playoff hopes likely faded away a couple of weeks ago. However they are 3-1 in their last four games with wins against Memphis, Chicago and Boston.2. Detroit has averaged 100 points in their last four games while holding their opponents to 94.3 points. They can still have a say on who might get there. Andre Drummond had 18 points and 22 rebounds, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored seven of his 27 points in overtime and the Pistons beat the Boston Celtics 105-97 on Sunday. Reggie Jackson added 17 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Pistons, who won for the third time in four games after a 10-game losing streak. The Pistons wiped out a deficit late in regulation, then scored on their

first two possessions of overtime and opened with a 7-0 run. Yes, Caldwell-Pope had a driving basket and Jodie Meeks nailed a 3-pointer from the left corner. Caldwell-Pope then capped the spree with a 3-pointer, making it 95-88. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope is averaging 21.5 points in his last four games -- scored 20-plus in three of last four games. Spencer Dinwiddie recorded his first career double double with 10 points and career-high 10 assists vs. Chicago last Friday and play some useful minutes backing up Jackson against Boston this past Sunday. Again, the Pistons can still have a say on who might get there because it would be a miracle if they make the playoffs themselves.

## Cabrera and Martinez Get a Taste of Pre Season

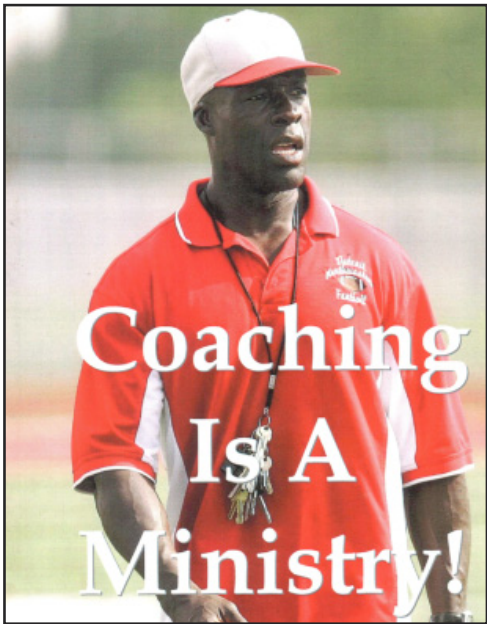
By Butch Davis

Detroit sluggers Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez received their first taste of Grapefruit League play this past Sunday with their first at-bats of the season. Cabrera, who had off season surgery to remove a bone spur from his right ankle and repair a stress fracture in his right foot, went 1 for 3 with a single and two strikeouts in a split-squad tie game against the Nationals. Tigers manager Brad Ausmus didn't make any guarantees whether Cabrera would be ready for opening day, but said the odds were better than 50-50. Martinez, the 2014 AL MVP runner-up who had surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee in February, was hitless in the split-squad loss to Atlanta on Sunday. Martinez said the injury, which he suffered playing catch with his

brother. Martinez said after the game, "everything felt pretty good, coming out of the box and swinging, so I'm happy with how the day went today (this past Sunday)." However also in the Tigers-Nationals spilt squad game Justin Verlander gave up three home runs in less than five innings of a 7-7 tie this past Sunday. Two days after learning David Price would be starting on opening day instead of him, the 2011 Cy Young Award and MVP winner's spring training ERA inflated to 6.08. "I have work to do on my slider," Verlander said. "My slider has been about 50-50. I still have some tinkering to do before opening day." Remember, the baseball play is for real on April the 6th as our Detroit Tigers take on the Minnesota Twins at 1:05pm as its opening day at Comerica Park.

## BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK REVIEW Coaching Is A Ministry! by Coach Michael Crayton

By: Goddess of Literature



Coach is a common concept in our every day lives, but how many people really consider what specifically goes into being a

great coach? Michael Crayton shares with us his experiences and philosophies on this subject. Coaching is more than just assembling a team of talented athletes into a winning team, anyone could do that. Being a coach is not only about honing and refining raw talent into great skill but about recognizing potential in a young person - or most often helping that athlete realize their own potential. Being a great coach isn't just about winning games, it is about teaching people to be winners, in every aspect of their lives.

While this book does primarily deal with athletic coaches, the principles and ideas outlined within its pages can also be applied to any position of leadership. All roles that have the capacity to encourage and shape people's futures could benefit from the knowledge provided within this book to help over see others; professional or personal; and administer to all needs; physical, mental, or emotional. Whether a teacher, scout master, pastor, store manager, parent, or even a team leader in a business firm; any authority figure has the ability to transform ordinary lives into success stories, just by giving a bit of attention and showing that they care about the people in their charge.

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# Women’s History

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Dr. Ingrid Wilson

element to what may otherwise serve as an uneasy experience. “A lot of my patients do come to me because I’m a female; they want to have that connected perspective,” Johnson said. “I think that as a woman, you can bring a lot to the table because you’ve experienced some of the same issues that your patients are experiencing. And I really enjoy what I do because it provides a long term point of care, from delivering a baby to also impacting patients when they’re coming in for regular concerns. So as an OB/GYN, I do get to experience the whole spectrum of things.” In addition to her duties as an OB/GYN, Johnson—a wife, mother and practicing physician for over two decades—has always sought to maintain a healthy family life in the midst of career responsibilities. So just how does she manage to do it all? “You learn to be a great master of time, and you also learn to

prioritize things that are important,” Johnson said. “My kids are important, so I made sure to be available for them, and that meant making adjustments in my professional life to ensure that they had my attention whenever they needed it. Also, being able to develop a strong support network of family and friends is always essential.” And while Johnson has admittedly enjoyed the process of balancing family and professional obligations, she concedes that being a mother and physician can present its challenges because “your male colleagues may not take you seriously; they may have wives to take care of other aspects of their lives, but I have to multitask because I am the wife.” However for the Spelman College graduate and Stanford University Medical School alum, these very factors shine light on the need to celebrate women and all of their accomplishments throughout the month of March. “I think Women’s History Month is important because so many women are doing great things in the world; they definitely need to be placed in the forefront,” Johnson said. “We should make sure that women are getting credit for the impact they’re making, not only in their own lives but also in the lives of others. It’s important to place good positive role models out there so that we can build another generation who will become the future women in history.”



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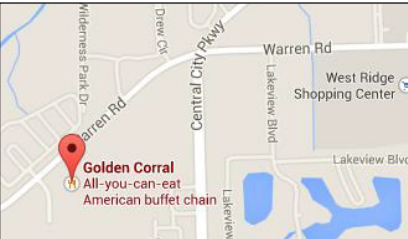
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**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF ROMULUS  
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE  
PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE  
CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 34, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.  
If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2015 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches eight (8) inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.  
Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.  
All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

Publish: March 12, 2015  
March 26, 2015

**CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION/CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**  
**CITY OF INKSTER**  
**MAY 5, 2015 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF INKSTER, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Inkster on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTION IS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 BY 4:00PM. Persons residing in the City of Inkster registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the May 5, 2015 election. Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at the Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County or the City of Inkster Clerk's office. Registrations will be received Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (CLOSED 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.)  
The Inkster City Clerk's office will be open the Saturday prior (May 2, 2015) to the May 5, 2015 Election from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to receive Absentee Voter Applications and Ballots.  
A qualified elector may obtain an Absentee Ballot at the Inkster City Clerk's office located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, MI. 48141.

**BALLOT PROPOSALS:**  
**State Proposal 15-1**

THE FOLLOWING STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL WILL APPEAR ON THE MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT PROPOSAL  
15-1- A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.  
(the full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City of Inkster Clerk's office located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, MI. 48141)

The polling locations for the General Election:

District/Precinct	Location:
District 1/Precinct 1	Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt
District 1/Precinct 2	Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt
District 2/Precinct 1	Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt
District 2/Precinct 2	Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt
District 3/Precinct 1	Smith Chapel Church - 3035 Walnut
District 3/ Precinct 2	F. L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia
District 4/Precinct 1	Hicks School - 100 Helen St.
District 4/ Precinct 2	New Jerusalem Church - 821 Inkster Rd.
District 5/Precinct 1	Tomlinson School – 25912 Annapolis
District 6/Precinct 1	Twin Towers – 2000 Inkster Rd.
District 6/Precinct 2	Daly Elementary School – 25824 Michigan Ave.

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Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk  
City of Inkster

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 for the purpose of considering proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Article 8, Industrial Districts  
Article 11, Use Standards  
Article 14, Parking Requirements  
Article 24, Definitions  
Appendix A, Table of Uses by District

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the proposed text amendments are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be directed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485, (734-955-4530).

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: March 26, 2015

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2015  
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174  
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, William Wadsworth.  
Excused: Celeste Roscoe.  
Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
Excused: Stacey Paige, Treasurer

15-068

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meet-  
ing of the Romulus City Council held on February 23, 2015.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Abstain – Makowski.  
Motion Carried.

15-069

2B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the special meeting  
held on February 23, 2015, study session, Amended Ordinances.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Abstain – Makowski.  
Motion Carried.  
3. Petitioner: None.  
4. Chairperson's Report:  
Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden spoke about the success of the Annual Soul Food Dinner  
which was held on February 23, 2015. Mimi Talley presented a certificate of appreciation  
to City Council for their on-going support of the Annual Soul Food Dinner.  
4A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to accept the chairperson's report.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
5. Mayor's Report:  
Mayor Burcroff recognized Merrie Druyor and Joe Sylvester as the City of Romulus Em-  
ployees of the Month for February 2015. Mr. Jones and Mr. Williams, from St. John's  
Lodge, announced the Prayer Breakfast that will be held On Saturday, April 11, 2015 at  
9:00 a.m. at the Wayne Tree Manor on Van Born Road.

15-070

5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter  
into the Downriver Inter-Local Agreement with the addition of the Downriver Michigan Mu-  
tual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement that was previously approved by City Council on  
November 24, 2014.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-071

6A1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to approve second reading, final adoption  
of Budget Amendment 14/15-14, Library Fund, in the amount of \$9,653.00 - introduced at  
the Council Meeting of February 23, 2015.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-072

6A2. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to approve second reading, final adoption  
of Budget Amendment 14/15-15, General Fund, in the amount of \$31,000.00 - introduced  
at the Council Meeting of February 23, 2015.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
6B. Treasurer's Report  
7. Public Comment:  
Ms. Tally expressed her appreciation for the fine programs the City put on to celebrate  
Black History Month, such as the Underground Railroad Tour and the City's support of  
the Annual Soul Food Dinner.  
8. Unfinished Business  
9. New Business:  
Councilman Wadsworth announced that during lent, St. Aloysius Church, will have Friday  
Fish Fries. He, along with Councilwoman Makowski, recognized Councilwoman Abdo for  
her fundraising efforts for pediatric cancer research. Councilwoman Abdo, on behalf of  
the National Honors Society, expressed appreciation for all the support shown for pediatric  
cancer research. She also read a thank you letter from the Carr family.  
Building Director, Bob McCraight, and Secretary from the Economic Development Depart-  
ment, Merrie Druyor, spoke about the American Lung Association fundraiser they attended  
at the RenCen in Detroit.  
10. Communication  
11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romu-  
lus City Council.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be  
a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 2,  
2015.  
CITY OF ROMULUS


CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the City of Romulus to rezone certain properties from their current designation of M-1, Light Industrial District to the M-2, General Industrial District. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone the following properties:

80-125-99-0008-700, 80-125-99-0011-701, 80-125-99-0011-702, 80-125-99-011-703, 80-125-99-0011-704, 80-128-99-0005-002, 80-125-99-0005-004, 80-128-99-0007-000, 80-128-99-0009-002, 80-128-99-0009-705, 80-128-99-0011-000, 80-129-99-0001708, 80-129-99-0009-704, 80-129-99-0012-702, 80-129-99-0017-705, 80-129-99-0023-701, 80-129-99-0025-000, 80-129-99-0027-000, 80-130-99-0003-000, 80-130-99-0014-000, 80-131-01-0001-300, 80-131-01-0085-300, 80-131-01-0099-300, 80-131-01-0193-301, 80-131-01-0221-300, 80-131-01-261-300, 80-131-99-0001-000, 80-131-99-0002-000, 80-131-99-0003-000, 80-131-99-0004-000, 80-131-99-0005-000, 80-131-99-0006-701, 80-131-99-0006-702, 80-131-99-0007-000, 80-131-99-0008-000, 80-131-99-0009-001, 80-131-99-0009-002, 80-131-99-0010-000, 80-131-99-0011-000, 80-131-99-0012-000, 80-131-99-0013-000, 80-132-99-0001-000, 80-132-99-0002-000, 80-132-99-0003-001, 80-132-99-0003-002, 80-132-99-0004-001, 80-132-99-0004-002, 80-132-99-0005-000, 80-132-99-0006-000, 80-132-99-0007-701, 80-132-99-0007-702,80-132-99-0019-000, 80-132-99-0021-000, 80-132-99-0022-700, 80-132-99-0023-700, 80-132-99-0024-000, 80-133-99-0010-703, 80-135-99-0001-700, 80-135-99-0002-000, 80-135-99-005-000, 80-135-99-0006-000, 80-135-99-0007-000, 80-135-99-0010-000, 80-135-99-0012-000, 80-135-99-0016-000, 80-135-99-0017-000, 80-135-99-0018-000, 80-136-99-001-701, 80-136-99-0002-000, 80-136-99-0003-000.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 20, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS  
NOTICE TO ELECTORS  
Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:  
Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the May Special Election to be held Tuesday, May 5, 2015, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who:

- Expect to be absent from the community the entire time the polls are open,
- Are physically unable to attend the polls,
- Cannot attend the polls due to religious beliefs,
- Are 60 years of age or older,
- Have been appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than where they reside, or
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

**To obtain an Absentee Voter Ballot APPLICATION please visit the City website at [www.romulusgov.com](http://www.romulusgov.com) or call the Clerk's office at 734-942-7540.**

Notice is further given that Saturday, May 2, 2015, 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept ballots.

**“LATE” REQUEST DEADLINE:** Absent voter ballots can be picked up by the voter in person any-time up to 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election – the ballot must be voted in the office; the voter is not permitted to leave with the ballot.

**“EMERGENCY” REQUEST DEADLINE:** An elector may make an “emergency” request for an absentee ballot if he or she cannot attend the polls because of (1) personal disablement or (2) a family death or illness which will require the elector leave the community for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred after 2:00 p.m. on the Satur-day before the election.

**REMINDER: The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, April 6, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.**

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan  
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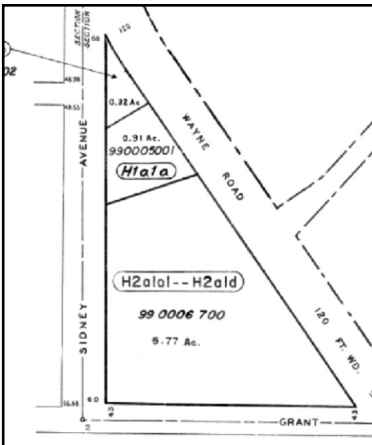
CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Header Products – 11850 Wayne Road

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2015-004; Header Products. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Lot Coverage Variance (Section 8.04) to allow building lot coverage of greater than 35% for a proposed building addition.
2. Expansion of Nonconforming Use (Section 20.04) to allow the expansion of an existing nonconforming use (industrial building greater than 80,000 sq. ft.).



The subject property is located at 11850 Wayne Road. DP #80-082-99-0006-700. The property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., April 15, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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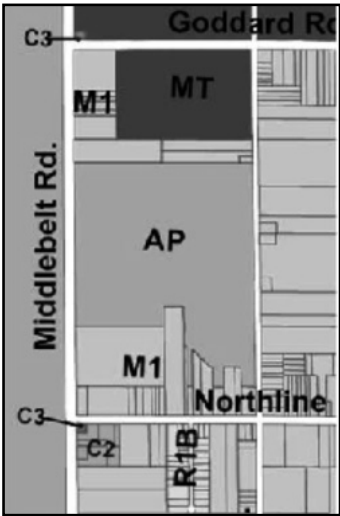
CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Middlebelt/Goddard/Northline Road Area Rezoning

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the City of Romulus to rezone certain properties from their current designation of M-1, Light Industrial District to the M-2, General Industrial District. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone the following properties:

Parcel ID #s: 80-095-99-0014-000; 80-095-99-0013-000; 80-095-99-0008-700; 80-095-99-0011-000; 80-095-99-0012-000; 80-095-99-0005-000; 80-095-99-0006-001; 80-095-99-0006-002; 80-095-99-0007-001; 80-095-99-0026-000; 80-095-99-0027-000; 80-095-99-0028-001; 80-095-99-0029-000; 80-095-99-0030-000; 80-095-99-0032-001; 80-095-99-0034-700; 80-094-99-0013-000; 80-094-99-0014-000; 80-094-99-0015-000; 80-094-99-0016-000; 80-094-99-0017-000; 80-094-99-0018-000; 80-094-99-0019-701; 80-094-99-0002-700; 80-094-99-0007-000; 80-094-99-0008-000



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 20, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Last day to Register to vote in the  
Special May Election is April 6th.

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

To the qualified electors of The City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that the City Clerk's Office of the City of Ecorse will be open MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 (THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE) from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving applications for the registration of the qualified electors of Ecorse not already registered. Voters may register by using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at the Secretary of State Branch Offices or at the City of Ecorse Clerk's office.

Dana Hughes  
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION  
City of Romulus, Michigan  
May 5, 2015 Special Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTION IS MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 BY 4:00 p.m.

Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at a Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County, or the City of Romulus Clerk's office. Persons residing in the City of Romulus registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the election.

The following STATE proposal will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
  - Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
  - Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
  - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
  - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted? YES [ ]  
NO [ ]

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk  
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POLICE BLOTTER

March 17th, 2015

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March 17th, 2015

At 2008hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Goodell Street on a Domestic Violence complaint. 34 year old female and 17 year old female states they had just been involved in a physical altercation with her husband, a 31 year old male. The wife states he came home earlier heavily intoxicated and started an argument that turned physical. The wife states he punched her in the face in the bathroom upstairs. And the fighting continued with shoving and pushing downstairs to the front door way. The daughter states the stepfather tried to take her cell phone from her when she was in the living room. A verbal argument began with the daughter and the step father who punched her and threw her to the ground outside the residence. All refused medical attention.

March 17th, 2015

At 1245hrs, an officer was working a traffic detail at Division & Coolidge. A Mercedes

Benz passed through the intersection and passed in the right lane, at a high rate of speed, passing four vehicles. The officer affected a Traffic Stop in the River Rouge police Station parking lot. He asked the 54 year old male driver for his driver's License, Proof of Insurance and Registration. The male presented a Michigan Identification Card and an expired insurance. A check with LEIN showed him to be Suspended . He was placed under arrest transported to the station, where he was booked allowed to make a phone call,

At 1838hrs, an officer was stationary at Palmerston and Visger when he observed a blue 2000 Lincoln traveling east bound on Visger, approached the Red Light, then stopped and drove through it. Officer followed the vehicle to Marie & High where he tried to affect a Traffic Stop, but the vehicle continued traveling. At one point the officer observed the driver stick his middle finger up to the rear and bounced it up and down. The driver traveled through the alley to Ruth Street in Ecorse then finally stopped Ecorse PD was notified to assist. The 35 year old male driver began to reach in the console as the officer advised him to put his hands in the air. He was told to exit the vehicle and get down on the ground. As he exited the vehicle he grabbed the officer and pulled him towards the inside of the vehicle. Officer pulled the driver from the vehicle and stood him up. The male tried to Resist and refused to place his hands behind his back. The smell of alcohol was present on his breath and observed him to have bloodshot eyes. While the traffic stop was going on a 17 year old male rode by on a bicycle and stopped and he was told to move on. But the male refused to leave the scene and continued to stand around. After several warnings. The male was placed under arrest. When officers went to handcuff him and took him to the ground both observed a silver handgun in his waistband. Officer yelled that the male had a gun and other officer helped to subdue him. The handgun was taken as evidence and the male was placed under arrest. Both males were transported to the station. Both were booked, allowed to make a phone call, then housed.

The Village of Westland Supports  
Fire and Police Departments



At a recent meeting of the City of Westland City Council representatives from The Village of Westland, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation made a presentation to the City's Fire and Police Departments.

The 45-year-old man was listed in critical condition at Detroit Receiving Hospital early Tuesday afternoon. At a recent meeting of the City of Westland City Council representatives from The Village of

Westland, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation made a presentation to the City's Fire and Police Departments.

Gail Quann (Board Chair for the Village), Jean Pisha (Board Vice-Chair), Ellen Byrne (Executive Director) and Roger Myers (CEO of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan), presented Michael Reddy (Fire Chief) and Jeff Jedrusik (Police Chief) with checks to the non-profit organizations supporting

important community outreach efforts led by each department.

The Village's presentation was in recognition and appreciation for the outstanding public service consistently provided by the City's Fire and Police Departments. The City Council Members and Mayor were also thanked for their leadership and support for public safety initiatives across the Westland community.alth from the residence.

Sheriff's officer assists in fire rescue

Inkster – Quick action by a Wayne County Sheriff's sergeant on road patrol helped in the rescue of an Inkster man from a burning house Tuesday morning.

Shortly before 8 a.m., Sgt. Phillip Migliaccio arrived at a home in the 3100 block of Moore Street in Inkster to find the front of the residence totally inflamed with smoke coming from the rear windows and side door.

The sergeant discovered a 74-year-old man, who appeared disoriented, standing near the side door stairs. The man wanted to go back inside to get his car keys but the sergeant escorted him to the front yard.

After learning from the man that another man was still inside the house, Sgt. Migliaccio informed Inkster fire fighters as they arrived. Fire fighters later removed a 45-year-old man and a dog that appeared in good he

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ROMULUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST  
30th ROMULUS PERSON OF THE YEAR  
Pearl Varner



The photo was taken the day Pearl was informed she had been selected at the Historic Kingsley House at the Romulus Historic Park.)

On December 14, 2014, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce surprised Mrs. Pearl Varner, by letting her know that she had been selected to be the 30th Romulus Person of the year. The committee knew where they would find her in order to make the announcement. She was at the Romulus Historical Museum where she has served as the Museum Director since she was appointed to that position in 1996. The selection was announced to the community at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce January Business Luncheon. She will be honored at a dinner that will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The public is invited to attend. Pearl was selected for her commitment to the growth and preservation of the Romulus Historical society. She makes sure that the museum complex is open every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The museum is only closed in the event of inclement weather, or on a major holiday weekend. Pearl has often made the comment that her family knows where to find her on Mother's day. Pearl has not received any compensation for performing her duties. She does this out of love for the Romulus community. The Museum's artifacts occupy two buildings, an 1839 Romulus School House (District #1) which was moved to the park in 1986, opening to the public in 1991, and The Historic 1855 Kingsley House. The Kingsley house is a unique duplex structure, which was moved to the park in 1995, and opened to the public in 2002. Pearl's father Fred, and her late mother Helen led the push to save both of these buildings. Without their backing, neither of these projects may have come to fruition. Pearl utilizes an all-volunteer staff to open both of the buildings to the public. She also supervises people that are supplied by the 34th District Court Work Program. Current and former Romulus residents, visitors, history buffs, and those that are researching family history and genealogy are able to access a wealth of information that is contained in the archives of the two buildings. Pearl established these archives in 2001, and they continue to grow as the museum receives more material. Including the two of these buildings, there are a total of five historic structures on the property that is known as Romulus Historical Park, which is located in the downtown area. Pearls father, Frederick W. Hay was serving as the first chairman of the Romulus Historical Commission when this park was dedicated in the fall of 1992. The other three structures

are vital to Romulus history. There is a circa 1900s Wabash Railroad Freight House, which is the only surviving railroad building in the city. There is a circa 1940s Caboose, which traveled the railroad tracks through Romulus, and a Windmill that was located on the Mach Family Farm north of the airport. The progress that occurred in this area has spanned a period of around thirty years and three city administrations; the late Mayor William Oakley, the late Mayor Beverly McAnally and former Mayor Alan Lambert. Prior to 1986, none of these building were located on this property. It was a blighted area which included an abandoned foundry and several derelict buildings along Hunt Street. Pearl became interested in researching and preserving history as a young girl, when she was influenced by her maternal grandmother, Flora Morris. Her grandmother taught Pearl the family genealogy regarding her grandmother and grandfather. This evolved into a quest to learn as much as she could about Romulus history. Her family settled in the township of Romulus in 1854, shortly after it was organized in 1835. In 1978, the State of Michigan recognized the Merrill-Morris house located on Huron River Drive, as a Michigan Historical site. This house was owned by Pearl Morris, a sister to Pearl's mother Helen. Pearl grew up in this house. The recognition of this house by the State of Michigan created an idea to start a local Historical Society. The late Mayor William Oakley called a meeting to see if he could obtain at least 10 interested people to form the society. It became a reality in 1979. Pearl is one of the 20 charter members, and served as the first President. She served in this capacity for 14 years, and served as Vice President for 3 years. Since 1979, a great deal of progress has occurred with the advancement of the society through the years...Pearl was fortunate to work alongside many city officials and other Historical Society members in order to continue to improve the city. The first program that the society embarked upon was the recognition of 14 local historical sites. This occurred between 1979 and 1998. The 15th historical site was recognized in 2006, as the centennial farm that belongs to Pearl's parents, Fred and Helen Hay was added to the list. 1985 was a very important year for the city as it celebrated its 150th anniversary. As previously mentioned, Pearl's father Frederick W. Hay was the first chairman, and he continues to serve as a commissioner. In 1987 the State of Michigan caught up to the City of Romulus as it celebrated its Sesquicentennial. There were a few programs that occurred in the city to commemorate this event. Pearl was born to Frederick W. and Helen Hay during World War II. She was born at the local Romulus hospital on Goddard road. (Incidentally the building is still there, and is now the Witherow Woods apartments.) She is the oldest of four children. Her siblings are Margie, Frederick and Carla. She grew up on Huron River Drive near Eureka Road. Pearl attended Romulus Community Schools and graduated in 1960 as the valedictorian of her class. She continued her education and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Science and Math from Michigan State University. She taught high school for several years. Then she worked at Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Company in Ann Arbor as a research assistant. She currently teaches piano lessons and is a math tutor. She married Virgil L. Varner on December 26, 1964. Virgil ran his own electrical contracting business, and is also retired from General Motors. They reside in the adjacent community of Van Buren Township, but Pearl and Virgil spend a great deal of their waking hours in the community of Romulus. They have two sons, Darius and Lloyd, and they are residents of Romulus. Her sons reside on

the original family homestead property. Their grandchildren, Hanna and Asa, have and continue to participate in many historical events and activities. Pearl has not only committed herself to the Romulus Community, but has enlisted the help of her parents, brother sisters, her sons and their families, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. It is labor of love for the whole family, and they have utilized their talents and labor on many of the projects that have occurred throughout the years. She also has a group of dedicated volunteers that belong to the Romulus Historical Society and the Romulus Historical Commission. Each one of these individuals, too numerous to name individually, have worked alongside Pearl to improve the community. The next major ongoing project will be

the complete restoration of the Perter C. Bird home, which was built by civil a war veteran in 1878. A lot of progress has already occurred on this structure. Pearl has secured donations for the naming rights of the rooms of the house, which included a donation form her father. Pearl, the Romulus Historical Society, and the Romulus Historical Commission are currently working with the City and Mayor LeRoy Burcroff to make this project a reality. A dinner will be held at the Detroit Marriott Hotel on Saturday, April 25, 2015. There will be a reception at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 per person, and there will be a cash bar. As a reminder, this is open to anyone that wishes to attend but reservations are required. Please contact the Chamber Office at 734-893-0694 or e-mail at [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com).



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DETROIT - Michigan Opera Theatre opens Franz Lehár's The Merry Widow, a rollicking operetta featuring famed soprano Deborah Voigt in the lead role, to continue its 44th spring opera season. The opera runs for a total of four performances April 11-19, with one cast. The opera will be sung in English with English supertitle projections.

The Merry Widow tells the story of a wealthy widow, Hanna Glawari, whose wealth, if she decides to remarry, will be transferred to her next husband. Her countrymen aim to keep her money in the country

by meddling to find her the right local suitor. Romantic, lilt-ing waltzes accompany the characters as they scramble to keep Hanna from falling for a foreign man.

American soprano Deborah Voigt will make her MOT debut in the role of Hanna Glawari. Voight built her career as a leading dramatic soprano, and is internationally revered for her performances in the operas of Wagner and Strauss. She appears regularly as both performer and host in the Metropolitan Opera's Live in HD series, which is transmitted live

to movie theaters around the world. HarperCollins recently released Voight's candid, funny, and soul-baring memoir Call Me Debbie: True Confessions of a Down-to-Earth Diva.

The opera will be directed by Kelly Robinson, and conducted by Gerald Steichen.

The opening night performance, April 11, will be broadcast live on WRCJ 90.9 FM, with commentary beginning at 7 p.m. with Dave Wagner.

A free opera talk begins one hour prior to each performance.

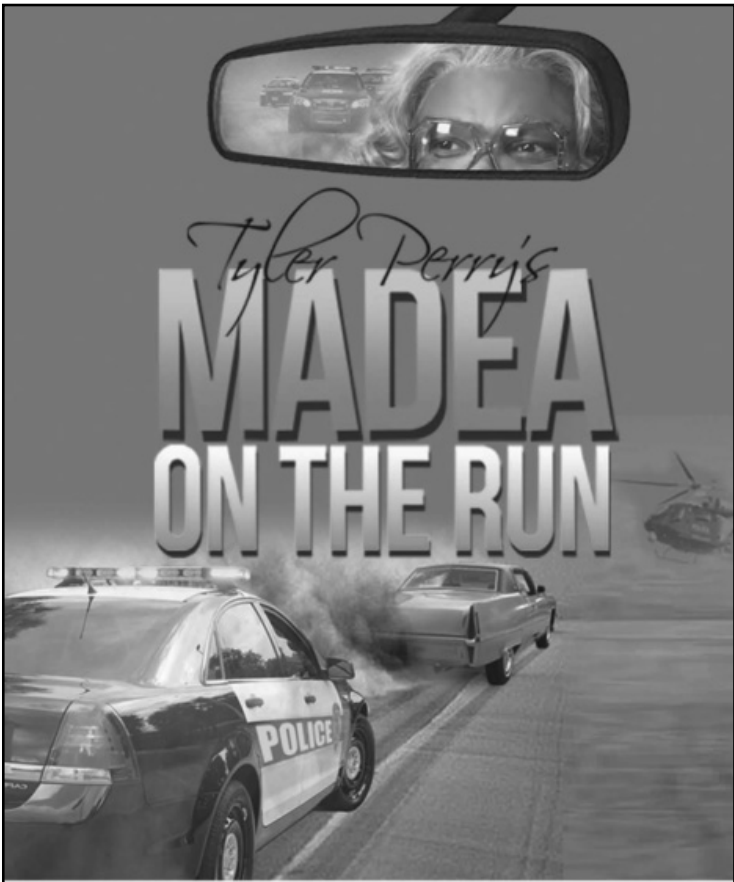
MOT's 2014-15 spring season is generously supported by the General Motors Foundation.

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I'm sorry. I was distracted by my head spinning and the slimy green liquid spewing from my mouth!

What? Not her sugar daddy, you say. Then what you got to offer?

This hollow effort to mix common sense with common behavior reminds me of a quote: "Some people feel the rain, while others just get wet. You, my friend, spit and tell them it's

raining. Hold up while I grab an umbrella, cause I'm not falling for it.

So, you're married and your sidepiece won't fork over any quarters toward the meal, and you want to know how you should approach this subject. Really!?

My advice is that you listen to your so-called friends, who should be telling you something else, but that's another question for another Friday.

Considering the cost of your infidelity, which could include the ending of your marriage, disloyalty to your wife, children and family and the loss of trust, honesty, commitment and integrity...well, lets just stop here. When you add it all up, her meal is a minor inconvenience.

Until you start paying her rent, I'm sure she feels entitled to a great meal. That's the very least you can do. Not to mention the fact that a meal is about all you can commit to at this point.

Don't flatter yourself; you're not sugar daddy material. That's why we're having this conversation. Don't miss-read her need to satisfy her hunger, Mr. Leroy Brown, baddest man in the whole damn town. She knows what she's doing. What's mind-blowing to you doesn't sound like it's all that mind-blowing to her. If your groove were that smooth, she wouldn't be interested in eating that much before getting her party started. I'm just sayin'! We agree on one thing: I, too, see a rat in this scenario, but it ain't laying on the table.

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Detroit Artists Raise Assault Awareness With Poetry and Purses

By: Steve Furay - Contributing Writer



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Detroit's SASHA Center will proudly present the Third Annual Poets & Purses SASHA Afair, a fund raiser for the center's continuing efforts to combat sexual assault and aid victims in their emotional recovery from the trauma. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 3 from 7-10pm at Manila Bay Cafe, located at 4731 Grand River, Detroit, and is free and open to the public.

Scheduled for the evening will be a sale and auction of gently used purses donated for the event, with all proceeds to benefit the SASHA Center. Entertainment for the evening will be a live DJ and poetry from some of the city's most talented lyricists. Audiences can anticipate mature language during the performances.

The evening will be hosted by La Shaun phoenix Moore, and music will be provided by DJ Incredible. The stellar lineup of accomplished poets performing include guests One Single Rose, Tawana 'Honeycomb' Petty, T.Miller, Omari King Wise, Kalimah 'LocMama' Johnson (founder of SASHA Center), Billione and

D.S.Sense.

"SASHA Center is a programmed designed to assist survivors of sexual assault and to also generate awareness about sexual assault, primarily in the African American community," said La Shaun phoenix Moore to The Telegram, "just to make the information about sexual assault open and provide services and resources to survivors."

The SASHA Center works to raise awareness of sexual assault by providing presentations and educational workshops about prevention of sexual assault to schools, community centers, corporations and places of worship.

Moore explains that audiences can anticipate great performances, saying that "every single year, they are absolutely incredible," she said.

The event "allows poets and artists to be allies with survivors of sexual assault," said Moore. "We get a collection of new and gently used purses, and we auction the new ones and sell the gently used ones,

and all of the proceeds go to benefit programming for SASHA."

This year, the event will also be a tribute to the late Chantay 'Legacy' Leonard, who passed this year after a battle with cancer. Leonard was a great supporter of the SASHA Center, and her mother is scheduled to be present with purse donations for the cause.

For more information about the SASHA Center, visit [www.sashacenter.org](http://www.sashacenter.org).

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Sentencing

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Kamiya's parents hold signs outside the courtroom before the sentencing

Jackson, 25, and Hearn, 30, will spend the rest of their lives in prison without the possibility of parole for the murder of Kamiya and the wounding of French, who was shot about 10 times.

A 12-year-old relative of French, Chelsea Lancaster, was also shot and wounded on July 1 at a public housing complex on Carlyle in Inkster.

Erica Gross, Kamiya's mother, also addressed the two men during their sentencing before Wayne County Circuit Judge

Ulysses Boykin, telling both "you'll never know how I feel." She also called Hearn a coward and told Jackson he was not fit to be called a dad.

Jackson and Hearn, who are habitual offenders, apologized to Gross' family and to the other victims.

"None of this was supposed to happen," Jackson said.

Hearn said he "had no intention" of hurting little Kamiya, French or Chelsea.

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# Detroit Loans

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Funding for the program comes from \$4 million of Community Development Block Grant funds from HUD, as well as \$4 million from Bank of America. LISC will use the funding to provide loans to qualified homeowners. Borrowers will pay no interest on their loans—the partners will absorb most of the costs to operate the program—but they must pay back the principal. That helps homeowners improve their credit history as they improve their homes, while also building a track record of loan performance that will encourage others to lend and invest in these communities.

"Our support of the Detroit 0% Interest Home Repair Loans Program in partnership with the City of Detroit and LISC is yet another demonstration of our commitment to aligning our resources to help revitalize Detroit, and more specifically its neighborhoods," said Matt Elliott, Michigan Market President, Bank of America. "We see this partnership as a way to support homeowners with resources that will improve their lives and be instrumental in sustaining the economic vitality of our city."

The program taps highly regarded local nonprofits to help with outreach. Bridging Communities, Central Detroit Christian CDC, Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance, Detroit Non-Profit Housing Corp., Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, Jefferson East, Inc., New Hope Community Development, Operation ABLE, SER Metro Detroit, Southwest Economic Solutions, U SNAP BAC, and Wayne Metro Community Action Agency each serve as Intake Centers, helping homeowners complete the intake forms and start the loan application process.

"This is an exciting opportunity for LISC to work in partnership with the Mayor to bring new resources to the hardworking

and proud residents of Detroit," said Tahirih Zeigler, executive director of LISC's Detroit program, which over the last 25 years has invested \$187 million in Detroit neighborhoods. "With the 0% Interest Home Repair Loan Program, homeowners can reinvest in their homes and play an active role in revitalizing the city. The City has scheduled five information sessions to help Detroit homeowners learn more about the application process. Homeowners can pick up applications, talk to City staff, and set application review appointments with Intake Centers.

Thursday, March 26th  
6:00pm to 7:00pm  
NW Activity Center Ballroom  
18100 Meyers – Detroit, MI 48221

Thursday, March 26th  
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Saturday, March 28th  
11:00am to 12:00pm  
Don Bosco Hall  
19321 W. Chicago – Detroit, MI 48228

Saturday, March 28th  
11:00am to 12:00pm  
Heilmann Recreation Center  
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# Road funding

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for road repairs. As road repairs are delayed, the roads get worse and the cost to repair them becomes more expensive.

Currently when we buy gas, we are paying a motor fuel tax (which supports road funding) and a sales tax (which supports the SAF, General Fund, and local municipalities). Proposal 1 will eliminate the sales tax leaving only the motor fuel tax which it also purports to increase and adjust for inflation. The one percent increase in state sales tax is supposed to counteract the removal of the sales tax in order to continue funding the SAF as well as give it more money than it is currently receiving from the sales tax.

**If passed, Proposal 1 is supposed to do the following:**

- Increase the state sales/use tax from six to seven percent.
- Increase the amount of money dedicated to the SAF

from the revenue obtained from these taxes.

- Expand the use of SAF to include community colleges and vocational schools while prohibiting use for four year colleges/universities.
- Increase vehicle registration fees.
- Dedicate revenue from the increased vehicle registration fees for road repair and other transportation purposes.
- Increase the earned income tax credit.

If the proposal does not pass, there will not be an amendment to the Constitution, the sales tax won't go up, and the other parts of the proposal that would be triggered (increased road funding, increased earned income tax credit, SAF expansion, etc.) will not occur. If you would like a free informational pamphlet, prepared by a non-partisan agency, providing an overview of prop 1, please contact our office at 517-373-7748 or at [senbjohnson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senbjohnson@senate.michigan.gov).

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**National Action Network**  
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**Western Wayne NAACP**  
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or Kids, Books Make Great Easter Surprises



(StatePoint) The best way to treat kids this Easter may not be with the typical sweets. While candy is predictable, you can really make a child’s day with a different approach.

“This Easter, think books,” says Jaimie Cona, Associate Director of Marketing at DK, a publisher of adult and children’s books. “Fill baskets to the brim with books, and consider including them in your egg hunt.”

Here are some titles that are fun enough to be a sugar substitute:

• Super Heroes: Discover a thrilling, action-packed world with “LEGO DC Comics Super Heroes: Amazing Battles!,” which features the bravest of heroes as they foil yet another evil villain’s scheme. Dynamic images and scenes will appeal to reluctant readers.

Super hero fans may also love “Ultimate Factivity Collection: Marvel Avengers,” which combines facts about the Earth’s mightiest super heroes – the Avengers – with fun activities and interesting puzzles.

• Pop-Out Surprises: Using flaps, touch-and-feel textures and pop-out surprises, “Pop-Up Peekaboo Farm,” introduces young minds to sheepdogs, tractors, cows, horses and more.

• Creepy Crawlies: “Eyewitness Explorer: Bug Hunter” includes more than 30 hands-on learning activities and step-by-step project instructions. Enter the kingdom of creepy crawlies and learn everything there is to know about beetles, bees, spiders and more. Experiments that can be done at home include raising a caterpillar.

• Little Chefs: Encourage your budding chef’s aspirations with creative recipes that are safe for children. The “Mommy & Me Bake” cookbook is designed to offer parents and children the opportunity to work together as a team while teaching basic baking skills. From simple kneading and mixing to creating whimsical and tasty treats, the book empowers

kids to experiment in the kitchen.

• “Frozen”: For fans of the mega hit film, fill up Easter baskets with a great crop of new picks, including “Frozen: The Essential Guide,” a fact-filled reference book about the characters, locations and themes of Disney’s beloved princess tale. A sing-along companion, “Frozen: The Essential Collection,” features lyrics to the famous songs, as well as a full-color sticker book. “Ultimate Factivity Collection: Disney Frozen,” a jam-packed activity book, combines facts with games, challenges and sticker activities; and aspiring princesses everywhere are sure to love the “Ultimate

• Bedtime: There’s always time for a little play before bedtime. Capture the attention of infants with “Baby Touch & Feel Animals,” which features blankets, stars, sleepy stuffed animals and a range of novelty textures.

• ABC’s: Children around the world have fallen in love with Sophie, the popular giraffe teether toy from France. In the “Sophie la girafe” book series, Sophie and her friends teach new concepts, such as colors and basic vocabulary. “Peekaboo ABC” features every letter of the alphabet illustrated by familiar objects found in Sophie’s world.

More kids’ book ideas for Easter can be found at [www.dk.com](http://www.dk.com).

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