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Its Red Nose Day Helping children in poverty



Put on a red nose to show your support. You may have noticed pictures of celebrities posing with a fake red nose. But don't worry, it's not the latest fashion craze. Instead, dozens of celebrities are showing their support for raising money for children living in poverty. Red Nose Day aims to raise money, change lives and have fun while doing so. For the first Red Nose Day, Thursday, the organization has teamed up with NBC, Walgreens and M&Ms. Those who want

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Why is Memorial Day Important?



Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

It's Never Too Late to Thank a Vet
Early Observances of Memorial Day
The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history, requiring the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1862, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nation-

Did You Know?

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Gov. Rick Snyder: Gordie Howe International Crossing will open doors to global markets

Gordie Howe International Crossing



Gov. Rick Snyder, Prime Minister Harper, Murray Howe, and Marty Howe pose in front of a rendering showcasing the future name of the new bridge: the Gordie Howe International Crossing.

LANSING. – Gov. Rick Snyder issued the following statement after joining with

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Howe family to announce the

"Gordie Howe International Crossing":

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CALL TO ACTION

**It's graduation time
Saying goodbye is a time
to look forward**



Now that the season of graduation is upon us, it's time to say goodbye. Teachers are saying good riddance to those students that got on their last nerve and to those students that pushed them to reach deep into their beings to make sure they were successful. Students are saying good bye to friends that they have grown close to since they were in middle school or even kindergarten. They are saying good bye to those coaches that played an instrumental part in their lives.

In the same sense, parents are rejoicing that their 'baby' has completed high school and in the same breath they begin to think about, if their baby, now young adult is ready to survive without their day to day guidance. But one thing is for sure.... You cannot get that time back. The statement that makes me cringe the most when speaking

to a graduating senior is, "I wish my grades were better." Doesn't that statement make your skin crawl? Although I understand students deal with all types of situations at home, most students have heard the same statement over and over; "Make sure you do your best." But it's not until they reach the end of their high school career that it sinks in that they hadn't done their best and they begin to think "What if I had done better?"

Although I encourage everyone to always do their best, I also want to let you know that all is not lost. Students and adults must realize that they are on THEIR OWN schedule. If you didn't do your best during your first 12 years of school, you can kick it into gear now.

Today is the day to take control of your life. There are programs, people, trade schools and many community colleges that can help you get it together. But what you must realize is that time waits for no one. When you look around, it will be Christmas. If you are still in the same situation six months from now, don't blame anyone but yourself. The success that you reach in life is directly related to the effort that you put in today.

Gina Steward
Publisher

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Information from State Representative Stephanie Chang



**Wrongful Incarceration
Compensation Bill**

I am proud to sponsor House Bill 4536, which is identical to state Senator Steve Bieda's (D-Warren) Senate Bill 291. This bill would require the state to compensate those individuals who were wrongfully incarcerated and later exonerated by DNA or other types of evidence. I believe that it is our responsibility to make sure that we compensate those who have been wrongfully incarcerated. It was our own failures as a state that

led to the unjust loss of their freedom, and we must do all that we can to help exonerates get back on their feet once they return to their communities. Whether it be housing, jobs, transportation, or medical or mental health care, there are significant costs that come with adjusting back into society. Added on top of that is the element of knowing that one spent, in some cases, many years for a crime that one did not commit. That is an injustice that we should work to heal. Michigan can do better to help those who we failed.

years of age, must have been a lawful permanent resident for the last five years (or three if married to a United States citizen), must have been present in the U.S. for two and a half years of the past five years, and must have not been outside the U.S. for more than one year. Applicants are responsible for fees assessed by the Department of Homeland Security. Call (313) 841-2240 with any questions. This event is in partnership with City Councilmember Raquel Castañeda-López and a local community organization.

Friday, May 22: Become a Citizen Day

Join us for Become a Citizen Day on May 22, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 1927 Rosa Parks Blvd. in Detroit. We'll offer free application preparation for those who are eligible to apply for citizenship! You must be 18

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Saturday, June 6, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church, 1833 Electric St. in Detroit.

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Michelle Obama Resists Taking the Easy Way Out

By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. - NNPA Columnist



Michelle Obama is keynote speaker during commencement at Tuskegee University

More than any other first lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama continues to stand above those who would attempt to distort her leadership. First Lady Obama's recent commencement address at the Tuskegee University in Alabama exemplified her courage to speak truth to the world without fear of repercussions.

Michelle Obama's resilient optimism is refreshing as well as sobering. I am certain the class of 2015 at Tuskegee will always remember the strong and poignant words of wisdom that they were given during their graduation ceremonies. But we all can learn from her timely remarks.

We live today in an increased atmosphere of racial polarization in America since the election and reelection of President Barack Obama. We, therefore, should welcome public utterances that transcend the prevalent negativity surrounding any attempt to address the question of race in the United States.

Michelle Obama is perfectly qualified and strategically positioned to use her leadership in a constructive manner to advance the interests of Black America and all those who struggle and cry out for freedom, justice and equality. As a talented Harvard Law School graduate, devoted mother, and loyal spouse to the president, the first lady has risen to become one of the most admired persons in the world.

The first lady eloquently stated, "But here's the thing - our history provides us with a better story, a better blueprint for how we can win. It teaches us that when we pull ourselves out of those lowest emotional depths, and we channel our frustrations into studying and organizing and banding together - then we can build ourselves and our communities up. We can take on those deep-rooted problems, and together - together - we can overcome anything that stands in our way."

In other words, we should strive to avoid complacency and the cynicism of hopelessness. The history and the centuries-old legacy of African people in America and throughout the world proves our ability to overcome the hardships of oppression and injustice. It was also good to hear Michelle Obama call for Black American unity and "banding together."

Our families and communities across the nation are certainly in critical need of greater unity and

collective resolve to stand up together to provide leadership and direction in particular for our youth and young emerging leaders. We cannot afford to permit the evolution of an ahistorical generation of young people who have not been given the truth of our history nor given the encouragement that they need to excel and make their mark on history today.

In fact, over the next weeks we will witness numerous graduation ceremonies in particular at other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The good news is that thousands of Black American college graduates from HBCUs and from other institutions of higher learning will be pushing forward to demand greater access to wealth-building careers with the intent on giving more back to the communities from which they have emerged. Like the first lady, I am optimistic about the future to the extent to which we continue to stand up to injustice while at the same time pressing forth to economically empower our families and communities.

Education and empowerment are both goals that must be attained and each generation has to rise to the occasion with persistence and focus. There will be setbacks and sometimes disappointments in everyone's life. Yet, the enduring lesson from Michelle Obama's magnificent address was that when those life challenges happen, do not let your problems or critics define who you are. We have to have faith in our own capacity to rebound and to stand for truth even when it might not be the popular or politically expedient.

We are a resilient people. We resist oppression. We are against inequality and injustice. We stand for liberation and freedom for ourselves and for all people. The more we stand together, the more we make progress. We are grateful that in our lifetime we are privileged to witness how the first lady epitomizes what it means to be a freedom fighter with courage and grace, but most of all, with a glowing resilience that motivates and inspires others to excel.

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The Gordie Howe International Bridge

By Jim Abeare



The new Detroit-Windsor bridge will be named after hockey legend Gordie Howe.

I can't think of a better name for a bridge that connects two hockey mad cities. I can't think of anyone who could be offended by the name.

Gordie Howe played for the Red Wings for 25 years, from 1946-1971. Howe helped the Wings win four Stanley Cups. He won six Hart Trophies as the NHL's most valuable player, and won six Art Ross Trophies as the leading scorer. Son Marty Howe told the Toronto Star that it would be a "nice honor" for his dad, who loved the people of Detroit

The name idea first came about in 2010 from an official with the Ontario Trucking Association at a hearing in Lansing.

Now his idea has become fact. I wonder if the roadway will be designated number 9 as a tribute to his wearer number?

Howe retired from playing hockey in 1980 after a stint playing with the Houston Aeros and the Hartford Whalers. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1972.

The Detroit News contributed to this column.

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Red Nose Day

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to show support can purchase their own red nose at RedNoseDay.org. Since they're almost sold out, there are other activities people can participate in to help bring change and awareness.

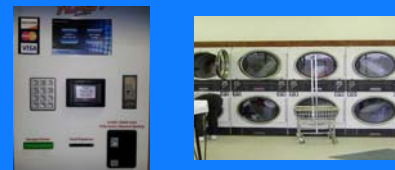
One of the ideas Red Nose Day suggests is a bake sale: "Treats are easy to make, fun to decorate and yummy to eat. Bake sales are easy as pie and raise big bucks!" A silly way to help raise money is wear as many clothing items as possible. Each time a person gives you a donation, add

a piece of clothing like a hat, glove or scarf. Of course, make sure to share the photo on social media. One more way is to try to stop swearing. For some people, it's a habit so there might be plenty of money to add to the swear jar.

Nick Cannon, Melissa McCarthy, Simon Cowell, Peter Dinklage, Gillian Anderson, Eva Mendes, Emma Watson, Jane Lynch and One Direction are just some of the celebrities who have pledged to participate.

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Blessed Hands

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



blood for 12 years, used her hand to reach out to touch the hem of Jesus' garment and her faith activated change and brought healing (Luke 8:44). Acts 4:30 tells us, "By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." Our hands have already been endowed with power. We just have to be aware of it and use it.

Generally, it's not about acquiring power, it's about becoming cognizant of the power you already have. I once heard that all that I need, God as already given me. I just have to discover and use what's been given.

With that being said, I want to help you to become aware of the gift in your hands. Your hands are powerful. Your hands are blessed conduits of healing. When we become conscious of what we carry in our hands, we will be careful to think healing thoughts when we touch others.

A colleague and I recently performed a Blessing of the Hands Ceremony. It reminded all of us how sacred our hands are and we should not take that for granted.

We came together to celebrate the work that we do and how our hands play a vital role in our work. Human touch is vital to life. The ability to touch and be touched are blessings and gifts. This flow gives energy to our lives and causes us to thrive.

A calm hand can calm another hand. When we acknowledge that our hands are holy hands, given to fulfill divine purposes, we can sense God in us, using our hands as an extension of Himself.

The woman with the issue of

May the work of your hands bring healing and compassion to all the people you touch. Let this also be your prayer, "With this blessing, we pray that our hands and hearts are strengthened for the work that lies ahead. We pray that we are compassionate to human need, tender and strong in our care for one another, genuine in our friendships, faithful to the commitment to this special calling, and faithful to our God." . God bless.

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Memorial Day Activities Calendar



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Join the City of Romulus on May 25th for a Memorial Day ceremony at the city hall's Veteran's Monument. The program will be led by VFW Post 9568, and will begin at 11:00 AM.

Veterans Memorial Parade—Westland
On May 25th, this year's Parade will start at Wayne Ford Civic league located at 1645 S. Wayne Rd, and will proceed North on Wayne Rd to Ford Rd and will march West to the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden behind the Westland Public Library located at 6123 Central City Parkway. There will be a short ceremony to follow.

Memorial Day Service Melvindale
The City of Melvindale will be honoring past and present veterans who have bravely served our country at our Annual MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10 AM at the Veterans Memorial

Pool located at 3155 Oakwood Boulevard. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

91st Annual Memorial Day Parade—Dearborn
Dearborn's 91st annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25th. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a military funeral procession, followed by the parade at 10 AM and a remembrance ceremony in City Hall Park at noon. We invite you to join us for the parade as one of the tens of thousands who proudly line Michigan Avenue applauding the 100 organizations and 2,000 participants – veterans, bands and community service organizations.

City of Inkster Memorial Day Parade
Inkster's Memorial Day Parade will return on May 25th. Line ups will begin at 10 AM at the Chase Bank located at 27020 Michigan Ave., followed by the parade at 11 AM. A veteran's program will be held at 12:00 PM.

City of River Rouge Memorial Day Ceremony

Join with the River Rouge Elected Officials to honor our fallen heroes on Saturday, May 23 at 12noon sharp at the monument at Memorial Park.

The flag raising ceremony will be held there and then will proceed down Jefferson to the Soldier Monument at Pine street.

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Westland Mayor William Wild

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Mayor Wild with residents at the Grand reopening of Westland Bowl

The "Getting to know our elected officials" feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week we chatted with Westland Mayor William Wild about his decision to go into public service, the most rewarding aspects of his current position, spring and summer plans for the city, specific factors that distinguish Westland from other surrounding communities, favorite pastimes/hobbies and much more.

Did you grow up in the Westland area?

Yes I grew up in Westland, and graduated from John Glenn High School.

As a child, did you know that you wanted to go into public service?

When I was younger I had no idea that I would go into this line of work. In fact, I can remember wanting to grow up and play for the Detroit Tigers. What eventually influenced you to venture into politics? At a young age, I got involved with my father's small business which was located in Wayne. He was pretty active in the community, so he would take me with him to city council, planning commission and DDA meetings. I think that's how I got the bug.

How long have you served as the Mayor of Westland?

I was elected in 2007, so I'm in my 9th year. Prior to that, I served on the Westland City Council for 6 years.

What do you see as the biggest issue affecting your city today?

Our city is going to be 50 years old in 2016. Over the years, the city has grown pretty fast but we probably didn't invest enough money back into our infrastructure. We're now the 10th largest city in the state, and we're having to reinvest in our assets. We recently opened a new city hall and built a fire station, while spending a lot of money in our parks and roads to improve these issues.

How can residents initiate change throughout the Westland area?

We're investing a lot of public money into our infrastructure, but residents and businesses can do their part by improving the curb appeal on their properties. We think that this will allow us to help people recover some of the lost tax value in their homes and businesses.

What distinguishes Westland and its citizens from other Detroit metropolitan cities?

One thing about our city is that we've always been very patriotic. We started a new marketing campaign in 2007 for us to be known as the "All American City", and that's something our residents have really taken to. Plus we've worked to create more of a green community, and our curbside recycling program has one of the highest participation rates in the country. We're also working on becoming more of a compassionate city. When you put those things together with the fact that we're the only city in Wayne County with a three year balance budget, I think it really starts to set us apart from some of the other communities.

With spring and summer approaching, does the city have any fun events in store?

Probably the coolest thing we have going on will occur in August when we hold our 4th annual Blues, Brews and Barbeque Festival. It's a two day event at our new Central City Park located behind the old city hall, which includes live music and great food. This year, we're actually going to have an amateur barbeque



William Wild Mayor of Westland

contest as well.

Will the annual citywide fireworks return for 4th of July this year?

We're kind of moving away from the 4th of July festival with the carnival, and trying to do more community oriented events. At some point we'll probably bring back the fireworks, but it may be incorporated into the Blues, Brews and Barbeque festival.

What do you enjoy most about being the Mayor of Westland?

I really like coming to work every day to make a difference in the community that I grew up in. We have a talented team, and we're working hard to improve our city services. We solve a lot of problems every day, so we go home feeling really good about everything that we're doing.

Do you engage in any hobbies/special interests in your leisure time?

I'm an avid adult hockey player. At the same time, I have three young children: a son who's 12, and two girls ages 10 and 8. So between all of their activities, I try to spend the free time I've got with them.

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When: May 29th at 8:00 PM Where: West Riverfront Park Cost: \$150.00, \$129.00, \$79.00, \$39.00 Taylor Swift: The 1989 Tour When: May 30th at 7:00 PM Where: Ford Field Cost: \$200.00, \$139.50, \$87.00, \$49.50

Ecorse Parade & Band Exhibition

The Ecorse Public School District proudly presents the 3rd Annual Community of Ecorse Parade & Band Exhibition Join us as we celebrate, uplift and unite our community on Saturday, May 30th at Ecorse Community High School. Parade starts at 12PM with a starting point at Outer Drive and 17th Street. \$10.00 Entry Fee. Band Exhibition - starts immediately after parade. Includes contests, games, concessions and more!

Westland Farmers & Artisans Market

When: May 21st at 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Where: 1901 N. Carlson, Westland Family Strengthening Service Project, Inkster When: May 21st Donate \$10 for Healthy Eating and Workshop "Energy Saving" partnership with DTE

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The AAYSP (American Association of Yemeni Students and Professionals) is pleased to host its 7th Annual Scholarship Gala, May 22, 2015 at Byblos Banquet Center. This year's keynote speaker will be Jehan Ghaffar-a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank Group.

Having a community event? Send the information to the Telegram two weeks before the event. 10748 W. Jefferson Ave. River Rouge, MI 48218 or telegram@telegramnews.net

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— Don't forget to check sheerness. Panty lines or no panty lines, you want to make sure that your white pieces are not see through and you're covered, especially when you step out into the daylight. Visible underwear is always a don't.

— Do stock up on white

T-shirts. You can never have enough of these go-with-everything basics. In ribbed tanks or classic crewnecks, the white T-shirt is a great layering piece for any time of year.

If you're wearing a loose white shirt, make sure you pair it with slim-fitting capris or pants. This also works in reverse — when wearing a fuller skirt, team it with a snug-fitting shirt.

— Do dress white up. When everyone else may be wearing a little black

dress, you'll stand out in a crisp white suit or sheath dress. Another casual dressy alternative: a white camisole underneath a sheer white blouse and teamed up with white jeans.

— Don't upstage the bride. There is one occasion when wearing white may not be quite right, and we all know when that is: a wedding. That's when you may want to wear your own little black strapless dress ... let the bride stand out in white.

— Do splurge on accessories. Go ahead and get creative. Pick your favorite pair of turquoise sandals, a metallic tote or wooden hoops; add some personal style to your basic whites. White provides the perfect backdrop to show off unique accessories.

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Rackham Choir Adds Audition Date for 2015-16 High School Vocal Internship Program

DETROIT— Rackham Choir has added an audition for its prestigious High School Vocal Internship Program for the 2015-2016 season on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Applications are available at www.rackhamchoir.org and must be submitted by the deadline, May 29, 2015. All applicants must be entering at least 10th grade, and plan to major in music or music theatre at a college or university. Students will be contacted to schedule an audition time slot once application materials are received.

Under the direction of Suzanne Mallare Acton, Rackham's artistic and music director, Rackham's vocal internship program is an acclaimed, audition-based program that offers talented southeast Michigan high school performers intensive and high-caliber vocal training. Many alumni of the intern program have received scholarships to study music or music theatre at universities, which include the University of Michigan, Juilliard, Oakland University and many others.

"I truthfully feel that without the internship I would have never been as prepared and as successful as I was in college auditions and after. Through working with the choir, one-on-ones with Suzanne, and finding teachers who work at a high quality level, I was able to learn the necessary components of professional performing. Without it, I'm positive I wouldn't be where I am now," said Erik Hernandez-Wangler, an alumni of the Rackham Intern Program, who is currently studying musical theater at Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

Rackham Choir high school vocal interns:

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- Receive coaching in vocal literature with Maestra Acton and collaborative pianist Joseph Jackson in preparation for college auditions and master classes.

- Perform in a master class with professional artists serving as clinicians.

- Be a featured soloist in a spring concert showcasing the Rackham High School Vocal Interns.

- Be mentored by adult members of the Rackham Choir.

To be considered for an audition, the student must:

- Be in good academic standing.

- Complete and return the application at www.rackhamchoir.org.

- Provide a recommendation by a school choral director, vocal teacher, principal, or counselor (must be mailed directly to Rackham Choir by person writing the letter).

The Rackham Choir High School Vocal Internship Program is funded by the Loraine and Melinese Reuter Foundation, Strategic Staffing Solutions, and the Village Club Foundation.

Information about the Rackham Symphony Choir, including the complete season schedule, is available at www.rackhamchoir.org.

READING CORPS PARTNERS IN PEDIATRIC LITERACY PROJECT

Taylor Reading Corps and Taylor Rotary have partnered with Western Wayne Family Health Center and Taylor Teen Health Center to initiate a Pediatric Literacy Project in the City of Taylor.

The Taylor Rotary in partnership with the Taylor Reading Corps received funding through a grant to distribute over 300 pediatric literacy totes with infant board books to new mothers in the community. The goal of this initiative is to partner with local pediatricians and health centers to help insure that young children enter

school ready to learn and equip to succeed.

Currently, half of the children in the Taylor School District enter kindergarten unprepared for school, with language skills significantly below grade level.

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Taylor Reading Corps is a Taylor-based nonprofit organiza-

tion that promotes volunteerism and citizen service to help children gain reading proficiency by the end of the third grade. Michigan is one of the only five states in which fourth grade reading proficiency is declining.

The Taylor Reading Corps is a member of the Campaign for Grade Level Reading to increase their efforts. If you are interested in becoming involved or have questions, please contact Lori Hill-Sanders, Executive Director, at lhill@taylorreadingcorps.org or (734) 225-1213.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO WESTERN INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Impact of the 2015 Class A Champs

By Butch Davis



TEAM PHOTO CAPTION: Front Row Left to Right :Coach Michael Eaton, Brailen Neely, Karim Murray, Greg Burris, Aaron Austin, Demonies Whitney, Kheri Maxwell, Julius Palmer, Gerald Blackshear, Antwan Smith, Jaye Patrick, Josh McFolley, Armanti Tinsley, Kyree Boynton, Coach Derrick McDowell, Coach Chuck, Coach Greg Burris Sr., Coach Jesse Bunkley

Many has known Detroit Western International High School as a baseball power, it's multicultural student enrollment, the many diverse scholarship programs, and the extra curricular activities like Journalism, Drama, Dance Classes and Soccer, however the recent success of the schools basketball teams undefeated season (26-0, 11-0 conference) in which materialize into the crowning of the 2014-15 Class A MHSAA State Basketball Championship that has caught many sports fans in the State of Michigan by surprise. Nevertheless, the impact of the recent championship that brought attention to the school across the street from historic Clark Park has jogged many memories of the school's past and present. Yes, in the past it was the

school of my friend and teammate for three years in the Detroit Police Athletic League and the Class C recreational traveling league in Metro Detroit, Todd Cruz (1955-2008) a 1973 Western graduate who played six seasons of Major League Baseball including taking part in the 1983 World Series with the Baltimore Orioles. Additional chatter brought up Ron Simpkins, a 1976 graduate of Western High School,, who played for Bo Schembecher at the University of Michigan and later played in Super Bowl XVI as a member of the Cincinnati Bengals in front of classmate, friends and fans at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan. Although losing to Joe Montana and the San Francisco 49ers, Simpkins continued to win as a teacher and head coach in football as he returned to Detroit Western

International to teach and mentor for an additional 18 years. On May 5, 2015, I had the opportunity to chat with Terrence Butler, the Athletic Coordinator and Teacher at Detroit Western International. He mentioned the impact that the student athletes' of the basketball team had on the students and school staff, as it was an eye opener to watch. The expectation of keeping track of their regular school classroom duties, practicing and playing the games and staying focus everyday displayed a lot of heart. I give Coach MacDowell credit for teaching mental toughness throughout the streak of their championship journey. Athletic Coordinator Butler said as well, " It did not hurt for the players on the team to start the season thinking

positive from the very beginning that their team was the best in the state." However, the wonderful achievement beside the winning the 2014-15 Class A MHSAA State Basketball Championship is that out of the 15 players on the team, all seven seniors and one junior have all been accepted to go to college. Those fellow students are Joshua McFolley, Senior - Detroit Mercy, Gerald Blackshear, Senior - Detroit Mercy, Aaron Austin, Senior - Ranger College J.C. in Texas, Gregory Burris, Senior - Michigan State, Antwan Smith, Senior - Michigan State, Charles McCoy, Senior -Michigan State, Julius Palmer, Senior - TBA and Kheri Maxwell, Senior - TBA. Brailen Neely their junior point guard just last month is committing early to go after his 2016 graduation to Oakland University.

Week. The Proud Strong Learner of the Week award is representative of the league's top boys' and girls' athletes in the Detroit Public School League.

In briefly, talking to Seniors Josh McFolley, and Gerald Blackshear, both stated they were glad they transferred to Detroit Western International for the schools academic and scholarship program. They both excelled in basketball as well as in the classroom and they will attend Detroit Mercy on basketball scholarships after this years graduation.

In visiting Detroit Western International I also had the privilege of talking to the career and college counselor Ms. Brenda Henry who also serves as the high school's Track Coach. She is celebrating almost 30 year of service in the Detroit Public School district. She commented on how pleased she was that there are over 1500 students on campus. "I am honored to be here for the years I have been at Western to help so many students be a part of the scholarship program to further the education and careers of so many. My utmost joy is when some students I had in the past come back to warn me that they are enrolling their children to the program here at Western."

Indeed, the recent championship brought attention to the school across the street from the Historic Clark Park. However, the staff in addition to the community at large is just as ecstatic of not only serving the children in the neighborhood, nevertheless, servicing students that travel from Melvindale, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, Ecorse, Allen Park and beyond.

Congratulations to Western International Baseball Team

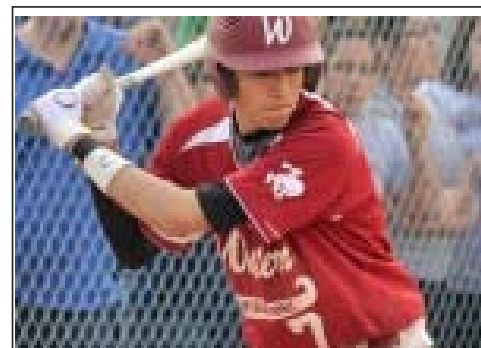
By Butch Davis



Congratulations are in Order to the Western International High School for winning their eight straight Detroit Public School League Baseball title. Detroit Western pitcher Amadeo Apolloni, started for the Cowboys at Wayne State University this past Monday allowing just two hits and no earned runs before giving coach Juan Sanchez a Gatorade bath at home plate en route to a 4-0 victory over Detroit King. Again, congratulations to Western International High School for winning their eight straight Public School League Baseball title

In addition, fellow student at Western International High, junior shortstop/pitcher in baseball, Aaron Betancourt, who is coached by Detroit Western Internationals' Juan Sanchez, was recently named Detroit Public School League Proud Strong Learner of the

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!



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Time to Choose

By Butch Davis



The beginning of a new NBA season starts this past Tuesday night for the Detroit Pistons as the home team has several aging players, such as Tayshaun Prince, Caron Butler and Cartier Martin all playing at small forward positions. The first step is the 31st annual NBA Draft Lottery will determine the order of selection for the first 14 picks of the 2015 NBA Draft. Fourteen Ping-Pong balls numbered 1 through 14 will be placed in a lottery machine. There are 1,001 possible combinations when four balls are drawn out of 14, without regard to their order of selection. Prior to the lottery, 1,000 of those 1,001 combinations will be assigned to the 14 participating lottery teams. The Pistons with a 32-50 win/loss record with have a 2.8 percent chance of receiving the first pick in this year's draft that will take place on June 16, 2015 at or about 8:05pm.

So, when the sun settles, the Pistons will be picking number eight. Oh well, however, now lets look at the possible players the home team could be looking at to fill the roster.

Grand Rapid sharpshooter Devin Booker who is coming out of school from the University of Kentucky said that he could fit with the Pistons, though they likely aren't looking for a shooter early in the lottery, where they could pick anywhere from No. 1 to No. 11. "I feel like shooters can fit anywhere. They have a very talented (shooting) guard with Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and I feel like I fit right along with him," said Booker, again, a Grand Rapids native. Speaking of local, how about Consortium High School, Vince

Hunter was a Detroit kid. Hunter played two seasons at UTEP and declared early for the NBA draft. He averaged 14.9 points and 9.2 rebounds, shooting 53 percent from the field for the Miners last season. Just under 6-foot-7 without shoes for the NBA combine last week, Hunter is projected as a potential second-round pick, however, could go undrafted next month. Yes, it's only been two years since he left Detroit, however, Hunter has grown so much as a basketball player and has sprouted new roots on the left coast. What about Michigan State Branden Dawson who measured at 6-foot-5 1/2 without shoes at the NBA combine, Dawson is more of a fit at the small forward position than the Pistons do need. Nonetheless his skill-set without a reliable 3-point shot will need more work if he is looking to make a successful transition to the pro.

Hey, what about possibly replacing Greg Monroe should he decide to leave via free agency. Here a couple of players to look at, Wisconsin's, Frank Kaminsky or Sam Dekker. Kaminsky, who measured just under 7-feet without shoes at the combine, could be an intriguing selection, possibly replacing Greg Monroe. Kaminsky is likely to be around since the Pistons picking number eight, and with his versatile skill-set; he's looking to contribute immediately. As for Dekker, he can play multiple positions, and his athleticism and versatility showed during Wisconsin's NCAA Tournament run.

Well, we have about month before the actual pick is chosen for the hometown Detroit Pistons. Hey, what's your pick?



High School Championships are Approaching

By Butch Davis

The 2015 Spring Sports Seasons for the Michigan High School Athletic Association participants are approaching. Nevertheless, championships will be rewarded during this month of May and June to the end of the high school semester.

The spring championship kicks off with the crowding of Boys tennis in the Upper Peninsula on May 27-30. Now why is only tennis play in the U.P. for the boys? By the way, it's the same for the Girls May 29-30, however, only in the Lower Peninsula. Now those are questions I'm going to find out by the brass of the MHSAA during the summer on why the tennis championship flip flop in the Fall for the Girls and the Boys.

Boys and Girls golf in the Upper Peninsula will have championships on May 27-30. Boys championships in golf in the Lower Peninsula will be June 5-6, however, again the championship for the Girls in golf is in the fall season.

Girls and Boys Track and Field just finish their regionals in all divisions, so I am please to announce that the final will take place in the following locations. In the lower peninsula, Division 1, Rockford High School, Division 2, Zeeland High School, Division 3, Comstock Park High School, and in Division 4, in Hudsonville at Baldwin Middle School, on the date of May 30. By the way, Girls and Boys Track and Field in the U.P. the finals will take place in the city of Kingsford on May 30 as well. One of the fastest growing sports in the country Lacrosse will succeed for the Girls June 6, at Rockford High School and Boys in the State of Michigan on June 6, with the location either being the following, East Grand Rapids, Howell Parker, or Troy Athens High School.

Girls Soccer Championship in all four divisions will be held at Michigan State University on June 12th and 13th and finally Baseball for the Boys semi-final and finals will also take place at Michigan State University, June 11-13 with the Girls Softball Championships at the same location (MSU) however, the softball diamonds on the campus, semi-final and finals, June 11-13.

There you go sports fans. We at the Telegram News in advance congratulate all the participants who are taking part in all the following sports.

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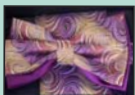
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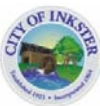


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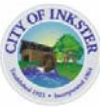
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APPROVED:
 Approval of the agenda.
 Approval of Consent agenda.
 Approval three Board Appointments.
 Denial of a zoning request for 3952 Beech Daly.
 Approval of vacant land purchase.
 Approval of a RFP for IT professional services.
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 This property is located on the corner of West Jefferson and Bourassa. The applicant is requesting this rezoning to open an ice cream shop.
 Written comments will be accepted by the Community Development Office until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.
 Ecorse Planning Commission
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Memorial Day

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wide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

Evolution of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Many Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
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 The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the design and installation of a full color, outdoor, digital sign to be located at 28777 Eureka Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 based on the following minimum specifications.
 (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid **must use the forms provided by the City**. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the [MITN system](http://www.mitn.info/) @ <http://www.mitn.info/>.
 (2) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **June 08, 2015**. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.
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 (4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.
 (5) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.
 Please Publish: Thursday, May 21, 2015, The Telegram Newspaper

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2015
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-149 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 27, 2015.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-150 2B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on April 27, 2015: 5:45 p.m. Study Session, City Quarterly Investments, and 6:00 p.m. Study Session, 2015-2016 City Budget.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Abstain – Makowski.
Motion Carried.
3A. Petitioner:
Mr. Calvin West inquired about the City's grass-cutting procedures and fees. The administration will follow up with Mr. West.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Mayor Pro-Tem Barden congratulated Mayor Burcroff for being named to SEMCOG's Road Safety Task Force.
4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff made the following announcements of upcoming events:
Mother's Day Pins, Pancakes, Pictures, and Plants", a "Team Cindy Relay for Life" event in honor of Cindi Hensley to be held Sat. May 9th from 9 am until noon, \$15.00 a ticket or just pancakes \$10.00 a ticket.
Clean Sweep – Saturday, May 9th.
Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser, Sat. May 9, 7:00 pm. until midnight at Romulus Senior Center.
Friday, May 8th, Mayor is hosting Conference of Western Wayne meeting at the RAC starting at 9:30 a.m.
15-151 5A. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus Community Schools and Romulus Police Department rally/walk on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-152 5B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to extend Bid 11/12-22 to Rey-Mart Asphalt, Inc. for hot bituminous asphalt repairs for City facilities and local and major streets as needed through June 30, 2016.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-153 5C. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to extend Bid 12/13-02 to R. S. Contracting, Inc. for line marking of local and major streets as needed through the end of 2015.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-154 5D. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to extend the contracts with SLC Meter, LLC and HD Supply through March 31, 2016 and April 15, 2016 respectively for the purchase of fabricated lug all stainless steel clamp couplings for the Department of Public Works.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-155 5E1. Moved by Choate, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB-FH-14-15-1811 for the purchase of road salt (not to exceed 2,600 tons) for the 2015/2016 winter salt season to the lowest bidder, Detroit Salt Company at a per-ton price of \$54.57 for early deliveries and \$55.07 for purchases made after October 1, 2015 contingent upon the final adoption by Council of the 2015/2016 budget.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-156 5E2. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize extension of Bid ITB-FH-14-15-1811 for a second year, I respectfully request authorization to purchase salt offered at the bid prices for the 2016/2017 winter salt season from Detroit Salt Company (purchases not to exceed budgeted funds).
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-157 5F. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt the annual resolution accepting long-term maintenance of Wayne County Storm Water Management Systems.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Clerk's Report:
City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that schools will be in session for the May 5th Election so voters will have to enter the school buildings from alternate entrances – there will be plenty of signs directing voters to the precincts. The free city-wide yard sale will be held from May 14 to May 17. Addresses will be posted on the City website, Facebook page and also in the Telegram Newspaper.
15-158 6A1(a). Moved by Crout, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Lois Irene O'Dell.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-159 6A1(b). Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-16 in the amount of \$14,000 which was introduced at the Council meeting of April 27, 2015. (No effect on fund balance.)
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment:
A resident commented on the poor driving skills of many motorists.
8. Unfinished Business:
Councilman Wadsworth announced the Bowl-A-Thon for the Romulus Animal Shelter, Friday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.
Councilman Wadsworth and Mayor Pro Tem Barden commented on how quickly the DPW Dept. repaired the pot holes on Barth Rd.
City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, commented on the fine job Police Officer Garcia and the first respon-

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ders did for the family of Geneva Hampton.
9. New Business:
Councilwoman Abdo announced the Drug Task Force Bowling Scholarship Fundraiser to benefit high school students (\$20.00 per ticket).
Councilwoman Roscoe announced that the Farmer's Market will open on Wed. June 17 in front of city hall and the hours will be from noon until 6:00 p.m. Questions – call 734-955-4531.
Sounds of Downtown begins on Friday, June 12 at the Historical Park.
10. Communication
11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, 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 May 4, 2015.

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Army Pvt. Devaughn G. Parker
has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Ga.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Parker is the son of Elizabeth Ewing of Dearborn Heights, and Lester Parker of Inkster.

Army Pvt. James A. Fox
has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Fox is the son of Stefanie Baker of Franklin, IB., and Lester A. Haggard of Westland, MI. He graduated in 2013 from Madison Consolidated High School, Madison, Ind.

Air Force Airman William R. Albright
graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lack-

land, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Albright is the son of Penny H. and Melvin J. Albright of Westland, MI. He is a 2014 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland, MI.

Army Pvt. Jamari K. Jackson
has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Jackson is the son of Andrea E. Jackson of Detroit, MI.

Army Pfc. Will M. Sanders
has graduated from

basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Sanders is a 2012 graduate of Plymouth Educational Center Preparatory High School, Detroit, MI.

Army Pfc. Tommy D. De Jongh
has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is a 2012 graduate of Renaissance High School, Detroit, Mich.

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May 17, 2015

At 1542hrs, officer were dispatched to the 400 Block of Beechwood regarding a Domestic Dispute. Upon arrival officers observed a group of males and females yelling and screaming at one another. A 17 year old male was detained and placed in the backseat of a patrol vehicle. He was arguing with a 19 year old female. The group was told to quiet down observing many people across the street at the Beechwood Center basketball court stopped what they were doing to observe the commotion. All were advised to quiet down or they would go to jail. Rather than complying with what was ordered, a 19 year old female continued to yell and refused to stop. She was placed under arrest for Disorderly Person, placed in handcuff and placed in the patrol vehicle. The other female became irate because of her sister-in-law's arrest and was advised she would go to if she did not comply. The arrested female was issued a Disorderly Person, Disturbing the Peace and Interfere with Government function.

May 15th, 2015

At 1217hrs, an officer was parked in an unmarked vehicle

monitoring foot traffic at the Marathon Gas Station, 276 Visger, when he observed a gray 1994 Jeep pull up to the gas pumps. The 36 year old male sat at the pumps for 5 minutes, then a male approached the passenger side of the vehicle and made a hand to hand transaction and walked away. The male in the vehicle never went in to purchase gas. He simply drove off. The officer followed the driver traveling west on Visger and further until in pulled into a driveway in the 3900 Block of 17th street. Officer had prior knowledge that the driver did not have a license. The officer approached the male as he was exiting the vehicle and observed the male holding a black handgun. The male was ordered to drop the handgun and as he did he shouted to the officer that the handgun was not real, it was a BB Gun. He was ordered out of the vehicle and to open his hands and drop everything he was holding. He was handcuffed, then placed in the patrol vehicle. The officer retrieved the suspected contraband and suspected BB Gun. A check with LEIN showed the DWLS with two prior convictions. He was transported to the station where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call and then housed.

NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

(MAY 25)

McGruff, and AlertID Offer Technology and Tips to Help Protect Children



Washington D.C., and Las Vegas, NV (May 20, 2015) - The FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) revealed that more than 450,000 children under the age of 18 were reported missing in 2014. To address this critical issue, the National Crime Prevention Council (Home to McGruff the Crime Dog®) AlertID are teaming up to raise awareness, offer innovative mobile technology and important safety tips to help keep children safe.

On May 25, 1979, 6-year-old Etan Patz (also known as the first missing child to appear on the side of a milk carton) disappeared from his New York City home on his way to school from the bus. The case received national attention and raised awareness about the importance of protecting our children. In response to the Patz case as well as other missing children cases, President Ronald Reagan, proclaimed May 25th as "National Missing Children's Day," which commemorates the commitment to help locate and recover missing children.

"Each of us needs to commit to helping locate and recover missing children or work as NCPD does to prevent children from going missing in the first

place," said Ann M. Harkins, NCPD President and CEO. "National Missing Children's Day reminds parents, family members, teachers, caregivers, and our neighbors to make child safety a priority." For AlertID founder, Keli Wilson, being prepared can make a critical difference in protecting children. "National Missing Children's Day is a great opportunity to talk to our children about their safety and to encourage families to take action and be prepared before an emergency happens."

Parents should be aware of the dangers in their neighborhoods and other areas that are important to them by becoming members of AlertID, a free program and app that is available nationwide. Members enter the addresses of areas important to them, and a map shows members where local crime and sex offenders reside or work in those areas. Members also receive alerts when new sex offender data becomes available as well as crime alerts in hundreds of cities nationwide. To become an AlertID member for free, or for more information, please visit www.AlertID.com.

9 Tips to Help Protect Your Children

1. Kids should know their full name, each parent's full name, address and phone number.
2. Point out unsafe places to play like intersections and discourage them from taking shortcuts.
3. Agree on a code word for emergencies that only trusted adults who knows the code word can pick up your child if necessary.
4. Accompany and supervise children in public facilities, including restrooms.
5. Use the buddy system for older kids, including designating a time and place to meet.
6. Remind children to remain in the area where they become separated, and teach them to dial 9-1-1 in emergencies.
7. Kids dressed in bright colors are easier to recognize if they get lost in a large crowd. Avoid clothing and toys with your child's name on it. A child may not fear someone who knows their name.
8. Teach your children not to accept rides and gifts from anyone - even people they might know.
9. If your child is grabbed by someone, team them to yell "This person is trying to take me!" or "This is not my mother/father!" and to resist by pulling or running away.

About AlertID
 AlertID, the neighborhood safety network, is free to use and helps protect families and neighborhoods. AlertID's mission is to help people live safely by providing a secure way to receive trusted public safety alerts and share information with family members and neighbors. AlertID uses technology to help citizens and federal, state and local authorities share information about crime, sex offenders, natural disasters, missing children and severe weather that can threaten public safety. AlertID is accessible to members online as well as by email and mobile app. For more information visit <http://www.AlertID.com>

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Click It or Ticket, a national campaign coordinated annually by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to increase the proper use of seat belts, takes place May 18-31, 2015.

Using a seat belt is one of the most effective ways to prevent serious injury or death in the event of a crash. Using lap/shoulder seat belts can reduce the risk of fatal injury by almost 50% (1). In 2013, more than 21,000 passenger vehicle occupants died in motor vehicle crashes in the United State; 49% were unrestrained at the time of the crash (2). An additional 2.4 million nonfatal injuries were treated in emergency departments in 2013 (3). Yet, millions of persons continue to travel unre-

strained (4).

During the 2015 Click it or Ticket campaign,* law enforcement agencies across the nation will conduct intensive, high-visibility enforcement of seat belt laws, during both daytime and nighttime hours. Nighttime enforcement of seat belt laws is encouraged because seat belt use is lower at night (2).

Additional information from CDC on preventing motor vehicle crash-related injuries is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/Motorvehicle-safety>. Information on state-specific seat belt use and strategies to improve it is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehicle-safety/seatbelts/states.html>.

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MAY 21 - MAY 27, 2015

ARIES

You may find that discussions at home have taken a sudden, spiritual orientation. Give everyone room to express their personal beliefs without trying to preach your point of view. Your open-mindedness helps you with deep learning this week. Soul Affirmation: The winner is me. I smile for the cameras. **Lucky Numbers: 31, 32, 54**

TAURUS

Feeling bold, are we? Well, go with the flow of your feelings! No other sign can call on inner courage as easily as you. Whether at home, at work, or out on the town, let your personal statements be stylish and bold! Soul Affirmation: This week is the week the Lord has made. I rejoice in it. **Lucky Numbers: 23, 38, 52**

GEMINI

Tempers may flare around you this week but it's nothing personal, so keep your mind on your own work and let others act up. You'll be doing yourself a big favor if you get some exercise this week! Soul Affirmation: I change the way I look at business this week. **Lucky Numbers: 28, 32, 50**

CANCER

Restless feelings may arise over health matters, or perhaps education or the lack of it. Do what you need to do to feel comfortable with yourself. If it involves seeing a dentist or taking a class, what's stopping you? Self-improvement can be a very enjoyable game! Soul Affirmation: Hope is future's way of shining on me this week. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 14, 21**

LEO

Set a limit on what you can do for others this week. You'll enjoy your feelings more if you are straightforward about refusing a less than appetizing assignment. Trust your feelings and say "No, I won't." Clear boundaries help you define yourself. Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things. **Lucky Numbers: 13, 39, 41**

VIRGO

Let happiness flow inside and outside of you this week. Refuse to be drawn into any pseudo-crisis and you'll stay happy. Stay quietly on task and you'll have accomplished much by the end of this busy week. Soul Affirmation: I flavor my life with good wishes towards everyone this week. **Lucky Numbers: 16, 28, 52**

LIBRA

A dream in which you already are what you hope to be will offer much insight into your current situation. Take some practical steps to keep the focus on this wonderful vision. You know you can be what you see! Soul Affirmation: I am a giver of good words this week. **Lucky Numbers: 15, 23, 50**

SCORPIO

Do you realize that you are the only one who can tell you what to think and how to feel? Let go of any behaviors that are keeping you from achieving the things you want to achieve. Be creative and positive this week. Soul Affirmation: I focus on long-range financial security this week. **Lucky Numbers: 14, 31, 42**

SAGITTARIUS

You can be very efficient this week if you set your will to the task. New ideas will occur to you as you are working steadily, so keep pencil and paper nearby to jot down your latest brilliance! Soul Affirmation: I give love and love gives to me. **Lucky Numbers: 1, 29, 55**

CAPRICORN

Avoid getting involved in any office politics or family feuds this week. The week's energy is excitable, but not necessarily exciting. Do your own thing and be proud of what you do. Let others do their own thing, so long as it doesn't hurt anyone. Soul Affirmation: Money opens doors for friendship to enter. **Lucky Numbers: 10, 29, 46**

AQUARIUS

A message this week may necessitate travel on your part, and you may feel obligated to do something you don't want to. Let the energy flow past you and do what you think is best. Who you are is who you are— be glad about it! Soul Affirmation: I fill my mind with visions of love this week. **Lucky Numbers: 40, 47, 52**

PISCES

You wake up feeling peaceful and wise. Discussions with a close friend may reveal the source of your inner freedom in a very tangible way. So talk about it. You've got everything good to gain. Soul Affirmation: I let my mind go slack and tighten up my body **Lucky Numbers: 33, 38, 41**

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LaShaun phoenix Moore presents new album 'Anthem'

By Steve Furay - Contributing Writer



Fighter, lover, creator, super-nova, LaShaun phoenix Moore has endured the fire and emerged renewed in spirit and focused on her vocal talents, celebrating her new independently released album 'Anthem' with a release party in Detroit on May 16 to a packed house of supporters at The Huma Room.

Opening the show were Tylonn J. Sawyer with a poetry performance and Cold Men Young's Kopelli performing his solo songs, along with host Miz Korona.

LaShaun phoenix Moore came out on stage to a loud applause from the audience, which included Hollywood star Vivica A. Fox, and prepared the crowd for an experience unlike previous they've witnessed with her as a performer. With great reason, for those that understood the challenges she had faced in the past year.

In June of 2014 her appendix ruptured, and she unknowingly continued through the next two days with a toxic fluid slowly being released to her body. After finally making it to the

hospital, she learned she had escaped death by hours, and spend the next few weeks on the brink after surgery and a turbulent recovery. She recovered with renewed dedication to her health, will full awareness of her talents and the power music has to inspire love and freedom.

"For me," said Moore in an interview in 2014, "I want to use that power of influence for good. I want to impact the world until there is a pandemic of love, until we understand that we've got to get over our issues. We've got to get over these petty, simple issues, we're humans. "We have to think more universally and globally until we say that the only things that we want to attract are things that

feel good and things that are loving, and anything that opposes love is not something that can be welcomed into our circle. I want the love to be infectious, I want people to catch it."

The songs on 'Anthem' are a powerful, determined and sexy testimony to her spirit, will and faith, and the performance was a charged experience of love and strength that had the crowd rocking from start to finish. Undefeated and raised in her faith, audience can continue to expect the glorious testimony in song of LaShaun phoenix Moore for years to come.

LaShaun phoenix Moore 'Anthem' LP is available online at www.lashaunphoenixmoore.bandcamp.com

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ASK ALMA

He won't Let me Visit his House

By Alma Gill, NNPA Columnist



Dear Alma,

I have been dating "David" for over eight months, but I have never been to his house. Every time I bring it up, he changes the subject or comes up with a lame excuse. I'm not sure what to think. He will stay with me for weeks at a time, so I don't think he's involved with someone else. I'm confused.

Hello, Confused..

This situation occurs more often than you might imagine. I've heard it pondered by countless co-workers and plenty of sister-friends. I'm not going to make this long and drawn out. Bottom line: I suspect he doesn't have a home.

You guys are kickin' it at your house because...

No. 1: He might be married. I'm

sure you've wondered the same thing. Or, he may be separated and still living with the wife.

No. 2: He could be living with his mom. Most men would hide this temporary, oh-I'm-just-passing-thru situation.

No. 3: He could be homeless. It's tough out there nowadays, with the economy the way it is.

Maybe he's stretching when it comes to his living conditions – a few weeks at your house, a few weeks at another woman's house and a few weeks with his mom. Trying to pull together a security deposit and first month's rent ain't easy.

I find it more disheartening that, after eight months, you haven't said to him point-blank, "Take me to your crib." He's definitely hiding something, but you aren't being honest, either...with yourself. You haven't made a fuss because you really don't want to know. Truth is easier to deal with when we deny it. This is real simple. The next time he comes by, ask him. But make sure you're ready for the answer.

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Three Steps to Get Your Home's Outdoor Spaces Summer-Ready



(StatePoint) You may not think a lot about your home's outdoor spaces during the off-season, but in warm weather, your porch, deck, yard and patio are extensions of your living space -- and it's important to maintain these areas to be in tip-top shape.

Here are some helpful tips to get these spaces summer-ready.

Organize

Set yourself up for a season of better gardening, yardwork, tinkering and auto repair by organizing your shed or garage. You'll be more inclined to do these necessary tasks when you know exactly where your tools are and you don't have to search around in order to get started.

Do an inventory of your tools. Throw out rusty or broken items that are irreparable. Perform routine maintenance on equipment and tools. Then organize your equipment in a systematic way that makes the most sense for you, making use of vertical storage systems

that take the best advantage of the space you have.

Deep Clean

It's a tough world out there. Things get dirty, messy and stained, and sometimes a garden hose, soap and elbow grease just aren't enough -- especially after months of neglect. Enter the pressure washer, which can aggressively blast things clean with water jets pressurized up to 75 times that of a garden hose; or gently spray with lower pressures for delicate cleaning.

Step up your cleaning of patio furniture, sidewalks and fencing with a light-duty pressure washer. For decks, patios, garage floors, siding and driveways, a medium-duty pressure washer can help save you time and energy on clean-up jobs. Just be sure to wear goggles and closed-toed shoes when using a pressure washer, and never operate the machine in an enclosed area.

If you don't already own a pressure washer and you're looking to purchase one, be

sure to get the right machine for your needs. Factors like how often you plan to use it and the type of projects you will use it for are key elements in the decision making process. Briggs & Stratton, a pressure washer manufacturer known for machines that start easily, run quietly and offer fuel efficiency, makes the selection process easy with a buying guide selector tool available online at www.briggsandstratton.com.

Friendly Spaces

Reduce mosquitos by eliminating standing water from the yard. For more comfortable cookouts, you may also want to add plants to your yard that repel these pests, such as citronella and marigolds.

Plant trees so you can look forward to shady spaces for future seasons. However, for the current season, use awnings or shade arbors to create a place where you can safely and happily spend the sunniest portion of your afternoons.

By performing a few key tasks, you can prime home's outdoor spaces for a season of gardening, entertaining, relaxing and summer living.



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