



District 12  
**E-NEWS UPDATE**  
Westland, Inkster, south Livonia

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**GO RED WINGS!**

Dear friends,

It's time to put our heavy winter coats away – Spring is here and we can live “lighter” in how we dress for the warmer weather. Hopefully we can do that to our local city and county budgets too. We need to clean out our old ideas, remove some of the heavy budget line items and live lighter and leaner.

Our County Ways and Means Committee will begin deliberating soon. The Wayne County Commission considered and passed an ordinance allowing for a two year budget. We still will be appropriating funds on a yearly basis, but this ordinance will allow us a better opportunity to plan long term with the Executive's office.

This year District 12 will also see a larger Parks allowance. I challenged the amount of money that was allocated to our district. After it was investigated by the assessment office, we realized an increase in the amount of money that our district will receive. For the past two years our District 12 Parks allowance has been allocated to Central City Park in Westland and Wheatley Park in Inkster.

I have met with the Livonia Parks and Recreation Director and his staff. I have consulted with some neighborhood groups and will be meeting with various citizens. A final decision will be made during the budget process this summer. I will keep you informed of our progress.

*Joan A. Gebhardt*

**Have a  
Happy Mothers Day !  
Sunday, May 8th**



**COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Your Wayne County Commissioner**



**Joan Gebhardt**

Invites you to a

**Senior Safety  
Program Luncheon**



Inkster: Monday, May 23

Westland: Friday, July 8

Livonia: to be determined



Featured Speaker:

**Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon**

For more information, please call: (313) 224-0907



**City of Livonia**



**City of Inkster**



**City of Westland**



**SPOTLIGHT**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**INKSTER HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL**

***CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONS***

**WHEREAS,** It is with great privilege that we, members of the Wayne County Commission, pause to recognize a sterling performance put forth by the **INKSTER HIGH SCHOOL** girls’ basketball team in 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** With 25 victories in 27 games, **INKSTER HIGH SCHOOL** reigned supreme in the Michigan High School Athletic Association by capturing the Class A State championship. Eight of those wins came in state tournament action where head coach Peggy Carr and her staff guided the Lady Vikings onto district and regional titles, before emerging victorious in quarterfinal and semifinal play as well; and

**WHEREAS,** **INKSTER HIGH SCHOOL** culminated its historic season of competition by defeating Detroit Renaissance, 43-37, for its second state championship in the sport. Congratulations to varsity players Jasmine Bracey, Janae Jackson, Leah Scott, Dominique Perrin, Teresa Mitchell, Crystal Fulton, Crystal Bradford, Kelsey Mitchell, Jamie Madden, Ayrionna Taylor, Ashley Franklin, Carrielle Johnson, Paris McLeod and R’Mani Garrard on a job well done; and

**WHEREAS,** The importance of this feat cannot be understated. Life in the community, in school and inside each student’s home became more enjoyable with each passing victory recorded by the Lady Vikings. Their achievement is a true testament to the importance of athletics in developing a well-rounded education and constructing a platform for future endeavors; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Wayne County Commission salutes and acknowledges **INKSTER HIGH SCHOOL’S LADY VIKINGS** on their memorable journey towards earning the declaration as **STATE CHAMPIONS** for 2011; it is further

**RESOLVED,** On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, that this resolution be spread at length upon the journal of today’s proceedings of the Wayne County Commission to endure as a permanent record of achievement and that a suitable copy be presented to the **INKSTER HIGH SCHOOL** girls basketball team. May their pursuit of greatness be heralded for ever and a day.

# OFFICE HOURS

Citizens attending District 12 Office Hours

On the third Monday of the month I go to three locations for District 12 Office Hours. Inkster starts my day at 10:00 at the YWCA on Michigan Avenue. The people are so nice there. The meetings are held in a room on the second floor (there is an elevator). Last month the Princeton Block Club President Mr. Gambriel met with me to discuss how to promote Inkster’s positive image. We had a nice conversation over coffee and agreed that community involvement was the key.

Jeanette Sprilsbury, a Livonia resident is honored for her 34 years with Wayne County Senior Citizen Services.



At noon I was at Panera’s on Warren Road, just west of Wayne Road in front of the Westland Shopping Center. There was only one constituent, but several other people of a concerned citizenry joined us. They opted out of having their picture taken for this newsletter-probably being a little camera-shy!

My final stop of the day is the Livonia Office Hour at Biggby on Middlebelt just south of Plymouth. We had quite a crowd last month and discussed many items such as Roads, Park Millage Money and the County and State Budgets. I hope that you will have the opportunity to stop in sometime and allow me to buy you a small sized coffee, tea or other drink. We can discuss anything on your mind. I hope that you will check out the times and locations listed below and give it a try!



Inkster resident at the YWCA



Livonia Residents at Biggby

10:00 am - YWCA, Michigan Ave. Inkster

12:00 noon - Panera Bread, 35300 Warren Rd. Westland

6:00 pm - Biggby Coffee, 11003 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia



Join me on the 3rd Monday of each month at the above locations.



### **Inkster Youth Saying Pledge of Allegiance**

The Wayne County Commission's April 19 meeting at the Guardian Building in Detroit had a little touch of Inkster to it. The 15-member commission, along with county employees and public attendees, were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by a group of youngsters representing My Brother's Keeper Male Mentoring Program of the Face to Face International Outreach Ministries. The Inkster youngsters, who were introduced by Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, let it be known that participation in today's meeting was of greater importance to them than enjoying the fruits of their spring break. Bishop L. Starghill, Jr. of the Face to Face International Outreach Ministries followed by delivering a stirring invocation.

Following the meeting, Bishop L. Starghill, Jr. and the boys took part in a tour of the Guardian Building, home to the Wayne County Commission, that was presented by concierge Christopher Roddy. From there the group continued onto Greektown where they enjoyed lunch inside one of the famous restaurants.

"Our wonderful city of Inkster was well-represented," Gebhardt said. "These young men should be commended for their dedication to one day becoming outstanding citizens in our community. It was such a joy to hear them deliver such an emotional Pledge of Allegiance and Bishop Starghill is so very special, too. He has that ability to unite individuals and his invocation delivered a strong message of how important it is for all of us to work together to achieve our goals. For these reasons I worked to acquire a Prevention Action Service System (PASS) grant of \$7,000 to continue this youth program in Inkster."



**Bishop Walter L. Starghill, Jr.**