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Latin Kings of Comedy coming to the Temple Theatre

The original Latin King of comedy, Paul Rodriguez, is back with his cast of hilarious comedians for the Latin Kings of Comedy 20th Anniversary Tour. Paul Rodriguez is joined by comedians Joey Medina, Gilbert Esquivel, Johnny Sanchez, and Dennis Gaxiola.

Longtime comedian Paul Rodriguez has been making audiences laugh all over the world (in Spanish and English) for nearly three decades with his unique brand of humor that is a perfect blend of his Latin heritage the American dream and his undeniable universal appeal. As an actor and comedian Paul Rodriguez's multi-faceted career includes starring roles and featured appearances in over 45 films and countless television series and comedy specials.

Voted one of the most influential Hispanics in America and awarded the Ruben Salazar Award by The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States Rodriguez has remained a constant force in his community and the world of comedy throughout his career.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <https://templetheatre.com/event/latin-kings2022/>.



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Dr. Yvonne J. Diaz of Dow recognized for STEM excellence and inclusion advancement with 2022 STAR Awards from Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

MIDLAND, MI – Dow recently received an award from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) through their SHPE Technical Achievement and Recognition (STAR) award program.

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers focuses on increasing representation of Hispanics in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Every year the organization hosts the STAR Awards to honor outstanding professionals for their dedication, commitment, and selfless efforts to grow and advance Hispanics in STEM careers.

Dr. Yvonne J. Diaz, senior research specialist, was selected as a recipient of the Young Investigator Award for her exemplary contributions to Dow's Consumer Solutions business. She is being recognized for leading a global cross-functional team to develop a more sustainable construction coating formulation that demonstrated feasibility of a more cost-effective manufacturing process. She is also leading the reformulation of three products being repurposed to deliver a more sustainable product portfolio.

She is also passionate about mentoring upcoming talent in the industry and serves as a recruiter in Dow's BEST Symposium, a program intended to introduce Black, Latin, Native American U.S. doctoral and postdoctoral scientists to the wide range of



DR. YVONNE J. DIAZ



rewarding careers in industrial research.

The Young Investigator Award recognizes young professionals for their contributions that help the progress of research in the fields of science and engineering.

“Dow takes pride in the partnerships and investments we make to advance Inclusion and Diversity in STEM,” shared Mauro Gregorio, president of Performance Materials and Coatings at Dow and executive sponsor of Dow's Hispanic and Latin Network employee resource group. “It's an honor to continue having Team Dow rec-

ognized by an organization that is helping elevate the industry leaders of tomorrow. I am incredibly proud of Yvonne for her outstanding accomplishments within and outside of Dow.”

Yvonne and other honorees will be recognized during the SHPE National Convention, happening on November 2 – 6, 2022 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Learn more about the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at <https://www.shpe.org/about-shpe>.



FLINT LATINX TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNITY CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ASA ZUCCARO AND MAYOR SHELDON NEELEY SIGN THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SPANISH TRANSLATION SERVICES, WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING SURE THAT CITY SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL FLINT RESIDENTS.

City of Flint partners with Flint Latinx

By MB STAFF WRITER

Each year September 15 – October 15 we observe Hispanic Heritage Month. This year's theme is: **"Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation."** When we include all communities with essential services and resources, that community becomes stronger. The City of Flint is proving this to be true with their recent announcement. According to the City's website, they are partnering with Flint Latinx Technology & Community Center (Latinx) to provide Spanish translation services. This isn't new for the Technology & Community Center as they have provided translation services for other agencies and organizations. I've even worked with the center through my employment with a medical center in the past.

However, what makes this partnership unique is the city and an elected official, mayor's office, collaboration with Latinx. This is historic as there hasn't been this type of collaboration in the past. Mayor Sheldon Neeley said "This is just one starting point for us to be able to provide communication access to every resident inside the City of Flint,". "City government is here to assist every Flint resident, and we want to ensure that our growing Spanish-

speaking population feels welcome and included in every action we take to support residents."

Connie (Aguilar) Steller, works for the City of Flint in the office of Public Health & Information as a desk clerk. Her office has provided both phone and onsite translation services for several years, and she will continue to assist residents in navigating city services. The City of Flint's partnership with Latinx Flint will increase the city's capacity to provide translation for other city communications.

"Connie has graciously provided translation services from the Customer Service desk for quite some time," Chief Resilience Officer Lottie Ferguson said. "We are grateful for her contributions and pleased to offer expanded services."

If you have not visited Flint Latinx, I suggest that you do. They are located on Flint's East side. The address is 101 Lewis St, Flint, MI 48506. The center is equipped to provide onsite and phone translation for Spanish-speaking residents, as well as simultaneous translation during events. Flint Latinx can also provide translation, subtitles, and audio-dubbing for video communication.

"It's amazing to see the City of Flint

taking steps to make sure our community is welcoming for English language learners," Flint Latinx Technology & Community Center Executive Director Asa Zuccaro said. "We're making sure that Flint is a great home for them."

We've been focusing on translation services, but many might not realize the other available services and resources provided through the center as well. These include:

- Open Community Resource Laboratory
- English Sign Language and Spanish Sign Language adult classes
- Free job search and assistance with resume development
- Community efforts to keep the surrounding area clean and safe

Other Services:

- Onsite Food Pantry (Martus Luna Memorial Association)
 - When: Every Wednesday
 - Time: 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
- Community Garden

For those of you who are not familiar with Latinx, it was formerly the Hispanic Technology and Community Center.

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Saginaw is about to increase its global recognition



BY KEN H. SIMMONS, II
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It was just two weeks ago that I wrote about Michigan being the place to be, and following that, I discovered even more compelling reasons to keep an eye on

Michigan and one city in particular.

A little birdie whispered in my ear that the Michigan Banner, headquartered in Saginaw, is going global and taking the city with it. What exactly that means and how it will be executed remains to be seen. If the birdie was accurate, it will potentially bring more national and international visitors (tourists and business people) to the city and the state, which is good for the economy. It will broaden people's horizons, which is good for local and international communities, and it will increase

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the flow of reliable news and information, which is good for democracy. So, I am sharing with you what that birdie whispered, “Saginaw is about to increase its global recognition.”

The state of Michigan is well recognized internationally due to it being the automotive capital of the U.S., its position as a Great Lakes state, and its successful major-league and collegiate sports teams. Michigan’s largest municipality by population is Detroit with over 600,000 residents. It is affectionately known as “Motor City”, thanks to Henry Ford’s Model T in 1908 and the millions of automobiles that have been manufactured there since by GM, Chrysler, Ford, and others.

Congratulations are also due to Detroit for being one of 50 destinations recognized by Time magazine’s list of “The World’s Greatest Places of 2022”. David Lorenz, Vice President of Travel Michigan said, “In many ways, Detroit is the gateway to experiencing Michigan, and being recognized as a World’s Greatest Place by Time further validates Michigan’s role as a premier global travel destination for generations to come”, as reported by Detroit Free Press in July 2022.

Saginaw, an Ojibwa (Chippewa) Indian word meaning “land of the Sauks”, developed around a fur-trading post in 1816 and became a city in 1889 (Britannica). It is the seat of Saginaw County and the largest municipality in the Greater Tri-Cities region. According to the 2020 Census, the population was 44,202, which is down from 61,799 at the turn of the 21st century. Saginaw is a beautiful community with a river running through the downtown, walkable streets, and numerous parks. When moving to Saginaw your housing cost could be reduced by 30 to 50% because it has one of the lowest costs of living in the U.S.

Saginaw County is rich when it comes to recreation with 26 public and private golf courses, 541 acres of park land, an exceptional 82-acre trail system, fishing and other aquatic activities, museums, a zoo, the Dow Event Center, shopping, restaurants, and more. The Tea House and Gardens of Saginaw in the Japanese Cultural Center is one of the most authentic tea houses in North America, and Saginaw Valley State University’s sister university

is Jinan University in Guangzhou, China. Saginaw Future Inc. says, “Saginaw is open and welcoming to people from all over the world.”

Globalization, if executed properly, can bring an organization or a municipality many benefits. Here are a few of the most common advantages. The potential for new revenue is the first and most sought-after benefit by both companies (international sales) and cities (tourism and trade). Greater access to talent with potentially unique skills and mindsets is an excellent benefit for both. Increased exposure to foreign investment opportunities can also be extremely valuable to companies and cities. The Michigan Banner’s reach will increase by more than 12 million people initially and potentially tens of millions more in years to come by going global, according to a reliable source associated with the Michigan Banner.

This global move will provide opportunities for economic, community, and democratic benefits for Saginaw and the state of Michigan. But before we get into economic benefits, Saginaw’s leadership and the city of Saginaw must be congratulated for receiving The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 13th consecutive year from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Economically, Saginaw will have opportunities to increase its share of the billions spent on national and international travel in the state. Brand USA President and CEO, Chris Thompson was the opening keynote speaker at the 2022 Pure Michigan Governor’s Conference on Tourism in April and he said, “Tourism is vital to the state of Michigan. In pre-pandemic times, the state saw approximately \$1.5 billion in international travel spending, which impacted local communities and businesses alike, as per Brand USA’s news release.

Communication, trade, and travel across international borders are easier now than ever before, save for the impact of the pandemic, and the world has become totally connected by modern technology with countries and continents becoming interdependent. Communities are coming together to address some of the biggest global challenges, and this is

known as international community development. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) provide a blueprint for community development activities, and more and more members of the global community are gearing their activities towards achieving the UN SDGs. As the Michigan Banner joins the global community it will stimulate international community development, which it and the city can contribute to and benefit from.

Local newspaper organizations create value by serving commercial customers and society, and the flow of reliable information is crucial to the stability of a democracy. Unfortunately, local newspapers in the United States might not have the financial staying power to continue providing their communities with trustworthy information. According to a recent journal report published by the George W. Bush Institute entitled, “Strong Local Newspapers Are a Key to Strengthening Our Democracy” and dated Winter 2022, “Between 2004 and today, about 2,200 newspapers have closed across the United States. That loss reflects a quarter of America’s newspapers”, and “Since the COVID-19 pandemic took off in 2020, at least 80 newspapers have stopped operating.” This is a trend that must be curbed because more and more communities are losing their sources of trusted local news.

The journal also states that the number of newsroom employees nationwide has declined sharply since 2006 from 74,410 to 30,820 in 2020 (nearly 60%). News organizations with national or international reach, like The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times are the primary exceptions due to far-reaching markets that provide revenues to maintain and/or expand their staff and new product offerings. The Michigan Banner definitely wants to be counted amongst these exceptions, and going global will put it on the right track. Jobs will be created at home and abroad.

Watch this space as the Michigan Banner gets ready to increase Saginaw’s global recognition and follow the trend set by the state and other cities. And if I hear anything more from that little birdie, I will be sure to let you know.

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Breast Cancer Stats and Facts

When it comes to breast cancer, what you don't know can hurt you. These figures reveal the scary truth.

This year, **232,670** new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.

1 in 8 women who live to be age 70 will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.



Breast cancer accounts for about **30%** of cancers in women.

It's the most common cancer diagnosis for women in Utah.

About **85%** of diagnoses occur in women with no family history of breast cancer.

But there's good news.

Breast cancer's mortality rate has been declining since 1989, due to early detection and improved treatment.



Physically active women are **25% less likely** to develop breast cancer than those who are inactive.

More than **2.8 million** people living in the U.S. are breast cancer survivors.



ACT NOW
Breast cancer education and screenings can save up to 37 lives every day in the U.S., according to the World Health Organization. Share this infographic and discuss a screening plan with your doctor.

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Bay Road in Saginaw, Michigan.

The 2022 Keynote Speaker is Gabby Goodwin of Irmo, SC. This 15-year-old who became a six-figure entrepreneur by sixth grade, is the CEO of CONFIDENCE and the creator of GaBBY Bows. She is also teaching her own private class - Mind Your Business: Secrets to Hitting Six Figures by the Sixth Grade. KIDposium tickets are \$35.00 per person, which includes a General Session, two Break Out Sessions, a buffet luncheon in the SVSU Marketplace, entry to the KIDposium Exhibit Hall and the Keynote Session with Gabby. Her Private Session for youth attendees is slightly higher and includes a Vendor Table in the Exhibit Hall.

All youth sessions are led by an exceptional roster of successful entrepreneurs

from the Great Lakes Bay Region and youth may pre-select the Session that meets their business needs. “Youth entrepreneurship has grown immensely over the past several years” says Rhonda Webb, the founder and director of Kids Rule Now! Inc. “Owning a business is not easy but it’s worth it and we want to give kid and teen bosses a day to be immersed in Entrepreneurship, while learning, growing and developing new skill sets.” That is why we made this year’s KIDposium the Biggest, Boldest and Bossiest we have ever had!”

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By Doniqua Sovia

Let me tell you about a man, who needs no introduction. He is the creator of this world, and for every award should hold a nomination.

You see; He's a friend to the sinners, and any debt you hold is always forgiven. His beauty is unmatched, and His mercy renews every morning. He's holy, the One who sits on the throne, His anointing heals every disease that is known.

Indescribable, not just one word fits alone, and trying to describe the King of Kings and Lord of Hosts, the giver of hope, the one who conquered death, and comforts the soul, who is strong and mighty and eternally merciful, is hard to do.

He's an advocate, and His blood is pure. His kindness radiates with beams of love that destroys the most crippling fears. He is power and glory. He remains the epitome of the Resurrection story. He's everlasting and ever loving. He's the Master, that is always miracle working.

The King of Israel, The Rose of Sharon, The Great Physician, Alpha and Omega, and The Great Amen. He's the Son of God and He's the Son of Man, He's the judge and jury, the beginning and end.

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Tasha's Loc Shop celebrating six years of business

By HASANI ALI

Tasha's Loc Shop is holding on strong after six years of success, even retaining clients through the pandemic.

Latasha "Tasha" Faye Campbell took a leap of faith, leaving Imani salon after years of service.

"My clientele grew larger and larger," Campbell said. "The demand to do locs was very high and it became my specialty after a while.

Being the only loc shop in Saginaw,

located at 3451 Court Street, Campbell looked back at her vision and how it came into fruition.

"I just saw more for myself," she said. "I've been doing hair for years and it was just time to do something different."

The salon chain specializes in dreadlocks, braiding and natural hair.

Before Tasha's Loc Shop became an entity, Campbell's work really got around the city through word of mouth, mainly through her son. Robert "Bobby" Doster, who was a fifth-grader at the time, would keep her business cards in his wallet and distribute them to people who asked him about his own dreadlocks.

"Many people heard about me through my son," Campbell said. "Then I was really able to market myself on social media."

As Campbell's plans are on track, she has extended her services to the Lansing area. Not only does she have a chair at a friend's shop, she also has 1-on-1 classes for those that would like to start their career as a locician.

She also has 5 employees that she helped hone their skills to increase their efficiency.

"It's my plan to have just multiple (locations) from state to state," she said. "More and more people are interested in getting dreadlocks and we need more people will-

ing to take this skill and service our communities."

Campbell takes appointments and some walk-ins from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at her Court Street location. She sees about 10 to 15 clients a day.

"I have so much experience in doing this that I can really get my clients in and out," she said. "It takes time to learn, but I've been doing it so much that I can have most of my clientele out the door around lunchtime."

Campbell, who was born in Arkansas but grew up in Saginaw, aims to open more salons in and beyond Michigan.

"I have people that travel pretty much all over Michigan," she said, noting that clients come to her from Bay City, Owosso, Lansing and Detroit, among other places.

Although Campbell, 42, has been in business successfully for six years, she wants to be an advocate and an example for those that want to open up their own business.

"Just go for it. Just do it," she said. "And if it doesn't work out, at least you tried. You won't have to carry that burden of what-ifs for the rest of your life."

Only one semester away from a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University, Campbell has decided to go back and finish her degree. She already has an Associate's degree from Delta College.

"My daughter is graduating from Central Michigan University," Campbell said. "That motivated me to be an example and finish what I started. It couldn't hurt to have something else under your belt in case you need it."

Campbell can be contacted for an appointment by calling 989-213-9392 or via Instagram.



LATASHA "TASHA" FAYE CAMPBELL

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Let me get this off my chest



TRACI L. GUINN, ED.D.

By DR. TRACI L. GUINN

Breast Cancer Awareness is recognized during the month of October. This year's national focus is to ensure every woman has access to the screenings she needs and the support she deserves. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%. Early detection includes doing monthly breast self-exams, and scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms. While this month has always been

important to recognize and bring awareness to others, let me explain why it means so much more to me...now. In order to do so, I need to share my personal story and journey.

I remember it like it was yesterday, even though it's been nearly 5 years. I am speaking about the day that I was told those dreaded words that no one wants to hear, "you have breast cancer."

At that time in my life, I had been regularly seeing my OB-GYN, getting annual tests/mammograms for breast cancer. I

started getting mammograms at the age of 40 years old due to the history of breast cancer in my family. My aunt on my father's side as well as my mother had been diagnosed several years ago. Ironically, my mother had been told those same words by her doctor around the same age that I did. Knowing the history of breast cancer in my family, I've always been informed of the importance of tests, mammograms and early detection. It was seven years later that I was now living similar experiences.

My annual appointment happened in May 2018. I remember it vividly because this is also my birthday month and one of the gifts that I give myself each year. Thinking I was there for a routine check-up, this visit happened to play out differently. I remember undressing and preparing for my examination when the clinician asked me if I would like to utilize the 3D Mammography screening, a new and effective way to detect breast cancer. This new screening benefits those who are receiving a baseline screening, have dense breast tissue, or a history of breast cancer. The only caveat was that it had an out-of-pocket expense of \$25 and was/is not covered by the patient's insurance. Insurance policies only cover 2D mammograms. I looked at her and said, "of course, why wouldn't I, especially if it has the opportunity to detect early and potentially save my life." I sat quietly for a moment and asked her "why is this not available for everyone? Regardless of whether someone could afford it or not it should be available for everyone." She looked at me and said, "I agree with you, but unfortunately it's not." Even before I could prepare myself for what was about to happen next, I started thinking of ways that I may be able to help other people who could not afford the \$25 in order to utilize this more effective exam.

I completed my 3D mammography, got dressed and went home. About a week later, I received a call from the doctor's of-

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face, asking me to come back for additional exams. Doing so, this time, the doctors utilized the 2D mammography screening, along with a breast ultrasound. Doctor after doctor, nurse after nurse, this exam was uncomfortable and had me worried. I was finally able to get dressed. I went to the car and immediately received a call from the doctor I just left, to tell me they believe I have breast cancer but want to schedule me for a biopsy due to what they saw on the images on my right side. I listened and tried to remember as much as I could, yet I called my mother crying immediately to share this traumatic conversation. Remember, my mother too, had also experienced what I was about to go through and she was, and still is, my best resource and confidant when having this conversation. Both my mother and my father told me to pray. And if I am going to pray don't worry. If I am going to worry, don't pray.

For several months, I prayed so much that I did not think about my situation. As a matter of fact, I was in denial, until additional symptoms left me no other choice than to schedule my appointment for a mastectomy. There was no other option. One of the most difficult decisions I was faced with when discussing breast cancer treatment was having to undergo a mastectomy. I learned that factors that influence treatment decisions are difficult and involve issues regarding access to health care, concerns for cancer recurrence, and the impact of surgery on body image and sexuality. This was true for me as well. Thinking that the mastectomy would be

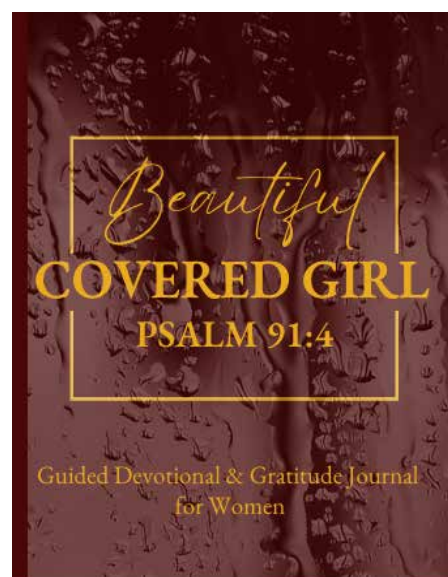
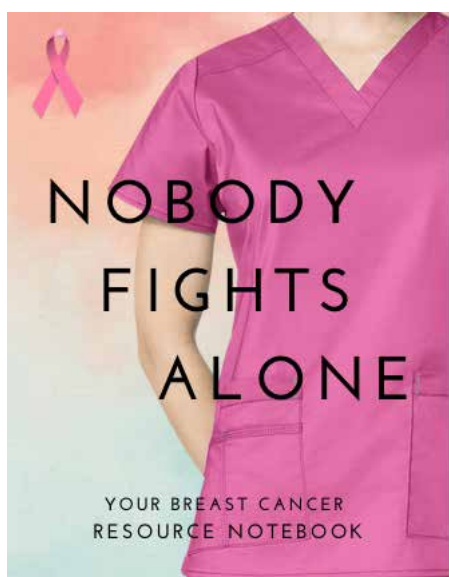
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Each year I become more comfortable sharing my personal journey with others by providing access to resources that helped me during my journey. I have participated in numerous panels sharing my story. In addition, I have authored motivational and gratitude journals to guided devotionals and breast cancer resource notebooks as a way to track those important conversations and thoughts. These resources are great for everyone, whether you are going through your own personal journey or you are bringing awareness to this disease or even supporting others who have been affected by cancer. I invite you to take a look, purchase your copies and let's help 3D Mammography screening af-

fordable for all. Remember, early detection saves lives. It saved mine.

Dr. Traci L. Guinn is an experienced higher education administrator in the area of programming, recruitment, retention, inclusive excellence, diversity and equity. She is also a daughter, sister, favorite Aunt, cancer survivor and co-owner, along with her siblings, of Gigi's Creative Tees & More and Gigi's Journals and Words of Wisdom (WoW) in San Antonio, Texas. Once you get to know her, you will find that she is also your biggest cheerleader! Dr. Guinn is often heard saying, "you can always learn something from someone." All of her books, notebooks and journals range from funny to serious, with motivational quotes that helped her, each addressing a time in her life when she needed the information (or the words) the most. She is now sharing some of her favorite resources with you.

To order your copies of breast cancer resource notebooks, motivational and gratitude journals by Dr. Traci L. Guinn, visit Amazon today at https://www.amazon.com/author/dr.traci_guinn or by scanning the QR Code.



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'Sizzle' Simms earns WBC USNBC heavyweight title shot

By HASANI ALI

Everybody in the boxing world counted out Robert "Sizzle" Simms as a serious heavyweight contender and everyone laughed at the thought of him deserving a shot of any heavyweight title.

Everyone except for Simms himself.

His 5-foot-10 frame gives him the appearance of a cruiserweight, but Simms is confident that he can compete with the best of fighters at any weight class.

"They can't hurt me if they can't hit me," Simms said. "My job is to hurt my opponent while staying out the way at the same time."

Simms (12-3-1) will be facing his ultimate challenge yet, fighting James MacKenzie Morrison (20-0-2), son of legend Tommy Morrison, at Memorial Hall, October 22 in Kansas City, Kansas.

The contest is for the WBC USNBC Heavyweight title.

"This is the biggest opportunity of my life," Simms said. "Not only do I get to fight for a belt on a legend's card, but this win will give me so much notoriety and opportunities for bigger fights."

The legends card has notable talents, including Roberto Duran Jr. & Christian Castillo (son of Jose Luis Castillo).

The Saginaw native is ranked one spot ahead of Morrison in the heavyweight division at no. 24. Simms stated that this championship win could make him a top contender in other weight classes.

"This would definitely put me in the top ten in the cruiserweight or Bridgerweight division," Simms said. "However, if the money is good in the next heavyweight fight, and I'm sure it is, then I wouldn't mind staying in the division."

His dream fight would be to face the inaugural Bridgerweight champion Oscar Rivas, who won the title back in October 2021.

The Bridgerweight division has a weight limit between 200 – 224 pounds.

Simms did have intentions on trimming down to make for the lighter division, but had a couple setbacks that delayed the

process.

"I had serious back-to-back injuries," Simms said. "That really derailed me as I was not able to train for a while, but I'm okay now so I will be getting back into it."

His last fight back in March 2022 was a no-contest against New York's Moses Johnson—who was disqualified after hitting Simms in the back of the head during the fight.

A rematch was scheduled for later in the year, but Johnson backed out.

Preparing for this monumental fight, Simms looked back at his most memorable fight of his career, defeating "The Sicilian Nightmare" Jusepe Cusumano.

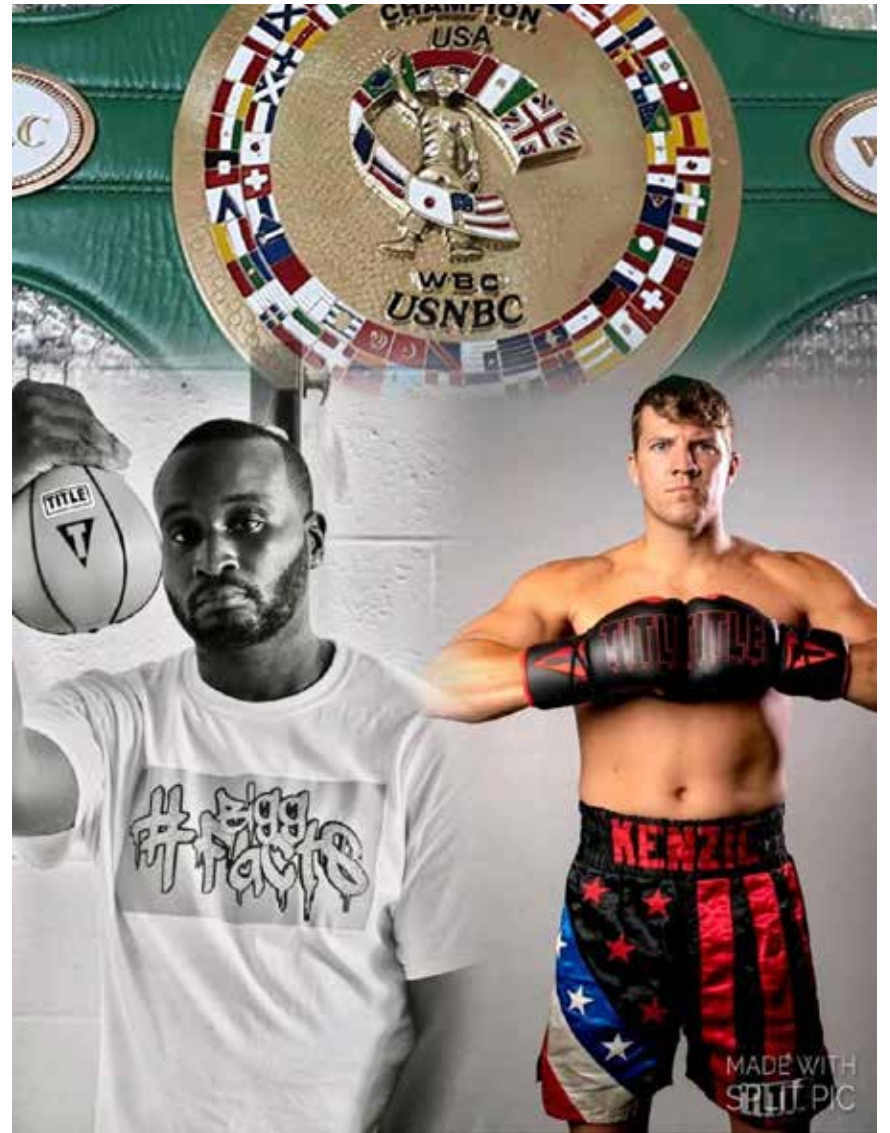
"We had a fight out in Connecticut and he was 15-0 at the time and it was a 10-fight knockout streak," Simms said. "They were grooming him to become world champion. They even had a billboard of him when we arrived to the fight."

Despite all the hype, Simms silenced the crowd and it was a shocking upset.

"Those same fans that were cheering against me became fans of mine after the fight," Simms said. "The only person that was in my corner that night was my coach Jesse (Addison)."

Unlike the normal hustle and bustle when it comes to signing a contract for a fight, Simms commented that the negotiations were quite simple this time around.

"Morrison's promoter called me and the process was actually quite easy," Simms said. "I signed the contract the very next day. I'm used to people backing out at the last minute or coming with so many stipulations when I decide to take a fight."



ROBERT "SIZZLE" SIMMS

The fight will be televised on Triller and Fite TV.

Simms has a simple plan to frustrate young Morrison before putting him out in the 5th round. He wants to keep him on toes as much as possible.

"I am going to box him for the first few rounds to see what he can handle," Simms said. "I know that he has to get his feet settled in order to punch so the more I stay moving, he will get frustrated and I can take him out."

As Simms is entering training camp here in Saginaw, Mich., he only has one concern about his opponent, which is turning into fuel for this fight.

"I know that he can hit," Simms said. "If he does not knock me out, then he has no chance of winning."

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STARS returns fares at reduced rate starting October 1

STARS is reminding the Saginaw community that fares will return starting October 1st at a reduced rate.

Beginning October 1st, main bus route fares will be \$1.00 for general public and \$.50 for seniors or disabled, reduced from \$1.50 and \$0.75. LIFT paratransit rides will be \$2, reduced from \$2.75.

30-day passes for Mainline Bus Routes will be \$40 for General Public and \$20 for Seniors and ADA riders, reduced from \$60 and \$40.

“STARS has used federal relief funds to cover fares of our passengers, which means more than \$1.25 million has stayed in the pockets of Saginaw residents affected by the pandemic. Over \$1M was left in the hands of those most affected by the pandemic,” said Glenn Steffens, Executive Director, adding “This is a big change for some, so we are deliberately lowering fares and taking other measures to ease the pain that comes with this added expense.”

In addition to cash being accepted, STARS also will be rolling out smart cards and phone applications to make purchasing and using bus passes easier for riders. STARS will provide more information to the public, including on www.saginaw-stars.com and on Facebook, later this week.



ROBERT "SIZZLE" SIMMS



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SVSU to host Great Lakes Bay Region candidate forums

Saginaw Valley State University is offering the public an opportunity to hear from candidates vying to represent Michigan’s 8th Congressional District and the 35th State Senate District.

The SVSU College Republicans, College Democrats, and Pi Sigma Alpha in collaboration with the Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy are hosting candidate forums for the two districts on Monday, Oct. 3 and Monday, Oct. 10 from 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Both forums will be held in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall in SVSU’s Curtiss Hall. The events are free and open to the public, but tickets are required.

“We are proud to co-host two issue-based civic forums for the Great Lakes Bay Region,” said Stephen Prince, program director for the Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy and SVSU’s assistant director for university-community relations. “I am thankful to our sponsors, the College Democrats, Republicans, Pi Sigma Alpha, and the moderators and candidates for agreeing that these forums were vital to educating the citizens about their choices prior to election day.”

The Oct. 3 forum features 8th Congressional District candidates Congressman Dan Kildee (D) and challenger Paul Junge (R). The forum will be moderated by Colette Boyd, WNEM TV5 news anchor, and Chad Livengood, politics editor and columnist at the Detroit News.

The 35th State Senate District forum is on Monday, October 10. State Representative Annette Glenn (R) and challenger Bay City Commissioner Kristen McDonald Rivet (D) will answer questions from moderators Terry Camp, a reporter for ABC12, and Zach Gorchow, executive editor and publisher of Gongwer News Service Michigan.

SVSU students representing SVSU’s College Republicans and College Democrats organizations also are scheduled to make remarks at the forums. Max Copus, a public administration major

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from Bay City, will represent the SVSU College Democrats, and Dahlia Terry, a pre-law major from Wayland, will speak on behalf of the SVSU College Republicans.

To reserve your seat and submit a question for the candidates please follow this link.

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Isabella Bank closes all offices for Compassion into Action Day 2022

All Isabella Bank offices will be closed on Monday, October 10th for our Community Service Day. The Isabella Bank team will be volunteering across our footprint and partnering with many local non-profit organizations such as United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Parks and Recreation, and Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency.

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Reaping of the Harvest

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By **JOAN L. WASHINGTON**

When I think of reaping of the harvest, I immediately think of farmers brining in their bounty of vegetables, teeming with mounds of sweet golden corn, ripen watermelons bursting with the zest of summer, tender savory green beans, yellow squash - kissed by the sun and gobs of robust white potatoes, freshly plucked-up from the earth. The season of harvest is breathtaking and splendid to the eyes to behold. It should be a living testament to all that eat and taste...what it takes to produce a

healthy harvest year after year. I marvel at the dedication, commitment and skills of the farmer. It takes a clear and steady vision, strong inner-faith and courage to believe and overcome the challenges, both seen and unseen, manufactured by nature and by man to reap the blessing of the harvest.

Today, looking at all the seemingly endless streams of bad news that may impact our personal harvest: talks of a recession, Hurricane Ian, the war in Ukraine, Russia threatening to use nuclear weapons and that familiar and ever-present foe and menace to global society, Covid. It has not gone away; it still poses an underlying threat to upend our fragile existence as it quietly metamorphoses into another hideous self.

Still through it all...we are not paralyzed and gripped by fear to such a degree that it causes the loss of our ability to

hope and plan for the future. What a relief to know that a beautiful harvest is in our future. We press towards the glorious mark of expectancy, for those that prepare in earnest like the farmer; they will reap a wise and glorious harvest, as God's spirit of discipline rises up to break the stronghold of rebellion and defiance.

Undoubtedly we are living in the throes of marvelous and terrible times in American and world history. We are frightfully swept across the rubicon, holding on tightly to our faith in God's tender mercy and assured promises. By faith knowing... we will not perish, but surely live and our seeds will flourish and multiply.

For we know where light is, darkness must flee. The harvest we seek to sow is not done in precarious haste, but manifested through the meticulous plan and prism of God's sovereign power light and perfect will.

Live while you live



By **ANISHA WALKER**

I watched Jennifer Lewis, the actor recently talk about her life's journey on the new Sherri Shepherd show and I was left in awe. I was moved, inspired, and encouraged all at the same time. As she spoke, I felt her happiness, her wholeness, and her freedom to be who she is unapologetically.

She shared a statement that is her life's motto. This statement was so profound that it spoke VOLUMES to me. She said and I quote, "Baby, live while you live." To

most people, that was just a statement but for ME, that statement rang through my spirit, my very being, and in that moment, I asked myself, am I living while I live? I then realized that I have done more existing than actual living and enjoying my life.

I immediately went into self-reflection and could not believe the amount of time I have spent; attention I have paid; and energy I have wasted on things (people included) that do not and cannot add positivity and fullness to my life... Shame on me! So today, I declare this to be the first day of my "Me Season." Starting today, my focus has shifted towards the things that make me happy, whole, and alive. I promise myself that I will no longer give my life currencies (time, attention, and energy) to negative things, negative situations, and undeserving people. Life is short and I can no longer afford to throw away my valu-

able time.

However, I will move towards those things that are positive, return that positive energy back into the atmosphere and prepare myself to enjoy every moment of every day I am allowed to see. I am blessed with "life's gifts" every day, a new dose of grace, mercy, love, and joy.

How dare I not "live while I live;" how dare I do not enjoy "life's gifts" and appreciate all the grace, mercy, love, and joy that comes with it. I feel as though I just woke up from a deep sleep and my eyes are seeing life for the first time....self-reflection is powerful when your heart desires positive change. Ahh, to "Live while you live," that statement made my heart leap....it made me see life differently and want to live differently. This season is going to be amazing!

Have you had your "Me Season" yet?

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties appoints new CEO

Bishop Earl Boyea of Lansing appointed Ms. Katie Baxter, LMSW as the next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties (CC-SGC) effective October 3, 2022. Ms. Baxter succeeds Ms. Vicky Schultz, LMSW who will retire December 30, 2022, having served since in the post since 2007.

"My deep desire is to share the love of Jesus Christ by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy," said Ms. Baxter upon her appointment, "I will bring my faith, gifts, talents and professional experience to lead CCSGC through an ever more Catholic 'lens'."

Ms. Baxter holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work from Michigan State University. She has served in a significant leadership role as the Senior Clinical Director at Genesee Health System in

Flint since 2019, and in other responsible roles in that organization since 2009.

To her new role, Ms. Baxter brings leadership experience and expertise in a large organization in providing behavioral health services, in developing budgets and strategic plans, and in implementing 'evidence-based practices' to ensure effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery and good outcomes for the children, families and individuals served.

Ms. Baxter also has extensive experience as a licensed counselor and therapist, including at Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan and Genesee Health System.

Ms. Baxter is married and has seven children. The Baxter family are members of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Otisville, Michigan.



KATIE BAXTER, LMSW

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Detroit's Heart2Heart relationship talk show outlasts pandemic

By HASANI ALI

After two years of doing shows all over Detroit, Timothy Hill was not expecting to take his show virtually amidst the outbreak of COVID-19.

From bookstores to cannabis shops, the Pontiac native has brought all walks of life to his panels to discuss their experiences, challenges and troubles with relationships.

Wanting to change the narrative of the negative stereotypes of black families, Hill wanted to bring people together to have authentic conversations between the male and female dynamic.

"We all see the negativity when it comes to black families," Hill said. "Communication is needed as the foundation of all relationships."

The show typically consists of 4-5 panelists, ranging from relationship professionals to comedians. The audience writes down questions and each panelist gets a chance to answer the question, giving their own point of view on the subject matter.

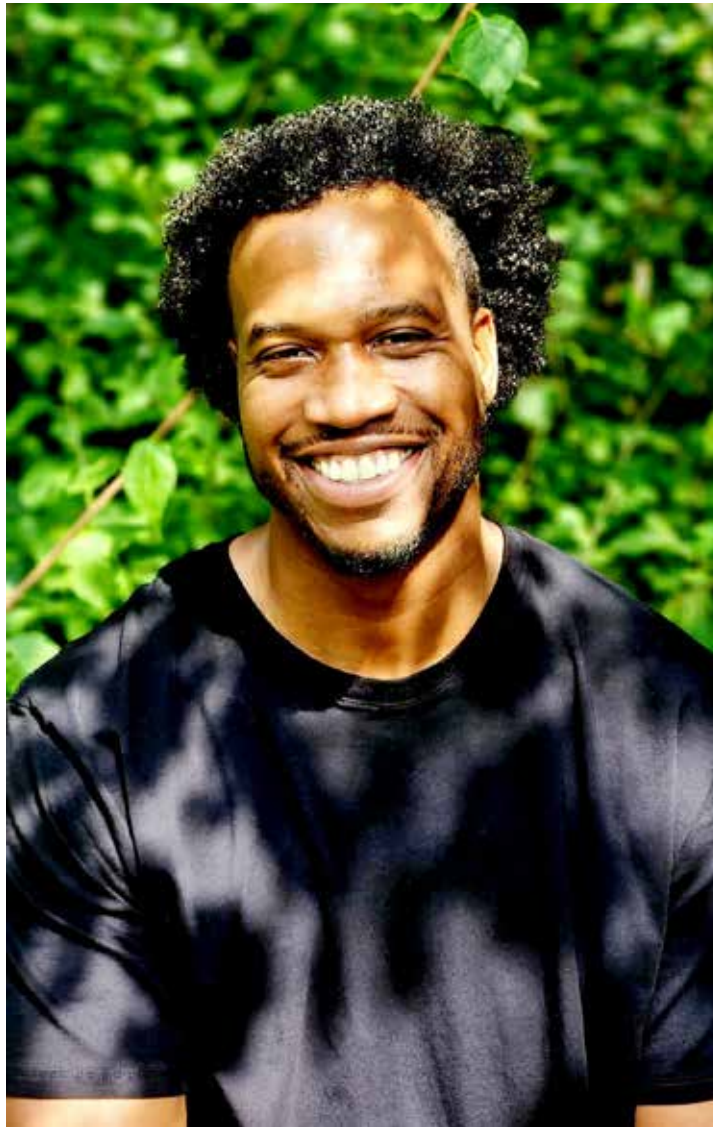
"I got cool with the comedians in the area first and I knew they would be a critical part of the show," Hill said. "We tackle some sensitive topics on the show sometimes and the comedians do an awesome job of lightening the mood or giving a positive spin on a subject."

Since taking the show virtual, it has lasted another two years strong and counting!

The spark for the show idea stemmed from Hill's need to express his life experiences along with his challenges in dating as well.

Hill and his family moved from Pontiac to Imlay City in 1990, where they were the only black family in the town for nine years. Not only experiencing a culture shock for Hill, but overcoming the stereotypes that were placed on him once interacting with his fellow classmates.

"When I was in school, students came up with this game called 'Me vs. Them,'



TIMOTHY HILL

meaning challenging the black kid at any activity on the playground to see who was superior," Hill said. "I won most days, but when I did lose, I went to practice whatever I lost at so I would be prepared the next day at school."

Not only did the new environment affect his socialization, but it forced Hill to mature fast due to the hostile environment in which he lived.

"A memorable moment for me is when I was standing on a hill overlooking our high school football game," Hill said. "A classmate whose parents were members of the Ku Klux Klan came up to me and said, 'I don't get it. I'm taught to hate you but I don't. I wish all black people were like you.' When that happened, I realized I was making a positive impact in the community on

how they viewed black people."

The talk show has brought on a plethora of notable guests, including "Freeway" Rick Ross, Sada Baby, Alphonso Morgan, Breely Evans, Coco the Comic, Charleston White and Mary Sheffield.

Sheffield will actually be featured on the next live show in November as plans are in the works. The next virtual event is December 14.

The production even caught the attention of Pharcyde TV, where the show is streamed live.

"Romye Robinson emailed me after a show one day," Hill said. "He saw the show and believed that it could bring value to the TV network."

Pharcyde TV currently has 92,000 subscribers on YouTube.

Being a husband and a father, Hill uses his competitive edge to provide the best show that he can possibly produce for his audience.

"My wife (Katrina) is a co-producer and my son is a freshman in high school so I have to set the standard in the home," he said. "She works with me to make a great show and my son sees how much effort we put into it so it makes him fuel his drive for basketball and academics. He's only had one 'B' in his entire academic career."

Hill admits that the talk show has made him a better businessman, including becoming more social and more hands-on with the production of the show.

"I had to get on camera when I'm more behind the scenes," Hill said. "I'm usually a private person, but I had to put myself out there to give our talk show an international presence."

Flint Institute of Arts appointed Tracee J. Glab as new Executive Director

Tracee J Glab, was recently appointed Flint Institute of Arts new Executive Director. Glab previously served as the FIA's Curator of Collections and Exhibitions since 2009.

Long term director of 24 years, John B. Henry, who previously served in the position announced his retirement earlier this year. "From the day that I arrived in Flint nearly 25 years ago, my goal has been to help the FIA reach its full potential as an art museum, educational institution and gathering place where everyone feels invited and comfortable," said Henry. "With the generous support of our members, volunteers, staff and community, and the strong leadership of our Board of Trustees, we've made great strides towards that goal. I'm proud of that success and of having played a role in making the arts an essential part of the greater Flint community's future."

According to a recent press release, Glab said, "My tenure as curator at the FIA has been the most rewarding part of my museum career, and I look forward to leading the museum into the next chapter." "With its stellar art collection and esteemed Art School in the heart of the Flint Cultural Center, I am excited to build on the strong foundation at the FIA and to engage the public in the arts in new and innovative ways."

Glab's extensive knowledge and expertise of art history and visitor engagement are reflected in the breadth of programs and publications she has managed and developed at the FIA. She has overseen more than 100 exhibitions and curated 40 exhibitions, working with the community on such exhibitions as Jerry Taliaferro's *Women of a New Tribe* (2017) and *Sons: Seeing the Modern African American Male* (2022). She has collaborated with other Michigan institutions for *Common Ground: African American Art from the Flint Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and Muskegon Museum of Art* (2015–16) and with University of Michigan-Flint faculty on *Self-Expression* (2017). She has worked extensively with contemporary artists, both locally and internationally. Glab has also overseen fifteen publications, contributing

to the 50th-anniversary book *Magnificence and Awe: Renaissance and Baroque Art in the Viola E. Bray Gallery* (2011) among others. Her interests include exploring the ways objects of various time periods and cultures can connect to people thematically, most recently culminating in a lecture on "Beautiful Death." Prior to her role at the FIA, she worked for 10 years at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) across many departments, including curatorial, publications, and education. Glab has her M.A. in Art History from Wayne State University and B.A. in Art History from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

She previously worked with current DIA director Salvador Salort-Pons, who recommended her for the curator position at the FIA.

"I am very excited about Tracee Glab's appointment as the executive director of the Flint Institute of Arts," Salort-Pons said. "She is uniquely equipped to continue building on FIA's successful history. I know her impressive work ethic and commitment to the arts will serve her well and the DIA looks forward to collaborating with her as we bring the best art to our state."

Glab becomes the FIA's fourteenth director and the first female Executive Director. Glab is the third woman in the highest-level leadership role since Margaret Davis and Mary Brozik led the FIA in the early 1930s.

"After meeting with several talented candidates, we believe Tracee's knowledge of the FIA and the community, as well as her role in the expansion of the museum and collection as curator made her a per-



TRACEE J. GLAB

fect fit for the executive director's role," said Thomas Lillie, president of the FIA Board of Trustees. "The FIA is a treasured community asset, and we believe that Tracee's vision and leadership will help expand membership, attract new visitors, and continue the growth in items in the collection and the artists represented by those works."

Flint Institute of Arts has grown to become the second largest arts museum in Michigan, with more than 171,000 square feet of space, 25 galleries, state-of-the-art storage facilities, and one of the largest museum art schools in the country. The collection includes nearly 10,000 objects.

"The FIA has become an internationally recognized and respected institution right in the heart of Flint," Glab said. "As we approach our 100th anniversary, I am excited to celebrate the amazing legacy of the institution while making the arts and arts education accessible to even more people in our community and beyond in the years to come."

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Saginaw Peace Expo and Peace Walk shines local light on International Day of Peace

More than a dozen nonprofits team up for event designed to highlight community connections to peace

By **JASON DEAN**

Morning showers and an eerily dark sky gave way to peace rainbows on September 21 as more than a dozen Saginaw nonprofits and close to 100 attendees joined the Mridha International Institute of Peace & Happiness (MIIPH) to celebrate International Peace Day with a Saginaw Peace Expo and Peace Walk.

The Peace Expo, held at the Montague Inn Bed & Breakfast before the Peace Walk, brought together local philanthropies to highlight their respective connections to peacefulness. The 15 Saginaw organizations participating in the Peace Expo promoted peace within the family, between all cultures, and among all living creatures.

Among the highlights, Youth for Understanding, an organization that facilitates intercultural exchange and educational programs, brought students from China, Germany, and Ukraine to participate in the Expo and Walk. The Humane Society of Saginaw County had an assortment of cuddly feline furballs available for adoption as well. Other organizations provided information on stress reduction, local history, and other positive activities designed to highlight the value of community connections.

Immediately before the Peace Walk, Dr. Debasish Mridha, the founder of MIIPH, welcomed the crowd while speaking from the Guitar Arena at the Montague Inn, with picturesque Lake Linton in the background. He was followed by

two honored guests. Jake Bennett, deputy district director for Congressman Dan Kildee, issued a Congressional Proclamation to recognize Dr. Mridha and MIIPH for bringing the Saginaw community together to celebrate the 41st Annual International Day of Peace. Following Bennett's dedication, Saginaw Mayor Brenda Moore also presented a Proclamation from the City of Saginaw to commemorate the occasion.

Before the Walk began, members of the MIIPH Founding Board, Chinu Mridha and Jenee Velasquez, released two white doves to symbolize peace and togetherness. The doves were provided

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PEACE WALK**

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by Dreamers White Dove Release of Saginaw. During the event, Taco Universe and Kona Ice provided food and cool treats.

The Peace Walk left the Montague Inn at 5:30pm and headed south on Washington Avenue. Walkers passed by the Saginaw Children's Zoo and Japanese Tea Garden and Cultural Center before heading west on Ezra Rust Drive. Walkers then crossed Ezra Rust at Fordney Avenue and made their way back to the Inn. The Walk was just over 1 mile in length.

Upon returning to the Montague Inn, walkers socialized on the spacious grounds and enjoyed peace-themed music. MIIPH also sponsored its 2nd Annual Peace Pals for Kids Art & Writing Con-

test, with winners being announced later that evening. Contestants were asked to write an essay or create a piece of art based on the quote, "To bring peace to the world, you must make peace with yourself."

The MIIPH philosophy is built on the foundation of Dr. Mridha's writings on peace and happiness, which have been shared throughout the world and are the basis of two of his books, "Verses of Peace" and "Verses of Happiness."

MIIPH is planning to hold a Peace Symposium in Saginaw in 2023. The Institute is currently developing an online platform to provide free educational content on peace and conflict resolution in a variety of disciplines that can be shared and applied in communities

throughout the world.

The following organizations participated in the 2022 Saginaw Peace Expo and Peace Walk: CAN Council, The Castle Museum of Saginaw County History, Child and Family Services of Saginaw, Humane Society of Saginaw County, Mexican American Council, Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Positive Results Downtown Saginaw, READ Association of Saginaw County, Saginaw Children's Zoo, Saginaw YMCA, The Mustard Seed Shelter, Underground Railroad, Inc., United Way of Saginaw County, Youth For Understanding, and Heart of the City Development Center.

You can learn more about MIIPH, Peace Pals for Kids, and the Saginaw Peace Walk by visiting miiph.org.



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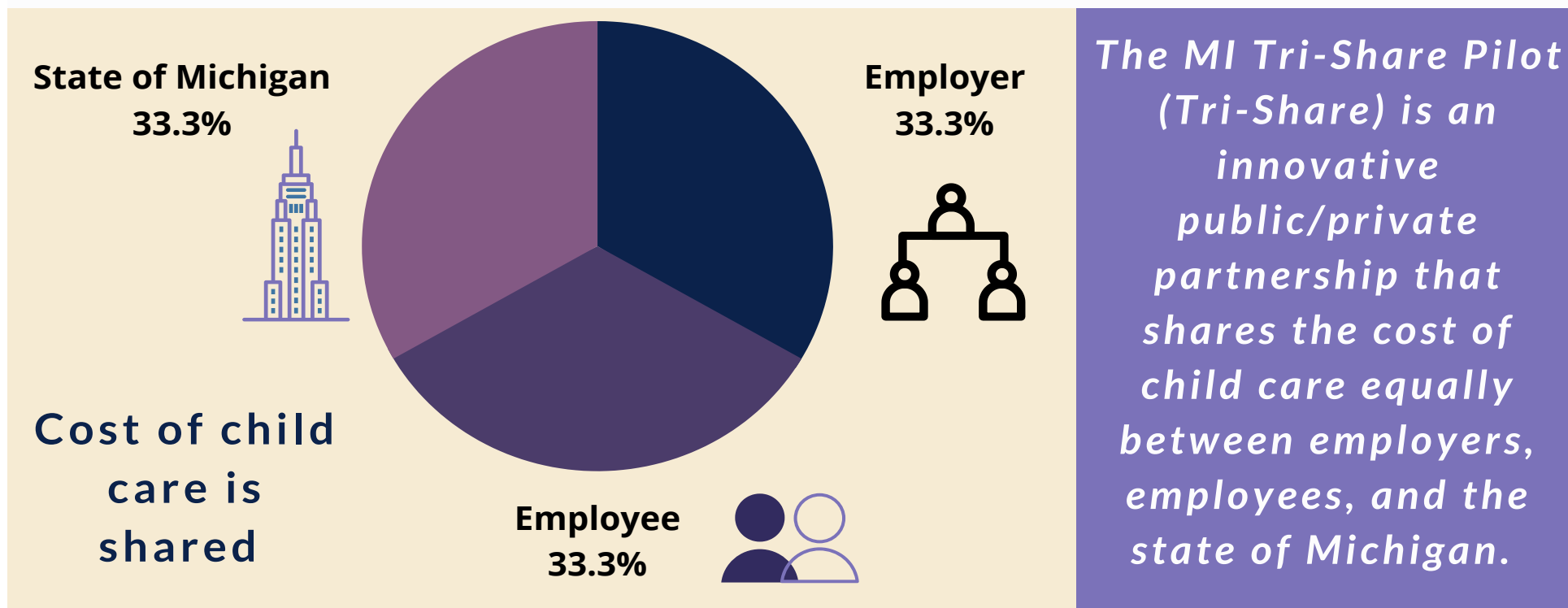
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MI Tri-Share CHILD CARE

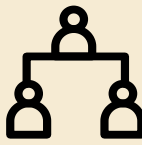



The MI Tri-Share Pilot (Tri-Share) is an innovative public/private partnership that shares the cost of child care equally between employers, employees, and the state of Michigan.


Overview

- **Tri-Share aims to:** (1) make child care affordable and accessible for working parents; (2) help employers retain and attract employees; and (3) help child care providers secure slots.
- Facilitator Hubs coordinate and administer the program in three regions currently representing the **Great Lakes Bay region, Northwest lower peninsula and Muskegon County.**
- Hubs serve as a **central liaison to facilitate connections** between employers, employees and providers.
- Eligible employees are those who are **Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE)** to alleviate one financial burden and remove a barrier to work.

Benefits

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For employers, Tri-Share hopes to aid employers recruit and retain talent, and remove barriers to employment
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For working parents, this will reduce the out-of-pocket cost of child care, and alleviate the burden of finding child care
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For providers, this pilot will secure slots for reliable payments of child care, as well as help with recruitment.

For more information, visit-
<https://www.michigan.gov/mwc>



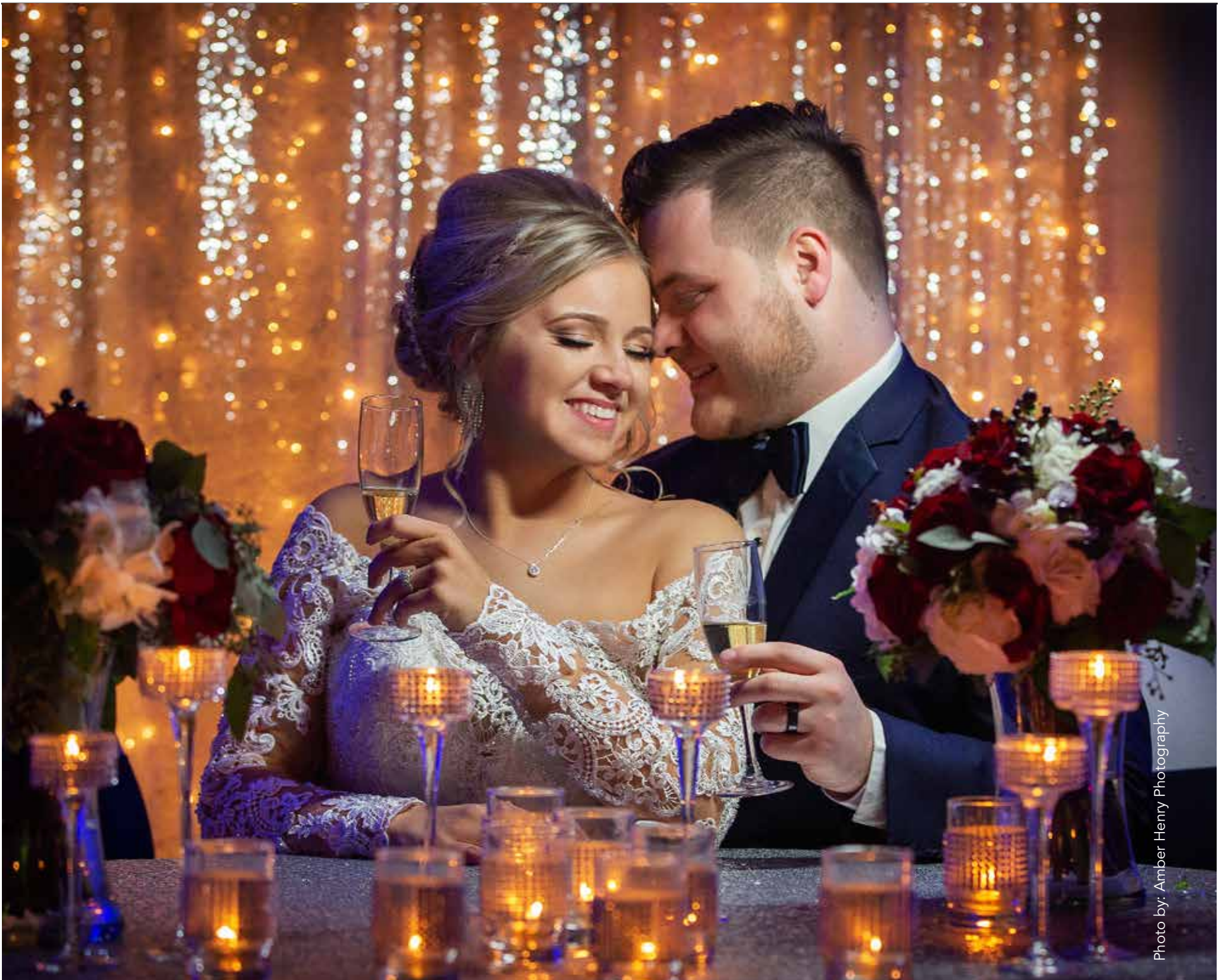


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What's for Halloween, Della?

By Dolores Grant-Fall, former Neighborhood House cook

Today we offer not only your traditional pumpkin pie, but also something to wash it down

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

- 1 3/4 cup cooked and mashed pumpkins
- 1 small can condense milk
- 1 egg beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger powder
- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1 nine-inch pie crust
- Orange food coloring optimal
- Fresh grated orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon mix essence

Instructions

Mix all ingredients together slowly, and add few drops of food coloring optimal. Pour mixture into pie crust and bake for 55 minutes at 375 degrees or to your desired color. When cool, serve with whipped cream

Caribbean Sorrel Punch

Ingredients

- 2 cups of sorrel buds
- 3 sticks of cinnamon
- Half tablespoon cloves
- Half tablespoon dry orange zest
- Half tablespoon grated ginger
- 2 cups of sugar
- 2 cups of boiling water
- Squeeze 2 fresh lemons
- 1/2 tablespoon grated ginger

Instructions

Pour hot water on everything, and allow to steep for about 2 hours. Then pour over ice and enjoy. One may also add a little brandy, rum or whatever hard liquor you like to it. It will make you feel like you are in the tropical island.



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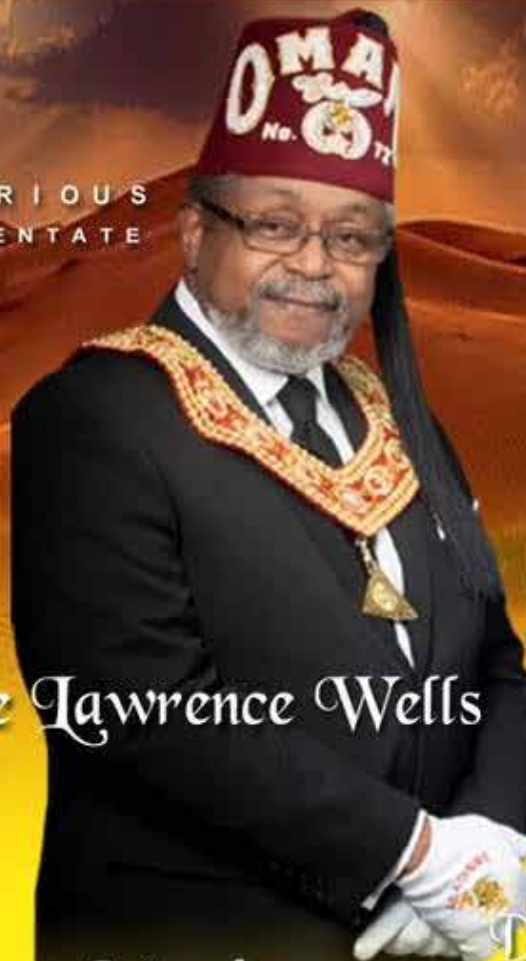


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2022 Oman Temple Joint Ball



The officers and members of Oman Temple No. 72 & Oman Court No. 132 cordially invite you to our joint Ball honoring Noble Lawrence Wells, Illustrious Commandress. This wondrous event will be held the weekend of Thursday, October 6th through Saturday, October 8th at the Auburn Hills Marriott located at Pontiac, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, Michigan 48431.

Hotel room rates have been secured at \$149.00 Queen Double/King, per night plus tax. When making reservations please call the hotel directly at 248-253-9800. All reservations must be made no later than Friday, September 16, 2022, to receive the appropriate room rate. All reservations are under the room block: Oman Joint Ball.

Tickets and virtual souvenir journal ads may be purchased online at www.houseofomanjointball.eventbrite.com. The donation for this all-inclusive weekend of festivities is \$85.00 per person and attire for this event is Winter Formal. You may also purchase tickets by contacting the Ball Chairman, Noble Cedric Nickson at 810-223-2987 or Dt. Holly Wilson at 810-919-1800.



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A historical account

By MB STAFF

History is defined as 'The study of past events, particularly in human affairs; the past; days of old; the whole series of past events connected with someone or something; and lastly, the continuous, typically chronological, record of important or public events of a particular trend or institution eg., for clarity a history of the labor movement.' One of the most dangerous movements in recent history is the undertaking of individuals and groups intent on the erasure of history. This effort includes wiping out evidence of the negative aspects of the past while simultaneously continuing to celebrate those aspects deemed socially acceptable and complimentary to those intentionally choosing not to recognize the need to develop an understanding of the experiences of all people. The most extreme position of this movement is the push to actually punish anyone who presents the facts of the past in public venues. It seems to be so flagrantly harmful to the growth of mankind that one tends to believe that it is an intentionally dishonest policy to support.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated, "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." Another example of this sincere ignorance is willful ignorance, the state and practice of ignoring any sensory input that appears to contradict one's inner model of reality or decency. Consider the old phrase, 'Burying your head in the sand like an ostrich'. No, the ostrich doesn't actually put their heads deep into the sand as we have imagined since childhood – they would suffocate. However, since they are flightless and vulnerable to many predators, they position themselves head down in such a fashion that they are camouflaged in the sand for safety. Burying our heads in the sand, willful ignorance to how we arrived at this moment in history will not enhance our well being or our ability to maintain public safety. History is a record of the past and will not cease to exist because we don't like it or disagree with it.

Sir Winston Churchill is credited with saying, "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." We must go a step beyond memorization of historical facts but actually learn from them. There are countless examples of simple, non controversial cases for use in an examination of how historical outcomes of human behaviors can and have saved lives:

Did you know that in 1900, 18 percent of all American workers were children under the age of 16? Historical data or facts illustrate that guidelines to establish and recognize the need for children's safety would take place only with outside intervention. Child labor laws, established in the late 1800's were launched to keep children safe, allow opportunities for education and to end the exploitation of their labor. Imagine banning the study of the history of this movement and returning to the exploitation of vulnerable children.

How about keeping kids safe in cars? I remember a parents outstretched arm serving as the emergency safety restraint. Historical data illustrated a need for something more scientific to save lives and reduce injuries. In the early 1970's, laws came into effect establishing the use of harnessed car seats for small children and seat belts for older children and adults.

Lastly, the study and resulting knowledge of historical facts related to the compromised safety and well-being of small children suffering from various forms of cancer resulting from second-hand smoke and older children from being smokers led to governmental intervention. The FDA issued a rule intended to prevent and reduce tobacco use by children. This ruling prohibited sales, outdoor advertising of tobacco products near schools or playgrounds, imposed more stringent advertising regulations, and prohibited brand-name sponsorship. In 1964, all products were required to carry a warning: "Caution: cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health and may cause death from cancer and other diseases." As recent as December 2019, legislation amending the FDA Cosmetic Act raised the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years making it illegal to sell any tobacco product to anyone under the age of 21. Again, studying the history of a product and its negative impact on people is critical to our safety and our future.

All three of these examples are intentionally innocuous – how can we debate the safety of children? Unfortunately, though, all three were met with harsh resistance – mainly from the groups or individuals who stood to profit from the status quo. Over time, however the need to protect and save lives triumphed over quests for power or profit. Understanding these historical battles supports efforts to maintain and enhance the safety of our children. History cannot be undone. It happened. Attempts to erase even the most egregious events will not make us stronger or wiser. It won't make us kinder or gentler. It must be processed and deemed healthy or unhealthy – in many instances plain old right or wrong. The healthy can be embraced and used as examples for the world to see - the world, of course includes our homes and community at large. With proper knowledge and understanding, the unhealthy and hate-filled elements of our past can be relegated to its rightful place – a scar still healing with everyone fully aware of the need to prevent its ability to rise again.

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SVSU to honor President Bachand and formally re-name Health & Human Services Building as 'Bachand Hall'

Saginaw Valley State University will formally re-name the Health and Human Services Building as "Bachand Hall" in a ceremony on Monday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will take place outdoors near the building on the campus of SVSU.

The 90,000-square-foot facility, which opened for classes in 2010, houses the Crystal M. Lange College of Health and Human Services.

The SVSU Board of Control in June approved the name change to honor Donald J. Bachand's dedicated service to the university. Bachand, who has served as SVSU's 4th president since 2014, will retire in December, capping more than 44 years of dedication. He joined SVSU in 1978 as

an assistant professor of criminal justice.

Two of Bachand's former students are returning to offer remarks: Ron Bacon, mayor of East Lansing; and Patrick McInnis, former CEO of Fathead LLC. Two recent graduates also will speak: Berenice Barba, who served as a graduate assistant in the President's office; and Imran Khan, who worked with Bachand on a variety of initiatives to serve SVSU's international students.

In addition, Rajkumari Wiener, vice chair of the SVSU Board of Control and an alumna; and Melissa Harper, Bachand's daughter, will speak. Vicki Rupp, chair of the Board of Control, will serve as master of ceremonies.



DONALD J. BACHAND

Lead Now 2022 kicks off with eight area professionals



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Eight area professionals will spend the next eight months honing their leadership skills through Lead Now Flint & Genesee. The introspective leadership development program, which is offered through Flint & Genesee Group, kicked off its ninth cohort Sept. 16.

"While the workforce landscape has changed drastically in recent years, the need for effective leaders remains a constant," said Brianna Mosier, director of Organizational Development at Flint & Genesee Group. "It's exciting to see a new cohort of leaders make the decision to invest in their development. By the time the program ends next spring, the cohort members, their employers and our com-

munity will be stronger because of it."

As part of the Lead Now program, each participant undergoes an in-depth leadership assessment to identify areas for development. They also participate in one-on-one coaching and monthly training sessions focused on creating a vision, developing followership, implementing said vision and achieving results.

Participants in the 2022-23 cohort work and/or live in Genesee County. They include:

- Corinthian Carouthers II (Flint), Creative Hair School of Cosmetology
- Chris Engle (Grand Blanc), Mott Community College
- Faith Groesbeck (Flint), City of Flint
- Brandy Moeller (Grand Blanc), Flint & Genesee Group
- Joyce Sanders (Flint), NorthGate
- Angi Scheidman (Pinckney), University of Michigan Credit Union
- Beth Warden (Fenton), University of Michigan Credit Union
- Jill White (Fenton), The State Bank

A key component of Lead Now is its community impact project, which allows the cohort members to put what they've learned into real-world practice. For example, the 2022 group worked with Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to address the volunteer shortage the local nonprofit experienced after temporarily pausing its volunteer program due to the coronavirus pandemic.

To identify this year's project, the program has issued a Request for Proposal, open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies in Genesee County. Project submissions for the 2022-23 RFP will be reviewed by the Lead Now alumni advisory committee and narrowed down to three finalists. These organizations will then present their project ideas to the Lead Now cohort in November. Following this session, the Lead Now cohort will select one organization to work with for the year.

To submit your proposed project, please complete this application and return via email to bmosier@flintandgenesee.org by or before by Oct. 28.

To learn more about Lead Now, visit flintandgenesee.org/leadnow.

Absentee ballots now available for Nov. 8 general election

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 8 general election are now being mailed to Michigan voters who requested them and are available in city and township clerk offices.

“Michigan citizens have options to vote, including the right to vote by mail, the right to vote early with an absentee ballot at their local clerk’s office, and the right to vote at their polling place on Election Day,” said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. “Every option is secure and all valid votes will be counted fairly and accurately thanks to the professional election officials and workers across the state.”

Michigan citizens voted overwhelmingly in 2018 to enshrine in our state Constitution the right to vote absentee without providing a reason. They also granted eligible citizens the right to register to vote up to and on Election Day at their local clerk’s office. Citizens can also register online, at Michigan.gov/Vote, or by mail through Oct. 24.

Additional election information



At Michigan.gov/Vote, eligible citizens can:

- Register to vote (through Oct. 24)
- Check their registration status
- Request an absentee ballot
- Find their local clerk’s office location, hours, contact information, and absentee ballot drop box locations
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General election information is available at Michigan.gov/Elections and commonly misunderstood election topics are explained at Michigan.gov/SOSFactCheck.

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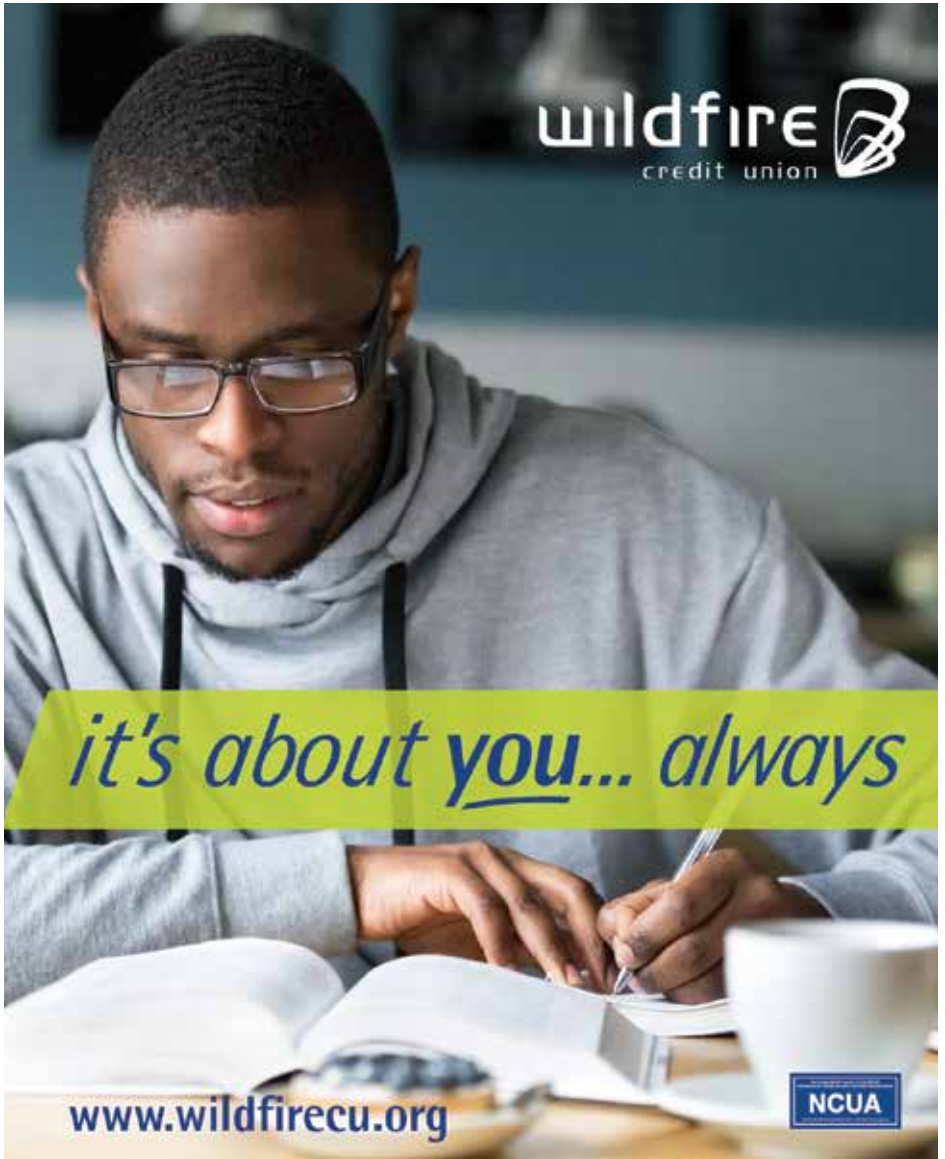
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DNMM, DOW, and Saginaw ISD partner to create disability awareness literacy program

A new partnership between Dow, Disability Network of Mid-Michigan (DNMM) and the Saginaw ISD seeks to promote disability awareness by providing books to elementary students.

Through an interactive reading program, the Disability Awareness Literacy Program (DALP) intends to foster awareness and education, helping break the stigmas about people with disabilities.

“Our goal is to start conversations about disabilities with children at a young age,” said Kelly PeLong, Executive Director of DNMM. “We hope to get students thinking about disability as a natural part of the human condition, to teach acceptance and inclusion, and to increase thinking about diversity.”

The Saginaw ISD was selected as the first partner for this initiative because its Special Education Department provides academic and functional achievement programming for

more than 5,500 students with exceptionalities. Other school districts in the region will later have the opportunity to participate. Each child and classroom will receive a book with their choice of disability topic, a packet of activities related to the book, and a volunteer to read to the class. Dow will also donate books to the school library so students can continue to explore these critical topics on their own.

“We are excited to be a part of this collaboration,” said Bart Maxon, Senior Scientist for Dow’s Home & Personal Care business and North American Disability Employee Network (DEN) Leader. DEN is one of ten employee resource groups (ERG) at the company. “The goal is to distribute books throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region that depict people with disabilities in a positive light so children with disabilities can see themselves represented and that children without disabilities see

disabilities as part of their normal world.”

The literacy program is funded through Dow’s ALL IN ERG Fund, which aims to help Dow become the most inclusive materials science company in the world by harnessing the passion and expertise of our ERGs. Through this Fund, ERG participants are encouraged to apply for funding to support external partnerships with organizations that help build more inclusive communities where Dow people live and work. Since the ALL IN ERG Fund launched in 2019, it has supported 37 projects in 20 different countries totaling \$800K in investments.

The Disability Awareness Literacy Program will distribute books at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. If you have questions about the program, or want to sign up, please email bookprogram@dnmm.org.

Pit & Balcony Community Theatre opens 91st season with The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

Pit & Balcony’s 91st season opens on October 7th with *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* which will run two weekends through October 16th.

Adapted from the best-selling books by Rick Riordan, *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* introduces us to Percy Jackson, the half-blood son of a Greek god, who has newly discovered powers he can’t control, a destiny he doesn’t want, and a mythology textbook’s worth of monsters on his trail. This popular production started by touring schools and libraries and quickly made its way to an off-Broadway run and finally enjoyed a stint on Broadway which closed in January 2020.

Pit & Balcony’s production features a cast of seven - most of whom play multiple roles throughout the performance - original puppets created by local designer Katie MacLean-Peters, and marks Dave Ryan’s first production in the Director’s chair at Pit & Balcony.

“What I love about this play is that it’s really about a young kid coming to terms with situations he’s put into,” says Dave. “The cen-



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tral theme in this production is around this idea of finding your inner strength and realizing your self-worth separate from your circumstances. For folks who love young adult fantasy & literature the Percy Jackson series is right up there with Harry Potter.”

In addition to the regularly scheduled run, the community theatre will also pres-

ent a free daytime performance to over 270 area middle and high school students.

“We try to present at least one performance each season to students in the Great Lakes Bay Region,” says Managing Director, Amy Spadafore. “Afterward, we host a talkback with the students to discuss the show’s themes, artistic careers, and the importance of the arts and community involvement. For many of these students, this will be their first and only experience with the performing arts.”

Performances of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* run October 7-9 and 14-16. Friday and Saturday showings will begin at 7:30pm and Sunday’s performances will begin at 3:00pm.

Ticket information, including youth and group pricing, can be found on Pit & Balcony’s website, www.PitAndBalconyTheatre.com or by calling the box office at (989)754-6587.

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As seen on 60 Minutes...Saginaw Promise welcomes keynote speaker Pete Kadens to its annual “Power of a Promise” luncheon fundraiser in October

As seen on 60 Minutes, Pete Kadens brings his mission and powerful message to Saginaw to serve as keynote speaker for Saginaw Promise’s annual “Power of a Promise” Luncheon Fundraiser on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at Horizons Conference Center (Saginaw) 11:30 to 1:15 PM --doors open at 11 AM. Pete Kadens is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, millionaire and founder of “Hope Chicago”; his mission is to change lives, communities and their economies by working to eliminate barriers to higher education. Pete and “Hope Chicago” have committed to funding higher education and wrap around services for 30,000 Chicago students and their parents to attain higher education! The “Power of a Promise” luncheon will showcase Saginaw Promise program achievements, outcomes, scholars, include musical entertainment and a delicious meal.



PETE KADENS

Since 2012, the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$1,072,000 in scholarships to 609 students. The Saginaw Promise believes in the power of postsecondary education to affect the future of Saginaw, its econo-

my and quality of life for its families and students, which will reap benefits for the entire Great Lakes Bay Region. The Saginaw Promise is working to assist students through information, programming and a “last dollar” scholarship to pursue postsecondary education. When “hope” is present, dreams and goals flourish. Since its formation, the Saginaw Promise has seen high school graduation rates increase, drop-out rates decrease, FAFSA completion grow and Saginaw Promise scholars earn program certificates and degrees! “Power of a Promise” proceeds will help fund Saginaw Promise programming and Scholarships.

Sponsorships and promotional opportunities are available! For tickets, sponsorships and recognition opportunities, visit www.saginawpromise.org or for questions, contact Deborah Sanchez at (989)755-0545 or by email dsanchez@saginawpromise.org.

Community Leadership Awards

Friday, October 21, 2022 11:30-1:30 Horizons Conference Center

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Great Lakes Bay Health Centers-Old Town celebrating grand opening at 700 Court Street

Great Lakes Bay Health Centers (GLBHC) is celebrating the opening of its brand new health center at 700 Court Street in Saginaw with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony and open house at 3:30 pm on Thursday, Oct. 27. The first patient will receive services at the center on Friday, Oct. 28.

The new building was constructed by Shaheen Development to provide 30,000 square feet of space dedicated to health

services for anyone seeking care, regardless of their insurance coverage. The new building features warm and welcoming spaces for children and adults, with large windows and state of the art design.

“Shaheen Development is excited to be involved in this transformational and important project for the Old Town Saginaw community. We are grateful to the leadership of the Great Lakes Bay Health Cen-

ters for their vision and commitment to the health and well-being of the residents of the Great Lakes Bay Region,” said Peter Shaheen, Vice President Shaheen Development.

Primary medical care and OB-GYN services are relocating from space at 804 S. Hamilton to better serve the growing needs of the community. Multiple services will be available at this one convenient location – including Women, Infant and Children nutrition program and breastfeeding support, Maternal Infant Health Program, Eye Care, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, and more.

“I am excited for this opportunity to better provide much needed services for our patients and our community through this partnership to continue to change lives because we care!” said Dr. Brenda Coughlin, President and CEO of Great Lakes Bay Health Centers.

Some services at the new location will phase in for patients over the next several months. Residents from Central Michigan University College of Medicine will work at the new health center, alongside GLBHC healthcare providers, as part of the Family Medicine and OB-GYN residency programs.

The mission of Great Lakes Bay Health Centers is to provide excellent health care to individuals and communities, especially those who are underserved, uninsured or underinsured. The services provided are sensitive to the needs of the community, are not based on ability to pay and are offered without regard to criteria such as race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. GLBHC is one of the largest community health centers in the state. It is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center operating in 32 different locations throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond, providing medical, behavioral health and dental care to everyone regardless of their insurance coverage.

Saginaw County Health Department hosts first Naloxone vending machine in Great Lakes Bay Region

A Naloxone vending machine was installed recently at the Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD). It is the first of its kind within the Great Lakes Bay Region and a vital tool to address the opioid crisis and the stigma of substance use.

At no charge, the vending machine dispenses: 1) fentanyl test strips to detect the presence of fentanyl in street drugs, and 2) Naloxone (also known as Narcan), a life-saving opioid overdose reversal tool that bystanders can use to revive an individual long enough to get paramedics on the scene. These products are free to anyone — no questions asked and no identification required -- Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. -5 p.m., in the SCHD lobby, 1600 N. Michigan Avenue in Saginaw.

“Overdose deaths are a growing public health concern,” says Christina Harrington, MPH, SCHD health officer, pointing to the 299% increase in opioid-related deaths in Michigan since 2011. “In 2020, 2,171 Michiganders died by opioid overdose – 55 in Saginaw County alone,” she notes. “Improving access to life-saving supplies by housing this vending machine in our building is an easy yes for us!”

The vending machine and its contents are designed for anyone, including friends, family, and community who know or interact with someone at risk for opioid overdose including those:

- Taking high doses of opioids as prescribed for pain
- Living with opioid use disorder
- Misusing opioids prescribed for others or using illicit opioids like heroin or fentanyl

The vending machine project is part of an ongoing partnership between SCHD and the CAREring Quick Response Team (made up of the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Ten16 Recovery Network, Mobile Medical Response and other partners). Program support for the vending machine was funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



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“This is an incredible opportunity to get help and hope into the hands of not just people who use opioids or other substances, but every community member,” said Andrea Foster, chief of staff and director for program development, opioid response with the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance. “Naloxone is vital to battling the opioid crisis and lethal doses of fentanyl are turning up in more and more substances. You never know when you may need to save a life.”

Saginaw now joins Ann Arbor, Jackson and several northern communities offering free Narcan and fentanyl test strips from a vending machine.

The installation comes shortly after other local efforts to raise awareness about harm reduction including:

- The four-story mural on the side of the health department building inspired by a local recovery group.

- A new syringe exchange program called Room 202 on the second floor of SCHD.
- Launch of BWell Saginaw, a multi-organization public health initiative focused on mental health/substance use, obesity/chronic disease management, and maternal/child health.

Additional grant funds may be used for additional naloxone vending machines. Those interested in installing a vending machine in Bay or Saginaw counties may contact Andrea Foster for more information at a.foster@mihia.org.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please call SAMHSA's 24-hour hotline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). If you would like more information about the CAREring Quick Response Team or local resources available, please email Info@care-ring.org.



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SVSU's new Cardinal Closet supports students with free professional attire

Saginaw Valley State University recently celebrated the grand opening of the Cardinal Closet, a new initiative led by the Career Services office that allows students to obtain professional attire at no cost.

The Cardinal Closet is one of several programs offered through Career Services that seeks to eliminate barriers and prepare SVSU students to enter the talent pipeline. Now, in addition to resume building and interview preparation, students can visit the office to update their professional wardrobe for interviewing and entering the job market.

All students at SVSU may receive one full outfit from the Cardinal Closet – including a coat, shirt, pants or skirt, and shoes – completely free of charge. The items available have been donated and

come in all sizes, and Career Services personnel are available to offer styling advice.

The Cardinal Closet accepts donations of gently used professional attire from anyone in the community.

Perhaps the most striking element of the Cardinal Closet is its layout, which resembles a boutique or thrift store. This trendy design comes from SVSU student Mikayla Wrobel, a social work major from Garden City. Wrobel's goal was to create a casual atmosphere where interested students can come to browse clothing options.

"Mostly everything that you have seen in the room has come from my vision," said Wrobel. "I looked at boutiques near Saginaw and that made it easier to know what I wanted to see for the Cardinal Closet."

Wrobel hopes that the Cardinal Closet will appeal to all types of students, regardless of need.

"I hope that the students notice how open it is and notice how we have all sizes for each and every one of the students on campus," said Wrobel. "I want the students to be comfortable coming in here and finding what they are looking for when they walk into the closet."

The Cardinal Closet is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Wickes Hall 268. To donate clothes to the Cardinal Closet, please contact cardinalcloset@svsu.edu. To make a monetary contribution, please visit the Cardinal Closet donation page.

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Vice president of student empowerment and success

Chad Inabinet joined Delta College, as the new vice president of student empowerment and success, on August 29.

Inabinet brings 20 years of experience in higher education, including serving as dean of student services for 13 years at West Shore Community College in Ludington, MI. There, he worked across departments to build an effective and widely-used early alert system, developed support services for students organized around academic pathways and worked on a variety of projects with external partners to provide students with resources for their everyday lives.

“I am excited Chad has joined our Delta team,” said President Dr. Michael Gavin. “He exhibits a deep understanding of the challenges our students face, the importance of relevant data and is a leader who exhibits the compassion and team-building skills needed to reach our goals.”

“From the first moment I engaged with Delta College through the application and interview process, I was impressed with the integrity and collaboration of the leadership team and staff; and that continues



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today as I work with so many talented educators and leaders throughout the work week,” Inabinet said. “With a campus culture, such as Delta’s, I am confident we will improve upon and increase services for our students to new levels; greatly increasing the likelihood of success for all students through effective wrap-around

services.”

Inabinet is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Higher Education Leadership at Western Michigan University, and also holds a master’s in counseling from Spring Arbor University and bachelor’s in biology from Lake Superior State University.

Michigan College Access Network (MCAN)



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

In this article I want to share an online resource, free of charge, that may be of benefit for students, parents, teachers, and counselors who are in the process of applying to colleges and seeking scholarships.

The resource is called the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN). Its website is full of resources that could make a difference; I will offer three to give you an idea of what is available.....I urge you to

visit their website to see what I mean: micollegeaccess.org.

Webinars. There are dozens of online “webinars” for most of our colleges & universities and other organizations that work with students getting ready for college. Their purpose is to give admissions representatives a chance to offer updates and insights. For example, the next one scheduled is for October 4th and will give tips for students in seeking letters of recommendation for their college application. These webinars are recorded and keep on their website for three months afterwards to watch after they have been held. Terrific resources, cost-free.

College Access Virtual Assistant (CAVA). This is particularly exciting because it utilizes technology. It is a text-based “bot” that connects viewers with a bank of resources. Since it is online, it is on demand and available when needed.

24/7.

I tried it myself and found it to be user-friendly. Again, it is cost-free.

Email updates. Again, at no cost, one can sign up for frequent updates about all thing’s college through a free newsletter you can receive by email. That way any changes that might be made can be told to you soon after they are in place.

I believe MCAN is a great cost-free resource for students, parents, and teachers who are looking at any post-secondary education, including college and university educational pathways.

Resource:

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Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) initial information for potential community partners

What is GSRP?

GSRP is Michigan's state funded Pre-K program. It serves children who meet income and/or other criteria in the year before they are eligible for Kindergarten. All classrooms use an approved research-based curriculum and comprehensive child assessment tool. Each classroom has a lead and associate teacher who meet credentials specified in the State School Aid Act. Parents are involved in the program in multiple ways. The program operates in part and school-day options. More can be learned about program requirements at: www.michigan.gov/gsrp.

Who can be a GSRP provider?

GSRP is provided in sites licensed as child care centers. They may have either a regular license or a provisional license as a new or relocated center. Those with one of these types of provisional license

must agree to submit a Self-Assessment Survey in the Great Start to Quality (GSQ) system as soon as the regular license is issued. Centers with licenses that have been modified to provisional status are not eligible. All centers that have eligible licenses must also have at least a three star rating in GSQ.

Would I have to meet all program requirements to be chosen as a GSRP provider?

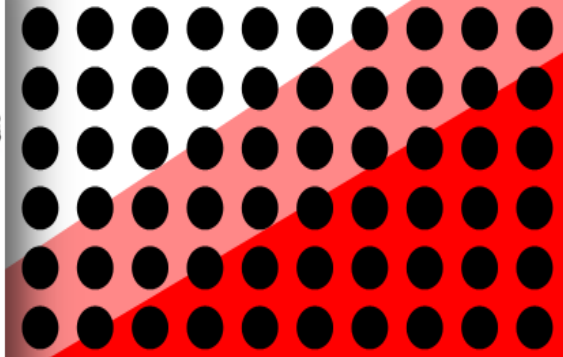
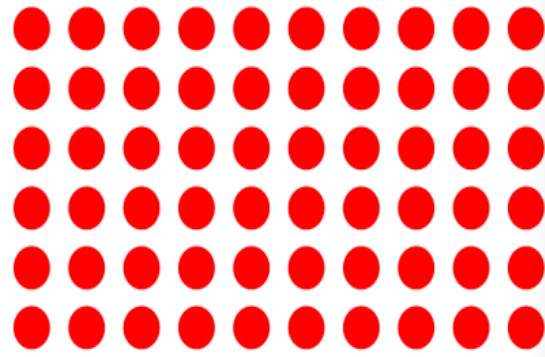
No, but if funded, you will be expected to hire qualified staff and have staff trained in the curriculum and assessment tools. You will have to operate in compliance with child care licensing rules and GSRP statute, policies and procedures. You would also have the support of a Saginaw Intermediate School District Early Childhood Specialist to implement a program that meets requirements.

Are there any other criteria and what do I have to do to apply?

Once additional funds are identified, you will receive an application to be completed.

If I want my center to be considered in the future what can I do?

Complete the GSQ Self-Assessment Survey to be star rated. Take advantage of all opportunities and support that the local GSQ Resource Center has to offer (contact Julie Bash at bashj@sisd.cc). Join the Great Start Collaborative (contact Julie Kozan at jkozan@sisd.cc). Let your SISD Early Childhood Contact, Ericka M. Taylor (etaylor@sisd.cc) know of your ongoing interest. There may be professional development that you can take part in as you prep for next year's application process.



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What are the guiding principles for the MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot program?

The following principles will consistently be used in decision making around the implementation of the MI Tri-Share pilot program:

- Choice of provider(s) will be made by the employee.
- Limit the burden to employers and providers in determining employee eligibility by requiring hubs to determine eligibility.
- Help ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) eliminate barriers to employment.

Who is responsible to pay for child care using the MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot model?

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program, in its pilot phase, is an innovative approach to increasing access to high quality, affordable child care for working families, with the cost of child care shared by an employer, the employee and the State of Michigan. In all cases, child care costs must be divided equally between the employer, employee and the State.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. What are the employee eligibility requirements?

Employee eligibility will be determined based on the employee's family size and household income. Employees must have a household income between 186%-285% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Employees must not be eligible for the Development and Care Program (commonly referred to as child care subsidy). Once an employee is deemed eligible, they are eligible for the entire year of the pilot.

2. How is eligibility determined?

Hubs will gather income data and determine final eligibility of employee.

3. Are employees eligible if they have seasonal work?

Seasonal income is considered contractual income if it is income meant to cover the other six months when not working. In this instance, you would take the income for six months and determine monthly income based on the year.

4. What is the process for determining which employees are eligible for child care slots?

Employers have flexibility in deciding which

family will receive a child care slot. Possible ways to make this determination include:

- First come, first serve process
- Employee lottery/random selection
- Employee needs (i.e., closest to 186% FPL)
- Each family receives one child care slot/
Family receives multiple child care slots

5. How many child care slots are employees eligible for?

Employers have flexibility in deciding how many child care slots should be offered to participating employees and their families. Possible ways to make this determination include:

- Each participating family receives one slots
- Participating families receive multiple slots based on how many children need care
- Participating families receive one or multiple slots based on greatest need

6. Can child care providers and employees outside the designated regions participate in the Tri-Share program?

Eligible employees may reside outside the designated region of the hub.

7. Do employees choose their own child care provider?

Employees are encouraged to select a licensed child care provider that meets their needs, this includes an existing child care provider (so long as they are currently licensed). Employees may utilize before and after care for schoolagers, summer care for schoolagers, and part-time and full-time child care for their children.

8. Can children be placed at multiple child care providers, if the employer has more than one child care spot given to their family?

Families do not have to have the same provider for all children to participate in the Tri-Share program. Family choice of care is a guiding principle in this pilot.

9. Are there additional responsibilities of the employees enrolled in the MI Tri-Share program?

Eligible employees must complete a survey providing information around their children and child care. The information gathered through this survey will be used in informing future policies related to the work of this pilot. Personal information (like names or child names) will not be shared with any person outside the work of the project. Employees also must sign and follow any type of MOU or contract put forth by the participating hub.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Is there flexibility for providers to increase rates based on their participation in the program?

No, child care providers will not increase rates for families because they are participating in the MI Tri-Share pilot. This does not include when child care rates for all families increase (based on annual tuition increase, cost of living, etc.).

2. Can child care providers outside the designated regions participate in the MI Tri-Share program?

Eligible child care providers may reside outside the designated region of the hub.

3. What type of child care facilities are eligible to participate in the pilot?

All participating child care providers must be licensed by the state of Michigan. Before and after school care, summer care, and part or full time care are acceptable forms of child care for this pilot.

4. Can a child care provider who offers free child care to staff (as part of a benefit package) participate as an employer in this pilot?

In all cases, the cost of child care must be divided equally between the employer, employee and the State of Michigan. If an employee does not contribute to the costs of child care, then the employer (in this case the child care provider) would not be eligible to participate in the pilot.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Are there additional responsibilities of employers when they are enrolled in the MI Tri Share program?

Employees must sign and adhere to any type of MOU or contract put forth by the participating hub. Employers will be asked to participate in data collection processes implemented by the evaluation team. These may include, but are not limited to, focus groups, surveys, interviews etc. Employers should be willing to actively participate in gathering this information, to the best of their ability.

2. Can tax deductions be used by participating employers?

There may be possible deductions for employers, please always consult with your tax professional/advisor if you have questions related to tax deductions.



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For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: www.saginawheadstart.org

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What can I do?

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

There's no need to feel overwhelmed by the challenges facing our communities.

The best antidote to despair is action and that's exactly what is happening with All For 1 Kennels Club. They are bringing together kids, their dogs (otherwise known as "furbabies"), and the adults in their lives. It's all about building community, strengthening relationships, and taking care of each other.

Here's the story of the community dog shows that Ruben Daniels, one of the founders of All For 1 Kennels Club and his friends and family are creating. "We aim to help kids and give them something positive to do. With our last show we aimed towards giving the kids knowledge by having a trainer show them what to do with their

dogs in the ring, as well as giving out free hot dogs chips and water to the kids. We also had a barber offer \$5 haircuts and we passed out school supplies to all kids that showed up," Daniels shared. "Our next show is dedicated to having trainers work with the kids and their dogs as well as offer free food and coats for the kids. We have a special part dedicated to the Jr. Handlers, which is a group for kids."

Daniels and his team use their resources to meet a need and create joy. "The furbabies that attend are well behaved and friendly and their humans all seem to have a good time laughing and smiling while meeting new people. One of the best things is seeing the kids and community having fun and being positive." They keep the dog shows safe and fun, attracting mostly children, their fathers and their furbabies. "I believe their experience is good. They get to meet new people and experience something new while getting to see everyone come together with common goals and of all nationalities," Daniels reflects.

"My family and friends are a huge support. They love being a part of the shows

and getting to see something so positive transpire," Daniels shared. "Our vision is to be able to have our own facility to train the kids and give them something positive to do. We teach kids to bulldog, not to bully." Here's the text they always include in their promo pieces: "No aggressive dogs or people." They help make sure kids have school supplies and winter coats. Their bigger goal is to obtain a facility of their own so there is a safe space for kids for dog training and shows. If you're close to Toledo, Ohio you can come out and show support: wherever you are you can donate to the cause. Email Daniels and his team at AllFor1KennelsClub@gmail.com or follow them on the All For 1 Kennels Club page on Facebook. Daniels and his team are just like you: they are busy doing something to change the world for the better. They are readers of FUNdraising Good Times who reached out to share their story with us. We look forward to learning about your work. Until next week, have a FUNdraising Good Time!



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Saginaw Spirit announce leadership group for 2022-23 season

SAGINAW, MI – The Saginaw Spirit Hockey Club is proud to announce their leadership group for the 2022-23 Ontario Hockey League season.

Buffalo Sabres prospect Josh Bloom has been named the 22nd captain in the history of the team. The 19-year-old from Oakville, Ontario enters his third season with the Spirit after being drafted in the second round, 30th overall, in the 2019 OHL Priority Selection Draft. In 121 career games with the Spirit, Bloom has scored 75 points (36 goals – 39 assists). Bloom enjoyed a breakout season during the 2021-22 campaign, scoring 61 points (30 goals – 31 assists) for second most on the club. His seven shorthanded goals tied a single-season franchise record set by Dylan Sadowy (2014-15) and D.J. Busdcker (2019-20).

Saginaw native Mitchell Smith has been named an alternate captain for the second year in a row. The overage defenseman has appeared in 124 career games, scoring 66 points (23 goals – 43 assists). Smith and teammate Pavel Mintyukov became the first Spirit defensive duo to score 50 or more points in a single season since Patrick McNeill (58) and Andrew Hotham (52) did it during the 2006-07 regular season. Smith participated in NHL Training Camp with the San Jose Sharks this summer.

Dean Loukus will be the other full-time alternate captain for the Spirit this season. The Calumet, Michigan native had a stand-out rookie campaign in 2021-22, scoring 51 points (22 goals – 29 assists) in 64 games. Loukus had a very unique way of scoring his first OHL goal, as his second and third

OHL tallies came in the same game back on October 24, 2021 in Erie.

The Spirit third alternate captain will be split between the white and blue jerseys. T-Bone Codd will wear the “A” on the white jersey and Brayden Hislop will wear the “A” on the blue jersey.

Codd, 19, missed most of last season due to surgery, appearing in only 16 regular season games. Codd recently attended the 2022 NHL Prospect Tournament representing the St. Louis Blues.

Hislop, 19, was acquired in a trade with Owen Sound last season and signed with the Spirit in November 2021. The physical defenseman scored 14 points (4 goals -10 assists) in 42 games for the Spirit last season.



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MHSAA Sportsmanship Summits to be presented for first time since 2019

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Sportsmanship Summit series will return this fall to be conducted for the first time since 2019, again focusing on sportsmanship both on and off the field of play.

The MHSAA has conducted Sportsmanship Summits across Michigan for more than 20 years, and this year's series kicks off Nov. 7 in Marquette and finishes Nov. 16 in Ypsilanti.

MHSAA staff, with assistance from school administrators and the MHSAA Student Advisory Council, conduct Sportsmanship Summits. More than 800 students are expected to take part in the four workshops, where they will discuss the line that separates good from bad sportsmanship, both as athletes during competition and when it comes to cheering at athletic events.

Workshop sessions will feature hands-on activities including one session developed and instructed by members of the Student Advisory Council. At the end of

the day the delegation from each participating school will meet to develop a school sportsmanship campaign. Breakouts at each Summit also provide a great opportunity for student sections to learn about appropriate student section behavior. There will be information for the veteran student sections, as well as guides for schools that want to start their own organized student sections for the first time.

"Winning is great, but good sportsmanship helps develop habits that can be used well beyond the playing field," said MHSAA assistant director Andy Frushour, the lead Sportsmanship Summits presenter. "A lively student section can create a fun and exciting atmosphere at games, but we want to make sure students don't take this a step too far. The Summits are a great way to learn from other schools around the state."

Sessions will take place at the following:

- Marquette – Nov. 7 – NMU

Northern Center – 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

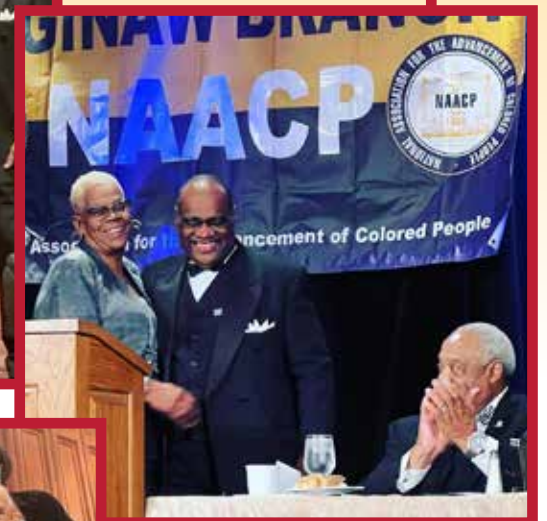
- Saginaw – Nov. 9 – SVSU Conference Center – 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Grand Rapids – Nov. 14 – Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel – 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Ypsilanti – Nov. 16 – Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest – 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration at each site is limited to the first 225 students and administrators. Schools are welcome to bring as many as 10 total representatives, including two administrators. For additional registration information, contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA office – afrushour@mhsaa.com or (517) 332-5046. Registration information also is available on the MHSAA Website.



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The 51st NAACP Freedom Fund Celebration was held on September 25, 2022 and featured keynote speaker Vincent Evans, Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus



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