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MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

Good Trouble – Winning The ‘Movable Middle’

As a lifelong resident, I have witnessed and shared in the growth and development of Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region. I have seen great people, businesses, churches, and schools come and go. As an entrepreneur, I have owned several businesses and even relocated a couple of times to launch businesses in other states. For almost two decades now, I have stood at the helm of the Michigan Banner overseeing the creation and printed copies of the first edition all the way to its current and fabulous presence online! What a journey this has been. Thanks to all of you, it continues to be a successful venture with plans to continue to provide positive and informative news for many years to come. I must admit though, that I found owning and operating barber shops equally fulfilling. As in all well-established shops, the barbers, the patrons, and others all came together and provided a rich and vibrant service which helps to sustain the community. So... ‘Good Trouble’, barber shops, and the movable middle. How do we connect these three concepts which at a glance have little in common? Let’s explore the notion that they have, in fact been very much interrelated for generations.



We have devoted several editorials to the concept of ‘Good Trouble’ with just a few more in the que after this edition. Good Trouble involves but certainly is not limited to standing up, sitting down, speaking up or being a silent presence in the struggle to address or seek redress on matters of civil, social and/or social justice and equality. Speaking truth to power and holding civic/community leaders and elected officials accountable to their responsibilities and spoken promises are forms of ‘Good Trouble’. Remember Civil Rights icon and Georgia State Representative John Lewis’ (February 21, 1940 – July 17, 2020), use of the phrase helped to develop our understanding of the necessity to take a stand for right even when the stakes are high. He risked his life many times in his unwavering belief that this was his and is also our collective duty.

The moveable middle is comprised of consumers – just people like you and me who are neither very likely nor very unlikely to make a purchase. We haven’t studied a position on a topic, the value of a particular product, or even a person well enough to make an informed decision and may respond favorably to someone who has.

The barber shop has long been an essential part of the community. This is not to in any way diminish the value and significance of the salons – however I can speak with firsthand knowledge and experience of the valuable communication that occurs each day in the shops. The shops provided a unique social function. It was not uncommon for a man to spend several hours on a Saturday afternoon before and/or after his hair had been cut. The shops were respectable establishments. You watched your language if a child or a Pastor was present. Professionals were endearingly addressed by their title in front of their first names and held in high esteem. The community was present and collectively proud of their accomplishments. The debates were profound. Opinions were weighed equally – degrees didn’t carry more weight than life experience. High school athletes were akin to professional stars and their opinions mattered – they really mattered. Current events were heavily debated, and nothing was off limits. Race, religion, politics, police, and other topics best left alone in the workplace were discussed with passion and left on the table until next time. Sometimes we just talked sports but with more knowledge than any coach in the professional arenas. No one left the shop holding a grudge. Barbers were trusted confidants and gave advice – not always good advice – on marriage, child rearing, medical concerns – nothing was off limits.

The barber shop also provided young boys a rite of passage. They listened and learned. They were privy to conversations beyond their level of understanding, but they were proud to be among men who treated one another with dignity and respect. Clearly, my fond memories of mine and the other shops are meaningful to me. The shops often took up collections to provide funding and support to families in need, political causes, and other community needs. It is the political conversations that bring us to the intersection of ‘Good Trouble, the moveable middle and the barber shop.

Courageous conversations were held on a regular basis. Community concerns were discussed openly, and names were used without fear of retribution. Elected officials were discussed and judged based upon their works – not just their words and decisions to support or reconsider continued support were made based upon truth. After very hearty or heated debate, the moveable middle folks often took a position. Not always the wisest position, as I recall but they got involved. There are critical issues facing our community today – literally life and death concerns are being given less time and consideration than what stars wore to the latest award ceremony. This is my clarion call to the owners of barber shops and salons, leaders in the faith community, small business owners who have an audience, the seniors and retirees who meet for coffee and those of us with the ability to keep the community informed of the facts through print: we must engage in the business of change by holding one another and our leaders accountable for getting the job done. Leaders at the local, state, and federal levels will respond to our voices. Just as we did in the shops years ago and continue to do today, we must educate ourselves on topics of importance, make informed decisions based on the good of the community and share the reasoning with the young and those who are not yet bound to positions that are not in their best interest (i.e., the moveable middle). Let’s go Saginaw/Great Lakes Bay Region. We have work to do.

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Did You Know?

Most month-long observances start on the 1st of the month. So why does Hispanic Heritage Month start on September 15th?

September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico's independence day comes just one day later on September 16th, and Chile's falls on September 18th.



EMPTY WARWICK LIVING CENTER WILL TURN INTO A TEMPORARY IMMIGRATION SHELTER

Alma pro-immigration leaders face recalls

By MIKE THOMPSON

A foursome of Alma City Commissioners showed the political courage to support a temporary federal shelter for male teenage refugees who are blocked at the Mexico border, and now they may pay a price.

Opponents of the waystation, angered at a 4-2 vote to rezone in favor of the Bethany Christian Services proposal, have launched recall campaigns under the flag of the Gratiot County Republican Party

Vice-Mayor Roxann Harrington, along with members Audra Stahl and Nick Piccolo, are at risk of losing their seats. Roger Allman is protected because he is in his first year, while Mayor Greg Mapes abstained from the vote.

A former nursing home will offer 36 beds for stays that will average 40 days, or until foster care or adoptive homes are made available for refugees fleeing their war-torn Central American homelands.

Recall petitioners must gather signatures from at least 700 registered voters.

Opponents dominated summer meet-

ings that drew as many as 400 residents. They aired fears that many of the teen refugees, arriving separately from their parents, would bring crime, gang activity and possible covid infestation. Citizens in favor, along with out-of-town civil rights activists, responded that they perceived a backdrop of ethnic bias.

The controversy received a few splashes of national media attention, including on NPR Radio and on the pages of the Houston Chronicle. However, none of the commissioners responded to a Michigan Banner survey for this report, including the two opponents, Michelle Pitts and Danny Wernick.

Gratiot County's GOP chair and top recall leader is Chuck Murphy. He also was chair of the Alma Planning Commission, which had advised against approval for Bethany, and he resigned in protest after the City Commission action on Sept. 14, saying his planning panel's review was disregarded.

Readers who wish to keep up with news of the recall effort may Google search for "Alma recall" or "Alma immigration" or "Alma Bethany."

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Delta's Hispanic Heritage celebration continues

By MIKE THOMPSON

A film about two brothers who are at risk of being deported, and a discussion with the documentary's director, highlight Delta College's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

A public showing of "American Exile," is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 in the main campus Lecture Theater and online via Zoom. A discussion will follow with John Valadez, director, producer and writer. Registration is required at go.delta.edu/americanexile.

The film tells the story of two Vietnam War veterans who are transformed into activists, helping to change the lives of veterans and their families across the nation. Valadez, professor of practice for Michigan State University, is a Peabody Award-winning filmmaker who has directed a dozen nationally broadcast films for PBS and CNN.

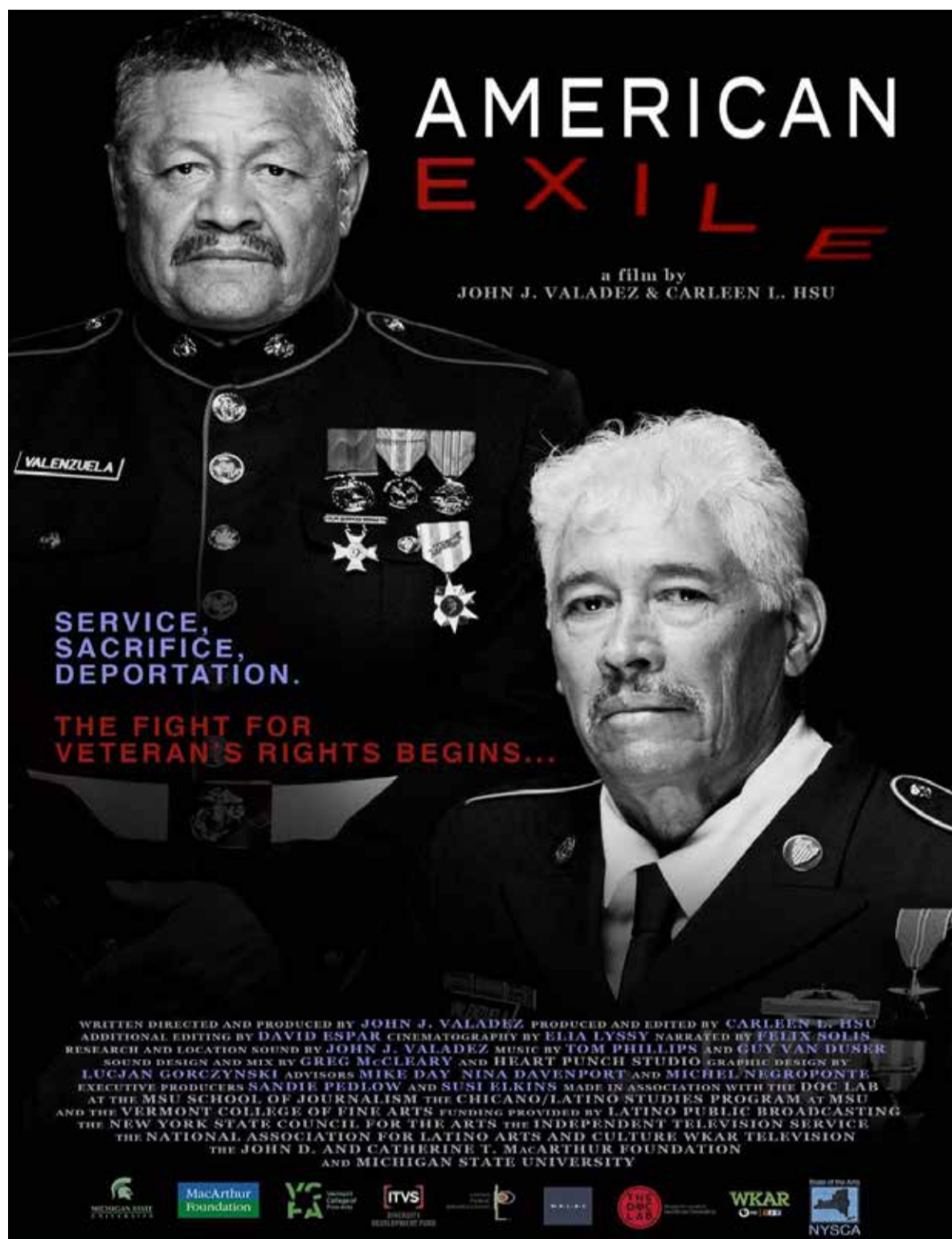
Additional events planned for the month include:

Hispanic Heritage Month Digital Display, all month: Browse a digital collection curated by Delta's Library Learning Information Center that includes eBooks, documentaries, journals and magazines, all focused on Hispanic and Latino culture and history. Learn more at library.delta.edu/hispanicheritage-month.

Hispanic Poetry Day, 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7: Participate in or listen to Hispanic poetry readings on the lower level of the main campus and in the lobbies of the Downtown Midland Center and Downtown Saginaw Center.

Virtual Hispanic History Field Trip, noon Tuesday, Oct. 12: Learn about Hispanic heritage by taking a virtual field trip to different area locations. No registration required. Join on Zoom at go.delta.edu/historytrip.

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By **PASTOR AUGUSTINE DELGADO**
NEW BEGINNINGS
MINISTRIES

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I would like to encourage you today and remind you even in these dark times "everything is going to be alright." A kind gesture, a kind word, a act of service can truly make a difference in someone's life in this season. Be kind to your neighbor. Give if you have extra. especially to your brother or sister who may need just a little bit of help. A wise man once told me. "You would be amazed at how far a loaf of bread can go. Keep your heart and your eyes open to those who may be in need. Blessings for good deeds always comes back around."

(New Beginnings, 701 Hess, will host their next no-cost food distribution at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 12.)



REBECCA AGUILAR

Rebecca Aguilar sworn in as 105th president of Society of Professional Journalists

Indianapolis, IN – Rebecca Aguilar became the first Latina national president of the Society of Professional Journalists in its 112-year history tonight. She was sworn in by SPJ National President Matthew T. Hall at the President's Awards Ceremony during the SPJ21 conference.

Aguilar, who is celebrating 40 years as a journalist, is a freelance reporter based in Dallas. Her journey started as a news reporter at a television station in Toledo, Ohio. She also made professional stops at television stations in Chicago; Corpus Cristi, Texas; San Antonio; Phoenix; Los Angeles and Dallas. Along the way, she has been recognized with 50 awards and nominations for her journalism work.

Aguilar joined SPJ in 2009 when the digital media committee asked her to be involved. She has held leadership positions on the digital and diversity committees. She has been chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee since 2018. Under her leadership, the Dori Maynard Diversity Leadership Program was revamped and strengthened. Aguilar also served on the board of the SPJ Fort Worth Pro chapter from 2011-2018, where she helped bring diversity to the chapter.

In 2012, Aguilar was instrumental in helping to bring the National Association of Hispanic Journalists to join SPJ and Radio Television Digital News Association at the Excellence of Journalism conference. The collaboration lasted several years. She also sat on NAHJ's board for four years as

its vice president.

Aguilar's goals for the Society are to focus on strengthening existing professional and student chapters and putting attention on SPJ communities. She will also encourage the growth of more chapters set in motion by past SPJ presidents, she said.

"Our SPJ chapters are the backbone of our organization. They are the boots on the ground in communities around the country," Aguilar said. "Local journalists, professors and student journalists turn to chapters for support during challenging times. We want the chapters to thrive and survive. Chapters feed into communities, and communities feed into chapters. The collaboration is a win-win for SPJ."

Continuing to bring new diverse voices to SPJ is important to Aguilar.

"I want everyone to know that SPJ is for ALL journalists, professors and student journalists. And that everyone's differences and experiences should be shared to make us a better organization," she said.

Aguilar is the daughter of immigrants from Mexico. She grew up in Ohio and Mexico City. She earned her bachelor's degree in communications at Bowling Green State University and received her master's degree in journalism at the University of North Texas.

Journalism is in the Aguilar family. Her husband is a retired television newscast director, and her son is currently a television news producer.



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MAC forms link with Michigan Works

By MIKE THOMPSON

A newly formed partnership between Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works and Saginaw's Mexican American Council aims to ensure that the often unique needs of Latino clients are fully addressed, says MAC President Bobby Deleon.

MAC has received no specific complaints or grievances in regard to the state employment agency, Deleon explains, but communication remains essential for as long as Hispanics face challenges such as language barriers, low self-confidence and high rates of school dropouts and mass incarceration.

A MAC member and Michigan Works staffer in Saginaw, Michael Hernandez, approached Deleon with the idea.

Christopher Rishko, CEO for Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works, has responded.

"GLBMW is committed to reaching all underserved populations," Rishko says, "and we always have been. Never have we not been inclusive of any population."

He adds, "We can always do a better job of reaching out to underserved populations. Our relationship with the MAC is an exciting step forward in a more conscious



MICHAEL HERNANDEZ

effort to reach Hispanics in our five-county area. We are looking to promote awareness with everyone involved. Michigan Works has so much to offer both employers and job seekers."

The Great Lakes Bay region serves Sag-

inaw, Bay, Midland, Gratiot and Isabella counties.

Deleon makes a comparison to covid vaccinations, a scenario in which Mexican-Americans took part in greater numbers when contacted by outreach workers and volunteers.

"We want to put an end to these situations where we have people saying they are afraid to go downtown to fill out an application or a resume," he says.

Hernandez adds, "Like with any service offered to the public, I've seen cases where some of us are left out."

Many federal relief programs, including the \$300 weekly unemployment supplement, expired in September.

"Employers have been looking for employees more than ever," Hernandez notes. "And now people will have to go back to work, one way or another. But training and education still are requirements."

Anyone who seeks support in looking for work or receiving benefits may call or visit Michigan Works, 752-3145, 312 East Genesee, or telephone the MAC Center, 753-0500.

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ISABEL MONTEMAYOR

Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan Announces Isabel Montemayor, Ph.D. As The Next Executive Director

Lansing, MI – After an extensive and rigorous search led by the HLCOM Commission Committee, the HLCOM is proud to announce that Dr. Isabel Montemayor has been selected for the position of Executive Director.

The Committee made this selection based on Isabel's extensive experience and professional achievements. Dr. Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez is a native of Lansing Michigan. She attended and graduated from Lansing Public Schools. She earned her bachelor's degree from Central

Michigan University, double majoring in Spanish and Political Science with a concentration in International Relations and Comparative Politics-Magna Cum Laude. Dr. Montemayor then attended graduate school at The University of Texas at Austin where she earned a master's degree in Latin American Studies. Her studies then brought her back to Michigan State University where she earned a master's degree and a Doctoral degree in Cultural Anthropology. Upon completion of her Ph.D., she was hired as a Senior Research Associate

at the Michigan Public Health Institute where she conducted a qualitative assessment of Michigan's expanded Medicaid, the Healthy Michigan Plan, in urban centers across the state of Michigan. While in Michigan Dr. Montemayor served as an executive board member with the Lansing Latino Health Alliance advocating for equitable health care access for Latinos in Ingham County. In 2015 Dr. Montemayor was hired as an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Arlington in the Sociology and Anthropology Department where she taught courses on Latino Health, Medical Anthropology, and the Border. Over the years, her transnational research has focused on how both health and immigration policies in the U.S and Mexico impact the daily lives and health of mixed-status families in Lansing, Michigan, and Eastern Michoacan. While at UTA she was a research associate with the Center for Mexican American Studies, she served on various task forces and committees and mentored dozens of undergraduate first-generation students on their path to graduate school. "I look forward to serving as the Executive Director of the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan. As I move forward I look forward to working closely with commissioners and stakeholders to better the lives of Hispanic/Latinos throughout Michigan".

"Isabel's is a positive energetic leader. We are confident that Isabel's many talents, collaborative-engaging leadership approach, and wide-ranging education and experiences will help as we embark on the goals and challenges faced by the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan". Said Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan Chair Monica B. Reyes "The Commission is excited to work with Isabel as our new executive director and confident that the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan will be well-positioned under the guidance in the challenging years ahead of us."

"I appreciate the commissions confidence in me, and I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to lead such a meaningful organization that aligns with a mission and goals close to my heart," said Isabel Montemayor.



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HOUGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1604 JOHNSON ST, SAGINAW, MI

Did you know? Old Houghton School has been eyed for a homeless shelter

By MIKE THOMPSON

A preliminary secret multi-million dollar plan to convert the vacant Houghton School into a homeless shelter facility, using a chunk of \$52 million in federal ARPA funds, possibly is dead before even getting off the ground.

The City Rescue Mission of Saginaw's CEO, Dan Streeter, reacted on Sept. 29 after he learned that the Houghton-Jones Neighborhood Association Chairman, Pastor Willie Casey, had scheduled a public information meeting and that The Michigan Banner was preparing an announcement report.

Streeter responded to an interview request by writing, "It is true that SC-CHAP (Saginaw County Consortium of Homeless Assistance Providers) has been brainstorming about a permanent housing project to assist those that are low-income. We have been tasked to spend approximately \$1.5 million ARPA dollars. If a project was developed properly it could also qualify for much more additional funding."

He added, "It has become obvious that the Houghton neighborhood has expressed enough hesitation about such a project that we will continue our brainstorming and find a different way to invest funds elsewhere in the community."

Streeter signed as SC-CHAP chairman,

not in his Rescue Million status.

Casey explained that he was not expressing "hesitation," but simply a desire for information. His church, New Hope Missionary Baptist at 1721 Tuscola is two blocks from the school.

"This is directly in the middle of our neighborhood, right alongside our homes," Casey said. "You would think the residents would have been invited to these (consortium) talks right from the start."

The meeting remains tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct 12, at Houghton-Jones headquarters, 1708 Johnson. Prior to learning of Streeter's reaction, Casey wrote that the session would feature a presentation from SC-CHAP.

At the Michigan Banner, this occurred on Sept. 29, our deadline for this Oct. 1 edition. Immediately, we contacted Jeremy Reinert, listed as consortium program coordinator on their web site, scchap.org, who sent us an email response with copies to Streeter and to Audra Davis, CEO of United Way of Saginaw County. Reinert wrote: "I'm not involved in the project. They can speak to this better than I would be able to."

After he reviewed a first-draft copy of this article, Reinert sent a follow-up note stating that although he remains listed on the web site, he has not been involved in "planning or day-to-day operations" since

last April.

Davis responded by phone, asserting that United Way is a consortium member but that inquiries should be directed only to Streeter because the Rescue Mission, not United Way, is a direct housing shelter provider.

Even though the first discussions were at a homeless providers consortium meeting, Davis said the focus was on affordable housing in general, not specifically for homeless people. She added that the talks were only preliminary to consider "ideas for the school," contrary to Streeter's indication of a specific plan with the \$1.5 million ARPA startup.

The consortium's web site lists 11 "provider members," with United Way at the top as "lead agency." Offices are within the United Way's third-floor base at 100 South Jefferson, a former bank building, and Reinert communicates with a United Way email address. Most of the monthly meetings take place in a United Way conference room.

Nonetheless, Davis said, "United Way is not leading this development," and that mentioning the agency in news-report "lies" would be "harmful" to the United Way and to the overall local community. She asserted that ARPA funding has not been discussed, again contrary to Streeter's overview.

Initial Saginaw talks have included housing for low-income elders and families, but SC-CHAP or Rescue Mission proposals have not been presented, not even at a daylong City Council planning session at the Temple Theater on Sept. 17.

ARPA stands for American Rescue Plan Act, with \$52 million for City Hall and \$37 million for county government, intended to address covid-19's harm to Americans in poverty. Suburbs also will receive shares in proportion to their low-income populations. The source for schools, including \$65 for the Saginaw city district, is ESSER, Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief.

(For an example of residential spaces in a former school, consider Saginaw Geriatrics Home at 1413 Gratiot, which was converted from what was SS. Peter & Paul High School)

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Councilman repeats '1979 income' falsehoods City-tax theory in plea to lift cap

By MIKE THOMPSON

Saginaw's 42-year-old property tax caps rarely are a topic of discussion at the City Council table, but members still may consider former mayor Floyd Kloc's frequent pleas to seek a repeal referendum.

First, however, is might help if members better understood 1979 voter approval of a \$3.83 million property tax revenue freeze with a 7.5 mill rate freeze, with no adjustment to inflation.



BILL OSTASH

The latest example comes from Councilman Bill Ostash, who didn't move to town until after the millennium turn but has repeated a popular

"1979 income" misnomer that often was offered by his predecessors during the 1980s and '90s.

"We are still operating on 1979 operating funds," Ostash said during the council's Sept. 27 meeting. "I don't know how anyone in a household can live on funds, on a salary, from 1979."

The statement excludes numerous run-arounds:

- In 1980, on a 5-4 vote, the council switched trash pickup to a separate tax that eventually rose to a state-limited 3 mills, and now exists as a universal \$230 annual fee.
- All those 1980s property tax abatements for General Motors went to a fund that was separate from the tax caps, and so in an odd twist, city leaders gained cash instead of losing revenue with 50 percent corporate breaks.
- Voters in 1989 approved a 50 percent income tax increase, which still stands a 1.5 percent for residents and 0.75 percent for non-residents who work in the city.

- City Hall has shifted ownership of the Civic Center to county government and bus services to STARS, Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services, which both now rely on property taxes.
- Finally, city voters in 2015 approved what now is 7.5 mills for public safety, equal to the 1979 millage that voters capped and froze.

In summary, the city budget and services are shadows of their former selves, but the reason is not the tap caps, contrary to statements from Councilman Ostash and his predecessors.

Instead, the main revenue villains are reductions in residents, the income and property value bases, and severe slashes in federal and state revenue sharing.

The top expenditure challenge is more than \$13 million in annual pension disbursements, says City Manager Tim Morales, more than one-third of the general fund, dating from when a 1,000-member workforce was more than double the current 425.

Police reps seek higher pay



Ostash spoke after leaders of police patrol and command unions told the coun-

cil that bonus pay provisions potentially could stop a trend of officers quitting to head for other communities that offer increased wages, bonuses and benefits. He speculated that funds could be provided with voter approval to rescind the tax limits.

Morales conceded that upon his arrival a decade ago, City Hall was in a pay freeze mode, but Saginaw wage increases "have been in line" with comparable communities during recent years. He added that police unions have not come forward with proposals for contract changes or amendments.

Rules for an infusion of \$52 million in federal covid poverty recovery money from ARPA, the American Rescue Plan Act, are mixed on how much can be used to bolster the existing budget. Guidelines still are subject to interpretation, Morales says.

Police union reps are the most frequent grievants, including blue flu and a 46-1 no-confidence vote on Chief Robert Ruth in summer 2000, after an officer was

fired when video showed him assaulting a female prisoner who had spat upon him, but Morales told the council that employee retention is a problem across the board. He listed mechanics, skilled trades and water/sewer ranks as examples.

Morales said, "We have a lot of employees who think they are not cared for unless they are in public safety."

(For an in-depth report on the 1979 tax caps, see michiganbanner.org/2021/06/4921/)

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'Just like block grants, only bigger'

Ideas begin emerging for big bucks in federal aid

By MIKE THOMPSON



DARLEAN CARPENTER

For folks who still don't fully understand the record-setting federal grant windfalls coming our way, Darlean Carpenter has an explanation.

"They're a lot like the block grants, only a whole lot larger,"

she explains.

Darlean should know. She is in her 46th year on Saginaw's Human Planning Commission, HPC, created as a proposal review board to advise the City Council on how to spend annual allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program, which replaced Model Cities in 1975 as a main source of anti-poverty aid.

The annual sums have been frozen near \$3 million since the turn of the millennium. In contrast, federal help over a two-year span will reach \$52 million for City Hall, \$65 million for city schools and \$37 million for county government, with millions more for suburbs and nearby small towns.

Money is designated as anti-covid outreach but generally is for anti-poverty purposes. Based on her near-half century of experience and thousands of cumulative hours reviewing block grant spending proposals, an ever-youthful Darlean Carpenter offers advice to small citizen groups that may seek third-party contracts:

- First, the obvious. Make sure you have state 501(c)3 nonprofit for yourself, or under an established group that will oversee your work and manage your finances.
- Establish a specific purpose that can be reviewed and evaluated, rather than taking an "all things for all people" approach.

- Give priority to facilities, rehabbed and new, more so than staffing and salaries that would require new funding sources when the federal aid expires in a few years.

Darlean annually has studied proposal books that have contained up to 400 pages in narratives and budget numbers

"Don't be afraid to get involved," she concludes. "Don't hesitate if you are lacking for all the answers. Some people give up because it all seems so confusing at first, Remember, you're doing a community service and there are people to help you through."

A final tip: If so-called "matching funds" are needed and your group is lacking, count up the total volunteer hours that supporters have invested for a one-year span and multiply by \$10 to show a dollar amount for "in-kind services."

Outreach to 'computerized' youth

One dilemma that Darlean foresees involves an emphasis on more emphasis for youth programs and activities. She remains supportive, while noting that the challenges have grown.

Her family's home is midway between the former Morley school and park on Lapeer and the CAC headquarters on Perkins.'

There used to be 50-plus children on our street along who would come out to form teams and playground activities," she says. "Now there are no more than six. Instead of jumping rope or those sorts of activities, they are more interested in their pads and their phones."

Darlean spoke during a break in the City Council's first major federal-aid planning session at the Temple Theater. Members have not yet indicated how much money they will use from the \$52 million to bolster the basic budget or how much will be freed for block-grant style third-party contractors.

About 200 people arrived for the opening, but half departed mid-morning when council members separated themselves into their own priority-setting exercise, de-

ploying the usual easels and magic markers to make lists. The remaining half quietly observed, resembling a TV audience at a talk show or a judge show.

Council members eventually reached consensus, again in a usual manner, that top priorities are jobs, housing, crime, youth activities and poverty.

Public speakers, who waited until last, endorsed the basic city services gamut. They also focused on concerns that ranged from ongoing blight to women's shelters.

Saginaw NAACP takes lead

The only comprehensive proposal so far, at least in public, comes from the Saginaw NAACP branch, which would set aside millions for street repairs, public safety, vacant lot cleanups, loans to minority- and women-owned businesses and youth employment projects. Major overhauls would take place at Ojibway Island, the Spray Park that replaced the wave pool, Hoyt Park, and at Morley School Park.

The Houghton-Jones Neighborhood Association aims for \$415,000 to expand its headquarters and programming at 1708 Johnson.

Meanwhile, the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association seeks unspecified funds to clean up and redevelop the former county fair and horse track site, along with the abandoned Saginaw Manufacturing and Delco Morraine location on East Genesee.

Other groups that will seek funds, with more to gradually emerge, are United Way, First Ward Community Center, Emmaus House and Women of Colors.

Acronyms that are gaining recognition are ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act, and ESSER, Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief. County government has joined City Hall in conducting an initial ARPA public forum, while the school board has not indicated plans to take similar steps with ESSER.

'Stop the Violence' march transforms to bus ride

By MIKE THOMPSON

Have you ever wished to take part in a civil justice march, but those old bones and muscles no longer will support you for miles?

Well, Rosa Parks started out with a seat on the bus, and now in Saginaw a similar opportunity knocks.

Simply show up at Bishop Larry Camel's New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, 3121 Sheridan, at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3.

On the annual World Communion Day, a STARS bus will transport "Stop the Violence" participants to timely short prayer services at four city parks.

Riders may choose to remain on the bus to express themselves, but they also may disembark at Wickes Park along the riverfront, then at Borchard Park (the gazebo next to the courthouse), next at Unity Park (north-east behind the old Daniels Heights), and finally at Lawrence McKinney Park (Vet's Park on 20th street).

The bus will return to New Birth around 6:30 p.m.

Saginaw's major outbreak of gun violence took place in August, but Police Chief Robert Ruth reported that the main perpe-

trators were apprehended from a family and rival dispute.

Gun violence still tragically continues. On Sept. 28, an adult and a six-month-old baby were reported wounded in a drive-by.

Bishop Camel for years has organized peace marches while maintaining the Parishioners on Patrol group. Supporters of the Oct. 3 "peace march by bus" concept are STARS, Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services, and the Ezekiel Project, a faith-based community organizing initiative.

Anyone who wishes to visit a single site on Oct. 3 will need to follow a time-approximate schedule. The STARS bus may arrive at Wickes Park around 4:40 p.m., Borchard Park 5 p.m., Unity Park 5:30 p.m. and McKinney Park 6 p.m.

While awaiting the bus, organizers suggest that site attendees may choose to drum up their own prayers and hymns.

Participation and public response may help decide if this unique approach is revived in the future.

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- Stop 2: Borchard Park
- Stop 3: Unity Park
- Stop 4: Vet's Park



Kings and queens, chess style, at Mission in the City

By MIKE THOMPSON

An outdoor chess-playing section has been added to Mission in the City Memorial Park along Janes Street, created and supported by New Life Baptist Ministries.

"McNair-Coughlin Chess Park" is named for Charles McNair (Oct. 3, 1934 to Dec. 4, 2019), a legendary local educator known for volunteering to teach chess lessons for his Morley Elementary students and others, and for longtime Mission supporters Thomas and Dr. Brenda Coughlin of Frankenmuth. Tom is a business consultant while Brenda is president and CEO of Great Lakes Bay Health Centers, formerly Health Delivery.

A dedication ceremony is set for noon Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1601 Janes. The larger park, extending northbound between Seventh and Ninth Streets, is named for Pastor Rufus Bradley (July 12, 1952 to October 12,

2017) founder of the Mission in the City inspiration of "restoring our community, one person, one block at a time."

Already featured is a \$250,000 investment for two full-sized basketball courts with glass backboards and rubberized surfaces, a regulation quarter-mile running and walking track, a pavilion and community gardens. The church and park also are home to a health clinic, a summer youth camp and

various special events.

Current Pastor Craig Tatum says longer-term Mission in the City goals are to address major concerns such as affordable housing. He adds that anyone with similar hopes is invited to take part, no matter where they reside.

The phone number is 753-1511 and the web site is missioninthecity.org.





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The Center for Minority Entrepreneurial Enterprise



By **JIMMY E. GREENE**
CEO & PRESIDENT
ABC MICHIGAN

As the Founder of The Saginaw Valley African American Leadership Training Program (SVAALTI) and The Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy; I believe my credentials as a developer of leadership training has been proven in the over 100 graduates of young African American men and women through SVAALTI and over 100 graduates from the Public Policy Institute a program I turned over to SVSU for its long term sustainability.

Now this, The Center for Minority Entrepreneurial Enterprise (CMEE) is nearer to my heart and true to my core. It's the

last thing I want to undertake before I retire.

Mission Statement

The Center for Minority Entrepreneurial Enterprise (CMEE) mission is to empower, educate, and provide resources, access and leadership training for minority men and women in the Great Lakes Bay Region. The purpose is to set standards of excellence and leadership in urban and underserved communities and to provide a platform, attitude and culture for entrepreneurial (outside endeavors and growth) and intrapreneurial (internal ascension and growth) enterprise, inside and outside with Great Lakes Bay Region businesses.

CMEE will be a catalyst to build our young aspiring Black talent, build knowledge, build leadership skills and build greater partnerships between aspiring underdeveloped talent and the Great Lakes Bay Regional companies. Let's face it; who

isn't looking for talent or an opportunity to do business with minority owned firms or hire talent? CMEE is a win-win-win proposition for the entrepreneur, the intrapreneur, the community.

*****The objectives for the The CMEE Professional Well-Being Plan Training program include: 20 Weeks is sessions held at SVSU on Saturday mornings Beginning January 2022**

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- Coaching/Mentorship: One on one reviews with each cohort on progress on agreed upon goals and measurements.
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CMEE, Inc. will be led by me as the project leader. I will be continually involved in all aspects of the project and serve as primary interface with the program's cohorts and featured experts. I will also provide all materials, audio/visual aids, computer work and other support services as required. I'm asking business leaders interested in recruiting talent or even simply investing in keeping talent here in the Great Lakes Bay Region to sponsor one or more cohorts.



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Traffic signal changes have come to town

By MIKE THOMPSON

Have you noticed a few recently installed flashing yellow lights around Saginaw? You soon may see more.

Flashing yellows replace red-green signals when vehicle counts sink below minimums set in the Michigan Manual of Unified Traffic Devices, says Beth London, the city's deputy director of public services.

This phenomenon becomes more common as Saginaw gradually loses population, down more than half from the 100,000 peak in 1960.

The flashing yellows locations are doubled up in three vicinities:

- Cherry and Perkins at East Genesee.
- South Fifth and South Sixth at Janes.
- North Woodbridge and North Mason at West Genesee.

Motorists on East Genesee, Janes and West Genesee will encounter fewer red-



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light stops, only to see no cars waiting to the right or left at those intersections.

If low traffic volumes continue, for 90 days, she says, stop signs will replace the flashing yellows

"We're starting with these six," London says, noting that the current study is not yet complete.

A separate study, she says, will examine a possible increase in yield or stop signs at open intersections.

Traffic engineers emphasize that more signs and signals are not always solutions, because some motorists gradually may tend to disregard them if there is not enough traffic to justify their placements.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Flint Alumnae will host "Midwest Impact Day of Service" Chapter launches campaign to support local Black businesses

Flint, MI – Flint Alumnae Chapter as part of the Midwest Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated will sponsor an event, "Midwest Impact Day of Service" to encourage support for black businesses within the community. Their theme and campaign: Economic Development- "Secure the Bag: Buy Black" will highlight several black-owned, businesses with female proprietors in the area and online. "We're excited to host this event, which is sponsored by our Midwest Region, in our community." Flint Alumnae President, Kia Berry Hagens said. "We would like to continue these types of initiatives, which will aid in boosting the economy."

Flint Alumnae Chapter is extending an invitation to the community to support the following local busi-

nesses on Saturday, October 16, 2021. You have the option of shopping in person or shopping online. Some locations also offer curbside pickup.

Glam Boutique

620 S. Saginaw St,
Flint, MI 48502

Eight Ten Nail Bar

555 Saginaw St., Suite 103
Flint, MI 48502

Spectacular Spudz

Flint Farmers Market
300 E. 1st St.
Flint, MI 48502

Naima's Crown (online shopping)

www.naimascrown.com/shop
The products are all-natural oils

targeted to improve the health of the hair & skin.

Maurita's Essentials (online shopping)

www.mauritasessentials.com
Fine, luxurious bath and body products handmade using premium quality butters, oils, etc.

The community is also invited to a "Meet the Authors," a reception, which will be held at Comma Bookstore & Social Hub located 132 W. 2nd St., Flint 48502 at 5 p.m. There will be an opportunity to meet and purchase books from authors, R. Simone - "My Husband's Mistress is ME" and Johnathan Quarles - "Making Dollars while Making Change."

For more information on the Midwest Impact Day of Service, contact Tamar Swain, chair at tamarswain2@gmail.com.



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Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow

(Rev. 8:13)



By PASTOR RODRICK A. SMITH
ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

The book of Revelation has always been a frightening book for many people. But it need not be a frightening read for the redeemed. In the very first chapter, the apostle John says, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." The revealing of the consequences of certain actions and inactions can often serve as a deterrent to sins of commission and omission. The apostle John is given a first-hand look at the judgments that will precede the Day of the Lord. At the blowing of the first four of the seven trumpets by the seven angels, cataclysmic destruction occurs in the heavens and on the earth. "Woe" is used throughout Scripture as an expression of judgment, destruction, and condemnation. "Those who dwell on the earth" is an identifying phrase for those who reject Christ and the gospel message. There are three "woes" for the remaining three trumpet blasts. For the unbelievers things will continue to get worse. Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness." The saints are safe and secure, and need not worry or be afraid.

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Saginaw Fire Department to host awards ceremony and open house

Saginaw, MI – The Saginaw Fire Department will host their annual awards ceremony and open house on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the headquarters of the Saginaw Fire Department, 801 Federal Avenue.

The awards ceremony will honor those who went above and beyond the call of duty when help was desperately needed. Saginaw Fire Chief Tom Raines explained the importance of the event, “Our awards ceremony allows us the opportunity to recognize the efforts of citizens, firefighters, and other first responders who have made the City of Saginaw a safer community. It also provides us an opportunity to honor those firefighters who have lost their lives in their service to the City of Saginaw”.

Following the ceremony and presentation of awards, there will be tours of the fire station available for all who are interested. Refreshments will also be available at that time. All guests are required to

wear a mask or appropriate protective face covering during the event.

The awards ceremony is in recognition of Fire Prevention Week 2021, which is October 3 through October 9. The event is in partnership with the National Fire Protection Association to promote fire prevention and fire safety. “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety,” is the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week. The theme reminds residents of the importance of learning the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

In support of the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, the SFD offers the following tips about smoke and CO alarms and the sounds they make:

- A continuous set of three loud beeps means smoke or fire: evacuate, call 9-1-1 and stay out of the building
- A single chirp every 30 or 60

seconds means the battery is low and must be changed

- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years
- Make sure smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities

Saginaw residents are encouraged to check out the NFPA website at

[/www.nfpa.org/fpw](http://www.nfpa.org/fpw) for additional fire prevention awareness and preparation information.

For more information about the awards ceremony or Fire Prevention Week, please contact the Saginaw Fire Department at (989) 759-1393.

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I'M JUST THINKING.....

By PASTOR HURLEY J. COLEMAN, JR., WORLD OUTREACH CAMPUS CHURCH

*They turned
the world
upside down**This statement is actually a portion of scripture that describes a time after a small group of about 120 people were impacted by a spiritual experience.**They banded together in a commitment to live a life of dedication to a single purpose. They were unified in spirit and activities, causing thousands to be drawn to their movement.**The impact of their commitment to each other and their purpose was so strong that it threatened the status quo, the way things had always been.*

In many instances we have seen this potential. Recent history of movements against inequality, police brutality, political disagreements, and government mandates has produced the kind of crowds and protests that seemed to have that potential. In the midst of a pandemic, thousands of people took to the streets to protest and it seemed as if this was one of those moments that would turn the world upside down. Sadly, the issues

that were being protested against continued, and persist.

This is not the first time that we have seen this phenomenon. This country has a history of movements that turned in to major actions that changed circumstances. This same history has repeated itself over and over again, often with painful and regrettable results for those who were not in power. The stories and truths of injustice, abuse, and subjugation crowd the records of social interaction in our country. In those same stories are powerful examples of greatness, heroic gestures of ordinary people, and images of overcoming and tremendous victory.

It seems that often the world gets turned upside down in moments of great trial, disturbance, and tragedy. It is often the reaction of those who are so committed to a purpose that they will not accept the world as they see it, as it exists in their present. Also, this action that is described as "turning the world upside down" is not an activity of the entire world, society, or nation. It is the actions of a committed group, often small, that caused a shift in the culture, a movement away from the norms that allow the abuse, a reckoning in the mistreatment of the less fortunate.

Solomon described this in his writings, *"There is another evil I have seen under the sun. Kings and rulers make a grave mistake when they give great authority to foolish people and low positions to people of proven worth. I have seen servants riding horseback like princes, and princes walking like servants."* Ecclesiastes 10:5-7 (NLT)

In today's society, the idea of princes and servants would seem repulsive, but consider the reality of the masses of people who are struggling to live,



while the few seem to prosper at their expense. The idea of the world turning upside down in today's culture would mean equity in income, housing, employment, health care, and quality of life. There are those that would fight against the potential of this happening.

Could it be that there is a need for that small group of committed people to band together, unified around a common purpose, focused on the goal of creating an environment of equity? Could it be that we are in a moment when a march truly becomes a movement, when the roles of influence are reversed and we have people of proven worth, integrity, and compassion in roles of great authority? Is this that moment when we will see truth rise up and crush the lies that lead people astray?

I believe that all of the ingredients are in the mixing bowl, the oven is heating up, and the cake is ready to be baked. I believe that there are people who are ready to stand together, in the midst of the pandemic. I believe that we have that potential, that we have the opportunity, if we have the will, to **turn the world upside down.**

I'm just thinking.....

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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



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Food security is achievable by 2030



By **KEN H. SIMMONS, II**
MANAGING DIRECTOR, KENZO
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

We, as humanity, are facing a number of major global challenges, from access to clean water, the refugee crisis, climate change, and eradicating poverty; all compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the greatest challenges is ending hunger and malnutrition, which is commonly referred to as food security.

According to the United Nations (UN) Committee on World Food Security, also

known by its initials “CFS”, “A person is considered ‘food secure’ when he or she has the physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets his or her dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.” The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) states that, “A family is food secure when its members do not live in hunger or fear of hunger.”

Unfortunately, more than 800 million people around the world go to bed hungry every night, and most of them are small-holder farmers and sharecroppers who depend on agriculture to make a living and feed their families. The UN rightly recognized the urgent need to address global food security when it adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by

2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. There are a total of 17 SDGs that are integrated for sustainable development and the second goal is “Zero Hunger”, including not only an end to hunger, but also achieving food security, improving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic making Zero Hunger significantly more challenging, and even the UN itself doubting if the goal will be achieved in its latest State of Food Security and Nutrition world report, it is my humble opinion that food security is achievable by 2030, but only if certain policies and systems change and the welfare of humanity is put before greed with immediate effect.

There are three major factors that allow world hunger to exist. The first is colonialism and the monopoly capitalism that followed, dispossessing hundreds of millions of people from their land and creating a plantation system with the new owners producing for the mother countries. The second factor is the defeated colonial societies are underpaid for the real value of their labor and resources. Number three is the current Third World land owners that produce for the First World are appendages to the developed world and much of the natural wealth is stripped from the land to produce food, precious metals and gems, major industrial products, smartphone and electric vehicle batteries, and other products for wealthy nations to manufacture and consume. In most cases, the finished products are imported from the developed countries to the very countries that provided the raw materials in the first place.

Governments have been promising to end hunger for nearly 50 years. In a 2008 worldhunger.org article entitled, “The World Food Crisis: What is Behind it and What Can We Do”, it mentions that there were 500 million hungry people in the developing world in 1974 and by 2008 the number had risen to 862 million hungry people globally. The exploding food crisis reinforced fears that there were too many

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people in the world to feed, but in 2007, there were record grain harvests according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The World Hunger article goes on to say, “In fact, over the last 20 years, world food production has risen steadily at over 2% a year, while the rate of global population growth has dropped to 1.14% a year. Population is not outstripping food supply. People are too poor to buy the food that is available.”

So, if there was a record harvest in 2007 and for 20 years prior food production exceeded population growth, why did the number of hungry people nearly double? The answer is greed. When food prices are high, and unaffordable to the poor, food aid decreases, and when prices are low, and food is abundant, food aid increases. It sounds backwards, doesn't it? World Hunger says, “That is because food aid responds to grain prices on the international market—not to the food needs of poor countries. When the price of cereals is low, northern countries and transnational grain companies seek to sell their commodities through food aid programs. When the price is high, they prefer to sell their grains on the international market. When more people suffer from hunger, less food aid arrives.”

Food aid has functioned as a sponge to absorb surplus commodities in the North (developed countries) and dispose of them at below market prices in the South (developing countries) and the effect is a crippling of the food systems in the global South. Because of this, entire continents were opened up for the expansion of industrial agri-foods from the North creating an agri-foods complex. The industrial agri-foods complex grew due to subsidized grain from the industrial North, which consolidated control of the world's food systems in the hands of fewer and fewer seed, grain, chemical, and petroleum companies.

Today, 90% of the world's grain trade is controlled by just four companies. Believe it or not, they are referred to as ‘the ABCD companies’ because of letters in their names: Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), Bunge, Cargill, and Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC). They recently partnered for digital transformation of supply chains with the intention to replace paper-based

processes with technological alternatives and that will make them even more powerful. During the food crisis of 2007/08, “ADM's profits increased by 38%, Cargill's profits by 128%, and Mosaic Fertilizer (a Cargill subsidiary) by a whopping 1,615%”, as reported by World Hunger in the article previously mentioned.

The global seed market is consolidated with a handful of large corporations controlling more than a third of the global seed industry. The key players are Corteva Agriscience, Bayer Crop Science, KWS SAAT SE & Co. KGaA, Groupe Limagrain, and Syngenta AG.

In addition to the monopoly in the food system, which is an internal driver, there are external drivers like violent conflicts, climate change, and pandemics that are major drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition. The systems and policies must change to improve global food security. According to the FAO, there are six ways that lead towards transforming food systems: “1. integrating humanitarian, development and peacebuilding policies in conflict-affected areas; 2. scaling up climate resilience across food systems; 3. strengthening resilience of the most vulnerable to economic adversity; 4. intervening along the food supply chains to lower the cost of nutritious foods; 5. Tackling poverty and structural inequalities, ensuring interventions are pro-poor and inclusive; 6. And strengthening food environments and changing consumer behaviour to promote dietary patterns with positive impacts on human health and the environment.” To enable win-win solutions, systems approaches are needed to build cogent portfolios of policies, investments, and legislation, while managing trade-offs with territorial, ecosystem, indigenous food systems approaches and interventions that systemically address prolonged crisis conditions.

While policies for short-term interventions are important in dealing with the immediate needs of the most vulnerable, policy efforts also need to focus on sustainable solutions to build medium and long-term resilience to food supply disturbances for those countries most afflicted by chronic hunger and food insecurity. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an interna-

tional entity that “works to build better policies for better lives”. In its article entitled, “Better agro-food policies are crucial to improving global food security”, actions that could tangibly contribute to improved food security include creating a stronger enabling environment for agricultural productivity, investing in rural infrastructure and storage facilities, and providing appropriate training and advisory services. Also critical in helping build food security at national and global levels are strong and effective systems to improve resilience and risk management capacity in agriculture production.

Some parts of the world are more enriched than others in terms of climate, water, soil, and geography. Food security is also about making sure that food is available where it is needed, and climate change will make trade even more crucial as agricultural production conditions deteriorate in other parts of the world and volatility in production worsens. Open, predictable, non-discriminatory and fair international conditions for trade in agriculture and food are required to enable households to access the quantity, quality, and variety of nutritious foods they need for a healthy and fulfilling life.

The UN Food Systems Summit 2021, which just took place toward the end of September, put forward a series of concrete actions to support transformation of the world's food systems. The Sustainable Development Goal 2, Zero Hunger presents critical challenges for the world, including achieving food security, and no one country can solve them alone. The OECD tells us, “They will require not only renewed efforts to improve domestic policies, but also renewed efforts to strengthen international co-operation and to ensure that investments in better production can be made, and food can move to where it is needed around the globe.” With less than a decade to go, perhaps my opinion is ambitious, but I am an optimist like that, and with the recommended systems and policy changes combined with less greed, I am hopeful that food security is achievable within a decade.

SBSO is bringing music to life with “The Best of John Williams”

Saginaw, MI – The Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra (SBSO) performs “The Best of John Williams” on Saturday, October 16 at the Temple Theatre. The performance begins at 8:00 PM and doors open at 7:00 PM.

Often called “America’s Composers,” John Williams has been creating movie music since 1959. Williams has composed the soundtrack for eight of the twenty highest-grossing films at the U.S. box office. This October, the Williams musical magic continues as SBSO prepares a Pops performance that pays tribute to even more music from this Hollywood legend!

Maestro Fouad Fakhouri directs the 68-piece orchestra with mastery and enthusiasm every time he sets foot on stage. Celebrated for his “musical accuracy” and “emotional intensity,” Fakhouri has earned a reputation for his dynamic art-

istry behind the podium. He, as well as the incredible members of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, come together to create a musical experience you won’t want to miss!

We would like to thank our generous sponsors, Tri-Star Trust, and the Endowed Concert Sponsor Leo and Emelie Kahan without whom this event would not be possible.

For more information about our upcoming concert schedule, please contact the SBSO at (989)755-6471 ext. 5 or by email at saginawbayorchestra@gmail.com.

The SBSO has established a proud legacy of providing quality musicianship, innovative programming, and excellent educational experiences for the residents of the Great Lakes Bay Region. The SBSO was created as a project of the Saginaw



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Department of Parks and Recreation in 1935 and has performed an annual concert series ever since. It was incorporated as a separate nonprofit corporation in 1953.

For any questions please call 989-755-6471 ext 2 or email saginawbayorchestra@gmail.com.

Consumers Energy expands home charging options for electric vehicle drivers with new program

Michigan’s electric vehicle transformation, announcing a new effort today during National Drive Electric Week that helps Michigan’s current and future EV owners to save money.

The Bring Your Own Charger program rewards electric vehicle owners financially for charging their vehicles overnight at home. And as automakers are rolling out dozens of new EV models, all Consumers Energy residential electric customers with EVs will be eligible, no matter whether owners buy their own charger or receive it with their vehicle.

"Electric vehicles are coming on fast in Michigan, and Consumers Energy is committed to fueling that growth every way we can," said Lauren Youngdahl Snyder, Consumers Energy’s vice president of customer experience. "We are removing barriers to EV ownership with Bring Your Own Charger, and we’re powering the network



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to charge EVs, whether it’s at home or at public locations along Michigan’s roads."

Consumers Energy is rewarding EV drivers through Bring Your Own Charger to make EV ownership more convenient and encourage vehicle charging overnight, when energy costs are lower. Unlike gaso-

line-powered vehicles, most EVs are fully charged at home and can power most drivers’ daily travels without stopping to fill up.

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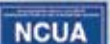


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Saginaw Promise and the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce present “The Power of a Promise...A Decade of Scholars” Luncheon Fundraiser

Saginaw, MI – The Saginaw Promise and the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce invite the community to attend “The Power of a Promise” luncheon fundraiser to celebrate ten years of the Saginaw Promise scholarship on Thursday, October 21 at Horizons Conference Center (Saginaw) from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The event celebrates a decade of scholars and the awarding of the Saginaw Promise scholarship. Since 2012 the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$1,025,049 in postsecondary education scholarships to 590 scholars. “Education is a “change agent” to affecting Saginaw’s future, its economy, quality of life and impacting the lives of its children. We thank our community partners and donors for their support. We are thrilled that 2021 marks the tenth class of scholars—we indeed have something to celebrate!”, stat-

ed Joyce Seals, Saginaw Promise, Chairperson. The Power of a Promise luncheon will feature Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II (Keynote Speaker-virtual), Delta College’s new President, Dr. Michael Gavin (guest speaker), great entertainment and a wonderful luncheon meal. Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II and President Michael Gavin will offer their thoughts on the future economy and how best to position Saginaw and Michigan and their students for tomorrow’s economy and jobs. General Luncheon tickets are \$125 per person. Proceeds from the event will support Saginaw Promise programming and scholarships.

Tickets, sponsorships and promotional opportunities are available for purchase (using a credit card) at <https://saginaw-foundation.thankyou4caring.org/promise> or by visiting the Saginaw Promise web-

site. For questions, telephone Deborah Sanchez, Director, Saginaw Promise at (989) 755-0545 or by email dsanchez@saginawpromise.org.

Saginaw Promise is an economic initiative investing in the future of Saginaw and its students by promoting and supporting postsecondary education with a “last dollar” scholarship. The organization’s goal is for all of Saginaw’s graduating students to earn a program certificate or degree. The Saginaw Promise works to impact Saginaw’s economy, quality of life and the lives of its students through its focus on and support of postsecondary education with information, programming and the awarding of a “last dollar” scholarship. To learn more about the Saginaw Promise visit www.saginawpromise.org.

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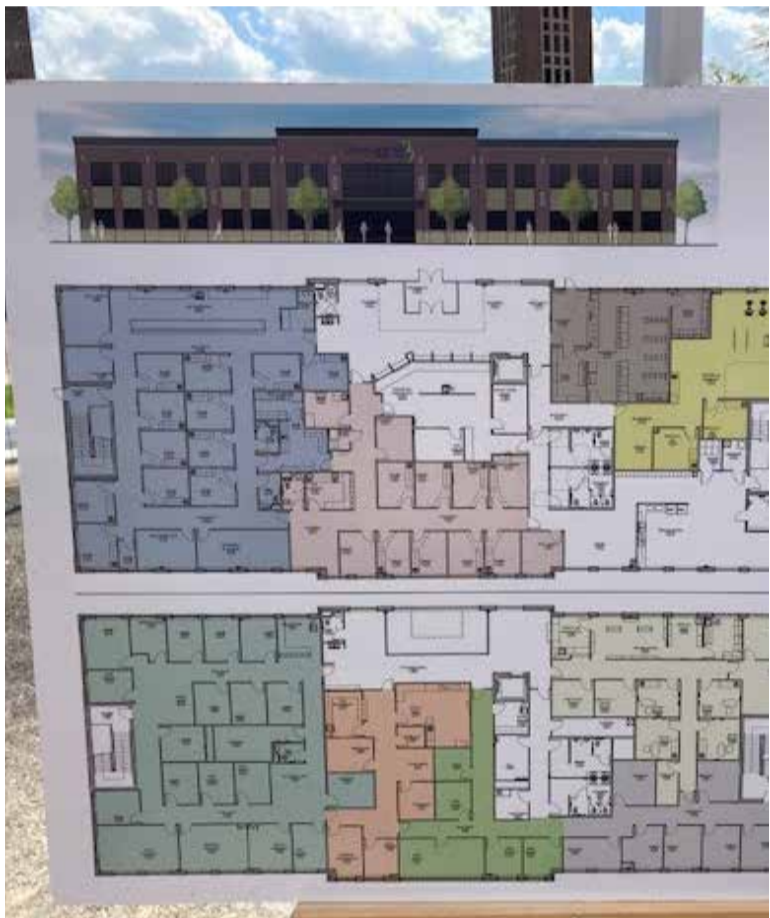
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GLBHC expands care to new heights on Court Street in Saginaw

Saginaw, MI – In Fall 2022, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers (GLBHC) will relocate its Old Town Community Health Center, now at 804 S. Hamilton, to a beautiful, new facility at 700 Court Street in Saginaw. The continued need for health-care in our community is growing and GLBHC is proud to work and partner with Shaheen Development, who is constructing this new, state of the art building.

"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 Centers 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.

To better serve patients, this new GLBHC-Old Town location on Court Street

will provide multiple services in one convenient location, including Primary Medical Care, OB-GYN, WIC, Physical Therapy, Behavioral Health, Eye Care and much 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 GLBHC.

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Sign up for Medicare Part B online

By VONDA VAN TIL
SOCIAL SECURITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
SPECIALIST

You can sign up for Medicare Part B online! If you're enrolled in Medicare Part A and want to enroll in Part B during the Special Enrollment Period, please visit our Medicare web page at www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/.

From there, you can enroll in Part B by completing these forms: CMS-40B (Application for Enrollment in Medicare – Part B [Medical Insurance]) and CMS-L564 (Request for Employment Information).

You can also fax or mail the CMS-40B and CMS-L564 to your local Social Security office to enroll. You can find the fax number and address for your local office at www.ssa.gov/locator. Please contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY

1-800-325-0778) if you have any questions.

Note: When completing the forms:

- State, "I want Part B coverage to begin (MM/YY)" in the remarks section of the CMS-40B form or online application.
- If your employer is unable to complete Section B, please complete that portion as best you can on behalf of your employer without your employer's signature.
- Submit one of the following types of secondary evidence by uploading it from a saved document on your computer:
 - Income tax returns that show health insurance premiums paid.
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 - Pay stubs that reflect health insurance



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premium deductions.

- Health insurance cards with a policy effective date.
- Explanations of benefits paid by the Group Health Plan or Large Group Health Plan.
- Statements or receipts that reflect payment of health insurance premiums.

Please let your friends and loved ones know about this online, mail, or fax option.

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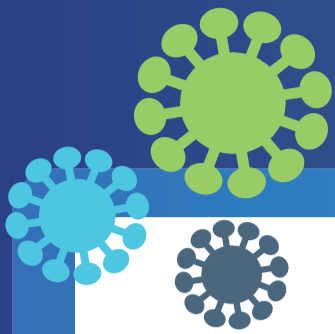


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Great Lakes Bay Health Centers has touched more than **118,000 LIVES** during the COVID-19 crisis – in patient care and community outreach with testing and vaccines.



55,884
COVID-19 TESTS
ADMINISTERED
IN 2020-2021 (AS OF JUNE 3, 2021)

Great Lakes Bay Health Centers (GLBHC) began offering community COVID-19 testing in March 2020 outside centers in Saginaw, and expanded to Bay City and Bad Axe. During the summer and fall, we partnered with churches and other community partners to bring testing to neighborhoods with “popup” events. We shifted testing to drive-thru access and do not require a doctor’s note or symptoms. Staff supported this effort on every level, including making calls to share test results. GLBHC added free Influenza community clinics through the fall of 2020. Volunteers have supported testing and vaccines.



15,091
COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES*
ADMINISTERED
IN 2021 (AS OF JUNE 3, 2021)

The Moderna vaccine was first made available to GLBHC staff in January 2021. Through the winter, staff worked with local health departments to administer vaccines to school professionals. The centers started receiving direct shipments of vaccines in March 2021, and began offering appointments to patients. GLBHC also began planning pop-up events at churches and other locations to access hard-to-reach populations. By April, the vaccine team had set up drive-thru vaccine clinics in Saginaw and Bay City and weekly clinics at the UAW Hall in Saginaw. Soon the public could access the vaccines without an appointment. Outreach continues into the summer, with young adults and teens becoming a focus.

*individuals each receive two doses

TOTAL GLBHC PATIENTS SERVED IN 2020:



50,270 PATIENTS

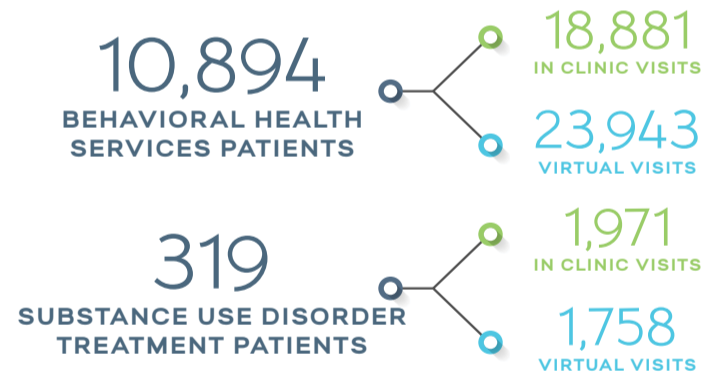
RECEIVING MEDICAL, DENTAL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE AND OTHER VISITS

The COVID-19 shutdowns required centers to limit in-person visits in March-May 2020, but we never closed. Within two weeks, GLBHC had telehealth visits operational to stay in touch with patients. Before 2020, there were no virtual visits offered.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

COVID increased stress and demand for behavioral health services in 2020. Staff reached out to schools and saw increased referrals for children and teens.



16,953 PATIENTS 12 & OLDER SCREENED FOR DEPRESSION
8,730 of these patients who screened positive for depression and had a follow-up plan documented

DENTAL CARE

GLBHC dental centers were some of the only dental clinics open during quarantine to emergency care for patients experiencing pain or infection.



CHRONIC HEALTH MONITORING = BETTER OUTCOMES

During quarantine, GLBHC used grant funds to provide at-home monitoring kits to patients with COVID symptoms. The kits included blood pressure monitors and pulse oximeters to track oxygen levels. Telehealth visits were a lifeline for care management nurses to keep in touch with patients with chronic health conditions. Pharmacy staff made medication deliveries. A new Respiratory Clinic allowed staff to safely care for patients with COVID symptoms in person.



Booster doses for those who received Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine recommended for 65 and older, those with underlying health conditions and those at increased risk of COVID-19 due to occupation

Lansing, MI – Following FDA approval, recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and additional recommendations by the CDC director, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging certain Michiganders to get a booster shot if they received Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. This includes people ages 65 and older; individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions; and those at high risk of COVID-19 due to occupational or institutional exposure.

"The safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is already protecting millions of Michiganders from this deadly virus," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at MDHHS. "With the Delta variant circulating and cases of COVID-19 increasing, CDC and the FDA have determined that a booster dose is needed for some individuals to maintain and increase that level of protection. We urge all eligible Michiganders to get their booster dose six months after their second dose to help protect against COVID-19."

CDC recommends the following groups should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series:

- People 65 years and older and residents aged 18 and older in long-term care settings.
- People aged 50 through 64 with

certain underlying medical conditions.

CDC recommends the following groups may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series based on their individual benefits and risks:

- People aged 18 through 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions.
- People aged 18 through 64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.
- Per CDC, occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include frontline essential workers and health care workers including:
 - First responders (health care workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff).
 - Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers).
 - Food and agriculture workers.
 - Manufacturing workers.
 - Corrections workers.
 - U.S. Postal Service workers.
 - Public transit workers.
 - Grocery store workers.

This list could be updated in the future.

This updated interim guidance from CDC follows the Sept. 22 decision by the FDA, following a careful examination of the latest data, and robust and deliberative discussion around booster shots. The booster recommendation only pertains to

individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine. Those who received J&J or Moderna are not eligible for a booster vaccine under the current recommendations, and additional guidance is expected in the coming weeks.

Michiganders should bring their COVID-19 vaccine card or immunization record with them when getting their booster dose, which is available at any vaccine provider that have Pfizer vaccine. Immunization records are available online at the Michigan Immunization Portal for many residents and can be downloaded and printed. To obtain their record, Michiganders must create a MIlogin account at Michigan.gov/MiImmsportal and upload a valid government issued photo ID such as a driver's license, state ID or passport. There is no cost to access the portal.

As previously recommended, Michiganders with moderately to severely compromised immune systems should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. This additional dose is intended to improve the response of people who are immunocompromised to their initial vaccine series.

To date, more than 67.2% of Michiganders - more than 5.4 million residents - have gotten at least their first dose of one of the three safe, effective vaccines. From January to July 2021, unvaccinated Michiganders accounted for 98% of COVID cases, 95% of hospitalizations and 96% of deaths.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine.

For more information about COVID-19 in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/coronavirus.



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Linda (Almond-McWright) Logan, Ph.D., named Chair of Michigan ACE Women's Network

Lansing, MI — Linda (Almond-McWright) Logan, Ph.D., vice president and chief inclusion officer at Olivet College, has been named the chair of the Michigan American Council on Education (MI-ACE) Women's Network. Previously, Dr. Logan spent three years as the MI-ACE Women's Network state chair elect. She also served as the co-chair of the Public Policy Committee, co-chair of the Institutional Representatives Committee, and on the MI-ACE Women's Network Executive Board of Directors. In addition, Dr. Logan chaired the MI-ACE Women's Network Conference in 2018 and 2019 and has led Equal Pay Day

for Women events for many years.

"In our rapidly changing world with numerous challenges affecting us all, we need women leaders in higher education," Dr. Logan said. "We need the diversity of thought and the abundance of talent all gender identities bring to the table. MI-ACE envisions and strives to contribute to an open and just higher education environment in which all share their talents and voices equally. Diverse voices in management and policymaking are vital, and it is our network's mission to offer the professional development, networking, partnerships and engagement opportunities that

provide an ever-increasing pool of talent to our Michigan campuses. It is an honor to serve as the state chair."

The ACE Women's Network works to identify, develop, encourage, advance, link and support (IDEALS) women in higher education. Professional development, networking, mentoring, advocacy and support for women in Michigan's higher education system are provided through the network.

Linda (Almond-McWright) Logan, Ph.D.,

Linda (Almond-McWright) Logan, Ph.D., has served Olivet College for more than 20 years, presently as the vice president and chief inclusion officer. Dr. Logan's responsibilities include education, training, engaging in research, and assisting in selecting talent and implementing programs that promote inclusion, diversity, equity, access and opportunity.

Dr. Logan first came to Olivet College as the director of the criminal justice program and an assistant professor of sociology and anthropology. In 2001, she transitioned to chair of the Social Science Department while maintaining her role of assistant professor. Later, Dr. Logan held the position of vice president and dean of student life and professor of sociology. She still continues to teach in her current role. She has decades of experience in counseling, research, conflict resolution, wellness program development, teaching and higher education leadership, paired with a passion for relationship building and mentorship.

Dr. Logan holds a doctorate in family and child ecology from Michigan State University, a master's degree in counseling and guidance from Central Michigan University, and a bachelor's degree in sociology from Saginaw Valley State University.



Michigan Civil Rights Commission: 6 of 10 recommendations for action in 2020 education equity in Michigan report now being implemented

Lansing, MI—The Michigan Civil Rights Commission reports 6 of 10 recommendations for action laid out in their Education Equity in Michigan Report issued in September of 2020 are now being implemented.

The Education Equity in Michigan Report outlined inequities in Michigan's K-12 education system and detailed specific recommendations for action that policy makers and educators can implement to make achieving educational equity a priority in all Michigan schools.

"In less than a year, MDCR, the Michigan Department of Education, and many others who stepped up to collaborate on making education in Michigan more equitable and accountable have implemented 6 of the 10 recommendations for action outlined in the MCRC Education Equity in Michigan Report," said MCRC Chair Stacie Clayton. "We're proud of the initial work that was done in a short time. The report is a living document and we will consistently use its findings to build upon efforts to ensure all students have access to an equitable education."

The MCRC Education Equity in Michigan Report was the culmination of a series of public hearings and a year-long examination of disparities in K-12 education in Michigan. From May 2018 through the end of March 2019, the Commission held five public hearings around the state and heard from dozens of subject matter experts, school administrators, teachers, parents and students on the ways Michigan is falling short in its obligation to effectively educate all its children.

The MCRC Education Equity in Michigan Report recommendations for action now being implemented are:

Developing a Statewide Educational Equity Plan to enhance policies, accountability and opportunities for all, using a holistic approach to inform the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, the Michigan Department of Education and schools statewide; and

Encouraging schools to create local school equity plans and contribute information and resources to encourage and support equitable practices and opportunities for schools.

- MDCR has produced a detailed Education Equity Resource Guide that

serves both as a statewide plan for operationalizing educational equity and provides local schools with a template for creating customized, locally developed and controlled, school equity plans. Find the MDCR Education Equity Resource Guide [here](#).

Ensuring that all data collected by state and county government entities be disaggregated by race and ethnicity.

- The Michigan Department of Education's Top 10 state strategic education plan includes a commitment to disaggregating data. MDE is now collecting and reporting school and school district data disaggregated by race and ethnicity - important for raising consciousness around education gaps as a prelude to addressing the gaps.
- MDE has extended their commitment to including this disaggregation when they provide public reports at State Board of Education meetings on state strategic education plan goals.

Supporting a well-resourced and quality teacher training program through universities and colleges, encouraging diversity in its teaching roles and student enrollment.

- To help increase diversity in the teacher ranks, the Michigan Department of Education has put out guidance and grants for districts to begin Grow Your Own programs for students who aspire to become teachers. MDE has also issued guidance and support for districts to begin Grow Your Own programs for support staff members who aspire to become teachers. In the coming months, MDE will be issuing additional guidance and small grants associated with this effort.
- MDE has approved two applications for waivers to establish alternative teacher certification pathways, in part to help develop diversity in the teaching workforce among support staff members. These entities are Detroit Public Schools Community

District and New Paradigm for Education.

- Through its Proud Michigan Educator campaign, MDE is now advocating around the importance of diversity and diversifying the ranks of teaching and support staff.

Creating a multicultural, student-led component of the Council for Government and Education on Equity and Inclusion to engage students and parents/guardians on the local level. Many students are interested in equity and can help make strides to remove barriers and re-shape equity policies and practices that inhibit students of color.

- The Council has established a subcommittee of members who are working in their respective areas to identify potential student participants and ensure youth voices and insights are part of the equity in education discussion and process.
- Through the MDCR Civil Rights Youth Academy, the department is using existing partnerships and participants in the Youth Academy to recruit students who wish to take part in the Equity Council youth component.

Providing year-round cultural competency/race and equity education, advice and coaching.

- MDCR's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division is actively promoting and providing implicit bias education and additional DEI strategies to schools, local government, state agencies and other entities statewide. The DEI Division is also working in collaboration with the state's Chief Equity Officer and additional state agencies to develop long-term strategies to operationalize equity long-term.
- MDCR's Community Engagement Division and their collaborative partners at the University of Michigan convene a group of educators from throughout the state in bi-monthly meetings to discuss education equity issues, concerns and best practices.

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School Boards



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

The local public school and its community are closely tied together by those who are elected and serve on their Board of Education.

School boards are in the news right now for mask mandates and other COVID 19 - related restrictions. They are “taking heat” for their decisions. There have been a number of stories about meetings and protests; let’s just say this is an interesting time to serve on a school board.

The purpose of this segment is to offer three suggestions about ways for citizens to engage with school boards.

1) Be informed.

Schools have websites that communicate a wide variety of subjects. One can find contact information, schedules of events, and school news, just to name a few. Official documents regarding bud-

gets, board meetings, and minutes, are among items required to be posted on school websites, too.

An easy way to be informed is to “log on” to a school’s website.

2) Offer information.

School board members receive information from a wide variety of sources. As a school superintendent, it was my responsibility to keep the board informed about daily operations and short-term and long-ranged challenges.

Board members need to hear from more than one person and more than one source. Truth is, they hear from a long, long list of resources including but not limited to organizations such as the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). MASB provides information and updates about important legal, technical and operational strategies. “Best practices” are highlighted and regularly shared among schools.

For the public, informing school boards about needs, concerns, and suggestions is a great way to practice local grass-roots democracy. Writing letters, electronic messages, or offering public comment are among the ways of informing school boards.

3) Communicate

This leads to the need to communicate with school boards by attending meetings and offering public comment to the board. Like I said, this is grass-roots stuff!

Some tips I would offer when making public comment:

- Be prepared (it is okay to write out your statement ahead of time and offer a copy of it to the board secretary);
- Be succinct (too often emotions can take us over and have us lose our train of thought; most boards limit the length of public comment as a result);
- Be respectful (when public comments spin into a disrespectful tone, credibility can be hampered)

In summary, these are “interesting times” to be on a school board. Yet I hold board members in high regard, because they have agreed to serve and be decision makers even when the decisions are unpopular or controversial. They are doing their best to provide the best educational setting possible for their community.

Even in tough times!

Resource: <https://masb.org/your-local-school-board.aspx>



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Joe Baca, former Dem. Calif. Congrmn., Dist. 43.

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+ BUSINESS



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Local professionals embark on year-long leadership development journey

Flint, MI – Nine local professionals have been selected to participate in Lead Now Flint & Genesee, an introspective leadership development program offered through Flint & Genesee Group.

The participants in the seventh cohort, which kicked off Sept. 17, work and/or live in Genesee County and have experience in the private, public or nonprofit sectors.

“Over the last 18 months, leaders have been presented with situations that they haven’t encountered before – leading their teams via remote communications and empowering their employees during uncertain times,” said Brianna Mosier, director of Organizational Development at Flint & Genesee Group. “This year’s Lead Now cohort will have the opportunity to reflect on that experience and implement what they learn in real time.”

As part of the Lead Now program, each participant will undergo in-depth leadership assessments, one-on-one coaching and monthly training sessions. They will learn how to leverage different behaviors to effectively create a vision, develop fol-

lowership, implement said vision and achieve results.

Participants in the 2020-21 cohort include:

- Latrese Brown (Flint), City of Flint
- Matthew Clark (Flint), Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority
- Sophia Eldridge (Grand Blanc), Meraki Hair Team
- Samantha Klasklow (Flint), Kettering University
- Dr. Kimberly Leverette (Grand Blanc), Flint & Genesee Education & Talent
- Cindy Thornthwaite (North Branch), GST Michigan Works!
- Amy Watts (Holly), Flint & Genesee Education & Talent
- Vivian Williams (Flint), 100K Ideas
- Kady Yellow (Flint), What’s Up Downtown Project

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 2020 group opted to work with the Good Church in Flint, in laying the groundwork to start an affordable community laundromat in its basement. The project involved strategy, fundraising and marketing, and left the church with a solid plan to follow after the program ended.

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 2021-22 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 on Friday, Nov. 12. Following this session, the Lead Now cohort will select one organization to work with for the year.

+ BUSINESS

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer Announces Michigan Strategic Fund Projects Supporting Hundreds of Jobs and Water Infrastructure

Lansing, MI – Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in announcing Michigan Strategic Fund approval of projects that include crucial support for Ford's continued investment in electric vehicles in Michigan, a biopharmaceutical facility in Ann Arbor creating 160 jobs, and \$14.9 million in grants to 11 communities around the state to support infrastructure improvements.

"We are focused on growing Michigan's economy by creating good jobs for our residents, building on our state's automotive manufacturing strengths, supporting vibrant communities, and continuing to promote Michigan as a premiere place to live, work, visit, and play," said Governor Whitmer. "Today's MSF projects and initiatives create hundreds of jobs, fix critical water infrastructure, and expand on our leadership in the future of mobility and electric vehicles. Together, we can build back our economy stronger than ever before."

Support for Ford's continued commitment to vehicle electrification underscores Michigan's leadership in advanced mobility and manufacturing

Since December 2019, Ford Motor Company has announced nearly \$2.5 billion in investment in Michigan, largely around electric and autonomous vehicle manufacturing, supporting more than 3,700 new jobs for Michigan's manufacturing workforce.

Ford has recently announced plans to invest an additional approximately \$250 million and add 450 more direct jobs across all three of its Michigan facilities in Dearborn, Ypsilanti, and Sterling Heights, increasing its production capacity to 80,000 trucks a year. This includes an expansion at the Rouge Electric Vehicle Center (REVC), where the first F-150 Lightning pre-production trucks are leaving the factory for real-world testing.

The project builds on Ford's ongoing commitment to electrifying the future of mobility in Michigan, with the Ford Ion Park announced in Romulus this past July, and its transformation of the historic Michigan Central Station into an innovation hub for the company's future of transportation.

The investment at REVC will further expand Ford's electric vehicle manufacturing footprint in Michigan and create an extended ripple effect across the supply chain in the state. The project continues to solidify Michigan's reputation around the world as an electrification, mobility and automotive leader for generations to come.

To support this investment, the MSF has approved an amendment to Ford's existing REVC State Essential Services Assessment (SESA) exemption, increasing the qualified investment from \$140 million to \$265 million. By amending the qualified investment amount, the value of the SESA exemption will increase from \$3,185,000 to \$6,078,750.

New state-of-the-art Center of Excellence facility in Ann Arbor builds on Michigan's globally renowned life sciences sector

German company Sartorius BioAnalytical Instruments, Inc. is a global leader in the biopharmaceutical industry. The company works with scientists and engineers around the world to quickly and safely develop and manufacture medications from the first idea to patient use. The company currently has 130 employees located at four sites in Washtenaw County and expects to create an additional 160 high-wage jobs with this project.

Sartorius plans to construct a Center of Excellence facility in Ann Arbor that will house lab processing services, manufacturing and assembly of highly technical instruments, reagents, research and development, marketing, human resources, accounting, training, customer visit center and more. The facility will consolidate existing business operations in Washtenaw County into the facility, a project that will generate a total capital investment of \$57 million with the support of a \$1.2 million Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant. Michigan was chosen for the project over competing sites in Colorado and New York.

The project further strengthens Michigan's life sciences and professional services industries and will bring high-wage, high-skill jobs to area residents in a variety of positions including biomedical engineers, biological scientists, first-line supervisors, business operations specialists, among others.

Ensuring Michigan was chosen as the location for the Center of Excellence secures company's presence in the Ann Arbor region and supports the potential for future growth and investment. The company believes strongly in promoting from within and plans to work with Michigan Works! and Ann Arbor SPARK to reach local talent in disadvantaged areas.

"The new facility will consolidate existing business operations in Washtenaw County to create a center of excellence in Ann Arbor for the Laboratory and Bioprocess Products and

Services in North America, which focus on providing innovative solutions to help customers develop drugs that cure, prevent, and halt the progression of diseases," said Mary Lavin, President of Sartorius North America.

The city of Ann Arbor has been working with the Michigan Department of Transportation on an application to the Transportation Economic Development Fund that would provide critical road improvements needed to support the development. The city also plans to consider a Brownfield TIF Work Plan and approval of a property tax abatement in support of the project.

Individuals interested in careers with Sartorius should visit <https://www.sartorius.com/en/company/career>.

"The staff at Ann Arbor SPARK has worked incredibly hard to bring this opportunity to the city of Ann Arbor and we thank the MEDC, the Michigan Strategic Fund, and Governor Whitmer for approving the business development grant in support of Sartorius's new facility," Paul Krutko, president and CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK said. "The work to help Sartorius expand in Ann Arbor shows that when state and local partners work together, the community benefits, and that it takes this type of collaboration to ensure jobs and investment come to Ann Arbor over competing sites."

Infrastructure grants will assist Michigan communities in making much-needed improvements

The Michigan Strategic Fund also approved \$14.9 million in Community Development Block Grant Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) grants for 11 communities to make water-related infrastructure improvements. The purpose of the program is to accelerate economic development and assist low- and moderate-income communities in making improvements or upgrades to their existing water, sewer, and wastewater public infrastructure systems. Communities will use the grants to improve or replace water lines, water mains and related facilities, and sanitary and storm sewer lines and related facilities.

The communities receiving grants are: Bangor, Escanaba, Fowlerville, Hart, Hartford, Houghton, Middleville, Morenci, Rogers City, Shelby, West Branch.

In addition, MSF approved up to \$550,000 in CDBG funds to provide administrative services to assist the communities with the compliance and administrative requirements of the awards.

+ POLITICS & POLICY



Kildee championed legislation to make college more affordable included in 'Build Back Better' budget

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus and Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, applauded the inclusion of legislation he's championed to eliminate income taxes paid on Pell Grants in President Biden's Build Back Better budget.

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need and have not yet earned a degree. Currently, if Pell Grants are used for tuition and related educational expenses, such as books, supplies and equipment required for classes, they are not considered taxable income. However, Pell Grants used to pay for a student's room and board are considered taxable income, significantly decreasing the value of students' financial aid. This fails to provide benefits for the entire cost of college. The Kildee-championed legislation would exclude Pell Grants used for any allowable

purpose from income taxes.

Last week, the Ways and Means Committee voted to advance President Joe Biden's Build Back Better budget that helps level the playing field for Michigan's working families. This budget included provision, like Kildee's Scholarship Tax Relief for Students Act, to fully exempt the Pell Grant from income tax.

"In today's economy, some postsecondary education—whether an apprenticeship program, associate degree, or a four-year college program—is necessary to secure a good paying job to support a family. Unfortunately, too many hardworking students and families in Michigan are held back by the increasing costs of higher education and the burden of student loan debt," said Congressman Kildee. "If a student is receiving financial aid, it makes no sense for them to pay taxes on it. Exempting Pell Grants from income tax is a commonsense policy that will make col-

lege more affordable and ensure that our future generations can unleash their full potential in the new economy."

Congressman Kildee first introduced legislation to exempt the Pell Grant from income tax in the 114th Congress after a call from Pauline Helmling, who contacted the Congressman's office with ideas to address student loan debt. Her ideas are reflected in the legislation, the Scholarship Tax Relief for Students Act, that was reintroduced today.

"What a shame it would be for academically gifted students to have to turn down scholarship support because they can't pay the taxes on it. We should view academic achievers as our greatest hope for a prosperous future society, not a source of tax revenue. I'm thrilled that this bill is moving forward. It's been a long time in the making, and I applaud the efforts of Congressman Kildee in keeping it alive. I look forward to seeing it signed into law," said Pauline Helmling, a constituent from Bay City.

"Congressman Kildee's Scholarship Tax Relief Act is for the people and would deliver real tangible relief for many hardworking students and families. This legislation was designed with students in mind. There are many students at the University of Michigan-Flint who receive Pell Grants to help them afford their education, and this bill would extend major relief to many of my peers as we pursue our dreams of a college education," said Levi N. Todd, Student Body President at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Since coming to Congress, Congressman Kildee has been working tirelessly for students to make sure that postsecondary education is accessible and affordable. This Congress, he introduced legislation to help foster and homeless youth attend and complete higher education. Additionally, Kildee supported, and the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed, a seven-bill funding package for Fiscal Year 2022, which included over \$24.7 billion in federal funding for Pell Grants and increased the maximum award amount by \$400.

+ FUNDRAISING GOODTIMES

Is new funding a distraction?

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

Nonprofit leaders – and so many others – are being offered new opportunities to collaborate; new funding; and new demands on their time, relationships and resources. It all might be for the good of the community, but can you rise to the occasion? Should you? Can you really do what others are asking you to do? When you are asked to “step up” in a new way, take a moment to ask a few questions.

First, does your organization have the skills and experience necessary for the proposed project to be successful? Will you have to recruit new staff, enter into relationships with contractors, or build community collaborations for the project to work? Will you be compensated for the time and expense related to this? Will you actually be able to recruit the talent and build the relationships within the timeframes required? Will you be able to sustain them? What will that cost? Only you and your board will know if you can do what you are doing now while taking on something new.

Second, the prospect of additional funding can feel like a lifeline, but if it adds more work to an overworked staff and underdeveloped infrastructure you might end up sinking instead. When you are asked to take on a new project, bring together your board, program staff, and finance people to figure out whether or not the proposed funding will cover all the expenses – including overhead – that you will incur related to the program. Then consider whether the agency, philanthropist, or foundation can provide resources and funding to maintain and sustain the work once the preliminary grant is over. Will you end up with additional funding today and a next-to-impossible fundraising goal tomorrow?



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Third, do you fully understand the proposed body of work? You may hear a funder, donor, or collaborator asking for one thing, but have you confirmed that you are hearing them correctly? Are the requirements in writing? Is the donor, funder or stakeholder open to modifying their ideas to work within your capacity and to take advantage of your knowledge and lived experience? Related to this – and the earlier points – will the funder provide the necessary funding for you to maintain and grow this project? Will they introduce other funders to the project and encourage them to support it? Will fundraising for this project become solely your responsibility, or will the funder work with your

nonprofit to build a pool of donors and funders who can underwrite the work and help it grow?

Fourth, do you have buy-in and commitment from your board? Does the project align with your mission, vision and goals? Will launching it send mixed messages and confusion to those who believe in and support your work? Will it take resources away from other programs, activities, advocacy campaigns, or organizational planning work?

You want to make sure a “great opportunity” doesn’t take your organization off course. Don’t say “yes” until you know what it will take for you to be successful.



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+ SPORTS



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Charles Rogers and others inducted in MSU Sports Hall of Fame

Lansing, MI – The 2021 Michigan State Hall of Fame Class was officially inducted on Friday, Sept. 24. Franklin Gomez (wrestling), Anthony Hamm (men's cross country/track and field), Carol Hutchins (softball/women's basketball), Lynn Janson (men's golf), Elizabeth (Shimek) Moeggenberg (women's basketball), Floor Rijpma (field hockey), Charles Rogers (football) and Ron Scott (hockey) officially joined the newly renovated Hall at the Clara Bell Smith Center.

Each inductee posed for photos near their plaque, then received their award from Director of Athletics Alan Haller. Following the induction ceremony, the celebration moved to Breslin Center's Izzo Hall of History where MSU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., MD and

Haller addressed the gathering, followed by each Hall of Famer's induction speech.

The family of Charles Rogers, who died on November 11, 2019, was present to receive the prestigious honor.

Born May 23, 1981, Rogers starred at Saginaw High, where he won a state football championship in 1999, and was an All-American at Michigan State before he was taken by the Lions as the No. 2 overall pick of the 2003 NFL draft.

The five-star high school recruit played for Bobby Williams at MSU from 2000 to 2002. He finished with 2,821 yards on 135 catches with 27 touchdowns in two seasons before entering the draft. He won the Biletnikoff Award in 2002 as the nation's best wide receiver.





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My Dear Americans,

It's come to many attention, that at stake is the freedoms, liberties and rights of this dear country. Many years ago, a great few set out to obtain freedom, and maintain it at all costs, and costs have been made.

"We the People" became synonymous for the coming together and unification of all people whom wished to be free. It's more than just a phrase, it's a weapon. It's a weapon far more dangerous than that of a nuclear threat. It gives us power to do something, should anything come across as a threat to the very nation many call home.

Throughout history, we've witnessed the strength, the valor, the

commitment, the honor, and the respect held by We the People. How low of us, it would be to spit in the face, and stand on the grave of those who sacrificed so much, so that we may live free, by not carrying the torch they left behind and continuing the ongoing fight for freedom.

Freedom. It's sought after, to a great degree. To many people it's a wish, and a hope. But to us it's a privilege, a right, and the epitome of this country. Without freedom, we are nothing, but slaves to masters who call themselves "Kings" and live in such a way that's disgusting.

However, one thing remains, it's the one thing that has kept this nation together, for centuries. It's the reason why wars have been won. It's

the reason why the founding fathers were able to put in place laws and orders so easily. Because they had the knowledge that a nation without God, is a nation that will go under.

This is a Nation Under God. You may not believe in God, you may not like that part of the Pledge of Allegiance, you may disagree and that's fine, but it doesn't take away the truth of the matter.

Freedom is but one generation away from extinction. So, in a time where freedom is at stake, let us, We the People, continue to fight for the right to let Freedom Ring.

By Doniqua Sovia



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On September 26, the Saginaw NAACP Branch hosted their annual Freedom Fund banquet with keynote speaker Ron Busby, President and CEO of U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.

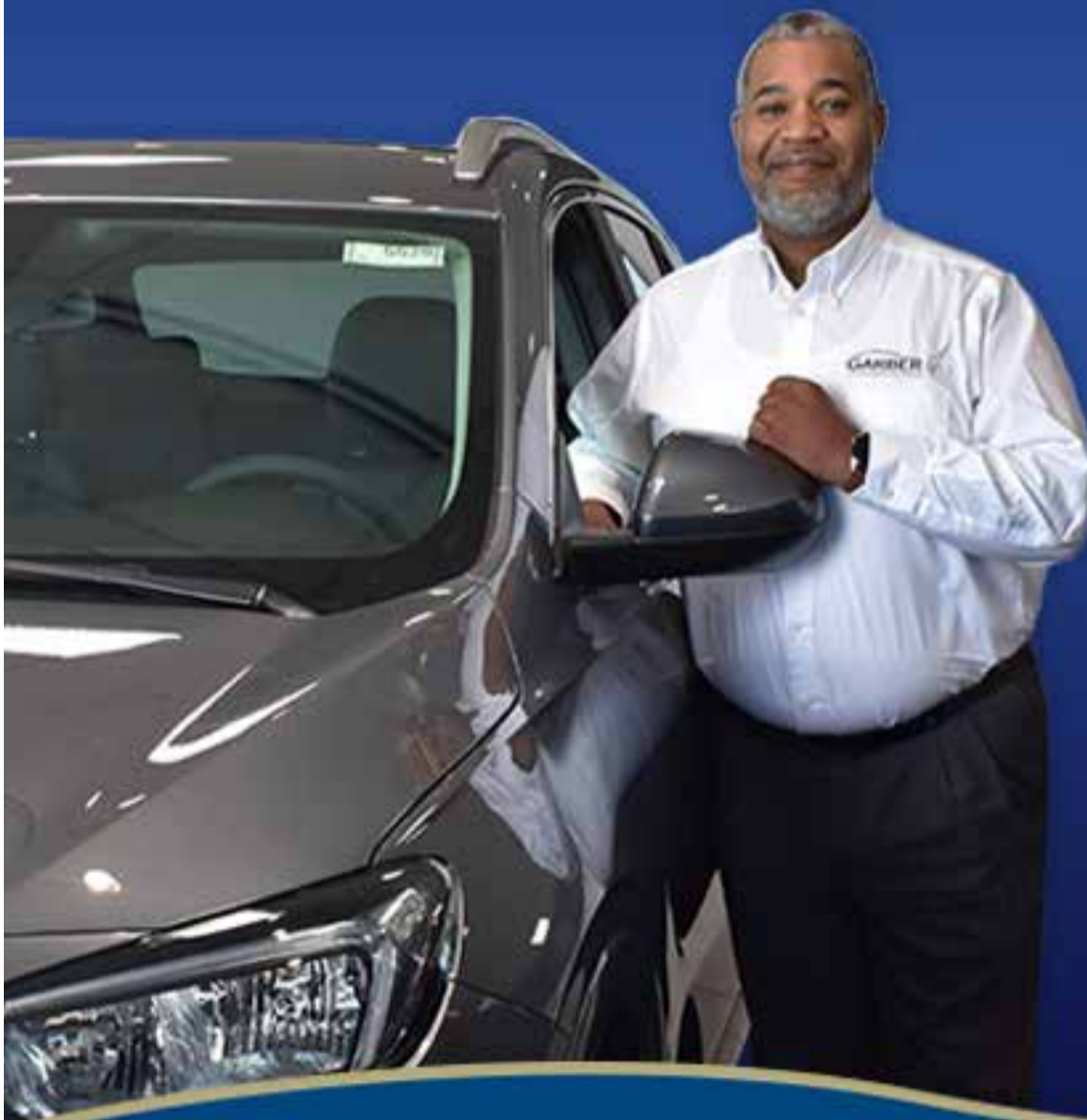


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