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FLOR DE TOLOACHE

See Flor de Toloache free at the Temple Theatre

On September 17, 2022, Flor de Toloache will perform live at the Temple Theatre.

Latin Grammy-winning, New York-based all-female ensemble Flor de Toloache wins the hearts of both progressive and traditional mariachi music fans alike through their distinct artistic vision and sophisticated, enlightened interpretation of traditional mariachi instruments. Their diverse ethnicities and musical backgrounds transcend culture and gender by forging new paths. The group is led by co-band directors Mireya I. Ramos on violin and Shae Fiol on vihuela. Together, they have graced international stages from Mexico to Japan and have extensively toured the USA.

Flor de Toloache's new bilingual album Indestructible pushes the boundaries of mariachi music and its instruments through reimagined

pop covers, originals and original collaborations. It's a fusion fest starring vocals, lead violin, trumpet, vihuela and guitarron graced by the likes of John Legend (singing en español!), Alex Cuba, Josh Baca of Los Texmaniacs, Las Migas, Sinuhé Padilla and R&B singer Miguel.

The opening performance will feature Ballet Folklórico De Detroit. Ballet Folklórico De Detroit is a Detroit based community group of passionate dancers who dedicate their time, passion and talent to showcase traditional dances in an effort to preserve Mexican culture and traditions through dance.

The show starts at 7:30pm, with doors opening at 6:30pm. Tickets for this event are free thanks to the support of generous supporters and can be secured at www.templetheatre.com/flordetoloache2022.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

Go Ahead – Change Your Mind!

It is absolutely appropriate to change your mind. We tend to dig our heels in on matters – sometimes making serious decisions based upon faulty or flawed information to avoid the appearance of having made mistakes. I think by definition this behavior is identified as one being prideful. Friendships and marriages end, families and communities become divided, businesses fold, and yes – wars have been fought as a result of refusal to change positions on critical matters. I attribute many clever and meaningful sayings from days of old to my father who was raised by my very wise grandmother – I'm certain they weren't the first to say this but both of them often said, 'Son, when you know better, you do better'. This gives us permission to recalibrate – to reconsider decisions which may not be in our own best interest or in the best interest of people we care about.



At first glance, this may appear to be a piece on the current political climate in our country and around the world. But these thoughts are regarding circumstances closer to home. I am thinking of Saginaw, the Tri-cities and the amazing individuals and families who call this home. Digging your heels in is to cling stubbornly to one's beliefs or wishes even when new information - truth or facts, are presented to the contrary. One might stubbornly remain in a place or even in a relationship resisting all logic and reason to seek a safer or healthier environment in which to dwell. Remaining in another state to 'stick it out' after realizing that the grass only appeared greener on that side is also an example of 'digging in'. What will people think if I change my mind? It will look like I couldn't make it – that I failed. To avoid this potential judgement or scrutiny, we often and obstinately maintain positions which are easily recognizable as unsound but refuse to change course.

I have shared in other editions my hopes that we as a community will find ways to attract young people and families back to Saginaw through creation of new businesses, training programs, housing, and employment opportunities for them to experience security in their decision to change their course of action. Some opportunities have been created and others are in the making. Over the next three years the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding will enhance existing options and create new ones while other multimillion-dollar investments are being funneled into the region. New families will certainly come but those who left must be willing to consider a change of mind and heart.

Saginaw is a great place to call home. I have unwaveringly maintained this position for as long as I can recall. I am the eldest brother in a sib group of six. As any big brother would, I recall giving completely unsolicited guidance to them regarding plans to move away as soon as they reached legal age to do so. I can also vividly recall them reminding me at every turn that, 'You're not my Daddy'. I now take every opportunity (including here in The Michigan Banner), to offer the same uninvited advice to the next generations. It's OK to change your mind if you're leaving just to demonstrate the courage to do so. It's OK to stay and pursue dreams and plans right here in this growing and developing community. It's also OK to come home. Saginaw is worth another look.

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As another school year begins, it's important to teach kids the value of a dollar. Learning money management does not have to be difficult- it can even be fun.

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The Day After



By Doniqua Sovia

The despair that filled the air, followed by screams that now echo as a reminder of those who perished there, along with footage as documentation of the horrors and voicemails of care.

The world went dark twice that day, but the day after was one also worthy to celebrate. September 12, 2001. No one cared whether you were for or against carrying a gun, no one asked your race, or political affiliation. They didn't care about religion, or what car you drove, because that day America became the epitome of hope.

Many found God, and went to church again. The kindness that was spread broke barriers and crossed countries time and time again. We all united, not as foe but as friend because we all understood that was the way things would get done, and we all hoisted our flag on September 12, 2001.

It flew from federal buildings, it was worn on hats, it was draped from apartment building windows, and raised by firefighters at half staff. We let the enemy know that tragedy couldn't pull us apart, but rather bring us together and fight harder for what we've got. We are Americans, and this we displayed with pride, for September 12, was when we came together to unite.

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Gov. Whitmer highlights Hispanic Heritage Month, importance of contributions to Michigan

LANSING, Mich. – Governor Whitmer and the Office of Global Michigan encourage Michiganders to join them in recognizing the contributions of Hispanics and Latinos in Michigan and the United States, proclaiming Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

“During Hispanic Heritage Month we honor the Hispanic and Latino communities who whose vibrant culture, rich traditions, and entrepreneurial spirit make Michigan a great place to live,” said Governor Whitmer. “We also recognize the Hispanic educators, trailblazers, activists, artists, and beyond who call Michigan home and continue to make valuable contributions to the State of Michigan. And we celebrate the fact that we are a home of opportunity for all and commit ourselves to working together to make Michigan a place where anyone can thrive.”

Michigan’s Hispanic and Latino residents are an essential part of our state’s unique social and cultural influences. Michigan is fortunate to count among its population many residents of Spanish and Latin American descent, who grow businesses, offer innovative ideas, strengthen our economy, create jobs and contribute to our daily lives.



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“We honor the many achievements of Hispanic Americans and continue our efforts to ensure our state is a welcoming and inclusive place that provides equal opportunities for all,” said Poppy-Sias Hernandez, Office of Global Michigan Di-

rector. “We celebrate the contributions of Hispanics in arts, sciences, labor, agriculture, business and civil rights.”

“As a first-generation, college-educated, Spanish-Speaking Latino Male in the United States, it is important to acknowledge the labor, sacrifice and contributions of people that look like me,” said Floren시오 Hernandez, who serves on the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan. “The Hispanic population is the largest and fastest-growing population in this country. It has also helped shape the culture of the United States and what we consider the “American Culture,” the true melting pot of many ethnicities and experiences.”

Between 2010 and 2020, Michigan’s Hispanic population increased in 81 of 83 counties, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. As of 2020, the number of Hispanics in Michigan reached 564,422, equaling 5.6% of our state’s population. Significant Hispanic population concentrations are in major urban counties along the Grand Rapids and Detroit corridor.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Michigan recognizes and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic and Latinos in Michigan and the United States.

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By **MICAELA DELGADO**
NEW BEGINNINGS
MINISTRIES

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

- Matthew 6:34

Our summer chapter is approaching a near end. While it was a very well-needed break from all things concerning work and school, it’s almost time to get back into the swing of things.

Speaking from a personal place, both Fall and Winter always tend to be stressful, where my days are filled with tasks needing to be done while also needing to find time for both myself and my family.

So before we dive headfirst into the rest of the year, let’s enjoy the remainder of the Summer that we do have. Remember that tomorrow is never promised, so enjoy the present. Of course, you can never go wrong with preparation, but sometimes it’s better to just stop and smell the roses.

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Goodwine expands business endeavors with Allstate Insurance Agency

By HASANI ALI

Latrice Goodwine has always had a knack for understanding how money works. As a seventh grader, her first taste of economics was learning how to write checks.

“I knew right there and then that I wanted to work with women in the community about money and how it worked.” Goodwine said. “Growing up, we as women know how to make money, but we didn’t know how to make money work for them.”

From that point on, entrepreneurship was the destined path for Goodwine.

After obtaining a Bachelor’s degree from Northwood and a Master’s from Walsh College, she started out in the corporate setting as a banker for commercial lending.

“Even in college, I started as a credit analyst and I spent a lot of time looking at the tax returns of wealthy people,” Goodwine said. “I saw the moves that wealthy people were making and I had to bring this back to my people.”

As a financial advisor for a Fortune 500 company, Goodwine enjoyed helping the community, but something was missing and knew that it was time to step up.

“The education piece was missing,” Goodwine said. “I didn’t want to just sell products and I knew that I could be more of a service to the community.”

Goodwine became a licensed financial advisor in 2013 with her Series 7 & 66 and insurance licensures. In this capacity, she assisted hundreds of individuals, families and local businesses to diagnose current financial positions and develop customized strategies to achieve financial goals such as: maximizing wealth, reducing tax liabilities, retirement planning and protecting accumulated assets through insurance strategies.

Goodwine, 40, attended a Women’s Empowerment Brunch on January 1, 2018 in Detroit, MI. Knowing that she wanted to



LATRICE GOODWINE

do more for women, she gave birth to the brand, Girl! What’s in your P.U.R.S.E.?

Which also came out as a book, which was published in 2019 on her 37th birthday.

“I want my brand to be a one-stop shop,” Goodwine said. “People should be able to come to me to help build their credit, buy a home and insure it.”

The platform is designed for Goodwine to coach women around the world on becoming financially empowered and prepared with tips, concepts and strategies that address unique financial situations that women face in every stage of their lives.

“We know that money is a tool to help with your financial goals,” Goodwine said. “I wanted to make a learning process fun and relatable.”

Her coaching services include business consulting, credit enhancement and the book as the product. People refer to her as their “financial bestie.”

To follow up on the promise of having a “one-stop shop,” the Saginaw native

opened an Allstate Insurance Agency office on September 1, 2022, located at the Commerce Building at 301 E. Genesee, Suite 101.

“I got a lot of support, but some people didn’t understand how the Allstate agency fit into the scheme of my brand.”

As an entrepreneur and working mom, she has to be sure to maintain a healthy work/life balance. “Everything is strategic and I live by the calendar,” Goodwine said. “If it’s not on the calendar, then it doesn’t exist.”

Even her children, 12,9 and 7 are getting early access to financial literacy. She wanted to make sure that her children started early in their financial journey.

“All my kids are investing and starting their own business,” Goodwine said. “My two oldest are starting a vending machine business and my 9-year-old son is currently investing in the stock market.”

The former shooting guard of Saginaw High School, class of 2000, knew that sports would prepare her for a life and leadership and playing her role is essential to making any dream happen.

“There’s no ‘I’ in team,” Goodwine said. “You can’t do it alone. I do my role and I do it quite well. I had to master my craft and partner with others who have their own areas of genius.”

Her formula for prosperity has brought success to many of her clients. It’s a simple formula, but Goodwine relies on her four P’s to be a successful entrepreneur.

“Purpose plus Passion plus Plan equals Prosperity,” Goodwine said. This is what I live by and I encourage others to do the same as well.”

For more information, feel free to contact Latrice Goodwine at 989-341-7272 or email her at lgoodwine@allstate.com.

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Life is about relationships: My reintroduction to the Banner

By HASANI ALI

You never know where the people in your life can take you. Folks can tell you that if it wasn't for a friend, family member or a mentor, that they would not be in the position that they are in now.

In the business community, they tell you that your network is your net worth. That's absolutely true. Your five closest friends will be a clear indicator of your financial status. For example, if you have four millionaire friends, you are bound to be the fifth.

The people that you hang around with tend to have the same habits, work ethic, social life and level of status when it comes to the community at large.

Fortunately, you have the ability to meet people or grow up with fellow peers that may have found a way to invest in a new skill, meet valuable people or make more money. It's our job to take advantage of those relationships and propel us into new chapters in our lives.

We cannot be valuable people unless we have value. We are to be used for our expertise, skills or services. Our talents are what generates our worth. If people cannot use you, then how are you to bring value to another person or company?

People flow in and out of our lives everyday.

How do you take advantage of these interactions? Do you overindulge in small talk? Are you not putting your value out there as a way to be used?

Many of the best opportunities stem from a conversation or knowing someone in general.

Before the world of social media, your reputation and image was in the hands of other people. Based on your reputation, it provided a way to open doors to many opportunities, seen or unseen.

How many times have you heard someone say that a college roommate helped them find a new job? Or their best friend has a connection to a realtor? Even in many cases, a parent owns a business, and the child can work at that business for the parent.



HASANI ALI

Now would be the best time to assess the people in your life.

How much value do they bring? Do you only have friends and associates in your same tax bracket? Does your circle tend to do the same things everyday?

Well, if you want more for yourself, then it's time to re-evaluate your circle.

Author T. Harv Eker has a famous quote that a lot of entrepreneurs live by.

"Rich people are committed to being rich. Poor people want to be rich." That statement carries a lot of weight.

Money isn't the only measurement of wealth, but it is definitely a big indicator. People with lots of money are valuable, whether as an expert in their field or the ability to solve a huge problem.

Those in the higher tax brackets tend to have a strict lifestyle, even with the abundance. The money is typically better managed, along with the time.

How does this relate to relationships?

If you have someone like this in your circle, then you understand the type of lifestyle that they live. They may not have ample time to hang out after work—they may even work more hours depending on the goal.

Money may be spent frugally instead of

splurging on a social life after a hard week of work. Early mornings may be spent reading or working out rather than sleeping in as late as possible before heading into work.

Is that everyone's case? No.

However, we can all assess the type of people that we associate with, our common habits and how it translates to our current status in life.

Relationships can open many doors. You never know the connections a friend may hold or the value someone has until that door has been opened. Because of that rapport, that relationship can be built and maintained even through generations.

With that being said, I'm going to reintroduce myself and how a key relationship in my life gave me a voice with The Michigan Banner and how I will eventually take over as publisher.

Jerome Buckley, the current publisher of the Michigan Banner, was a great friend of my father, John Falls.

The two met as my father was the Block Grant Coordinator at City Hall and the two eventually worked together as board members with Saginaw Community Action Center (CAC).

"The rest was history," Buckley said. "He was a great friend of mine. We would have lunch and talk about community impact and how we could do our part."

Overwhelmed with the workload at The Michigan Banner, Buckley was ready to walk away from the publisher.

However, my father advised him that the community needed a voice and that Buckley is the anointed person to give the community their own grassroots news.

"Your father understood legacy," Buckley said. "He understood that we have to provide something for the community that we live in and encouraged me to keep going."

Buckley understood that my father understood the importance of working around the clock to make the community better, even doing so during leisure time.

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JOHN FALLS

“John would have breakfast with me early Saturday morning,” Buckley said. “Who do you know that would want to do that and talk about the city when you can sleep in?”

He was also the reason why I had my start with The Michigan Banner.

Knowing that I was going to study journalism in college, he connected me to Mr. Buckley as a chance to start putting my ideas on paper.

Going forward, I was able to contrib-

ute to several news publications across the country, including the local Saginaw News.

Now that I am back in Saginaw, it is only right to give back to the city and the person who gave me the initial start in the journalism field.

In return, the plan is to become the publisher of The Michigan Banner once Mr. Buckley decides to retire. He has provided me with a wealth of knowledge when it comes to business endeavors and it would be a golden opportunity to keep the legacy going for Mr. Buckley and my father.

Because of this connection, Mr. Buckley trusts me with such a great responsibility, because he knows my father.

You don’t have these opportunities very often in your lifetime, so of course it’s my best interest to take advantage.

In the near future, my goal would be to leverage all of my relationships to help others reach the next level as it was done for me.



JOHN FALLS



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Working together is progress.
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For questions or information contact Deborah Sanchez at the Saginaw Promise at dsanchez@saginawpromise.org or at (989) 755-0545.

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California mother encourages Michigan parents to consider homeschooling

By HASANI ALI

Christina Smith was sitting in her home in Modesto, Calif., on her phone scrolling through the news when she was shocked to discover what was going on at L.E. White Middle School and Dawson Elementary School in Allegan, Mich.

These schools have these seclusion (or chill) rooms where students are to go for punishment.

“The chill room looks like a prison cell,” Smith said frantically. “At one of the schools, an autistic child urinated on himself while being secluded in one of these rooms as he was in a panic.”

The Oakland native was relieved that she embarked on the journey to homeschool her two children as it ensured safety within her own home and gave her the power to implement her family’s own culture and values.

“It gives me the power to create my own curriculum,” Smith said. “Not only do I give them the necessary academic tools, but they also get to learn skills that will actually benefit them in real life.”

Smith, 46, can recall the exact moment when she realized that she needed to homeschool her children.

“At the time, my son was four years old and I had already taught him how to read,” Smith said. “He has food allergies and he needed to recognize the ingredients in foods that he’s not allowed to eat.”

As the daycare providers were overwhelmed with the amount of students in the classroom, her son was given wheat crackers, which caused him to break out in hives.

“Of course I had a fit,” Smith said. “I specifically instructed what he’s allowed to eat and it was clearly ignored.”

As time progressed, the son confessed that he was being treated differently after Smith’s interaction with the daycare provider.

“I understand that they have so many kids to manage,” Smith said. “She may have honestly forgot, she may not have even cared, but at that point, I decided to that he



CHRISTINA SMITH

was going to be learning next to me.”

The incident even brought back memories of her own childhood and the traumas that were built based on her experience with daycare.

“I remember when my dad dropped me off at daycare and I hated it,” Smith said. “I hated it and I cried. I made friends that helped me adjust, but I hated being separated from my parents.”

Smith was also a victim of bullying in elementary school.

Young children typically don’t have a choice in their daily tasks and Smith understands that this can cause stress on the children as well.

“People don’t respect your boundaries as a child,” Smith said. “Adults take advantage of that simply because they’re small.”

Smith has a special pride in making sure that her children have all the tools needed to be prepared academically.

“We have to protect the psyche of our children at all costs,” Smith said. “Me personally, I could not live with myself knowing that I am giving my children over to strangers for most of the day.”

Smith, also known as CN Smith Authorized on YouTube, has a concentrated method when it comes to her children’s academics.

“We don’t spend any more than three hours a day on all of our academic work,” Smith said. “Think about it, do you honestly believe that these students are really retaining eight hours of information each day?

They’re going to forget it by the time they get home.”

Smith also added that concentrated learning keeps the students interested.

Homeschooling has the ability to keep the students in a more natural learning environment—more outside and rather stuck in a building. Smith believes that it would feel more natural for students.

“Kids should be outside and having fun,” Smith said. “They can manage their own schedules and be diligent on how they want to learn.”

As a wife and mother, Smith wants to provide an avenue for all parents to give their children the same experience.

“This is not a cliché, but children really are the future and that’s a fact,” Smith said. “Children need to live in their heart space and when they have the ability to do so, they can explore their God-given talents so they can truly live out their purpose.”

Understanding that all parents may not agree with the homeschooling lifestyle, but Smith wants people to hear her out prior to making a firm decision.

“It can be done,” Smith said. “Some students do well in public or private school, but parents should really consider why they trust other people to mold the minds of their children.”

For more information to learn about homeschooling, you can go to Christina’s website at www.sunschool.site for the homeschooling guide. You can also find her on Facebook, Bringing It Home with CN Smith Authorized.

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On the Saudi bus - Final Chapter

*See Aug 16 & Sept 1 editions
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By **JOAN L. WASHINGTON**

Call Me "Miss Washington"

It became crystal clear to me these girls were like wild and untamed horses. Some were literally the daughters of "Saudi Royalty" and were probably used to having people that look like me cleaning their toilets, so I got the smirks. They had no idea I was an American. It wasn't until I closed the door and locked it behind, did I get their full attention. "My name is Miss Washington...and you will call me Miss Washington." I said calmly, standing in the front of the new state-of-the-art classroom.

You could hear a pin drop. They were shocked and confused. A student raised her hand quickly, "Miss Washington, Ma'am are you from America?" Before, I could answer another student asked "Miss Washington, do you know Oprah Winfrey? I love her! Are you related to her?" Yet another student piped up and asked "Miss Washington, are you related to Denzel Washington?"

There was such a rush of synergy in the classroom. They were hooked. The girls were genuinely curious and I cleverly used this to my teaching and facilitation advantage. And I never truly answered their questions about whether I knew Oprah Winfrey, or if I was related to Denzel Washington or not. I was amused to discover these young women had rarely interacted with an African American female before. There was an air of mystic and anticipation in my classroom and I loved it.

During the first 20 minutes of class, I candidly laid down the rules. I told them, this is my classroom and I rule. If you are fifteen minutes late, that door will be locked and you will not be allowed to enter. If your father or "Baba" has a problem, he can come and see me too. BUT if he is late...he won't get in either. Mind you, these young women didn't know exactly what to think of me. But, I can honestly say this... they were late for Miss Adrian's class. They were late for Miss Kim's class, and maybe late for Miss Raja's class, but they were never late for Miss Washington's class. Why? I

was their instructor, not their friend.

As class progressed, you could hear heels going clickety, click-clack! They went running down the hallway hoping to beat that 15 minute widow. I introduced my students to the art of critical thinking strategies, learning with a purpose, and how to use various technologies as educational tools. I familiarized them with the concept of team building, blended-learning and interactive learning activities. Most importantly, together we learned the principles of accountability, respect for people from different cultures, and for each to take accountability and responsibility for their own education.

It was amazing to witness their transformation from silly girls to serious scholars. It was also a testament to my faith and promise to give the best of myself as I represent my family and my country.

But alas, I may have taught them too well! As the semester waned they eagerly shared with their family members, friends and teachers what they learned in Miss Washington's class. The other students began questioning their teachers with...

"Why aren't you teaching like Miss Washington?" And this is where the trouble began.

Suddenly, because of my dedication to my students, my use of discipline, and higher standards of teaching - I actually found myself overnight in the middle of a vicious war with nearly every female teacher in the school, with the exception of about five, including my immediate supervisor Mrs. Liz.

It was one of the most absurd and ridiculous experiences of my life. It got so ugly, that some female teachers petitioned to the Rector to have me fired, because I was abusing the students. Not only did these people rally on the female side, but they even convinced some of the male teachers to join them in this scheme to get rid of me. Jason, always kept me informed what was going on. It reached the boiling point when the teachers got some of my students to go to my boss Mrs. Liz and demand I be removed. At the same time, an opposing group of students went to my boss to let her know what the teachers were saying wasn't true. They spoke of a group of American teachers that asked them to lie.

The students questioned why the other teachers weren't teaching at the same level as I was. The students reported "I was hard, but

fair" and they would fight for me to stay. Of course there were some students that just refused to complete the assignments, failed test, and missed numerous classroom times. They thought they were entitled to pass the course because their fathers had wealthy status, but I refused to pass them. Most of the other teachers passed all their students with A's whether they came to class or not. They were friendly with the girls and treated them as friends, not as students. This became a hot button issue which divided the bus and ride home. Those that wanted me banished from the kingdom, set in the very front of the bus.

Jason, Big Mack, Mrs. Liz, Elma and others sat in the back, and we had such spirited conversations. Obama had all but own the election and the people in the front of the bus were not happy. They were livid actually. Especially when a group of us put on our Obama shirts and hats...we had such hoot and a holler on that bus! Those women at the front of the bus literally cried because they knew a Black man would soon be president of the United States of America. I must say... I was delighted in their grief.

To break up the monotony at PMU; I was invited to Toastmasters "The Sahara Club in Division 79." There I was introduced to a different breed of Saudis and other nationalities in The Kingdom. They were loud, and some obnoxiously funny. I met a gentleman who was extremely jolly, smart with a zest for life. He was very knowledgeable about world affairs and seemed truly interested in what brought a single Black woman to Saudi Arabia. Time went on and I joined Toastmasters and this gentleman and I became very close. One day he asked if I could help his kids learn English and I quickly agreed. He asked how much I charged. I replied "No charge." Little did I know this man was my guardian angel.

He was a blind man, but a true gentleman just the same. The beautiful thing was, I had no idea who he was. He had what I would learn is power or what they called "wasta." This gentleman invited me to private beach dinners and outings. I was truly enjoying myself. One weekend, I heard a knock at my door, and it was a driver in a Cadillac Escalade sent by this particular gentleman, to pick me up and take me anywhere I wished to go in the Kingdom. In the meantime, a rumor erupted around campus that I would be soon be mar-

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ried to a prince. I would be his so-called third wife, which is a low status for wife's I assume. It still didn't dawn in my brain where this suddenly came from. I was too busy fighting this battle at PMU. One day when we all were in a team meeting, the campus dean interrupted our meeting and said "Joan, the Rector would like to see you, and get your things, you are not coming back!"

It was a group of about 10 women, that couldn't contain their joy. Legend has it, that no one that goes t to see Dr. Issa ever comes back. So I was doomed. This news was a death sentence for me. My career had come to a sudden end. They had won, but I was rather relieved to be going home. I gathered my things and headed over to the green zone - Up the elevator to meet the dreaded Dr. Issa.

I was shaking inside at first, wondering exactly how I got into this situation? It started in Bahrain for sure with Kim, I told myself. It took an eternity to reach his floor. I had reached a space in my spirit that surpassed fear and suddenly I was no longer afraid. This happened in a span of a few minutes. I walked into his office with my head up and shoulders back and sat down. I waited for Dr. Issa for

an hour or two. I can't remember but it was a long, long time. Finally he came in the conference and sat across from me. The table was about a mile long. When I saw his face, everything changed instantly.

He told me he was so shocked to hear all the stories about me, because he liked me from the very beginning. The man spoke of all the girls that failed had actually fainted from disbelief, for they had no idea, no clue they were failing. Dr. Issa went on to reveal, he had received no less than 25 phone calls from disappointed fathers and now he wanted to hear my side of the story.

I spoke to Dr. Issa from my heart with confidence. I explained to him the situation, and showed him detailed copies of each student's records, test, assignments, missed class sessions conferences and warning letters. I went on to tell him, if he wanted to fire me go ahead, but I wasn't going to pass a single student that failed. If I did this what I am I saying to the students that worked hard to earn their grades? What am I saying about my honor, integrity and my moral principles? And finally what I am saying about the standards and values about Prince Mohammed Bin Fahd

University?

Dr. Issa looked at me and smiled, and offered me another teaching contract on the spot.

He jokingly said, "If I see all A's next semester, I'll have you back here in my Office." We both laughed and I caught the Saudi Bus home. I didn't share my meeting with anyone on The Saudi Bus that evening. I let everyone believe I was going home. The next day, I was back in my favorite spot on the bus with the gang.

Everyone, I mean everyone was shocked. I became the first person ever to walk back into the classroom after meeting with the terrible and powerful Dr. Issa. When those women that tried to get me fired saw me. They ran down the hallway crying and screaming. My boss Mrs. Liz just shook her head in pure amazement and gave me a brand new office and I went back to class and had a wonderful day.

As recently as 2019, I discovered that the kindly Saudi was a prince, and his family built PMU. I never knew this and I just laughed long and hard!



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Nominations encouraged for Michigan Lottery's Excellence in Education Awards to honor outstanding educators

Parents, students, school staff members, and others are encouraged to nominate outstanding public-school educators for the Michigan Lottery's 2022-23 Excellence in Education awards.

All public-school employees may be nominated for the awards, which recognize educators who go "above and beyond" to make a difference in the lives of children. To nominate a public-school educator, go to <https://www.michiganlottery.com/excellence-in-education>.

The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

One outstanding educator will be selected each week and will receive a \$1,500 cash prize plus a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the

weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Each winner also will receive a plaque and be featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV, Saginaw.

The winner of the 2022 Educator of the Year award was Spencer Vanderheide. He is a high school teacher with Kenowa Hills High School, which is part of Kenowa Hills Public Schools.

Hundreds of educators were nominated during the eighth year of the educational awards program and 34, including Vanderheide, were selected to win a weekly award.

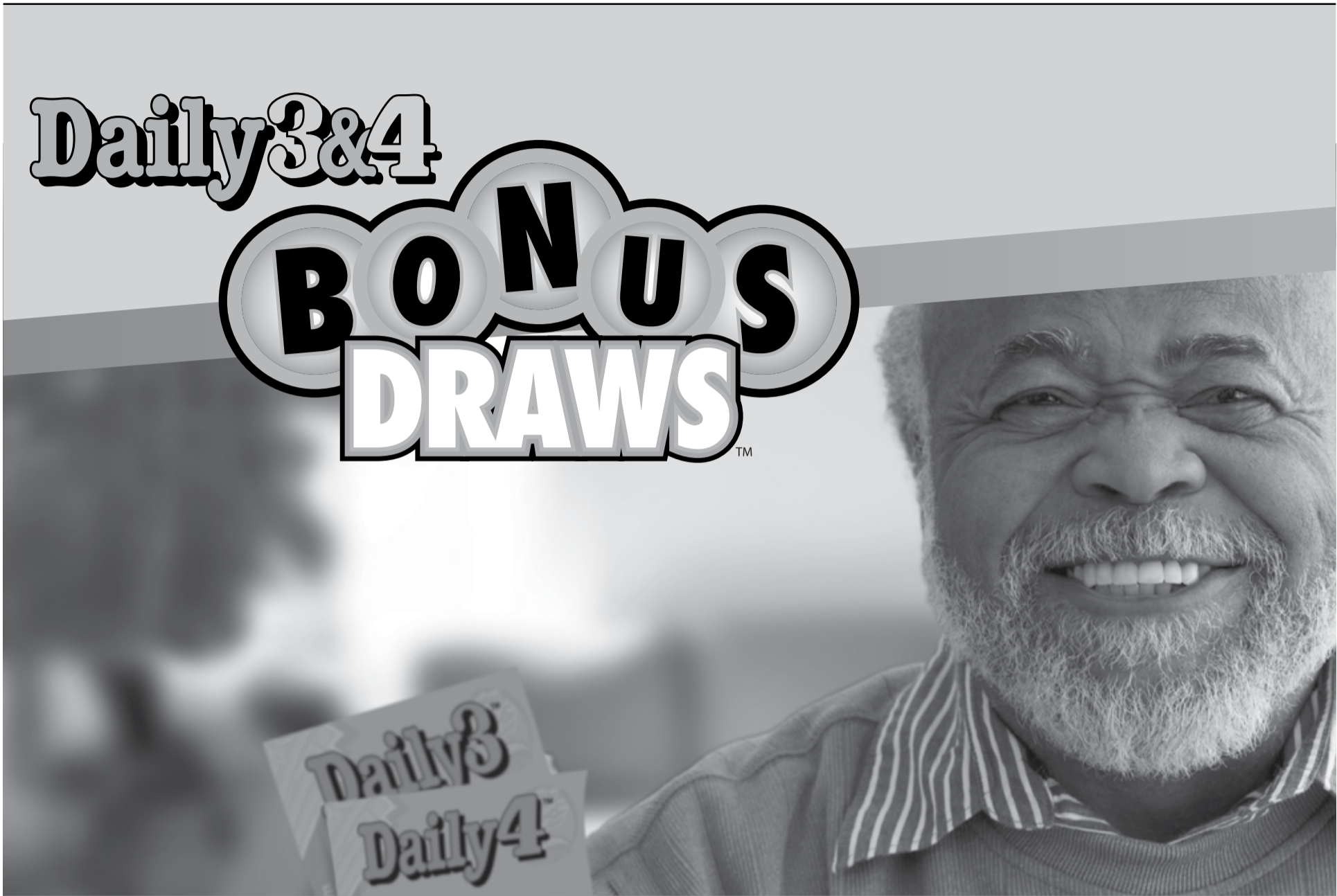
Previous winners of the Educator of the Year award:

- 2021 – Janice Smith, a school social worker at Fisher Magnet Lower Academy in Detroit
- 2020 – Megan Sidge, an Autism Spectrum Disorder teacher at Hickory Woods Elementary, which is part of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.
- 2019 – Stewart Kieliszewski, an Earth science, biology, mechatronics, and media teacher for eighth through 12 graders at the Ubyly Community Schools.
- 2018 – Kerri Moccio, a literacy intervention specialist at Bedford Elementary School in Dearborn Heights
- 2017 – Linda Holzwarth, a social studies teacher at Portage West Middle School in Portage
- 2016 – Daniel Carr, a Spanish and sports marketing teacher at Waverly High School in Lansing
- 2015 – Michael Craig, a special education teacher at the Charles Drew Transition Center in Detroit

Excellence in Education award nominees are evaluated on:

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- Dedication – They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.
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Turtle Soup

By DANIELLE LEE

Panic set in the moment Ruthie stepped off the bus. Back at the farm, her plan had seemed so simple. As soon as they rolled into town, she would make a mad dash for the mailbox across from the bus stop and drop in her letter before Aunt Mae knew what was happening. That morning, before the flurry of farm activity began, only minutes before Mae herself had stirred, Ruthie scrawled desperately with crayon across stationary stolen from her aunt's nightstand. "Papa, come get me. They're being mean to me."

It had not been her decision to make the trek from Ohio to Mississippi. All school year, Ruthie had dreamed of

nothing but days of uninterrupted summer reading tucked away in her closet. She had stuffed blankets and pillows in the cramped space, hiding a flashlight underneath it all. It was her only escape from the chaos born of 11 people sharing a two bedroom house. No one ever bothered her there as her brothers and sisters craved the busyness of neighborhood activity over being stuck indoors. Two days before summer break, Ruthie walked the mile from her home to the library to check out as many books as she could pull in a rickety wagon someone had put on the curb last fall.

She was midway through her third trip up the stairs to her closet, arms heavy with books, when her summer dreams began to slip away. Her mom-

ma's voice carried over the den of normal household going on's. "Sure, Mae, Ruthie would love to come spend the break with Patricia."

Ruthie froze. No she wouldn't love to spend the summer with her cousin Patricia. In fact she would hate it. Hate seemed too feeble a word for what she felt. While at 10, Ruthie was tiny for her age, Patricia dwarfed other 12 years olds. For reasons Ruthie was unable to fathom, Patricia enjoyed nothing more than using her size and heft to torture her younger cousin. Flashbacks of being pushed into the mud or being trapped under heavy blankets as Patricia sat on her caused Ruthie's body to tremble. No. No, no, no...her mind screamed. Her books clattered down the stairs as her arms went weak.

"Ruthie! Come down here!"

"Yes, Mama," she croaked.

Mama was standing in the kitchen dunking raw chicken in seasoned flour before dropping them in a sizzling skillet. Ruthie shuffled into view, head bowed, waiting for the dreaded news she knew was coming. Mama only glanced in her direction before turning back to the chicken.

"Your Papa is going to drive you to Mississippi tomorrow to stay with Patricia. Won't that be fun?" It wasn't a real question. Mama didn't care if it would be fun or not. Ruthie was too young to get a job like her older sisters and brother but old enough that she didn't still need the constant watchful eye of her parents. Sending her made sense. Ruthie knew there was no arguing. Mama had likely already worked out all the details and her own summer plans wouldn't sway her mother a bit.

"Papa, please don't make me go!" Ruthie whined once they were on the road the next day.

Papa rolled down his window, flicking cigarette ashes outside before peering at his middle child. "I thought you liked Patricia," he questioned.

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She shook her head frantically, tears spilling out. “No, Papa.”

He stroked his chin, cigarette hanging precariously from his lips, and sighed. He turned on the radio and began thumping the steering wheel to the beat. He didn’t speak for several minutes.

“If it gets too much, you call me.”

Ruthie tried to call her Papa two days after arriving at the tiny farm. It had been her plan to wake up early each morning and hide from her cousin in the backwoods until supper time each afternoon. It worked the first day. She’d reappeared just as her aunt rang the dinner bell. Aunt Mae and Patricia were furious. Her aunt grabbed her by the arm and swatted Ruthie’s backside. Gingerly, she sat at the table for dinner knowing she would do the same tomorrow. No whooping Mae could give her was worse than whatever Patricia had planned for her.

On day two, Patricia lay in wait. As soon as Ruthie leapt off the back porch, Patricia ambushed her, dragging her out to the mucky stream that skirted the property. Patricia pushed the smaller child into one of the muddy patches near the rivelet. She looked down at her ruined dress and cried as Patricia cackled back to the house. Aunt Mae wouldn’t like her being muddy. Ruthie slowly sat down and wrapped her arms around her knees, sobbing. She wasn’t sure how long she sat there but the sun was high in the sky when her cries subsided. The chill from being wet gave way to a feverish heat and baking sludge. She looked around her for shade. She crawled to a Ruthie sized clearing amongst some nearby trees and fell asleep.

The dinner bell seemed to ring earlier than the day before. Startled, Ruthie jumped up and ran towards the farm. She’d made it only a couple feet before she tripped over a rock and went flying. No, not a rock, she thought as she checked her body for bruises. It was a turtle! Gingerly, she picked up the sur-

prisingly cool reptile.

“I’m going to keep you, little guy,” she whispered. The dinner bell rang again and this time was followed by her aunt’s angry voice.

“Ruthie! You better get in here!”

Ruthie hopped up and scurried to the house holding the turtle close to her chest. She burst through the back door excitedly, momentarily forgetting that she was again in trouble. Breathlessly she held out the animal to her scowling aunt.

“Look, Aunt Mae! Look what I found.”

Aunt Mae stood startled for just a second before anger crossed her brow. She snatched the turtle from Ruthie and tossed the turtle in the sink. Ruthie made to run after him but Mae snatched her up by the collar and pushed her towards the hallway.

“You get upstairs and wash up, now!”

Having hurried through her shower, Ruthie was still trying to pull on fresh socks as she rushed down the stairs. Mae and Patricia’s voices met her on the landing. She paused at the sound of Patricia’s delighted laughter.

“That’ll make some good soup, Ma.”

“It sure will, Baby. Run out to the garden and get some fresh onions. I’m going to get some noodles from the pantry.”

Ruthie went cold. They were going to cook her turtle. Without much thought, she rushed down the remaining stairs and dashed into the kitchen. Her aunt and cousin weren’t around. She hurried to the sink, grabbed the reptile, and raced out the backdoor nearly knocking Patricia down on her way out. She ran until her legs hurt and the stream became the start of a rushing river. Out of breath, she set her pet at the water’s edge. Immediately, it began to make it’s way slowly into the current. Satisfied he was now safe, she turned back towards the farm, again, muddy to her elbows.

Mae met her on the porch scream-

ing. She came barreling down the stairs at Ruthie. Before she knew it, Ruthie rushed past her aunt, racing toward the phone in the living room. Her Papa’s voice had just answered when Mae caught her up and pulled her upstairs.

“Don’t you dare touch my phone!” Mae screeched, pushing Ruthie up the stairs into her room.

Alone, Ruthie started crying. She wasn’t going to stay here all summer. She couldn’t! Tiptoeing to the door, she listened for her aunt and cousin. They were downstairs watching television. She slipped into Mae’s room and pilfered some stationary and stamps before rushing back to her own room. They were going into town tomorrow. That would be her only chance for a whole month to get her letter sent. After putting the note in the envelope and sealing it, she placed it in her pants pocket and went to sleep.

The next morning, she trudged behind her aunt and cousin to the bus stop. She would occasionally check her pocket to make sure the letter was still there. As the bus pulled into town, she pulled the letter out and hid it behind her back. Once the bus pulled away, the mailbox was in sight across the street. Ruthie watched Mae and Patricia from the corner of her eye. When she was certain they were preoccupied with a dress Patricia wanted in a storefront window, Ruthie made her move. Dashing between people and ignoring the bleating horns of annoyed motorists, she focused on the mailbox. A few times, she felt the fingertips of Mae or Patricia grasping for her but she dodged away, never once looking back.

Ruthie pulled open the mailbox and dropped her letter in before sagging to the ground to catch her breath. Mae arrived a second later, fury and venom marking her features. Her aunt berated her right there on the street. A few people paused and protested but no one intervened. The few who spoke about it that evening noted that it must not have bothered her much because the little girl was smiling the entire time.

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Buena Vista opens indoor Farmers Market

Repurposing the old former ROTC building was years in the making at Buena Vista Charter Township. The former high school at 3945 E. Holland was purchased from Saginaw Public Schools for \$35,000 in 2020. Citing the township’s need for more shopping options for food, Township Superintendent Torrie Lee spearheaded the effort to locate a farmers market at the school, which last hosted classes for students in 2013.

Lee, township officials and other regional business and government leaders gathered during a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Wednesday. Amos O’Neal 95th presented the Township with a proclamation on behalf of Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

The new Buena Vista Farmers Market is excited to be able to offer fresh produce to the residents as well as other unique

items from the various vendors.

Year round business hours are Wed – Fri from 10am-6pm and Saturdays from 7am – 2pm.

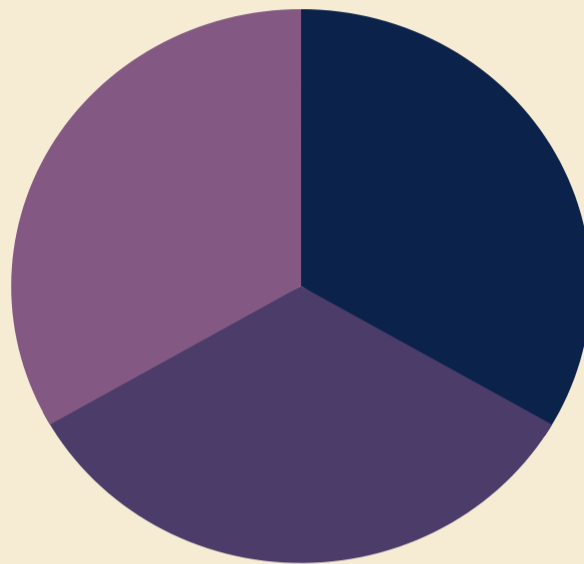
The Farmers Market is still seeking vendors and also have office space available for lease. Interested individuals can contact Imani Henderson at (989) 702-6070.



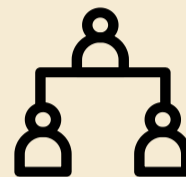
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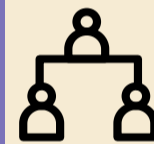


The MI Tri-Share Pilot (Tri-Share) is an innovative public/private partnership that shares the cost of child care equally between employers, employees, and the state of Michigan.

Overview

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

Benefits



For employers, Tri-Share hopes to aid employers recruit and retain talent, and remove barriers to employment



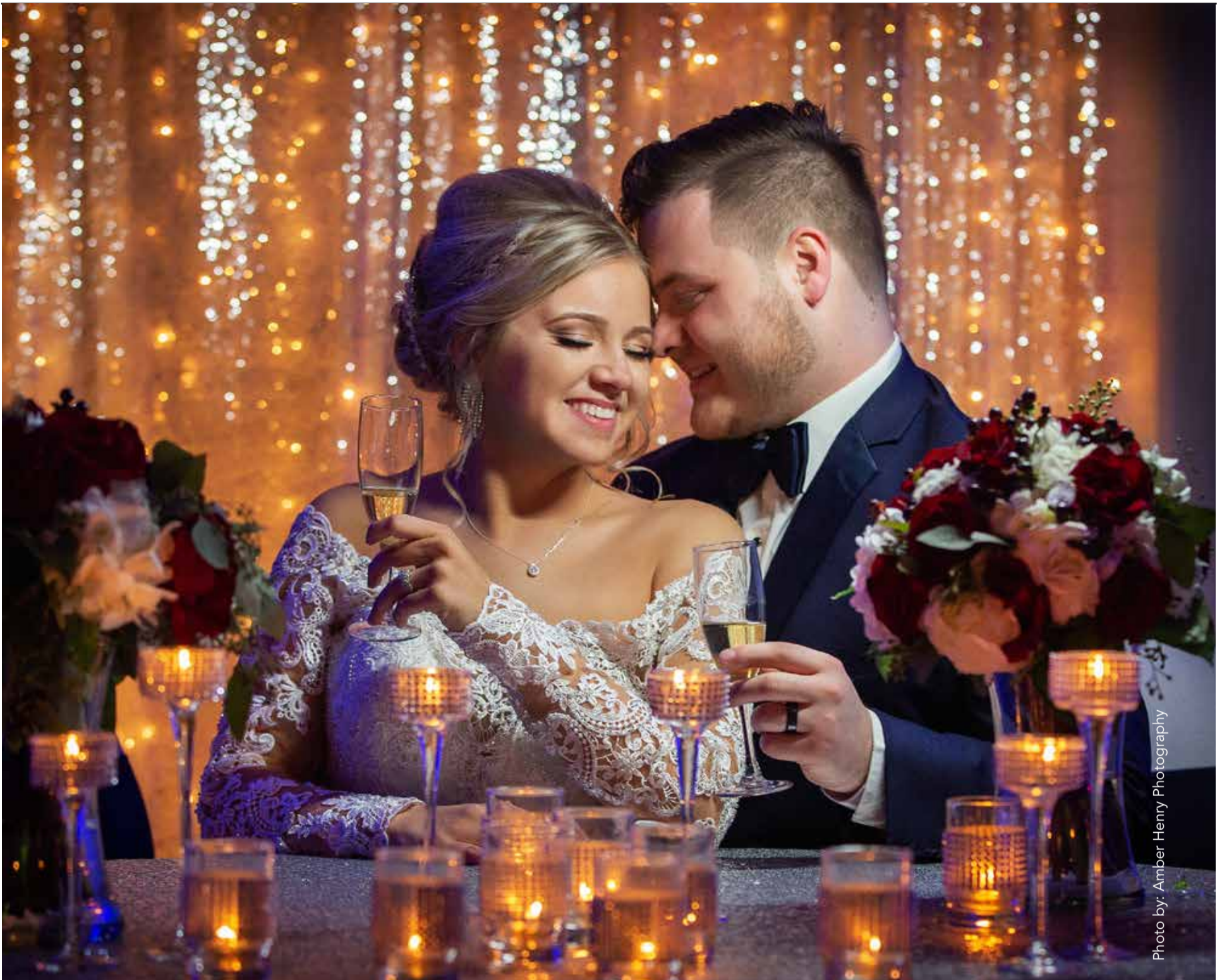
For working parents, this will reduce the out-of-pocket cost of child care, and alleviate the burden of finding child care



For providers, this pilot will secure slots for reliable payments of child care, as well as help with recruitment.

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What's for Halloween, Della?

By Dolores Grant-Fall, former Neighborhood House cook

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

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

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

Instructions

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

Caribbean Sorrel Punch

Ingredients

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

Instructions

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



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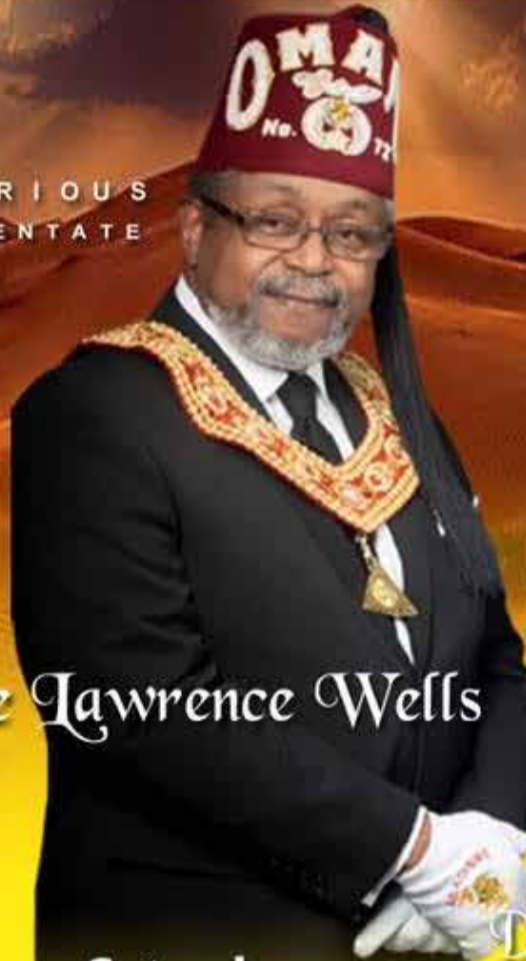


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Hotel room rates have been secured at \$149.00 Queen Double/King, per night plus tax. When making reservations please call the hotel directly at 248-253-9800. All reservations must be made no later than Friday, September 16, 2022, to receive the appropriate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

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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



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Michigan is the place to be



BY KEN H. SIMMONS, II
MANAGING DIRECTOR, KENZO
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Michigan has always been near and dear to my heart because my second cousin and his family lived in Ann Arbor for decades. I came to love the University of Michigan's brand and the Wolverine mascot. Both my cousin and his wife had very successful careers at U of M in academia

and community healthcare. Growing up I proudly wore different branded apparel that were gifts from my family. The funny thing about it, as I look back on those times, is that I can't remember ever visiting Michigan as a child because I would normally see these cousins in Pennsylvania or Washington D.C. at my great aunt's or grandmother's house. So, my affinity for and fond memories of Michigan are through remote experiences, or virtually, and God is so good that he has brought my virtual relationship with the great state of Michigan back through the Michigan Banner.

Interestingly enough, I did spend some time in Michigan as an adult in preparation for my move to South Africa. I had to complete an intense and accelerated

month-long training program at Herman Miller, headquartered in Zeeland. The architectural company that my late father and I opened in Johannesburg required me to be a certified Herman Miller designer. Michigan has played a significant role in my life both personally and professionally. Twenty-eight years ago, it helped define a new chapter for me, and now it is positioned to do that again for thousands of people across the country. In this season, Michigan is the place to be.

Derived from the Native American word Michigama, meaning great or large lake, Michigan actually has more than 11,000 lakes including the four Great

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Lakes: Superior, Huron, Erie, and Michigan. Prior to the arrival of the first French and British colonizers in the 17th and 18th centuries, Michigan's residents were the tribal groups of Ojibwa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi Native Americans. In the early 1800s, great waves of immigration began to flow into Michigan as large numbers of New Englanders relocated to the southern counties. Admitted to the Union in 1837, the new state attracted immigrants to its lumber, mining, and automobile industries, and at least 40 national and ethnic groups arrived in sizeable numbers during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Many African-Americans and people of Asian, Near Eastern or Hispanic origin have made Michigan their home in more recent migrations. There are so many ethnic groups in the state that Detroit alone hosts weekly ethnic festivals from May through September each year. The state's total population is just over 10 million according to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau report. These facts and figures are courtesy of The Library of Michigan, unless noted otherwise.

Michigan provides a unique mix of spectacular natural beauty, world-class cultural resources, vibrant cities, and diverse recreational opportunities all combined with growth potential that make it an ideal place to live and work. Few other states offer the geographical diversity and range of activities for people seeking an active lifestyle. The state's two peninsulas are surrounded by four Great Lakes, boasting the longest freshwater shoreline in the country. There are ample opportunities to enjoy recreational activities like golf, boating, fishing, hiking, skiing, and more. Michigan is also home to the highly regarded Detroit Institute of Arts, four major-league sports teams, over 100 wineries, and is becoming famous for its craft beer. In addition, there are a variety of award-winning communities like Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Petoskey, and the educational system is excellent (K-12 and tertiary) with more than 2,000 PhDs granted every year (nearly twice the national average).

Liveability overall is a key consideration for many executives and entrepreneurs and Michigan provides a high qual-

ity of life that is unmatched by most other states. The cost of living is also 10% below the national average, and it is the fourth most affordable state in the country. A recent survey by Forbes Insights & Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) found that "45% of executives believe livability of a city or region - including access to cultural institutions and walkability - is key to maintaining a strong talent pool."

Michigan is undergoing a major broadband expansion by investing millions in high-speed internet access to provide connectivity to more residents, homes, and small businesses across the state. Goals have been set by the state to provide 100% high-speed internet access and a 95% adoption rate by households over the next five years. Governor Gretchen Whitmer "believes every family and business in Michigan deserves access to a reliable, affordable high-speed internet connection that meets their needs", as per the Governor's 14 June 2022 press release.

From an industrial point of view, Michigan's three major industries are manufacturing, tourism and agriculture. The total civilian labor force is 4.9 million people (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). With all of the Big Three automakers, General Motors (GM), Chrysler, and Ford, having begun in Michigan in the first quarter of the 20th century, the state is known as the nation's automotive capital. 17% of total U.S. vehicle production and 11% of North American vehicle production happens in Michigan, and it is home to multiple autonomous vehicle testing sites, including drone testing.

On 02 July 2020, Governor Whitmer announced the formal launch of the Office of Future Mobility and Electrification (OFME), and Trevor Pawl was appointed as the state's first Chief Mobility Officer. This coupled with university investment in autonomous vehicle testing sites demonstrates that Michigan institutions are building on the existing auto industry ecosystem to create an epicenter of mobility technology. This year, three major corporate investments will position Michigan as a leader in the electric vehicle (EV) industry. GM is making its largest investment in history with \$7 billion for a factory to

build full-size EV pickups and a battery cell plant. LG Energy Solutions is investing \$1.7 billion to expand its capacity to produce EV battery components, and the Ford Motor Company announced its plans to invest \$2 billion to increase EV manufacturing and secure its existing internal combustion engine vehicle operations.

In the new era of flexible work locations, Michigan has emerged as a place that can support workers and companies navigating new workforce realities. According to the MEDC website, "Talent is seeking to work from places that maximize work-life balance, and increasingly finding that balance in Michigan." Ranked as the No. 2 Remote-Ready City in the U.S. by Livability, Grand Rapids is noted for its "tons of resources and programs to help you develop leadership skills, learn a new skill set or simply take the next step in your career." The millions being invested in broadband infrastructure projects will help make remote work and telecommuting an option from every corner of the state. The commute-free lifestyle of remote work combined with Michigan's affordable cost of living, infrastructure development, geographical diversity, and range of activities frees up remote workers to enjoy more of what makes us happy: flexibility, connectivity, and peace of mind.

Michigan has all of the assets needed to be a leading state for attracting key projects and investments. So far this year, projected private investments have reached nearly \$12 billion from more than 30 companies. With a growing economy, high quality of life, low cost of living, and thousands of jobs being created, the future is bright. I have been working virtually in Michigan from Johannesburg for more than a year, and now Michigan is the ideal location for those working virtually with the rest of the country and the world. It is also ideal for those seeking a higher quality of life, and the combination of what I have been able to mention here along with many other positives is why Michigan is the place to be in my humble opinion. God willing, I will be visiting again very soon and I will let you know when I'm on my way.

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Flint Public Library to honor 1st African American Director through name change

Flint Public Library Board of Trustees has unanimously voted to embark on a process that will rename the Library.

Once the legal groundwork is in place, the new name will be the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library.

Gloria Coles became the Director of Flint Public Library in April 1984. She was the first African American woman to hold that position, and she spent the next 20 years living into her vision of what a library should be and do for the community.

Under her leadership, the Library raised funds and built an 8,750 sq. ft. two-story addition to the main building in 1990. This was the first (and last) significant building project from the time the building was constructed in 1958 until the renovation began in 2020. She also guided the Library during its transition from Board of Education governance to its status as an independent district library in 1999.

Coles spearheaded a successful millage campaign in 2002 that provided the Library with 2 mills of funding in perpetuity, in addition to renewable millages that have been approved by voters ever since.



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“Ms. Coles led the Library through a significant funding transition,” says Norm Bryant, a member of the grassroots Gloria Coles Initiative. “I think it’s fair to say that without her hard work to secure public funding through the millages, the Library would not be here today. That is part of her legacy, and one of the primary reasons we wanted to name the building in her honor.”

During Ms. Coles’ tenure, Flint Public Library won the prestigious John Cotton Dana Award for outstanding public rela-

tions. It also received the 2004 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the highest honor conferred upon museums or libraries for “above and beyond” service to the community. Ms. Coles was an inspiring leader, a tireless advocate, and a force for change,” says Board President Reta Stanley. “She retired in 2004 but has been actively involved in the community and with the Library ever since. We often choose to honor significant people after they have passed away, but it is far better to do so while they are alive. Therefore, the Board of Trustees was pleased to vote unanimously in favor of this name change.”

In an interview, Ms. Coles said, “I am truly humbled by this proposal coming from members of the community,” said Ms. Coles. “After much thought and some soul-searching, I agreed to the renaming. The possibility that the name of an African American woman on a revered institution might be encouraging to subsequent generations of Flint youth and shine a light on the contributions of African Americans to the City. was persuasive.”



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Newly elected SVSU President Dr. George Grant is pictured with wife Beverly Grant.

Grant will be the first person of color to serve as SVSU president. He will begin his duties at SVSU on December 1.

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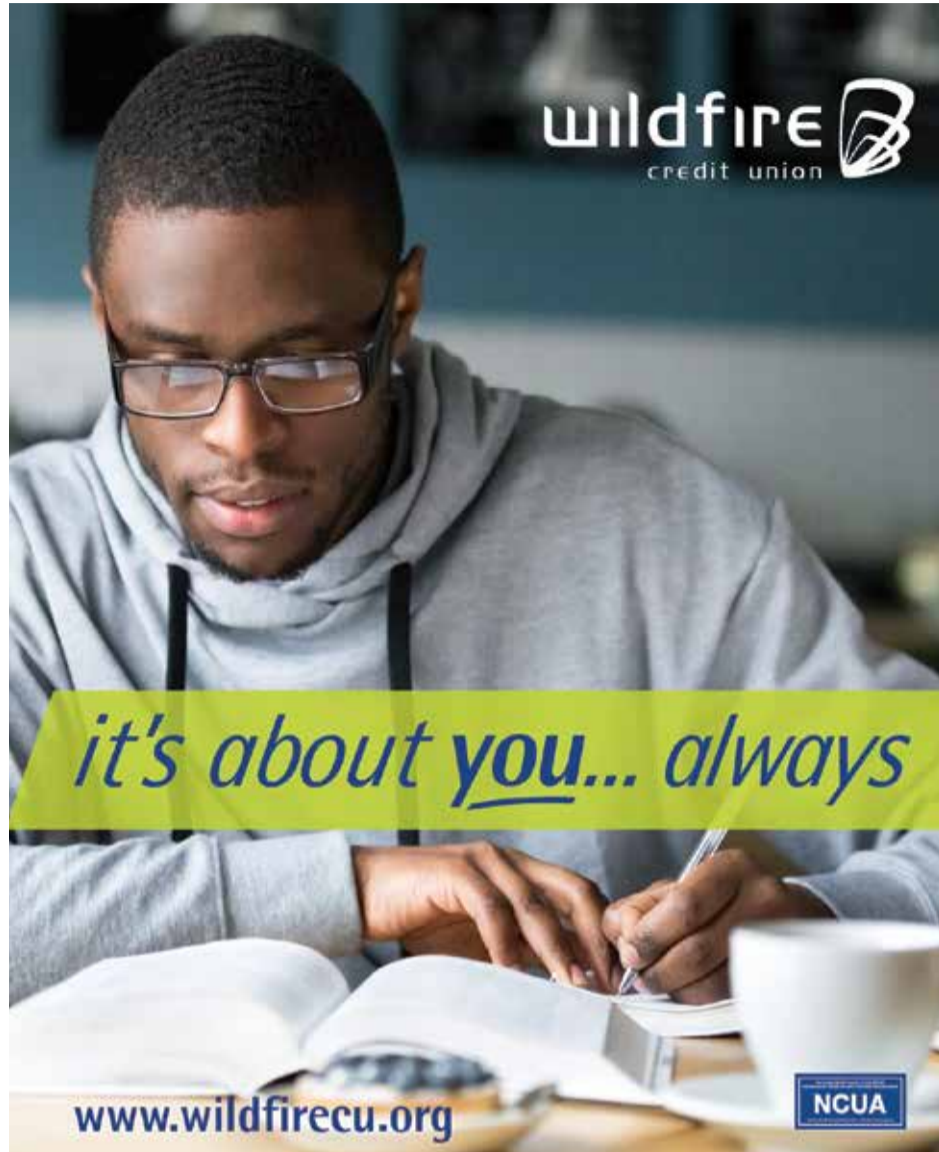
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'Abbott Elementary' star Sheryl Lee Ralph stops Emmys in song after historic win: 'My Voice Belongs'

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Sheryl Lee Ralph is just the second Black actress to win outstanding supporting actress in a comedy series

Sheryl Lee Ralph made history at the 2022 Emmy Awards while winning the outstanding supporting actress in a comedy series trophy for her role in *Abbott Elementary*.

The industry veteran, 65, became just the second Black woman to score an Emmy in the category after Jackée Harry, who won for *227* in 1987 — a milestone Ralph appeared to celebrate in her scene-stealing acceptance speech.

After taking the stage to accept the award from presenters Amy Poehler and Seth Meyers, Ralph burst into song, sing-

ing a verse from jazz singer Diane Reeves' 1993 song "Endangered Species."

"I am an endangered species, but I sing no victim song," she crooned, holding out several words for emphasis as names of those she wished to thank flashed across the screen. "I am a woman, I am an artist, and I know where my voice belongs."

Ralph's impressive singing voice is no surprise: she started her career on Broadway when she won a Tony award for best actress in a musical for her role in 1981's *Dreamgirls*.

After her song — which earned standing ovations from the crowd including fellow nominees Alex Borstein (*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*), Hannah Einbinder

(*Hacks*), Hannah Waddingham (*Ted Lasso*), Janelle James (*Abbott Elementary*), Juno Temple (*Ted Lasso*), Kate McKinnon (*Saturday Night Live*) and Sarah Niles (*Ted Lasso*) — Ralph then gave a quick, emotional and inspiring speech.

"To anyone who has ever ever had a dream and thought your dream wasn't wouldn't couldn't come true I am here to tell you that this is what believing looks like," Ralph said. "This is what striving looks like, and don't you ever, ever give up on you."

"Because if you get a Quinta Brunson, if you get a husband like mine in your corner," Ralph added. "If you get children like mine in your corner, and if you've got friends like everybody who voted for me, cheered for me, loved me, thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

Ralph, 65, plays firm but loving kindergarten teacher Barbara Howard on *Abbott Elementary*.

The Quinta Brunson-created mockumentary premiered in December 2021 and follows a group of Philadelphia-based teachers working at one of the worst-ranked schools in the country. The ABC series also stars Tyler James Williams, Janelle James, Lisa Ann Walter and Chris Perfetti.

Though only a freshman series, the sitcom has proved to be a hit with fans and critics alike, scoring seven Emmy nominations, including one for outstanding comedy series.

Brunson also scored an outstanding leading actress nom and a writing nomination for the pilot, leading her to set a new single-year record for a Black woman in comedy Emmy categories. Additionally, fellow costars Williams and James earned nods in the outstanding supporting actor and actress categories.

"We fit together like a zipper," Ralph previously told PEOPLE of her *Abbott Elementary* colleagues. "We just lock perfectly together, and it is a dream come true for all of us."

Courtesy People Magazine

Saginaw's Tom Trombley receives 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award

LANSING, Mich.—The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) announces its 2022 State History Award winners, who will be recognized during the Annual Meeting and Michigan History Conference on September 23-25, 2022, which will take place in Albion. The Society presents the State History Awards every year to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the appreciation, collection, preservation and/or promotion of state and local history. The awards are the highest recognition presented by HSM, the state's official historical society and oldest cultural organization.

HSM will recognize Thomas F. Trombley of Saginaw with the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award, the Society's cap-

stone award. Thomas Trombley started his career at the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History in 1981 as its curator of collections. He was a construction specialist with Neighborhood Renewal Services of Saginaw and currently serves as the Castle Museum's vice president and chief historian. Trombley played an instrumental role in restoring and interpreting the formal garden at the Saginaw Art Museum and researched plans for the restoration of the museum's E. Irving Couse Gallery. He helped found the Jazz on Jefferson committee, created a program about the architectural history of Saginaw's Hoyt Public Library and is a popular lecturer on many history topics.



TOM TROMBLEY

Covenant Kids Gala to bring elegance on October 7, raising money for hospital equipment

Covenant HealthCare Foundation will host the second Gala for Covenant Kids on Friday, October 7, 2022. This elegant black-tie affair will feature the showband, Persuasion and the Backstreet Horns, performing a vast musical selection, a unique four-course meal, festivities and fellowship all while raising money for state-of-the-art equipment for our region's pediatric patients in the Covenant Emergency Care Center.

For decades, families in the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond have relied on Covenant HealthCare to provide extraordinary newborn and pediatric care. Covenant HealthCare is a Verified Level II Pediatric Trauma Center designated to provide lifesaving care for children in our region. The second annual Covenant Kids Gala will support the purchase of a state-of-the-art C-Arm imaging machine for the Covenant Emergency Care Center. This equipment will provide real-time bedside x-rays for pediatric patients with urgent medical needs.

Tickets for this fundraising event are \$200 per person, \$1,600 for a table of eight. To purchase your tickets or get more infor-



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mation, contact Aimee Minard at aimee.minard@chs-mi.com or 989.583.7602.

About Covenant Kids

From moms-to-be to babies to great-grandfathers, Covenant HealthCare delivers extraordinary care across generations and across specialties in Michigan's Great

Lakes Bay Region. Covenant Kids is a fund managed by Covenant HealthCare Foundation. Monies in this fund are dedicated to enhancing the care for all Covenant kids, which includes any Covenant patient under the age of 18 and their families. Since 2010, Covenant Kids has raised more than \$1 million to support pediatric needs of the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond.



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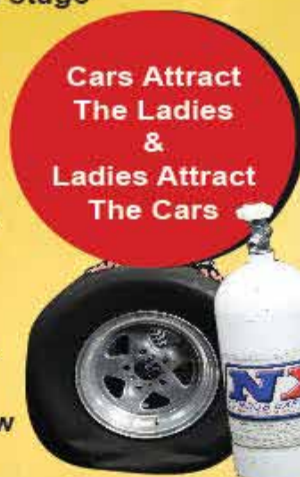
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Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational announces open application period for Collaborative Sustainability Grant Program

The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (Dow GLBI) today announced the open application period for the first-ever Collaborating for Sustainability Community Grant, a competitive grant program for businesses and organizations seeking to advance collaborative sustainability initiatives in the community. The grant will provide up to \$20,000 in seed money for projects aimed at improving environmental, social and/or economic conditions in Michigan’s Great Lakes Bay Region.

“Through our Collaborating for Sustainability Community Grant program, we are helping encourage new partnerships and provide resources to jump-start innovative approaches to advancing sustainability in our home region,” said Andre Argenton, Dow’s vice president, EH&S and

chief sustainability officer. “We hope it will be a catalyst to greater collaboration and better practices that address important sustainability issues and contribute to the region’s long-term vitality and competitiveness.”

The grant program was announced during the Dow GLBI Sustainability Summit in July. Applications for the grant must be jointly submitted by two or more organizations with the intent to support the development of a project that will help advance sustainability in any of the following categories: biodiversity and ecology, built environment, climate and energy, food systems and security, waste and circular solutions, and soil and water. Projects must be based or have impact in one of the four counties in the Great Lakes Bay

Region (Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw). The Chippewa Nature Center is joining Dow and other community organizations in overseeing the grant process and evaluating applications.

“It has been encouraging to receive so many inquiries about the grant and application process,” said Dennis Pilaske, executive director at the Chippewa Nature Center. “It is a strong testament to the commitment among our regional businesses and community groups to support sustainability initiatives and deepen regional and local collaboration.”

To apply for the grant, visit www.dow-glbi.com/sustainabilityglbi. The deadline for applications is Monday, October 31, 2022.

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Bivalent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines available for booster shots in Michigan starting this week

LANSING, Mich. – To better help fight the Omicron variant of COVID-19, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an Emergency Use Authorization for bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for booster doses. This was followed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ recommendation for use of the Pfizer bivalent booster vaccine for ages 12 years and older and the Moderna bivalent vaccine for ages 18 years and older.

“This is great news as we go into the fall and winter when we expect cases of COVID-19 to increase,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive. “The bivalent booster will help fight the Omicron subvariants, including BA.4 and 5. COVID-19 vaccines remain our best defense against the virus, and we recommend all Michiganders stay up to date.”

The Moderna and Pfizer bivalent boosters target two strains of COVID-19 – the original strain of the virus and the most widely-spread Omicron variants (BA.4 and BA.5). Individuals ages 12 years and older who have completed any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series (Pfizer, Moderna, Novavax or Johnson & Johnson) or previously received monovalent booster doses are eligible to receive one bivalent (Pfizer or Moderna) COVID-19 booster.

Michiganders can begin getting the bivalent vaccines as they become available. MDHHS has worked with vaccine providers across the state to ensure they were prepared for the arrival of the bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccines. Older formulations of booster doses will no longer be available to persons 12 and older as the FDA has removed authorization for those boosters.

To locate providers offering the Pfizer

and Moderna bivalent booster doses check your local pharmacy or visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), which will be updated with bivalent booster locations soon.

Who is eligible to receive a single bivalent booster dose and when:

- Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least two months since they completed primary vaccination or received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.
- Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least two months since they completed primary vaccination or received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals may choose to receive either the Pfizer or Moderna bivalent booster, regardless of which primary series vaccine or original booster dose they had previously. Influenza vaccines, which are now available in Michigan, can also be co-administered with the COVID-19 bivalent booster doses.

To date, nearly 6.8 million Michiganders ages 5 and up have gotten at least their first dose of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Eligible Michiganders are encouraged to stay up to date on vaccinations, which includes booster doses that provide extra protection, and residents of long-term care facilities where outbreaks can spread quickly and extra protection is strongly recommended.

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State of Michigan continues to help protect frontline health care workers through PPE donation from SC Health

LANSING, Mich. – To provide continued protection to frontline health care workers treating COVID-19 patients and others, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has secured a donation of more than half a million medical gloves from SC Health, a medical durable goods distributor and seller, headquartered in South Carolina.

“Michigan’s health care workers have stepped up throughout the pandemic to take care of Michigan families,” said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. “This generous donation from SC Health will help protect the health and safety of these heroes as they care for our friends and families in need of care.”

“Through our work with TrillaMed,

a service-disabled veteran-owned small business based in Bingham Farms, Michigan, and our direct deliveries to the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit, we’ve seen first-hand the tremendous support and leadership Governor Whitmer and her administration provides to its citizens,” said Alex Szkaradek, chief executive officer, SC Health. “Because of this, we know that this crucial PPE is in the right hands to protect the people of Michigan by way of a top-notch health department and its courageous frontline workers.”

The gloves will be sent to Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) and the State of Michigan’s five inpatient psychiatric hospitals. FQHCs provide comprehensive primary health care to more than

700,000 Michiganders including oral health, behavioral health, substance use and more. The state hospitals, overseen by MDHHS, serve individuals who have severe mental illness or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“Federally Qualified Health Centers are patient-centered local health care organizations that provide care to people who live in medically-underserved areas with services tailored to fit the unique needs of the communities they serve,” said Phillip Bergquist, Michigan Primary Care Association CEO. “Donations like this one help our dedicated staff continue our mission to provide high-quality, affordable and comprehensive medical services to our patients.”



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

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

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

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

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

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

“We are excited to be a part of this collaboration,” said Bart Maxon, Senior Scientist for Dow’s Home & Personal Care business and North American Disability Employee Network (DEN) Leader. DEN is one of ten employee resource groups (ERG) at the company. “The goal is to distribute books throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region that depict people with disabilities in a positive light so children with disabilities can see themselves represented

and that children without disabilities see disabilities as part of their normal world.”

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

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

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Start of School: What if problems surface?



By CRAIG DOUGLAS
RETIRED EDUCATOR

Parents and teachers want the start of school to be flawless for children. We want schedules to be in sync, lockers to open, and recesses to be happy and safe times. Despite our best intentions, sometimes problems surface at the start of school. What are some options for consideration?

The following are three simple and effective strategies for parents to consider as the first days of school roll out for students.

Be proactive.

If something does not “seem right,” it likely is not. Being proactive means reaching out and making contact with the child’s teacher, principal, or coun-

selor. Simply asking for their perspective can offer insight or assurance. Be proactive, and reach out.

Keep an eye on early academics.

Making sure the first assignments are completed is very important. Habits are established right away..... good habits or bad habits.....and of course, we want “good” habits. “Good” study habits and “good” priorities.

At the first signs of a struggle with academics, parents and teachers are wise to take steps to address the struggle. Is it a situation where a tutor can help? Should a schedule adjustment be considered? These are “sooner better than later” considerations.

Maintain open lines of communication.

These are talks between child and

parent, parent and teacher, and child and teacher. All lines should be open, so that everyone is informed and working towards a common goal of student success. When all are in sync, the probability for student success is very high.

Best wishes for a successful school year for everyone!

Resources:

<https://www.prodigygame.com/main-en/blog/school-struggles/#:~:text=Other%20students%20may%20struggle%20in%20school%20due%20to,this%20may%20be%20the%20start%20of%20their%20struggles.>

<https://www.mheducation.com/highered/ideas/student-engagement/how-to-identify-help-struggling-students>

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

What is GSRP?

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

Who can be a GSRP provider?

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

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

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

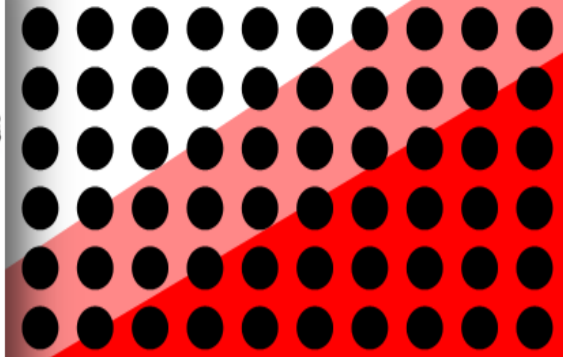
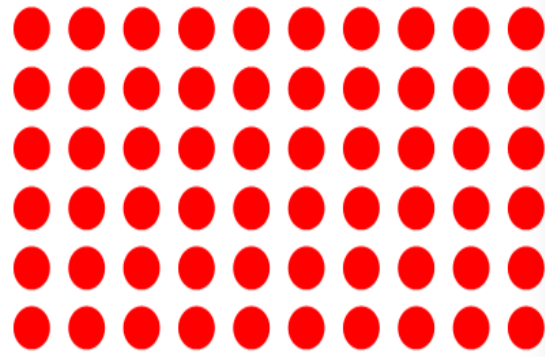
No, but if funded, you will be expected to hire qualified staff and have staff trained in the curriculum and assessment tools. You will have to operate in compliance with child care licensing rules and GSRP statute, policies and procedures. You would also have the support of a Saginaw Intermediate School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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. What are the employee eligibility requirements?

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

2. How is eligibility determined?

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

3. Are employees eligible if they have seasonal work?

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

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

Employers have flexibility in deciding which

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Do employees choose their own child care provider?

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

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

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

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

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

CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EMPLOYER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

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

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

2. Can tax deductions be used by participating employers?

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



About Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

Established in 1965, Head Start promotes school readiness for children, ages three to five, in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, social and other services.

Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Early Head Start, launched in 1995, provides support to low-income infants, toddlers,

pregnant women and their families.

EHS programs enhance children’s physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care; support parents’ efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

Together Head Start and Early Head Start have served tens of millions of children and their families.

At Saginaw ISD Head Start our attentive staff is available Monday through Friday to answer all your questions and make every effort to ensure you are 100 percent satisfied.

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

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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

“Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to need special education, repeat a grade, or commit crimes in adolescence.”

Joe Baca, former Dem. California Congressman

***“Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community.”
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Where does a nonprofit turn for help? *Part one of a two-part series*

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

“No nonprofit organization can obtain greatness by stumbling over its board.”

*– Dr. Fred Lange,
co-founder of the
United Way*

Complaining is an important part of life. On the positive side of things it can lead to much needed improvements. On the negative side it can be viewed as “hot air” from people who don’t want to do anything to change a situation. In terms of nonprofit boards, complaining – like fundraising – can be both an art and a science. Before complaining consider a quick self-assessment using any or all of the following questions.

As a board member....Do I personally have the skills, resources, and experience to help this nonprofit fulfill its mission, vision, goals, and raise the funds it needs? Am I – in consultation with my family – in a position to make an annual meaningful gift, along with gifts to other fundraising initiatives as they arise? Do I really know the organization’s strengths and challenges? Importantly, ask yourself, “Do I care?”

You may know the answer to the “do I care” question or you may be hiding it from yourself. Here are a few more questions to ponder, to help reveal your answer: Do I regularly attend board meetings? Do I let people know if I cannot make a meeting? When was the last time I had meaningful conversation with the CEO about the organization’s health and finances?

If you want to complain about fundraising, ask yourself: When was the last time I gave or secured a meaningful financial contribution? Can I effectively make the case? If called on, would I be able to serve in an interim leadership staff position? Am I accessible when needed? Have I committed myself – in writing – to the role I am willing to fulfill? Do I know what others expect of me? Who is benefitting most from my board service: me or the organization? What about my impact, is it quantifiable?

These can be hard questions to ask yourself, or to ask of your fellow board members. But it is important to assess

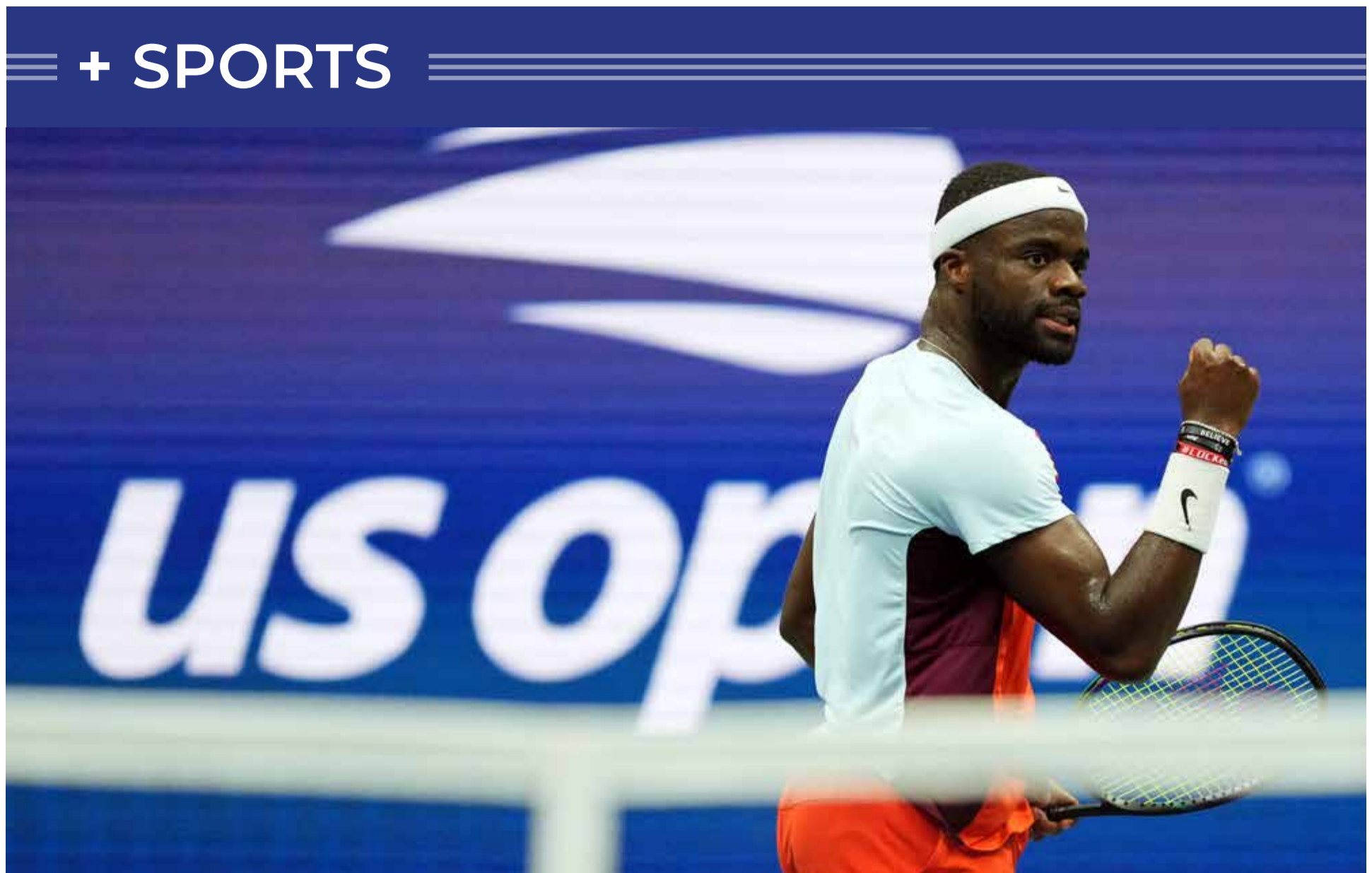
what you are doing and willing to do before complaining about what others are doing or not doing. Consider these words from Roland Martin via a video on Facebook. “The job of board members...let me be real clear. The job of board members is to ensure that the finances of the institution are strong, that processes, accreditation, things along those lines are there as well, and to go raise money. Let me say it again: when people sit on the board it’s to go raise money. It’s to not sit on boards thinking you high and mighty and then just somehow thinking the money just gonna come rolling in. No! It’s working in concert hand in hand with the President.”

Martin’s message is clear. No one else will say this to you directly because they don’t want to upset you. But the most successful boards are comprised of people who give, govern, and fundraise. You can do it too.



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Frances Tiafoe becomes the first Black American man to reach U.S. Open semifinals since Arthur Ashe

New York AP— Frances Tiafoe became the first American man to reach the U.S. Open semifinals since 2006 by beating Andrey Rublev 7-6 (3), 7-6 (0), 6-4 behind the backing of a boisterous partisan crowd in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Tiafoe, who grew up in Maryland, put on a performance just as strong, if not stronger, than the one he used to eliminate 22-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal in the fourth round.

Andy Roddick was the last U.S. man to get to the semifinals in New York, when he lost to Roger Federer in the title match 16 years ago. Roddick also was the last man from the country to win any Grand Slam singles championship, taking the 2003

U.S. Open.

Tiafoe's first career Grand Slam semifinal will come Friday against No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz or No. 11 Jannik Sinner.

Tiafoe played aggressive, offensive tennis and used 18 aces along with strong volleying to oust No. 9 Rublev, a Russian who dropped to 0-6 in major quarterfinals. Tiafoe won 31 of 41 points when he went to the net; Rublev only ventured forward 11 times.

The match featured dominant serving by both — the only break of serve came more than two hours in, when Tiafoe went ahead 4-3 in the third set, then stood mostly motionless on court, enjoying the reaction from the stadium — and the most

vital moments were the two tiebreakers.

Tiafoe is now 6-0 in tiebreakers at this U.S. Open. He excelled at that stage against Rublev, playing to the spectators and enjoying the crescendos of cheers that mirrored the way he lifted his performance.

“Man, man, this is wild. This is crazy. Had the biggest win of my life 24 hours ago. ... That's huge growth. it's tough to turn the page,” said Tiafoe, who is seeded 22nd at Flushing Meadows.

Then, looking ahead, and making sure everyone knows this big milestone is not enough to satisfy him, Tiafoe said: “Let's enjoy this one. We've got two more, guys. We've got two more.”

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Kevin Finley admits that hard work and persistence has helped him achieve many of his goals. "In life, you need the support of others to become successful. SVSU has a strong community focus that I really appreciate. I signed up for many high-profile positions as an SVSU student – from working as a resident assistant and a campus tour guide to being an orientation leader. Through these experiences I learned how much I enjoyed helping other students become acclimated at SVSU." A 2017 SVSU grad, Kevin is now working as an accountant for The Dow Chemical Company.



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