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Two-time NY Times best-selling author, civil rights activist, attorney, entrepreneur, legislator, and overall prolific voice of the culture, Bakari Sellers continues to build upon the strong legacy he inherited as the son of Gwendolyn Sellers and civil rights leader Cleveland Sellers. While his dad helped shape movements working alongside Stokely Carmichael, Bayard Rustin, and Malcolm X, Bakari has come into his own helping to write the blueprint for today's movements with the likes of Rep. James Clyburn, Attorney Benjamin Crump, and President Barack Obama.

Bakari forged his own path from very early on. He entered Morehouse College at the age of 16. He went on to become a graduate of the University of South Carolina Law School and became the youngest legislator in the South Carolina state legislature at 22. In penning both his memoir My Vanishing Country and a children's book entitled "Who Are Your People?" Bakari pays homage to the working-class values that encouraged him to "dream with his eyes wide open" and that are the predicate for his persistent fight for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the US and abroad.

A CNN analyst, Bakari also brings an ability to elevate discourse such that people always feel one step closer to a solution or resolution after he speaks. He combines these and many other talents in his new podcast, The Bakari Sellers Podcast which airs two times a week on the Ringer Podcast Network. Sellers has also been an attorney with the Strom Law Firm, L.L.C. in Columbia, South Carolina since 2007, where he heads up the firm's Strategic Communication and Public Affairs team and the DEI Consulting practice.

He is married to Dr. Ellen Rucker-Sellers and they are the proud parents of three children.

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Remembering Leroy Hampton, the first Black professional (Chemist) hired at Dow



LEROY HAMPTON

Leroy Hampton, 95, of Midland, MI passed away on December 10, 2022. Leroy was born on April 20, 1927, to Ed Levi and Kitty Annie (Larry) Hampton in Ingalls, Arkansas. He would spend much of his childhood in Warren, Arkansas, where he grew up on a farm, while also spending time with relatives in town. When Leroy wasn't tending to his farm chores, he could be found sprawled out in the barn, reading a book. His love of reading and learning would encompass the rest of his life. Through books, Leroy was able to see the world beyond his stark, Depression-era existence. This would lead him to join the Navy, immediately upon graduation from



LEROY AND ANNE HAMPTON

high school; he first arrived in Illinois and would eventually be stationed in Newport, Rhode Island.

Following an honorary discharge from the Navy, Leroy went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Colorado and a Master of Science in Chemistry from Denver University.

It was while living in Denver, attending school, that he met his wife-to-be, Anne Herndon. Leroy was also working as a pharmacist at that time. Later, he would

be hired as a chemist, by the Dow Chemical Company. In Denver, Leroy and Anne married and started a family together. In the course of time, Leroy received a promotion and was transferred to Dow Chemical's headquarters in Midland, MI, where he continued working until his retirement in 1986.

The more leisurely lifestyle of retirement, however, did not suit Leroy well, so he was quick to acquire another job, this one at Saginaw State University, in a position working directly for the Vice President of the University. Before retiring for good, he would eventually return to working as a pharmacist, at Coleman Pharmacy in Coleman, MI.

In addition to his focus on career and family, Leroy was also involved in his community. He was on the Board of Directors at the Dow Credit Union, on the Board of Directors at Spectrum of Solutions, Vice President of the Midland Board of Education, President of the Kiwanis Club of Midland and on the Board of Directors at The Arc of Midland. He was also on the Midland/Dow Community Advisory Panel, a Deacon at Memorial Presbyterian Church, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



LEROY HAMPTON

Leroy enjoyed photography, opera music, the performing arts, watching Tiger baseball and traveling, including camping. The Hampton family traveled all around the US and Leroy would capture these vacations on camera.

People who knew Leroy described him as friendly, kind, generous, intelligent, and funny. His wife and four of his five children (Mary White, Gloria Clark, Stanley Hampton, and Cedric Hampton) preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughter Candice Hampton, daughter-in-law Judy Hampton, Goddaughter Rushaun Harris, grandchildren Tanisha Hampton, Shaun Hampton, Ricky Clark, Daron White and Kevin White.

Leroy leaves a lasting legacy in the Great Lakes Bay Region. He was the first first African American professional hired at Dow Chemical (1953) and one of the first African Americans to retire from Dow (1986). He was the first African American elected to the Midland Public School Board and the first African American elected to Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union Board of Directors. He was also founding Member of the Midland Black Coalition.

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DEVELOPING THE GIFT

By **DONIQUA SOVIA**

In my experience, of writing I've learned that the phase in which you are developing your gift is not only important, but can be on the best memories of your life. You learn a lot about yourself, your unreleased creativity, your ability to create, as well as how far your gift can go.

I took writing seriously at about the age of fifteen. I spent hours learning different words, word meanings, what word play was, how to describe objects and people as well surroundings. During this time I was the most liberated that I ever felt in my life. I was free to discover who I was, what

my gift was, and how to use it.

Over the years, as everything came together, I realized my strong suit. When you have a gift, there are many arenas in which that gift can and has the potential to expand into, however there's always that one arena in which you hold the most expertise and fondness for. For instance; My gift is writing, there's creative writing, technical writing, journalism, persuasive writing, and description writing to name a few, but my strong suit is in poetry.

In order to find your strong suit, you must explore other arenas within that gift. Explore, Develop, Create, Master. It doesn't happen overnight. It takes pa-

tience, willingness, consistency, persistency, an openness to learn and take advice and constructive criticism, and the ability to be undaunted by failure.

The definition of the word *gift* is something that is given to someone without return in payment, in the showing of favor to someone. God favored you so much that He gave you a gift and sometimes more than one. Your only job is to develop it, and then listen. I've co-wrote many, many, pieces of writings, because I took the time to develop the gift that God gave me, and listened to Him tell me what to write. Develop the gift, after all it doesn't cost you a thing, but rather yields rewards.



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180 full scholarships for the next generation of STEM leaders and changemakers

NEW YORK, NY /PRNewswire/ -- Applications are now open for the AFS Global STEM Academies, a full scholarship program for teens with a keen interest in sustainability and a desire to collaborate on solving some of today's biggest global challenges. Global STEM scholars enrich their sustainability knowledge and STEM skills through an interactive, hands-on curriculum, while developing critical global competencies, including problem-solving, analytical skills, intercultural understanding, and social innovation.

The scholarships are sponsored by bp, a global integrated energy company, and the programs are designed to equip the next generation of STEM leaders and changemakers with access to the education, skills, and knowledge needed to help the world transition to a more sustainable future.

Students ages 15-17.5, from more than 18 countries worldwide, are welcome to apply.

Applications are due January 8, 2023. Learn more: afs.org/global-stem/academies.

What are the AFS Global STEM Academies?

The Academies are full-scholarship, 16-week study abroad programs for students interested in STEM and sustainability. All scholars begin with a 12-week virtual curriculum (online) in sustainability and social innovation, co-developed by AFS and the University of Pennsylvania. Then, scholars travel for four weeks to one

of the six Academy destinations: Brazil, China, Egypt, India, the USA, or Europe (Germany, Belgium, Netherlands).

Upon successful completion, scholars earn the Advanced Certificate on Global Competence for Social Impact, awarded by AFS and the University of Pennsylvania Center for Social Impact Strategy, and join the AFS global alumni community.

Why apply for this program?

The AFS Global STEM Academies provide a unique way for students to:

- Gain key global competencies through interactive, intercultural experiences, and develop the skills necessary to thrive in global organizations.
- Develop critical STEM skills and explore social impact through real-life case studies, innovations, and careers, including opportunities to meet STEM industry leaders.
- Earn a certificate from AFS & the University of Pennsylvania to reflect new skills in STEM and social impact.
- Gain the skills, experience, and confidence to become a changemaker.
- Become part of a global community. Program alumni are invited to access networking events, professional development opportunities, a global youth conference, and more.

The program is part of the broader AFS Global STEM Changemakers Initiative, a five-year plan which aims to provide 5,000 diverse young people and educators with immersive learning experiences through STEM, global competence, and sustainability-focused intercultural exchange programs worldwide.

MYMICHIGAN MIDLAND OFFERING MENTAL HEALTH COURSE FOR TEENS



The Behavioral Health Service team at MyMichigan Medical Center Midland is offering a free, six week program for high school students to help them understand how their minds work.

As teens develop, many of the stressors that come with the territory can be challenging. These include body changes, finding a hard time fitting in, all while adjusting to post Covid-19 pandemic life. What's more, many teens may feel alone, anxious, sad and frustrated.

The group will meet Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. starting February 1 at the MyMichigan Psychiatry office at 3007 North Saginaw Road in Midland. is limited to 12 high school aged students and dinner will be provided. Registration and parental consent are required for this free program. To register, call (989) 837-9090, toll-free at (800) 999-3199 or visit mymichigan.org/thrive.

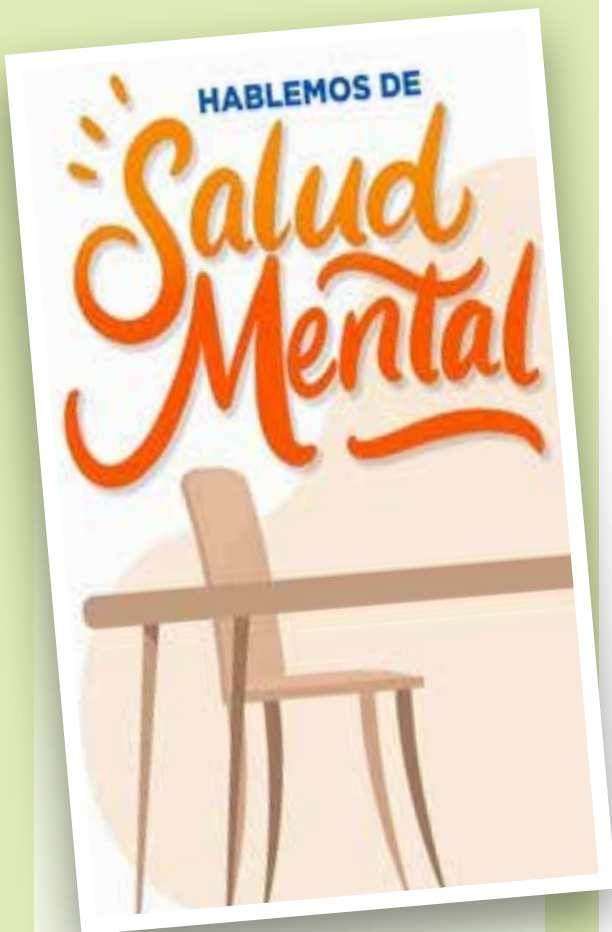




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New series promotes mental health practices for US Latinos

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New series promotes mental health practices for US Latinos

WASHINGTON, DC /PRNewswire-HISPANIC PR WIRE/-- Hispanic Communications Network (HCN) (henmedia.com) / La Red Hispana (laredhispana.org), will launch the sixth edition of Culture of Health / Cultura de Salud, a bilingual programming series that addresses social determinants of health affecting U.S. Latinos. This year, the multimedia series, titled "Let's Talk about Mental Health" (Hablemos de Salud Mental), will address topics such as mental/behavioral health and technology among young people, stigmatizing language, and domestic violence, all of which have continued to surge as increasing concerns since the beginning of the pandemic.

HCN / La Red Hispana's Cultura de Salud program series supports the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) vision of a Culture of Health – which aims to give every person across the country the opportunity to live the healthiest life possible.

"Our own health doesn't simply depend on our personal efforts and desires. Social determinants of health – like access to living wages, fresh foods, safe and walkable neighborhoods, transportation, fair housing, and quality education – have a significant impact on every person and family in the U.S. Only when we know how to identify and act to change these systemic challenges can we find solutions and improve the quality of life," said Alison Rodden, CEO of HCN / La Red Hispana.

Latinos are disproportionately affected by social determinants of health, which lead to poorer health conditions and barriers to healthcare access. Recent data from the NPR-RWJF-Harvard Poll show how the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing disparities and inequities related to different social determinants of health. Latinos not only experienced higher incidence of hospitalizations and deaths; these communities also fared worse compared to non-Hispanic White individuals across most measures of social determinants of health for which data was available.

Areas of most concern include dis-



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parities in poverty levels, educational attainment, wealth and families net worth, home ownership, food insecurity, crowded housing, internet access, transportation, citizenship, English-language proficiency, racism and adverse childhood experiences. Additional factors affecting Latinos are serious financial problems, inflation, emergency savings, evictions, and fears for their security. Key subpopulations continue to experience heightened strains since the onset of the pandemic, such as children, teens, younger adults, families with children, and LGBTQ+ Latino communities.

According to the RWJF County Health Rankings report, income inequality within U.S. communities can have broad health impacts. These include increased risk of mortality, poor health, and increased cardiovascular disease risks. Inequalities in a community can accentuate differences in social class and status and serve as a social stressor. Communities with greater income inequality can experience a loss of social connectedness, as well as decreases in trust, social support, and a sense of community for all residents.

"We are seeing positive changes in the

appreciation of the social determinants of health and the need for broader community health investments," said Jordan Reese, Director of Media Relations at the RWJF. "There is greater understanding that diverse factors influence health. We're pleased to see more stakeholders and community members understanding that factors like physical environment, economic opportunity, social support, and community safety strongly influence well-being."

Daily short-format TV and radio programs, digital videos, social media content and interactive shows focused on mental health will begin airing across La Red Hispana and additional HCN platforms starting on December 26th, 2022. HCN's Cultura de Salud programs will run across 35 Hispanic TV markets and over 120 radio markets, in addition to 6 digital channels, through the Spring of 2023. Culture of Health / Cultura de Salud programming and content is also available on-demand via HCN and La Red Hispana microsites.

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2023 Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award

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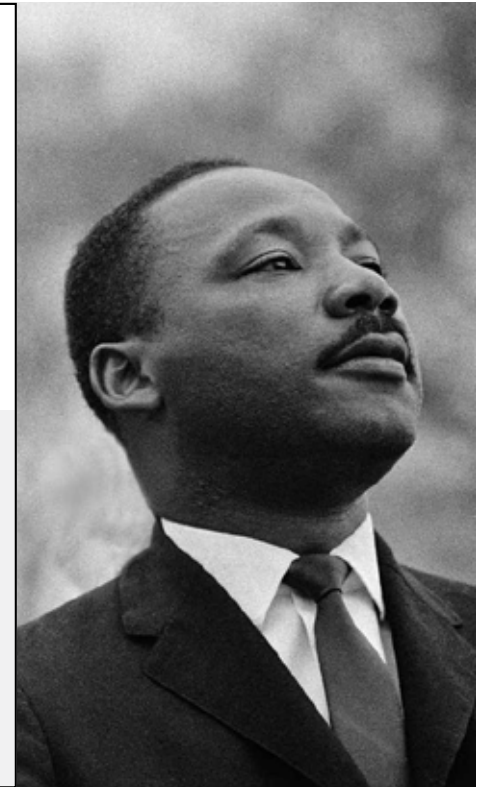


Joseph Hernandez

Showing the way by example.

As an associate professor of mathematics, Joe has used his experiences and position to mentor young people, helping them to see their own vision of success. He is open and transparent about his past and is purposeful about going above and beyond to help students succeed.

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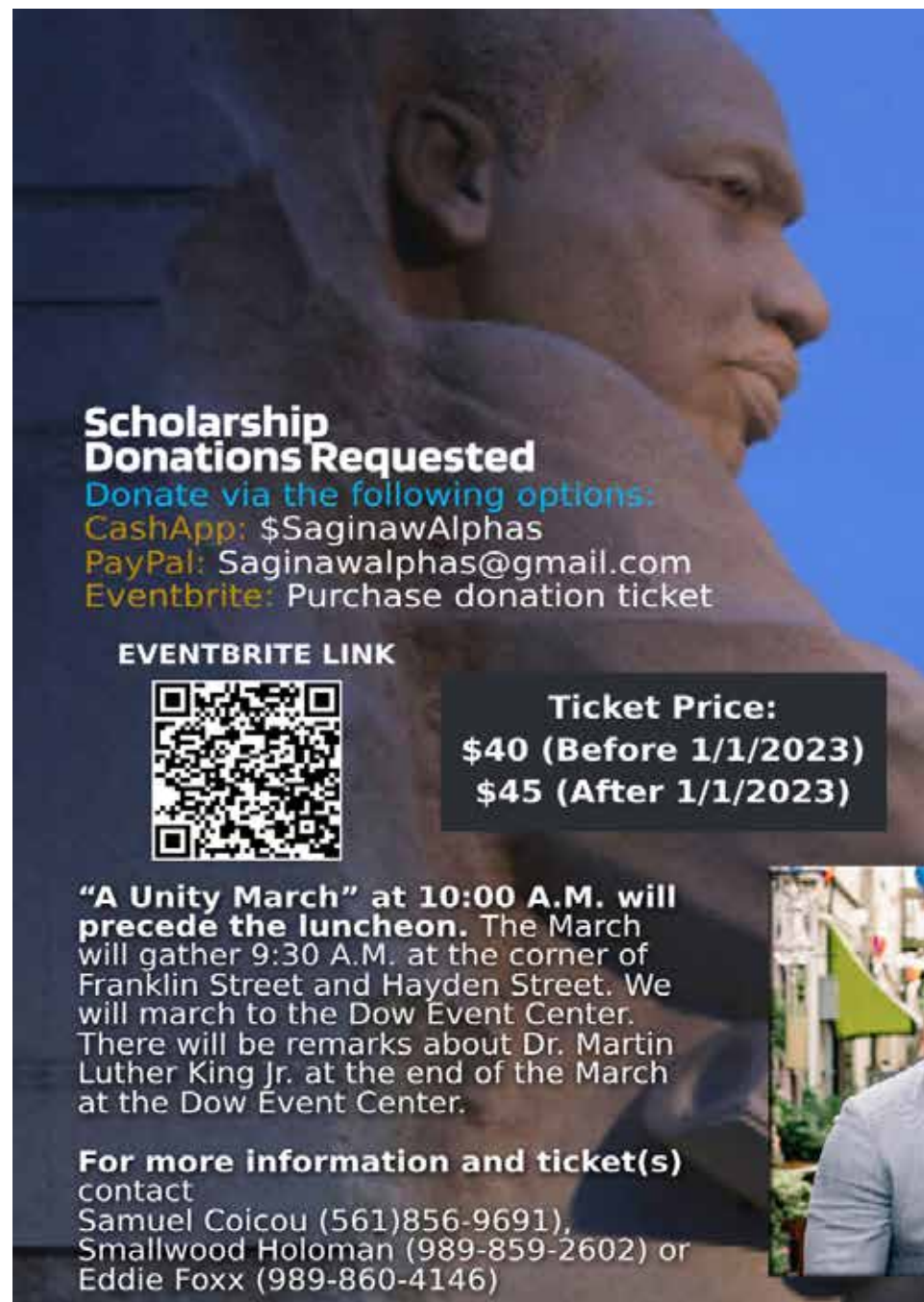
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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Iota Chi Lambda Chapter presents 27th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration





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THE 27TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNITY CELEBRATION


"ARE YOU SETTLING?"

Monday, January 16, 2023
11:00am at The Dow Center-Unity Hall

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"A Unity March" at 10:00 A.M. will precede the luncheon. The March will gather 9:30 A.M. at the corner of Franklin Street and Hayden Street. We will march to the Dow Event Center. There will be remarks about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the end of the March at the Dow Event Center.

For more information and ticket(s) contact
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Speaker:
Jacob Brown,
Co-Founder of Varlo, Motivational Speaker, Writer
Best known for #FailForward on LinkedIn

Community Awards presented by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Delta College Black Faculty and Staff Association

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Iota Chi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in partnership with Delta College Black Faculty and Staff is hosting the 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr Unity Celebration on Monday January 16, 2023 at The Dow Event Center at 11:00 a.m. The theme for this year's celebration is "Are You Settling?"

The keynote speaker for this Celebration is Mr. Jacob Brown. Jacob is a former professional athlete turned entrepreneur, motivational speaker, and writer. He is also the Co-Founder of Varlo, a cycling

and triathlon apparel brand. Jacob is mostly known for his LinkedIn persona, where he has grown a following under his #FailForward motivational posts, coaching, and inspirational videos. Jacob now travels globally speaking to corporations, colleges, and sports teams about how to take failure and turn it into fuel.

He is a family man – a husband of one and a father of four, a native of Saginaw and graduate of Bridgeport High School.

Historically, Iota Chi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha presents its com-

munity service awards to individuals and organizations for their service to our community. This year the Fraternity's highest community awards, the Dr. MLK Jr Community Service Award and Dr. MLK Jr Unity Award, and the Delta College Black Faculty and Staff Association "Spirit of Dr. King Award" will be revealed at the Unity Luncheon.

Persons interested in viewing the virtual program, can find us on FACEBOOK at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/SaginawAlphas>

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6 Tips for the best cold weather workout

With temperatures getting colder, it may be tempting to get back to the gym.

But it's still possible to get your exercise outdoors if you prepare properly to counter the chillier conditions that accompany living in Michigan this time of year.

Winter Weather Workout Tips

While cold air can make it challenging to breathe, our bodies adjust to reduced temperatures over time. The key thing to watch for is hypothermia (dangerously low body heat).

"Viruses are more likely to attack our bodies if we're in a cold state," says Ramsey Shehab, M.D., a sports medicine specialist at Henry Ford Health. "If your internal body temperature drops significantly, it can suppress your immune system and make you more vulnerable to infection."

The good news: Adopting these six strategies can help ensure your outdoor workouts are safe and effective.

Check the forecast. Know what the outdoor weather is and plan accordingly. Pay attention to the temperature, wind and

moisture level. If temps dip below zero, the wind chill is extreme, or it's raining or snowing, exercising outside can be risky.

Dress in layers. Dressing too warmly can increase your risk of overheating (even in frigid air). Instead, dress in layers so you can remove layers as you warm up. "The innermost layer should be made of moisture-wicking material," Dr. Shehab says. "The middle layer should have thermal protection like wool or fleece, and the outermost layer should be waterproof and breathable to protect you from wind, rain and sleet." If you get wet and moisture soaks through your clothing, you may not be able to keep your core body temperature up.

Pay attention to your hands, feet and head. When you're engaged in a heart-pumping workout, blood flows to your core, leaving your fingers, toes and head vulnerable to the cold. Wear a hat, gloves and warm socks. If it's especially chilly, consider wearing a scarf.

Take time to warm up (and cool down). Instead of leaving your cozy house and launching straight into a sprint, take time to warm up your major muscle groups. "Your joints may be stiffer when it's cold, so

warming up and stretching out is especially important during the winter months," Dr. Shehab says.

Stay hydrated. People tend to think more about dehydration during the summer months, but you can get dehydrated in the winter, too. "Proper hydration before, during and after exercise is very important, not just to maintain health and well-being, but also to stave off infection," Dr. Shehab says.

Take a vitamin D supplement. Even though you're exercising outdoors, sunlight is in low supply in Michigan during the winter. To keep your immune system humming, consider taking a vitamin D supplement. "Making sure you have sufficient vitamin D can enhance your bone health, boost your immune system and keep your hormones in balance," Dr. Shehab says.

Get Savvy About Outdoor Workouts

Frigid temperatures can create obstacles for even the most enthusiastic exercisers. While it's tempting to table exercise until warmer weather returns, there are things you can do to make outdoor — and indoor — workouts more enjoyable.

You don't have to stick to the same routine of running, walking and circuit training. Take advantage of the winter chill to participate in activities like ice skating, sledding, hiking, skiing and cross-country skiing. You can even take interval workouts outdoors. Climb stairs, hike up hills or just play with a kettlebell in the snow.

"Exercise is medicine," Dr. Shehab says. "It can sometimes replace medication for people who have diabetes, hypertension and other chronic conditions. It's good for the mind and the body, and it can help stave off infections, including COVID-19."

The caveat: Working out, outdoors or indoors, is not recommended for people who are currently battling the coronavirus. Instead, it's important to preserve your energy. Once your symptoms begin to improve, you can gradually increase your exercise level.

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Consumers Energy donates \$300,000 to help Michigan veterans pay heating bills

A \$300,000 donation from Consumers Energy to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) will help potentially hundreds of military veterans pay their heating bills in Michigan this winter.

The gift is the largest single donation in the 76-year history of the trust fund, which operates within the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA). Over the past three years, Consumers has gifted \$550,000 to the MVTF.

This year's donation will help veterans who are Consumers customers pay utility bills and make emergency home repairs that fall under energy efficiency, such as furnace and roof repairs. Veterans can call 1-800-MICH-VET to inquire about eligibility or visit the MVTF webpage and fill out the emergency assistance form.

"Utility assistance continues to be one of our biggest needs, especially during

these cold winter months," said MVTF Director Lindell Holm. "We are incredibly thankful to have the support of Consumers Energy as we work to assist veterans and their families during this time. This donation allows the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund to expand our reach to more veterans facing critical needs besides utilities like emergency rent assistance and home payments."

The assistance can be particularly helpful to those on a fixed income. More than 51% of Michigan's nearly 550,000 veterans are age 65 or older and about 21% percent receive disability compensation, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since late 2020, more than \$169,000 in donations from Consumers and the MVTF have helped 457 Michigan veterans and their dependents pay utility bills. Another \$190,000 in donations from Consumers

and the MVTF have helped veterans make energy-efficient home repairs in the form of furnaces and roofs.

Consumers has provided \$7.25 million this winter to help Michigan residents with energy bills, which includes the assistance for military veterans.

"Consumers Energy understands many Michiganders are facing challenging times and no one wants to see rising energy bills – especially our most vulnerable customers. We recognize our responsibility to help our customers who count on us every day," said Garrick Rochow, Consumers Energy's president and CEO. "Natural gas prices have climbed across the Midwest and nation, and we are committed to helping customers manage their bills and help those in need immediately."

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Eat Great Winter to return in 2023, experience to take place February 19-21

Popular three-night culinary event announces new Saginaw location for 2023

SAGINAW, Mich. – December 21, 2022 – Event officials are proud to announce the return of Eat Great Winter for 2023. Scheduled for February 19-21, 2023, attendees will have a chance to purchase a table of 8 at the unique food and beverage experience at the historic Temple Theatre in Saginaw. The event debuted in February 2020 to help continue the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational's mission of building strategic partnerships through culinary programming and community engagement.

"We're thrilled to be expanding into Saginaw County and partnering with The Temple Theatre to host what has become a premier winter dining experience in the Great Lakes Bay Region" said Eat Great Brand manager, Cameron Wing. "Saginaw and the Temple Theatre have such a rich history; we look forward to the opportunity to highlight the grandeur of the location."

"We were delighted when we heard the Eat Great team was considering the Temple Theatre for their winter experience," said Temple Theatre Executive Director, Michael Kolleth. "We've known of their unique culinary events from previous years and look forward to helping host one of our own in Saginaw."

Taking a unique spin in the marketing of the event, the Eat Great team opted to withhold the location venue during the early phases of promotion.

"We thought it would be fun to highlight the beauty of our new venue through a series of clues distributed through our social platforms," Wing said. "We've received tremendous support and engagement, while being able to showcase what's been referred to as 'the Gem of Downtown Saginaw'."

While some aspects of the event will

change, the level of service will not. Guests will be transported back to the opening of the Temple Theatre, kicking off the night with a walk down the red carpet. Eat Great Winter guests will then receive cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres prior to the main experience showcasing 8 courses paired with beer and wine from some of the top culinary destinations in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Each of the three evenings, guests can enjoy the two-hour experience while moving about the Temple Theatre with a surprise final course.

Tickets are being sold on a per-table basis for \$600 (taxes and fees will apply). Reservations can be made at the available seating times of 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm or 7:30 pm.

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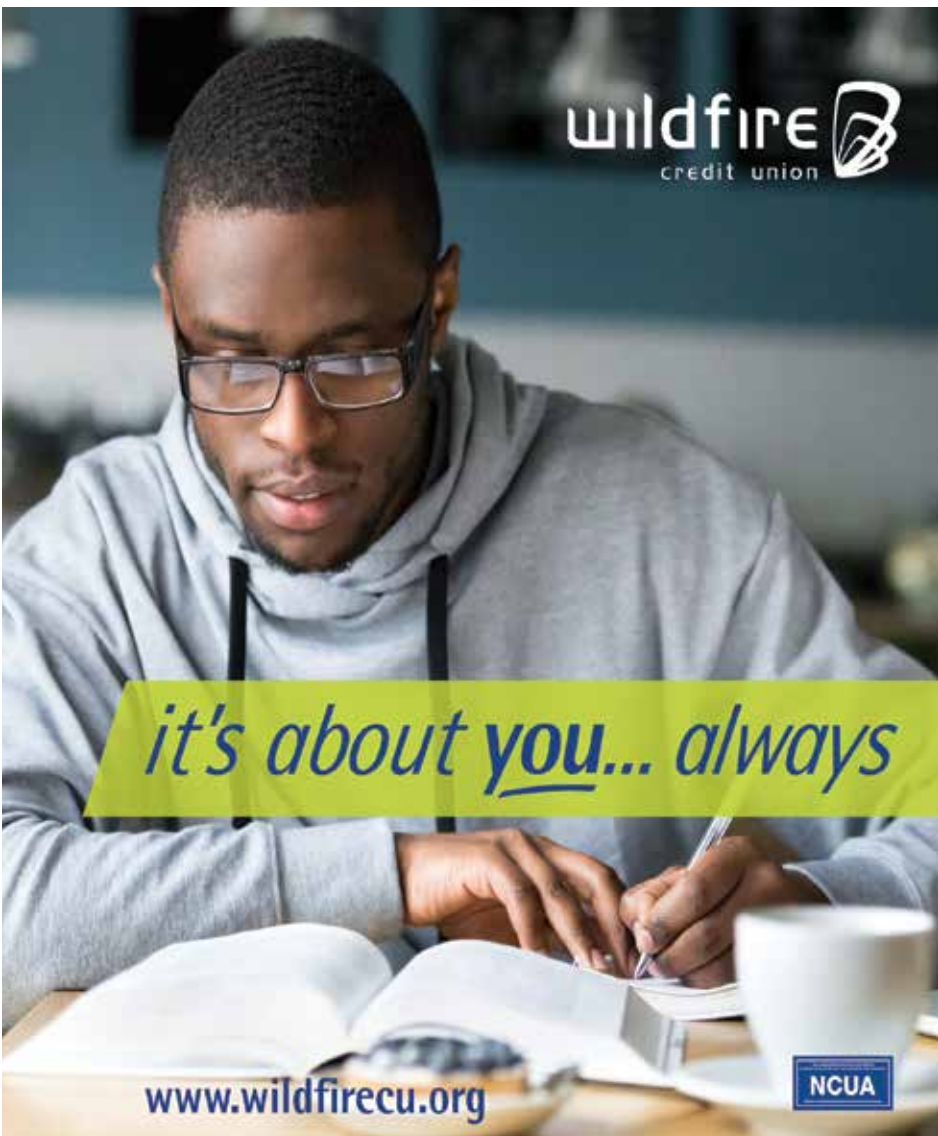


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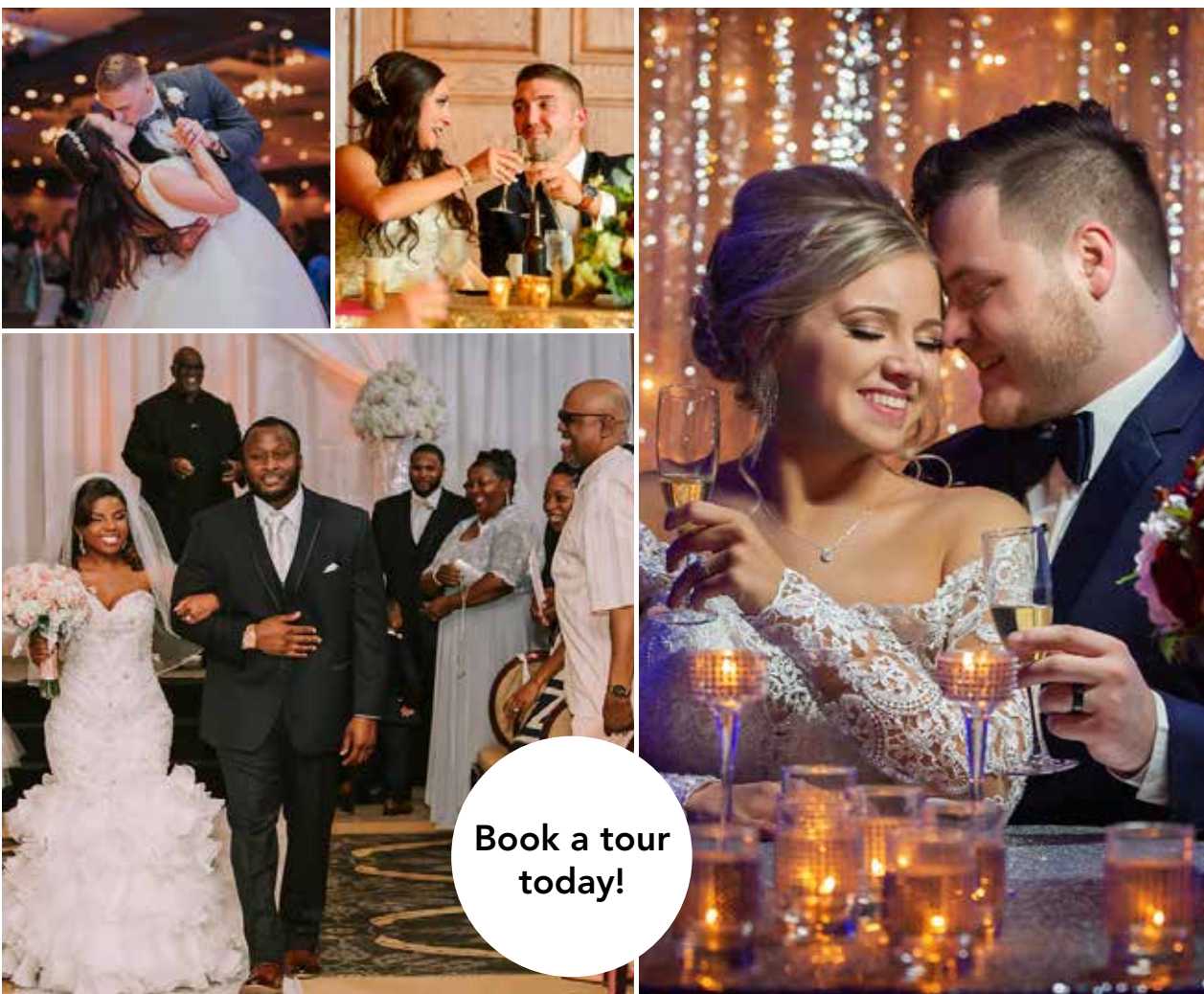
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What's for New Years, Della?

BY DOLORESE FALL-GRANT

In the Caribbean, like the American South, we learned to cook feasts from all parts of the farm hogs, those parts that remained after the more privileged took the prime hams and chops for themselves. And our dinners remain second to none.

Pigs Feet

Ingredients

- Four swine hoofs, split
- Two cups of white vinegar
- Two onions, chopped
- Three bay leaves
- Six old cloves
- Peppercorn and salt to taste, fresh garlic or garlic powder, fresh thyme, fresh parsley, fresh cilantro, cucumber slices (old ones work best), one habanero pepper



Instructions

Clean and wash pig feet very well, add to a large pot or skillet. Cook the pig feet on low, slow heat (around 325 degrees) with salt, cloves, bay leaves and peppercorn until tender. Turn stove off and add vinegar along with remaining ingredients. Serve warm but not steaming hot.

If you partied on New Year's Eve and your stomach is a bit queasy, this dish is known for succeeding when even Alka-Seltzer may fail. Pig's feet also have a legacy of awakening the libido, in case you didn't know. Happy 2023!

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2023 looks bright for tech-driven businesses in media



By **KEN H. SIMMONS, II**
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2022 has been a tough year for many industries and the general outlook is one of uncertainty as central banks raise interest rates and the war in Ukraine continues. Nevertheless, there is an encouraging picture in the midst of the fog. Nigel Green, CEO, and founder of deVere Group, one of the world's largest independent financial

advisory and fintech organizations, outlined "some key market, macro and policy shifts that will provide a significantly more positive outlook for investors in 2023." He made this statement last month in an article entitled, "4 reasons why 2023 could be a great year", published by The Motley Fool. In addition to Green's expert opinion, I also assert that 2023 looks bright for tech-driven businesses in media.

Part of Green's positive outlook included peaking inflation. When inflation starts to come down from its highs, we, the consumers, will have more money to spend, and interest rate hikes will slow down before the central banks stop them altogether. Another positive that Green points out is increased digitalization. To turbocharge profits, companies are continuing to rapidly digitalize their operations. Investments

in technology, according to Green, "help increase efficiency, increase productivity, lower operational costs, improve customer experience, improve competitive advantage, and improve speed and outcomes of decision-making."

In this gadget-loving era, one could easily forget that change is actually driven by people. It's our enterprise, our needs, and our desires that fuel change, and not simply a result of a new invention. In order for businesses to thrive in today's ever-changing technology-driven world, digital transformation is key. It involves both digitization (making analog information digital) and digitalization (moving existing

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processes into digital technologies).

Deloitte recently conducted research on how a CEO's leadership in digital transformation can make a critical difference in making the changes successfully. There are five levels of digital transformation: 1) incremental digitization, 2) advanced digitization including new digital platforms, 3) digitalization to reach new markets, 4) digitalization to produce new products/services, and 5) digitalization to create new business models. These five levels build incrementally and CEOs can use them to help set the organizational goals and assess its readiness for change. Deloitte's research revealed three truths for leaders. "Truth 1 – Your role as leader is crucial to any digital ambition, no matter the scale. Truth 2 – As the digital vision gets more ambitious, you must get more involved, especially if your company isn't ready to change. Truth 3 – Digitally-savvy companies still need leadership to lead on strategy, innovation and growth."

Digital transformation will help businesses succeed in 2023, and for tech-driven companies in the media industry, the future is even brighter. Pricewaterhouse Cooper's (PWC) Global Entertainment & Media Outlook 2022-2026 report provides "greater clarity about the overall trends of the market and the forces driving growth, and a better understanding of the fault lines and fractures that are altering the entertainment and media industry" (E&M).

After the contraction of 2020, the E&M industry bounced back in 2021 to resume its growth trajectory with revenues rising an impressive 10.4%. PwC forecasts that "by 2026, the global E&M industry will approach US\$3 [trillion] in revenues." One thing that was clear from the report, the massive E&M industry is growing more rapidly than the global economy as a whole. More people around the world are spending more of their time, attention and money on the industry, and enjoying the increasingly immersive E&M experiences that are available to them.

Other macro trends from the report identify internet advertising as the sole driver of advertising's recovery, and music, radio and podcasts being significant contributors to the industry's growth among others. The report states, "Internet adver-

tising is now the world's dominant advertising format, and its dynamic growth is wielding increasing impact on the overall media advertising space as advertisers and consumers shift both spending and attention toward online channels." The global internet advertising market is largely dominated by US-based tech giants, and the US will maintain its position as the single-largest individual market over the forecast period.

Digital music streaming also brings good news as subscriptions attract consumers around the world and the music sector is forecast to reach nearly \$46 billion in revenues by 2026. The largest market in the world for music remains North America with 42.9% of the revenue at the end of the forecast period, and "Latin America is expected to be the fastest growing major region, albeit from a much smaller revenue base." The podcast audience will continue growing globally, increasing from just under 900 million in 2019 to more than 1.5 billion people in 2026. Accordingly, podcast revenues will rise to over \$3 billion in 2025 before reaching \$3.3 billion in 2026.

Two other segments in the media sector worth noting from PwC's report are consumer magazines and newspapers. In 2026, digital advertising will overtake its print counterparts, generating nearly two-thirds of the revenues.

With continual growth in the use of digital devices (i.e. smartphones, computers, smart TVs, etc.), Americans now spend an average of 13 hours plus per day interacting with some form of media. "Companies with a strong foothold in digital media keep expanding their consumer engagement, while legacy businesses heavily reliant on older media formats are struggling", according to "Investing in Media Stocks" published in July

by The Motley Fool. The article goes on to outline several attributes that qualify a media company as a good investment, and I will highlight four of them.

It mentions differentiated content, including unique intellectual property and working with well-known personalities. Scale is important, as larger media companies have more negotiating power with distributors and marketers, and cross-promotional opportunities can be created among the content properties. Diversification and technology are the last two I will highlight. "The best media companies are diversified across formats, distribution methods, audience demographics, and geographies." Owning the technology to support direct-to-consumer (DTC) distribution at scale can boost profit margins considerably given that the bulk of media consumption is via DTC services.

Times of great uncertainty and change can actually present the perfect environments to be aggressive and to think and act boldly about the future. By proactively assessing and projecting change into the future, businesses can take advantage of the competitive edge of that kind of strategic thinking. 2023 will be the year of spotting the gaps, the weaknesses, the eyes-off-the-ball instances that will be fertile ground for investments that will return significant value over the long term. So, the new year not only looks bright for tech-driven businesses in media, it could actually be the best year to date with a future that will continue to shine.



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Barbara Walters, news pioneer and 'The View' creator, dies at age 93

NEW YORK — Barbara Walters, the intrepid interviewer, anchor and program host who blazed the way as the first woman to become a TV news superstar during a career remarkable for its duration and variety, has died. She was 93.

ABC broke into its broadcast to announce Walters' death on air Friday night.

"She lived her life with no regrets. She was a trailblazer not only for female journalists, but for all women," her publicist Cindi Berger also said in a statement, adding Walters died peacefully at her New York home.

An ABC spokesperson did not have an immediate comment Friday night beyond sharing a statement from Bob Iger, the CEO of ABC parent The Walt Disney Company.

"Barbara was a true legend, a pioneer not just for women in journalism but for journalism itself," Iger said.

During nearly four decades at ABC, and before that at NBC, Walters' exclusive interviews with rulers, royalty and entertainers brought her celebrity status that ranked with theirs, while placing her at the forefront of the trend that made stars of TV reporters.



BARBARA WALTERS

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As part of the federal budget passed today, STARS will receive \$4M to be used toward the purchase of 10 large transit buses. This funding will allow STARS to improve much-needed transportation services allowing riders better access to medical and mental healthcare, education, and jobs.

“We are so thankful for the support of Congressman Dan Kildee, who made this funding possible. This represents a huge step toward fleet viability and the reliability that Saginaw deserves,” said Glenn Stefens, Executive Director.

“Mid-Michigan families rely on our transit system whether it is to get to their job, health care appointment or school,” said Congressman Dan Kildee. “I am pleased Democrats and Republicans came together to pass this government spending bill, which included my request for critical funding for the Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services to purchase new buses.”



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The current STARS fleet of 43 full size buses was purchased used or refurbished to extend their use. In 2019, STARS was awarded a discretionary grant to fund vehicle replacements along with facility and security updates. That grant funded eight buses currently being manufactured in

California which will be the first “new” full-size transit buses for STARS since 2010. Combined with today’s appropriation, half of STARS bus route fleet will be replaced with more efficient and comfortable vehicles by 2024.

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Michigan's minimum wage set to increase on January 1, 2023

LANSING, Mich. – On January 1, 2023, Michigan's minimum wage rate will increase from \$9.87 to \$10.10 per hour as set by Michigan's Improved Workforce Opportunity Wage Act of 2018 establishing the annual schedule of increases.

Effective January 1, 2023:

- The minimum hourly wage will increase to \$10.10 per hour.
- The 85% rate for minors aged 16 and 17 will increase to \$8.59 per hour.
- The tipped employee rate of hourly pay increases to \$3.84 per hour.
- The training wage of \$4.25 per hour for newly hired employees ages 16 to 19 for their first 90 days of employment remains unchanged.

There is pending litigation that might affect this minimum wage increase:

- In 2018, a petition initiative

organized by One Fair Wage sought to allow voters to decide on raising Michigan's minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2022 and raise the minimum wage for tipped workers to 80% of the standard minimum wage in 2022, 90% in 2023 and ultimately match it in 2024.

- The Legislature adopted the legislation and then amended it in 2018, putting in lower wage thresholds that increased the minimum wage to \$12.05 by 2030 instead of 2022 and kept the tipped minimum wage at 38% of the standard one. As a result, the state's current hourly minimum wage is \$9.87 and \$3.75 for workers who are expected to make up the difference in tips.
- The Legislature's amendment has been challenged in court as unconstitutional. On July 19, 2022, the Court of Claims issued a decision that agreed with that challenge and voided the amended versions of the Michigan Improved Workforce Opportunity Wage Act

and Paid Medical Leave Act in favor of their original, unamended versions.

- On July 29, 2022, the Court of Claims entered an order staying the effect of this decision until February 19, 2023, to give employers and the relevant state agencies time to accommodate the changes required by the ruling.
- The Court of Claims' ruling has been appealed. Pending final resolution of the appeal, and lifting of the stay, under the potential implementation of the originally adopted petition, the minimum wage rate for 2023 would be \$13.03 and \$11.73 for tipped employees.

For further information regarding the pending minimum wage litigation, and potential amended minimum wage rates as a result of that litigation, or a copy of the Improved Workforce Opportunity Wage Act and related resources, including the required poster, visit Michigan.gov/Wage-Hour.

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Mt. Pleasant Fire Chief Beltinck retires after 25 years of service

After 25 years of service, Fire Chief Rick Beltinck retired on December 16. Rick rose through the fire ranks, starting as a Fire Equipment Operator. He then advanced to Sergeant, Lieutenant and ultimately Chief in 2015.

In reflecting on his career with the MPFD, Rick observed, "I have had the opportunity to work with great people within our organization, and the community as a whole. It was truly an honor to be a mem-

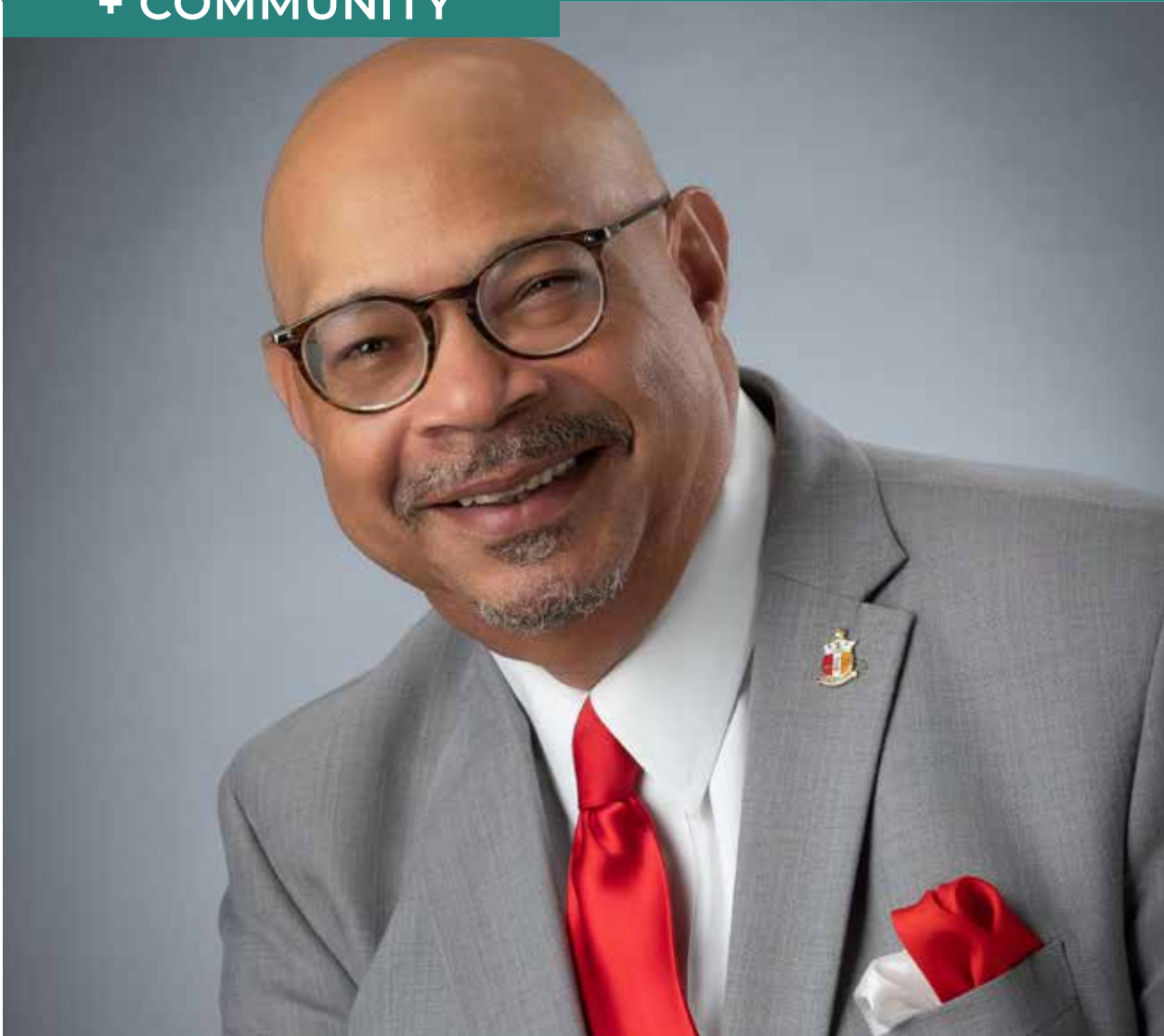
ber of a team which fostered learning and growth."

"Rick's dedication and hard work is evident through the numerous roles he filled within the fire department and the many initiatives he spearheaded," said Director Paul Lauria. "Rick worked diligently on the 800Mhz statewide radio system implementation, the SCBA firefighter pack transition, successfully obtained grant funding, and developed a process for up-

dating policy and procedures. Rick also served as the City's Emergency Manager," Lauria added, "and chaired the area fire chief's board which fosters communication among the regional fire departments. Rick's commitment to the community, the Division of Public Safety, and his invaluable institutional knowledge will be sorely missed."

Rick's retirement plans include spending time with family and enjoying life.

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JIMMY E. GREENE

Jimmy E. Greene presented Naegele Service award

Northwood University has awarded the 2022 Robert and Patricia Naegele Distinguished Community Service Award to Jimmy E. Greene.

“Community service is a part of Northwood University’s core and our culture of making a difference,” stated Dr. Lisa Fairbairn, assistant vice president, DeVos Graduate School, Northwood University. “We present the Naegele Distinguished Community Service Award to individuals responsible for enhancing the mission of our university while improving the quality of life of our community including faculty, staff, and students.”

Northwood University annually presents the Robert E. and Patricia L. Naegele Distinguished Community Service Award. The award was first given in 2005 to Northwood University Trustees Robert E. and Patricia L. Naegele for their service to

the university and their generosity of time and resources, including campus facilities and academic scholarship funds.

“They established the Naegele Scholarship Programs through which students from all over the world and all walks of life have accomplished their academic goals,” Fairbairn noted during Saturday’s winter commencement ceremony in Riepma Arena at Northwood University in Midland. “Though Robert and Patricia are no longer with us in person, the Naegele spirit is strong here at Northwood University. In that spirit, please join me in recognizing Mr. Jimmy Greene, CEO & President of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan as the 2022 Naegele Distinguished Community Service Award recipient.”

As CEO and president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan

(ABC), Jimmy E. Greene is responsible for public policy and government affairs for over 1,000 commercial builders and contractors in Michigan.

Before joining ABC in 2007, Greene served as a Regional Director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Before that, he owned a consulting firm, Total Solutions Group, for ten years. Throughout his career, he has garnered an extensive background in banking and brokerage services.

Professional and leadership development is important to Greene, a graduate of the Michigan Political Leadership Program, Leadership Saginaw County; Great Lakes Bay Regional Leadership; One Thousand Leaders; and the School of Banking & Finance of Wisconsin.

He applied his leadership training by founding the Saginaw County African American Leadership Training Institute; the Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy, a bipartisan public policy leadership group; and the Center for Minority Entrepreneurial Enterprise.

A man of firsts, Greene was the founding president of the International Academy of Saginaw Board of Directors, the first member of the Saginaw Promise Zone Authority, and a founding volunteer for Saginaw’s READ Lunch Mentoring Program.

Other prior volunteerism posts include serving on the boards of directors for the Saginaw Children’s Zoo, Saginaw Art Museum, Saginaw Community Foundation, Michigan Works, and Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. He also chaired the Lake Huron District Boy Scouts of America.

Greene currently serves on the Board of Directors for Shelterhouse, Great Lakes Bay Region Pride, Saginaw Valley State University Foundation, and Michigan Society of Association Executives. He also is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Born and raised in Flint, Michigan, Green is a Flint Southwestern High School graduate. He attended Washtenaw Community College and Delta College and graduated from the College of Banking & Finance of Wisconsin.



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Credit - credit as more than a way to borrow; and how to address credit concerns

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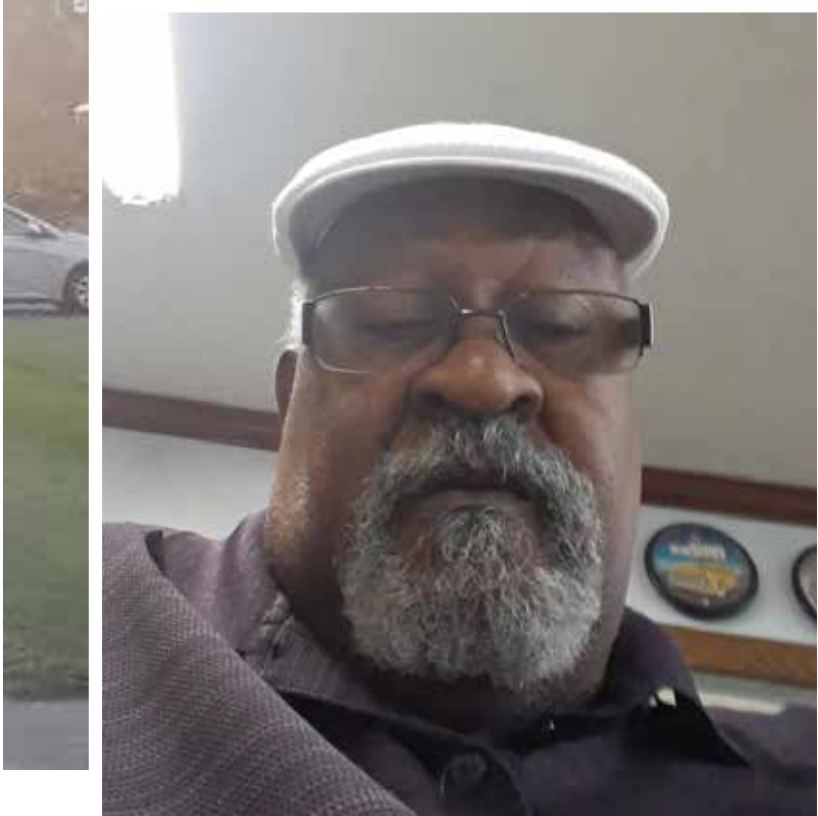
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Join us at Ministry Without Walls

By **PASTOR JOHN DUNN**
MINISTRY WITHOUT WALLS

Ministry Without Walls recently returned to our building at 3783 Mannion Road with a new vision. The last couple of years, the direction of the world, and the pandemic starting with Covid have all certainly become eye openers. After seeking God for His direction and His will, we are expanding our vision. Today, we clearly understand that the Church is our community.

The assignment that God has given to us is to “Break Down Walls”, bringing both spiritual and those who work in the community together.

Our vision is for Ministry Without Walls to be:

- A place where the Spirit, Soul and Body becomes whole
- A place where resources are available to those in need
- A place where church, volunteers

and community professionals work together to accomplish the will of God.

- A place where love flows, and judgement is absent
- A place where privacy is protected
- A place where safety is a priority
- A place where the whole person is important

Our ongoing teaching and seminars will include:

- Outreach
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- Mental Health
- Healthy Living
- Finding Purpose
- Money Matters
- Entrepreneurship
- Boys to Men
- Women of Wisdom
- Discipleship

We understand that the mission field is not a country far away. It is around the corner, down the street, in our community. We also know that the vision given to us will not be easy to accomplish. We know that we can not do it alone. It will take a “village”.

We are committing our resources, time, talents, people, and our connections to tear down the “walls of the church”.

If our vision is connecting with you on some level and it appeals to you and sounds like something you might want to be a part of, we invite you to join us at 11:00 on Sundays to meet us personally so we can answer any questions you might have.

God bless You, come experience for yourself, Join us!!

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Moving Forward

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, “Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead””

Philippians 3:13



By **MINISTER CAROLYN CARTER
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The New Year has made its arrival. It is during this time we make resolutions, often resolving to leave somethings behind or letting somethings go. If we are going to move forward, we must remember we cannot do so looking backwards. We cannot travel on what we call the road of life without hitting bumps. Bumps of disappointments, hardships, unhealthy and unwise decisions, storms, and often times tragedies. If we are not careful these bumps have the potential to cause us to get stuck, gazing back into the past, and leaving us unable to move forward.

If you are looking back to understand, what you have learned from past mistakes and how not to repeat them, that is a healthy choice. But to look back at your past mistakes

and relive your failures will bring heartache, sadness, and anxiety. Dwelling on the past can also sabotage your relationships, lower your self-esteem, and leave you unproductive. You cannot undo your past, but you can do something about your present.

There are somethings that comes with life and beyond your control. But those ungodly, unhealthy, and unwise decisions you made - Admit to them. Once you do that, without placing blame on anything or anyone else, you confess it, and be forgiven by God, and forgive yourself.

Apostle Paul said it this way, *“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead”* (Philippians 3:13 NKJV).

As Christians God has promised a new life to anyone who believes in Jesus. Putting the past behind you is life-changing and God will help and strengthen you every step of the way. It won't be easy, but God is always present.

I have made mistakes, we all have, and I suspect we will make a few more, but here's the good news. When we are in Christ, the old is gone, the new has come, and we are new. It does not mean we lose all memory of bumps of disappointments, hardships, unhealthy and unwise decisions, storms, and often times tragedies but it does mean we are no longer bound by our past. We are free of it – and “Moving Forward”

Happy New Year!

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Game-changers for 2023

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

Will 2023 be different from 2022 or more of the same? If recent history is a fortune-teller, the answer would be a resounding “no!” But its not only history that determines our future, it’s also our vision for the future and what we are willing to do to make our dreams come true. We are not saying that all you have to do is decide and life will comply. We are saying that knowing where you want to go can be a first step in moving in that direction. In terms of nonprofits and fundraising, we recommend taking a moment to commit to building the capacity and infrastructure that can support increased funding in 2023.

Here are three questions to ask yourself.

1. What are you going to introduce that is different from last year?
2. What will you eliminate?
3. Will you make modifications here and there based on what you learned in the prior year?

There’s no need to change everything, no matter what your situation. Just start with one idea and implement it. Then start with another. Ask others how things are going. Look at your data. Make readjustments. Talk up another idea, and then put it into action. But for right now, don’t do anything. Just take a moment to reflect on your development and fundraising plans for the coming year. Whether yours is an emerging grassroots organization or a century old institution there are always ways to improve. If you are a grassroots organi-

zation, you may call improvement “capacity building.” If you are an established institution, you may call your improvements “innovation.” In all cases its about being more effective and “spot on” in 2023.

Here’s a long list of things to consider. Remember – don’t think about all of these! Just pick one or two. These are things that we have found influence fundraising. Sometimes the connection is clear, other times you may need to look a little closer. Without further ado, here is the list:

1. Staffing
2. Leadership
3. Communication and awareness
4. Donor benefits, opportunities recognition, and acknowledgement
5. Data management
6. Special events
7. Methodology
8. Engagement
9. Orientation, onboarding, and training for staff, board members, and volunteers
10. Case for support

11. Mission and goals
12. Culture change
13. Financial goal setting
14. Campaign plan
15. An active and engaged board
16. Special events
17. Programming, service delivery, and advocacy

Use your time out of the office to mull over the three questions and the list above. Let things percolate in the back of your mind while you are focused on what we hope are more personal and enjoyable activities. Let one or two items rise to the surface of your consciousness. Turn these over in your mind – if you don’t think they will make a meaningful impact, let them go and see which other items call to you as priorities. When you’re back in the office you can begin the work of implementation. For right now, your just looking to find your way to what will be new.



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Kildee secures federal funds for 15 Mid-Michigan community projects

WASHINGTON — Congressman Dan Kildee, Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, today applauded the passage of bipartisan legislation, supported by Republicans and Democrats, to fund the government for fiscal year 2023. The legislation includes all 15 of Congressman Kildee's Community Project Funding requests, benefitting Genesee, Saginaw and Bay County residents and full funding for the Flint Registry to help people recover from the Flint water crisis.

“Republicans and Democrats have come together to pass a long-term government funding bill that will help grow our economy and lower costs for mid-Michigan families. I am proud that this legislation includes funding for 15 economic development projects in mid-Michigan and full funding for the Flint Registry. These

local projects will make our neighborhoods safer, create good-paying jobs and increase access to affordable health care,” Congressman Kildee said.

Altogether, Congressman Kildee secured \$35,348,085 in funding for 15 mid-Michigan community projects through this government funding package. The federal funding for local initiatives will support after-school and cultural enrichment programs for youth, small business development, infrastructure repairs and transportation improvements, economic development projects, substance abuse treatment programs and blight removal.

Additionally, this government funding package provides \$5 million for Flint's Lead Registry. Created and first funded by Congress in 2016, the Flint Registry con-

tinues to play a critical role in the city's recovery from the Flint water crisis.

The Appropriations Committee recently created an opportunity for Members of Congress to direct federal resources to certain projects with demonstrated community support, commonly referred to as Community Project Funding. Per Committee rules, each Member of Congress can submit up to 15 projects for consideration to be funded within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations bills.

The 15 Kildee projects that passed the House and will be signed into law by the president include:

- **\$2,000,000 to the Bay County Health Department** to build a health facility that houses public health, primary care, substance abuse treatment and other human service programs and agencies in a single-building complex. Currently, services for Bay County families are scattered across the county.
- **\$4,347,000 for eight mid-Michigan law enforcement agencies**, as well as the Michigan State Police, to undertake the mid-Michigan Law Enforcement Modernization Plan. This funding will allow local police departments to make critical upgrades based on the public safety needs of each community.
- **\$3,000,000 to the city of Saginaw** to make infrastructure investments, including moving overhead power lines underground, to prepare downtown Saginaw for large-scale economic development and help unlock additional economic development investments in the community.
- **\$2,800,000 to the Bay, Genesee and Saginaw Habitats for Humanity** to make critical home repairs,

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including energy systems and roofs, for veterans and low-income households and to support the Flint Home Improvement Fund (HIF), which helps Flint residents make necessary home upgrades to address health and safety issues.

- **\$3,000,000 to the YMCA of Flint, Dow Bay Area Family YMCA and the YMCA of Saginaw** to upgrade and improve community centers across mid-Michigan, helping with the construction of a new community center in Flint, renovation of an existing center in Saginaw and the construction of an outdoor center in Bay City.
- **\$2,416,664 to the Saginaw County Land Bank Authority** to demolish dangerous, vacant properties, including the demolition of a former Chevrolet Plant, the former Welcome Inn Motel in Buena Vista Township and vacant properties surrounding the campus of Covenant Healthcare. This funding will also help plant trees on vacant lots to improve urban tree cover.
- **\$4,000,000 to the Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services (STARS)** to purchase 10 new, large transit buses to improve transportation reliability and air quality for the residents of Saginaw County.
- **\$2,000,000 to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan** to cover the cost of shared maintenance fees associated with operating 455 mobile food distributions across mid-Michigan, including the cost of equipment, fuel, drivers, insurance, maintenance, and the movement and storage of donated and purchased food. This funding will also support a Saginaw-based community organization to increase its food storage capacity.
- **\$1,065,000 to the Central Michigan University**, on behalf of the Central Michigan University Research Corporation (CMURC) and in conjunction with the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC), to expand resources for small businesses, including creating an entrepreneurial training program in Saginaw and offering one-to-one business consulting for emerging entrepreneurs across mid-Michigan and a 12-week cohort-style training program that will directly benefit new and existing small businesses improve innovation, inclusion and economic resiliency in mid-Michigan.
- **\$1,905,421 to the Flint Institute of Science and History**, in coordination with the Sloan Museum of Discovery, Flint Institute of Arts, Flint Soap Box Derby, Crim Fitness Foundation, and the Flint Institute of Music to expand and improve after school services available to students across Genesee County. These programs will help children in Genesee County have access to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math education.
- **\$2,064,000 to the Mott Community College** to expand language and literacy services programs for Genesee County children through Latinx and the Flint Genesee Literacy Network.
- **\$4,000,000 to the Genesee County Land Bank Authority** to demolish up to 240 dangerous and vacant residential and commercial structures to create opportunities for homeowners to build wealth through homeownership and new opportunities for economic investment and revitalization.
- **\$1,000,000 to the Hamilton Community Health Network, Inc.**, an established federally qualified health center (FQHC) in mid-Michigan, to create an accessible, state-of-the-art medical facility on the east side of the city of Flint for insured and uninsured residents in need of medical, dental, vision, behavioral health, pharmacy, laboratory, x-ray, and substance use disorder treatment.
- **\$1,000,000 to the New Paths, Inc.**, a non-profit substance use disorder treatment center, to provide upgrades to its treatment center and recovery housing facilities.
- **\$750,000 to the Genesee County Road Commission** to upgrade and improve several roads in Flint, Fenton, Grand Blanc and across Genesee County to improve the quality, durability, and safety of key roads in the community.

Openings on several boards in Bay City

The City of Bay City is looking to fill vacancies on a number of boards and committees in the new year.

The city's Board of Review has nine open seats with terms set to expire in 2025. Applicants are also being sought for a vacancy on the Brownfield Redevelopment

Authority, which oversees revitalization of obsolete or blighted properties, as well as for two empty seats on the Building Code and Fire Code Boards of Appeals. More localized management boards for Columbus Avenue and Midland Street also have vacancies.

A list of qualifications, as well as applications can be found at the City Clerk's Department or at BayCityMI.org. Completed applications should be sent to the City Manager's office at City Hall or emailed to DMuscott@BayCityMI.org no later than January 11th to be considered.

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Covenant Regional Thumb Network (CRTN) announces a new name and Covenant's new cancer care center in the Thumb

Huron, Saginaw, Sanilac & Tuscola Counties, MI – December 19, 2022 – The Covenant Regional Thumb Network (CRTN), a collaborative of five independent Thumb hospitals and Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw, have announced a new name for the network, CRTN Health, and the expansion of Covenant Medical Center's Radiation Oncology Service through the opening of a new Covenant HealthCare cancer center on the campus of Marlette Regional Hospital to be called the CRTN Cancer Care Center.

A ribbon-cutting for the new center will take place 9am on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 2770 Main St, Marlette, MI 48453. This is a media only event. A public open house is planned for the spring.

With Covenant extending cancer care through the opening of the CRTN Cancer Care Center, much needed oncology services will be immediately available to patients living in Michigan's "Thumb."

"Thanks to the collective focus of six independent hospitals on providing the best care to patients, Covenant's CRTN Cancer Care Center is truly the first comprehensive cancer care center located in the Thumb," noted Dan Babcock, CEO of Marlette Regional Hospital. The 16,260 square foot facility will provide a full range of cancer care for patients including medical oncology, chemotherapy infusion and radiation oncology.

Beginning in December of this year, the cancer care center will start seeing medical oncology patients and will open seven infusion chairs in the newly renovated center. A state-of-the-art Elekta Versa HD linear accelerator will come online in the first quarter of 2023 to provide radiation oncology service for patients from throughout the Thumb.

"We are so honored to be working together to help patients challenged by cancer, and excited to be able to open such a

beautiful facility in the Thumb that makes it so convenient for patients to receive the care they need," stated Sandy Johnson, the director of the Covenant Cancer Care Center.

The Covenant Cancer Care Center team providing care at the new facility includes medical oncologist Dr. Houman Nourkeyhani, radiation oncologists Dr. James Fuggazzi and Dr. Mark Zaki, and nurse practitioner Jessica Belill.

All six independent hospitals, Decker-ville Community Hospital, Harbor Beach Community Hospital, Hills & Dales Health-care, Marlette Regional Hospital, Scheurer Health, assisted Covenant HealthCare's efforts to bring this extraordinary service to the Thumb.

A community-wide open house is being scheduled for the spring.



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State Superintendent welcomes new State Board of Education members

LANSING — State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice welcomes the appointment today by Governor Gretchen Whitmer of Mr. Marshall Bullock II to the State Board of Education (SBE). Bullock was appointed to fill the seat of Mr. Jason Strayhorn, who resigned from the board in July when he moved out of the state for family reasons.

Bullock will join Dr. Mitchell Robinson as new members of the SBE in January. Dr. Robinson was elected in November to an eight-year term to succeed SBE President Dr. Casandra Ulbrich, who chose not to run for re-election after 16 years of distinguished service on the board. Current SBE Vice President Dr. Pamela Pugh was re-elected in November to her second eight-year term. Bullock is appointed to finish Strayhorn's term, which expires January 1, 2029.

"I welcome Dr. Robinson and Mr. Bullock to the state board and look forward to working with them to serve the children, families, and educators of Michigan," Dr. Rice said. "Dr. Pugh, Dr. Robinson, and

Mr. Bullock bring a broad and diverse range of experience to help guide the continued improvements to our state's public schools and create brighter futures for Michigan's children."

Bullock is a retiring state senator from Detroit who will lead Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's government affairs efforts starting next year. Bullock earned a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from the University of Phoenix and has dedicated nearly three decades of his career to improving the lives of youth through social work and as a juvenile justice advocate.

Dr. Robinson is associate professor of music education at Michigan State University. He received bachelor's degrees in music education and trumpet from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a Master of Music Education degree from the Hartt School, a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from SUC at Oswego (NY), and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Eastman School of Music. He was previously coordinator of

music education at the University of Connecticut, and also taught at the Eastman School of Music.

Dr. Pugh was first elected to the State Board of Education in 2014. She is a member of the Healthy Schools Network Board of Directors, and a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), where she serves as chair of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee. She is the chief programs officer for The Chisholm Legacy Project: A Resource Hub for Black Frontline Climate Justice Leadership.

The Michigan Constitution confers upon the State Board of Education leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions. It serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.



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Virtual Trips & Live Cams



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

Many families are home concluding a holiday break. Some of these days have been “stay home” days with various amounts of ice, snow, rain, and wind preventing much travel.

On days such as these, students, parents and grandparents may want to consider an online experience like a “virtual” trip. As long as one has ability to access the Internet, a trip can be arranged to connect with a destination that may be out of reach otherwise.

For example, consider logging into a “live cam” at the San Diego Zoo. Twen-

ty choices are presented to you, free of charge, that includes the following:

Koalas

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Polar Bears

<https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/cams/polar-cam>

Panda Bears

<https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/cams/panda-cam-archive>

If you cannot hop into a plane and fly there, watching a “live camera” is the next best thing!

Locally the Hartley Outdoor Education Center has a couple of Live Cams that can provide fascinating looks at

nature, right here in Saginaw County.

Resource

<https://www.sisd.cc/page/hartley-outdoor-education-center>

If you wish to have more structure than a random live cam, there are other options. You tube has a long list of videos on pandas, lions, and a long list of other animals that are current and informative for a remote “visit.” These visits are typically up to 15 minutes in length, depending upon the animal being featured.

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New certificate focused on STEM skills at CMU

Beginning in January, students in the College of Science and Engineering (CSE) have the opportunity to collaborate with each other and (CSE) faculty as part of a new certificate they can earn alongside their degree. InSciTE is an integration of content, research, and pedagogy. The learner-led focus is intended to help students tackle current STEM challenges while developing skills such as time management, communication, and seeing the value that team members with different perspectives bring to the problem-solving process.

Throughout the fall, Dr. Wiline Pangle,

InSciTE Director, organized a series of workshops for InSciTE faculty facilitated by Dr. Gina Wilson as a way to establish some of the guiding principles of the program – inclusive and collaborative practices.

Dr. Mark Francek, one of the faculty who is set to teach in spring, sees this as a valuable learning opportunity. “I’m excited to work with Dr. Pangle. She’s dynamic. She has a research interest in this. And I’m eager to learn from her. to learn from my students... there are students from every discipline within science and engineering. Each of them are going to bring a different

perspective, and I’m interested in learning from them.”

Staff members from The Center for Excellence in STEM Education also participated in this workshop series, and got a deeper look at the program’s innovative approach in talking with students who are in the program and several faculty members for the two episodes listed below on their podcast, Teach Wonder.

Learn more about InSciTE and stay tuned for additional updates once the 35 undergraduates of the pioneer cohort start the course, set to be taught by Pangle and Francek.

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The Saginaw ISD Early Childhood Services Department provides an array of resources for children and families throughout Saginaw County including home visits, preschool programming, and community support. Programs are designed to strengthen families by providing high-quality learning environ-

ments and support for their children while sharing access to essential family resources. Our programs include the following:

- Birth-5
- Early On
- Great Start Collaborative
- Great Start Readiness Program
- Great Start to Quality Eastern Resource Center
- Healthy Families America

- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Michigan Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Program (MI-APPP)
- Michigan Tri Share Child Care Program

Our largest programs encompass our preschool programming. The Early Head Start (EHS) program serves 156 students

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in 6 classrooms and several homes while our Head Start (HS) program serves 859 students in 51 classrooms and 17 sites. Our Great Start to Readiness Program (GSRP) serves over 1,100 students across Saginaw county in local school districts, community based organizations and charter schools. These programs are essential to providing our youngest, most vulnerable learners the experiences they need to build a firm foundation for future academic success. It's impossible to do this alone and we value our partners at the local, state and federal level helping us in our pursuit for funding, support and legislative advocacy for high quality services.

Despite staffing challenges, SISD continues to keep the provision of these services at the forefront of what we do. These challenges are not prevalent just in our county, but across the state of Michigan. Research shows that the early foundational years of a child's life are of the greatest importance due to (but not limited to) the following:

- There are 700 to 1,000 new neural connections forming every second in a child's brain,
- Genetics in addition to life experiences help shape the developing brain,
- The foundation is key for future cognitive abilities, and
- Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3rd grade reading achievement.

Implementation of high quality programs depends on a quality workforce. Providers locally and across the state know all too well the challenges we have and continue to experience being able to recruit and retain highly qualified staff. We are in need of individuals with a passion to provide much needed services to our students and families across Saginaw County. We encourage you to review the Saginaw ISD current preschool openings at www.sisd.cc and select "Join Our Team!" at the top right corner of the

page to see all of our openings for the following positions:

- Head Start Lead Teacher
- Head Start Associate Teacher
- Program Service Aide
- Home Visitor
- Early Head Start Lead Teacher
- Family Service Advocate
- Program Support Secretary

The credentials required for these positions range from a high school diploma to advanced degrees and certifications. Below you will find a list of our sites as well as our partner sites providing EHS, HS and GSRP services. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Ericka Taylor at (989) 399-7423 or by email at etaylor@sisd.cc. Please, join our team in providing much needed services to the children and families within Saginaw County!

Early Head Start/Head Start Locations

- Adams Avenue
- Arrowwood Elementary
- Birch Run (North Elementary)
- Birch Run Annex
- Brucker
- Brunkow
- Building Blocks Child Care & Preschool Center
- Chesaning
- Claytor
- Hemmeter
- Jerome
- Kinder Kare Center
- Merrill
- Murphy Farm
- Saginaw Career Complex
- St. Peter & Paul
- Valley

Great Start to Readiness Program Locations

- Birch Run Area Preschool
- Bridgeport-Spaulding Preschool
- Building Blocks Childcare & Preschool Center
- Carrollton Early Childhood Center
- Chesaning Union Schools Latchkey and Preschool
- EduPlay Discovery Center
- Francis Reh Public School Academy
- Hemlock Child Development Programs
- Merrill Community Child Development Center
- Michigan Child Care Centers, Inc.
- Roaring Lions Learning Center
- Saginaw Preparatory Academy
- Saginaw Public Schools
 - Arthur Eddy Academy
 - Henry Doerr Early Childhood
 - Herig PreK & B/ATB
 - Kempton PreK & B/ATB
 - Jessie Loomis Preschool
 - Merrill Park PreK
 - Rouse PreK
 - Stone Preschool
 - Zilwaukee Prek & B/ATB
- St Charles Children's Center
- Wee Care Christian Children's Center

⁴Head Start Program Information report (2019-2020); Kids Count Data Book (Michigan, 2021); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (2020); Great Start Readiness Program State Evaluation Annual Report (2019-2020).

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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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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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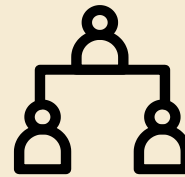
“Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community.”
-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

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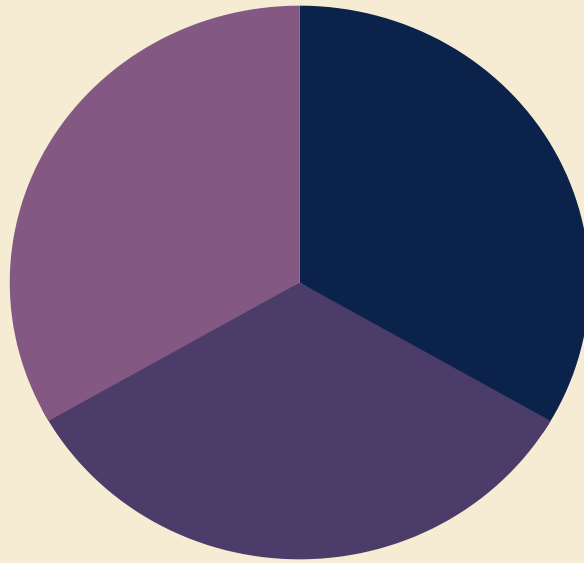
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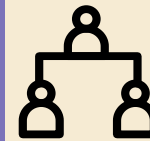


The MI Tri-Share Pilot (Tri-Share) is an innovative public/private partnership that shares the cost of child care equally between employers, employees, and the state of Michigan.

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



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CMU stuns Wolverines, 63-61

By HASANI ALI

Head Coach Tony Barbee was searching for a signature win and found it this evening in Ann Arbor as left handed freshman Reggie Bass swished a double-pump 3-pointer with 11.6 seconds to play as Central Michigan defeated Michigan, 63-61, Thursday evening in Crisler Arena.

According to www.cmuchippewas.com, Central Michigan (5-8) won for the first time in Ann Arbor since 2007 and the game marked the final non-conference contest for the Chippewas. Central Michigan opens Mid-American Conference play on Tuesday, Jan. 3 against Miami, Ohio. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. at McQuirk Arena.

Trailing by one point, 61-60, with 30 seconds to play and Central Michigan in possession of the ball, Bass dribbled up the right side of the court and with the shot clock running down, fired a double-clutch 3-pointer which swished through the net.

Michigan immediately called timeout with 11.6 seconds to play, and the Wolverines missed two shots in the final seconds: a 3-pointer by Kobe Bufkin and a jumper by Hunter Dickinson.

After junior Jesse Zarzuela grabbed the rebound, the Chippewas had their fifth victory of the year. There were many heroes for Central Michigan. Zarzuela came off the bench to score a game-high 19 points with six rebounds, Bass finished with 16 points while hitting 4-of-11, 3-point field goals and seven rebounds, and senior Brian Taylor added 12 points (6-of-11 shooting) to go along with four rebounds and three assists.

Detroit native Carrington McCaskill also added eight points and seven rebounds in 22 minutes of action. Afterward, Central Michigan Head Coach Tony Barbee spoke about what a great win this was for his program and gave all the credit to his players.

"It's up there, from Final Fours, to Elite Eights and conference championships, this is as good as any of them when you're trying to build a young program," Barbee said. "Hopefully we can build off this. When presented with opportunities in life or in basketball, either you're ready for them or

you let them pass by. I give all the credit to our players." "What I'm most proud of is that we were finally able to play to our identity; and we haven't done that until tonight. Our guys held the fort down for 40 minutes through good and bad; we fought and played tough. We kept fighting, kept swinging on every possession, and we gave ourselves a chance. That's who we must be."

Central Michigan outrebounded Michigan by a plus-12 margin (44-32), including 17 offensive rebounds, held the Wolverines to 35.1 percent field goal shooting and just 27.3 percent (6-22) on 3-point field goal attempts. The Chippewas outplayed and out hustled the Wolverines all evening. Barbee employed a zone defense for the majority of the game.

"The zone bothered them," Barbee said. "It bogged them down a little bit. They are an efficient team against man. With the zone, it kept their big men away from the basket, which allowed us to corral a lot of defensive rebounds. That was the difference in the rebounding totals. It goes back to our guys, they get all the credit, they watched Michigan on tape and saw them struggle against the zone. We noticed that on tape, the teams that gave themselves a chance played zone. I thought our guys were tougher than them and we were a tougher team. The zone really helped us tonight."

The second half featured 10 lead changes. Michigan built a six-point lead (35-29) with 17:29 to play, but Central Michigan answered with a 7-0 run featuring a Taylor jumper, two Bass free throws, and a 3-pointer by Zarzuela, which put the Chippewas up 36-35 with 16:14 to play. Later, another 7-0 CMU run fueled by a Bass 3-pointer, McCaskill jumper, and Zarzuela jumper, gave the Chippewas a five-point lead (49-44) with 10:30 to play. But Michigan (7-5, 1-0 Big Ten) was not finished as the host Wolverines grabbed the lead back, 61-60, with 2:27 to go on a free throw by Hunter Dickinson.

CMU stepped up defensively, holding Michigan 0-4 the rest of the way as Bass' 3-pointer with 11.7 seconds to play marked

the final points in the game.

"Give Reggie credit," Barbee said. "Things aren't always going to go perfect. Can you still fight and compete when things aren't going well? Reggie willed that 3-pointer in, but more importantly, what we did defensively, we stopped them, which was the most important thing." "Carrington McCaskill, he was huge tonight. That's what he must be for us. He plays with heart, hustle, fight, and desire. He didn't think tonight and that's what he can give us."

In the first half, Michigan built its largest lead in the game, 23-15, at the 5:49 mark. A Will Tschette free throw, Dickinson dunk and a Dug McDaniel jumper gave the Wolverines their eight-point advantage. The Chippewas kept it close in the first half until they put together a late 9-2 rally to tie the game at 24-24.

With Central Michigan trailing by its largest deficit of eight points (23-15), Taylor started the rally with a jumper, Ola Aji-boye followed with a layup and a Taylor dunk cut the Wolverines' lead to 23-21 with 2:30 to go in the first half.

After Dickinson converted a free throw, Central Michigan tied the game at 24-24 with a 3-point play by Zarzuela off a baseline jumper. Bass gave the Chippewas their first lead of the game at 27-25 on a 3-pointer. But Michigan went into halftime with a 28-27 lead on a Baker 3-pointer with six seconds to go in the half.

The Chippewas came close to another Big Ten upset earlier in the season, falling short against Minnesota, 68-60 back in November.

Sophomore point guard Kevin Miller led the Chippewas with a game-high 19 points and seven rebounds as he finished with 15 points in the first half. Junior guard Jesse Zarzuela finished with 15 points and hit three 3-pointers, freshman guard Reggie Bass scored a career-high 10 points, and senior forward Miroslav Stafl scored eight points with five rebounds before fouling out.

Eastern Michigan secures second Bowl win in school History

By HASANI ALI

History has a funny way of repeating itself.

Eastern Michigan University just so happened to experience this on the 35th anniversary of their first bowl win in its football program history.

Becoming a notable program under coach Chris Creighton, EMU is no longer in the shadows of their rivals, Central Michigan University and Western Michigan University— in which both did not participate in a bowl game this season.

According to the Eastern Echo, it was a rematch of the 1987 California Bowl where the Eagles (9-4, 5-3 MAC) took on the San José State University Spartans (7-4, 5-3 MWC) at Albertsons Stadium for the 2022 Famous Potato Bowl in Boise, ID.

“I remember watching that game,” said Troy High School defensive back coach Keith Thomas.

“When I walked onto that football team in 1992, I wanted to help change the program so we could go back to a bowl game. It didn’t happen, but I still wanted to make a difference, even as a small guy.”

This bowl game marked Eastern Michigan’s fifth in the last seven years. Meanwhile, the Spartans came in hot on a 6-game unbeaten streak after besting Hawaii 27-14 back on Nov. 26.

Starting the game on defense, EMU maintained their reputation as the most penalized team in the Midwest Athletic Conference with a face mask penalty on the kickoff.

In his third start in a row, quarterback Taylor Powell and the offense were stunted to only 12 yards before a strip sack was recovered by SJSU at the EMU 26-yard line.

Despite having just a minute-long break, the defense held tough and ended San José State’s drive with a sack by defensive lineman Peyton Price. In a 46-yard field goal attempt, sophomore Taren Schive went wide right, leaving the Spartans’ lead to just seven points.

Starting from their own 29-yard line, the Eagles’ drive nearly ended in an interception by linebacker Kyle Harmon who could not hold onto it for completion. Though this did force a fourth down punt, giving SJSU the ball back at their own 45-yard line.

From here, San José State started with a 20-yard rush, which finally ended with a tackle from defensive back Quentavius Scandrett. The Spartans continued to drive down the field, landing at the nine-yard line for a second and goal attempt.

On this attempt, a defensive pass interference call added to the tremendous effort by sophomore Justin Lockhart, making a one-handed, toe-tapping catch in the end zone.

Adding, even more, excitement, the extra point attempt by SJSU was blocked and returned by EMU junior defensive back Tristen Hines for a successful two-point conversion. With 9:06 left in the first quarter, the special teams gave the squad their

first points of the day, 2-13.

The Eagles started from their own 26-yard line and proceeded to march down the field, largely helped by a 58-yard launch by Powell to Dylan Drummond, landing at the Spartans’ 11-yard line. After a rushing play by senior Samson Evans, Powell nearly ran it in himself, stopping just short at the one-yard line.

With 4:09 left in the first quarter, Evans tried rushing for six again but was stuffed by sophomore linebacker Bryun Parham. On his next attempt, he had help with blocking from fellow running back Darius Boone Jr. and was successful this time, helping to cut SJSU’s lead to just 4 points, 9-13.

To begin the second quarter, SJSU relied heavily on Cordeiro to find themselves on the EMU one-yard line on fourth and goal. On the play, Price again came up with a crucial tackle to stop rushing Kairee Robinsons short at the four-yard line.

On a crucial third down and seven, Powell then ran it himself to get first and goal. From here, the offense only needed two attempts to find the end zone, finally with a lofted pass from Powell to Lassiter. After a successful extra point by Jesús Gómez, EMU now led the Spartans, 16-13, with 6:44 left in the half. After starting from their own four-yard line, the Eagles’ drive marked the longest in Famous Idaho Potato Bowl history.

The Spartans’ next drive was a short one, ending with an interception by Eagles linebacker Luke Cameron. Powell then immediately found wideout Hassan Beydoun for his first reception of the day, one that ultimately went to review for a targeting penalty after Tre White appeared to hit very close to Beydoun’s helmet. After no penalty was called, EMU found themselves at the SJSU 16-yard line.

Powell needed only to hand it to Evans for a 13-yard rush that set up a first and goal and then again for a touchdown. Evans’ touchdown extended Eastern Michigan’s lead to 22-13 and moved him further up the school’s all-time record for most rushing touchdowns.

San José State only got three plays of offense in before running a lateral play that was intercepted in the end zone by defensive back Joshua Scott for a touchback.

With the offense taking over at the 35-yard line, Powell found wideout Tanner Knue and then Evans to get out of their own half. After a rushing loss of seven yards, Evans found himself just one yard short after a six-yard run. Going for it again on fourth down, the Eagles needed just one yard but instead found five on the successful attempt.

On the subsequent first down, Powell found Lassiter for the second time in the end zone and increased their lead to 30-13. This marked Lassiter’s first career game with more than one touchdown. With 55 seconds remaining in the half, the score capped 30 unanswered points by EMU.

Despite a launch to the end zone by Cordeiro as time expired, junior Kempton Shine was able to break up the pass and round out the half in Eastern Michigan’s favor.

Starting the second half with the ball, the Eagles offense was held to a three-and-out before punting to the Spartan’s 25-yard line. For SJSU’s first play of the third-quarter offense, Cordeiro found Cooks on a 25-yard pass play to get out of their own territory. However, EMU nearly earned their third interception, almost Joshua Scott’s second, on a broken-up pass play on the following second down. The effort ultimately forced a punt from the offense, giving the Eagles the ball back on their own 20-yard line.

Now with the ball at their own 47-yard line, the offense marched into SJSU territory with a 16-yard pass play from Powell to Knue. After finding only four more yards on the drive, the Eagles’ offense was forced to settle for three with a 51-yard field goal from Gómez. Gómez’s effort marked another Famous Idaho Potato Bowl record, with the longest-made field goal in its history.

Finally snapping EMU’s 33-point unanswered streak, SJSU needed only three minutes to get their first touchdown since the first quarter, 33-20. On the play, Cordeiro found senior wideout Nick Nash for a hard-fought catch in the end zone.

With EMU now stepping up in SJSU territory, Powell found tight end Gunnar Oakes on a 19-yard pass play to keep the sticks moving. With barely a minute to go in the third quarter, running back Jaylon Jackson seemingly defied gravity & physics to spin and run for 31 yards into the end zone. After a successful two-point conversion, EMU now held a commanding 21-point lead over SJSU, 41-20.

To begin the fourth quarter, the Spartans’ offense depended largely on Cordeiro as they struggled to get the rush game going. On a second down toss into the endzone, Scott again broke up the pass intended for Hamilton. Unfortunately, in the following play, Cordeiro was able to find Hamilton, this time for six. After a successful extra point, San José State reduced Eastern Michigan’s lead to 14 points, 41-27.

The Eagles continued to depend on the running game to wind down the clock, eventually bringing the offense to another first and goal opportunity. Except on third and goal, a bold passing call resulted in an interception by freshman defensive back Michael Dansby. With 4:46 left in the game, the Spartans now had the ball back at their own 25-yard line.

The offensive error did not appear to affect the defense, with Trueman notching a crucial tackle for loss on a third down. On San José State’s fourth down attempt of the game, Cordeiro found Cooks for a six-yard gain. At the 50-yard line, the following first down toss by Cordeiro was intercepted by fifth-year defensive back Russell Vaden IV to ice the game for Eastern Michigan.

The Eagles are now 2-0 against the Spartans after a trio of turnovers helped lift the team to the program’s second-ever bowl victory, 41-27. Winning much more handily this time, the teams’ first meeting resulted in a narrow 30-27 victory for the Eagles in the 1987 California Bowl.



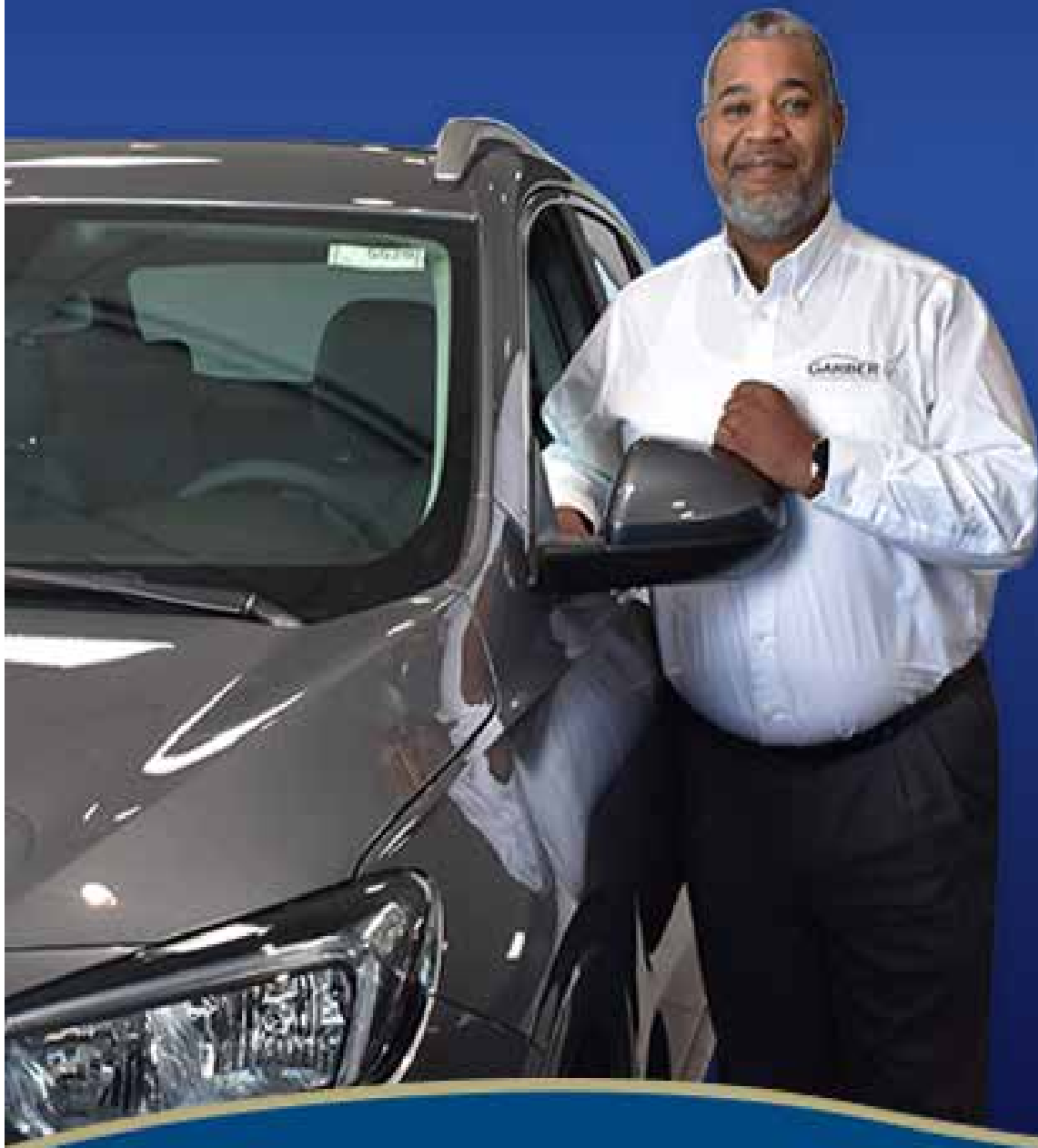
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