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It's Complicated



Independence Day, most often referred to as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States of America commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It declared the original colonies to be free from British rule.

It's complicated. The Declaration states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." History tells us that this very noble concept continues to challenge the soul of this nation. It really is complicated.

Since the signing of the Declaration hundreds of years ago, there is a documented history of violence, slavery, and a legacy of discrimination which to this day leaves entire people groups in poverty. Atrocities were committed and cannot be erased. We can't go back in time to change any of those things. We can, however, change course now. We can open our minds and think about how to recover from the anger, intolerance, and resulting discord that is so prevalent today. Again though, it's complicated.

Understanding history and the experiences of others helps us to create kinder and gentler spaces for all of us to grow. As we move into this long weekend, hopefully you have plans to enjoy the great weather (the forecast is favorable), amazing firework displays (check around for one near you), great food (with any luck you have cooks who are half as good as either of my sisters - hint, hint to them - I'll be dropping by), and a well-deserved break from work. I am also hopeful that we will take a bit of time out to consume factual information about people whose views differ from our own. I recommend the powerful piece written by Frederick Douglass in 1852, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" Other equally powerful and informative stories, poems, and documentaries are but a Google search away. It's complicated for sure but we the people are worth the investment of time and effort. Enjoy the holiday. Stay safe and be kind - we're counting on you.

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YES, I SAW IT

By DONIQUA SOVIA

Yes, I have seen it, it looks many ways, depending on the individual whose eyes are looked through when mentioning it's name. It's taken various forms, and held many phrases.

Yes, I have seen it in many different places.

It holds a place in history, it's a title of many literature, it's been sang about in songs, dreamed about and wrote on paper.

It holds value, that surpasses gold

in a mine, but it's place of ascertain in trenches did it lie. It never held a solid location, but rather many abodes, it was found just about anywhere in which a grave was dug.

It was longed for, and dreamed of, and fought for til the death. Now it's being wiped out and robbed of, as if it has an expiration date. It's been branded in the minds of soldiers, whose memories are oh so clear. It's been taught to children that it's to be used and revered. It's letter of authenticity is in the form of a Declaration, it's definition is clear, and the rights give it personification.

Yes, I saw it in the form of flags as they waved from every street, I heard it in our National Anthem in which brought everyone to their feet. I've heard it in a trumpet blow when Taps is being played. It's whispered in the wind as moment of silence was gave. One has read it in the paper heading declaring the end of a war, another has heard the price echoed from a mothers scream as she falls to the floor.

It's been featured in parades, and given colors to exemplify meaning, yes, it's been commercialized as recruitment ads to promote its dignity. Its name holds familiarity perhaps you know the one? If not it's called Freedom and I'm glad to us it has come.



Seen on the scene:
On June 28, the Saginaw Youth Choir hosted Pans in the Park, a free event for students ages 8-15. Students learned to play steel drums and finish the evening by performing a whole group piece that they learned in less than 2 hours.



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Detroit Immigration Task force celebrates Immigrant Heritage Month



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DETROIT, MI – During the month of June, members of Detroit’s diverse immigrant communities celebrated Immigrant Heritage Month with a resolution passed by Detroit City Council. The resolution acknowledges Detroit’s past and present as a beacon of freedom, refuge, and opportunity for migrants from around the world. Detroit is home to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers of all backgrounds, and continues to welcome people - regardless of immigration status - to make a new life in the Motor City.

According to recent Census estimates, there are about 36,000 foreign-born residents living in Detroit. The largest majority hail from Latin America, followed by Asia, Europe, and Africa. Nearly half of Detroit immigrants are naturalized citizens and approximately 11% of Detroit households speak a language other than English at home. Additionally, there are many U.S. citizens in Detroit living with undocumented family members, including U.S. citizen children living with an undocumented parent and U.S. citizens

with an undocumented spouse. Although there are some neighborhoods with sizable and recognizable immigrant populations, for example longstanding communities in southwest Detroit or Banglatown, immigrants live across the city and in every district. Whether they arrived a generation ago or recently, immigrants and refugees contribute to the fabric of the city socially, culturally, and economically.

“As a proud immigrant from Mexico, I understand first hand the challenges and opportunities immigrants face in the city of Detroit,” said Detroit City Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Co-Chair of the Detroit Immigration Task Force. “I’m honored to serve as the first Mexican immigrant on City Council. My office is doing all that we can to continue to make our city a safe, welcoming and thriving community for all who call it home.”

“I am eternally grateful to my ancestors who had the courage to leave their families and countries of origin to start new lives here in the City of Detroit,” said Christine Sauvé, Co-Chair of the Detroit Immigration Task Force. “My great-grandfather came as an unaccompanied minor, without a visa or resources, and was able to prosper by starting as a sanitation worker for the City of Detroit and eventually opening his own business. We know there are thousands of similar brave individuals present in the city today, people with and without authorized immigration status who have fled poverty, violence, and conflict to share their talent and culture with fellow Detroiters.”

In June the Detroit Immigration Task Force also celebrated Caribbean American Heritage Month and World Refugee Day.

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Seen on the scene: LLEAD (Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development) organized a FAFSA workshop at the Downtown Delta Campus. Both Saginaw Valley State University and Delta College collaborated together to assist in getting students registered for FAFSA.





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No silence

for gun violence

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By C. M. PRITCHETT

Greetings dear community and those abroad! Over the summer of 2023 we are prompting an “understanding-campaign” called **No Silence For Gun Violence** which will highlight gun violence and its impact on Saginaw, MI and others across this nation. This “understanding-campaign” will also draw connections and correlations between gun violence and some of the various devastations accompanied by it, such as funeral experiences, increased poverty, broken homes, deteriorating mental health of victims and/or their loved ones, etc.

Saginaw has one of the highest crime rates in America compared to all communities of all sizes. In 2021, Saginaw replaced Detroit as the **Michigan city** with the highest violent crime. Yet from a **national** perspective, Saginaw was fourth

and Detroit fifth (FBI data report released October of 2022).

The Gun Violence Archive (an online archive of gun violence incidents) has collected from over 7,500 law enforcement, media, government and commercial sources daily in an effort to provide near-real time data about the results of gun violence. While nearly every type of gun violence spiked in 2020, mass shootings showed a particularly steep increase. The number of shootings with four or more victims exceeded any recent year by more than 50 percent. An example of a mass shooting would be what recently occurred in Saginaw, MI on June 24, 2023, an experience which caused 2 deaths and over 10 others wounded.

This year so far there have been 9,273 gun violence incidents, 331 mass shootings and 25 mass murders, across the nation. Join the campaign today! To join,

just share these staggering truths with others. Share this article and the GVA resource. Create discussions that have the ability to develop intervention and prevention of gun violence. Make music about it. Use financial resources to combat it. Put a forceful stop to it in your particular neighborhood by working with agencies such as Crime Stoppers. Verbally discourage gun violence. Promote conflict resolution. If you are willing to do “any” of those things, then, welcome.... To the “understanding-campaign” of **No Silence For Gun Violence**.

To be continued.... Stay tuned to The Michigan Banner (TMB).

Yours in Service,
C. M. Pritchett

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MAYOR BRENDA MOORE

Mayor Moore provides statement on recent violence in the city

The following is a statement from Mayor Brenda F. Moore regarding the recent violence in the City of Saginaw:

"Last weekend, our city was rocked once again by senseless gun violence. Although cities across Michigan and the nation may have similar experiences, we cannot accept this in our community.

"It has always been my goal and the goal of every council member to improve the quality of life in our city. Every resident has a right to believe their home and their neighborhood streets will be a safe

place for them and their families. My heart aches for each victim and their friends and family. The loss of life is a tragedy for all of us. The senseless and tragic violence that occurred in our city last weekend is devastating for the entire community. We all experience the impact of these traumatic events. It affects our entire community.

"As we enter the summer months, it is crucial that we address the root causes of gun violence and do whatever it takes to prevent our young people from getting involved in it. It's time to act. We cannot

stand by as we lose an entire generation to this ongoing violence. We need to identify and put forward a long-term solution to prevent the gun violence on our streets and in our neighborhoods. It's time to move forward.

"This week, I began meeting with local community leaders from various organizations to discuss ways we can engage with young adults and those most affected by this violence. This is a great starting point as we begin to develop a plan. I believe as we work together, we can turn the tide on this senseless violence and make our city safer for all.

"The solution will require effort. It will require teamwork. It will require action. We must begin to engage with parents, ensure we have role models in our schools, and community members with street credibility talking with our youth and young adults. My hope is that this group that has been formed will continue to work together to share information and ideas that will build a safer Saginaw.

"In the coming weeks, citizens will learn more about the steps we are taking to achieve our goal of creating a safe, welcoming city. We will be honest about our challenges and transparent about the solutions and resources available to fight against this violence in our city. I encourage all citizens to get involved when they hear of any opportunity to serve in this initiative.

"When I became your Mayor, I encouraged all of you to go out of your way to love. We need to return to that--let's show a little extra love to our city during this time. We've made too much progress in recent years to allow this violence to set us back. We must all be determined to continue to move forward.

"I can assure you that I am determined. As always, I will work with and support the Police Chief and the City Administration to insure we do all that we can to address this issue. I will also continue to invest my time and work with other community leaders to help end this senseless violence."

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AIKEN ACCEPTS HIS AWARD AT THE LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCHEON AS PART OF THE 2023 MWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: GRANDDAUGHTER, MACKENZIE FRIS, WIFE, DIANE, STEVE, DAUGHTER, CORI FRIS, AND GRANDDAUGHTER, TAYLOR FRIS.

Steve Aiken earns highest MWEA honor

Long-standing Duperon team member receives 2023 Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental Excellence

Dedicated to the water and wastewater industry for more than half a century, Duperon Regional Sales Manager Steve Aiken has been named recipient of the Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental Excellence. As the highest MWEA honor, the award is reserved for individuals of admirable character who have demonstrated exemplary service to the MWEA and made distinctive contributions to the water environment field.

“I leaped headfirst into the wastewater sector in 1971 and have never looked back,” said Aiken. “People always talk about how important it is to love your job, but not everyone has that opportunity. I have, and it’s been such a rewarding experience both

personally and professionally; my granddaughters are taking that same career path. I am truly humbled to receive this award and hope my commitment to clean water lives on through my family, as well as the talented colleagues that I’ve had the privilege to work alongside over the years – my water family.”

Since 2010, Aiken has been with Duperon Corporation, where he helps customers in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Wisconsin identify the best solutions to meet screening and processing needs. He credits his success to firsthand experience gained in prior roles, including his first job as plant operator, to later serving as superintendent and later as a consulting engineer.

A prior president of MWEA and a longtime member of the Select Society for Sanitary Sludge Shovelers, Aiken has also remained active with both the local and national Water Environment Federation (WEF) chapters, where he received the Sheppard Award, Quarter Century Operator and Arthur Sidney Bedel Award. He was also recognized in 2017 with the MWEA Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental Excellence was presented today at the Leadership Celebration Luncheon as part of the 2023 MWEA Annual Conference. Attendees included Aiken, several members of his family, and Duperon National Sales Manager Lorene Bruns.

Morley Family Foundation grant awarded to child and family services

Child and Family Services received a \$4,000 grant from the Morley Family Foundation to be able to purchase chairs for the lobby as well as items on their wish list.

“The purpose of this grant is to better accommodate those with mobility and/or physical challenges,” said Jill Hogenson, CEO/President of Child and Family Services. The chairs will be positioned around tables in the lobby. Peter B. Morley Jr., president of the Morley Family Foundation, appreciated the collaboration. He stated that the organization was “happy to help the Child and Family Services Center with their important mission.”

The Child and Family Services Center has been serving Saginaw, Mich. since 1870. The agency has three programs of service: The Counseling Center, Sexual



Assault Center, and the Employee Wellness Center. The Center is constantly evolving so that they may continue to meet the needs of those who live or work in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

“Good things can happen!” Hogenson

said. “The entire staff felt strongly about this project. I am thrilled.”

The Morley Family Foundation awards grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, local units of government, and schools within Saginaw County.

Sen. McDonald Rivet on historic budget, securing nearly \$100 million for Great Lakes Bay Region

Sen. Kristen McDonald Rivet (D-Bay City) issued the following statement after the Michigan Legislature passed the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, which includes historic investments in education and brings home nearly \$100 million to Senate District 35.

“This budget is a big win for our Great Lakes Bay Region. I’m thrilled about the substantial investments made into our community for education, infrastructure, and economic development. Whether you’re a student, worker, or retiree, or live in Bay, Midland, or Saginaw counties, you have more paths to thrive.

“Our budget priorities were clear — improve everyday life across Michigan and provide children, working families, and businesses the opportunities to achieve their best. The state budget demonstrates our values and the kitchen table priorities we campaigned on. Whether it’s a household or state budget, it’s smart to plan for the future. The deposits in the education stabilization fund and the state’s rainy day



SEN. KRISTEN MCDONALD

fund act as Michigan’s savings account for harder economic times.

“After years of disinvestment, Michigan will fund education at the level our students and teachers deserve. Increased funding for preschool, special education, tutoring, and other personalized supports are crucial to ensure a strong learning

foundation and a chance for all our students to succeed. The bipartisan education budget provides

significant funds for school safety and increases mental health resources and professionals in our schools.

“I’m always working to put our region and Michigan in the best position to attract and maintain high-wage jobs. I can’t overstate how much the transformational projects, supported by almost \$100 million of appropriations in this year’s budget, will help our district with talent development and recruitment for those better paying jobs.

“Michigan’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is a bicameral, bipartisan investment into the people of Michigan. It contains multi-million-dollar appropriations for each of the 35th Senate District’s three counties. Individual items included within the nearly \$100 million in targeted investments will be highlighted over the coming weeks.”

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Hometown Highlight: Aland Stamps, Chairman and CEO, River Jordan Inc.

“River Jordan has given me purpose. I believe that before I was even born, God chose me to do this. He's taken the things that should have killed me and turned them around for the good of the

community, to help youth going through what I went through. I'm honored by it and I still can't believe God chose me to do this. I am so grateful for it.

One of the important things that I talk about is confronting your story. Confronting your story is like if there was a chair blocking your path: to keep walking straight, you have to go up to it, confront it, grab it, and pull it to the side. But you can't conquer that chair unless you confront that chair.

In the same way, you have to be completely honest when you confront your story. When I first got into recovery when I was 43, there was still anger and resentment. I had to confront

all the elements. I had to bring myself to the table and say, ‘What do I need to clean up? Yes, I had all of these negative experiences, but what was my part in that?’ In my relationships, I had trust issues. I had to deal with that to move forward. I'm engaged now, but before I got engaged, I had to work on trust so I didn't bring those issues to my new marriage.

If you don't address the things you're responsible for, you'll keep running into the same issues. Changing your story begins when you confront the parts of your story that you haven't been willing to.

In the back of that cop car, my story about being in foster care, how my mom hated me, how my grandmother didn't want me, it didn't work. The ways I was sidestepping accountability did not work anymore.

Accepting the truth of my story means accepting all the events that happened. I was in foster care. My mom was an addict, and she died young. I went through 20 different placements. This is my truth.

Now, living a new normal for me is living contrary to what my belief system was. Everything that is contrary to it. I am good enough.

I'm smart enough. I am handsome enough. I am worthy. I'm capable. This is my story. It's okay to be my story. I can share my story. I don't have to worry about your judgment. I'm here to help you. Another truth of my story is it's okay to be vulnerable. It's okay to feel. It's okay to trust. That's my new normal.

I want to thank the community for their continued support of River Jordan since we've been open. We are community-funded. We've been awarded some small grants, but it's really the community coming together and supporting us, especially financially, that helps us keep going. Operations grants are very, very hard to come by. They're not really out there, so we depend on the community for those things like showing up at spaghetti dinners, events and fundraisers. Those are all very helpful to us. I just want to thank the whole community for that.”

– Aland Stamps, Chairman and CEO, River Jordan Inc.

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Nexteer Automotive hosts Educator Day focused on connecting classroom-to-career learning

Nexteer Automotive and the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance recently hosted more than 30 educators from across the region for an onsite visit to Nexteer's laboratory and automotive test track. Aimed at connecting real-world applications of STEM to opportunities for engagement in the classroom, educators learned about Nexteer's products, advanced technologies, career opportunities and some of the anticipated requirements for the workforce of the future.

The hands-on event included participants from more than 30 organizations which emphasized STEM-related technologies that educators can integrate into lesson plans. Topics presented throughout the day included: 3D printing, snap circuits, Scratch programming, Arduino applications, Raspberry Pi applications, data analytics, circuit board development, go kart projects and more.

Participants also got to learn more about Nexteer's motion control applications, both on and off the road. After several dynamic sessions, educators were able to experience some elements firsthand on the company's test track.

"Partnership in events like this are the foundation of the Great Lakes Bay Region STEM Pipeline and we are so fortunate to have tremendous corporate partners like Nexteer Automotive who believe in em-

bedding a strong fundamental interest and knowledge in STEM skills at all grade levels," said Lori Flippin, STEM Director at the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance. "Connecting the skills needed in STEM careers to the applications where they can be used in the classroom, as well as informing educators about what careers are available here in the region is one of the best strategies for fueling our talent pipeline."

The event featured a total of nine segments and technology features, paired with discussion of their uses within industry and the applicable careers for each module. Core STEM concepts were shared via free, or lowcost resources and often delivered in the concept of games, making them fun, engaging and conceptually attainable for youth at all levels.

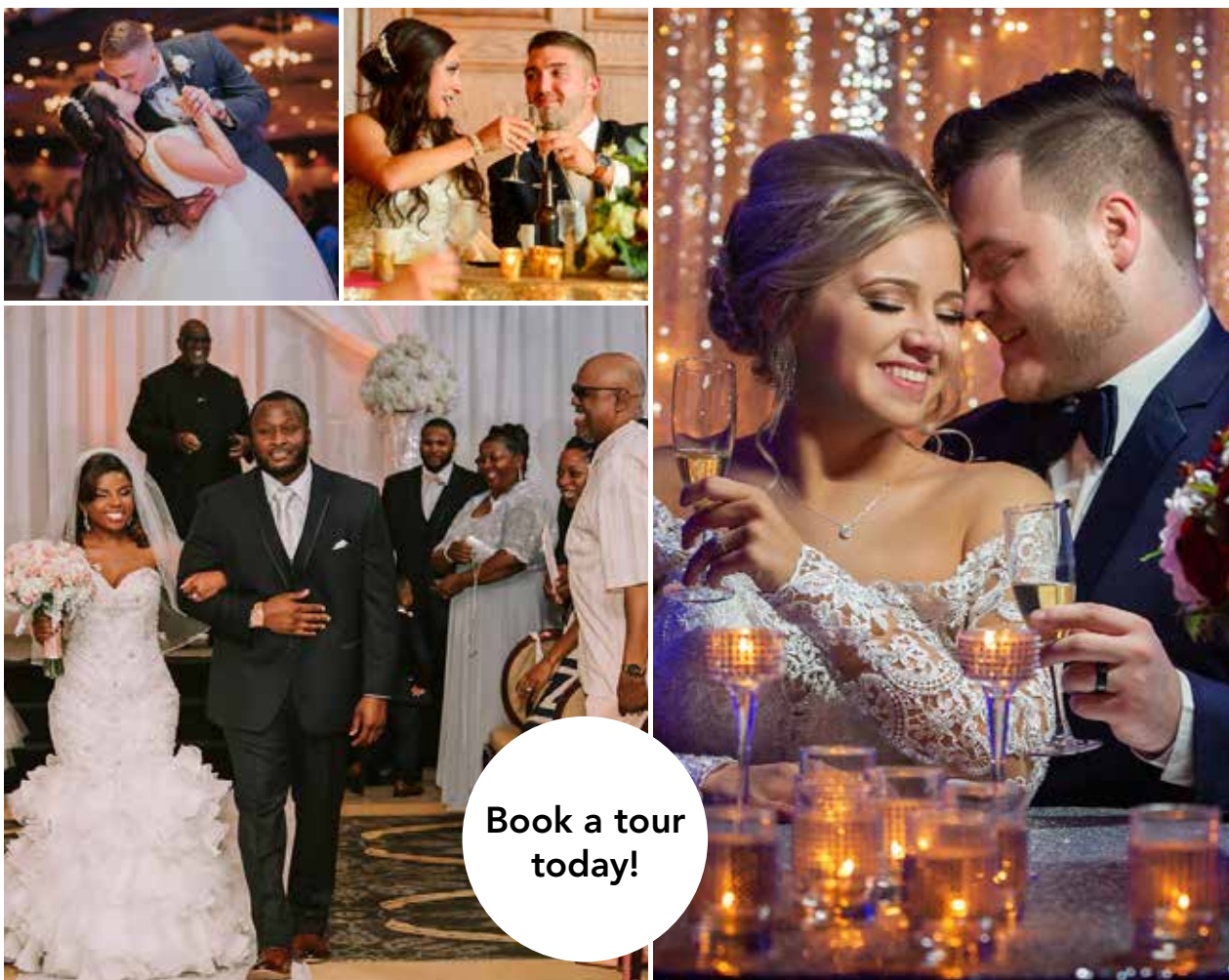
Former Michigan State Senator Ken Horn, who now serves as the executive vice president of Strategic Development for the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance opened the day by sharing how innovation from companies like Nexteer Automotive will fuel the region's growth.

"Growth in the Great Lakes Bay Region is going to start with innovation, because we need companies at the forefront of technology like Nexteer Automotive to flourish and grow," said Horn. "Filling the talent pipeline starts here at home in the classroom and with events like Educator

Day. Educators are vital partners positioned to share real-world applications of industry-leading technology with students that will ignite their imagination about future potential."

Paul Seibert, global director of Corporate Labs at Nexteer Automotive, Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance board member and STEM committee chair added the importance of organizations engaging with the community to help develop the future workforce.

"Nexteer has been a part of the Great Lakes Bay Region community for more than 100 years, and we have a passion for collaborating within the community to drive lifelong learning and exploration in STEM. We were honored to host this Educators Day with the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, and we hope that the educators who attended left the event with new ideas and practical applications that they can apply in their classrooms to excite students about STEM education. At Nexteer, we are committed to advancing motion control technology that accelerates mobility to be safe, green and exciting – and to do that, we need talented engineers, now and in the future, who are passionate about relentless innovation," said Seibert.



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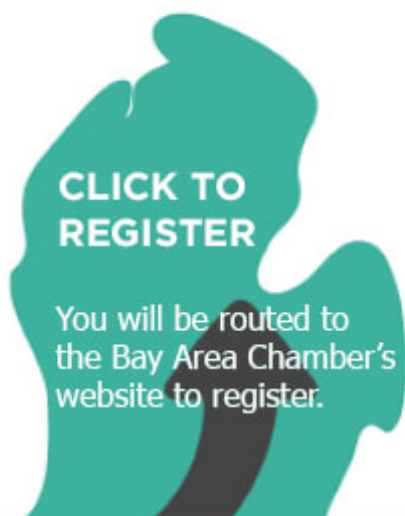
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City of Saginaw fireworks information

The City of Saginaw is ready for another fabulous 4th of July celebration and we want to ensure it is a safe and entertaining day for all. We'd like to remind Saginaw residents of the activities they can enjoy this weekend and a few other guidelines to make the holiday safe and enjoyable!

- **Flag Raising:** Saginaw Area Fireworks will be raising its 80' x 50' flag again this year on Monday, July 4 at the Andersen / Court Street Bridge at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers who would like to assist with this massive display of patriotism should be at the bridge at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will also be needed at 4:30 p.m. to lower the flag.
- **Saginaw Area Fireworks.** End the day with a Saginaw tradition as the night sky fills with spectacular colors during the Saginaw Area Fireworks at Ojibway Island. The show, beginning at approximately 10:00 p.m., will ignite the sky over the Saginaw River and Ojibway Island. Visit <https://saginawareafireworks.com/> for more information.

If your 4th of July plans include a celebration at home, the City of Saginaw reminds residents to be safe and use good judgment when handling fireworks, including ground and handheld sparkling devices. Fire Marshal Derron Suchodolski cautions residents, "Be safe and avoid fire-related injuries and fire-related destruction of property. Even sparklers should be used with caution, as the average temperature may exceed 1,200 degrees. Have a backup plan with a charged water hose or bucket of water in case of an emergency. Let's make this 4th of July a fun and safe holiday. Remember, alcohol and fireworks do not mix."

Residents are also reminded of the City's revised Pyrotechnics and Consumer Fireworks

Ordinance which only allows for the use of consumer fireworks during the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. June 29 through Monday, July 4. The City of Saginaw Fireworks Ordinance prohibits the use of any

consumer fireworks or pyrotechnics with the exception of the following: flare guns; low-impact fireworks, including ground and handheld sparkling devices; and novelties, to include cap guns, flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter. Violators are subject to a \$1,000 fine.

For more information on fireworks guidelines in Michigan, download the flier provided by the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services at <https://bit.ly/2MsLfm2> or contact the Saginaw Fire Department at (989) 759-1393.

Finally, we would like to remind residents that City of Saginaw business offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the holiday. Happy 4th of July, Saginaw!

New initiative with Saginaw Area Fireworks

The City of Saginaw is pleased to announce an exciting new collaboration with the Saginaw Area Fireworks, Inc. The new initiative will both prioritize safety and enhance the natural beauty of one of the most beloved areas in Saginaw.

The initiative will allow for the necessary removal of damaged and decayed trees along a

well-traveled pathway on Ojibway Island. The tree removal will occur this week prior to the upcoming fireworks celebration on Ojibway. The cost of the tree removal will be fully funded by the Saginaw Area Fireworks. In addition, for every tree that is removed, Saginaw Area Fireworks has pledged to replace with two new trees during the fall of 2023. These new trees will be carefully selected to be native to Saginaw County, ensuring they are well-suited for our climate and will thrive in our region. The replacement trees will be planted along the pathway on Ojibway and in other locations throughout the entire city.

Thomas Roy, President of the Saginaw Area Fireworks, commented on the initiative,



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"We want to make every effort to enhance the safety of our fireworks display for everyone in attendance on the island. We took proactive measures to protect the safety of our pyrotechnics workers and the countless residents who frequent this area on Ojibway. We also understand the significance of trees in our ecosystem and the benefits they provide to our community. This new initiative will preserve the safety of our community and enhance the natural beauty of our city."

Phil Karwat, Director of Public Services, commented on the importance of this collaboration, "In preparation for this year's fireworks display, we walked the island with an arborist and the Fireworks Committee. Several trees were noted as decayed or damaged from recent storms and recommended to be removed. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Saginaw Area Fireworks to not only pay for the removal of the trees also agree to a 2-to-1 replacement of the trees. We are very fortunate and supportive of the efforts of the Saginaw Area Fireworks. This exemplifies their commitment to the City of Saginaw and the residents in our community."

For more information on the Saginaw Area Fireworks and the 2023 Fireworks Celebration, visit the Saginaw Area Fireworks website at <https://saginawareafireworks.com/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/saginaw.a.fireworks>.



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YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**SMALL
BUSINESS
EXPO 2023**

Vendors Wanted

To secure your place as a vendor at the Small Business Expo 2023, register at www.saginaw-mi.com/sedc-register

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**AUGUST 31
4 PM - 8 PM
SVRC OUTDOOR
MARKETPLACE**

(203 S Washington Ave, Saginaw, MI)

Join the **2023 SEDC Small Business Expo** as we celebrate our 10th year with food trucks, small businesses, live entertainment, giveaways and more!



Sponsorship Levels & Benefits

On August 31, 2023, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Saginaw Economic Development Corporation will host the 10th annual Small Business Expo. The event will take place outdoors at SVRC Marketplace and will feature food trucks, small businesses, live entertainment, giveaways and more! There are several sponsorship opportunities available. As a sponsor you will have the opportunity to showcase your organization in front of local business and community members. **Sponsorship Deadline: July 10.**

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For additional Sponsorship information, or to learn more about the 2023 Small Business Expo, please call **SEDC** at **(989) 759-1395 / (989) 759-1558** or email **sedc@saginaw-mi.com**



Sponsorship Form

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Event Sponsorship Levels:

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\$750

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The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational returns July 17-22

The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational returns July 17-22, to Midland Country Club, with a week-long series of events and activities for the entire community. Tournament Week will include a celebration in Downtown Midland, a free Junior Clinic in partnership with First Tee of Eastern Michigan and an upgraded culinary experience onsite at the tournament. In addition, the Dow GLBI will welcome 144 of the world's best female golfers, with tournament play taking place Wednesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 22.

“We are looking forward to welcoming the LPGA Tour back to the Great Lakes Bay Region in just a few shorts weeks,” said Dow GLBI Executive Director Carlos Padilla II. “The impact of this event extends far beyond the golf course. We hope that fans and community members will join us in all the activities tournament week has to offer.”

Key information for tournament attendees is outlined below, including ticket information as well as onsite activities and events that will take place as part of the Dow GLBI. A complete schedule of events for the week can be found online at www.DowGLBI.com/scheduleofevents.

Spectator Information

Tournament Tickets

Tickets can be purchased online at www.DowGLBI.com or at the tournament Admissions Gate. Ticket prices are:

- General Admission Tickets – \$10
- Eat Great Hospitality Trail Tickets – \$60 (includes tournament admission)
- Kids 17 and under are free with paid adult admission
- Kids 12 and under can eat in the Eat Great Trail with paid adult admission
- Veterans and active military get in free

All spectators receive free admission on Monday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 18. All spectators are asked to secure a digital ticket in advance at no charge. Tickets are available at www.DowGLBI.com.

Mobile App

Spectators are encouraged to download the Dow GLBI app to help stay connected throughout the tournament. The app is a great place to find updates and information about the event, including daily pairings and tee times. The official tournament mobile app will be available for download in the app store and the Google Play Store in early July.

TV Coverage

The Dow GLBI will be live on Golf Channel on Wednesday, July 19 (3 p.m. – 6 p.m.), Thursday, July 20 (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) and Friday, July 21 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.). The final round will air live on CBS on Saturday, July 22 (4 p.m. – 6 p.m.).

Events and Activities

Rock the Block Presented by Dow Credit Union

To kick off tournament week, the Dow GLBI is teaming up with Downtown Midland for Rock the Block on Sunday, July 16 from 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Rock the Block is free to attend and will include live music, food and drinks for purchase as well as family-friendly activities. Tickets are not required to attend the event.

The First Tee Junior Clinic Presented by Wilson

The Dow GLBI and First Tee of Eastern Michigan have teamed up to bring a world class Junior Clinic to Currie Municipal Golf Course on Monday, July 17 (9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.). The clinic will feature LPGA Professionals, hands-on golfing opportunities, engaging activities and more. There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration is required and can be completed at www.DowGLBI.com.

Opening Ceremony

Tournament spectators are invited to join the opening ceremonies of the Dow GLBI on the morning of Wednesday, July 19, prior to the start of the first round of tournament play. The Opening Ceremony will include a salute to the armed forces and a ceremonial tee shot. Free coffee and muffins will be available at 7:50 a.m.

Eat Great Hospitality Trail Presented by Garber

The Eat Great Hospitality Trail on the golf course during the Dow GLBI is an upgraded ticket that includes three hospitality decks around the course and celebrates the flavors of the Great Lakes Bay Region. Tickets are available for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for \$60 per day. Eat Great Trail tickets grant access to all Eat Great Trail locations as well as general admission access to the golf tournament.

Veterans Hospitality Suite presented by Kelly

All military personnel and veterans will receive one free daily admission ticket each day to the Veterans Hospitality Suite presented by Kelly. Each Veterans Hospitality ticket includes complementary food and drinks Wednesday through Saturday. An additional complimentary Veterans Ticket upgrade for a guest is also included. The guest upgrade comes with a General Admissions ticket and access to the Veterans Hospitality Suite. Various events will be held throughout the week for Veterans including a Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday, July 19 (9 a.m. – 10 a.m.) and a Chicken Dinner on Friday, July 21 (2 p.m. – 4 p.m.).

STEM Center presented by Palmer Holland

The STEM Center presented by Palmer Holland is returning to the Dow GLBI this year, with a new location behind 17 green. This onsite attraction will offer a variety of engaging, hands-on experiences in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics for kids of all ages. The STEM Center is free for all spectators Wednesday – Saturday (10 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day), and families are encouraged to stop by while onsite at the tournament.

General Store Presented by Capital Power/MCV

The Dow GLBI will once again give youth and their families a chance to shop in the General Store during tournament week. The store will be located near the 4th Hole with golf products and Dow GLBI merchandise.

Autograph Alley

Fans are invited to stop by Autograph Alley behind 18 Green to meet their favorite LPGA players and teams after their rounds.

#TeamUp and Step Up for Healthy Living

Spectators are encouraged to stop by the MyMichigan Health tent, located just beyond the Admissions Gate, to sign up for this free walking program. MyMichigan does this walking challenge every year and their goal this year is 25 million steps. By reaching their goal, they will receive a \$10,000 donation from the LPGA to help fund the James T. and Elsa U. Pardee Cancer Wellness Center.

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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



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Food security is achievable by 2030



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

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

According to the United Nations (UN) Committee on World Food Security, also known by its initials “CFS”, “A person is considered ‘food secure’ when he or she has the physical, social and economic ac-

cess to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets his or her dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.” The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) states that, “A family is food secure when its members do not live in hunger or fear of hunger.”

Unfortunately, more than 800 million people around the world go to bed hungry every night, and most of them are small-holder farmers and sharecroppers who depend on agriculture to make a living and feed their families. The UN rightly recognized the urgent need to address global food security when it adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity. There are a total of 17 SDGs that are integrated for sustainable development and the second goal is “Zero Hunger”, including not only an end to hunger, but also achieving food security, improving nutri-

tion, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

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

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

Governments have been promising to end hunger for nearly 50 years. In a 2008 worldhunger.org article entitled, “The World Food Crisis: What is Behind it and What Can We Do”, it mentions that there were 500 million hungry people in the developing world in 1974 and by 2008 the number had risen to 862 million hungry people globally. The exploding food crisis reinforced fears that there were too many people in the world to feed, but in 2007, there were record grain harvests according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The World Hunger ar-

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title goes on to say, “In fact, over the last 20 years, world food production has risen steadily at over 2% a year, while the rate of global population growth has dropped to 1.14% a year. Population is not outstripping food supply. People are too poor to buy the food that is available.”

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

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

Today, 90% of the world's grain trade is controlled by just four companies. Believe it or not, they are referred to as ‘the ABCD companies’ because of letters in their names: Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), Bunge, Cargill, and Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC). They recently partnered for digital transformation of supply chains with the intention to replace paper-based processes with technological alternatives and that will make them even more powerful. During the food crisis of 2007/08,

“ADM's profits increased by 38%, Cargill's profits by 128%, and Mosaic Fertilizer (a Cargill subsidiary) by a whopping 1,615%”, as reported by World Hunger in the article previously mentioned.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Missing the mark

By MB STAFF

The challenge of leadership is to:

Be strong, but not rude;

Be kind, but not weak;

Be bold, but not bully;

Be thoughtful, but not lazy;

Be humble, but not timid;

Be proud, but not arrogant;

Have humor, but without folly.

Jim Rohn

All serious leaders to the front of the line, please. All serious leaders front and center. There are people in the back of the room who have much-needed critical thinking and leadership skills but who sit quietly waiting to be seen or heard. Strong, intelligent, solid leaders waiting to be called into the game or for some, waiting to check back in. Waiting. Some are trying not to be seen or heard all the while knowing that they have solutions to some of the challenges we face in society today. Then, there are those who never miss an opportunity to cause confusion and wreak havoc on any individual or group with whom they cross paths. They grab the reins to do it loudly and proudly with as many spectators as possible. They refuse to go to the back of the line when they miss the mark to regroup or reeducate themselves - they just barrel their way through frequently to the detriment of the greater good.

Remember the old jump rope game, Double Dutch? Practices sometimes went on for hours, with the really skilled ropers performing unbelievable calisthenics which secured their championship 'titles'. These coveted titles came with bragging rights instead of trophies. Every jumper waited for their opportunity to show their talent and hopefully, outshine the rest of the crowd. When your turn finally rolled around you had to have perfect timing to jump in. If you missed your mark, just one misstep, you quickly found yourself at the back of the line waiting, complaining that they went too fast or too slow, and actually praying that someone else would stumble too. If you were smart, though, you were watching and learning from those who

made the mark and reveled in the hand-claps, 'oohs' and ahhs' of victory. It's OK to miss the mark - no one is perfect. It is how we choose to recover - how we learn from our mistakes and develop strategies for more successful outcomes when we return to the game. Author Kenneth Chenault said, 'Dedicate yourself to a core set of values. Without them, you will never be able to find personal fulfillment, and you will never be able to lead effectively.' True, effective leaders are not making decisions for personal acclaim, not for the applause, and typically not for financial gain or power. Those things may come. Good leaders have a core set of values and a sincere desire to improve circumstances for humankind.

There is no such thing as a perfect leader. Great leaders will absolutely fail from time to time. Because they are human, they will fall short of expectations and unfortunately, 100% of the time, there will be people who are all too happy to point the accusatory finger. When everything goes according to plan, leadership can be rewarding but can quickly devolve into one's very character being called into question. At the lowest point, be willing to do what is morally and ethically necessary to restore yourself and/or others to the position to which they are best suited. On the topic of leadership and winning, Kobe Bryant said, 'I'll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it's sitting on the bench waving a towel, handing a cup of water to a teammate, or hitting the game-winning shot.' I don't recall seeing Kobe handing out cups of water to teammates but witnessed many, many game winning shots. He consistently practiced, researched opponents, and mastered the game. As a result, he recovered quickly from losses.

We can distinguish the great ones from the frauds and failures by how they handle the missteps i.e. the plans that didn't quite come to fruition, the outright poor decision(s) that caused a bit of damage to the

self-esteem, and perhaps the choices that resulted in loss of resources or more importantly loss of relationships. The great ones will embrace at least one but usually a combination of the following during the recovery process: 1) Own it. Take full responsibility without placing blame on any other person or external factor, i.e., the sun was in my eyes - perhaps you should read up on glare resistant shades. 2) Get back up and learn from it. Develop skills in areas of weakness so that it does not happen again. Research the topic. Take a class, consult with a trusted mentor. 3) Apologize if individuals or groups are negatively impacted. A sincere, heartfelt apology means a lot more than you might think. 4) Put guardrails in place to avoid the same pitfalls - they will come again, and you must be prepared. 5) Know when to pass the baton. Groom and mentor your successor. Technology has changed the game and next generations have much to offer in that arena. Listen to and whenever possible implement their fresh and innovative ideas. World renowned leadership guru and author, John Maxwell said, "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." Check the forecast, adjust your sails, wait for or create your next up and get back in the game.



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HEMLOCK SEMICONDUCTOR EMPLOYEES ATTEND 2022 SAGINAW PROMISE "SWINGING FOR THE PROMISE" GOLF EVENT

Saginaw Promise hosts "Swinging for the Promise" golf event at the Saginaw Country Club in August

Enjoy a great day of golf and fun this summer on a beautiful course! The Saginaw Promise hosts its annual "Swinging for the Promise" golf event, on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at the Saginaw Country Club; shotgun start at 10 AM. "Swinging for the Promise provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy 18 holes of golf, a lot of fun, while supporting a great cause!", stated Mark Johnston, Golf Event Chairman.

Team registration is \$660 and individual registration is \$165, which includes Four Person Scramble, Driving Range, 18 Holes with Cart,

grilled "Lunch at the Turn", Barbecue Buffet Dinner, Door Prizes, Awards and Trophy Presentation; other event surprises to be announced.

Sponsorships and promotional opportunities are available! To sponsor, register your golf team or for questions, contact Deborah Sanchez at (989)755-0545 or by email at dsanchez@saginawpromise.org.

"Swinging for the Promise" not only provides a great day for golf, but will raise funds to impact Saginaw's future and that of its students

through postsecondary education. Saginaw Promise believes in producing economic and community change in Saginaw and affecting the lives of its students by providing the opportunity for and eliminating barriers to postsecondary education. Since 2012, the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$1,182,799 in scholarships to 662 scholars; 2023 marks its twelfth class of Saginaw Promise scholars. To learn more about "Swinging for the Promise", available sponsorships, the Saginaw Promise and its scholarship, visit www.saginawpromise.org.

Saginaw Promise Golf Outing



THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
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- Hole Sponsorship

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PRIZE DONATIONS WELCOME

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For Questions:
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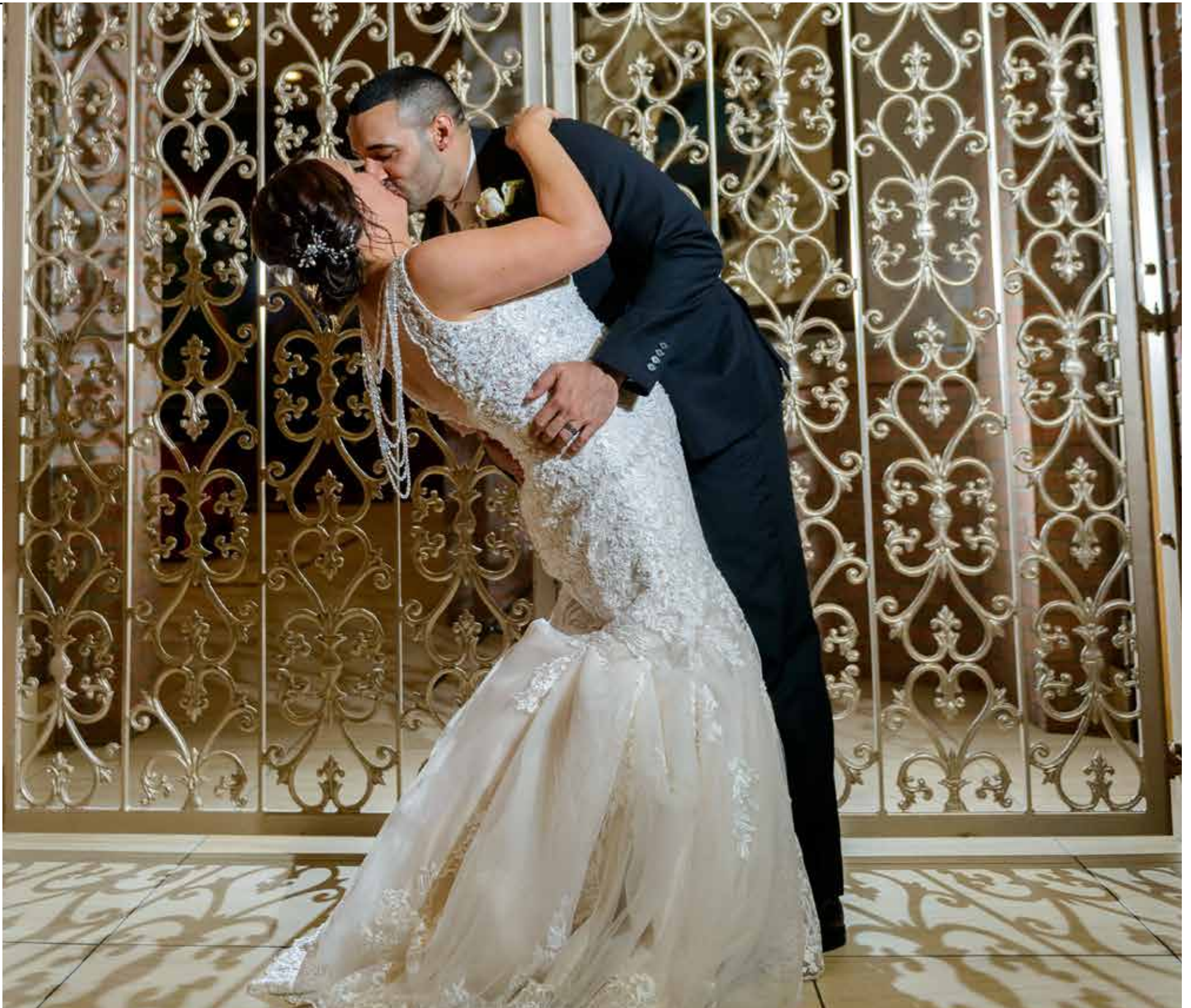
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MINISTRY WITHOUT WALLS - 3783 MANNION RD, SAGINAW, MI 48603

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
- Growing Spiritually
- 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.

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“It does not MATTER what anyone else is doing. YOU do the RIGHT thing.” Within these words, you find wisdom that has echoed throughout thousands and thousands of homes, and continues to reverberate to this day. In addition to us repeating these words calmly and easily, the day will come when these words of wisdom will present a reality check, when they knock at our individual doors and we have to answer.

Will you do the right thing, ignore the situation, or pretend as if you do not know the right thing to do. Often times doing the right thing can be difficult, especially when your beliefs and core values prohibits you from doing what everybody else is doing – It takes courage to do the right thing.

When confrontation comes to challenge your beliefs and core values, will it be hard to do the right thing(s)? To stand and hold your position, devoid of compromise? The answer, without Jesus, yes, it is and with Jesus... yes, it is. It is our nature—our sin nature—to do things our way. Nevertheless, when we listen to Christ, and obey His Word, we can do the right thing. Doing the right thing will often seem that you

It takes courage to do the right thing

Daniel 3:1, 8-18

are all alone and abandoned, mocked, and betrayed. But Jesus promises in His Word, He will NEVER, EVER leave us. Therefore, He is still the best, and ONLY right choice, and certainly the only choice that will please Him.

In the Book of Daniel, primarily chapter 3, we find the biblical account of three Jewish boys Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. It is a story with multiple themes, with one being “It take courage to do the right thing.” In chapter 3, King Nebuchadnezzar constructed a golden statue of himself, and made a decree. **Then a herald loudly proclaimed. “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up”** (Daniel 3: 4-6 NIV). The penalty for those that did not fall down, and worship the image would be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. The three young Jewish boys refused to bow, and the penalty was fulfilled, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace.

Soon after throwing them into the fire, the King said, **“Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they have no hurt: and the form of the fourth is like the son of God”** (Daniel 3:25 KJV). When they came out of the fire, they were unharmed and did not smell of fire. This story allows us to see and understand that courage does not

wait on a flawless plan, or for the tide of opinions to change, or until the condition favors you. Courage is beyond pointing out the problem, it is committing yourself to be a part of the solution. It is more than just having a heart for God; it is making a conscious decision to take action and do the right thing(s).

The three Hebrew boys did several things, first they did not reason. They could have certainly said, “I am going to bow down on the outside, but I am standing up on the inside. Instead, they refused to bow down and worship any other God, but the true and living God. They boldly declared, **“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king”** (Daniel 3:17 KJV).

The second thing they did was fight. The Apostle Paul wrote to, **“Fight the good fight of faith”** (1 Timothy 6:12). How did they fight? They said “No” to the king. As Christians we have the power to say “no” to the sins of the world.

The third thing they did was to refuse to compromise their beliefs and core values. When we know the Godly thing to do, and we compromise our integrity, divine intervention may be withheld from us.

Yes, it takes courage to do the right thing(s), and when we have the courage to do the right thing(s), the Son of God will be with us in the midst of our fiery furnaces - The same as He was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the Lord Jesus will be with us.

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There's always someone just a little bit smarter

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

Newly promoted fundraising professionals and volunteer leaders can feel as if they should have all the answers to everything. The pressure can feel overwhelming and trying to hide the feelings of overwhelm only adds to the dizzying experience. Here's a secret: all of that is unnecessary. The cure lies in not knowing it all. Instead, surround yourself with people who can help you reach your goals.

Melvin's mom would say, "just remember, there's always someone just a little bit smarter than you." She was trying to tell him that he wouldn't always have the answer. She was suggesting that he humble himself and reach out for advice from oth-

ers. This guidance continues to drive us today and we share it with you. Don't let appearances, titles, and experiences fool you. In spite of where you think people are in life, they can usually come up with a contribution or solution because of their life experience. Don't underestimate how people can help you.

Melvin's Uncle Robert is a great example. He never finished college, but he was a brilliant man, religious leader, businessman, and community leader. Same with Melvin's great grandmother. She might have gone to the third grade, but she turned into a businesswoman, bought a farm, raised eight or nine kids, and was wealthy by the standards for Black people of the day. You just can't judge a book by its cover. This is true of life in general, and in the nonprofit arena as well. When you take a moment to talk with people, you will be surprised by who they know, what their politics are, what gets them excited, and most importantly the relationships they have across all strata. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you seek out people to help you meet your fundraising goals.

First, keep an open mind and be a good

listener. We encourage casual conversation as an informal way to gain information. Don't be quick to judge, for you never know where a good idea will originate from. At the same time, you are seeking more than ideas: you are looking for solutions. As you listen, acknowledge and recognize the input that is being shared with you. In all your activities and conversations you want to create a culture of open participation, for fundraising is a team sport. You'll want to talk to donors, prospective donors, and stakeholders, asking for their insights and ideas. Where possible, talk with people one-on-one, in person, by video-conference, or on the phone. You want to get to know people individually. That includes your staff – if you have one – and other people in the organization, on the board, or who are volunteering. Regardless of who you are meeting with, let people know that you are looking for ideas and solutions. And take notes. You want to be able to follow up and put suggestions into action where possible, but first you'll have to remember what people share with you!



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BETH CHARLTON, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF COVENANT HEALTHCARE; GEORGE GRANT JR., PRESIDENT OF SVSU; AND JILL JARVIS, A COVENANT EMPLOYEE WHO WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TUITION DISCOUNT FOR COVENANT EMPLOYEES TO BEGIN PURSUING A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AT SVSU THIS FALL.

SVSU-Covenant tuition agreement aims to boost educational opportunities for Covenant employees

In a move that builds on their long-standing collaboration, Saginaw Valley State University and Covenant HealthCare have forged a partnership aimed at providing higher education opportunities for the employees of Covenant HealthCare and bolstering the talent pool in the Great Lakes Bay Region and other communities Covenant serves.

Under this agreement Covenant employees who enroll in undergraduate, graduate or certification programs at SVSU may be eligible for reduced tuition fees from SVSU and tuition reimbursement from Covenant HealthCare.

“Covenant and SVSU recognize the need for a well-prepared work force,” said George Grant Jr., president of SVSU. “By providing a special tuition rate, we hope to encourage Covenant employees to pursue educational opportunities so they can ex-

cel in their careers and elevate the quality of care offered by Covenant.”

Covenant HealthCare is one of the largest employers in the Great Lakes Bay Region, employing people in a wide range of disciplines, including nursing, social work, medical laboratory science, information technology, business, accounting and more. Many of these professions align with the state’s most in-demand careers as forecast by the State of Michigan. Through its undergraduate, graduate and certification programs, SVSU offers pathways to more than 35 of these “hot jobs.”

“We are pleased to partner with SVSU to make educational opportunities even more accessible to our employees,” said Beth Charlton, Covenant HealthCare president and CEO. “We believe offering more affordable access to educational opportunities enables employees to advance

in their careers while balancing their work and personal commitments. Ultimately, our goal is continue meeting the medical needs of the community; delivering high quality care with an engaged team.”

By partnering with Covenant, the university expects to further strengthen its ties to the healthcare community, fostering a mutually beneficial relationship that supports the growth and prosperity of both institutions and enhances the caliber of patient care and services available to the region.

The tuition agreement goes into effect beginning with the fall 2023 term. Additional details about application procedures and tuition benefits will be made available to Covenant HealthCare employees through internal communication channels.

+ HEALTH

\$30.3 million for Saginaw's Medical Diamond Project

The Michigan legislature passed the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget Wednesday night, which includes \$30.3 million in funding for Saginaw's Medical Diamond project. When signed by the Governor, the funds will be awarded to the City of Saginaw for infrastructure improvements to prepare a site on Washington Ave. for a transformational development project.

"We are thrilled that the State is supporting our vision to have comprehensive medical education and healthcare services, providing access to our citizens," said City of Saginaw Manager Tim Morales. "We look forward to what the future holds for our community."

The project has been a collaborative effort between the City of Saginaw, County of Saginaw, Saginaw Future Inc., the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and many others. The Saginaw City Council and the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners have each approved \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support

related health care initiatives and the overall development.

"The County has worked closely with the City, Saginaw Future and the Chamber to bring this vision to reality," said Commission Chairman Christopher Boyd. "We are making great progress towards a healthier Saginaw."

Saginaw has the highest infant mortality and obesity rates in Michigan. Life expectancy is more than five years less than the county and state of Michigan. Nearly 35% of people in the City of Saginaw live in poverty. The community's vision is to support the collaboration of experts in medical education and healthcare services to improve access to healthcare and provide a learning environment for future medical professionals.

"We have been proud to be part of expanding healthcare access in this region," Dr. George Kikano, Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the College of Medicine at Central Michigan University

(CMU), said. "We are excited to explore our role in this opportunity, which would allow CMU to build upon existing operations in Saginaw, including our medical education programs, and to strengthen existing relationships with health care systems and providers in the region."

Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet, Representative Amos O'Neal and former Senator Ken Horn worked together to champion the legislation.

"We have been very concerned about the health of our citizens," said Senator McDonald Rivet. "Supporting the vision to improve public health is of vital importance."

"Saginaw has some of the most challenging health maladies in the state," said Representative Amos O'Neal. "This development brings together our medical education and healthcare experts to move the needle on these statistics."

Additional approvals are still being pursued for the project and a groundbreaking is expected later this year.



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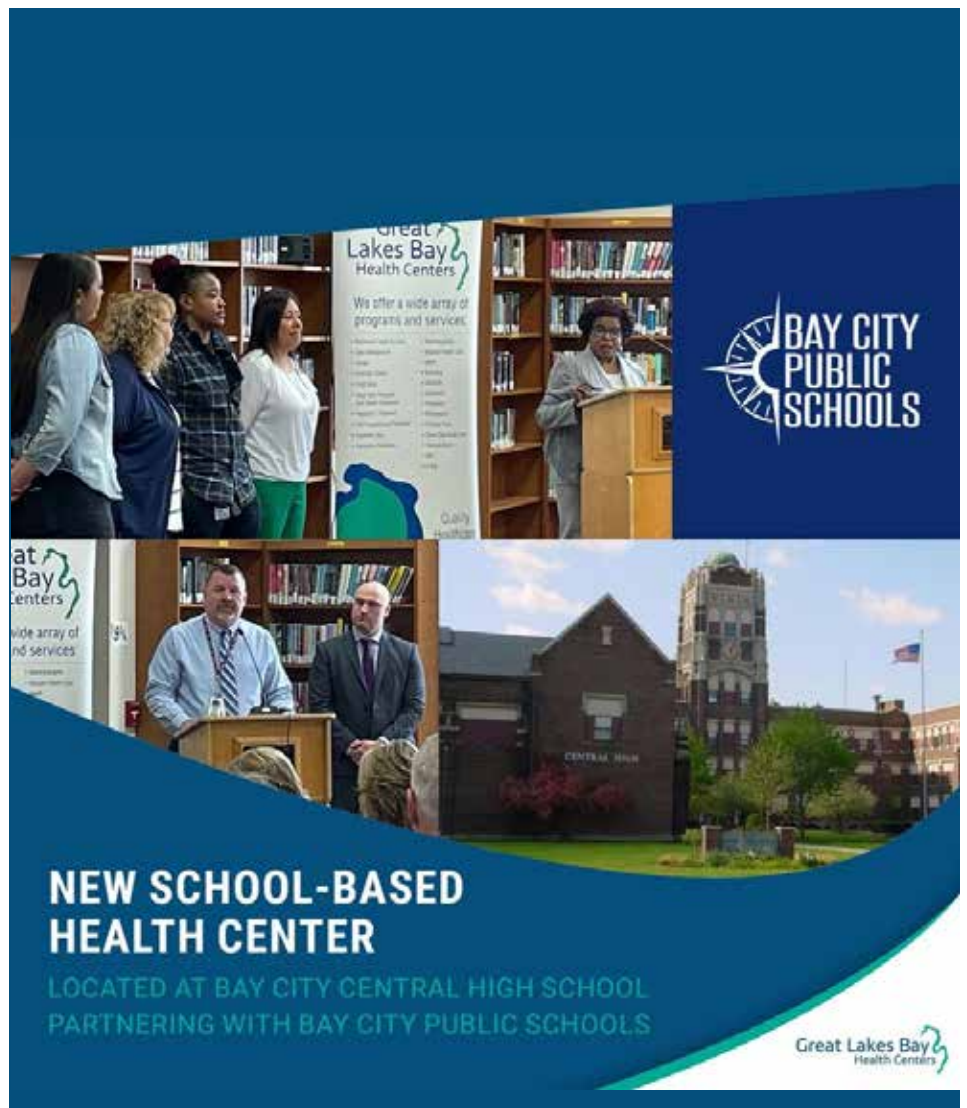


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Tuition at SVSU will increase for the 2023-24 academic year

The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control approved increasing tuition to \$408 per credit hour during the Board's regular meeting Monday, June 19.

For the upcoming 2023-24 academic year, a Michigan undergraduate student taking 30 credits will pay \$12,240, an increase of \$675 over the prior year (5.8 percent).

"The safety and overall well-being of our students, faculty and staff is my highest priority," said George Grant Jr., SVSU president. "Raising tuition is never easy or pleasant, but given the rate of inflation in recent years and our commitment to meet our students' needs, this increase is the right decision at this time, as we support needed investments to improve cam-



DR. GEORGE GRANT JR.

pus safety, and sustain expanded mental health resources, academic support services and more."

At the same meeting, the Board also approved a new 3-year contract with the

SVSU Faculty Association that provides salary increases of 4 percent in the first year (2023-24) and 3 percent in the two following years, as well as increases for health insurance and other benefits. The Association (MEA/NEA) represents nearly 270 faculty. Members of the Association ratified the contract Thursday, June 15.

SVSU continues to have the lowest undergraduate tuition rate among Michigan's public universities.

The university also has significantly increased SVSU's investment in financial aid with approximately \$24 million in institutional aid awarded to students for the current fiscal year.



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MLC thrives in the summer months



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

The Michigan Learning Channel™ (MLC) is still thriving. MLC was developed by Michigan Public Broadcasting System (PBS) due to Internet access being unavailable / limited for children out of school due to COVID 19.

“Old school” over-the-air technology kicked in by PBS as an option for students to access content in reading, math, science, and social studies on their television stations. Designed for students of all ages, materials are age-appropriate and designed to narrow learning gaps made worse by the pandemic.

There are two ways to access MLC, over-the air and online.

1. “Over-the-air” is “Old school” using “rabbit ears” or other antennas.

The TV set is turned “on” and the channels

are “dialed in” or selected. MLC airs over Delta College, CMU, or other Public Broadcasting stations. There is a set schedule, and viewers at home can “dial in,” free of charge.

2. On the web, michiganlearning.org

Two sets of audiences here.

One is the home, the child at home. Parents can log on and access age-appropriate materials on a variety of subjects such as math, science, social studies, and language arts. Books and materials can be downloaded for learners of all ages. Very impressive!

The other is the school. Educators can log on and also access curriculum for use over the summer months. These tools can be reviewed and sent online or used on site for summer classes. Again, cost-free and extremely helpful.

A weekly schedule started last week and continues through the summer.

Let us look at one of the week’s schedule having the theme, Across America Week. “From Coast to Coast, explore what it means to be an American.”

Early learners (pre-K through Kindergarten) have activities and puzzles designed at their age levels. The activities touch upon art (drawing) and language arts (high frequency words like “is”).

Lower elementary (grades 1, 2 3) have similar and more challenging activities, especially language arts. Bigger words. Features such as suffices. And math, with two digits operations and equations. Greater than / less than.

Upper elementary (grades 4, 5, 6) likewise have greater degrees of difficulty.

Each week has different themes with similar learning opportunities. Consult the web for the schedule of themes such as Engineering Week and Great Lakes Week. Eight weeks of themes overall, and all are archived on the web in addition to being shown “on air” at various scheduled times during the summer months.

These appear to be great opportunities for Moms & Dads to view these lessons together with the young learner. There are surely follow up conversations from these weekly themes.

MLC is working to keep students engaged during the summer months!

Resources:

<https://www.michiganlearning.org/summer-offun/>

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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!

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- Saginaw Career Complex
- St. Peter & Paul
- Valley

Great Start to Readiness Program Locations

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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.

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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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Saginaw, MI 48601
Phone 989.752.2193
Fax 989.921.7146

Office Hours
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Tuesday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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

Joe Baca, former Dem. California Congressman

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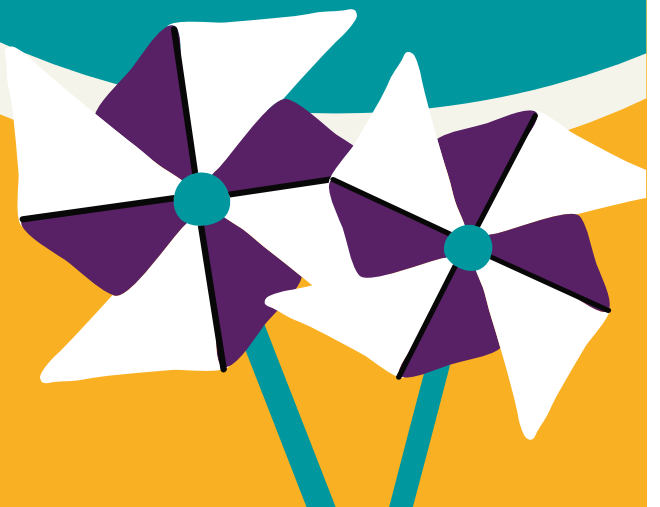
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Remembering Ryan Mallett

By HASANI ALI

I remember cheering for quarterback Ryan Mallett one time in my life—when he decided to transfer from Michigan to Arkansas.

As a Michigan State fan, it was some of the best news that I could've received going into the 2008 football season.

Now that I think of it, I remember the exact day when I found out about it.

Winter workouts were just wrapping up at Lane College in Jackson, Tenn. The workout was in the gymnasium and my dorm was literally a couple hundred feet away.

I walked into the doors and ESPN was blaring from the flat screen TV in the lobby. It was plastered across the screen, "Michigan's Mallett transfers to Arkansas."

My best friend and I were jumping up and down as if he transferred to MSU—but it was close enough.

Living in the south, the other students didn't understand, but we knew that we became fans of Mallett ever since.

Just to disappoint us, he was drafted to the Patriots in the third round of the 2010 draft.

Sitting behind Brady, we knew that the Michigan connection was going to keep them close during this time in the NFL.

It's the beauty of sports, the rivalries never stop, despite how old you get.

Mallett has a decent career in the NFL, going seven strong seasons with three different teams—New England, Houston and Baltimore.

I did end up cheering for him again once he left New England.

He threw nine touchdown passes as a backup, something that many will never get to experience. When his career was over, he became a head coach at a local high school.

Many of the athletes take this path as a way to stay forever involved in the game as



RYAN MALLETT

I spent my post career coaching women's football in Detroit.

The news of his passing hit me like a tsunami. ESPN's ticker posted the news that he had passed away due to drowning in Florida.

My initial thought was how sad it was that a NFL player has passed away due to drowning as you never want to see anyone pass away tragically.

However, it didn't kick in until I noticed a photo of him in the Michigan jersey.

He scored three touchdowns in his first career start against MSU. Mallett was the quarterback in Lloyd Carr's final season in The Big House.

He was a threat with that arm and I knew that he was going to give MSU problems down the road.

Rivalries are bound to make some great memories in sports. Mallett provided

those memories back in 2007.

He went on to throw for almost 7,500 yards and 62 touchdowns at Arkansas in two seasons. When the Razorbacks won the Liberty Bowl and he was in the race for the Heisman in 2010, the only thing that I could be grateful for is that he was no longer in the Big Ten.

Life goes beyond sports.

Mallett was an affable character—a standup guy who just loved the gridiron. Such an unfortunate event that he was taken away from us so soon. Thankful that he was able to live a fulfilling life.

Prayers to the Mallett family and his community. We are very thankful for being able to witness his talents on the field and to watch that man grow in his career—on and off the field.

He will definitely be remembered.

+ SPORTS



Shields nominated for ESPY's Best Boxer Award

By HASANI ALI

The Flint native and boxing world champion Claressa Shields is already covered in gold due to her excellence in the boxing ring.

She now may have an opportunity to earn some more gold this summer after her second nomination for "Best Boxer" at the ESPYS nomination.

The self-proclaimed, "G.W.O.A.T.," expressed her excitement on the nomination on Twitter.

"Just accepted my invite to the ESPY's y'all!" Shields said. "Y'all know what this means! Keep voting for me as Boxer of the Year!"

Shields is one of three women since 2008 to be recognized in the category, along with Holly Holm and Katie Taylor.

Shields is the only woman to receive multiple nominations in that period.

Shields will be the only female competing to win the "Best Boxer." She will have to go up against Gervonta Davis, Devin Haney and Shakur Stevenson who are also up for the award.

Shields successfully defended her middleweight crown earlier this month against 36-year old Maricela Cornejo. She stepped in on a moment's notice after Hannah Gabriels was removed from the bout after results returned from the voluntary Anti-Doping Association test.

Gabriels was the current no.1 contender for the middleweight title prior to the failed drug test. She lost to Shields in Detroit back in 2018.

The 28-year-old Shields (13-0, 2KOs) avenged her only amateur defeat last year in October, when she won the WBO

Middleweight Title from Savannah Marshall via unanimous decision in the UK.

The Flint-native's last fight in her home state of Michigan came in March, 2021, as she bested Marie Eve Dicaire to become undisputed super welterweight world champion; her second undisputed distinction after originally unifying all the middleweight titles with a victory over then unbeaten Christina Hammer back in 2019.

"I'm proud that this is my second time being nominated," said Shields. "This year for the ESPYS the G.W.O.A.T. is against the men. I'm super happy to even be nominated, but I believe it's about time a woman beat the

men. I've been the best female fighter in the world the past six years; now it's time for a woman to be considered the best regardless of gender. It's our time to shine and be recognized!

As of the end of June, there are no talks of any upcoming fights for Shields, but best believe a title defense is in order for the champ before the end of the year.

Yet, she has enough of a pedigree to win the ESPY award. From the Olympic awards, to the unification of titles around her waist, this Flintstone has become the pinnacle of women's sports.

She may even pull enough favor from the MMA crowd as she did have a couple of stints inside the octagon.

In total, if Shields wins the ESPY award, then there may not be too much else for her to achieve in the sports world as she has accomplished so much in her professional career.

Fans can vote for Shields and all the other ESPYS categories online through [espn.com](https://www.espn.com). The awards show will take place at 8 p.m. July 12 on ABC12.

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McCune earns football scholarship to UNLV

By HASANI ALI

Karim McCune took to Twitter and Instagram to give his exciting announcement, dressed in an all-white football uniform.

The standout wide receiver from Saginaw has committed to the University of Nevada Las Vegas after a stellar JUCO performance at Monterey Peninsula College.

As a freshman, he finished the season with 9 catches for 322 yards, 6 touchdowns while averaging 40 yards per catch.

The MVP of the Grizzly Bowl secured two touchdowns in the Monterey's bowl win against College of the Redwoods, 42-21.

The Lobos finished with a 7-4 overall record.

Because of his stellar performance, McCune has some soft interests from UNLV, Drake, Missouri State and Nevada.

"I do plan on going Div. I after graduating here from Monterey," he said. "I'll wait until to see all of the schools that want me to come play for them and I will make a decision once I have all of my options."

The Saginaw High graduate didn't have many options to play football at the next level due to his grade point average, but McCune wasn't going to let that stop him.

"Just because you started off rough, doesn't mean that you can't change your situation, just have to keep pushing," he said. "It can get better if you want it to get better. That's with anything from academics to sports. The past doesn't have to define you."

He did have an offer to play basketball at Macomb Community College, but his love for the gridiron kept him on the hunt for a home.

Ironically, the former Trojan didn't begin his football career until his junior year in high school. He was convinced by his friends to tryout, began training and hitting the weights as he could not compete in sports during his sophomore seasons due to COVID-19.

McCune was a part of the inaugural Saginaw United football team, a combination of players from Saginaw High and Ar-



KARIM MCCUNE

thur Hill. The team went 1-8 in the initial season.

The two schools will be combined the following school year.

McCune is well known in the city of Saginaw for opening his non-profit organization last year, the Karim McCune II Foundation – dedicated to help students find academic resources to obtain scholarships and other academic opportunities to help high school students get to college.

"I really didn't have a great academic career due not having the guidance I needed to move forward academically," he said. "Everyone else was applying for scholarships and I was left out because my GPA was not good enough."

McCune didn't want other students to feel left out either. He took action and de-

ecided to open up his own non-profit organization.

"This is an opportunity to give scholarships to students with struggling GPA's," he said. "There are students that want to continue their education after high school, but they may not have the necessary grades to qualify for certain scholarships."

Not only will the non-profit assist students in obtaining scholarships, but McCune always wants to host free football camps and mentoring classes to help with life skills.

"I know a bunch of students that were in my situation, and I know that they need the help," he said. "I got into college and the least I could do is give the same opportunity back to those students who want to continue their education."

+ SPORTS



JAKE SABOL

CMU baseball hires Jake Sabol as head coach

By HASANI ALI

Former CMU player Jake Sabol knows the CMU program and the expectations for the stellar program. It would make sense to name him the new head coach of the baseball program.

Sabol graduated from CMU in 2011 and was the head coach at Northwood University with a 140-90-1 record in his eight-year reign. He earned four NCAA Division II Regional appearances and two Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

He is now the 22nd coach of the 117-year history of the Chippewa baseball program.

An official on-campus welcome event is scheduled for Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Chippewa Champions Center Atrium. Additional details will be released later this afternoon.

“I could not be more grateful for the opportunity to be the next head baseball coach at Central Michigan University,” Sabol said. “This place helped shape the direction of my life in such a positive way and it is imperative to me that I am able to give back and do that same thing for our current and future student-athletes here at CMU.

The university’s commitment and the incredible alumni base of CMU baseball are both top notch and essential to the

success of this program. That support will help us continue to build and maintain a championship-caliber experience for our players moving forward.”

Prior to coaching at Northwood, Sabol was the head coach at Alma College, guiding Alma to two of its three winningest seasons in the 118-year history of the program (28 wins in 2016 and 24 victories in 2018).

According to The Morning Sun, the Scots reached the MIAA Tournament twice under Sabol, marking the first time in program history that the team qualified for the event. Alma won 67 games under Sabol and placed nine players on the All-MIAA team during his tenure. It was the second time in Sabol’s career that he coached at Alma.

Sabol took over the Northwood program in July 2018 when Bischel became CMU’s coach. Sabol also worked under Bischel as Northwood’s pitching coach in 2015.

In Northwood’s first season in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference in 2023, Sabol guided the Timberwolves to a 42-19 overall record, and the GMAC regular season title with a 27-5 league record, the GMAC Tournament title, and the school’s third straight NCAA Regional berth. Pitcher Derek Clark earned consensus All-America honors, four Timberwolves were named to the All-Midwest Region team, and a school-record 13 players earned All-GMAC honors. Sabol was named the GMAC Coach of the Year.

Under Sabol, the Timberwolves finished 31-23-1 overall and 15-9 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in 2022. Northwood was ranked No. 1 in the Midwest Region in the season-opening poll and spent two weeks in the top position. NU reached the NCAA Regional and posted a dramatic 10-5 come-from-behind win over Quincy in the opening round. Northwood had three athletes earn All-Region and nine players claim All-GLIAC honors including GLIAC Freshman Player of the Year, Myles Beale, and GLIAC Freshman Pitcher of the Year, Jayden Dentler.



PICS OF THE WEEK

Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist toured Gee'Ques Wood Smoked Barbecue and Michigan Cream & Sugar in Saginaw today—two businesses that received support from Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Match on Main program.





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