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Seen on the Scene: C.A.P. partners with New Life Ministries to host Block Party



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On July 12, C.A.P. (Community Alliance for the People) hosted a community block party at New Life Baptist Ministries. The free family event featured games, prizes, music, food, vendors and more.



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The ties that bind - getting back to the basics

Planning a community event or activity is a heavy lift. Any meaningful event requires countless hours of managing and organizing and the patience of Job. There are no small tasks – every decision is connected to another and critical to the overall success of the event. Saginaw is now basking in the phenomenal success of the recently held community activity, the C.A.P./New Life Ministries' Block Party. Recognizing the need to step outside of the walls and fences of our homes, churches, community organizations or other groups which without malice separate or divide, C.A.P. (Community Alliance for the People) in partnership with New Life Ministries & Mission In the City, spearheaded an event so well received that it must now become an annual observance! How can it not? An old-fashioned block party is one way of getting back to the basics of bringing the community together to build strong, binding ties and this one was fabulous!



Planning committees for events such as this seek to establish connections and potentially meaningful, lasting relationships within the community and those in public service who desire to establish, support, and maintain safe environments for our children to thrive. If you take a scroll through the many pictures, videos, and comments on social media you will see that the event did not disappoint. Present and actively involved in the event were cross sections of the community representing all of Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region. There were children and adults; Pastors and members from multiple denominations; educators playing games with next year's students; elected officials – many elected officials; Law Enforcement ranging from the Buena Vista Township Chief to officers from several communities both in uniform and those present to enjoy the fun, and the youth and staff from Summer Employment Programs such as Parishioners on Patrol. The community was out in full force.

Communities nationwide are spending less and less time interacting with neighbors. Borrowing a 'cup of something' is pretty much a thing of the past. With this decrease in personal and social interaction, we tend to gradually drift into a less compassionate society. The New Life Block Party is one remedy for this social decline. Decades ago, civil rights icon Coretta Scott King, shared a quote which still rings true today, 'The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.' Relationships hinge on compassion. Relationships also create cohesion. Societies achieve and are sustained through cohesion. I am hopeful that this one event will start a trend – that throughout the region we will see them cropping up as a means of establishing relationships between neighbors, professionals, and officials. There are countless reasons to consider but I'll give you just a few of how we strengthen community ties through a simple, low-cost block party: Over time, they may get bigger and better, sometimes serving as fund raisers for worthy causes; they foster a sense of safety – knowing that neighbors are keeping a watchful eye over your home and/or children and you reciprocate the same level of concern; regular and anticipated events such as this provide opportunities for children and youth to develop leadership skills as they engage in the planning process; young adults learn to communicate and resolve conflict without violence or damage to property; and we have opportunities to meet, greet and share concerns with the organizations and individuals hired or elected to serve the community.

Thanks again to C.A.P., Reverend Doctor Craig Tatum, New Life and all who planned, served, or even attended the event. Thanks for doing the heavy lift to help to build and strengthen a healthier, safer community and hopefully, you've started a new trend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome Buckley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

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MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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I'M GOOD FOR A BEGINNER

By DONIQUA SOVIA

Back in 2004, I began to learn the drums. I was always fascinated by the many sounds it made and how much effort it took to learn them, but I was determined to learn anyway. I was a fast learner, moving from learning how to play a simple beat, to learning what drum fills were. I was only seven at this time, and who knew what would become of it.

Fast forward to 2007, I'm ten years old and had just started learning how to play to songs, I took a liking to many genres of music but leaned more toward heavy metal as I thought the fast double pedal, quick drum fills, mixed in with the high pitched electric guitar, and thudding bass guitar was pretty cool. I didn't know how to read notes, so I played by ear.

Now this was back in 2007, YouTube had only been out for two years and was no where close to what it is today, so I couldn't just look up drum covers like kids today can. So what did I do? I sat there with my red and black SanDisc cd player, and a stack of cd's and learned how to play to each one, song by song, spending hours upon hours learning, it's no wonder I didn't break the rewind button, but boy did that CD player go through double A batteries fast.

As time went on, and my learning continued, I sought out drummers who were better than me. I learned from drummers from all over the learning stage map. From those who had been playing for a few years like me, to those who had been playing for four or more decades. I just wanted to know more. Always seek out those who know more than you, never have the mindset of superiority. Just because you can play better than someone in your circle doesn't make you better than anyone else who plays.

It's been nineteen years now, and I still call myself a beginner. Why? Because I will never stop learning. Anytime you get around someone who knows more than you, you are automatically a student of the craft once more. The moment I think that I'm better than someone, is the moment I'm no longer a drummer.

Drumming has taught me, consistency, patience, repetition yields acceleration, and you can learn from bare minimum material and make it work for your maximum potential. I'll always be alright for a beginner, and I'll always remain humble.

FREE YOUTH & PARENT EVENT! REAL TALK: YOLO! 2023



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On Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 1:00pm-7:00pm, at The Success Academy (1000 Tuscola St. Saginaw, MI 48607), Great Lakes Bay Health Centers along with Saginaw Public Schools, will be presenting the 10th Annual REAL-TALK 2023 youth event. In conjunction with the youth event, they will also be hosting the Parent Action for Healthy Kids Talk Early & Talk Often workshop for parents/supportive adults.

During REAL TALK, there will be workshops designed to teach young people how to prevent HIV, other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and unplanned pregnancies. There will also be workshops focused on healthy teen relationships, consent, human trafficking, positive youth development, self-esteem, sexual health, substance use

prevention, and other topics related to equipping our teens with knowledge to make good healthy choices. The information will be presented by several community leaders. Abstinence – choosing not to have sex – will be emphasized as the SAFEST choice. In addition, accurate information about other protection methods will also be provided. Students will learn and practice ways to resist pressure to have sex and will also learn some decision-making and communication skills.

Parents are also asked to be part of prevention. The Parent Action for Healthy Kids workshop will empower parents with information and skills to help their students make healthy life choices. Featured in the workshop will be the “Talk Early & Talk Often” parent

training. This will equip parents with tools and resources needed to talk to their kids about sex.

In addition to the workshops, there will be Free Food, Great Giveaways, and a Henna artist.

Youth under 18 **MUST** have parental consent to attend this youth event!

Space is **LIMITED!** Registration is limited to the first 100 youth for Real Talk: YOLO and the first 50 parents/supportive adults for TETO!

Tickets are available for both the youth and parent event at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

For more information or assistance please contact Victoria Grundas, vgrundas@glbhealth.org OR LaMariana Pleasant, lpleasant@glbhealth.org

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LIDER EN LA DIVERSIDAD

VAMOS ADELANTE



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Mexican American Council President Bobby DeLeon throws first pitch at Loons game

Ahead of another edition of Minor League Baseball’s Midwest League Copa de la Diversión initiative matchup, Saginaw Mexican American Council President Bobby DeLeon was honored to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Great Lakes Loons home game against the

Fort Wayne TinCaps on Friday, June 14, 2023.

During the game, both teams played using alternate identities- the Loons and TinCaps playing as Los Pepinillos Picantes del Norte and the Manzanitas Luchadoras respectively.

The shakeup comes after collaborations with local Hispanic and Latino groups who

appropriately designed the variant logos and uniforms with cultural and community reflections.

Ahead of his pitch, DeLeon was featured during a video display which gave him the chance to tell of cultural impact on the region and a cooperative history.

"We're here also because of the involvement we had back in the 90s with the 21 latino teams in Saginaw. Everyone took an interest in these teams across the state," said DeLeon. "The most dramatic story about this Latino team is when Lansing and Saginaw came together to perform an all-star game. It was beautiful, and I still tip my hat to Lansing. The evening celebrated

Hispanic and Latino heritage across both the Great by Lakes Bay Region and Minor League Baseball.

Festivities for those in attendance included music and dance performances by hispanic and latino artists as well as a game of "Loons Loteria," a variant of Mexican bingo played at the top and bottom of each inning over the course of the evening.

The July 14 rendition of Copa de la Diversión was the second of the year for Los Pepinillos Picantes del Norte, who finished the game with a 3-2 comeback victory. The two teams will matchup one more time this year on August 25.

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First round of 'Elevate Together' grant recipients

The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the first round of Elevate Together grant recipients!

Elevate Together powered by Round It Up America is a nonprofit initiative designed to address systemic discrimination and historical racial disparities in business growth and profitability in Black and Hispanic communities. Through a partnership with the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the National Urban League's

Entrepreneurship Centers, and the ODP Corporation, the initiative helps support Hispanic and Black small businesses with five or less employees. We'd like to thank all of these organizations for giving us the opportunity to give back to the community and provide funding for these well-deserved businesses.

We are proud to announce that we received 157 applications this year, a 1327% increase compared to applications received in 2022. We are very grateful to our

selection committee for their time and efforts spent into reviewing each and every application.

Once again, thank you to all of the small businesses who took the time to apply. If you weren't selected this time, then be sure to mark your calendars for Round 2 of the Elevate Together Grant, which will commence on July 28th.

Stay tuned for further updates and opportunities to support small businesses in our communities.



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No silence**for gun
violence****Part II- (Healing Our Land)**

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By C. M. PRITCHETT

Greetings dear community and those abroad! Did you know that youth homicide has become a major public health issue? According to data collected from an official state website, in Michigan, if you are a black male between the ages of 15-34, homicide is the #1 cause of death. And if you are a black female between the ages of 15-34, homicide is the #2 cause of death (www.mdch.state.mi.us/osr/deaths/LeadingAgeSpecificCauseBlackMale2020.asp).

This reality is the inspiration of DTMM-13 and its development of "No Silence for Gun Violence." Does The Music Matter-Project 13 (also known as DTMM-13) is a music educational, violence prevention & interruption non-profit corporation. One of the primary objectives of the organization is to invest in strategies that prevent-interrupt-reduce violence and provide resources to "some" young people to prevent them from becoming victims of murder

and for others, recipients of healing.

The anti-gun violence campaign's agenda is to enhance insight, increase understanding and cause "movement" in the people of Saginaw and those abroad. It is "meant" to motivate community members to "move" in one direction, towards one common goal, which is healing. When a community overcomes a public health issue, the positive consequence is healing.

It's an assertion to say gun-violence is committed by an individual who often-times have been and/or is being impacted by, various factors-from poverty to being a recipient of some form of trauma. Understanding how violence is committed by an individual whom is psychologically impacted by the aforementioned (poverty, trauma, etc.), can vastly empower professionals, leaders, parents and others in various approaches to obtaining and maintaining, healing amongst their overall community.

The psychology of violence asserts that

all forms of violence and aggression are interconnected. Hence, our notion is, the process of healing will constitute applying solutions to interconnected aspects of the individual. For example, if a violent individual experiences healing in his or her mind and emotions, relevant to them being violent, then they will have different outcomes such as becoming non-violent. Healing is the extent of an individual's continuing physical, emotional, mental, and social ability to cope with his or her environment. This means that health is a resource to support an individual's function in wider society, rather than an end in itself.

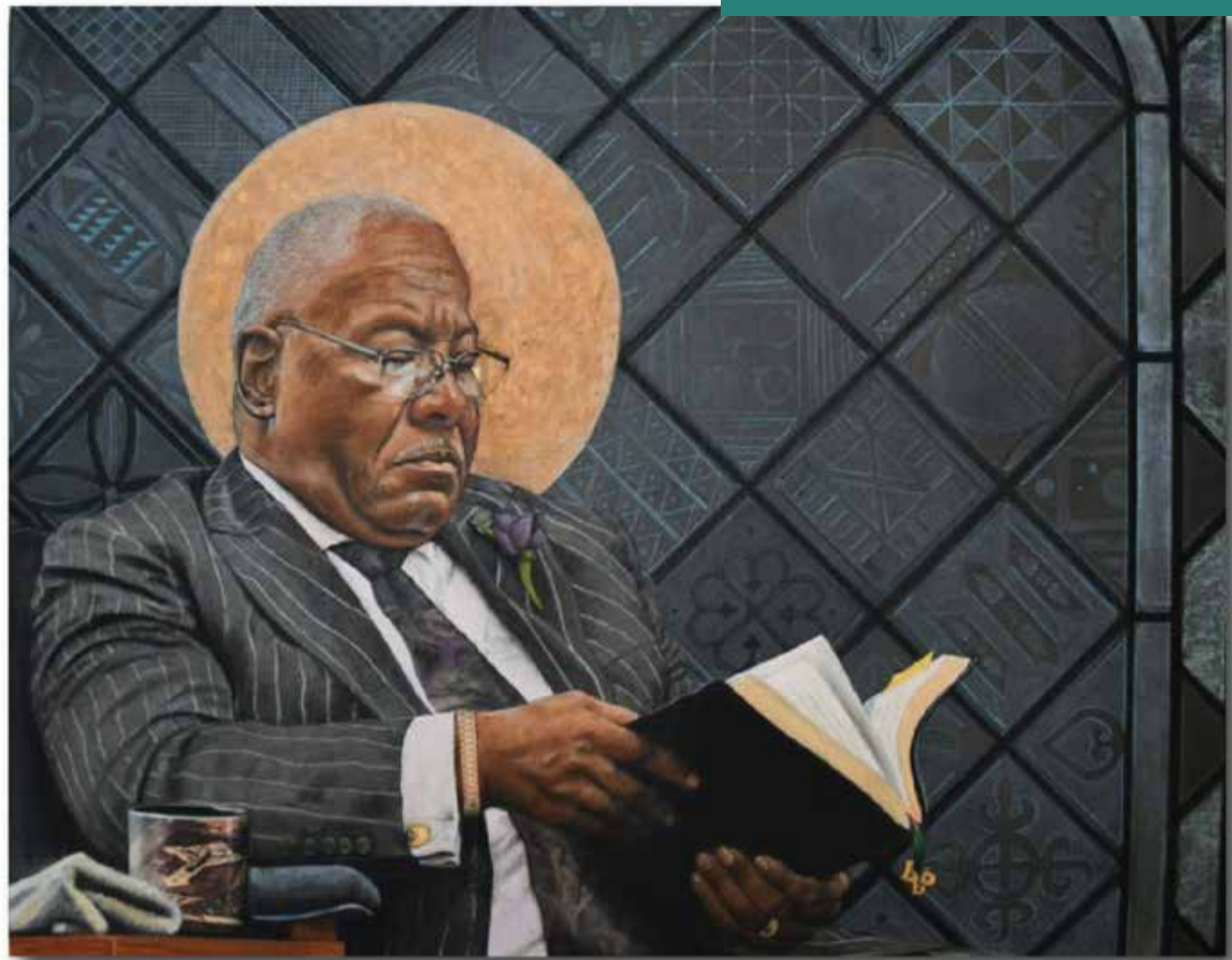
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Yours in Service,
C. M. Pritchett, MA

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Preach Jeannings, Ed Watkins, 2021, Mixed Media 29"x36"

New exhibit opens next month at Saginaw Art Museum

A new exhibit is coming to the Saginaw Art Museum. *Spirit, Faith & Identity* by Ed Watkins opens August 17, 2023. An opening reception is planned for 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Ed Watkins is a Flint native who has dedicated his life to teaching visual arts and design. Watkins's immersive experience in city and faith environments is communicated through careful observation and executed through exceptional technical expertise. Like documentary-style photography that showcases people and places as they are, Watkins provides a record of places and people existing in the space of specific moments. Unlike photography, however, the connection between his mind and hand without the interference of an intermediary machine like a camera creates an intimacy that can only be achieved from human interaction.

Watkins' artistic practice revolves around the concept of "drawing from life,"

which encompasses more than technical skill. It is a means for Watkins to define his practice and incorporate his personal observations and experiences into his creations. Each artwork becomes a window into his world—a world of hope, fear, confidence, anxiety, struggle, and peace. Through his art, Watkins aims to make sense of the world around him and his experiences as a Black man in America, reflecting his unwavering spirit and faith. Through his drawings and mixed media artworks, Watkins exemplifies moments of reflection, celebration, healing, and despair, shedding light on the intersection of spirit, faith, and identity.

The path to becoming an artist was unexpected for Watkins. Initially discouraged from pursuing higher education, his course changed when a chance encounter during a high school track event led him to Bowling Green State University where he pursued his passion for art and would receive a Bachelor of Education, Art Edu-

cation followed by a Master of Education. Since, his art has evolved alongside the world's developments, reflecting his ongoing engagement with the social and political landscape.

In this exhibition, Watkins' artworks are inspired by his African American experience. They capture moments that reflect the rich tapestry of emotions within the African American community. From expressions of joy and celebration to moments of introspection and healing, each piece serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and spirit that emerge from developing a personal identity. Watkins' art embodies his cultural and political awareness, as well as his visual learning style, allowing viewers to gain a deeper understanding of the African American perspective.

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STARS launches weekend route to Frankenmuth and in-town shuttle

Starting July 14, STARS will begin direct service from STARS to Frankenmuth and a Frankenmuth shuttle loop on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Frankenmuth Shuttle will run through December 23rd. Buses depart the Downtown STARS Plaza at 11:30AM, 2PM, 4PM, and 6PM. Buses will depart Frankenmuth at Uptown North to return to STARS at 1PM, 3PM, 5PM and 8PM.

“This is a great step forward for regional access in our county,” commented Glenn Steffens, STARS Executive Director.

City bus riders can ride standard STARS routes to connect with Frankenmuth via the STARS plaza on Fridays and Saturdays, as STARS restored Saturday services this June. Standard STARS city routes do not operate on Sundays, but the Frankenmuth route still departs from the STARS plaza on Sundays.





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CAN Council to use grant funding for new RealCare infant simulators to educate students

CAN Council received a \$10,000 grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation for the Safe Baby Program. This grant was provided by Hemlock Semiconductor Operation's Community and Regional Empowerment (CARE) Fund administered at the foundation.

"I expected it to be much easier than it was. I think it is a great learning tool for responsibility. It was way more real than I expected it to be. It's a good tool for all kids," said a local parent of a high school student.

The Safe Baby program teaches students the emotional, financial, and social consequences of becoming a parent. The program is intended to give students realistic expectations of parenthood, reducing the chance of future child abuse and/or neglect. In addition to classroom ses-



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sions, students participate by taking home a RealCare Infant Simulator (baby) for the weekend.

"Funding for child abuse prevention is scarce and challenging to secure. Yet edu-

cating our youth about Shaken Baby Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and safe sleep practices is critical in creating awareness about preventable child death and avoidable developmental delays. This gift from Hemlock Semiconductor provides much needed funding to replace outdated and costly infant simulators used in educating local students on these topics through our Safe Baby program. The simulators are a key component to present our education in an engaging way that best replicates the genuine challenges in caring for a baby. We're grateful for the partnership with Hemlock Semiconductor to revitalize our program," said Emily Yeager, president and CEO of CAN Council.

For more information, call the CAN Council at (989) 752-7226 or visit can-council.org/

Social Security expands outreach and access for SSI

By HILLARY HATCH, SOCIAL SECURITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

Social Security has expanded its outreach to people in critical need of financial help who may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). SSI provides monthly payments to adults age 65 and older or to other adults – and children – with a disability or blindness who have limited income and financial resources. SSI helps pay for basic needs like rent, food, clothing, and medicine.

We identified underserved communities in rural and urban areas across the country. We focused on areas with the greatest decline in SSI applications since the pandemic. Our outreach efforts targeted areas where a majority of people are living at or below the federal poverty threshold.

People who receive SSI may qualify for other financial help, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps),



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Medicaid, and discounted internet service through the Federal Trade Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program. Social Security beneficiaries may also be eligible for SSI.

People with limited income and financial resources and internet access can visit www.ssa.gov/ssi to learn more about SSI

eligibility and request an appointment to apply for benefits. People without access to the internet can call our National 800 Number at 1-800-772-1213 to speak with a representative.

Please share this information with your friends and family to spread the word about SSI.

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By JEROME BUCKLEY, II

THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

A House Divided

*The Shell must
break before the
bird can fly*
-unknown

The Eagle is a strikingly beautiful, majestic bird. It has long been recognized as a symbol of strength, courage, and freedom. Their eyesight is among the sharpest in the entire animal kingdom, with eyesight up to eight times stronger than a human. Coincidentally, the Bald Eagle is the symbol for our great nation in which we live. Though we've come a long way in this country on division and human rights issues, we still have so much further to go.

The Founding Fathers of this country were forward thinking in their choice when they selected the Bald Eagle as our nation's symbol as it exemplifies strength and determination. These are the values that have perpetuated the gains that we all do benefit from. Symbolically, this month more than any other carries the weight of openly displaying these values.

The month of July is synonymous with backyard BBQ's,

picnics, and family gatherings. The warmth of the summer sun and abundance of vitamin D is a much-welcomed breath of fresh air for millions of people. In the United States, the month is symbolic of the much-anticipated holiday/celebration of Independence Day.

To the contrary, over the past few years, for Black Americans the significance and growing momentum of celebrating June 19th or "Juneteenth has begun to override the fascination of the many festivals and spectacular firework displays related to July 4th or "Independence Day."

On January 1st, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The edict was a declaration of freedom for slaves in the Confederate states and was used as a strategy to weaken the South's economic and military power by encouraging Black soldiers from the Confederate states to enlist in the Union military. However, the news of this decree was not revealed to Black slaves in Texas until over 2 years after it was issued. Thus the commemoration of June 19th or "Juneteenth" was born.



With the legislation being passed in 2021 declaring Juneteenth a federal holiday, more African Americans are starting to put more time, money, and resources into the growing popularity of the holiday. It is debated by some black people that we as African Americans should not celebrate The Fourth of July at all, but to turn our interest to June 19th as it marks the true independence of black people in this country. From "A Birds Eye View," it is our sincere hope that with our content we motivate people to want to both be and do better. To look within for enlightenment and deeper understanding past our own ignorance and biases. To do these things we must simply go back to the values and traits that our Founding Fathers saw in the Eagle. Even during a time when they couldn't fully embrace those ideals, it laid the groundwork for progression.



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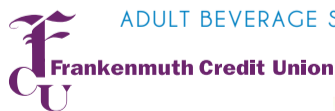
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O'Neal applauds newly passed state budget

The Michigan 102nd Legislature has passed the state's fiscal 2023-24 budget last week. This is the first budget in 40 years crafted by a Democratic trifecta — it reflects Michigan's values by making the largest investment in education in the state's history, including free breakfast and lunch for every public school student and affordable pre-K, as well as substantial investments in workforce recruitment and retention, water infrastructure, and public safety.

"I am proud of the work we've done here at the Capitol. We've passed a budget that reinvests in the revitalization of our state, our people and our community — you truly can't beat that," said state Rep. Amos O'Neal (D- Saginaw). "I've brought home many district wins that will make a lasting impact, including investments in our hospital and Saginaw Valley State University. As chair of the Corrections Appropriations Subcommittee, I am also proud that we invested in opportunities for further correction officer recruitment and parole reentry programs. Our reinvestment in Michigan will make a significant positive impact on



REP. AMOS O'NEAL

the lives of community members and so many others throughout the state."

The House delivered a timely, responsible budget that ensures federal funding stays in Michigan instead of being sent back to Washington, D.C. Both House Bill

4437, the appropriation omnibus, and Senate Bill 173, education appropriations passed with bipartisan support.

Saginaw Budget Wins:

- \$400,000 to the Come Out Stay Out Saginaw.
- \$1 million Grant for Saginaw United High School.
- \$1.8 million for Crow Island State Game Area — Wetland Preservation.
- \$2 million for Grow Your Own SVSU.
- \$5 million to the Second Nation Bank Building.
- \$12 million for Out-of-School Funding for the YMCA.
- \$25 million to Essential Local Public Health.
- Over \$30 million to Saginaw Medical.

Victory Bash at the Castle Museum features 1940s era entertainment

The Castle Museum has opened ticket sales to the patriotic event of the summer, a USO-themed "Victory Bash" party taking place on Saturday, July 22, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. behind the Castle Museum. The Victory Bash features live music by the Saginaw Elite Big Band with drinks and dancing, and of course, traditional USO fare in the form of coffee and donuts. The purpose is to get people outside enjoying Saginaw and seeing all the Castle Museum has to offer. Patrons are encouraged to wear their best 1940s-era inspired outfits.

According to Dr. Jennifer Vannette, outreach coordinator of the Castle Museum, "Engaging with history can be fun, so why not celebrate summer with a historically themed party? In addition to 1940s big band music, we will also give other nods to the morale-boosting efforts of the USO and Red Cross during WWII."

This is the first event of its kind the Castle has planned. Museum Members are invited to purchase tickets at the discounted rate of \$20 per person, while the public is able to purchase tickets at just \$25 per person. All ticket sales are online, through the Castle Museum website at www.castlemuseum.org, and all sales benefit the work of the museum.

The Castle Museum is open seven days



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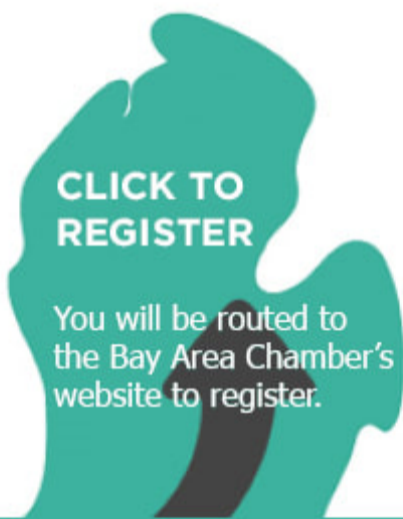
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Black women in tech should be celebrated



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Technology, as defined by Merriam-Webster's online dictionary is, "1a: the practical application of knowledge especially in a particular area: [ex.] medical technology, b: a capability given by the practical application of knowledge [ex.] a car's fuel-saving technology, 2: a manner of accomplishing a task especially using technical processes, methods, or knowledge [ex.] new technologies for information storage, and 3: the specialized aspects of a particular field of endeavor [ex.] educational technology." There is no mention of gender in the definition, but the reality is that most technology companies are

male dominated and women are highly underrepresented.

For decades, careers in the tech industry and other STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields have not been very welcoming to women. Across all job sectors in the US, women being employed has grown to 47%, but the five largest tech companies in the world (i.e., Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, and Microsoft) have an average workforce of approximately 33% women and they are the exceptions. Across the whole tech sector, only 26% of computing-related jobs are held by women, just 3% are held by African-American women, 6% by Asian women, and 2% are held by Hispanic women, as per BuiltIn.com's article about women in tech statistics, updated 05 May 2021.

A common refrain when conversations turn to the low number of Black women in tech, "it's a pipeline problem". Intended to mean that there is not enough qualified talent available. According to Karla Monterroso, CEO Emeritus of Code2040, a non-profit company that advocates and

works for parity in tech, demand is the problem and not supply. She is quoted in an article entitled, "The Deck Is Stacked Against Black Women in Tech" (updated 31 July 2021), saying the 'pipeline problem is an American pipeline problem — there are 700,000 open tech roles in the country, and only 56,000 computer science graduates. And even with that pipeline problem, high-wage work is unwilling to hire Black and Latinx talent that exists. That's the problem.'

Forbes Insights did a survey in 2011 entitled, "Global Diversity and Inclusion Fostering Innovation Through a Diverse Workforce". One of the most important findings was that diversity is a key driver of innovation, and forms a critical component of a company being successful on a global scale. The survey included 321 executives with direct responsibility or oversight for diversity and inclusion from companies in the Americas (35%), Asia-Pacific

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(34%), and Europe/Middle East/Africa (31%) that had revenues exceeding \$500 million annually. More than 40% of the respondents worked for companies with annual revenues exceeding \$5 billion. The majority of respondents agreed that diversity is crucial to encouraging different ideas and perspectives that foster innovation. A couple of the other significant findings were that senior management (C-level and board of directors) had responsibility for the success of a company's diversity/inclusion efforts in 70% of the participating companies, and that some progress has been made in gender diversity, but more needs to be done, and I say especially for Black women.

One way to help overcome these challenges is by bringing more media attention and institutional focus to the hundreds of achievements women have made in the tech industry. To that end, in my humble opinion, Black women in tech should be celebrated.

Black women in tech have been on the forefront of coming up with solutions, despite the many challenges they face and have faced in the past. Black women have been inventors and innovators of technology since the 19th century, and continue to make history in the 21st century. With the realm of technology being labelled 'male' and most of the attention being on the high-tech sector, we tend to overlook key inventions that took place in the domestic sphere.

On 14 July 1885, Sarah E. Goode, a 19th century inventor who reimagined the domestic space to make city living more efficient, was granted U.S. Patent No. 322,177 in Chicago, Illinois, becoming the first African-American woman in U.S. history with a patented invention. Ms. Goode had conceptualized an improvement in the "cabinet-bed". Her invention was a bed designed to fold up into a writing desk to meet the increasing demands of urban living in small spaces, "so as to occupy less space, and made generally to resemble some article of furniture when so folded", as stated in her patent letter. Her name does not appear in history books, and what she did remains largely unknown. The same goes for Mariam E. Benjamin ("Gong and signal chair for hotels" patented in 1888), Sarah

Boone ("new Improvement in Ironing-Boards" patented in 1892), and Lyda D. Newman ("new and Improved Brush" for hair, patented in 1898), who were all 19th century African-American women who successfully gained patents in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Black women have continued to play an important role in driving innovation during the twentieth and twenty first centuries. The first home security/closed circuit television system was invented by Marie Van Brittan Brown, a nurse from Jamaica Queens, New York. Brown's husband was an electronics technician and he assisted her in developing the system. On 02 December 1969, U.S. Patent No. 3,482,037 was issued to the couple for the "Home Security System Utilizing Television Surveillance".

On 21 October 1980, Valerie L. Thomas, a NASA scientist was issued U.S. Patent No. 4,229,761 for her invention of "a real time illusion transmitter for transmitting three dimensional illusions of an object", similar to image production by holographic means without the expense and complications. Ms. Thomas' invention employed "the illusionary effect created by concave mirrors to produce three dimensional image illusions at a remote site". NASA continues to use this technology and scientists are finding new uses for it, according to IP Watchdog in its 2021 article entitled, "From Home Security to VoIP: Honoring Black Women Inventors of the Last Half-Century."

The first African-American woman doctor to patent a medical invention is Dr. Patricia Bath. She holds five U.S. patents, and her first, U.S. Patent No. 4,744,360, was for "Apparatus for ablating and removing cataract lenses", issued on 17 May 1988. Dr. Bath went on to receive her next four patents in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2003 all related to surgery and removal of cataractous lenses. She is also the co-founder of the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness, which established eyesight as a basic human right.

My last example of why Black women in tech should be celebrated is Dr. Marian Croak, Vice President of Engineering at Google and an inventor on more than 200 patents, including Voice over Internet

Protocol (VoIP) and text-to-donate technology. Her groundbreaking development of VoIP laid the foundation for the calls we use to stay connected and get things done during the COVID-19 pandemic. After the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, Dr. Croak was motivated to develop a technology that would allow people to text a donation to non-profit organizations, like Red Cross. On 11 May 2010, she received U.S. Patent No. 7,715,368 for a "Method and Apparatus for Dynamically Debiting a Donation Amount", more commonly known as text-to-donate technology. In 2013, Dr. Marian Croak was inducted into the Women In Technology Hall of Fame.

This list of outstanding Black women in tech is by no means exhaustive. I know there are many more, hopefully dozens more that should be recognized and honored for their achievements against the odds. Despite that progress these women, and women like them have made, diversity and gender equality still have a long way to go especially in the tech industry.

Fortunately, as I write this article on National Women's Day in South Africa, my dear wife, Sanele Simmons, is being interviewed by one of our national newspapers about her tech business, a global e-commerce marketplace that provides a platform for women entrepreneurs to merchandise and sell their products & services, get business support & development, gain access to funding and connect with other like-minded women.

Diversity in the tech industry is happening little by little, and Black women in tech, who have faced and continue to face their own set of difficult and unique challenges should be celebrated today and every day. Hopefully, that will help the senior management (C-level and directors) change their perceptions and see the benefits their high-tech companies would experience with more Black women employed at all levels. And optimally, that celebrating these achievements will bring positive change to the funding environment and inspire more young girls to become founders of their own tech companies.

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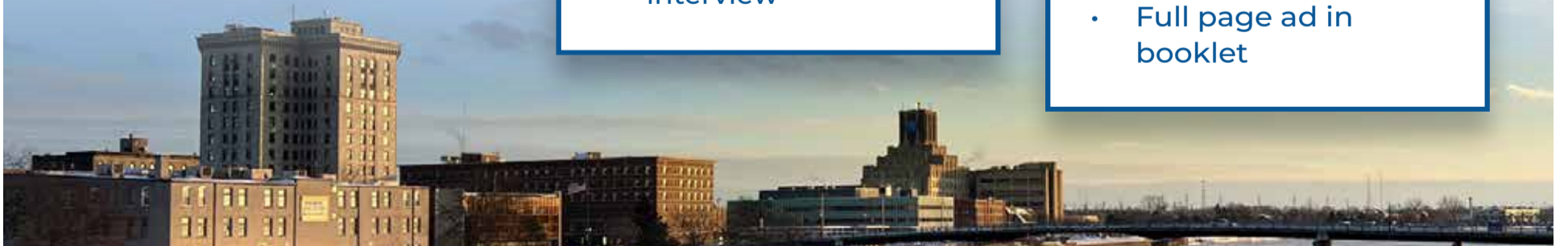
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Peter's intent in these verses of Scripture is to encourage the people of God, not to become discouraged when they experience pain and distress because of their faith in Christ. To give them hope he states, **"Beloved do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you, but rejoice to the**

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Beloved do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you, but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy"

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extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy" (1Peter 4:12-13NKJV).

Continuing within the same posture James states, **"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing"** (James 1:2-4). This admonishment given in days of old is the same for us today. Suffering is the norm for Christians, not a surprising exception.

When we genuinely trust God and understand that our peace during these trials and tribulations comes from Christ and Christ alone - then we can rejoice. Christ promises, **"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"** (John 16:33). Subsequently, whatever we face, our hope is in Jesus who has overcome the world, and we can face and overcome anything because of Him.

It is through our encountered trials and tribulations that help facilitate our devel-

opment and growth as believers by purging us of self-reliance and move us towards trusting Christ. Apostle Paul allows us to see a progression of our spiritual maturity in Romans 5:3-5 as he states, **"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."** As you can see - the thought or belief that being a Christian would take away the struggles of life is erroneous. To be honest, deciding to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and committing your way unto the Lord, the attacks are often more frequent and severe.

No, being a Christian does not give you a status of exemption from suffering, and suffering does not feel good - But it is comforting and Divine to know that, **"All things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose"** (Rom. 8:28). Therefore, through all of life's trials and tribulations, we have the victory - We win.

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Benefits of having a case for support

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

Do you use a case for support (“case”) in your fundraising?

Do you use your case to recruit board members, fundraising volunteers, and new staff? Do all members of your nonprofit know where the organization or institution is headed? Yes, you can fundraise, recruit leadership and staff, and manage an organization without a case, but it is so much easier when you work with a case.

Most organizations work from the premise that the only time they need a case is when they are preparing to engage in a major fundraising campaign. During such a campaign, the case is reserved for use with donors at the highest levels. We believe that any organization that depends on fundraising needs a case for support. And it is important to remember that all but the luckiest of nonprofits are in a perpetual state of fundraising. The case is your essential marketing material that you must have to support your efforts.

If you are new to fundraising, or not involved in fundraising management, you may be wondering, “what is a case for support?” Here is our working definition. The case for support is not a literary piece – it is a sales and marketing document that clearly and concisely communicates what you are raising money for, why someone

should give, and what the impact of their gift will be. It is rooted in the organization’s mission, reflects its values and place in the market, and is based on financial projections.” The case can be communicated using a deck or PowerPoint, as a brochure, as a video, or a simple letter or document. We recommend investing in graphics or video, but at a minimum you need a clear, concise, and compelling document.

While it can take time to build consensus on exactly how much your organization needs to raise, how the funds will be used, and what the anticipated impact will be. But there are so many benefits. A case:

1. Mobilizes your organization both internally and externally as you work together to define and agree on what you want to accomplish.
2. Highlights your accomplishments and track record, and in so doing, it demonstrates your capacity.
3. Demonstrates that all parties are on the same page.
4. Educates and communicates to your donors, prospects and supporters where you are going.

5. Highlights your financial position – whether positive or negative.
6. Defines you as an organization.
7. Establishes your uniqueness in the marketplace.
8. Communicates your goals, vision, values, and mission.
9. Highlights your collaborators and partners.
10. Serves as a recruiting tool for volunteer leadership and potential future board members.
11. Shows how you are meeting a need.
12. Enhances your nonprofit as a professional organization.

The case for support is a key marketing tool – and the source document from which you can draw as you create marketing messages for multiple media. Instead of asking, “why bother with a case for support?” we recommend asking, “how can we move forward without one?”



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+ HEALTH

Michigan provides update on Medicaid renewals and announces dashboard that will show data on reenrollment



LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) today unveiled an online dashboard available to the public that will show data on the renewal process for Medicaid coverage that restarted recently due to federal legislation.

“We want to be sure that as many Michiganders as possible can continue to receive Medicaid coverage so that they can keep their families healthy or help people sign up for an affordable new plan,” said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. “This new dashboard allows the public to view our progress as we renew Medicaid coverage for families who remain eligible.”

Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries must renew their coverage over the next year to comply with federal legislation that requires states to resume the redetermination of Medicaid eligibility. Annual renewals were paused for three years during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Michigan annual renewals are being staggered to take place monthly starting in June and running through May 2024.

The dashboard shows current data on renewals for June, which will change as the

department processes additional forms. MDHHS has until the end of July to receive renewal forms from the June cohort and determine eligibility. The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services allowed Michigan and other states to take new actions to preserve Medicaid coverage. As a result, MDHHS delayed disqualifying anyone from coverage for not returning the paperwork until the end of July.

The dashboard – which will be updated every month – shows that as of July 6, MDHHS had renewed Medicaid or Healthy Michigan plan coverage for 103,540 people. That includes 30,456 renewals for enrollees who submitted their paperwork and 73,084 for people who were renewed by MDHHS because the department already had necessary information required for eligibility.

As of July 6, the department was awaiting completed enrollment forms from 100,161 people. There were 6,935 people who were determined to no longer be eligible for Medicaid, including people whose income has increased and individuals whose cases were closed for administrative reasons – such as exceeding the asset limit for eligibility.

“While we’re happy that many Michiganders have maintained coverage, we want to emphasize how important it is for people who receive reenrollment packets to fill out their information and return it promptly,” said Meghan Groen, MDHHS senior deputy director for the Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration and Medicaid director. “The department will continue to do all we can to reach people who have not responded so that they can keep their coverage if they remain eligible.”

Additional MDHHS efforts to help Michiganders keep their coverage are possible as a result of the federal government releasing new flexibilities and strategies late last month to state officials to lessen

the impact of the resumption of Medicaid renewals. During this additional time, the department will review and adopt additional strategies authorized by the federal government for outreach to beneficiaries to preserve their Medicaid coverage.

This includes:

- Allowing managed care plans to assist enrollees they serve in completing and submitting their Medicaid renewal forms.
- Sharing lists with managed care organizations of their enrollees who are due for renewal or have not responded to provide outreach to those beneficiaries.
- Reinstating eligibility back to the termination date for people who were disenrolled based on a procedural reason – such as not returning reenrollment forms on time – and are subsequently found to be eligible for Medicaid during a 90-day reconsideration period.

MDHHS advises families to return any renewal paperwork from the department even if they believe they are no longer eligible for Medicaid. Some members of a household can obtain health care coverage even when others are not eligible. For example, a child may be eligible for MiChild, even if their parent is not eligible for other Medicaid programs. Or some Michiganders may have income that is over the income limit for one program and still be able to obtain health care benefits through another program.

MDHHS will send monthly renewal notices four months before a beneficiary’s renewal date and follow up with text messages, phone calls, and emails during their

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renewal month.

More than 3 million Michiganders, including 1 million Healthy Michigan enrollees, benefitted from keeping their Medicaid coverage without redeterminations on eligibility during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MDHHS will assess a household's eligibility for all Medicaid programs – not just for the programs in which someone is currently enrolled, and also for each family member in the household.

MDHHS advises all Medicaid enrollees to check their renewal month at michigan.gov/MIBridges.

Michiganders who no longer qualify for Medicaid will receive additional information about other affordable health coverage options available, including on HealthCare.gov. Affected Michiganders will be able to shop for and enroll in comprehensive health insurance as they transition away from Medicaid, and many

Michiganders can purchase a plan for less than \$10 per month.

What Michigan Medicaid beneficiaries need to do to prepare:

1. Make sure your address, phone number and email address are up to date at michigan.gov/MIBridges. You can also call your local MDHHS office. If you do not have an online account for MI Bridges to access your Medicaid case or report changes, visit michigan.gov/MIBridges to sign up for an account. You can also locate organizations that can help you by searching for community partners.
2. Report any changes to your household or income. You can report changes at michigan.gov/MIBridges or by calling your local MDHHS office.

3. If you get a renewal packet, be sure to fill it out, sign the forms and return it by the due date with any proof needed. NOTE: If you do not complete and return the renewal, you may lose Medicaid coverage.

The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) is working with MDHHS to help impacted Michiganders get affordable health insurance if they are determined to be no longer eligible for Medicaid. DIFS can answer questions about purchasing a health insurance plan. Call DIFS at 877-999-6442, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit Michigan.gov/StayCovered to learn more.

More information about the how benefits connected to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency are changing can be found at www.Michigan.gov/2023BenefitChanges.



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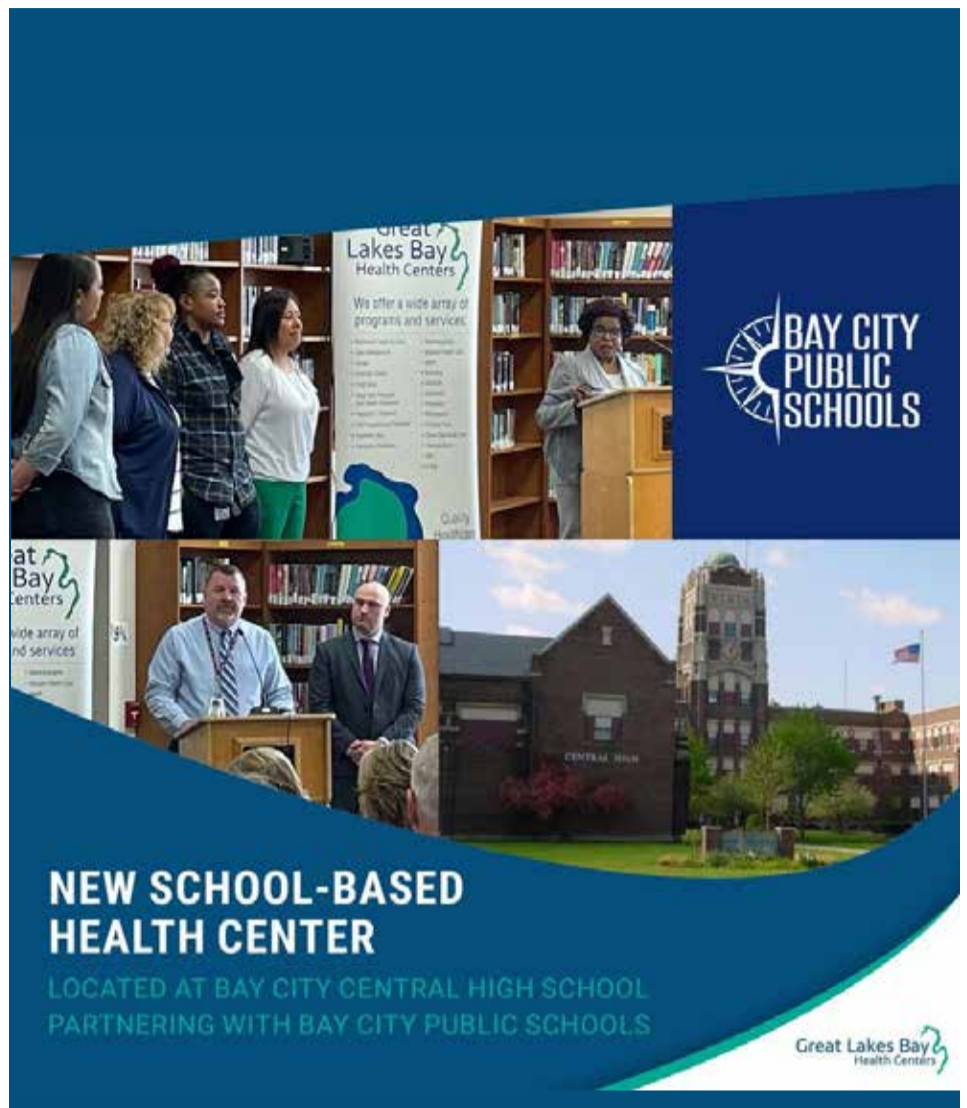


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SVSU receives \$2.6 million to address behavioral health care needs in rural Michigan

With a \$2.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources & Services Administration, Saginaw Valley State University will collaborate with Northern Michigan University to enhance behavioral health care in rural northern Michigan, especially the Upper Peninsula.

"This innovative collaboration between Saginaw Valley State University and Northern Michigan University will bring vital resources and support to underserved populations," said Kathleen Schachman, Harvey Randall Wickes Endowed Professor of Nursing at SVSU. "By expanding educational opportunities for advanced practice nurses, we aim to bridge gaps in patient care and empower nurse practitioners to meet the specific needs of their communities."

Over the next four years, SVSU will receive \$650,000 per year through the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce program to partner with NMU to expand educational opportunities for advanced practice nurses in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Through the BRIDGE UP program, SVSU will offer its psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) program in collaboration with NMU. Through the grant funding, 31 part-time nurse practitioners annually can participate in a psychiatric mental health traineeship that reduces the cost of their education by nearly 85%.

Hands-on workshops will be offered once a semester on the NMU campus to reduce travel requirements. In addition, SVSU and NMU are establishing two academic-practice partnerships — with Great Lakes Recovery Centers and Suunta Integrative Health, both in the U.P. — to provide students with a longitudinal clinical immersion. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to take the certification examination and provide mental health care and addiction treatment as nurse practitioners.



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"This project holds tremendous promise to expand access to mental health and addictions treatment for the people who need it, while also addressing the pressing need to reduce health inequities in rural Michigan," Schachman said.

As part of the BRIDGE UP project, SVSU will develop an interprofessional rural health equity micro-credential to equip health professions students to advocate for and deliver high-quality, cost-effective, equitable health care to improve health care outcomes and increase client satisfaction. Through a combination of classwork, simulation and clinical immersion, students will work as part of an interprofessional team with social work and occupational therapy students within a social determinants of health framework. Over a 4-year period, nearly 200 nurse practitioner students will earn the rural health equity micro-credential.

The BRIDGE UP project signifies a significant step toward improving behavioral health care access in rural Michigan. By equipping nurse practitioners with spe-

cialized training and fostering interprofessional collaboration, SVSU and NMU intend to reduce health disparities and enhance the well-being of individuals and communities in the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan.

"We expect to increase the number, diversity and geographic distribution of nurse practitioners with specialized psychiatric mental health preparation," Schachman said. "The impact will be far-reaching, transforming lives and creating a more inclusive and resilient healthcare system for all."

SVSU's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program offers both post-graduate certificate and doctoral degree tracks. For more information, contact Kathleen Schachman, SVSU's Harvey Randall Wickes Endowed Professor of Nursing and PMHNP program coordinator, at (989) 964-4339 or kaschach@svsu.edu or Tanika Williams, graduate admissions coordinator, at (989) 461-2050 or tcphilli@svsu.edu.

BLACK IN OUR REGION: MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HISTORY AND THE PRESENT



Delta College professors Dr. Angela Guy-Lee and Christina Miller-Bellor will discuss how history shaped the way black people live and work in the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond.



Dr. Angela Guy-Lee



Christina Miller-Bellor

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BUILDING RESILIENCE IN A CHALLENGING WORLD

BY DR. RAMONT M. ROBERTS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SAGINAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Ramont Roberts is the Superintendent of Saginaw Public Schools in Saginaw, Michigan. He prides himself on being an urban educational leader. Dr. Roberts is committed to the continued quest of finding ways to help others live a life of purpose.

This book offers a comprehensive exploration of the factors that influence resilience. Resilience is defined as the ability to withstand adversity and bounce back from difficult life experiences. By examining these influential factors, the book aims to provide valuable insight and actionable strategies to replicate and promote resilience.

Individuals interested in understanding and supporting the resilience of urban, at-risk, high-achieving students would benefit from buying this book. By examining factors in both the home and school environments, the book offers valuable insights that practitioners, policy makers, and parents can utilize to replicate successful strategies and create an environment that fosters and sustains resilience in these students.

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READ Association’s Raising Readers Academy



By CRAIG DOUGLAS
RETIRED EDUCATOR

We see much talk in news reports about how important summer reading is for young learners. Summer reading helps reduce “learning gaps” from the lazy days of summer.

Wait until you learn about the READ Association’s “Raising Readers Academy!”

This is an outstanding family literacy program sponsored by the nonprofit organization, READ Association.

“Raising Readers Academy” began on Thursday, July 13th at 12:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 121 S. Harrison, Saginaw. The program is designed to help

parents see themselves as their child’s first reading teacher. Parents are given a binder of activities, attendance incentives, and literacy activities to use at home.

The entire family is invited to come and will receive a free meal at each session from a local restaurant. As the family enjoys the meal, an instructor reads a book to the group, using strategies while modeling how to interact with the book. Afterward, the parents go into a different room to learn more specific strategies of how to work with their child while reading at home and engaging in fun literacy activities. As a bonus, parents can pose questions related to their child and reading.

During this time, children are reading books and working on literacy activities with another instructor. The parents, then, rejoin their children for a closing activity that they complete together which relates to what they learned that day. Instructors are available to provide support and encouragement.

There are similar sessions held during

the school year by the READ Association. For readers not living in Saginaw, consult your local schools, libraries, and churches for opportunities in your communities.

Back to the READ Association, there is a need for volunteer tutors. The program is based upon the Barton tutoring strategies and is structured and positive, designed to guide young readers where they are at to become more competent and confident. The experience has proven to be extremely rewarding for volunteers, and more are always needed.

For more information on how to support READ Association, simply call their number, 989-755-8402.

Resources:

<https://www.readinsaginaw.org/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Early Head Start/Head Start Locations

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

Great Start to Readiness Program Locations

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

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

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Lunch: 11:00am - 1:00pm

BIRCH PARK PLACE
3000 Birch Park Drive

June 12 - August 11
Monday - Friday
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Breakfast: 9:30am - 10:30am
Lunch: 12:00am - 1:00pm

BRIDGTON PLACE TOWNHOME
359 Vestry Drive

June 12 - August 4
Monday - Friday
(closed July 3 - 7, 2023)
Breakfast: 9:30am - 10:30am
Lunch: 12:00am - 1:00pm

Arthur Eddy Academy
1000 Cathay Street

June 26 - August 3
Monday - Thursday
(closed July 3 - 7, 2023)
Breakfast: 7:45am - 9:30am
Lunch: 10:45am - 1:00pm

HERIG ELEMENTARY
1905 Houghton Street

June 26 - August 03
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Lunch: 10:45am - 1:00pm

LOOMIS MST ACADEMY
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June 26 - August 03
Monday - Thursday
(closed July 3 - 7, 2023)
Breakfast: 7:45am - 9:30am
Lunch: 10:45am - 1:00pm

KEMPTON ELEMENTARY
3040 Davenport Avenue

June 26 - August 03
Monday - Thursday
(closed July 3 - 7, 2023)
Breakfast: 7:45am - 9:30am
Lunch: 10:45am - 1:00pm

Thompson Middle School
3021 Court Street

June 26 - August 03
Monday - Thursday
(closed July 3 - 7, 2023)
Breakfast: 7:30am - 9:00am
Lunch: 10:30am - 12:30pm

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Breakfast: 7:30am - 9:00am
Lunch: 10:15am - 11:30am

THE SUCCESS ACADEMY
1000 Tuscola Street

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Scan the QR code to learn more about Saginaw ISD's Early Childhood programs and family services. You may also contact Executive Director Dr. Ericka Taylor at etaylor@sisd.cc.



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About Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

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

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- Bright Beginnings
- Children's Discovery Academy at Carrie Knause
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- Grace Christian School
- Janas Full House
- Jolene Adams
- Kinder Kare
- Lil' Sprouts
- Little Explorers Learning Center
- Little Saints
- Play, Learn, Grow (Lil' Sprouts)
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Alma's Dr. Kelley Peatross partook in 2023 Women Leaders/NCAA Executive Institute

HUDSONVILLE, Mich. -- Alma College's Dr. Kelley Peatross attended the 2023 NCAA/Women Leaders in College Sports Executive Institute (EI) which was held June 27-29 in Kansas City, Missouri. Peatross serves as the Associate Vice President for Human Resources/Deputy Title IX Coordinator at Alma.

Held every other year and organized in partnership with the NCAA, EI provides an immersive development experience that coaches women on executive leadership skills and career strategy. The intention of the program is to advance high-level women athletic administrators to the top leadership positions—including directors of athletics, conference commissioners, or executive directors/CEOs—within the next two to four years.

"As Women, we're not leading if we don't share our experiences, knowledge and tools with other strong women leaders so they are prepared for that 'one' opportunity when it presents itself," commented Peatross. "It is also our responsibility to show up, lift up and celebrate their successes along the way!"

Peatross was one of twenty-four faculty that attended the 2023 NCAA/Women Leaders EI.

"It was my honor and privilege to be amongst so many amazing women that had extraordinary stories to share," stated Peatross. "Special thanks to Kara Hess and Sarah Dehring (VP Athletics – Alma College) for trusting me with the opportunity to share my insight related to 'Why We Hire Who We Hire', reinforcing what was already known and offering some need to know added value comments along the way."

The advancement success rate for EI attendees illustrates the program's impact. One in every two



DR. KELLEY PEATROSS

women advances in their career within one year of attending a Women Leaders Institute. Of the seventy-three women in the last three classes (2017, 2019, 2021), 80% of the women (58 of 73) have advanced either to the athletic director position or through other promotions. Twenty-three (32%) have been named to the Athletic Director position.

"The purpose of EI is to provide a platform for women to enhance their executive presence and leadership brand, understand the nuances of the search process, gain connections with key industry influencers—and ultimately, win executive-level jobs," said Patti Phillips, CEO of Women Leaders in College Sports.

About Women Leaders in College Sports

Founded in 1979, Women Leaders in College Sports is the only nationally recognized collegiate professional membership organization whose mission is to develop, connect and advance women leaders working in intercollegiate athletics and beyond. More than 5,000 members strong, Women Leaders promotes the growth, leadership and success of women as athletics administrators, conference commissioners, professional staff, coaches and student-athletes.



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CLARESSA SHIELDS

Shields is first female winner of the ESPYs Best Boxer Award

By HASANI ALI

The Flint native has never taken a loss in her boxing career.

In fact, the only “L’s” that Shields has seen in her entire life are the letters in her name. As she agreed in a gleeful manner, that’s how the host warmed her up to the news that she was waiting for as she waited for the well-anticipated ESPYS to begin.

Little did she know, she was in for a huge surprise. The undisputed champ can be looked at as one of the most decorated female athletes during this current era.

Shields shrieked in disbelief when she was given the news that she will be the recipient of the Best Boxer Award at the ESPYS pre-show event.

“AHHHHH! You’re lying, you’re lying,” She said shockingly as she heard the news.

Shields went live on Facebook to share the news with her closest people and to thank all those who voted for her as she did the best she could to keep her composure.

“This is huge,” she said. “An ESPY is like getting a gold medal in sport. It’s one of the highest achievements you can get as an athlete.”

Shields was nominated alongside three male boxers – Gervonta Davis, Devin Haney and Shakur Stevenson.

The ESPYS raise awareness and funds for the V Foundation for Cancer Research, a charity ESPN founded to honor former basketball coach Jim Valvano.

Awards were given on Wednesday, July 12 on ABC.

ESPY nomination Devin Haney was one of the first to congratulate Shields via Twitter for winning the ESPY in their category.

“Congrats to you Clarissa, well deserved,” he said via Twitter. “Love to see the women in boxing get what they deserve.”

Ironically, Haney was arrested in Los Angeles on a felony weapons charge the day after the ESPYS. The lightweight champion was in the backseat of a vehicle during a routine traffic stop while carrying a concealed weapon.

He was later released on bond and has been arraigned a court date of Aug. 3.

“It’s unfortunate that he was arrested with his armed licensed security,” said Bill Haney, his father and manager. “I’m confident that things are going to work out.”

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 just came off a successful title defense of her middleweight crown earlier this month against 36-year-old Maricela Cornejo.

Hannah Gabriels was supposed to be her opponent for a rematch, but she was removed from the bout after a failed drug 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 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.

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DETROIT PROWL

Detroit Prowl wins USWFL National Title

By HASANI ALI

Detroit has been absent from a women's football title since 2005 when the Detroit Demolition reigned supreme. Four teams have been created since the Demolition, the winningest women's football program in the city, retired in 2010.

The Detroit Dark Angels were the closest, competing in the Women's Football Alliance (WFA) national championship in 2019 and 2021. Unfortunately, they came up short to the St. Louis Slam and Nevada Storm.

It took the Prowl to finally come on the scene and bring one home to Detroit in commanding fashion, winning 41-6 over the Virginia Lady Tomahawks in their inaugural season.

Veteran linebacker Jasmine Hamilton took to social media to express her thoughts on the victory.

"This one is for the city," she said emphatically. "I'm vibrating so high right now! This was our season for the taking and we snatched what was ours!"

Hamilton was a former player of the

Darks Angels and the Venom, the rebranded team from the Dark Angels.

Based on her stellar performance, she has been invited to compete in the United Bowl in November. The All-Stars from the US will take on team Mexico in Monterrey, Mexico.

Head coach Ken Fenton knew the potential of his players, but was taken by surprise in how his team stepped up in the playoffs and won in such dominant fashion.

"I can't say enough about these ladies," he said. "They stepped up every way possible. When we found out that we had to travel to Virginia for the national championship, the team refused to come home with nothing after all the money they raised and all the travel. They wanted that championship."

The game was basically sealed with a pick-six from defensive back Victoria Nichols with 7:42 left in the half.

However, another turnover on the ensuing drive gave the Prowl to punch in another touchdown—giving a 19-0 lead going into halftime.

Veteran Octavia Griswold has been playing women's football for the last 15 seasons. Playing with different teams across the country, she has finally found a place to call home and won her first championship with her brand new team.

"This (championship) is what I have always wanted," she said. "I live in Toledo (OH) and so I have to drive a little over an hour three times a week for practices and games to be with this team. The drive is a small convenience to what we were rewarded for all the hard work that we have put in this season. I'm proud of our team. I'm proud of what we accomplished. It can only get better from here."

Tank Rivers was named the offensive MVP of the game, scoring a few touchdowns in the contest. Nichols was named the defensive MVP.

With a running clock in the 4th quarter, the only offensive touchdown from the Lady Tomahawks came from a 11-on-9 situation. Running back Tiana Liles broke away from a tackle and punch in six for Virginia, avoiding a complete shutout in the championship game.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Four-run fifth propels Loons past TinCaps

Midland, Mich. – The Great Lakes Loons (55-26) reached seven straight batters in a four-run fifth inning to top the Fort Wayne TinCaps (43-39) 6-3 on a 78-degree partly cloudy Saturday night at Dow Diamond. With the win, the Loons stay tied with the Clearwater Threshers (Low-A Phillies) for the best record in Minor League Baseball.

Fort Wayne's starter Victor Lizarraga retired the first 13 batters he faced, including six strikeouts. The right-hander could not complete the fifth inning.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth, Luis Diaz grounded one to centerfield, the first Loon to reach. Chris Newell and Chris

Alleyne worked back-to-back six-pitch walks. With the bases loaded, Max Hewitt hit a sharp groundball into left field to plate two. Jake Vogel next-up was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Taylor Young.

Young, for the second game in a row, sliced a single to make it a 3-2 game. The 24-year-old had the walk-off single last night. The single tonight pushed Lizarraga out of the game for Ethan Routzahn. Routzahn inheriting bases loaded faced Dalton Rushing, who punished the first pitch he saw to right field to plate Hewitt. Great Lakes scored four runs on four hits to take a 4-2 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Loons

plated two runs on two hits. Luis Diaz walked to begin the inning and was plated after a Chris Alleyne triple to right field. Max Hewitt's third RBI was a sacrifice fly to left field that allowed Alleyne to come across, the 25-year-old's first multi-RBI game.

Maddux Bruns started for Great Lakes and permitted two runs over four innings. The Dodgers No. 15 prospect gave up his second home run in 39.2 innings, a first-inning two-run home run to Nathan Martorella. Martorella is tied for the Midwest League lead with 14.

The next three innings saw three walks but no runs. The left-hander retired the last five he battled, including two in a row after loading the bases in the top of the third.

Christian Suarez tossed a 1-2-3 fifth inning. He allowed a leadoff single to Martorella in the sixth, Reinaldo De Paula then came in allowing a RBI double to Carlos Luis but then responding with two strikeouts.

Great Lakes pitching punched out eight batters in the final three innings. Michael Hobbs notched a career-high five strikeouts through two innings. Benony Robles struck out the side in the ninth. Fort Wayne managed just three baserunners in the final three innings.

The Loons attempt to sweep the TinCaps in the final game of a three-game series tomorrow Sunday, July 16th. The first pitch is at 1:05 p.m. Every Sunday all kids are invited to run the bases presented by EGLE, and tomorrow is a kids club takeover brought to you by MyMichigan Health.

The Great Lakes Loons have been the Single-A partner of the Los Angeles Dodgers since the team's inception in 2007. Dow Diamond serves as the team's home and also houses the Michigan Baseball Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, and ESPN 100.9-FM. For tickets or information about the Loons, call 989-837-BALL or visit Loons.com.

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THOMAS GREISS

Former Red Wing retires after 14 seasons

By HASANI ALI

A former goaltender from the Detroit Red Wings has decided to hang up the skates.

Thomas Greiss, who spent two seasons in Detroit from 2020 to 2022, announced his retirement from the NHL after 14 seasons on Wednesday.

According to MLive.com, the 37-year-old goalie from Germany was an unrestricted free agent at the time of his retirement. He was 7-10-0 with a 3.64 goals-against average, .896 save percentage and one shutout in 21 games (16 starts) for the St. Louis Blues last season.

The team gave him a congratulations on his retirement via Twitter.

“There have been some considerations (about playing), but the bottom line is, I looked at a few offers that didn’t really appeal to me,” Greiss told NHL.com. “As a result, I was ready to make the move and am looking forward to doing some new things in my life. Our job comes with a lot of freedom, but now I can tackle some new challenges.”

Selected by the San Jose Sharks in the

third round of the 2004 NHL Draft, Greiss finishes his career with a record of 162-130-37, a 2.77 GAA, .911 save percentage and 16 shutouts in 368 regular-season games.

Greiss went 18-30-9 with a 3.14 GAA and .901 save percentage in Detroit. He also played for the New York Islanders where he had his best seasons, Sharks, Phoenix Coyotes and Pittsburgh Penguins.

With tough grit and a sturdy 6-foot-2 frame, Detroit was looking for him to have a performance similar to Chris Osgood during his time with the Red Wings in the 90’s.

Greiss was awarded the Jennings Trophy during the 2018-2019 season for playing 100 NHL games and allowing the fewest goals in the regular season for the New York Islanders.

He only gave up 87 goals in that season, an impressive feat as most goalies were giving up 3.23 goals per game on average during that season. Greiss only gave up 1.06 goals per game on average.

The Islanders went 48-27, a game behind the Washington Capitals in the Metropolitan Division during the 2018-2019

season, winning six of their last ten games.

He also had significant experience internationally, representing Germany at all junior levels before making his Olympic debut in 2006.

He’d take over No. 1 goaltender duties in 2010 before again representing the team at the 2016 and 2017 World Championships.

However, the German Ice Hockey Federation banned him from representing the national team in 2021 due to controversial social media posts.

His tastes for racial and political controversy online caused a lot of uproar that not only caused major scrutiny by the German Ice Hockey Federation, but many NHL teams were quite hesitant on signing him knowing the trouble that followed him.

Greiss told NHL.com he plans to stay involved in hockey in some capacity.

“I’m already going to stay connected to hockey and possibly do something with one team or another,” he said. “But for right now, I want to get some distance and let the rest come to me.”

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KAYLA PIONK AND JIMMY E. GREENE

Saginaw Spirit add Kayla Pionk, Jimmy Greene to business operations staff

As Saginaw prepares to host the 2024 Memorial Cup, the Spirit have made a pair of additions to their business operations. Kayla Pionk joins the team as the Local Event Manager for the 2024 Memorial Cup, while Jimmy Greene has been hired as a Special Events Sales Director.

“Considering Kayla’s extensive experience in sports and special event management, she is the perfect fit for the CHL and the Saginaw Spirit to be the Local Event Manager,” said Spirit President and Managing Partner Craig Goslin. “Her deep knowledge of running events and her ability to develop long, trusting relationships will ensure that the 2024 Memorial Cup in Saginaw is managed and executed in the best manner possible.”

Pionk has spent the last four years as a Special Projects Coordinator at Saginaw Valley State University, helping to promote continuing education programs as well as the Great Lakes Bay Economic Club. Additionally, she has worked with Saginaw Township Community Schools

as human resources support, and was an Assistant Event Coordinator at the HORIZONS Conference Center.

Kayla’s work on the 2024 Memorial Cup marks a return to the sporting world. She spent several seasons as the Retention Manager for the Detroit Pistons of the National Basketball Association (NBA) before being promoted to Customer Service Director.

Along with Pionk, Jimmy Greene joins the Spirit in their preparations for the 2024 Memorial Cup. Greene will join the team’s sales force with a special focus on Memorial Cup-related items.

“Jimmy Greene has literally thousands of trusted relationships throughout Saginaw, the Great Lakes Bay Region, the State of Michigan and the entire USA,” said Craig Goslin. “His decades of sales experience and his ability to make everyone around him better will add a significant element to our business strategy. It’s an honor to introduce Jimmy Greene as an integral part of the fabric of the Saginaw

Spirit Family.”

Greene is a prominent figure in the Saginaw business landscape. The founder of Jimmy Greene & Associates, he also served as the CEO/President of the Association of Builders and Contractors (ABC) Michigan, Greater Michigan Chapter. He has also served as the Public Policy Regional Representative for The National Federation of Independent Business.

Greene’s community work includes the founding of the Saginaw County African American Leadership Training Institute for Young Men and the Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy.

As Saginaw prepares for the 2024 Memorial Cup, the OHL regular season inches closer. Single game tickets go on sale August 14th, and the Spirit open their home schedule September 30th against the Sarnia Sting. Click here to view the full 2023-2024 schedule. For the most up-to-date information on the Spirit, follow the team on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



PICS OF THE WEEK

Saginaw's Friday Night Live series of free concerts kicked off its 25th year on July 14 in Morley Plaza with a Journey tribute band





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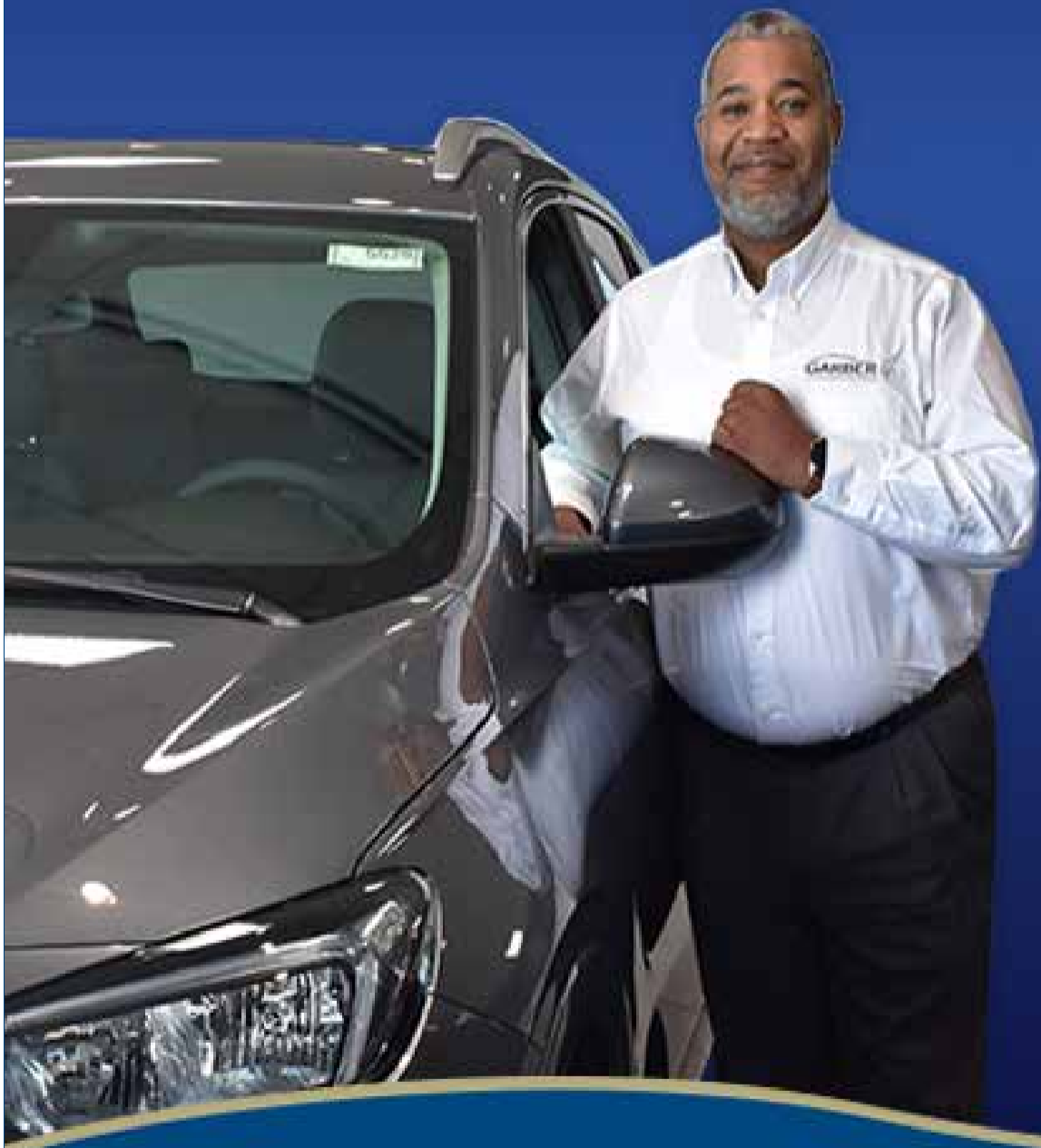


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