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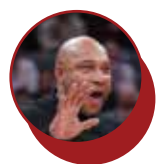


(L to R) Larry Campbell of the Northeast Saginaw Neighborhood Association, Patricia Fowlkes, Mayor Brenda Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Annie Boensch, Councilman Bill Ostash, State Rep. Amos O'Neal



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

## Reimagine the journey

It seems that people all over the world have dug their heels in the sand and decided to stand firm in beliefs that may not be in our collective best interest. The issues vary from country to country, state to state and even on a micro level from one community to the next. It is now past time, I think way past time to face the fact that hope for a healthy future is in the hands of the next generations. It is incumbent on current leaders to leave them with the tools needed to recover from the divisive rhetoric and actions which have made it difficult to consider compromise or conciliation. "Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced." James Baldwin (Fifth Avenue, Uptown Esquire). It is entirely possible for us to face our challenges so that we can embrace a more peaceful and healthy future.

Reimagining many long-held beliefs about ourselves and others will be of utmost importance. To reimagine is to imaginatively rethink or reinterpret actions or events. There is an old African Proverb that states, 'Until the lion tells the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.' Simply stated, the stronger person or group – the one who tells the story first will shape the narrative with himself as the hero. This idiom holds true in very small situations such as within a family unit as well as on a grand scale such as with nations. Lines are drawn in the sand with the storyteller, the one with access to the marker and the microphone, writing and repeating tales of bravery and valor so amazing and convincing that over time, even the lion is convinced that he deserves whatever fate has thrust him and others like him. Any attempt to change the storyline is met with swift and harsh consequences. Young minds will reimagine where we have been, how to acknowledge and address it and then move forward toward a very necessary healing.

Realizing or becoming fully aware of something gives it actual form or brings it to life. Realizing truth, some of which may be unpleasant and uncomfortable to face, will actually cause things to happen. For example, realizing the devastating and demoralizing cost of poverty to entire nations may facilitate change in how we view children and families in need of support – not judgment. "Anyone who has ever struggled with poverty knows how extremely expensive it is to be poor." James Baldwin (Fifth Avenue, Uptown Esquire). Considering the underlying and historical causes of poverty i.e., become fully aware, enables us to aid critical to the well-being of our most vulnerable citizens.

Reconstructing communities with much need resources, some of which was recently made available at local, state, and federal levels will be the outcome of reimagining and realizing a better way. Millions of people worldwide have experienced tremendous loss including the most devastating of which has been the actual loss of loved ones. Many of the people with limited resources and/or access to resources have not fared well. Reconstruction involves rebuilding - reforming something that has been damaged or destroyed. Disparity in wealth, health, infant mortality rates, education, and life expectancy limit opportunities for success. Throughout the nations, leaders throughout communitiesRebuilding suggests that a foundation existed and for many it did not. Leaders with insight and vision will prove to be up to the challenge of building or rebuilding better. Safe, healthy, and equitable communities depend on it.



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## RIGHT WHERE I STAND

By DONIQUA SOVIA

I stood almost in the middle of a cemetery and took a look around, at all the white grave markers, with small flags in the ground, and although the place was quiet, it was also very loud, because there at Arlington Cemetery, freedom rung with great resound.

It was rather peaceful, though many had died in war, and you could almost hear a battlefield talk as it had done many times before. Cannons bursting, guns firing, people running through hell and some falling and dying, yup, the battlefield was talking, you could hear it in the distance if you listen carefully.

I read the names of the fallen, most were very young, such a brave thing at sixteen to go and fight for the freedom amongst many others sons. Selfless, even when rendered helpless and even into death, these brave men passed the ultimate test. Life was breathed back into America time and time once more, as when a soldier breathed his last, he knew America could live another day for sure.

Here at Arlington Cemetery, I stood in silence for a while, and I still remain to this day thankful for those whom died in battle. Freedom is a sacred thing, more expensive then any name brand around, and may we never forget that freedom is because of those who died for us, so freedom could still be around.







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# Michigan's longest serving flight nurse to retire



LORI SMITH

A local critical care nurse has been flying high for more than three decades. At the end of May, Lori Smith, RN, EMT-P, CFRN, will take off for the last time with Ascension St. Mary's FlightCare. She plans to retire when she lands for the last time on May 31 and venture out on new experiences.

Lori Smith

Smith saw her first air medical helicopter when she worked in Ohio as an intensive care nurse. She was fascinated by the helicopter and the life-saving work they do. After moving back to her hometown of Bad Axe, she applied for a nursing position with Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw and joined FlightCare in 1989. With 34 years of service, she is one of the most tenured members of FlightCare and is the longest serving flight nurse among air medical transport programs in Michigan.

"I love my job, and when you enjoy something that much, the time flies quick-

ly. It's truly humbling to have been able to help people all these years," says Smith. "I am so proud to have been part of the Ascension St. Mary's FlightCare team. They are amazing people who dedicate their lives to saving the lives of others."

Established in 1987, FlightCare transports patients throughout Michigan's lower peninsula, providing quality patient care to critically ill or injured individuals from accident scenes and interhospital transport. The team of pilots, flight nurses, flight paramedics and mechanics have transported more than 12,000 patients in their 36 years of service.

"Lori's contributions to FlightCare will never be duplicated," says Mary Jo Stephen, RN, MSN, CMTE, EMT-P, director of Critical Care, Trauma, FlightCare, Emergency Services and Orthopedics at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital. "I worked alongside Lori for many years and witnessed her compassion for people at their most vulnerable time. She has taken part

in thousands of flights and has changed the lives of thousands of people."

Flight nurses are highly trained, requiring at least three years as a registered nurse with intensive, critical care experience. They must also be a licensed paramedic and participate in continual education and safety training including night vision goggle training and more. Smith is the first and only dual-certified staff member at FlightCare, earning both her Flight Paramedic and Flight Registered Nurse certifications.

"It takes a special kind of person to be a flight nurse and a really special person to do it for more than three decades," says Lucas Summers, RN, EMT-P, CFRN, clinical supervisor and flight nurse paramedic. "Lori has been climbing in and out of a helicopter since shortly after the program's inception. She has the kindest soul and has a way of building rapport with people instantly. Some people call her every year on their 'incident anniversaries' to thank her for the care and compassion she gave to them."

Outside of work, Smith has completed three medical missions to Mexico with Operation Smile, a non-profit organization that provides care to people living with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial and dental conditions. She also teamed up with Christian Emergency Relief Teams International on a mission trip to Romania. In retirement, she plans to spend more time with family and travel.



LORI SMITH



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## 2023 'Lock It or Lose It' program returns; results show program remains effective

Thefts from vehicles in Saginaw Township continue to show some of the lowest levels ever recorded, with only 71 incidents reported in 2022

The Saginaw Township Police Department and program sponsors Saginaw Bay Underwriters and Frankenmuth Insurance invite residents and media partners to attend the 2023 Lock It or Lose It press conference on May 23, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Frankenmuth Insurance located at 1 Mutual Avenue, Frankenmuth, Michigan.

The press conference features a short presentation from the Chief of Police Scott Malace, Sergeant Chris Fredenburg of the Saginaw Township Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, and program sponsors.

"We're proud to launch Lock It or Lose It for the thirteenth year," shared Sergeant Fredenburg. "The downward trend in crime rates continues to show just how important this program is to our commu-

nity and keeping thefts from vehicles at a minimum."

Lock It or Lose It serves as an awareness campaign to reduce thefts from parked vehicles.

The program promotes three simple tips for all residents:

- Remove valuables from vehicles
- Make sure vehicles are locked
- Report any suspicious activity

This year, the program also focuses on the 9 p.m. Routine, a daily reminder to lock car doors and hide or bring valuables inside every night.

"These tips may seem small, but they make a huge impact in keeping our community vigilant and safe," expressed Chief Malace. "We're eager to promote the 9 p.m. Routine and encourage community

members to participate."

Program sponsors continue to be honored to be a part of the program.

"Our team looks forward to this campaign every year," said Saginaw Bay Underwriters President and CEO Peter Ewend. "Protecting our community is at the core of what we do. This program offers another outlet to do just that."

"We strive to bring peace of mind to the residents of communities where we do business," shared Frankenmuth Insurance Senior Marketing Director Marcia Merando. "The success of the Lock It or Lose It program is validation that these simple measures can go a long way towards keeping us all safe."

Lock It or Lose It runs annually from Memorial Day to Labor Day when thefts from vehicles occur more frequently. Since 2001, yearly thefts from vehicles have dropped from 251 incidents to 71.



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## IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



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# Collaboration is better than competition



By **KEN H. SIMMONS, II**  
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Competitiveness has been an essential element of human nature since the fall of man. Throughout history, people have engaged in competitions in one

form or another, from the ancient Greek Olympic Games (dating back as far as 776 BC) to modern soccer (I would say American, or Grid Iron Football as its called in some countries, but the most popular sport in the world is actually soccer). Competition also plays a major role in domestic politics, foreign relations, most games and sports of course, and even in our quest for love. Economists tell us that competition is an essential force in maintaining productive and efficient markets. Nevertheless, in today's society collaboration is better than competition in my humble opinion.

Competition by itself is neither good

nor bad. Some scholars argue that competitiveness is a biological trait that co-evolved with the basic need for survival. In biology, competition between organisms is thought to be a natural result of evolution. Organisms compete for a perceived limitation in the number of resources available, such as food, shelter, or mating partners. Therefore, our tendency to compete may be a natural outgrowth of this biological competition. Although, the psychological trait of com-

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petitiveness often has nothing to do with survival.

Like most behavioral characteristics, competitiveness of course is a spectrum: some people are relatively less competitive, others are more competitive, and a few become obsessed with winning in every single context. One example I found of the latter was in an article entitled, "The Psychology Behind Competitiveness" published by Eastern Oregon University Online. It cites a study where, "nearly half of people surveyed would rather make \$50,000 in a world where the average salary is \$25,000 than make \$100,000 in a world where the average is \$200,000; that is, they prioritized making more relative to other people rather than having a higher overall income." This can also be characterized as 'extreme competition', which I will expand on shortly.

There is also a spectrum of beliefs regarding competitiveness. Most people can distinguish between healthy and unhealthy competition, and have a sense of what is too much or too little competition. Healthy levels of competition can help improve self-esteem, motivate people to work harder toward their goals, and increase enjoyment of life. When competitiveness is not kept in check, it can lead to unhealthy, or extreme competition where winning at all costs becomes the main objective. Trust is diminished if not eradicated in highly competitive environments. Colleagues may refuse to share ideas and resources, or to innovate for fear of the credit going to someone else. As a consequence, isolation and depression may develop.

While competition is inherently human, it can be divisive; causing people to pull in different directions instead of working towards a common goal. Collaboration is about moving together and winning as a team or losing as a whole. In my view, every organization should strive to create a collaborative environment, which has been shown to produce innovation and success. Here are several reasons why collaboration is a better alternative to competition.

Competition tends to feed the ego, and collaboration is about pulling strengths together. The key to a successful team is the ability to first communicate, and then complement one another based on the skills and competencies within the team. With collaboration team members' strengths are more important than the capabilities of an individual. Most competition has the undesirable quality of being a "zero-sum" game (i.e., in order for you to win, someone else must lose), which can feed an individual's ego at the expense of others. The result is that individuals get to the finish line alone, which adds no value to the team or the organization.

Collaboration encourages the sharing of information and resources. In the modern world, success means that information and resources must be used effectively to enable a company to grow. This happens best when people with different strengths and capabilities bring their ideas together and use the available resources to enhance productivity. Ideas are sharpened with collaboration, and challenges can be shared amongst team members based on their strengths. This leads to the generation of strong and innovative ideas which have propelled companies to the top. The tech industry provides some of the best examples of this (e.g., Amazon, Google, Meta, and Tesla).

Collaboration creates a sense of security. One of the most important aspects of a successful work environment is the ability to create a sense of mental security for those who work tirelessly to take the organization to the highest level. Mental security means that a person is not afraid of failing and this encourages people to try out new ideas. In a collaborative environment, people are also not afraid of losing their jobs due to unfair competition. The result is an environment where ideas thrive and people are motivated to constantly remain creative. Since the goal is for the entire team to win, everyone brings their A-game to ensure that the best results are realized. In addition, since ideas are always being sharpened,

people often work beyond their expectations to make the best ideas work. This increases productivity and leaders do not have to push their subordinates to deliver on their expectations.

Since collaboration encourages people to share ideas openly and assist one another, the result is a higher quality of work, as opposed to situations where everyone works on ideas in silos. Another benefit is that projects tend to move faster as people are not afraid to seek help when they are stuck. With collaboration, an entire project can also be divided up into small bits amongst team members. The small tasks are delivered quickly and efficiently and this means that projects take less time to be completed. As a result, more projects can be completed over a shorter period, which translates into improved productivity and more income.

Collaborative companies tend to be more profitable, productive, and efficient, with higher customer satisfaction and lower turnover. Their employees build cohesive, supportive cultures that appeal to customers, suppliers, and top talent alike. While a competitive work environment drives results, it drives them by fear, people being overworked, and individualism. Collaborative environments also drive results, but by way of positivity, teamwork, and creativity.

While human nature is competitive, competition does not always translate into the best results. Collaboration, however, positions everyone behind one common goal, leading to better results for the company. The best leaders create an environment in which their subordinates feel free to work together as opposed to working against one another. As the saying goes, teamwork makes the dream work, so bring your team together and realize the benefits.





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JAKE KOKOWICZ

## Walking Miracle: SVSU student's grit takes him from harrowing accident to promising future

Jake Kokowicz has no memory of the night that changed his life. His story of extraordinary perseverance as a “walking miracle” is impossible to forget.

In 2014, Jake was a U.S. Marine stationed at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in Georgia, where he was attached to a special duty assignment protecting classified materials. In the early morning hours of Sept. 2, while off duty, Jake lost control of his motorcycle and suffered extensive injuries.

“I suffered 15 broken bones, spent 19 days in a coma, suffered a severe traumatic brain injury, a severe diffuse axonal injury, flatlined three times, had six blood transfusions, and woke up from a coma at a third-grade level,” Jake said.

“My parents were originally told that I would never wake up and if I did wake up, I would most likely never be able to take care of myself independently.”

Jake spent over a year in the hospital where the focus was to treat his brain in-

jury. That was followed by three years of outpatient occupational physical therapy at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to save his left hand. Despite those efforts, Jake never regained function of his hand, so he elected to have it amputated.

It was at Walter Reed where Jake realized he could help others.

“I had the opportunity to counsel Marines and other service members,” Jake said. “I felt like my positive inspiration could help them at the same time I was also learning to keep moving forward. I learned that my story could help other people.”

Jake has overcome tremendous odds. Showing his remarkable grit forged through his childhood in Vassar and tempered in the Marine Corps, Jake not only is living independently, he has graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Master of Social Work and a list of accomplishments anyone would be proud of.

Jake plans to use his experience, coupled with the knowledge and skills he has

gained at SVSU, to help other veterans.

“While recovering from this traumatic incident, I always had a ‘prove everyone wrong’ attitude and was not going to let having a prosthetic arm stop me from being the best person I could be,” Jake said.

“I immediately took pride in being a role model for other veterans with disabilities and this is where my interest in becoming a social worker was born. I want veterans — or anyone — with a disability to see that just because you have a disability does not mean you’re disabled.

“I enjoy helping people get to where they want to be, and I hope my story helps inspire them to reach a little further or dig a little deeper. Doctors have told me I am a walking miracle and I am not sure why I got all the luck, but I believe I am here to inspire people and help them see good things can come from bad situations.”



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## Soup today, Della?

BY DOLORESE FALL-GRANT

We still have some chilly days remaining in early spring...

### Split Pea Soup

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup split peas
- 1 cup cut shredded smoked turkey, or whatever meat you desire
- 2 medium-size potatoes
- 1 chopped onions
- 1 celery stick
- 1 large carrot
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 1 chicken bullion cube
- 1 tablespoon butter (1/8 of a stick)
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Pepper and hot pepper to taste

#### Instructions

In sauce pan wash and drain peas.

Add the peas to boiling water and cook with chopped onions and carrot until peas are tender.

Add all other ingredients to pot and cook/ Stir occasionally.

If too thick add more water and cook until peas melt.





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By JEROME BUCKLEY, II

## THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

## Bend but don't break

*"One small crack does not mean that you are broken. It means that you were put to the test and you didn't fall apart."*

*-Linda Poindexter*

Did You know that 1 in 4 adults worldwide suffer from some form of mental illness? In our society, it has become all too common to downplay the importance of addressing mental illness in healthy, constructive ways. No one wants to look or feel inadequate so immediately our first instinct is to ignore or not even acknowledge that a problem exists in the first place. For instance, in the black community it was considered somewhat taboo to seek outside help because of the stigma that came with that admission. The whole "What happens in this house stays in this house" mentality unfortunately caused more trauma than meets the eye. This perspective was a perfect segue for conditions like anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder. Instead of seeking healthy ways to deal with our problems like seeking therapy or educating ourselves about mental illnesses and medications, we were simply taught to just be able to "Pray" it away. Now don't get me wrong, for me faith and prayer will always be two of the biggest components of my life, but through the years of my own personal struggles with anxiety and depression, I know that it was God that put the therapist here that helped me learn healthy ways to deal with what was bothering me. It was God that created the scientists that study medications that could be helpful to some people and give them a better quality of life. Although I believe we as a community come a long way in our efforts to deconstruct unhealthy beliefs centered around mental health, there are still far too many of us that choose to self-medicate with substances like drugs or alcohol rather than to seek the proper help we need. May is Mental Health and

Awareness month. If you haven't already, this month could be an excellent time to take a look within and examine yourself. Do a deep dive assessment and ask yourself these questions: How do I really feel? Does my lifestyle reflect behaviors that are conducive to a healthy, happy life? Take the step today to make positive self-care behaviors a priority. Through your affirmations, your activities, and your authenticity, allow yourself the grace to transform

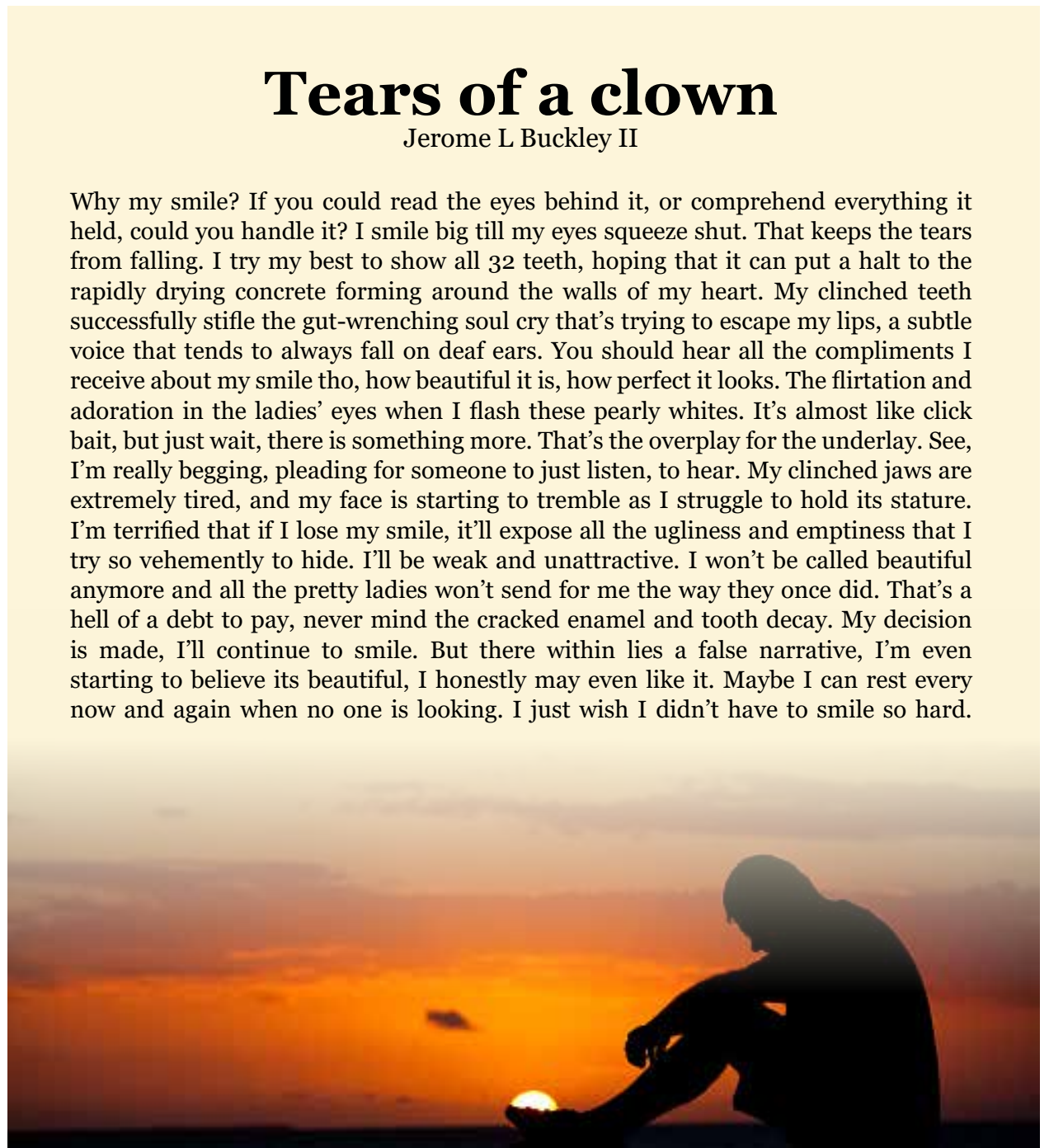


into a version of yourself that is better than the one that existed yesterday. I am on this journey with you! One step at a time.

## Tears of a clown

Jerome L Buckley II

Why my smile? If you could read the eyes behind it, or comprehend everything it held, could you handle it? I smile big till my eyes squeeze shut. That keeps the tears from falling. I try my best to show all 32 teeth, hoping that it can put a halt to the rapidly drying concrete forming around the walls of my heart. My clinched teeth successfully stifle the gut-wrenching soul cry that's trying to escape my lips, a subtle voice that tends to always fall on deaf ears. You should hear all the compliments I receive about my smile tho, how beautiful it is, how perfect it looks. The flirtation and adoration in the ladies' eyes when I flash these pearly whites. It's almost like click bait, but just wait, there is something more. That's the overplay for the underlay. See, I'm really begging, pleading for someone to just listen, to hear. My clinched jaws are extremely tired, and my face is starting to tremble as I struggle to hold its stature. I'm terrified that if I lose my smile, it'll expose all the ugliness and emptiness that I try so vehemently to hide. I'll be weak and unattractive. I won't be called beautiful anymore and all the pretty ladies won't send for me the way they once did. That's a hell of a debt to pay, never mind the cracked enamel and tooth decay. My decision is made, I'll continue to smile. But there within lies a false narrative, I'm even starting to believe its beautiful, I honestly may even like it. Maybe I can rest every now and again when no one is looking. I just wish I didn't have to smile so hard.





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## Seen on the Scene:

Saginaw native, Sargeant Chloe Schaeding of the Equal Opportunity Advisor Course, Class 23-2 Group 7 (pictured left), poses for a photo during the course graduation ceremony on May 12, 2023, at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida.

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

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“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](http://www.saginawpromise.org).



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## Join us at Ministry Without Walls

By **PASTOR JOHN DUNN**  
MINISTRY WITHOUT WALLS

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

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

Our vision is for Ministry Without Walls to be:

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

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

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

Pastor, John Dunn  
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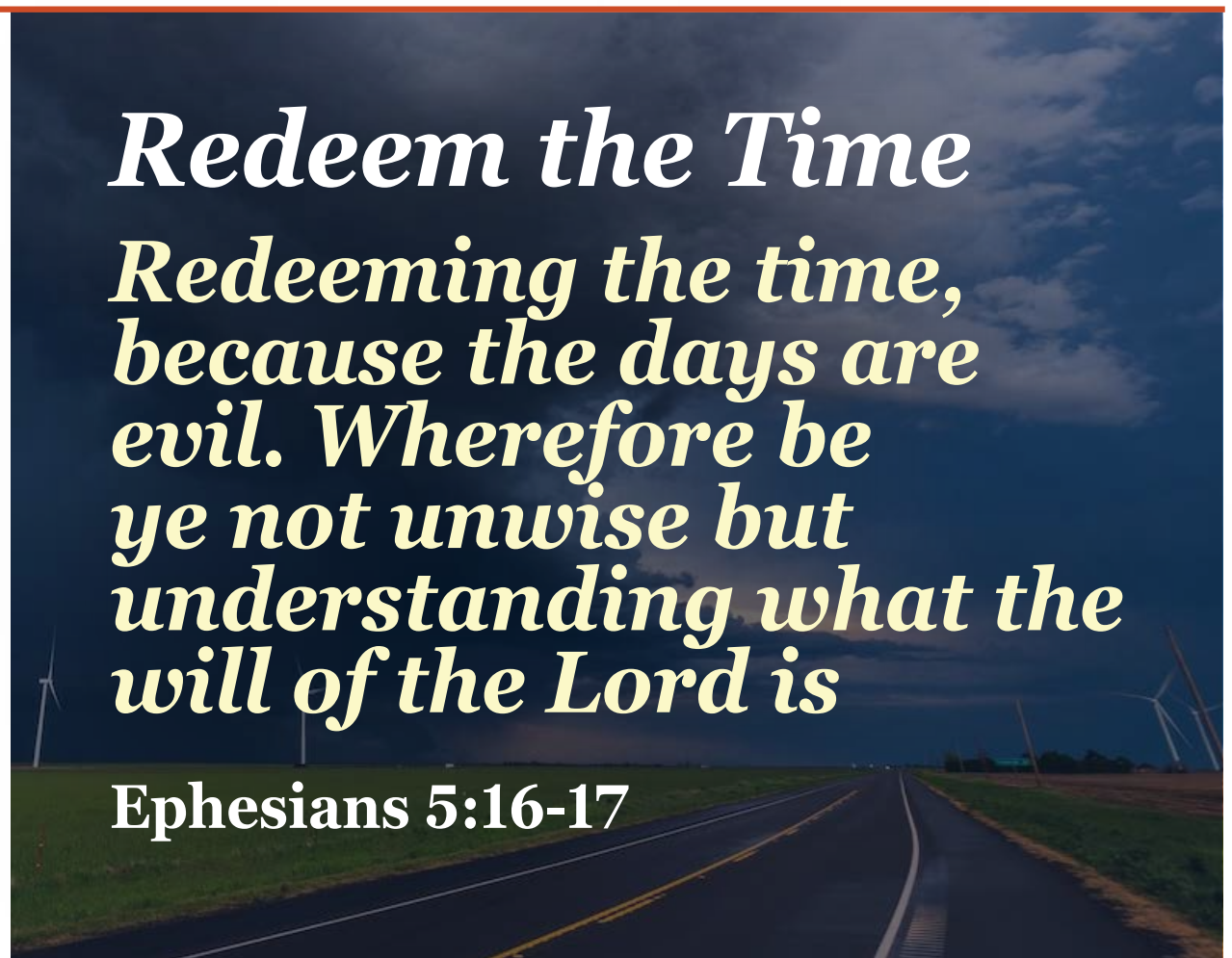
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By **MINISTER CAROLYN CARTER TOWNSEL**

Growing up as a little girl, I remember the numerous conversations and warnings given to me by my father. The warning that is speaking to me today is “time.” One day as I rode with my father, he shared with me to use my time wisely, because once it’s gone, you cannot go back to regain, reclaim, retrieve it, or to undo that, that you did or to do what you should have done. When time is gone, it is gone, and then it is called lost or wasted time. He continued with saying, “Every man whether rich or poor has eighty-six thousand, and four hundred seconds, or one thousand four hundred and forty minutes and regardless of how you choose to break it down, it boils down to being 24 hours in a day.” My father did not stop there he carried on with great emphasis on these following words, “Every man has the same time in a day 24 hours, but not every man has the same time for his life – Carolyn, choose wisely how you use your time.”

My father was definitely right, time is precious, and it does not come with a reset button or do-overs. This warning for me now has a life of its own, as I went through the corridors of time in my mind and realized how much of this priceless commodity



# Redeem the Time

*Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is*

**Ephesians 5:16-17**

I have lost and or wasted, I was saddened. There were many lost opportunities, wasted time on futile relationships, lost family relationships that I should have been building, but instead found it more important to work and or play. Watching hours of television, when I could and should have been studying, putting off today for tomorrow – procrastination, and the list could go on, on, and on. In all of that lost and wasted time, the one that took the greatest hit was my personal time with the Lord.

I am undeniably guilty of wasting time on frivolous pursuits, putting off overcoming or facing personal problems, neglecting my relationship with God, or to have taken lightly my calling as His elect, relegating it to less than top priority. However, it is within Ephesians 5:16, that Paul reprimands the first century church to “redeem the time,” and this same admonition needs to be heeded by myself and prayerfully all Christians. I feel a great relief in knowing that as Paul presents this warning, it comes with a comma and not a period, meaning there is yet time to “redeem the time,” in these last and evil days.

Redeem is a term derived from the Greek language meaning to buy up, ransom, or rescue from loss. It affords us as Christians the opportunity to rescue from

loss the time that remains in our life. We can only redeem today, and plan to redeem tomorrow, for yesterday is gone. It is of the utmost importance to comprehend, that time is a gift from God, and none of us knows how much time each of us has and to make choices that will influence eternity.

When God says we should be “redeeming the time,” He wants us to live in sustained realization of that ticking clock and make good use of the time we have. Therefore, be careful how you live. Do not live like fools, but like those who are wise. Do not act thoughtlessly or recklessly but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Evaluate your plans and make sure they align with God’s will and purpose, search for and employ wisdom, take every God given opportunity and use it for His glory. This responsibility solely belongs to each Believer to use wisely what God has given each of us – time.

Remember as my father explained to me – There are many things in life you can regain, reclaim, or retrieve but Time is not one of them. Therefore, it is within your authority to “Redeem the Time.”

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# Skills-based volunteerism

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

*Do you have a current understanding of what it means to recruit and manage volunteers for your nonprofit organization or institution? Are you looking for warm bodies who will do what you tell them to do when you tell them to do it? If your answer is “yes,” you just might be out of step with the times and losing out on valuable resources that can help your organization grow.*

Sometimes we do things based on how we have done them in the past. We may not even know why we do things the way we do, but if they appear to be working, we usually don't question the situation. We focus instead on things that are “more important.” We rely on the axiom “if it ain't broke don't fix it.” But what if things are broken and we don't know it? Sometimes we blame others for our problems, when it turns out – upon examination – that we

are the problem. This may just be the case with engaging volunteers in the life of a nonprofit organization.

When working with our clients we recommend engaging volunteers for the purpose of meeting specific goals. Often, we are met with responses such as “we really don't have time for that;” or “we've tried working with volunteers, but it just doesn't work;” or “we really need to get this done: we don't have time to recruit volunteers.” We understand. But if you are not prepared to invest time in preparing to work with volunteers you won't gain the benefits. And you will be missing out on a lot as volunteers are at the heart of nonprofit organizations and the larger social sector.

Knowing how to meaningfully engage volunteers can transform your organization or institution. But it takes time. It's a process that includes assessing the current status of your organization, how your leadership operates, and how you engage volunteers. That being said, there is a robust tool to help you. It is called Capacity Commons, a project of Common Impact. Capacity Commons focuses on “skills based

volunteerism” and has tools to help you assess your readiness to engage skills based volunteers, as well as how to define a project and recruit volunteers.

Here's what Capacity Commons has to say: “Skills-based volunteerism aligns individuals' service activities with the tasks or issues they are most qualified to address, thereby exponentially increasing the value of volunteers' time and potential impact.” This is where individuals volunteer their skills to help a nonprofit – or other social sector organization – reach a defined goal. This can include projects as complicated as implementing a new human resources policy, to strategic planning, to technology implementation. You don't have to figure everything out on your own: they provide an extensive, invaluable, interactive guide.

We encourage you to restructure how you think about the work of your social sector organization. It's time we all update our thinking and our actions and embrace skills-based volunteerism. It will help our organizations and the volunteers we depend on.



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## + HEALTH



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# Ascension St. Mary's establishes a clinic to treat heart disease in women

Ascension St. Mary's has announced the establishment of a new health clinic in Saginaw providing cardiovascular care specifically for women. The goal of the clinic is to help women who are at risk, or currently have heart disease, achieve and maintain optimal heart health. The heart institute has designed an evaluation and care model to specifically address the unique ways heart disease presents and manifests itself in women of all ages.

"We have created Ascension St. Mary's Women's Heart Clinic to give this important healthcare issue the attention and support it deserves, and to ensure that women of all ages get the most appropriate heart care for their individual needs," says Nishtha Sareen, MD, MPH, FACC, medical director of the Ascension Michigan women's heart health program.

As an interventional cardiologist, Dr. Sareen will oversee Ascension St. Mary's Women's Heart Clinic which will provide advanced diagnostics and treatment ther-

apies. Working together with specialists from multiple disciplines, the clinic will take into account the unique ways heart disease presents in women, including but not limited to:

- Pregnancy-related heart health, including pregnancy complicated by a heart condition or high blood pressure and risk assessment for cardiovascular disease after delivery.
- Pregnancy disorders, such as preeclampsia and gestational diabetes
- Prevention strategies for women at high risk of developing heart disease
- Cardio-oncology for women with cancer or those who are going through cancer treatments that affect heart health
- Early menopause and heart disease
- Autoimmune diseases (such as Lupus) and the heart
- Blood lipids management
- Diabetes related Coronary Arterial Disease (CAD)

"Heart disease doesn't affect all women alike, and the warning signs for women aren't the same as men," says Dr. Sareen. "Ascension St. Mary's Women's Heart Clinic will develop an individualized plan for each woman based on several factors including age, risk profile, symptoms and testing, as well as thoughtful and in-depth communications with each patient. From routine care to complex heart conditions, we take the time to understand each woman's individual needs and deliver the most appropriate care."

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# Masks welcome but no longer required at Mid Michigan Health

Face masks are welcome but are no longer required at MyMichigan Health medical centers, medical offices and outpatient clinics. The decision comes three years after MyMichigan, along with health systems across the nation, were first required to implement masking during the COVID-19 pandemic. The change will go into effect on Thursday, May 11, marked as the official end of the Public Health Emergency. Masking protocols will remain in place for COVID-19 patients and their care team.

“This has certainly been a journey for all of us, not just in health care, but all industries, education, our communities alike,” said Lydia Watson, M.D., president and CEO, MyMichigan Health. “While COVID-19 indeed pushed us forward in areas of progress such as telemedicine, we are simply overjoyed to be on the other side of this crisis. The pandemic changed all of us in some way. There will be lessons learned and emotions felt surrounding this experi-



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ence for years to come.”

While the masking has lifted, MyMichigan Health continues to recommend those that are sick to stay home as to not spread infection. In addition, the best way to prevent the spread of this virus is proper hygiene, such as hand washing and not touching our faces.

“Although COVID-19 is no longer a

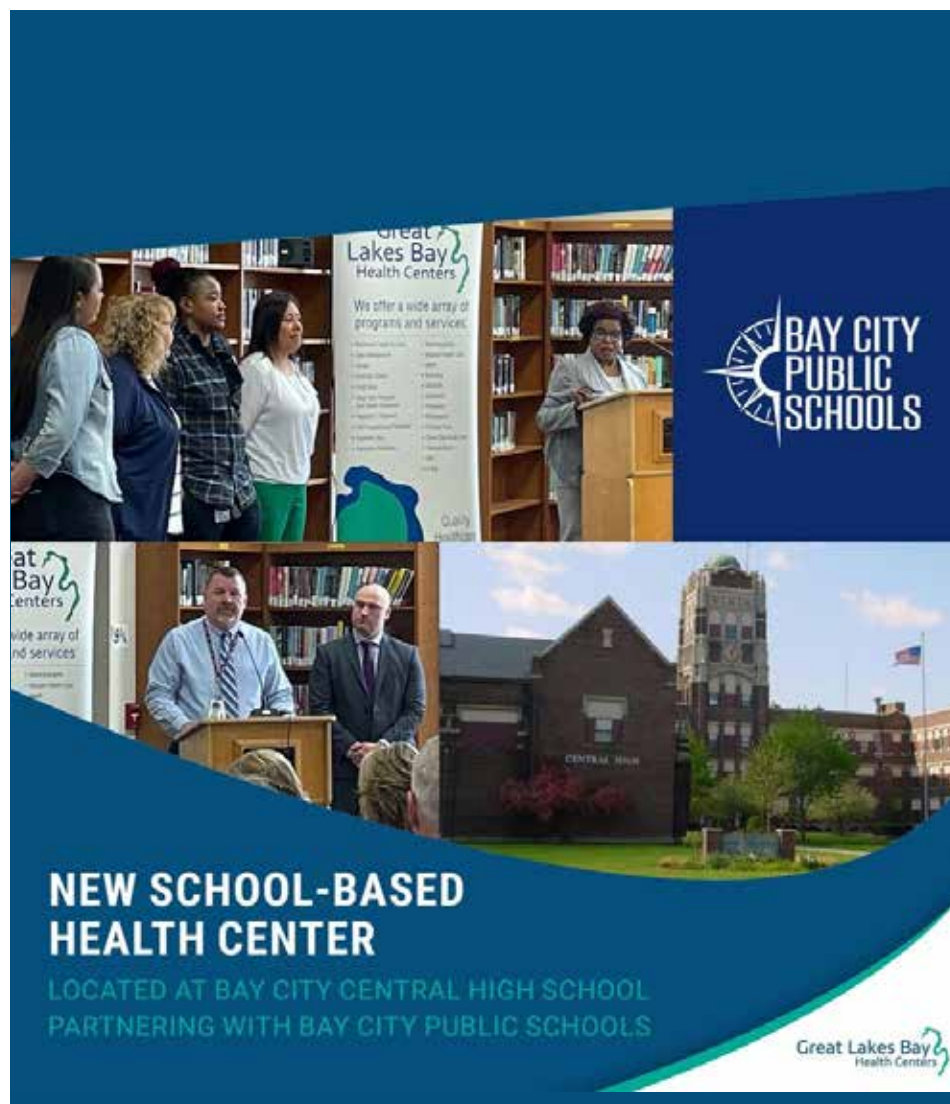
pandemic, people can still contract the virus. So, we’ll continue to monitor data and implement safety measures needed as guided by the CDC,” said Dr. Watson. “But, we’re hopeful that returning to pre-pandemic masking and visitation policies at our health care facilities will give people the confidence that we can live with the virus and can go on with normal life.”




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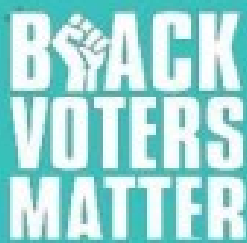
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## Building resilience



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**  
RETIRED EDUCATOR

Recently I have touched upon the importance of resilience for children of all ages. Resilience is sometimes also referred to as “grit” or “determination.”

The question I want to try to answer today is this one: How can families help students attain resilience, or at least, be stronger and more determined?

There are many options, and there is no one perfect strategy that fits every student’s situation. I would offer to parents and grandparents a couple of strategies to consider

1. For younger students (like pre-

school and kindergarten), work at separation. Help them to learn how to say “good bye” when dropping them off at school.

Sometimes younger students do not want to let go of Mom or Dad. On occasion I have seen students cry and appear anxious to say good bye. As you can imagine, this is an ugly way to begin a day for everyone involved: students and teachers alike.

Washington Elementary (Bay City) teacher Allison Dunford shared a terrific video with me that features Sesame Street characters showing ways to separate the child and parent. The “Dad” Muppet in the video establishes a routine where he does not say “good bye” to the “Child” Muppet but, instead, says, “see you later.” The “see you later” remark is much less permanent and therefore, tolerable. Anxiety is reduced. Everyone starts their day happier.

I have seen this sort of routine work very well with parents (and grandparents) dropping off their child.

2. For older students (upper elementary through middle & high school), learn about “rock bottom resilience.”

Rock bottom means exactly what it says. Things are bad, so bad they are at a very low point. Thus the situation(s) is at “rock bottom.” This can and does happen to all of us at one time or another. The key is, how do we handle it?

Examples are all around us. I like to draw from the sports world. The player at the foul line with a chance to win the game..... but the ball hits the rim and misses. The golfer who has a short putt to make to win the tournament, and the putt falls short. How do people handle such rock bottom situations?

We know there are some common traits that can help students handle these and other rock bottom situations. Here are three key commonalities –

- Flip the switch- learn how to flip the switch and see the situation differently. Put it in perspective: The sun WILL rise tomorrow, and tomorrow is a fresh start at a new day.
- Combat hopelessness. Use any disappointment as fuel to press on.
- Reach out to another person(s). We have people in our lives we trust. When we reach rock bottom, it may help to confide with a person of trust, one who can listen and perhaps help guide you on a comeback trail.

Resilience. Grit. Determination. It can be taught, nurtured, grown.

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Resources:

<https://www.cfchildren.org/resources/sesame-street-little-children-big-challenges/general-resilience/>

<https://whytry.org/how-to-teach-students-to-be-more-resilient/>



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## Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation supports teacher efforts to enhance writing instruction

Saginaw Valley State University and other partners are support K-12 teachers in their quest to become writing instructors and inspire a love of writing in their students, thanks to a generous contribution from the Alden B. and Vada B. Dow Creativity Foundation.

Designed for K-12 educators from Great Lakes Bay Region and Thumb, the Vada B. Dow Writer's Workshop for Area Teachers is a five-day writing workshop featuring a variety of learning opportunities for up to 30 Michigan teachers. It will be held in Midland Saturday, July 24 through Wednesday, July 28. Teachers can earn 25 state continuing education clock hours (SCECH) by participating in the workshop.

The fee for the Vada B. Dow Writer's Workshop for Area Teachers is \$150 and includes complimentary lunch each day. The deadline to apply is May 15. For more information and a link to the application, visit <https://www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/vadabdowworkshop/>.

"By going through the process of drafting, sharing, and revising their own writing, teachers will learn more about the challenges — and the joys — their students experience as writers," said Helen Raica-Klotz, SVSU lecturer of English and coordinator of the workshop. "We hosted these same workshops in 2016 and 2018, which were very well received, and we are grateful to the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation for again supporting this im-

portant community need."

The writing workshop will be led by John Mauk, who will focus on fiction writing, and Anne-Marie Oomen, who will teach on memoir writing. The workshop will also feature guest speaker Penny Kittle.

Mauk writes both college textbooks and fictional pieces. He graduated with a doctorate in English from Bowling Green State University and has taught at Miami University of Ohio.

Oomen writes plays, poetry and memoirs. She currently teaches in the MFA Program at Lasell University in Newton, Massachusetts, and has taught at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Kittle has authored several books on teaching writing to middle school and high school students. She currently teaches at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. Prior to this, she was a teacher and literacy coach in public schools for 34 years.

For teachers who are unable to participate in the Vada B. Dow Writer's Workshop, Kittle will hold an afternoon writing workshop on Monday, July 24, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in Midland. The \$35 fee includes two SCECHs. To register, visit [svsu.edu/pennykittleworkshop](https://svsu.edu/pennykittleworkshop).

That same evening, at 7 p.m., Kittle will hold a public lecture at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Auditorium. "How to Inspire Young Readers and Writers" will provide expert tips on ways to engage young people in reading and writing, inside and outside of the classroom. This event is free; advance registration is not required.

For more information and to apply for this workshop, please visit

<https://www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/vadabdowworkshop/> or contact Helen Raica-Klotz at [klotz@svsu.edu](mailto:klotz@svsu.edu) or 98.948.2017.



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## Two SVSU events showcase academic endeavors of SVSU students

At Saginaw Valley State University, undergraduate students have the opportunity to engage in research activities that other colleges and universities reserve for graduate students. On Friday, April 21, more than 150 SVSU students presented research findings and the results of other academic endeavors at two events.

The SE&T Symposium featured the work of students and faculty in SVSU's College of Science, Engineering & Technology. Following the structure of a professional society meeting, a poster session was held from 10 a.m. to noon on the first floor of Pioneer Hall, followed by oral presentations from 1-3 p.m. on the second floor.

The annual Undergraduate Research Program (UGRP) Student Showcase was held from 1-3 p.m. in Curtiss Hall. It featured work by students throughout SV-

SU's five colleges.

More than 40 projects were featured at the SE&T Symposium, representing year-long senior design projects, special coursework, and research projects in biology, chemistry, computer science and information systems, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

Tony Crachiola, associate dean of SVSU's College of Science, Engineering & Technology, explained that senior students in SVSU's engineering and computer science and information systems programs participate in a year-long capstone design project, from planning to implementation. Working in small groups, the students address the needs of local businesses and the community.

"At SVSU, faculty in the College of Science, Engineering & Technology understand the importance of engaging undergraduate students in high-impact

practices, such as research and design projects," Crachiola said. "These activities can both reinforce concepts that students learn in class and help prepare students for the challenges they will face after graduation. We offer students opportunities to conduct meaningful scientific research, both inside and outside of class, with the guidance and support of faculty mentors. The SE&T Symposium is our opportunity to celebrate this impressive body of work of our students and faculty."

Projects covered several topics, including research into genetic engineering, crop growth, internet security, antibiotic pollution, a robotic prosthetic arm, and more. Senior design students presented work done in collaboration with regional organizations such as DuroLast, Glastender, Magliner and Spicer.

Bradley Rowloff, an electrical engineering major from Kawkawlin, is one of four students who presented a poster about their senior design project, which involved developing an economical robotic prosthetic forearm for children.

"Working on this project has provided us with a fantastic opportunity to explore the many facets of engineering," Rowloff said. "Not only were we able to increase our knowledge in the electrical engineering field but we were able to dip our toes into the mechanical and biomechanical aspects of engineering. While providing a low-cost alternative for young patients in need of a prosthetic arm."

Rowloff's teammates on the project were electrical engineering majors Jacob Murawski of Saginaw, Sara Neves, an international student from Portugal, and Austin Welter of Bay City.

The Student Showcase recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of students throughout the university. Students from the five colleges shared their work with faculty, peers and guests.

In addition to poster presentations, students also highlighted their work through oral presentations, demonstrations, paper presentations, panel presentations and performances.



# Saginaw Community Foundation awards \$878,550 in scholarships

At its 36th annual Excellence in Education event, the Saginaw Community Foundation presented 649 scholarship awards to 389 high school, college and nontraditional students on May 15, 2023 totaling \$878,550.

“The purpose of the annual Excellence in Education event is to recognize, award and inspire students who have earned scholarships from the Saginaw Community Foundation,” said Chamika Ford, program officer at the foundation. “We also honor the donors who have established scholarship funds at the foundation.”

Since 1987, the foundation has awarded more than \$9.9 million to

students to help them achieve their educational goals.

“Education is vital to the growth and future of every community. Scholarships can help people in our region obtain a degree, certificate or other training that will help further their aspirations and goals,” said Reneé Johnston, president and CEO at the foundation.

The foundation currently administers 248 scholarship funds that have been established by its donors.

Saginaw Community Foundation will begin accepting applications for 2024 scholarships on Nov. 1, 2023. More information is available at [saginawfoundation.org](http://saginawfoundation.org).



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# Despite staffing challenges, Saginaw Intermediate School District's Early Childhood Department continues to provide students and families across the Great Lakes Bay Region with a variety of resources!

Despite staffing challenges, Saginaw Intermediate School District's Early Childhood Department continues to provide students and families across the Great Lakes Bay Region with a variety of resources!

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](http://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](mailto: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

<sup>4</sup>Head 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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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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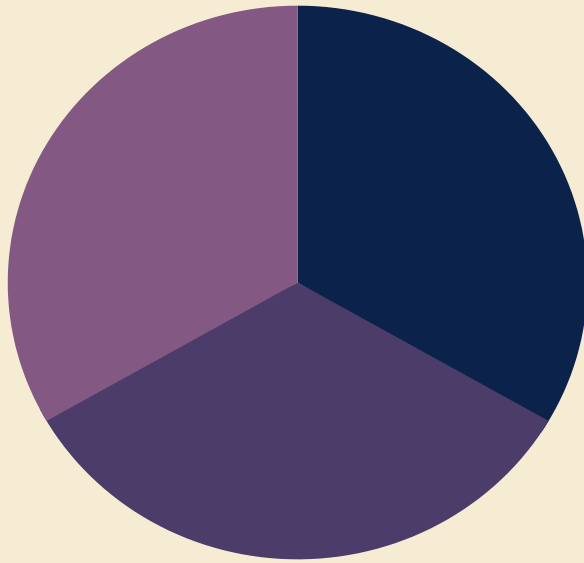
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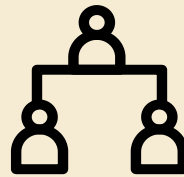


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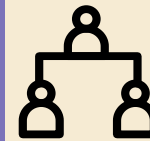


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DARVIN HAM AND LEBRON JAMES

# Darvin Ham has silenced all critics, Lakers in Conference Finals

By HASANI ALI

Head coach Darvin Ham and the Los Angeles Lakers are one series away from the NBA Finals.

After eliminating the Golden State Warriors in six games, the momentum has shifted from LA being eliminated in the first round to championship favorites.

"A challenging year to say the least, but at the end of the day, we kept powering through, our vibes stayed positive, once we righted the ship and switched out some pieces, we came together, and I'm just happy and thankful that I get to sit in this seat and enjoy the ride," said first-year coach Ham.

LeBron James and the Lakers overcame a 2-12 from the beginning of the season. It was automatically written off as a rebuilding year for the gold and purple.

Yet, they had other plans.

Scratching and clawing their way into the play-in NBA playoffs, the Lakers went 43-39 (.524 winning percentage), last in the Pacific division.

Los Angeles won 11 of the 13 games of the regular season.

James scored 30 points to punch the team's ticket to the playoffs with a 108-102 overtime victory against Minnesota during the play-in season.

Ja Morant and Steph Curry didn't have an answer for the Lakers as they were both

eliminated in six games.

Ham now has the possibility to add another championship to his basketball legacy.

Standing in the way is the Denver Nuggets, who has caught fire and has been championship contenders in the last few seasons.

In fact, they were ranked the no. 1 team in the NBA.

Though Ham deserves a contract extension, here's two things that Ham can do to solidify his role as head coach of the Lakers.

This is beside from winning the NBA title.

First, he must beat Denver in the Western Conference Finals. Coming in as the no. 7 seed, it's a rarity to see that low of a seed upset the no. 1 seed in the playoffs.

Ham is proving that he can handle adversity and make adjustments on the fly when needed. His discernment of putting the right pieces together at the right time has gotten the Lakers in a prime position.

Not only does he need to lead the Lakers to the finals, but beating Denver in a convincing fashion reignites the flame of the Lakers being a dynasty team again.

A new coach usually signifies a change in the program in the culture. However, I believe the Lakers chose Ham for a reason.

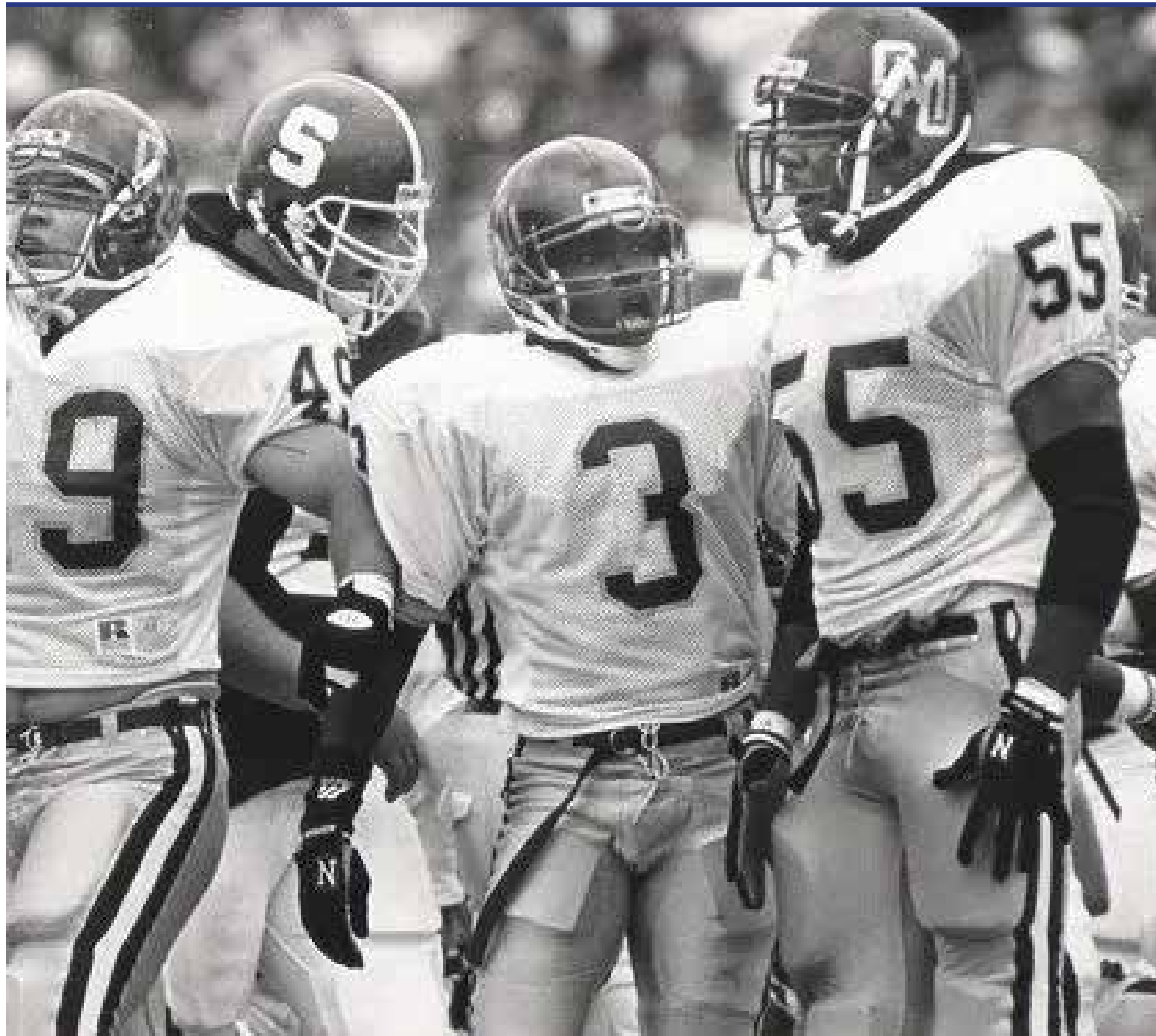
He came from the Milwaukee program, a championship culture. Los Angeles did not want to rebuild, they felt as if they were already primed for a championship run.

The mutual respect that players have for Ham proved that his knowledge of the game and his sweaty equity is proven.

If the Lakers make it to the NBA Finals, then the critics can't come up with any other excuses. A trip to the NBA finals would be their first appearance since their championship in the COVID-19 bubble in 2020.



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DEFENSIVE BACK TIM BANKS (NO. 3)

## Why Sparty may struggle in home-opener against Central Michigan

By HASANI ALI

In the picture above is defensive back Tim Banks (no. 3), the now defensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee.

He played for Central Michigan back in the 1990's.

When I played for CMU during the 2009-2010 season, he was the defensive backs coach. It was the Chippewas' record season, going 11-2, ranked no. 23 in the country after winning the GMAC Bowl against Troy University in Mobile, Ala.

Not only did coach Banks have an upset win against MSU as a player, but he was on the staff when we upset MSU as a coach.

One of the things that he mentioned in passing that I would never forget about big programs.

These type of programs are always vulnerable during a transition period. Wheth-

er a huge class a seniors graduate, some transfer or losing players due to injuries.

However a team is forced to play young players without much experience are subject to many mistakes, hence a chance to be upset by a smaller school.

Head coach Mel Tucker has another struggle to deal with, which is fairly new to the college sports world. Ironically, it was the tool he used to grab Kenneth Walker III from Wake Forest and other great players to have a memorable comeback season.

And that tool was the transfer portable.

This time around, the portable has bitten Michigan State in the butt in the worst way. With major players transferring to other schools, the Spartans will have to come up with a quick answer to fill those spots in order to be a competitor this upcoming season.

MSU finished this past season, 5-6.

This is where the transfer portal has trouble MSU and become a challenge to many other schools in the future.

Senior quarterback Payton Thorne had a lackluster season, finishing with just under 2,700 passing yards, 19 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. Not the response coach Tucker was looking for in his leader.

Because of his underwhelming performance, it killed the draft stock of his no. 1 go-to receiver, Jayden Reed.

He could have been a first-round draft pick instead of being drafted in the second round.

Other coaches relied this message to MSU's supposed new no.1 go-to receiver and he got the hint immediately—assuming that Thorne was going to stay at quarterback.

Therefore, Keon Coleman entered the transfer portal.

However, what he didn't know along with the rest of the Spartans is that Thorne had his own plans. Thorne also entered the transfer portal and ended up at Auburn.

Michigan State is now left with a young receiving core and no experienced quarterback. The Spartans have four QB's on their roster as of today, but none of them has merely the experience to compete.

Unless Tucker can pull a miracle in the transfer portal, the assumption is that Noah Kim, the redshirt junior, is going to be the starting quarterback as he has the most experience and the most games played last season.

The Chippewas have an opportunity to capitalize defensively and expose MSU's offense. CMU has its own problems, but still has a solid offense where they may have enough to compete against MSU.

If the defense can do their part and limit MSU's offense, CMU may have able to add another upset in the school's history books.

The home-opener for MSU has been moved to Sept. 1, which may give MSU a bit more time to figure it out.



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## University of Michigan women's tennis team advance to quarterfinals

By HASANI ALI

The University of Michigan women's tennis team is headed to the NCAA quarterfinals for only the second time in its program's history.

Since 2010, a total of 10 Big Ten championships and five tournament titles have been accumulated by the Wolverines.

The Wolverines rallied with four consecutive victories in the singles division, edging No. 12 Virginia, 4-2, on Saturday at the Varsity Tennis Center in Ann Arbor to advance.

Georgia will be the next opponent for Michigan as they advanced with a 4-1 victory against Oklahoma. The Bulldogs have won 14 straight matches. The two will compete at the USTA National Championships in Lake Nona, Fla.

Michigan's victory extends its season record to 25-3, coming one more win shy of tying the all-time program record (26, set in 2015). The team has won 14 straight matches dating back to March 25.

Head coach Ronni Bernstein is pleased with the efforts of the team, confident that they can win at any spots in singles competition.

"I'm just happy for the girls," she said in an interview with The Detroit News. "I like this group a lot. And we haven't done this in a while to make it to the quarters. We've achieved so much and I just didn't want it to be over so soon, especially playing at home. We had an amazing crowd. You saw a little bit of nerves from everybody but I am really excited how we stepped up in singles. We are tough to beat."

After dropping two matches to lose the doubles point, No. 1 singles player Kari Miller, No. 2 singles player Jaeden Brown and No. 5 singles player Lily Jones all won in straight sets for the Wolverines.

Their victory was capped with a three-set victory from No. 6 singles player Gala Mesochoritrou, who rallied to win 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. The only remaining Michigan singles player, Julia Fliegner, had lost her first set against Virginia's Annabelle Xu and was trailing, 4-3, in the second set.

According to MLive, Michigan last reached the quarterfinal round in 2016. It was the second team victory over Virginia (20-7) this season, with the Wolverines winning 4-2 on Feb. 10 in the first round of the ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

The team will travel to Lake Nona, Fla., site of the NCAA men's and women's quarterfinal, semifinal and championship rounds. Michigan's men's tennis team also advanced to the quarterfinal round with a 4-3 win over the University of Southern California on Friday.

The Wolverines' only loss on the singles side Saturday came from No. 4 Andrea Cerdan, who fell in straight sets, 2-6 and 0-6, to Virginia's Hibah Shaikah. That put Michigan in a 2-0 hole after losing two straight doubles matches.

The no. 5 ranked Wolverines were celebrated by their fans on Twitter. Over 45,000 views on the post once the announcement was made about the Wolverines' advancement to the quarterfinals.



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## Arlington Renegades stun DC Defenders, 35-26 in XFL Championship

By HASANI ALI

How does the DC Defenders ruin a nearly perfect inaugural season?

Losing the championship game to a team with a subpar regular season record, that's how. As unfortunate as it was for DC, it goes to show that any every team is beatable and that the XFL has some legit competition.

This league is here to stay.

The D.C. Defenders were stunned with 35-26 loss to the Arlington Renegades in Saturday night's XFL championship game at San Antonio's Alamodome.

First-quarter dominance from Arlington held the Defenders to minus-1 yard on four plays. Meanwhile, Arlington's offense compiled 174 yards.

According to CBS Sports, Renegades quarterback Luis Perez got the scoring started with a 41-yard pass to tight end Sal Cannella and later added a nine-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Tyler Vaughns to power the Renegades to a 14-0 first quarter lead. Taylor Russolino's 29-yard field goal made it 17-0 with less than five minutes to go in the first half.

Arlington's offense picked apart a normally dominant D.C. defense, expertly mixing short passes and running plays to

extend drives.

"Arlington took it to us," Defenders Coach Reggie Barlow said. "They played well. They played faster than us. They had a plan. Their offensive coordinator [Jonathan Hayes and Chuck Long are co-coordinators] did a really good job of keeping us off balance."

Perez, who was traded from the Vegas Vipers to the Renegades after Week 6, made the most of his chances. He was named XFL championship game MVP after finishing with 288 passing yards and three touchdowns.

"I love seeing people get their opportunities and take advantage of it," Barlow said of Perez. "It went from him being at another place and it not working out the way he wanted it to, but he stayed focused, stayed being a team player, played in a backup role and then when he got his opportunity he showed why he's a solid quarterback."

While the current iteration of the XFL doesn't carry over statistics from the two previous versions of the league, the Renegades are the first champion crowned since the Los Angeles Xtreme defeated the San Francisco Demons in 2001. The rebooted league folded five games into the 2020 season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Defenders were without the services of defensive back Michael Joseph, who led the team with four interceptions and two pick-sixes in the regular season, and it was clear they missed him. The Renegades converted 11 of 15 (73.3 percent) third downs.

D.C. was finally able to gather some momentum on offense early in the second quarter, but a Jordan Ta'amu pass intended for wide receiver Chris Blair was tipped and intercepted by Arlington's Joe Powell, who also picked off Ta'amu in the teams' Week 9 matchup.

Abram Smith, the XFL's leading rusher, was able to get the Defenders on the board with a two-yard touchdown run with 32 seconds left in the first half and heated up in the second half with a 52-yard touchdown scamper on fourth and inches. Smith finished with 90 yards on 13 carries.

The Renegades responded with a third-quarter touchdown by running back Leddie Brown to extend their lead to 26-12.

The Defenders countered with a 72-yard pass from Ta'amu to Josh Hammond, but penalties led to a meltdown to end the third quarter, which was capped by a 30-yard touchdown pass from Perez to Brown.

The collapse continued when Ta'amu threw his second interception of the game early in the fourth quarter, which led the Renegades to extend their lead to 35-20 with Russolino's third field goal.

A fumble recovery by Defenders linebacker Reggie Northrup gave D.C. the ball back with 2:02 remaining. D.C.'s offense cut the lead to 35-26 with a 78-yard, 45-second drive that led to Hammond's second touchdown. The momentum was short lived; the Defenders' subsequent fourth-and-15 pass attempt was picked off by Renegades defensive back Cre'von LeBlanc.

Barlow said he made it a point to tell his players individually after the game that he appreciated and loved them. Saturday's outcome was not what anyone on D.C.'s sideline envisioned but for the XFL coach of the year, there is a lot to embrace after a memorable season.

"This is a part of life," Barlow said. "In life you have adversity, so this is a learning lesson. We lost the game but we still had a good season. [I'm] really proud of them."





## PICS OF THE WEEK

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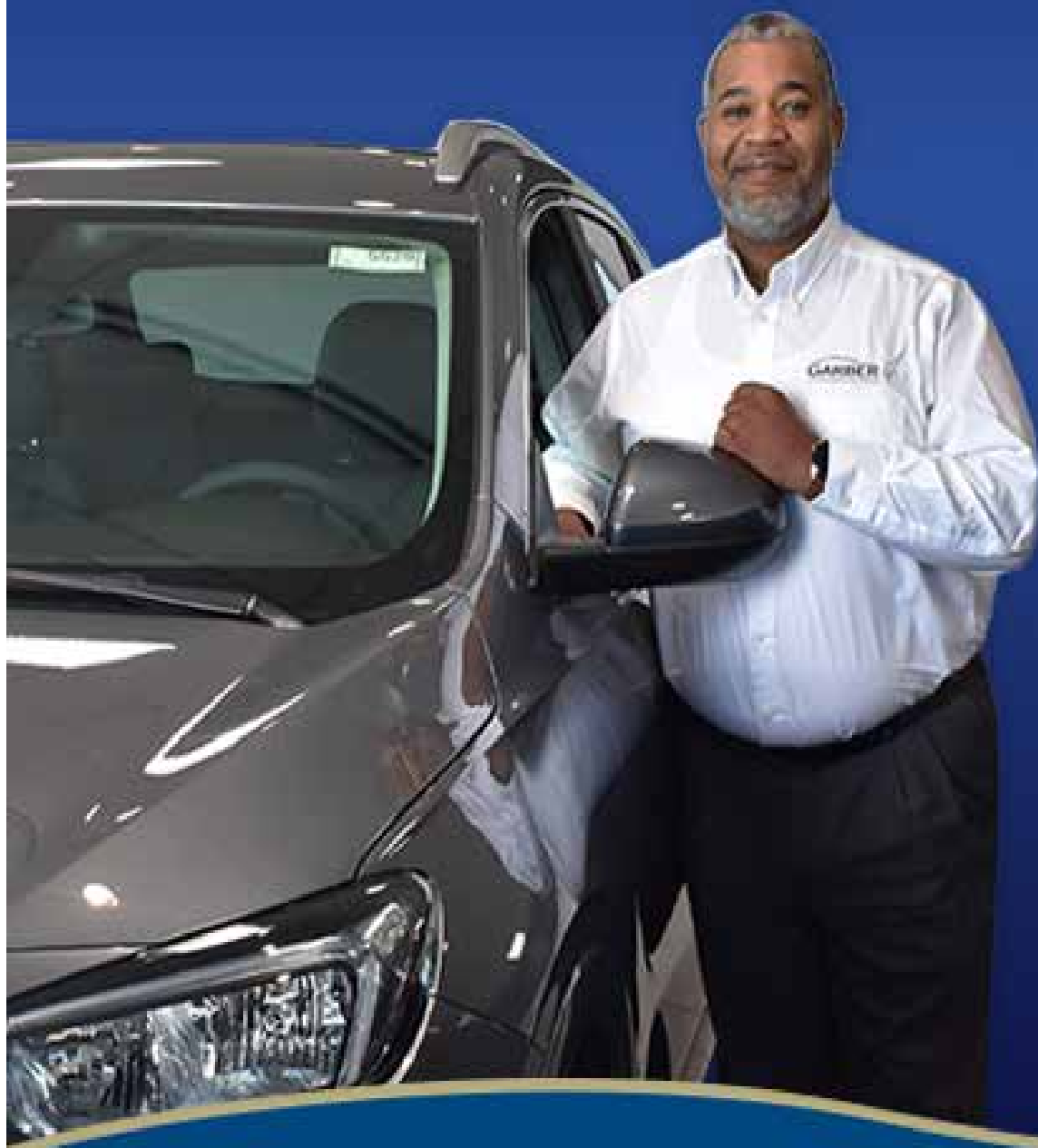


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