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Henry G. Marsh was born on October 11, 1921, to Thomas P. Marsh and Saidye Parrish Marsh, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Henry spent his youth in Greenville, Alabama, after his parents decided to move there from Tennessee. Henry remained in Greenville until he enlisted into the Army during World War II. While in the Army, he served primarily in Italy and France, and was a member of the units that prepared the way for the D-Day invasion of Normandy Beach. After leaving military service, Henry was able to attend Knoxville College thanks to the G. I. Bill.



HENRY AND RUTH MARSH

While attending Knoxville College, Henry met the woman who would eventually become his wife, Ruth Eleanor Claytor. Henry and Ruth wed on September 1, 1948, in Ruth's childhood

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home, Roanoke, Virginia. After graduation from Knoxville College, Henry enrolled into the University of Michigan Law School, completed one year and then transferred to the Wayne State University Law School so that he could be closer to Ruth, who was living in Detroit with her sister and brother-in-law while attending undergraduate school at the University of Detroit. Henry and Ruth moved to Saginaw in 1954, and Henry began his law practice. While building a thriving law practice, Henry became involved in community affairs and became a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was selected as the first chairman of the Human Relations Commission.

Henry ran for City Council in 1961, and was elected with the highest vote total. Henry was re-elected in 1965, where he served as Mayor Pro-Tem until 1967, when he was selected as Mayor. While serving as Mayor, Henry's primary goal was to bring the entire city together for the overall benefit of all. During this period of time, Henry's efforts bore fruit and Saginaw had the honor of being se-

lected as an All-American City. In addition to the honor of Saginaw being selected as an All-American, Henry was proud of being instrumental in Saginaw adopting an Open Housing Ordinance. After serving two terms on the City Council, Henry concentrated on his law practice, but continued to be involved in many community affairs. During this period of time, Henry prepared the way for a new bank to serve the Saginaw community and became one of the founding members of the First State Bank, which made a commitment to combating the redlining that had been occurring in City of Saginaw. 1971, Henry was honored when the I-675 bridge, over the Saginaw River, was named in his honor. Henry continued to practice law into his 80's and continued to be involved in community organizations until his passing on May 11, 2011.

Ruth C. Marsh was born on October 13, 1927, to Dr. John B. Claytor and Roberta Claytor, in Roanoke, Virginia. Ruth remained in Roanoke until she enrolled into Knoxville College in 1946. While enrolled at Knoxville College,

Ruth met the man who would become her husband, Henry G. Marsh.

In 1947, Ruth transferred to the University of Detroit and lived with her sister and brother-in-law. Ruth married Henry on September 1, 1948, and continued to reside in Detroit until they moved to Saginaw in 1954. Instead of continuing with college, Ruth chose to focus on being a wife and, about a year and a half after marriage, a mother. Ruth and Henry had 3 children during their marriage, Michael, Walter and Theresa. While raising her family, Ruth also became involved with several community organizations. She was a founding member of the Triskelions, which was a tri-county group of women involved in a fundraising effort for Saginaw Valley State College and served on the boards of the Red Cross, Saginaw General Hospital and Child and Family Services. She was also the past president of the Friends of Dr. Archer A. Claytor Library. Ruth continued to reside in Saginaw until her passing on February 22, 2022.

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WHEN GOD INTERVENED

By DONIQUA SOVIA

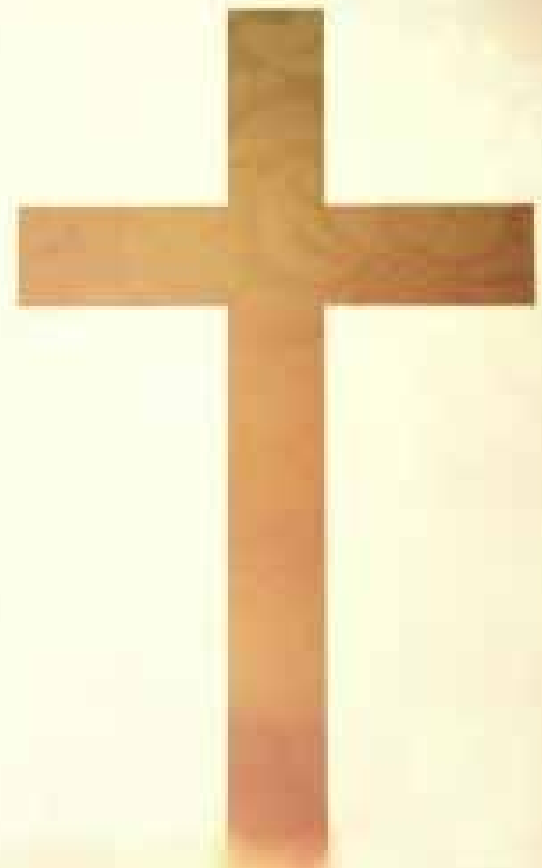
There's something to be said of a mentor. One who is by your side, guiding you through life and showing you an alternative to the life you have at that current moment. I was a very angry person, very distant, didn't say a whole lot when you spoke to me and said even less when you questioned me about my personal life and decisions.

I was easy to anger, and quick to get violent. Not many dealt with me, leading me to believe that the path that I was on was perfectly fine as no one stayed long enough to help cultivate the change that needed to happen and stir up the potential that lied dormant inside. God likes to send interventions into your life, and show you that the path you're on isn't the path He has chosen for you. My intervention was my uncle. For the next three years, he would mentor, guide, teach, train, display tough love, and most of all pray.

Boy, would he pray. It seemed as if he knew everything, even if I didn't tell him. I'd get messages of affirmation, and I'd get phone calls of blunt words and advice. He'd say something I didn't like and I'd get angry and he'd just be patient and say "Be still niency" and I hated those three words, because I didn't have any patience. But those three words though at the time I didn't say it; brought peace to my hurting, torn up heart.

Abuse. It seemed to make its rounds in my life. There were multiple times I'd FaceTime him with a bruised face, teary eyes and torn down self esteem. One time in particular stands out to me as he called me at midnight after praying for something to say as he sensed that something wasn't right. I was hysterical, bloody, bruised and hurt, claiming I wanted to end it all and those three words came through the phone "Be still niency." and all was calm again.

In the Bible it says "Be still and know that I am God." God showed up that night. He showed for three years. He came and brought words of change. He took the course of my life and spun it around. He came in the form of my uncle. Three years later; I'm no longer that angry person I once was. I'm no longer violent, or into drugs. I am now a product of what the true meaning and action of mentorship creates. Thank God for my uncle. But most importantly; Thank God for mentors. It goes to show the He will never leave us, nor forsake us.



2023 Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship Recipients

ALEXXANDRIA BRADDOCK

Alexxandria Braddock, a recent 2023 graduate of Heritage High School and work-study student with Gateway Financial Solutions. During her time at Heritage, Alexxandria was enrolled in AP classes throughout her high school career which consisted of European History, US History, Chemistry and Biology. Additional school activities and involvement includes, Secretary of Heritage's Black Student Union 2021-2022, member of the French Club and 1 year member of the Latin Club.

Her most exciting achievement was obtaining the Girls Basketball 2nd Team SVL 2023 All Conference, 2023 Track States finals and current Heritage 2023 Rebound Record holder. Additionally, Alexxandria's continues a strong and rich legacy of leadership and volunteerism throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region which includes clean up services with the DNR Program, State Park grounds, the City of Saginaw Neighborhood revitalization projects, Saginaw STEM teen volunteer, The Underground Railroad, Special Olympics and reading volunteer with elementary students. Alexxandria is also an active member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Alexxandria's life, character, and daily actions are reflected in the mantra, "The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others". -Deann Hollis Alexxandria will attend Concordia University Ann Arbor with a basketball scholarship, major in Accounting/Finance with an area of interest in Sports Journalism. Her goal is to complete her MBA at MSU.



KELCEI SCHULTZ

Kelcei Schultz is a junior at Carrollton High School and currently ranks first in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Science Olympiad and she participated in the Youth Ambassador Dale Carnegie Course where she earned the "Highest Award for Achievement". Kelcei is the Team Leader on her First Robotics team and a Student Mentor for Women of Colors' Saginaw Youth Robotics Academy, where she helps facilitate a K-8 STEM afterschool program. Kelcei has a strong passion for serving her community and has volunteered at several local organizations including First Ward Community Center and The East Side Soup Kitchen. In 2022, she was appointed to a two-year term for the city of Saginaw's Citizens-Police Advisory Commission as the sole student representative. Her future goals include obtaining a degree in engineering.



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VAMOS ADELANTE

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Frank "Sonny" Medel Jr. was most known as one of the most popular spinners of discs, LPs and the endless music soundtrack in the Great Lakes Bay Region. He passed away suddenly on Monday, February 6, 2023, at Covenant Hospital with many families and friends surrounding and praying for him. He was 55 years old.

Frank "Sonny" Medel, Jr. served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Desert Storm 1990-91 and reached the rank of Corporal. He was employed at the Aleda E. Lutz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and served as an Assistant Security Dispatcher. His passion in life was serving and assisting veterans, helping them navigate how to get the proper care and help at the VA. His work didn't end at the VA. He worked with many nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving veterans and their families. Frank was recognized by the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan as Veteran of the Year for his service to veterans across the state of Michigan.

Frank founded TCT Entertainment on May 11, 1985, a DJ plus small business that grew to entertain hundreds of audiences in Michigan for 39 years. Frank was on a mission. He brought music to the masses as a DJ like no other. He was mixing, scratching, staged with great lights, bass bottoms, pyrotechnics, and an over-the-top show. There were many tributes for Frank and the influence his DJ business made on the community. Hundreds of people commented that "he played at my wedding, my quinceañeras, my anniversary," and I had others tell me that Frank played at generations of family events. Many said he was there for all the important family events. It was said, "we all



FRANK "SONNY" MEDEL

knew if Frank was the DJ there was going to be a party in the house!"

Frank donated his services to many nonprofits in the area, for causes that made our region better including the Lights of the City Event, Cinco De Mayo parade and fiesta, and Rock the Block. He volunteered annually at Fiesta Tigers, a huge event at Comerica Park in Detroit. He helped out at many of the VA events and festivals throughout the community, including St. Joe's Festival, a traditional diversity gathering for all of Saginaw, and so much more.

As Frank's musical universe grew, he co-founded with Louie Garcia, President, the MidWest Tejano Music Radio, a digital radio station with a popular website. Frank became executive vice president. With the growth of the Internet the business became the leading Tejano station in the region, originating in Saginaw, Michigan. He also

co-chaired the annual MidWest Tejano Music fest held at the Dow Event Center-Jolt Pavilion, attracting thousands of paying patrons from all over the state of Michigan for the biggest event of the summer.

Frank was one of the founders and board members of the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute since 2009. He contributed many hours volunteering and mentoring student ambassadors. He was a mentor for many D.J.'s in the region and he managed Roxanne Chantaca of Roxanne y Los Compadres Mariachi group,

Another major contribution Frank Medel Jr. made was in bringing the Latino Loons to the Great Lakes Bay Region. Frank was one of three primary founders of the Dow Diamonds Latino Loons from 2012 to 2021 and in 2022 was part of the group, with Louie Garcia and Monica B. Reyes, that worked with the Loons staff to name and bring the COPA League to the Great Lakes Bay Region. The name for the team selected was Los Pepinillos Picantes del Norte (The Hot Little Pickles from the North), which celebrated the rich history of Mexican and Mexican American migrant farm workers in the Great Lakes Bay Region's agricultural community. Los Pepinillos Picantes del Norte pays homage to their presence and contributions as laborers cultivating one of the region's signature crops – "el pepino" – the pickle.

Frank was someone who epitomizes leadership, someone whose life reflects a heart of service and commitment to faith, family, friends, and certainly, enormous generosity. He has been greatly missed by the community and will be for many years to come, but his legacy will live on in all those he helped along the way of a great life he lived.

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A social worker's passion for purpose

By HASANI ALI

Dr. Timothy Walker always had a passion for helping people since he was a young boy. It only made sense for him to take his passion along with his God-given talents and turn it into a professional career.

The Saginaw native finds himself wearing three hats in the professional arena—a social worker, therapist and college professor.

He heard from a mentor that your career should never feel like work and he took that to heart.

“It’s the passion of helping people that did it for me,” he said. “Just growing up in Saginaw and overcoming all the adversities of city life, I would always been a helping hand and a listening ear to those around me that needed it. Those type of challenges inspired me to step into the field of social work—the will to help children and families and provide them with a safe space to feel seen be heard.”

The Arthur Hill graduate gained more of a sense of direction as to where he was going after high school. Wanting to be closer to home and needing to find the perfect program for social work, Walker attended Saginaw Valley State University for his undergraduate program.

“Being closer to home was the best

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DR. TIMOTHY WALKER

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decision for me,” he said. “SVSU was a great fit for me and the program really matched my personality.”

After graduating from SVSU, Walker needed to expand his academic career, but still wanted to stay close to home.

He decided to attend Wayne State University for his graduate program.

Being 100 miles away from home, Walker was excited for the new environment, but it really came with challenges of living in the big city.

“Saginaw was home for me and I knew everybody. When I was in Detroit, I had to get out of my comfort zone as far as learning the city and making new connections.”

Yet, it didn’t stop him from embracing the excitement of living in a new city.

“Detroit had a different community approach,” he said. “The city of Detroit was able to teach me how to work through adversity on a bigger scale since it was a bigger city. WSU had one of the best social work programs at the time it opened my eyes to diversity on an entirely different level.”

Walker realized that Detroit was much different than Saginaw. With a city with more resources and opportunities, the city also comes with different types of strife and struggles around the city.

“Just getting exposed to different communities that have resilience.” These bigger cities were really a draw for me. How these people deal with the hardships and are able to make things happen with the limited resources that they had.”

After obtaining his Master’s degree, Walker finally decided to make a drastic change and moved to New Orleans, La., to attend Tulane University for his doctorate program.

He was able to earn his PHD and teach as a professor as a part of his fellowship.

Walker, 33, is now currently living in Tampa, Fla.

Throughout his academic career, his

dedication to social work has molded him into a balanced individual. He gives credit to his studies and feels like he’s better equipped to serve whatever community that he’s in.

He would eventually like to return to Saginaw in order to be of service to his community.

“The best thing about being a social worker is that it taught me how to be well-rounded,” he said. “It allowed to gain access to different resources, tools and grant to help serve my church and other social programs around the city of Saginaw. I really felt like I could give back to my city.”

His job can be quite rewarding, but it comes with stress as well. It’s imperative that Walker takes the time to pour back into himself and not spread himself too thin while be a help to others.

“I would have to remember to take time for myself to relax and decompress, he said.” “It would be a disservice to the next client if I am trying to help them when I am completely burned out.”

He also turns to his spiritual advisor for support when he needs someone to talk to during tough times.

“I go to my pastor, Dr. Byron C. Hayes, for emotional support,” he said. “He calls me all the time to check up on me. Having that spiritual connection is one of the best support systems that I could ever have.”

So far in his career, his best reward has been helping Saginaw youth.

“The best reward was helping many of the Saginaw youth making life adjustments. I helped quite a few of them graduate high school. When those students came back to say thank you was the biggest reward that I could receive as a social worker.

Walker’s motivation to become a doctor was the driving force of wanting to see himself in a better position financially and social.

“I’ve seen the difference of lifestyles between now and when I was grow-

ing up,” he said. “I haven’t had to witness any more traumatizing experiences like gun violence and domestic disputes events that take place in poorer neighborhoods. I want to put myself and my future family in the best position so that we can grow a family in a healthy environment.”

The sense of accomplishment is more rewarding when it’s acknowledged by friends and family. Walker is usually greeted with open arms whenever he returns to Saginaw.

“My community is very proud of me,” he said. “They even call me doctor whenever they address me. People come up to me to ask me about my academic career in hopes that they can emulate the same results.”

Helping hundreds of people will be a evident piece of Walker’s work, but his main goal that would cement his legacy would be something that could be utilized in the city of Saginaw for generations.

“I want to build a youth center,” Walker said. “One that has different resources and healthy outlets for the youth so that they can be productive after school. If we give our young folks something to do after school, then it will help them to be less idle and prevent less danger in those communities if their time is occupied. I would love to do it in my own city.”

When it comes to passion and purpose, one should always do what they truly enjoy. It brings a person a sense of accomplishment and joy. Walker always relies that messages to anyone that he comes into contact with.

“Doing things that you really enjoy doing is very important,” Walker said. “It gives you that self-care and self-awareness. It keeps you healthy.”

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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



COURTESY PHOTO

Communication is the key to success



By **KEN H. SIMMONS, II**
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The new year is still young, as am I at heart on the verge of my 57th birthday. Shout out to all the Aquarians! Seeing that we are only in the second month of the year, there is still plenty of time to plan for

a successful outcome. One of the most important things I have learned in my years as a businessman, husband, and father is that communication is the key to success.

Success means different things to different people, and it most certainly is not restricted to more money and possessions. It can mean a healthy and happy relationship to a parent or spouse, good grades and a diploma or degree to a student, getting a great job or promotion to an employee, making a positive impact on a community to a pastor or civic leader, or making progress in any area of life. The Oxford Language Dictionary defines success as, “the accomplishment of an aim or purpose.” My definition is getting positive results in

a balanced lifestyle that incorporates God, health, home, work, and recreation.

The key, or keys to success have been a topic of discussion, and perhaps debate for decades if not centuries. Some of the more well known keys include education, goal setting, planning, mission statement, discipline, persistence, being coached, and investing in relationships. Many of these keys require communication to be effective.

In my professional career as an architect, construction manager, project man-

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ager, executive, and founder of several businesses with more than 30 years of experience under my belt, I found that good communication was essential to achieving success. As a student of architecture at U.C. Berkeley's College of Environmental Design, I would not have graduated and been granted a degree without demonstrating good communication skills, including listening, speaking, writing, visualizing, and presenting. After completing a design assignment, we, the students, were required to present our designs to the professor, the entire class, and on special occasions visiting professors and/or professionals at a critique, or crit for short. We had to communicate our ideas and solutions clearly, concisely, and engagingly to a room filled with those mentioned. After presenting, we had to defend our projects in an open session of comments, questions, and criticism from the audience. The entire process was grueling at times, and I saw students get crushed, cry, and even end up quitting the program all together after an intense crit session. My education taught me early on about the importance of communication.

As an architect in the San Francisco Bay Area, one of the first things I would do with a new client is meet with them to get a brief of what their vision and complete requirements were for the project (e.g. building, renovation, or remodel). This required active listening, feedback, and writing to capture the brief accurately. As a construction manager, I would establish a communication chain of command starting with me, the client, the architect, the general contractor, sub-contractors, and suppliers to ensure delivery of a high quality, technically accurate project on time and on budget.

Project management is similar but on a broader scale because I am capable of managing virtually any process and not just construction. For example, in South Africa where I am now based, I was the lead Project Manager for Manchester United F.C.'s pre-season tour of the country that included a delegation of 100 people flying from England to South Africa, with then coach Sir Alex Ferguson, the players, management, and media. The 11-day tour featured Man U playing two sold out friendly matches in World Cup stadiums

against local premier league teams in two cities and other activities all in celebration of Nelson Mandela Day. The entire project ran seamlessly and was a resounding success largely because of the highly professional and well coordinated communication process between all stakeholders.

As an executive and founder of several businesses in architecture, entertainment, hospitality, project management, and e-commerce, my ability to communicate has been essential to establishing the vision and mission, directing and motivating staff, reporting, executing projects, and acquiring business. In my first entertainment company, J.A.K.E. Productions, I used to tell my team that while we produce concerts, sports events, music videos, TV shows, and more, our real business is writing proposals and doing presentations, because without them we would not have work. Effectively communicating our concepts and ideas is what made the company successful for more than 15 years.

In my personal life, my wife and I attribute the health and happiness of our marriage to good communication between us. She helped me, because of her qualities, to be more expressive with my feelings and not bottle them up. We are always honest with each other, have no secrets between us, and share everything, as best friends and spouses should. We do our best to transfer these traits and qualities to our

five children by demonstration and encouraging them to do the same.

Communication is the key to success, but don't just take my word for it. Some of the most successful people in history are or were great communicators. I will mention many of them in alphabetical order. Abraham Lincoln, Aristotle, Barak Obama, Bill Clinton, Bob Marley, Confucius, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Franklin D. Roosevelt, George Foreman, Henry Ford, Jack Welch, John F. Kennedy, Jomo Kenyatta, Kamala Harris, Kenneth Kaunda, Kofi Annan, L. Ron Hubbard, Lee Iacocca, Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey, Margaret Thatcher, Martin Luther King, Jr., Maya Angelou, Michelle Obama, Mohandas Gandhi, Muhammad, Muhammad Ali, Nelson Mandela, Oprah Winfrey, Patrice Lumumba, Robert Kennedy, Sam Walton, Shakespeare, Socrates, Ted Kennedy, Thomas Sankara, Warren Buffett, and Winston Churchill. If some of these names are new to you, it might be an opportunity for you to look them up and be inspired by the power of communication.

Last, but by no means least, is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He was such a great communicator that His words have lasted for more than 2,000 years and influenced billions of people from everywhere in the world and all walks of life.





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Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has contributed more than \$27 billion to support public education in Michigan, with more than \$6 billion of that coming in the last four years. Fiscal Year 2022 marked the Lottery's fourth straight contribution of more than \$1 billion to support public education.

Almost 11,000 businesses throughout Michigan earn commissions on the sale of Lottery products as licensed retailers. Lottery sales provide a year-round reve-

nue stream for small and large businesses alike. In the last decade, more than \$2.4 billion in sales commissions and bonuses have been paid to these businesses.

In addition to contributing to the School Aid Fund, the Lottery recognizes outstanding educators with the Excellence in Education awards. The Michigan Lottery established the Excellence in Education awards in 2014 to recognize outstanding public-school educators across the state during the school year.

One outstanding educator is selected each week and receives a \$1,500 cash prize plus a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One of the weekly award winners will be selected to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

Each winner also will receive a plaque and be featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-

TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV, Saginaw.

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

We recognize the challenges facing educators today, and the Lottery is proud to support Michigan public schools and the important work they do. In 2023, we look forward to another successful year and support for public schools across the state.



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The Michigan Banner honors those who served

A day was set aside in the year 1868 to commemorate and honor fallen soldiers. Initially designated Decoration Day, May 30th was a day to decorate the graves of troops across the nation. There had been more than 620,000 military deaths during the deadly and divisive Civil War. It is said that Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, John Logan chose the end of the month of May to ensure that flowers needed for the decorations would be in full bloom throughout the nation at that time. It was, in part, an effort to develop unity.

Almost two decades after the first observance of Decoration Day, the name was changed to 'Memorial Day.' It would be fifty years later in 1920 that the poppy was adopted as the official flower. Whenever possible, feel free to support the veterans collecting outside of local stores and other businesses with a donation. They give a poppy (the official flower) which usually comes with a piece of candy. I'll go on record and say that I prefer the locations distributing chocolate.

Over the years, Memorial Day traditions have evolved. We now celebrate on



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the last Monday of the month of May. The American flag is to be hung at half-staff from dawn until noon and then raised to the top of the staff until dusk. In the year 2000, the U.S. Congress passed legislation encouraging all Americans to pause for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time.

As a veteran of the U.S. Army, I am honored to have received so many comments thanking me for my service. Those who served view this as more than a three-day weekend, an opportunity to cook out, or an official launch into summer. Army

Commander-in-Chief John Logan, who first established this holiday, has several townships across the country named in his honor. Washington, D.C.'s Logan Circle is one of the historic sites named in honor of his service. Most service men and women will not receive such acclaim. So, to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, from generations ago to present today, those who we honored on Memorial Day 2023, we give thanks to them and their loved ones who hold them in their hearts each day. Thank you for your service.

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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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Boy Holds Flower, Austen Brantley

Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition opens at Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum June 10

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University invites you to join us for the 2023 Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition on view beginning Saturday, June 10 through Saturday, July 29, 2023.

Michael Dunbar, renowned American sculptor, juried the exhibition and selected the merit award winners from 206 artworks submitted by 80 artists from the Great Lakes states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York, and Pennsylvania. The First through Fourth place and Honorable Mention award winning artists featured in the exhibition will be announced during the reception. All awards are sponsored by the Huntington Bank: Frances Goll Mills Fund.

“The exhibition, which over the years has displayed the work of some of Michigan and Northern Indiana’s finest sculptors, has provided the Great Lakes Bay Re-

gion with the quality artwork usually seen in large metropolitan areas. Sculptures are representational, abstract and non-representational created in a wide variety of media and styles. The artists themselves represent a range of unique careers and backgrounds. Many artists represented have works in public places, museum collections, and private collections. Overall, the exhibition boasts a unique variety of sculptural forms.” View past Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibitions at: <https://marshallfredericks.org/exhibitions/past/>

About the Juror

For more than five decades, Michael Dunbar has worked as a professional sculptor building monumental, abstract works of art for the grounds of sculpture parks, universities, corporate headquarters, and public plazas throughout the world. Along with fellow sculptor Terry Karpowicz, Mi-

chael Dunbar co-produced Pier Walk, the World’s Largest Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, held annually from 1995-2000 at Chicago’s historic Navy Pier. From 1977-2011 Dunbar served as the first Art-in-Architecture Coordinator for the Capital Development Board for the Percentage for Arts program for the State of Illinois. Each Art-in-Architecture project is tied to a specific construction or renovation project funded by the state of Illinois. The Capital Development Board reserves one-half of one percent of the construction cost of state building and renovation projects to purchase public art. In 2021 Dunbar was an Individual Artist Award recipient from the International Pollock-Krasner Foundation. In 2019 he received the “Special Honor Purchase Award” at the Second HUMAN•NATURE 2019” China • Zhengzhou International Sculpture Exhibition, in Zhengzhou, China. In 2016 he was the “Special Honor Purchase Award” recipient at the 5th China, Wuhu Liu Kaiqu International Sculpture Exhibition. Dunbar has received many additional awards, including a full National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 1975.

“We are excited and honored to have Michael Dunbar as the juror for this exhibition due to his notable public art sculpting and administrator career.” said Megan McAdow, Museum director at SVSU. “It’s important that the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and Saginaw Valley State University support living artists and hosting a biennial sculpture exhibition is an excellent way to accomplish that goal.”

This exhibition is made possible with grant funds from the Michigan Arts and Cultural Council and the Huntington Bank: Frances Goll Mills Fund.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, contact Andrea Ondish at (989) 964-7096 or ondish@svsu.edu, or visit marshallfredericks.org/exhibitions.

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Financial Plus Credit Union awards five \$1,000 scholarships to exceptional students

Financial Plus Credit Union is proud to award their 8th annual “You are the Future” Scholarships to Ava Bryant, Jarrod Albosta, Jason Pringle II, Melodie Marsh, and Olivia Lafuente. Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to use during their 2023-2024 academic school year. This scholarship can be applied towards tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Financial Plus Credit Union received over 160 scholarship applications, a record-breaking amount of entries. “We’re delighted to see so many talented and driven individuals pursuing their academic goals. This response is a testament to the importance of investing in the future and supporting the next generation of leaders. Financial Plus is proud to grant scholarships to these exceptional individuals who demonstrate academic commitment and positively impact their community,” said Ciara Kolasinski, Financial Wellness Coach at Financial Plus Credit Union.

Ava, a strong leader and mental health advocate from Goodrich, plans to study psychology at Grand Valley State University. A Mancelona native with a passion for service, Jarrod currently attends Northwestern Michigan College with plans to transfer to Ferris State University and pursue a doctorate in pharmacy. Jason hails from Saginaw and is dedicated to making a difference in his hometown. He will attend Delta College in the fall with the dream of becoming a family nurse practitioner.

Flint native Melodie has shined academically as president of the National Honor Society. She is currently dual-enrolled at the University of Michigan-Flint

and will be attending Hampton University to study public health. From Flushing, Olivia is passionate about supporting classmates through her school’s Peer 2 Peer program and will pursue education at Mott Community College to become a Special Education Teacher.

Scholarship judges at Financial Plus reviewed all eligible entries and awarded the recipient based on attaining all requirements. For questions about the “You are the Future” Scholarship, please contact Ciara Kolasinski, Financial Wellness Coach at Financial Plus at (810) 244-2961 or at ckolasinski@myfpcu.com.



United Bay Community Credit Union earns certification as Community Development Financial Institution

United Bay Community Credit Union (Ubay) has been granted the designation of Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), officially joining the ranks of approximately 50 CDFIs serving the state of Michigan. According to reports from the federally backed Community Development Financial Institution Fund, there are only 1,000 CDFIs currently operating nationwide.

Established by the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994, Community Development Financial Institutions are mission-driven organizations that introduce capital into communities that otherwise lack ac-

cess to traditional banking and lending services. These specially designated financial institutions receive federal dollars from the CDFI Fund for efforts to develop and revitalize local economies in the communities they serve. Federal dollars received by CDFIs are allocated to help individuals who would otherwise not be considered for lending programs, such as small dollar loans and mortgages.

“United Bay Community Credit Union is honored that we’ve earned our CDFI certification,” said Doug Kelley, United Bay Community Credit Union CFO. “The CDFI designation helps Ubay provide services to the communities that need it most.

Our organizational mission is to provide our members with the resources to develop strong financial roots, and CDFI funding will allow us to provide more of those resources.”



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YMCA of Saginaw's annual concert grows into a two-day event

The YMCA of Saginaw's annual concert event is returning bigger and better as a two-day music festival on Thursday, June 15, 2023, and Friday, June 16, 2023, says Director of Operations Doug Temple. The FREE two-day festival benefits several charities in the community including Boys and Girls Club, Kappa Alpha Psi Alumni Chapter, East Side Soup Kitchen, and the YMCA of Saginaw. Resources from sponsors, donors, and partners benefit programs at the YMCA focused on feeding the community, veterans, water safety, older adults, youth and family programs, Camp Timbers and YMCA scholarships. Additionally, the Versiti blood bus will be on-site both days taking much needed blood donations.

The Thursday, June 15th concert features Shakedown: a Bob Seger Tribute band, and will also be Veterans Night. The first 50 registered veterans will receive VIP seating, complimentary drinks, pop-



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corn and a meal. Veterans can register on Eventbrite.com. For Friday, June 16th, the featured artist is Stone Street Revival. Both days start at 4 p.m. when Food Truck Alley (featuring Marias Mexican, Olvera's BBQ, Sharrie's International Cuisine, and the Artisan Bistro) opens. Giant bounce houses from Bouncing Bellas will be on-site in the Kids' STEM zone play area. Tri City Cornhole will be leading a youth event

on Thursday and a sanctioned tournament on Friday. Plus, up to ten pop-up vendors will be on-site with local goods for sale. Doug Temple says, "The event has something for the whole family. All you need to do is bring your lawn chair, a friend and your dancing shoes. Both bands will start at 5:30 p.m. but the activities will get rolling at 4 p.m. To get a good spot in the lawn, I would recommend coming early."

Saginaw County Parks opens Saginaw rivers headwaters rec area

Depending on what generation you're from, this land is either a reminder of the factory that once stood or a peaceful place to enjoy nature.

Congratulations to Saginaw County Parks, a Chamber Member, which recently unveiled the Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area at 77 W. Center Street in the City of Saginaw. What a beautiful spot to be immersed in nature, without leaving the city.

Saginaw County Parks reports additional development is planned later this year and in 2024. After that, the official grand opening will take place. The rec area showcases 334 beautiful acres along the Saginaw River. Visitors to the site will find a completed parking area and over three miles of developed trails (2.5 miles of aggregate surface and .5 mile paved). Future development covers continued habitat restoration, observational overlooks, additional trails, a fishing platform on the Sagi-



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naw River, and a historic timeline of the property curated by the Historical Society of Saginaw County.

Saginaw Rivers Headwaters Rec Area is a collaboration between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Saginaw County; the first of its kind in Michigan. The site is intended for passive

recreation, including hiking, biking, wildlife observation, and fishing on the Saginaw River.

To learn more about the rec area go here: <https://bit.ly/45iibHc>

And to see a video explaining the site go here: <https://youtu.be/z9mguJ2aEWk>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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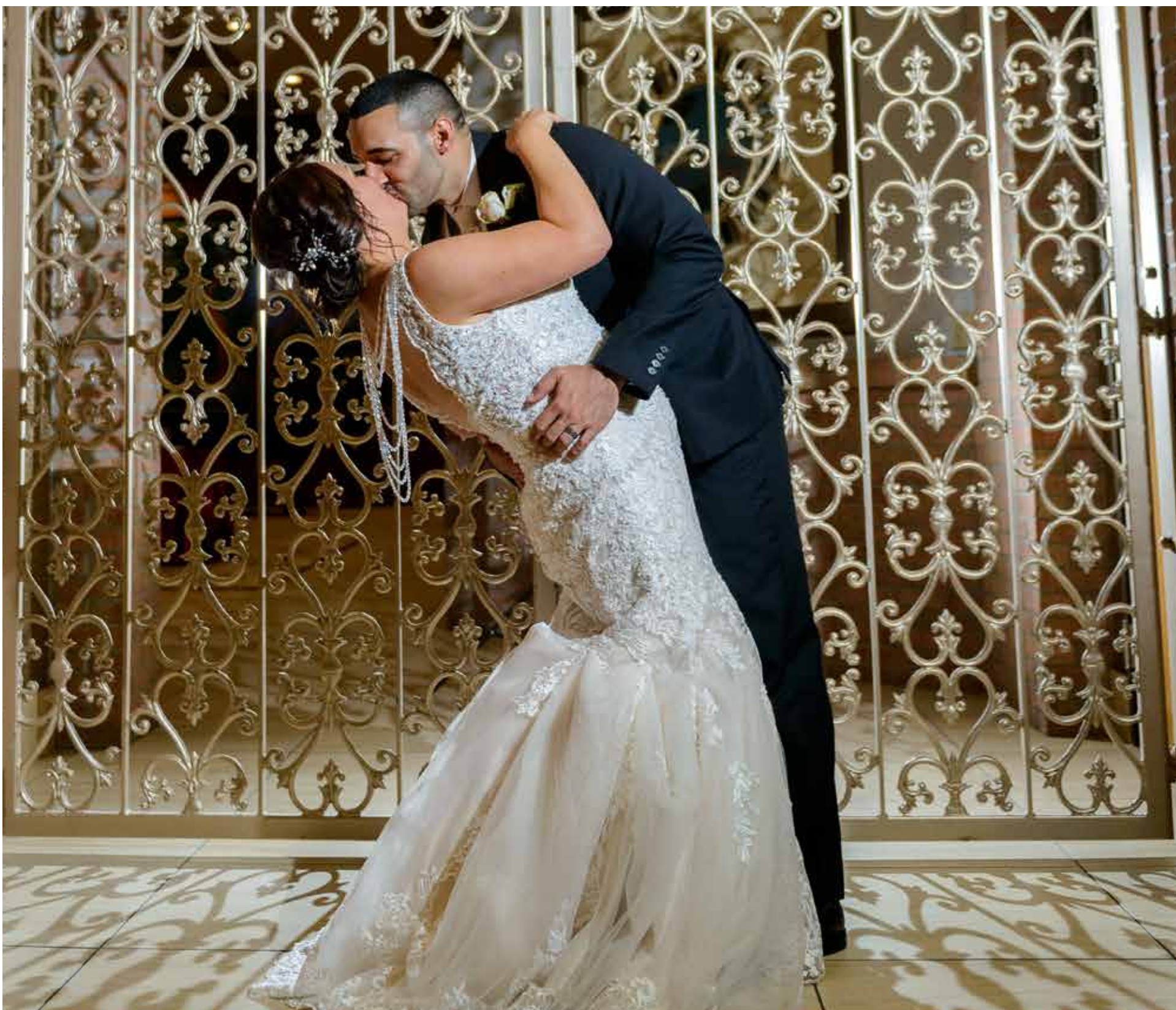
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Join us at Ministry Without Walls

By **PASTOR JOHN DUNN**
MINISTRY WITHOUT WALLS

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

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

Our vision is for Ministry Without Walls to be:

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

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

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

Our ongoing teaching and seminars will include:

- Outreach
- Growing Spiritually
- Mental Health
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- Boys to Men
- Women of Wisdom
- Discipleship

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

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

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

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

Pastor, John Dunn
Ministry Without Walls
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SERMONETTE SERIESBy MINISTER CAROLYN CARTER
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Have you heard or even said as a child, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?” As this was being said, the person saying it was more than likely already hurt, and simply used the saying as a response and a defense to the insult, that implied you might be able to hurt me by physical force but not by your words. Although, this was a popular saying in its day it is totally untrue. Words may not break your bones, but they can break a person. They are so dominant and controlling that not only can they paralyze a person but can literally stop an individual from moving forward in their life, wounding, and or hurting them.

Proverbs 18: 21 states, “The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit,” and reveals to us our words can bring life, joy, encouragement, hope and healing when spoken in the right tone and at the right time. They can also belittle, degrade, humiliate, and assassinate. James shares with us, “Even so the tongue is a little member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire” (3:5 KJV), and Proverbs imparts a severe

warning, “Those who guard their mouths, and their tongues keep themselves from calamity” (Proverbs 21:23 NIV). Therefore, as Christians we are being cautioned to be careful with our words just as they have the power to give life, they also have the power to take life.

It is our dialogues that exposes what is in our hearts. What we say and how we say reflects what is in our hearts. They are a barometer, an index, a revelation of our moral and spiritual character. Jesus communicates this in Luke 6:45, “The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.” According to the Preachers Outline & Sermon Bible there are at least five things that a man’s words depict about him:

- A man’s words expose his true nature – what he is really like beneath the surface.
- A man’s words expose what he is down deep within his heart, his motives, desires, ambitions, or the lack of initiative.
- A man’s words expose his true

character - good or bad, kind or cruel.

- A man’s words reveal his mind, what he thinks – pure or impure thoughts
- A man’s words expose his spirit, what he believes and pursues – the legitimate or illegitimate

Consequently, our words do one or two things, they declare the greatest of blessings which may achieve a world of good, or they will pronounce the most deadly and destructive of weapons, able to generate never-ending evil. Everything you and I have said this week has either been life-giving or death dealing, and there is nothing in between. Yes, “The tongue has the power of life and death and those who love it will eat its fruit”. Therefore, whatever we speak there will be consequences – Is it any wonder Jesus said, “By your words you will be condemned and by your words you will be justified” (Matthew 12:37 ESV).

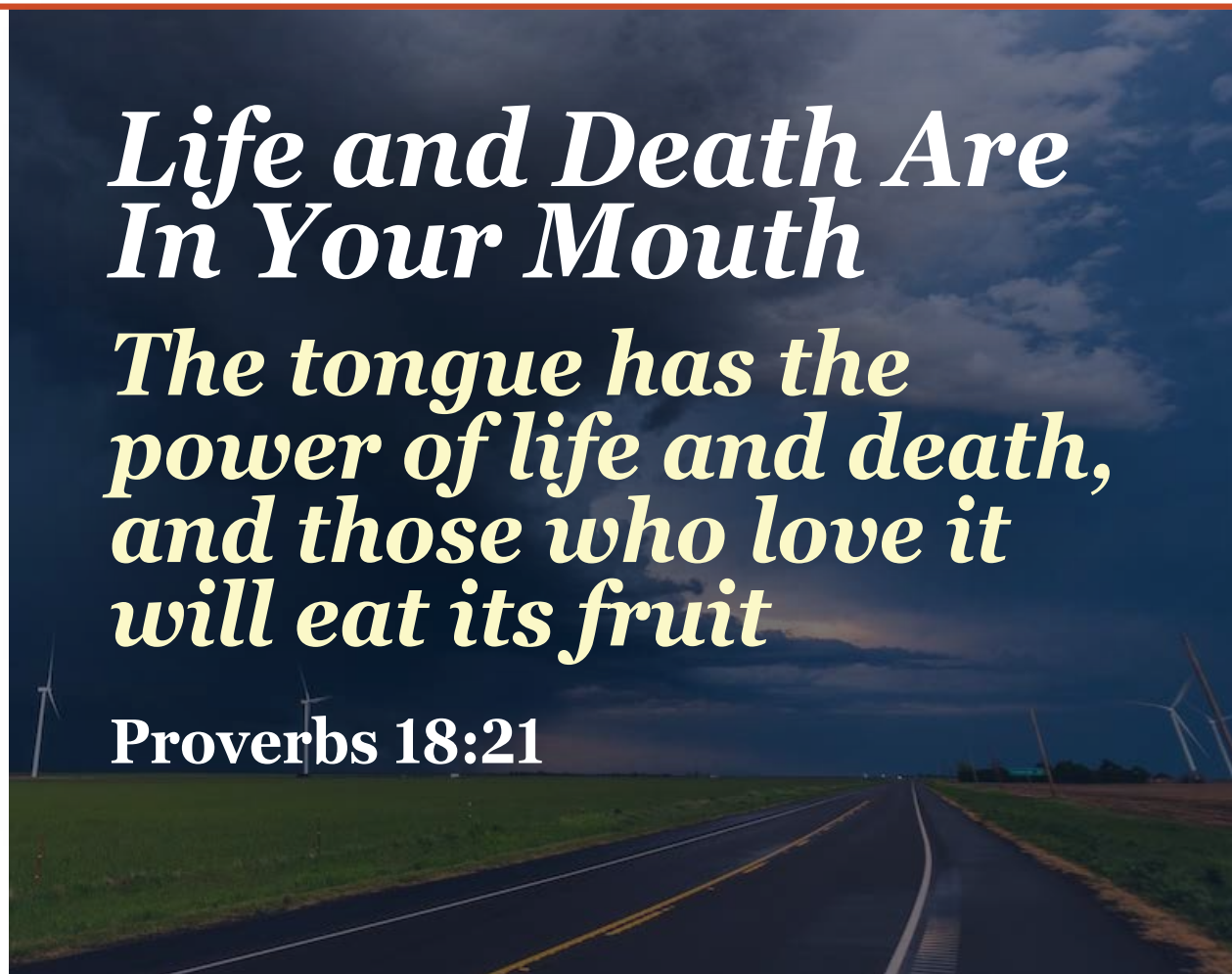
Your words are important, so please think before you speak, because “Life and Death Are In Your Mouth.”

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Proverbs 18:21



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Should your organization last forever?

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

With June 30 knocking on the calendar door now is the time for reflection on how and whether to move ahead. Your nonprofit may have a calendar year that ends on June 30th – or this could be a mid-year point. In all cases, we recommend taking a moment to reflect on the work and value of your organization. Take time to look down the road at what lies ahead – and to look back on from whence you came. There may be a fork in the road, and you could benefit from seeing it.

Sometimes we think of nonprofit organizations or institutions as perpetual entities. We are proud of those we support or work for and those who serve us or advocate for us. But we rarely consider whether or not they should continue to exist. We be-

lieve that you can be proud of a nonprofit and at the same time realize that now may be the time to consider merging or dissolving. These are not mutually exclusive realities. Reflection can be a touchstone for growth, but there can be other outcomes.

Here are a few very direct questions you can ponder and discuss amongst board members, staff, volunteers, and even funders and donors. Are we really making an impact, or are we just keeping the doors open? If we are “just” keeping the doors open, is that fair to our community? To our donors? To the larger cause? Is there another organization – emerging or established – that could do a better job at what we are seeking to accomplish? Related to this, is it morally right to seek out and accept resources which otherwise could go to other organizations that could make a greater impact?

Were you designed to be a “forever” nonprofit, or were you born to address a specific need or issue? Do you have the ability to know if you have accomplished your goals and should close because you have done what you set out to do? Are you raising just enough money to operate? Or

are you not raising enough money to operate? Are you consolidating programs and operations, year over year, laying off staff, drawing down your reserve funds or accessing the principal of your endowment? Is there a decline in leadership and commitment? A persistent decline in giving? A decline in awareness and communication? Are there times when you cannot pay staff and/or vendors? Are you finding that your organization’s focus has shifted from programmatic excellence to whether or not you can make ends meet? Are you experiencing a lack of innovation and new projects? Are you doing the same thing year in and year out? Is the organization still relevant? Does it still meet a need?

As we said, these are very direct questions. Don’t be afraid to grapple with these: asking questions can reveal a more powerful future. With over 1.8 million nonprofit organizations in the U.S. there is no lack of people committed to a positive future: it may be time for someone else to pick up the mantle.



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+ HEALTH

Dr. Stephanie Duggan of Ascension St. Mary's named among top women hospital Presidents and CEOs

Becker's Hospital Review, a leading healthcare industry news source, has named Stephanie Duggan, MD, FACEP, FAAPL, CPE, among its 177 Women Hospital Presidents and CEOs to Know. Dr. Duggan was acknowledged for her strong leadership across a broad geographic region, implementation of best practices for patient safety and quality care, and strategic growth initiatives.

Dr. Duggan has served as president and CEO of Ascension Michigan's northernmost hospitals since 2018, including Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Ascension Standish Hospital in Standish and Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City.

As a vibrant, quality-driven servant leader, Dr. Duggan's primary responsibilities are focused on strategic growth, business partnerships, clinical program development, talent development and retention, quality and fiscal outcomes, and community reputation, engagement and advocacy. She has been instrumental in recent growth initiatives including the expansion of the emergency care center at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital and facilitating a partnership with Covenant HealthCare for emergency air medical transportation provided through Ascension St. Mary's Flight-Care.

A board-certified emergency medicine physician, Dr. Duggan began her career at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw in 1997. Prior to returning to Michigan in 2018, she served as chief clinical officer at Ascension St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Before that, she held various leadership positions at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida, including chief medical officer, interim pharmacy medical director and interim emergency department director.

Dr. Duggan earned her medical degree and completed her residency at Wayne State University. She has received numerous awards and recognitions during her career and served on many national, state



DR. STEPHANIE DUGGAN

and local boards. She currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the American Association of Physician Leaders. Dr. Duggan served as vice chair and is now chair of the Michigan Health and Hospi-

tal Association Legislative Policy Panel. She also serves as a board member for the Saginaw County Board of Public Health, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and Saginaw Promise.



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SVSU partners with U.P. College to address critical nursing workforce issue

Bay College, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and Saginaw Valley State University have established a new partnership to expand nursing education opportunities and grow the talent pool of nurses in the U.P. and northern Michigan through a collaboration supported by a grant from the State of Michigan.

Bay College will receive a \$2 million grant to administer a program in collaboration with SVSU for nurses to complete their bachelor's degrees. Under the agreement, students who complete an Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) at Bay College can earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from SVSU's fully accredited program.

"Bay College is very pleased to partner with Saginaw Valley State University to bring a BSN credential to the Bay College students", said Bay College's President Dr. Laura Coleman. "There is a huge health-care workforce need in the Upper Peninsula that includes BSN credentialed nurses. SVSU will begin offering the BSN curriculum in our communities beginning in the Fall of 2023. We would like to thank Governor Whitmer, Senator McBroom, and all those who supported developing these partnerships".

The SVSU-Bay partnership will streamline the pathway to a bachelor's degree in nursing by empowering students in Bay College's associate degree program to work concurrently toward a bachelor's degree from SVSU.

"This partnership allows our students to achieve their educational goals at a highly recognized BSN program for degree advancement," said Bay College's Dean of Allied Health, Evelyn Norkoli. "With the increasing shortage of nurses nationwide, this partnership will certainly help initiatives directed to relieve these shortages and also helps to recognize both Bay College and Saginaw Valleys commitment to excellence in nursing. It opens the opportunity for our students to receive highly qualified instruction in the community in which they live and work."

"This partnership is an exciting oppor-



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tunity for Bay College and SVSU to provide expanded nursing education for students in the U.P.," said Marcia Mastracci Ditmyer, dean of SVSU's College of Health and Human Services. "We're pleased to build on Bay College's strong ADN program to educate nurses who will fill critical roles in delivering high-quality health care in their communities."

SVSU and Bay College are among many Michigan institutions participating in this program to expand nursing education opportunities throughout the state. Under the \$56 million initiative, which is included in the fiscal year 2023 state budget, community colleges can receive funding to partner with a four-year college or university. This collaboration will include input from local employers and workforce development agencies. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity will administer the grant.

Megan Rule, SVSU's RN to BSN program coordinator, said attainment of a bachelor's degree offers benefits for nurses and patients.

"Students completing a BSN receive a comprehensive, holistic professional education that focuses on best practice, community health, leadership and process improvement as it relates to patient safety and quality care," Rule said.

"We are eager to work with Bay College's ADN student nurse population so

they can earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from SVSU's fully accredited and community-minded program, while maximizing transfer credits to SVSU at their home campus."

Health care providers recognize a growing need for highly prepared nurses.

Scott Blixt, chief nursing officer at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique, said, "I love the direction Bay College is going with recent partnership agreements that allow our students to remain local to achieve their educational goals. Through this effort, I am hopeful that our students will also stay local for nursing work after achieving their BSN."

Bay College nursing student Tristan Kuntze is one of the many students who are interested in the collaborative ADN-BSN program. Kuntze believes that SVSU's program will benefit all current and future Bay College nursing students who want to further their education while staying close to home.

Bay College and SVSU expect to begin enrolling students through the new partnership for the coming fall semester, starting classes in August 2023. For more information, contact Bay College's Allied Health Department at 906-217-4090 or Megan Rule, SVSU's RN to BSN Coordinator, at 989-964-4184. Or visit <https://www.baycollege.edu/academics/programs/nursing-rn-bsn.php>.

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Delta College hosts Health & Wellness Camp

Delta College's Camp Health and Wellness will be held on June 20-22 at the main campus from 9:30am-1:30pm each day for students entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2023.

Each day will consist of eight informative and hands-on sessions led by local health professionals and college and career center instructors to help introduce students to the health sciences career field. Students will be able to receive training in adult CPR and learn professional and employment skills.

- session topics include
- Athletic Trainer
- Chiropractor
- Dental Hygiene/Dental Assistant
- Dietician

- Emergency Medical Technician
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This year's supporting organizations include Ascension St. Joseph System, Covenant Healthcare, Deckerville Community Hospital, Harbor Beach Community Hospital, HealthSource Saginaw, Hills & Dales General Hospital, Hospital Council of East Central Michigan, Marlette Regional Hospital, McKenzie Health System, McLaren Bay Region and Scheurer Health.

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Michiganders urged to take precautions to prevent heat-related illness as temperatures climb across the state

With temperatures reaching over 90 degrees in Michigan over the next several days, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging all residents to stay cool to beat the heat.

MDHHS routinely reviews emergency department (ED) data for heat-related illness. As daily temperatures rise above 80 degrees, ED visits for heat-related illness tend to increase. This is often more likely for the first high-heat event of the year as people are not as used to those kinds of temperatures and may not take the necessary precautions.

“It’s important Michiganders stay hydrated and understand the risks of excessive heat exposure during this warm weather,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Young children, older adults and those who have medical conditions are at increased risk for heat-related illness, so be sure to check frequently on them and others in your community who may need additional assistance.”

To prevent complications from the heat, residents are encouraged to:

- Drink more fluids and avoid liquids with large amounts of

sugar or alcohol.

- Limit outdoor activities to when it is coolest in the morning and evening.
- Spend time indoors in air conditioning at home or in a cooling center.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing.
- Wear sunscreen, as sunburn affects a body’s ability to cool down.
- Check on elderly neighbors and relatives to determine if they need assistance.

For those without access to air conditioning, text or call 211 or contact your local health department to find out if there is a cooling center nearby. You can also spend some time at an air-conditioned library, shopping mall or other public building – even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help.

In addition to staying hydrated and out of the sun, residents are reminded to never leave children or pets alone in a car even with windows cracked. Temperatures inside a car can easily be double the temperature outside, and because a child’s body heats up three to five times faster than an adult’s they are more susceptible to heatstroke.

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke are both forms of heat-related illness. Signs of heat-related illness vary but may include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, fainting, an extremely high body temperature (above 103°F) and tiredness. Heatstroke occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature and can result in death if not treated promptly.

For more information about how to protect yourself and your loved ones from heat-related illness, see the MDHHS Heat Awareness and Safety Fact Sheet, also available in Spanish, Arabic, and Bengali, or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website.

+ EDUCATION



JAMES PERRY

Delta College names new dean of enrollment

Delta College's leadership team has announced the appointment of James Perry as the new dean of Enrollment Access in Student and Education Services.

Perry, who began his role on May 8, will oversee enrollment services, including admissions, records and registration and financial aid.

"We are excited to have James join Delta. He is focused on student success and always asking questions about how to serve our region better," Delta College President Dr. Mike Gavin said. "As a native of Saginaw, his roots in the community will serve us well in our work to be the community's college."

James earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Tuskegee University, a Bachelor of Arts in pastoral ministry from Aeon Bible College, a Post Baccalaureate in mental health counseling from Capella University, and a Master of Science in Psychology from Grand Canyon University. He is working on completing a Ph.D. in integrative public policy and development at Tuskegee University.

Perry's return to the region marks a new chapter to impact the community by increasing a college-going culture and ensuring that Delta is a driving force for increased educational attainment.

Throughout his extensive higher edu-

cation background, particularly in student affairs, he served as an admissions counselor, recruiter and Interim Dean of Student Services. He currently serves as the director of admissions and recruitment at Tuskegee University.

"I am looking forward to contributing to the vision of Delta College and servicing the greater tri-county area," Perry said. "Coming back after 30 years with a different perspective and purpose of service, I feel that I can make an impact in helping students receive educational attainment and opportunities to achieve their dreams."



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Teachers shortages



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

On May 9th, WNEM TV 5 news reporter Sierra Searcy prepared a comprehensive report about teacher shortages. It motivates me to say Sierra did a great job about a subject close to my heart.

When I served as Dean of the College of Education, I made it my mission to support undergraduate students interested in becoming teachers. I was quick to point out areas of shortages that existed at the time in Special Education, Science and Mathematics. I remember getting a call

from the University President who said he had been in Lansing at a meeting where the claim was made that there was no shortage in these areas at all.

I knew that was incorrect because of feedback I had received from administrators looking for teachers. Plus I figured out the state was simply doing “arithmetic,” adding up the number of persons being compared to the vacancies they were seeing at that time. The false assumption was, all who are certified to teach want to teach. Of course that was not true then and it is even more untrue now.

A couple of points I would add for readers to consider. 1st, if you are interested in teaching, now is a great time to jump in. For those who have bachelor degrees already, getting certified has been streamlined and is available many ways, as Sierra pointed out in the piece.

2nd, if you are interested in subbing, the process for signing up has streamlined (most intermediate schools have the in-

formation for subbing in local school districts). And you can be prescriptive, in stating where and when you may sub.

3rd, the teacher shortages are pronounced, but so are bus driver and other job functions in short supply. Now is a great time to work for schools as many retirements are happening with the end of this school year.

Finally, for all of us, it is a time to encourage our young people who may want to work in schools to go forward with what they want to do. There are many incentives, some of which are financial. Now may be a great time to follow your dream!

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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

¹Head 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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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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Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

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

pregnant women and their families.

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

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TORY JACKSON

Jackson is the new head coach at Novi Detroit Catholic Central

By HASANI ALI

Tory Jackson continues to climb the ladder in his coaching career. The all-time MHSAA and University of Notre Dame standout has been named the new head boys basketball coach at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Jackson's hire was announced mid-May. He was the former coach at Grand Blanc and led the team to a spot in the Division 1 final four at the Breslin Center in East Lansing last season.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central finished 11-11 in 2023, getting upset in districts by Northville, after being a year removed from a run to the Div. 1 quarterfinals. The program and former head coach Brandon

Sinawi parted ways last month after five years together.

Jackson, 34, was an all-time great at Saginaw Buena Vista in the 2000s, winning two Class C state titles and then went on to become a four-year starter at the point and a team captain with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

At Notre Dame, he played in 136 games, averaging nine points per game throughout his career. Jackson also led the Big East conference in two seasons, averaging five assists per game.

He finished his epic high school career at Buena Vista as the MHSAA's fifth-leading scorer in history with 2,518 points.

"My basketball career was magical," Jackson said in a previous interview. "I

would have loved to have continued my journey in the NBA, but I had some family issues that I had to deal with and I couldn't focus on the game like I wanted to. Yet, I wouldn't change a thing. I love coaching these young men and showing them how to play this game. I can see how hungry these guys are to elevate their game."

Grand Blanc senior RJ Taylor loved playing under Jackson during his final season with the Bobcats. He will be playing for University of Northern Iowa in the fall and Jackson gave him the confidence to play at the next level.

"Coach Jackson has taught me so much," he said. "He's like a big brother to me. I was able to get a better understanding of the game and it made me that much better of a player."

The Shamrocks have only four other coaches in basketball history, Jackson compares CC to ND in terms of tradition and prestige.

"In a lot of ways, CC is like a mini version, a high-school version of Notre Dame," he said. "And Notre Dame is home for me, so that's why this feels like I'm coming home. CC provides so much to its athletes, coaches and students. I love everything about it."

Before landing at Grand Blanc in 2022, Jackson was an assistant at Northwood University and the head coach at Bay City John Glenn. His '23 Bobcats club went 25-3 and fell to eventual state-champion Detroit Cass Tech in overtime in the state semifinals.

Getting the chance to test his coaching mettle against the best of the best in the Catholic League was another alluring aspect in accepting the job.

"The CHSL Central is the toughest league in the whole state and that excites me," Jackson said.

Catholic Central will return a senior-laden backcourt for Jackson to mold in his inaugural campaign on the Shamrocks sidelines. T.J. Nadeau (6-foot-5) and Uche Amene (6-foot-2) form a dangerous duo on the perimeter and are both hard-nosed competitors.

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DARVIN HAM AND LEBRON JAMES

Will old school coaching help the Lakers in this new age?

By HASANI ALI

I had the privilege of running into Arthur Hill's varsity basketball coach Tony Davis at the YMCA during Memorial Day weekend.

As we were talking sports, he had mentioned in passing that he had recently talked to the Los Angeles Lakers' coach Darvin Ham—A Saginaw native.

Davis' conversation with Ham was interesting to say the least. This was after the Lakers were recently swept by the Denver Nuggets in the NBA Western Conference Finals.

He asked the coach about his overall experience with the team and he mentioned something that a lot of coaches are currently going through in this era of sports.

"Coaching LeBron James and Anthony Davis was a challenge," Davis said, quoting

Ham during their phone conversation. "It wasn't good nor bad, it was just different. These are new age players and we have to coach them with a different approach."

It raised a question in which many coaches are trying to figure out—how do you coach athletes in this new age of sports?

With the accessibility of transfer portals in college sports, AAU clubs and social media, these athletes have the leverage rather than the institutions like in the day of old.

Davis mentioned how Ham has an old school mentality when it comes to coaching. Many of us can relate to that philosophy.

Our coaches were hard on us, yelled at us and served us cruel punishments—even to the point of embarrassment.

However, when you think of the most

hard-nosed coaches in any sport, they typically have championships on their resume.

I asked Davis about what he thought about being a coach, having experience from high school to semi-pro, his answer was evident, but some old school players still can't wrap their heads around.

"These players are more concerned about being seen rather than playing the game," he said. "The \$1,100 shoes on their feet is more important than knowing the fundamentals. It's even easier for them to get noticed by colleges. Anybody can clip the best moments in their career and make themselves look good, but wait until you get them on the floor, it's a different story for many."

Lake Michigan College head coach Rickey Hampton has the same sentiments when it comes to handling basketball players at the collegiate level.

"Many of these players work very hard, but many are extremely entitled," he said. "I would have parents come up to me demanding that their son gets more playing time, even when he doesn't deserve it. I even had some cases where I had to be brutally honest with the players about their ability at the collegiate level and they would get offended and transfer. Mind you, I'm only at the junior college level, so imagine what the Div. 1 coaches have to go through."

Am I saying that the Lakers are not coachable? Absolutely not.

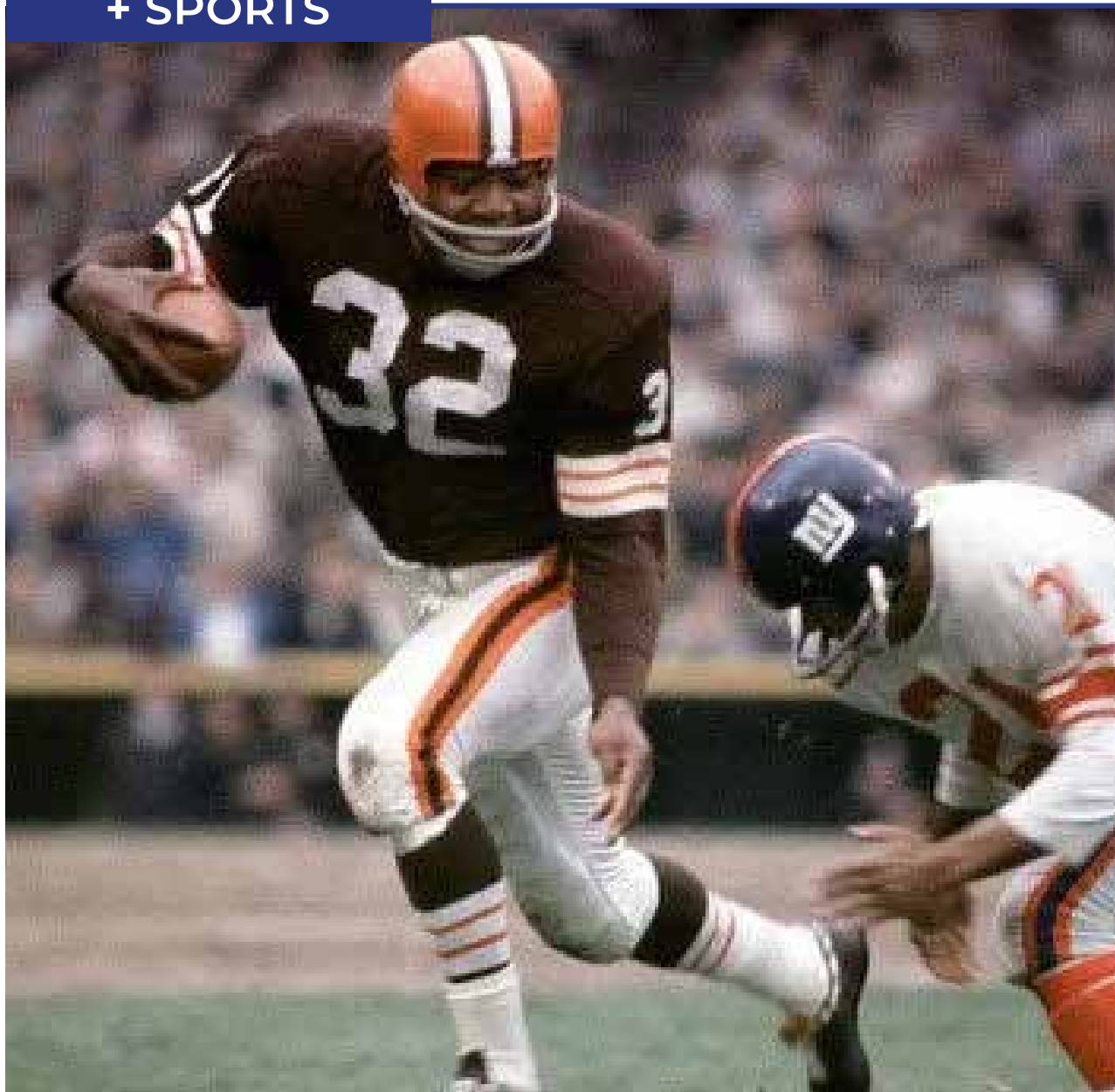
Ham did something right in order to get that team to the conference finals. They had to buy into something, especially starting the regular season 2-12.

It is still a large elephant in the room. Unfortunately, coach Ham was not available for comment, but I would love to ask him this question, how do you coach some of the best talent in the NBA?

Especially when many of these guys make more money than most head coaches.

Are these players coachable? Does a player making hundreds of millions of dollars take criticism? We will have to see what adjustments the organization makes going forward as they prepare for next season.

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JIM BROWN

Jim Brown was more than football

By HASANI ALI

Honestly, I never knew that Jim Brown was a fan of his.

I never knew his NFL stats, nor did I obsess over his highlight clips. What I knew Jim Brown for is what my father told me about him.

His career was from 1957 to 1965, the height of the Civil Rights Movement.

Brown was an eight-time NFL All-Selection and running a total of 12,312 yards during his time with the Cleveland Browns—the irony of him playing for Cleveland gives you quite the chuckle.

However, one thing that my father taught me is that African American athletes had more to stand for during his childhood.

The athletes during the Civil Rights movement had a moral and ethical obligation to move the progression of the African American community forward.

Jim Brown, Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson and others before us sacrificed their lives in order to show our prominence and our right to display our athletic talents equally.

Each of these athletes continue to pave the way for the future athletes.

Before there was Jim Brown, there was George Taliaferro, the first African American to be drafted in the NFL.

It's imperative that many of those that are on the big stage stand for a cause to help better their communities forward.

My father had much respect and the most aspiration for Jim Brown—as they both played football.

The respect came from seeing Brown in the most tumultuous meeting of the minds amongst the athletes in the 1960's.

Those meetings were important as these athletes had to wear many hats as athletes, family men and women and activists.

Brown addresses racism and other issues within the African American community unapologetically. He understood the social injustice that his people faced were not going to be heard unless the biggest voices were able to speak up for him.

LeBron James from the Los Angeles Lakers idolized the legend and took his passing to heart.

“We lost a hero. Rest in paradise to the legend. We all stand on your shoulders,” James said in a Tweet.

Because of people like Brown, we have athletes like LeBron James that are doing what we can, using his own resources, in order to further his community.

James opened up the I Promise School in Akron, Ohio. Giving students in his hometown the proper resources and tools in order to get a quality education and prepare them for college.

Many of our current stars have the ability to give back in the capacity that they can because of players like Jim Brown.

He paved a way by excelling on and off the field.

We must remember to give our community leaders their flowers before they transition—to say thank you for all of their contribution to our societies.

This correlates to the interesting African proverb, “hands wash each other.”

As one leader reaches back to empower others, it allows young leaders to develop and do the same thing and the cycle repeats.

Brown was an absolute legend and we will always commemorate his efforts to move our community forward.

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Archie-Walker makes WFA international team

By HASANI ALI

Archie-Walker Makes WFA InternaWho knew that an activity just to stay active would turn into an opportunity of a lifetime. That's the story of the Flint native, Judea Archie-Walker.

The Central Michigan University graduate went to Virginia State University for graduate school and still had some eligibility left for track and field after having a career at CMU.

She was a standout in shotput and discus.

Prior to graduating from VSU, Archie-Walker was set to teach English in Spain, but wanted to stay active after her collegiate career. A conversation with one of her fellow athletes got her to thinking about her next move.

"One of my track friends suggested that I do powerlifting," she said. "He noticed how strong I was and that I would do very well at the sport."

The Flint Central graduate began training on her own when she moved to Spain. Once she returned to the United States, it was time to get into action.

Archie-Walker wasted no time making an impact in the United States of America Powerlifting Federation (USAPL).

In her short career, she set the bench press record of 242 pounds and joined the 1,000-pound club—the total accumulation of 1,000 in weight amongst the three exercises of bench press, squats and deadlift.

"It was an awesome experience," Archie-Walker said. "After a while, I got tired of training by myself and wanted to dive into something new and more of a challenge."

Again, another close friend of hers gave her a suggestion.

"I needed an outlet after powerlifting," she said. "Was still looking for a way to stay healthy and stay involved with physical activity. A friend of mine who was already coaching women's football suggested that I play women's football and so I checked out a practice and went to a couple of games and I was sold!"

In 2019, she began her football career as an offensive guard for the Capital City Savages in Lansing, at the time was a Div. III team in the Women's Football Alliance.

After a stellar performance for a rookie, Archie-Walker earned second Team All-American honors, an accolade in which hundreds of players were considered for amongst the 60-plus teams that are in the WFA.

"I didn't even know what the accolade



ARCHIE-WALKER

was honestly," she said embarrassingly. "I still didn't know much about football, but it was still cool knowing that I wasn't as bad as I thought I was in my first year playing football. The goal was put into place that my next season I was going to be named first Team All-American."

Those plans came to a halt when the Pandemic happened in 2020 and the season was put on hold.

Still wanting to stay a top competitor, Archie-Walker kept training to get ready for the 2021 season. Another road block puts a stint in her career as she had to sit out 2021 due to a calf injury.

"I didn't feel comfortable getting back there without re-injuring myself," she said. "I figured that I would give it some time and fully recover before I got back on the field."

In the meantime, Archie-Walker decided to travel to Africa for three months for business.

"It was amazing," she said. "It was so warm and I got to meet so many awesome people like Fred Hampton, Jr. The people were great and the food was even better. It was awesome to live like a local and live their everyday life. And I got to travel with my mother so that made it even more awesome."

Moved to Indiana for a job after moving back from Africa, the Indy Crash was the only team closest to her, but the team folded in 2019. The only immediate teams around in the area were teams in the Cincinnati area, which

would be a 2-hour commute one way.

Leaning on the side of signing with the Cincinnati Cougars, her friend gave her one more suggestion prior to signing her contract.

"He suggested me checking out the Derby City (Louisville, Ky.) Dynamite," Archie-Walker said. "The culture, atmosphere and the type of environment that was set up around the team was a no-brainer for me. It was organized and everyone worked together as a group and I knew that they were serious about winning."

The Dynamite were also coming off back-to-back national championship titles.

Archie-Walker knew the competition was prime when she realized that all of the talent was not all Kentucky based.

"I knew it was a big deal when I saw other players coming from other states to play for this team," she said. "We had some players coming from Florida, Tennessee, Indiana and North Carolina. That's how I knew that I had to be involved with this team."

Archie-Walker became more versatile as she changed her position to offensive tackle and even saw some minutes on the defensive line as well.

With the performance that she is currently having this season along with her accolades from 2019, the WFA reached out to her to see if she wanted to take her talents overseas. Archie-Walker sprung into action immediately.

"I submitted my information to the WFA international team along with my film and they called me the same day," she said. Not even the next day, a teammate shared the post from the WFA Facebook page and tagged me to say congratulations. I didn't even know that there was going to be a formal announcement."

The WFA women's international team will be traveling to Costa Rica to play the international football tournament. As of today, Colombia, Mexico and Costa Rica and Canada are the other four countries in the tournament.

"It's really a blessing," she said. "To go from a woman that didn't even know that women's football existed until 2018 to become a representative on the international team is really something special. I feel seen and feel heard. So thankful to give the ability to do my best. My job is simply to protect my quarterback and that's exactly what I am going to do."



PICS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Washtenaw International High School graduate, Tamarus Lorenzo Darby Jr.!





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