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**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2024:**

**WHY IT'S IN MARCH AND HOW TO CELEBRATE IT AMONG THE EVENTS HONORING WOMEN IN THEIR CONSEQUENTIAL FIGHT FOR VISIBILITY AND EQUALITY IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 8**

March marks Women's History Month, an honorary observance designated by Congress to recognize and celebrate the contributions of women throughout history and today. Among the events honoring women in their consequential fight for visibility and equality is International Women's Day on March 8, which is observed around the world with marches and demonstrations. Here's what to know about Women's History Month and International Women's Day: When is Women's History Month? Women's History Month takes place from March 1 to March 31. However, it didn't start out as a month-long observance. What are the origins of Women's History Month? According to the National Women's History Museum, Women's History Month began as a week-long celebration in Santa Rosa, California. In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women planned the first "Women's History Week" in 1978 and timed it to coincide with International Women's Day. The idea spread to other local communities in the state and across the country. In 1980, an association of women's groups known as the National Women's History Project successfully lobbied for national recognition from President Jimmy Carter, who issued a proclamation that year recognizing the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. President Ronald Regan continued the tradition until 1987 when Congress designated the entire month of March as Women's History Month with the passage of Public Law 100-9. Since then, every president has issued annual proclamations designating the month. This year, President Joe Biden urged Americans in his proclamation to "continue working to build a world worthy of the dreams and goals of all women and girls." During Women's History Month, we celebrate the courageous women who have helped our Nation build a fairer, more just society," Biden said.



When is International Women's Day and what are its origins? March 8 marks International Women's Day. The United Nations officially recognized International Women's Day in 1977, but the occasion has its roots in labor movements of the early 20th century. The day is commemorated in different ways and to varying degrees in places around the world. The first iteration was the National Woman's Day observance in the U.S. on Feb. 28, 1909, when the Socialist Party of America selected the day to honor striking garment workers in New York City who were protesting unsuitable working conditions for women, according to the United Nations. A year later, German activist Clara Zetkin was at the International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen when she suggested the 17 countries in attendance mark March 8 as Women's Day to honor the movement for women's rights and to build support for achieving universal suffrage for women. The following year in 1911, a day to celebrate women was recognized throughout Europe and in the United States. By 1913, women in Europe began using International Women's Day as a vehicle to protest World War I, which was eventually adopted by women in Russia striking for "Bread and Peace" in response to the death of over 2 million Russian soldiers in the first world war. It was not until 1975, that the United Nations officially marked what is known now as International Women's Day. Two years later, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed by member states. What do the colors behind Women's History Month mean? Purple, green and white are the official colors of Women's History Month. They are adopted from the colors used for International Women's Day, which according to the website International Women's Day, originated from the suffragists in the Women's Social and Political Union in the early 1900s. In England, the color purple has historically signified royalty and loyalty to a cause, but internationally and in the U.S. it is associated with justice, dignity and the color of women and gender equality, according to TODAY.com.

Green symbolizes hope and new beginnings, harkening back to spring and nature's flourishing, while white represents purity. How is International Women's Day observed in the U.S. and around the world? International Women's Day is celebrated as a national holiday by many countries around the world, with women often receiving flowers and gifts. In dozens of nations, the day has also been marked with marches and demonstrations, as women demand gender parity. Women's Day events often reflect that year's theme. For 2024, the official theme of the U.N. observance is "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress." aimed at tackling economic disempowerment. According to a U.N. news release announcing the theme, over 100 stock exchanges around the world will host bell ringing ceremonies "to raise awareness of the pivotal role the private sector can play in advancing gender equality."

The website internationalwomensday.com, which was launched in 2001 to reignite attention for the day, has its own campaign theme for 2024: #InspireInclusion. The theme underscores the crucial role of inclusion in achieving gender equality. The website allows people to search for and promote local International Women's Day events by cities, states and countries. Additionally, in the U.S., the National Women's History Alliance chooses its own theme for Women's History Month each year. This year's theme is centered on "Women who advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion." "During 2024, we recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity. They know that people change with the help of families, teachers and friends, and that young people in particular need to learn the value of hearing from different voices with different points of view as they grow up," according to a statement on the website. The group urges people to honor women and organizations in their community who work for basic inclusion, equality and fairness.



**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

*Honoring Penny Brewer: A Tribute to an Unforgettable Woman*

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I find myself reflecting on the incredible legacy of my mother, Penny Brewer, affectionately known as "Pretty Penny" to all who crossed her path.

Mom was more than just a woman; she was a force of nature, infusing every room with light, laughter, and love. With over six decades of devoted service as a church usher, she embodied unwavering faith and commitment to her community.

Her compassionate nature extended beyond the church walls. Countless young people, including myself, found solace and guidance in her comforting presence. Mom wasn't just a listener; she was a beacon of wisdom and support in times of need.

Moreover, she was a fierce advocate for women's rights and social justice, fearlessly speaking out against inequality and injustice wherever she encountered it.

To me and our family, Mom was more than a mother; she was our rock, our guiding light. Though she may have left this earthly realm, her spirit continues to inspire us every day.

So, as we honor women who have shaped history, I celebrate Mom – my SheRo – whose legacy of love, faith, and compassion will forever endure.

Mom, I love you, Fonda Brewer



**LORI ADAMS SIMON, MPA, CDM, CTA**

Lori Adams Simon is a candidate for the Lansing City Charter Commission. She is the President & Principal Consultant of SimonSez Consulting, LLC. She is an award-winning Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging executive who has been recognized by various community-based organizations as a champion for racial and social justice, and the promotion of DEIB throughout the region.

Lori began her public service career in 1990 working for the Michigan House of Representatives as an intern and Legislative Aide for Nelson W. Saunders, and subsequently became Chief of Staff. From 1998-2014, she worked for the Michigan Department of Community Health as a Program Specialist for the Bureau of Medicaid Financial Management. In 2014, she joined Sparrow Health System and concluded her tenure at Sparrow in 2023 as the Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) and Civil Rights Coordinator.

Lori earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Science and a Master of Public Administration from Western Michigan University. Lori earned a certification in Diversity Management in Health Care from the American Hospital Association's Institute for Diversity & Health Equity and a certification in Leading Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion from Northwestern University. She is a graduate of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Lansing program and the Becoming Athena Leadership program.

Lori is a true servant leader who is committed to giving back to her community. She has served on various community boards throughout the Greater Lansing area which included serving on the City of Lansing Board of Ethics for twelve years (two years as President) representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, and she currently serves on the Board for the Lansing Area Aids Network, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce DEI Committee, and as Chair for the NAACP Lansing Branch Membership Committee and the Great Lakes Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives DEI Committee. Lori is very proud to serve as a mentor for the United Mentoring Program for the Lansing School District.

Lori has received many accolades for her service to the Greater Lansing Community and was recognized as a "Lansing Legend" by MacDonald Broadcasting System- 96.5 FM radio, a "Woman of Achievement" by the Lansing Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., "11 in the 517: Women Leaders Who Are Regional Trailblazers" by 517 Magazine, The Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation as a community leader for her advocacy and extensive community outreach to promote equity for all, and the 2023 NAACP-Lansing Branch Outstanding Member Award.

Lori is a proud Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. which is an international public service organization founded in 1913.

Lori is married to Scott Simon, and they are the parents of an adult daughter Sophia.



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Mr. LaMonti Dion Brown celebrates his 53rd birthday on March 2nd, enjoying new start in new state. Much Love and success from All your Family.  
Mr. Mike Ryan Jr. celebrates his birthday with family and friends on March 4th.  
Mr. Zachary Murry celebrates his birthday on March 7th.  
Rev. Anna Mae Alexander, in her memory, was born on March 8th: "Carry on in the name of The LORD!"  
Mr. Daryl Holman celebrates his birthday on March 8th.  
Ms. JeMonica Thomas celebrates her birth on March 9th  
Ms. Tammy Michelle Tyson celebrates her 56th birthday on March 9.  
Mr. Dwayne Thompson celebrates his 53rd birthday on March 9th.  
Mr. Dylan Pofoli celebrates his 33rd birthday on March 9th.  
Mr. Paloma Sanchez enjoys his birthday on March 11th. "Happy Birthday!"  
Ms. Nikki Holman celebrates her birthday on March 13th.  
Mr. Travis Hough celebrates his 44th birthday on March 14th  
Ms. Esther Rodea celebrates her birthday on March 15th.  
Mr. William Banks celebrates his birthday on March 15th.  
Mr. Jordan D. Majors celebrates his birthday on March 15th.  
Ms. Jennifer Black celebrates her birthday on March 15th.  
Mr. Desmond Hall celebrates his birthday on March 15th.  
Mr. William Eugene Rouse II celebrates his birthday on March 15th.  
Mr. James Morrow celebrates his birthday on March 15th.  
Ms. Justice Foster celebrates her birthday on March 16th with her Mother, brothers and sisters.  
Mrs. Emogene Leek celebrates her birthday on March 17th with her husband and family, all of them expressing their Love!  
Ms. Ciara Wireman celebrates her 24th birthday on March 17th.  
Ms. Briana Jefferson celebrates her birthday on March 19th. Dad says, Happy Birthday little Princess!!!  
Ms. Virginia Lewis celebrates her birthday, "37 years young", on March 19th. She says, "Much Love!"  
Mr. Mark Anthony Brown, in memory, was born on March 20th. Family and friends say "We miss You".  
Ms. Annette Johnson, born on March 20, 1959, celebrates her 65th birthday.  
Ms. Pamela Renzi celebrates her 51st birthday on March 21st, celebrating with friends and family.  
Ms. Theresa Daniels celebrates her birthday on March 22nd.  
Ms. Keesha Home celebrates her 43rd birthday on March 22nd, enjoying time spent with her beautiful children.  
Mrs. Nya {Chopper's Wife} celebrates her 41st birthday on March 22nd, along with Mr. Chopper {Nya's Husband} celebrating his 48th birthday on March 25th and their 16th year anniversary on March 23rd.  
Mr. Robert Brown Jr., in memory, was born on March 23rd. Truly missed: He and his lovely wife, Joy.  
Master Brayden Konen enjoys his 14th birthday on March 23rd. "Happy Birthday! Mommy loves you!"

Ms. Valerie Floyd celebrates her 47th birthday on March 23rd with family and friends.  
Ms. Quintine Medley celebrates her 37th birthday on March 23rd.


Mr. John K. Elliott celebrates his birthday on March 23rd. "A friend in need is a friend indeed."  
Ms. Monica Burrell celebrates her birthday on March 23rd. She says, "A special day spent with family and friends; thanks so much!"  
Ms. Nellie M. Garvie born March 24th, celebrates her 74th birthday with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren... We love you so much!!!  
Mr Matt McCoy, Scratch Pilots DJs, celebrates his birthday on March 25th. Love You, Your wife Bree  
Ms. Melinda M. Ball born March 25th celebrates her birthday with her Mother, sisters, brother, children and grandchildren... We love you so much!!!  
Ms. Gina Mojica celebrates her birthday on March 26th, with family and friends. "The Puerto Rican Lady"  
Ms. Shelly Ryan celebrates her birthday on March 28th, with family and friends.  
Mr. Bill Ryan, in memory, was born on March 28th, missed by family and friends.  
Ms. Nikki Holman celebrates her birthday on March 13th.  
Ms. Esther Rodea celebrates her birthday on March 15th; parted with my family.  
Ms. Mary A. Clark celebrates her birthday on March 25th.  
Mr. Brandon Henderson celebrates his birthday on March 25th.  
Mr. Ralph Riddle Sr.; we honor his memory, celebrated his birth on March 25th.  
Ms. Allison Chenault celebrates his birthday on March 25th.  
Mr. Michael Bower celebrates his birthday on March 25th.  
Ms. Rita Pizana celebrates her birthday on March 26th with family and friends.  
Mr. Bishop Cousin celebrates his birthday on March 26th.  
Ms. Taurean A. Jackson celebrates her birthday on March 26th.  
Mr. Don Rodriguez celebrates his 65th birthday on March 26th, with his beautiful wife Julia and family.  
Mrs. Gwendolyn Bodiford celebrates her birthday on March 27th, with her husband and family.  
Ms. Brittany Eaton celebrates her birthday on March 27th.  
Mr. Marcus Turner celebrates his birthday on March 27th.  
Ms. Sheila Fuller celebrates her birthday on March 27th.  
Ms. Angela Eaton celebrates her birthday on March 28th.  
Mr. James Edward Garvie Sunrise March 30th, 1954 - Sunset February 18th, 2002. "WE will always LOVE and KEEP you FOREVER in our HEARTS and YOUR memory ALIVE for as long as we live!.... Rest in Paradise Daddy!!!  
Ms. Eunice F. Foster celebrates her birthday on March 31st.  
Ms. Jessie J. Storey-Fry celebrated her birthday on March 31st.

**\*Anniversaries**  
Mr. Cullen Dubose Sr. and Mrs. Helena J. Dubose celebrate their anniversary on March 31st.

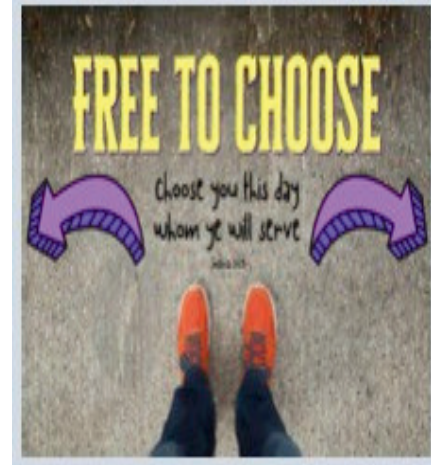
Mr. & Mrs. Myron & Dee Freeman celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on February 14th  
Mr. & Mrs. Al and Irma Cooper, we honor their memory and celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary on February 23rd.

**\*Announcements**  
Mr Ronnie Brown, celebrated his birthday on January 27th. Friendship is Forever; We're in this for Life!!!

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**BE STILL, AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK**

"If you decide that it's a bad thing to worship God, then choose a god you'd rather serve—and do it today..." Joshua 24:15 The Message



Dear God, thank you for making me mindful that the times in which we live are perilous and filled with warnings that things have changed and are changing, not necessarily for the better.

Not only by whom to vote in the 2024 presidential election but also, most importantly, by who we are and will serve as we participate in World War 3.

This year, many prophets are saying that we are at the end of the end of

days. In 2023, politicians have secretly put in place policies that will utterly make the United States a godless country, literally and legally. Political leaders will press hard to devastate the country as we have known it in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The overturning of Roe vs Wade ruling is just the beginning of the end of human rights. And don't look for any help from the evangelicals. Their silence is a sign of consent. They are the perpetrators of WWII in politics and church policies.

The second indication that we are in WWII is economic, and the third is the One World Order. Watch the advancement of WWII by what is happening in Israel. I'll write more later. For now, I want to focus on the issue of choice while you can choose. I believe that the time is coming when the option will be life with Christ or death with Anti-Christ.

There is no better time than NOW to choose Christ by confessing your sins, believing that He is the only begotten Son of God who died on Golgotha Hill's cross, was buried, rose again, and is coming back before Armageddon for His people. This is also a great time to study Armageddon's meaning. Educate yourself so you can BE ready for the end of days.

Accordingly, the question is: WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

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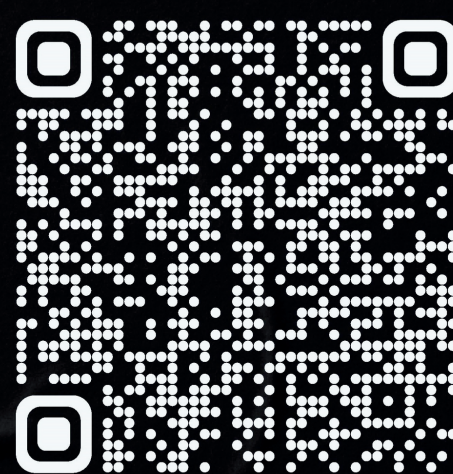
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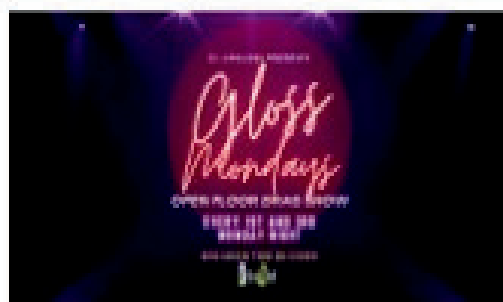
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**02** POWERLIGHT  
BAND  
SAT



**03** ROADSIDE  
ATTRACTION  
CELEBRATES THE  
70'S  
SUN



**04** GLOSS MONDAYS  
DRAG SHOW -  
OPEN FLOOR  
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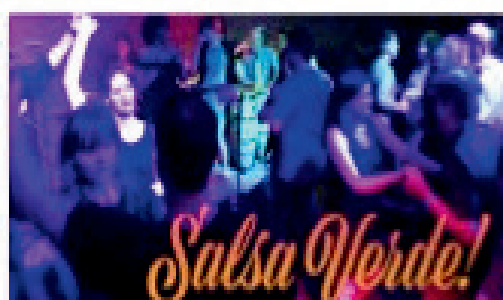
**06** OPEN MIC  
NIGHT WITH  
RICK HANSEL  
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**07** ABSOLUTE MUSIC:  
THE WINDS OF  
PUERTO RICO  
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**08** SOUL GARDER:  
REINVENTED  
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**09** SALSA  
VERDE  
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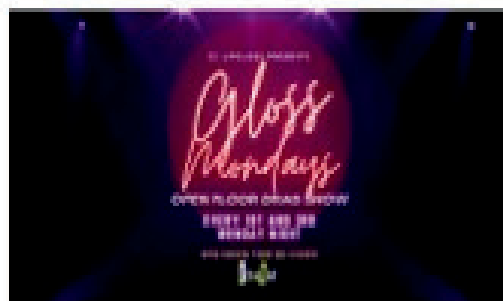
**10** AARON LAVIGNE  
FEATURING ERIC  
O'DALY AND CAILA  
CONKLIN  
SUN



**13** OPEN MIC  
NIGHT WITH  
RICK HANSEL  
WED



**15** IRISH BALLADEERS  
CAHILL & MURPHY  
WITH TIME2PLAY  
FRI



**18** GLOSS MONDAYS  
DRAG SHOW -  
OPEN FLOOR  
MON



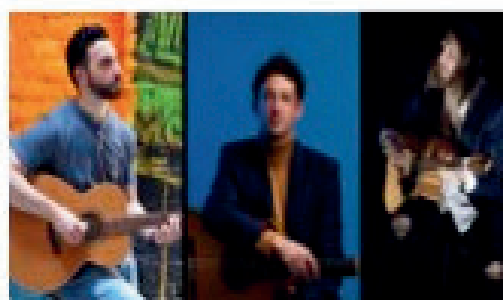
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NIGHT WITH  
RICK HANSEL  
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**21** SAMROSE ENTER-  
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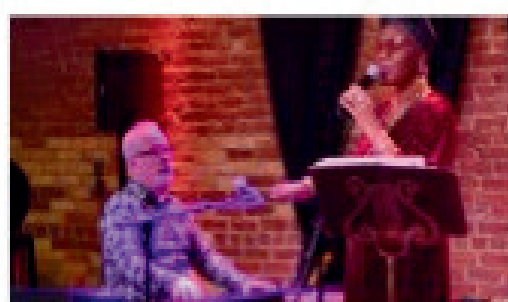
**24** MI FINGERSTYLE  
GUITAR SOCIETY -  
AN EVENING WITH  
KYRAN DANIEL  
SUN



**27** OPEN MIC  
NIGHT WITH  
RICK HANSEL  
WED



**28** WALTER BLANDING  
PRESENTS  
THU



**29** MR MIDNIGHT  
FEATURING TWYLA  
BIRDSONG  
FRI

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TICKETS

