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AUTISM MONTH IN DELTA TOWNSHIP



The Delta Township Board of Trustees and members of the Xavier Degroat Autism Foundation gather to officially make April 2nd "Autism Awareness Day" in Delta Township.

MID-MICHIGAN GOSPEL BEST CONTEST WINNERS



The Mid-Michigan Best Gospel competition was held on March 23, 2019 at Kingdom Ministries The Mid-Michigan Best Gospel competition was held on March 23, 2019 at Kingdom Ministries located at 3000 W. Miller Rd. Pictured Lt to Rt. 1st Place Carol Ervin, 2nd Kenya Foster and 3rd Dan Fauls.

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH



The Fair Housing Act prohibits any discriminatory practices in the sale, rental, financing, or advertising of a dwelling. Before its adoption, "blockbusting" – informing homeowners that the value of their property would gradually decline due to the influx of racial minorities to the neighborhood – or denying an available property to a buyer or renter from a protected class, were common practices in the real estate market. In some instances, realtors posted "sold" signs on available properties in white neighborhoods to discourage buyers from minority groups. These and other practices were all made illegal by the Fair Housing Act. Today, any person who feels discriminated against under the Fair Housing Act can file a complaint with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), entrusted with administering the act. HUD possesses investigation, conciliation, and mandatory enforcement tools to ensure that the law is respected and properly exercised at the federal level. Every year, HUD and its

sister agencies across the nation receive over 10,000 complaints on discriminatory practices in the real estate market. Many local governments decided to expand the list included in FHA by other protected classes. For example, Philadelphia, PA, has housing anti-discrimination laws that pertain to sexual orientation and source of income. This act is the adoption of Section VIII of the Civil Rights Act, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act. The legislation, passed to prevent discrimination in housing based on race, color, sex, national origin, or religion, was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on April 11, 1968. The act was a long-awaited addition to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which did not include sufficient enforcement provisions against housing discrimination. Minorities continued to face discrimination in selling, renting, and financing in the real estate industry, exacerbating the social and economic inequalities through racially segregated neighborhoods.

The Chicago Freedom Movement and, more importantly, the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, gave substantial momentum to the debate on fair housing and led to the passage of the bill just a week later.

HUD, along with state and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, and local governments, celebrate April as the Fair Housing Month through various seminars, conferences, education programs, presentations, public outreach campaigns, and publications. Moreover, many state assemblies and local municipalities adopt proclamations on Fair Housing Month, including the State of Florida and the City of Twin Falls, ID.

Check your local housing and community development department for more information on how the Fair Housing Month is celebrated in your city. Article and pictures courtesy of the Good Speak Project and writer Michael Mikvlewicz.

City of Lansing Leads the State of Michigan in Renewable Energy Efforts

Mayor Andy Schor Announces that he will propose to make the City of Lansing the First City in Michigan to Power All Government Buildings with 100 Percent Renewable Energy

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today announced he will propose to make the City of Lansing the first city in the State of Michigan to power all of its government buildings using energy from 100 percent renewable sources. The Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) will provide renewable energy credits to match the annual electric usage from all 187 city facilities with electricity generated from a renewable resource beginning July 1, 2019. The plan will be in Mayor Schor's budget proposal to Lansing City Council during their meeting on Monday, March 25. "I am thrilled to announce that the city, in partnership with BWL, is taking the necessary first steps in addressing climate change by purchasing renewable energy for all city-owned buildings," said Mayor Schor. The City of Lansing will purchase renewable energy credits from BWL through its Greenwise Power Program. The program, open to both residential and commercial customers, allows anyone in BWL's electric service territory to purchase electricity from a cleaner, renewable energy source. Customers can purchase 250 kWh blocks of energy for \$3.25, or 1.3 cents per kWh, which is added to the

customer's normal electric bill. Customers subscribing to a number of blocks equal to or exceeding their annual usage are considered to be powered with 100 percent renewable energy. "The BWL was the first utility in Michigan to have a renewable energy portfolio in 2007 before the state mandated it, and we're delighted to be able to provide the City of Lansing the means by which all government buildings will be 100 percent renewable by July," said BWL General Manager Dick Peffley. "The Greenwise Program allows our customers the opportunity to invest in renewable energy, and also helps reinforce our commitment to being a cleaner utility." In addition to moving toward 100 percent renewable energy in city buildings, the city has also started to work on a Climate Action Plan. The first phase of the climate action plan will look at energy use at all city facilities to establish a baseline and set goals for reductions and other opportunities for future increases in energy efficiency. "We look forward to exploring the findings and implementing the recommendations of our Climate Action plan," said Mayor Schor. "The second phase of the project will follow the same process, but focus on the entire City of Lansing including energy use, climate resilience, and transportation." The City is working with an energy services company to make energy improvement recommendations to the largest city facilities. The improvements will be funded through guaranteed energy savings and are expected to be in place by mid-2020.



News, Views & Commentary

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If you're like me, your mind must be continually renewed to expect by faith the hope that is in your heart for the present and future. The LORD has blessed me enormously, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, and economically, even though I have not always perfectly walked out my faith. But hold off on your judgment because God is not through with me yet. And, I'm sure He's not through with you either.



God is in the blessing & rewards business for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Even for many people who are currently unbelievers, He abundantly gives what they need to turn to Him as well as abundant resources to help them care for themselves and their families in this life. He has prepared much better for those who turn to Him by accepting Christ as Savior. Salvation and the inheritance of eternal life are received by grace through faith and not of works so no one can earn them. However, earthly and some spiritual blessings and rewards have conditions attached to them that require obedience to His commands. He desires that you obtain and appropriate them on earth in a way that is wholesome and that helps you be a great blessing to others around you.

Some blessings & rewards that God wants you to have are above and beyond what you currently have and may only be obtained when you ask His will for particular situations and by faith believe and initiate action to bring these currently unseen things into the realm of the seen. Sometimes this requires constant and persistent petition and action until they are received. Satan and his demonic cohorts stand in opposition to your blessings & rewards and try to block them because of the damaging effect these weapons have on his dark kingdom. Through the funding, preaching, and serving of the gospel many people are saved and the dark kingdom is driven out of their life and heart. Because I want the LORD's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven, I will forever remind myself to have a heart that loves the LORD and other people and put on the mind of Christ to be renewed in my thinking.

I will walk in the Spirit to destroy the unfruitful works of the flesh. I have the power in me to expect the specific things He wants for me, so I will pray, call forth, and wait when necessary until they come. Then, I will move forward in prayer to find out new blessings & rewards He desires for me. I will let the

Holy Spirit constantly inventory my heart to ensure my motives are right, yet I understand the motive behind my prayer requests is not dishonorable even though some things he wants for me and my family are higher cost than I have ever had. The LORD simply knows how to give good gifts and sometimes desires that you and I have things beyond our current financial ability to obtain. When blessings and rewards are properly obtained, appreciated, and managed they allow you to initiate greater acts of faith, be more useful in Kingdom service, meet family needs, and offer a testimony of His goodness to others, etc.

Please pray for this ministry and email me with any questions. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:9-13, Psalm 2:8, James 4:1-2

Please forward these bondage-breaking articles to other people who can use helpful insight!

You can find books authored by Randy Parlor and Karen Parlor at www.Amazon.com

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May you never steal, lie, or cheat. But if you must steal, then steal away my sorrows. If you must lie, then lie with me all the nights of my life. And if you must cheat, then please cheat death, because I could never live a day without you.

-An Irish Blessing

"AND GOD, You surprise and show favor to me again and again. For Women's History Month, I was profiled in a local church bulletin as a Great Woman. I was invited to bring a mission moment about Space for Grace WithOutWalls United Church of Christ. Following the worship experience, there was a reception during which time we gave birth to Space for Grace UCC at St. Johns UCC, Jackson. Then, on the way home, my sister called and You showed up in our chat and, for the first time, we had a dialogue that was clearly anointed by Your Presence.

You empowered me to empower her to show gratitude. Though her right foot was amputated, she pondered being grateful for her other limbs. Though she's been confined to a nursing home fifteen years, she talked about the old homestead. As we moved toward saying our good byes I told her about my friend of 60 years who's gone on to *Steal Away to Jesus*."

God favored me with a friendship that can easily be described as "One in a Million." On Tuesday, April 2, 2019, when I bring remarks on behalf of Betty Jo Davison's family, that will be the cadence of my reflections. A one in a million woman of God, wife, nurse, sister, soul sister, daughter, aunt, and friend.

Betty Jo Jo and I broke bread January 1, 2019, sixteen days before her 86th birthday. During the course of our togetherness, I commented "you're planning to join your husband John John. I can feel it." She spoke not a word in response. Yet, on Sunday morning, March 24, 2019, she slept on to *Steal Away to Jesus*.

Birthdays in April 2019

- Mrs. Joy Brown celebrates her 94th birthday on April 1st, with husband, Bob, who loves her very much: living and looking good; outstanding character.
- Mr. Corey Williford celebrates his birthday on April 1st.
- Mr. Joshua Ide celebrates his 19th birthday on April 1st, with family and friends. "You will always be my "Joshua Bear" 1-4-31" Love, Mom!
- Ms. Rosetta Adams celebrates her 38th birthday on April 1st, with family and friends.
- Mr. Eric Jones celebrates his "Happy 32nd birthday" on April 1st, from your Sweetheart, Emerlisa.
- Mr. Robert Dyer celebrates 41st birthday on April 2nd, with his wife, Dawn, their son, and friends.
- Ms. Shannon Miller celebrates her birthday on April 3rd.
- Mr. Robert A. McConnell celebrates his birthday on April 3rd.
- Ms. Stacy Lynch celebrates her birthday on April 3rd.
- Ms. Tara May celebrates her birthday on April 3rd.
- Mrs. Dorothy Maxwell will celebrate her birthday on April 4th, with loving husband, Bob.
- Mr. Henry A. Moore celebrates his birthday on April 4th.
- Ms. Diane Hicks celebrates her birthday on April 4th.
- Ms. Maria M. Rouse-Brewer celebrates her birthday on April 5th.
- Mr. Alan Canady celebrates his birthday on April 5th, with his loving family. Ms. Doretha Akins will celebrate her birthday on April 6th.
- Ms. Stephanie T. Mondy celebrates her birthday on April 6th.
- Ms. Nona Brown celebrates her birthday on April 6th.
- Ms. Addie Morrow celebrates her birthday on April 8th.
- Ms. Lois McNeeley celebrates her birthday April 9th.
- Ms. Latoya Clark celebrates her birthday on April 9th.
- Mr. Everett Mitchell celebrated his birthday on April 9th.
- Ms. Yolanda Campbell celebrates her 50th birthday on April 9th, with friends.
- Mr. Sam Mallot celebrated his birthday on April 10th with family and friends.
- Mr. Kevin E. Eaton celebrates his birthday on April 10th.
- Ms. Sharon Civils celebrates her birthday on April 11th, with family and friends. She said, "I'm glad to see another year on earth; I'm truly blessed!
- Mrs. Jo Ann Mondy celebrates her birthday on April 11th.
- Mr. Dustin Phifer celebrates his birthday on April 11th.
- Mr. Kapuki Outlaw celebrates his birthday on April 11th.
- Ms. Kristi Correa celebrates her 32nd birthday on April 12th.
- Ms. Karen Allen celebrates her 61st birthday on April 12th.
- Ms. Betty Wheeler celebrates her 55th birthday on April 12th.
- "Happy Birthday Ms.Capital City!"
- Ms. Andrea Fundunburks celebrates her birthday on April 13th. "Yeah, I'm 22 baby!!!"
- Ms. Arabella Pitts celebrates her 12th birthday on April 13th, with her Mom, Ms. Jesse Pitts and Dad, Mr. Travis Hough, who say, "Mommy and Daddy love you!
- Mr. Quick Calhoun celebrates his 34th birthday on April 13th. He says, "Westside certified"!
- Mr. Jonas Clark celebrates his birthday on April 13th.
- Ms. Myrtle L. Hendricks celebrates her birthday on April 14th.
- Mr. Duane Michael Brown, Sr. celebrates his birthday on April 15th with family and friends, enjoying life: Great Guy!
- Ms. Kristina Eveleth celebrates her birthday on April 15th, with friends.
- Ms. Branda Hawley will celebrate her 41st birthday on April 16th, with friends.
- Mr. Michael Phifer celebrates his birthday on April 16th with family and friends.
- Mr. Jeffery Couthen celebrates his birthday on April 16th.
- Ms. Dayna M. Smith celebrates her birthday on April 16th.
- Ms. Mary L, King celebrates her birthday on April 17th.
- Ms. Shanequa Dennie celebrates her birthday on April 17th, spending time with family and friends.
- Ms. Shamira Johnston celebrates her 17th birthday on April 18th. She is Grandma's "Honey Bunny!"
- Mr. Damion Jordan celebrates his 42nd birthday on April 19th.
- Mr. Larry King III celebrates his 14th birthday on April 19th, with his Mom, Dad and baby sister.
- Ms. Gemma Carnegie celebrates her 70th birthday on April 20th with her students.
- Ms. Indiya Jones celebrates her birthday on April 20th.
- Mr. Tyrone Scott Daniels, Jr. celebrates his birthday on April 20th, with his family.
- Ms. Jackie Perkins celebrates her birthday on April 21st, with family and friends.
- Ms. Toni Woods celebrates her birthday on April 21st, with family and friends.
- Mr. Robert A. Maxwell celebrates his birthday on April 21st, with his loving wife, Dorothy.
- Ms. Alexis Ward celebrates her 13th birthday on April 21st with family.
- Ms. Heidi Childress is celebrating her birthday on April 22nd.
- Ms. Tonya Jones' birthday is on April 26th. She celebrates with friends.
- Ms. Cora M. Huguely celebrates her birthday on April 24th with family and friends.
- Ms. Sabrina Jones Lewis celebrates her birthday on April 23rd.
- Ms. Michelle Williams celebrates her 42nd birthday on April 23rd.
- Mr. Hunter Talon celebrates his 11th birthday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Jessica Stowell: Grandmother Barb Marciniak loves you!
- Ms. Khadijan Daniels celebrates her 31st birthday on April 24th.
- Mr. Frankie Lara celebrates his 13th birthday on April 24th. Grandmother Betty Wheeler, says, "I Love you, Baby!"
- Ms. Angelica Saucedo celebrates her 33rd birthday on April 25th.
- Dr. Eugene Cain celebrates his birthday on April 25th, with his loving family.
- Ms. Claudia N. Williams celebrates her birthday on April 26th.
- Ms. Adrianna Foster celebrates her birthday on April 26th.
- Mr. Jesse Rouse Jr. celebrates his birthday on April 29th.
- Mr. Andre L. Anthony celebrates his birthday on April 29th.
- Ms. Vicky Taylor celebrates her birthday on April 30th.
- Ms. Lydia St.Cyr celebrates her 26th birthday. "Hello Lydia! I hope you enjoy your birthday. I Love You!" Mom .
- Ms. Kimberly Cooper celebrates her birthday with her family.

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LS Jewelry Designs is Open for Business

For Immediate Release

LS Jewelry Designs has a new renovated look at the Lansing City Market. We are excited about our new location and New designs, said Linda Sims-Wright, Owner.

Customers can enter the market seeing fresh flowers plants and the all-time popular wooden roses. We also have beautiful custom made aprons, jewelry, and the barefoot sandals just to name a few of our items. We are always looking at fresh new ways to incorporate things into the shop, and at the request of customers we added a section for men that includes ties, wallets cuff links and other accessories.

Our designers are very creative and the new look speaks for itself in elegance.

Exclusively at the shop is Luxe Creations by designers Toni Ansley of Good Year Arizona.

Remember this is Jewelry Designs especially for you in Lansing Michigan.



***Anniversaries**

- Mr. Cullen Dubose Sr. and Mrs. Helena J. Dubose celebrate their anniversary on March 31st.
- Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wm. and Amy Brown Jr. will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on April 3rd, with their children Jordan Luther Wm., Taylor Ashley Denise, Idyana Francis Taylor and Isabella Megan Marie Brown; vacationing in Florida. True Love!!!
- Mr. Brewster and Mrs. Linnea's 25th wedding anniversary is April 17th.
- Mr. Ernest and Mrs. Janice Cabule celebrate their 41st anniversary on April 28th.
- Ms. Kimberly Hetchler, Sergeant first class, celebrated her 34th anniversary in the Michigan National Guard. She works as the State Security Clearance Manager for the state of Michigan.

***Announcements**

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Michigan State Final 4 Preview 2019

By Ernie Boone

EAST LANSING - Following a weekend during which his Spartan basketball team put on its most impressive performance in a decade, Michigan State's Tom Izzo gets set to return to the heart of Big Ten country for an eighth shot at an NCAA championship.



2019 MSU Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament East Regional Champions picture courtesy www.msuspartans.com

Led by All-American point guard, Cassius Winston, the Spartans won another weekend, dismantling Louisiana State University, 80-63, and holding on to upset top seeded Duke, 68-67, and earn a trip to Minneapolis, Saturday, April 6 to face Texas Tech in the semi-final round of the Final Four.

Kenny Goins sank a three-pointer to give MSU a 68-66 lead with :34 left and R.J. Barrett made one of two free throws with :05 remaining to give the Spartans the victory.

Not since 2008-09, when MSU beat defending champion Kansas, 67-62, toppled top seeded Louisville, 64-52, and downed No.1 seed Connecticut, 82-73, before losing to North Carolina in the finals has an Izzo team been so successful against such vaunted foes.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of these guys for what they've gone through and how they've handled it," Izzo said.

"As soon as it left my hand, I knew it was good," said Kenny Goins of the three-point shot which gave the Spartans the victory.

With everybody's projected top NBA draft choice, Zion Williamson, leading a trio of one-and-done freshmen, Duke entered the tournament a pronounced favorite, and Mike Krzyzewski's crew had not disappointed, going into the East Regional finals with a full head of steam on the strength of a pair of hard fought victories over Central Florida, 77-76 and Virginia Tech, 75-73.

Williamson bullied the Spartans for 24 points and 14 rebounds, three blocks and three steals while running mate, R.J. Barrett, added 21 points and 6 rebounds and Javin DeLaurier 10 points and 11 rebounds, but it wasn't enough.

Cassius Winston, Xavier Tillman, Kenney Goins and the rest of the Spartans were not to be denied. They held off the Blue Devils with hard-nosed scrappy defense, determined rebounding and just enough opportunistic offense to get the job done.

The Spartans were led offensively by Winston with 20 points and 10 assists, while Tillman added 19 points and 9 rebounds. Goins chipped in 10 points and 9 rebounds, Matt McQuaid 9 points and Nick Ward adding 6 points and 5 rebounds. Defensively, Winston had four steals. Tillman had 3 steals and 2 blocks, and Goins 2 steals.

The scrappy Spartans forced 17 Duke turnovers, leading to 24 points, enough to make up for the 42-31 rebounding edge the bigger, stronger Blue Devils carved out on the boards. MSU finished with 11 steals on the afternoon.

The Spartans served notice on the opening possession, with Winston stealing a pass and tossing it ahead to Goins to begin the scoring with a breakaway dunk. MSU quickly built a seven-point lead, 16-9, before Duke settled down and forged ahead, 22-21 with 7:10 left in the half.

A 10-0 run gave Duke a 30-21 lead with 5:22 remaining before Winston and Tillman countered with a 14-0 Spartan run with Winston scoring eight and Tillman adding six to post a 34-30 edge at the half.

It was back and forth the entire second half, with never more than four points separating the two and more than 10 lead changes setting up the game ending drama.

THE REALS OF JUSTICE

CHILD SUPPORT

By Ayanna D. Neal



Ayanna Neal

When two people create a life, they often fail to think about the other party that will also likely enter their life. No, not the baby. Friend of the Court. Friend of the Court works to ensure that a child has the support from both parents when the parents don't live together. Friend of the Court's involvement in parents' lives isn't mandatory unless a parent receives state assistance. If a parent doesn't receive state assistance and both parents are able to work out support for the child amongst themselves, Friend of the Court services doesn't have to be used.

But unfortunately a lot of parents aren't able to come to an agreement on support for their child(ren) and require the services of Friend of the Court to determine not only the amount of child support that should be paid to the parent who is the primary caregiver of the child, but also determine who should be the primary caregiver for the child(ren). Child support is the payment of money for a child that is ordered by the Circuit Court. Child support payments may include payment of expenses for medical, health and dental care, child care and educational expenses.

Parents or custodians of a child may request Title IV-D child support services. Title IV-D aids in enforcing and collecting child support and medical support even if the non-custodial parent lives in a different state. A parent or custodian can apply for Title IV-D child support services online at <http://micase.state.mi.us/>, complete a paper application or call 1-866-540-0008 to request child support services.

The amount of child support that is to be paid is calculated by using child support guidelines established by the Supreme Court. Child support guidelines considers the time the child spends with each parent as well as the monthly net income of each parent.

If a parent is ordered to pay child support and fails to do so there are several options Friend of the Court can utilize to enforce payment. Such options are: tax refund interception, income withholding, civil contempt, liens on property, credit bureau reporting, driver's license suspension, passport denial and even felony failure to pay child support charges.

Child support is just that, support for the child. Friend of the Court can't address all parental issues. If you're a parent and don't think that your parental rights are being protected contact a family law attorney.

Children are the future and should be given as many resources to be successful even if that means that a parent must be court ordered to pay child support. The relationship between parents shouldn't affect the support of a child. A few minutes of pleasure can create a lifetime connection and commitment that one may or may not want. Those few minutes can create a scenario in which one will have to live with and deal with for at least eighteen years if not a lifetime.

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COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS

TRUE or FALSE?

- Colorectal cancer is the 2nd leading cancer killer. **TRUE** FALSE
- Both men and women get colorectal cancer. **TRUE** FALSE
- Colorectal cancer often starts with no symptoms. **TRUE** FALSE
- Screening helps prevent colorectal cancer. **TRUE** FALSE

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 Contest open to students in 6th – 12th grades in the greater Lansing area school districts & surrounding area.

Juneteenth "Preparing the Essay" Workshops:

- LSJ - Downtown Knapp's bldg. – Wednesday, March 6 – 6pm to 7:30pm
- LSJ - Downtown Knapp's bldg. – Thursday, March 21 – 6pm to 7:30pm
- Letts Community Center, Lansing – Tuesday, April 9 – 6pm to 7:30pm

Presenters: Lansing State Journal, Dr. Pamela Bellamy, Dr. Willie Davis Jr.

CATEGORY I
 Grades 6th, 7th & 8th
 Essay Contest

Award Values:
 1st Place - \$100 (value)
 2nd Place - \$50 (value)

Topic: Write your essay (250 – 350 words) on the following:
 1. What is Juneteenth?
 2. What family member or person did you ask about Juneteenth and how was the holiday explained?

CATEGORY II
 Grades 9th & 10th
 Essay Contest

Award Values:
 1st Place - \$200 (value)
 2nd Place - \$150 (value)

Topic: Write your essay (400 – 500 words) on the following:
 1. What is Juneteenth?
 2. Why do we celebrate this event?
 3. Reflect on why is it important that people in America and other countries continue to cultivate knowledge and appreciation of their freedoms not only on Juneteenth Day but every day.

CATEGORY III
 Grades 11th & 12th
OLIVET COLLEGE
 Academic Talent Scholarship

Olivet College Award Values:
 1st Place - \$15,000 (scholarship*)
 2nd Place - \$12,000 (scholarship*)

Topic: Write your essay (400 – 500 words) on the following:
 1. What is Juneteenth?
 2. Why do we celebrate this event?
 3. Reflect on why is it important that people in America and other countries continue to cultivate knowledge and appreciation of their freedoms not only on Juneteenth Day but every day.

A certificate of participation will be given to all students who enter and meet the contest criteria. Winners will be notified in writing and via phone. *Awarding of the Academic Scholarships is based on the student's admittance to and subsequent attendance at Olivet College. Review the contest application for further details.

DEADLINE: Application and Essay submissions can be done at any CADL branch location or on the Juneteenth website from February 25 to April 13, 2019. Entries received after April 13, 2019 will not be eligible and will not be returned. The Juneteenth essay award program will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the CADL-Downtown Lansing Branch.

For more information please visit lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org. To verify receipt of application, email education@lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org. Receipt verification must be done within 30 days of submission if no e-mail verification from Juneteenth is received.

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