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by JeNiece Freeman

WEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Malcolm X's last school in Lansing proper. After his expulsion, he moved to Mason, Michigan where he was placed in a detention home and continued his schooling.

[Holt] In 1939 Malcolm X attended West Junior High School in Lansing, Michigan. He attended West junior High School around the age of fourteen. Although West Junior High School is still standing it no longer serves the purpose of a high school. It now houses the Lansing School District Administration. Even though the name of the building has changed that doesn't change the impact West Junior High School has had on Malcolm X's early years

When Malcolm was young his mother Louise Little was placed in the State Mental Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan. During this time he and his siblings were separated and he was placed in foster care with Gohannas family. When Malcolm moved in with the Gohannas he switched from Mason High School to West Junior High School. In his autobiography he speaks about the area of West Junior High as being "... heart of the negro community..." [Malcolm X, Autobiography, 24]. In Malcolm's time with the Gohannas family he experimented with fishing and also boxing. Things he wasn't accustomed to. It wasn't long before Malcolm realized boxing wasn't for him, once he was beaten by a white boy and his reputation in his home neighborhood was ruin. The day after his boxing rematch with Bill Peterson, he went to school. As soon as he walked in the classroom with a hat on, his teacher ordered him to

keep the hat on and to walk around the room until he told him to stop. "That way... everyone can see you. Meanwhile, we'll go on with class for those are here to learn something." [Malcolm X, Autobiography, 30] Not long after Malcolm was expelled from West Junior High School and kicked out of the Gohanna's home. Everything a child experiences has some sort of impact on them later in life. At this point in Malcolm's life he felt that he didn't have to learn and go to school. He was under the impression that he had no purpose. Although he grew up rough he did find his way through with the guidance of the Nation of Islam. All the things Malcolm thought he knew about his heritage and culture were taught to him by the white supremacy. The Nation of Islam gave him the confidence boost that he was lacking not just in himself but in his nationality [Malcolm X, Autobiography].

Black History Pioneer Elijah McCoy

The Man that Gave Michigan the Jump on the Industrial Revolution

Although the name Elijah McCoy may be a mystery to most people, the scale of his ingenuity and the quality of his creations have created a level of distinction which bears his name. Elijah McCoy was born in Colchester, Ontario, Canada on May 2, 1844. His mother and father were George and Emillia McCoy, former slaves from Kentucky who ran away by using the Underground Railroad. George joined the Canadian Army, fighting in the Rebel War and then raised his family as free Canadian residents on a 160-acre homestead.

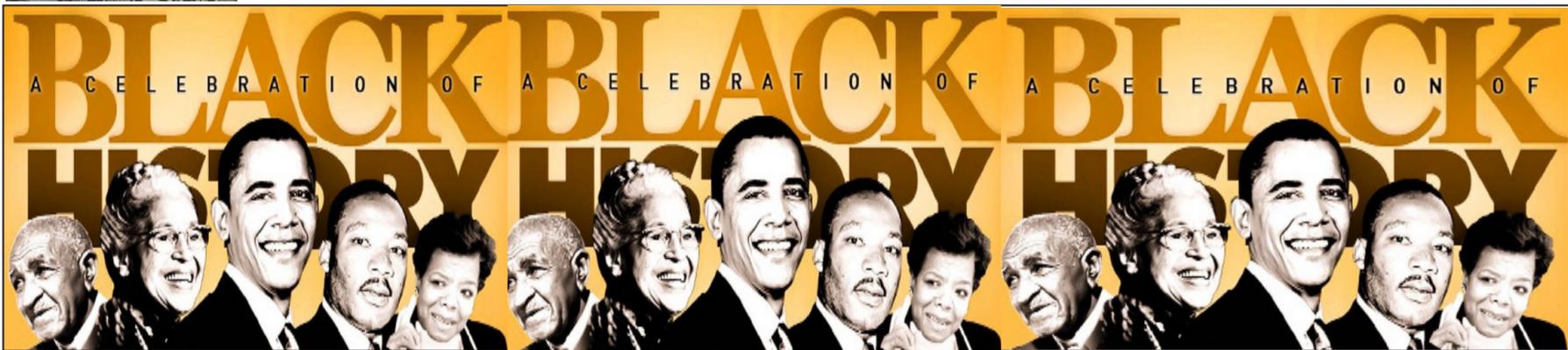
At an early age, Elijah demonstrated a mechanical interest, often taking items apart and putting them back together again. Recognizing his keen skills, George and Emillia reserved enough money to send Elijah to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he could study mechanical engineering. Subsequent to finishing his studies as a "master mechanic and engineer" he came back to the United States which had just seen the end of the Civil War – and the beginning of the "Emancipation Proclamation." Elijah relocated to Ypsilanti, Michigan but was incapable to obtain work as an engineer. He was thus pressed to accept a position as a fireman/oilman on the Michigan Central Railroad. As a fireman, McCoy was trusted for shoveling coal onto fires that would help to give off steam that motorized the locomotive. As an oilman, Elijah was trusted for making sure that the train was well oiled. After a few miles, the train would be required to halt, and he would have to go for a walk at the side of the train applying oil to the axles and bearings.

In an attempt to boost efficiency and overcome the repeated halting needed for lubrication of the train, McCoy determined to produce a method of automating the task. In 1872 he designed a "lubricating cup" that could routinely drip oil when and where needed. He received a patent for the piece of equipment later that year. The "lubri-



cating cup" met with substantial success and requests for it came in from railroad businesses all over the country. Other inventors made an effort to sell their own models of the gadget, but most firms wanted the authentic device, asking for "the Real McCoy." In 1868, Elijah married Ann Elizabeth Stewart. Regrettably, Elizabeth died just four years later. In 1873, McCoy got married again, this time his new bride was Mary Eleanor Delaney, and the pair would eventually settle into Detroit, Michigan together for the next 50 years. McCoy continued to be intrigued in continuing to improve his technology and to develop more. He thus ended up selling some percentages of rights to his patent to finance developing a workshop. He made ongoing improvements to the "lubricating cup." The patent application identified it as a device which "provides for the continuous flow of oil on the gears and other moving parts of a machine in order to keep it lubricated properly and continuous and thereby do away with the necessity of shutting down the machine periodically." The gadget would be altered and modified in order to apply it to different types of machinery. Variations of the

cup would soon be used in steam engines, naval vessels, oil-drilling rigs, mining products, in factories and construction sites. In 1916 McCoy built the graphite lubricator which allowed new superheated trains and devices to be oiled. In 1920, Elijah started the "Elijah McCoy Manufacturing Company." With his new business, he upgraded and sold the graphite lubricator along with other inventions which came to him out of necessity. He formulated and patented a movable ironing board after his wife expressed a need for a simpler way of ironing clothes. When he preferred a less difficult and faster way of sprinkling his yard, he designed and patented the lawn sprinkler. In 1922, Elijah and Mary were involved in an automobile accident and the two sustained severe injuries. Mary would die from the injuries and Elijah's health suffered for numerous years until he passed away in 1929. McCoy left behind a legacy of excellent inventions that would benefit the world for another century and his name would come to stand for superior workmanship – the Real McCoy! Article courtesy of greatblackheros.com



Lansing Community College congratulates Trustee Angela Mathews and Benita Duncan on their recent elections at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress

Trustee Mathews was elected Vice-Chair of the African American Community College Trustees Association (AACCTA). The AACCTA is a constituency group of the ACCT and serves as an organization committed to assessing the cumulative effects of higher education policy on African American students, faculty and staff.

Ms. Duncan was elected as President of The Professional Board Staff Network (PBSN). She becomes the first African American to ascend to the position of President for the Executive Committee of the ACCT PBSN. The PBSN is a national level resource for those who support governing boards or presidents of community colleges.



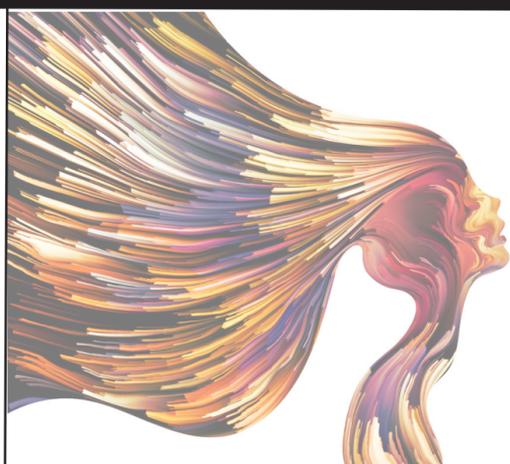
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Trustee Angela Mathews
Vice-Chair LCC Board of Trustees



Benita Duncan
Executive Assistant and Liaison to LCC Board of Trustees



POETREE IN MOTION

AUTHENTIC BLACK : BROTHERS

May I borrow your ear today?
May I speak about our heroes of everyday?
Let's re-write, re-tell, re-articulate the story
Of Authentic and Divine Black man's real glory.
Let's peer through a windowpane into the real deal!
The powers that be, have always written
What they wished to leave as history, yes, his-story.
Which are...His lies. His deceptions. His distorted facts...
Yes, His consensus of contorted tales of fake glory.
Well! their well written false scripts have somehow
Spiraled into a reality forced onto an entire population.
Mention of our Contributions are always,
Always manipulated to appear meager,
Swept under the rug or ignored by this nation.
Continuing the struggle for EQUALITY
Remains arduous and demands one to rip, shred or tear
away
This dominating mindset from our consciousness
today!
I love you, my Nubian brother. You are my unheralded
hero...
YOU are awesome, worthy of this praise...like
non-other
Your ardent wish has always been to be born men...
Not as an image of servility, as in the mind of multiple
others.
Brothers, we know from infancy, you've been hated,
Pushed down, beaten, castrated and killed...
Because of your innate manliness, charm,
Brut strength and unwavering will
You are the envy of and threat to the Powers that be!
They discredit you in order to feel superior.
But I know... I feel... I hear... I see
The evils that continue to happen on our streets.
Those dominators, who would see you, brother Di-
vine...
Bowed, fiddling, grinning, shuffling, or even silent

When accused ... of eye contact or stepping out of line;
They are waiting to overthrow you from your rightful
place...
They're always trying to stifle and abuse our entire
race.
Now, You newly genetically coded Black man...
Bred from a powerful life force and an uncommon
stock...
You do not shake or quiver, bend or bow, beg or butt
kiss...
Divine Brother...you ROCK!
YOU step up to defend what's yours
Through 400 years you've had just one wish!!.....
To gain prominence, respect, in your space and place
in society
And you will no longer allow "the man" to cheat you...
Cheat you out of what has been yours over the centu-
ries.
Understandably, your cup runneth over with bit-
terness...
Even rage for a system set out to degrade, mistreat or
beat you...
At every turn...seemingly for deranged pleasure, to just
delete you.
This struggle for equality, my Authentic, brother is
real!
Though this..your country and birthplace
Drain you of respect, honor, or decent treatment,
Yet, You, my brother...my hero...Still head up this race.
Asserting power through sheer grit and grace...
Your mind rarely obsesses a slavers' mentality,
Instead, your heart is swollen, loving your people...
Your hands are ready to tackle reality, these
Massive tasks which slipped through generations.
You survive because of your toughness...
With your enormous tenacity, you refuse to perish.
Yes, Brother, time is ripe to shoulder renewed actions,
A docile mindset has no place here nor does fear

Yes, Authentic Brother, time has come to plan the
work
And work the plan to its completion, right now, right
here.
You know your Sistahs honor your manhood and walk
beside you,
Offering a strong shoulder, a thunderous voice,
And a helping hand to aid success in your mission to
Resurrect Black folk throughout this nation of choice.
My divine black brother, stepping out from the
Wimpy roles designated by the evil oppressor is your
destiny.
Your heart bursts with pains and ills of years of past
savagery.
Soul whispers emanate, demanding you step
Into your Divine power...The power of only a Black
man,
Unequaled in love and respect for your own fellow-
man.
My newly reborn Brother...you control your own
spirit.
Out of this nation's darkness, you are a great beacon of
light...
Your power, your life energy, your future, are brilliant,
as you
Seek liberation, salvation and preservation...your right.

You, brothers, embody the DNA of excellence...
Yours are 'Seeds of greatness'...
The genetic coding of Royalty...of Kings and Gods...
The supreme, preeminent regeneration...
Nothing about your heritage can be considered odd.
Behold, Brother, Your AUTHENTICITY is showing!!!
Love and admiration for you, sir, is only growing.
I speak for us all...no I yell!
You EXCELL!! Above and beyond...
Believe me!! Authentic Brother,
I see... You WEAR your seeds of Greatness WELL!



Dee Freeman

SOUL II SOUL CONSCIOUSNESS: What Does it Take to do Greater Things Than Jesus? 02012022



Pastor/Chaplain Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.
Soul II Soul Spiritual Fitness Couch
Lt. Commander (RET) US Navy Chaplain Corps
Certified Peer Support Specialist



BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK

12th "The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things...." John 14:12



Dearest of All, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, in the world of technology, transportation, Quantum physics, and Medicine, we are light-years from the time Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: whoever believes in Me will be able to do what I have done, but they will do even greater things because I will return to be with the Father.¹³ Whatever you ask for in My name, I will do it so

that the Father will get glory from the Son." To what was Jesus referring?

In the new 2022, I heard Wisdom deep in my being whisper, "light a candle every evening around 7 p.m., and say a prayer to honor your deceased family, fellow Veterans, friends, and colleagues who've joined the heavenly ranks, and to shine a little light in the darkness." My, my! What a difference this activity is making in my healing and spiritual connectivity. It is a privilege, and I am thankful to live and enjoy the advancements post my parents' generation. We live in the age of driverless, battery-operated automobiles and intergalactic travels. We have access to handheld tablets, computers, and cell phones that can discover anything about anybody everywhere at the whack of a button. Are these some of the things of which Jesus could say, "the earth people are doing greater things than I did in the first century?" I don't think so!

Where are the signs and wonders of which Jesus speaks? Where are people who were dead-in-Christ and now live? Where are the prophets and prophetesses speaking truth to power? Where are the justice warriors challenging the unjust laws and unjust lawmakers?

Jesus said, "The person who **trusts** me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things...." John 14:12. What Does it Take to do Greater Things Than Jesus? Absolute trust in God. Seeking first the Kin/Kingdom or reign of God, bringing good news and healing to all that believed—and having a prayer life. Before He raised Lazarus from the dead or fed the 5,000, blessed the children, and performed miracles, signs, and wonders, Jesus prayed. These are a few things needful to do Greater Things than Jesus.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
The 2022 Lansing Juneteenth Celebration

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Interfaith/Ecumenical Virtual Prayer/Praise & Day of Giving Program
FEBRUARY 27 TO APRIL 23
The Dr. Eva L. Evans Juneteenth Essay & Scholarship Competition
SATURDAY, JUNE 11
The Commemorative Ballgame/Tribute to the Negro Leagues
THURSDAY, JUNE 16
The Capital City Kick-Off Ceremony/Essay Contest & Scholarship Awards
SATURDAY, JUNE 18
African American Parade & Juneteenth Freedom Festival
SUNDAY, JUNE 19
Juneteenth Day Recognition

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Lansing, Michigan

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JUNETEENTH INTERFAITH/ECUMENICAL VIRTUAL PRAYER/PRAISE & DAY OF GIVING SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022, 3PM



MESSENGER
Rev. Lila R. Martin,
Pastor of Trinity
AME Church



Rev. Adrian Swanigan
Host Pastor
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Zoom Meeting ID 992 2441 1810
Phone: 1-312-626-6799
ID 99224411810



Theme: Beyond Emancipation Continuing Toward Empowerment
www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org/donate
Donations will benefit the Juneteenth Educational Division



Celebration Announcements
by
The Ambassador of Celebration

Birthdays in February

- Ms. Kimberly Jones celebrates her 40th birthday on February 2nd.
- Mr. K. C. Big Thangs celebrates his birthday on February 2nd.
- Ms. Nikki Skipper celebrates her birthday on February 2nd.
- Ms. Tina Fellows celebrates her birthday on February 3rd.
- Tina, you are THE BEST big sister in the world; I love you so much! Love always and forever, Tracy G.
- Ms. Christina Tubbs celebrates her birthday on February 3rd.
- Ms. Tammy Ruiz celebrates her birthday on February 3rd.
- Ms. Ashley Erickson celebrates her 32nd birthday on February 4th.
- Ms. Rebecca Lea Patterson celebrates her birthday on February 4th with family and friends. "Becca, happy 26th birthday! Enjoy your day! I love you! Love Mom!"
- Ms. Shari M. Townsley celebrates her birthday on February 5th.
- Ms. Juel Darden celebrates her birthday on February 5th.
- Ms. Mandy Schaffer celebrates her 37th birthday on February 7th.
- Ms. April L. Clark celebrates her birthday on February 7th.
- Ms. Georgette Sneed celebrates her 69th birthday on February 7th.
- Ms. Maria Herrera celebrates her 47th birthday on February 7th.
- Mr. DeMarice Hall celebrates his 34th birthday on February 7th.
- Ms. Mandi Schaffer celebrates her birthday on February 7th. "Singing my way to stardom"
- Mr. Arthur Andrews celebrated his 70th birthday on February 7th getting well!
- Brother Bill sends you Love.
- Ms. Barbara M. Rouse-Tate celebrates her birthday on February 8th with family.
- Ms. Flora Boles celebrates her birthday on February 8th.
- Ms. Lisa D. Tate-Jackson celebrates her birthday on February 9th with family. Mr. Martin Luther King celebrates his birthday on February 9th.
- Mr. Nate Carlisle celebrates his 55th birthday on February 9th. "I pray that GOD blesses everybody!"
- Ms. Jazmine Gierke celebrates her 16th birthday on February 10th with her baby brother Damian and family.
- Ms. Betty McGrew celebrates her birthday on February 10th.
- Ms. Brandy Gonzales celebrates her 32nd birthday February 10th.
- Mr. Freddie Lewis celebrates his birth on February 10th.
- Ms. Jaylenn Shannon celebrates her 17th birthday on February 11th.
- Ms. Phyllis Colthorp celebrates her birthday on February 11th.
- Ms. Sheavan Mizori celebrates her 36th birthday on February 11th.
- Ms. Michelle M. Mireles celebrates her 54th birthday on February 11th.
- Mr. Charles Husby celebrates his birthday on February 11th, with family and friends.
- Mr. James E. Garvie celebrates his 35th birthday on February 12th with friends.
- Ms. Kelly Kilpatrick celebrates her birthday on February 12th.
- Mr. Clyde Martin celebrates his 35th birthday on February 12th.
- Mr. Josiah Nathaniel Dixon celebrates his 12th birthday on February 12th with family; Pastor Nathan, Lady Rolanda and big sister Makenzie Carrington.
- Mr. RJ Johnson celebrated his birthday on February 16th with friends and family.
- Ms. Chrissy Gomez celebrates her 36th birthday on February 13th.
- Ms. Patty Oehmke celebrates her birthday on February 14th, Valentine's Day, sharing much love.
- Mr. Walter "Gator" Gierke celebrates his 39th birthday on February 14th with friends and family. "Mama's Valentine's Day Gift from your Dad in 1982!" We love you always!
- Mr. Fredrick Crockett celebrates his 56th birthday on February 14th, with a shout out: "Happy Birthday to the rest of my cupid Babies!"
- Ms. Madeline Brown celebrates her 64th year of life on February 14th, "Valentine's Day"
- Ms. Vicki Helman celebrates her birthday on February 14th.
- Ms. Angela P. Baltimore celebrates her birthday on February 15th.
- Mr. Chavis Walker celebrates his birthday on February 15th.
- Ms. Teonie Dobbs celebrates her birthday on February 15th.
- Mr. Charles M. Flores celebrates his 51st birthday on February 15th.
- Miss. Bella Jobson celebrates her 12th birthday on February 16th.
- Ms. Betty Thomas celebrates her birthday on February 16th.
- Ms. Michelle Ireland celebrates her birthday February 16th with her family and friends.
- Mr. Kirk A. Branson Sr. celebrates his birthday on February 16th with his loving wife April, family and friends.
- Ms. Jessica Baker celebrates her 42nd birthday on February 17th.
- Ms. Danyell Reaper celebrates her 43rd birthday on February 17th.
- Ms. Kendall M. Jackson celebrates her birthday on February 17th.
- Ms. Cheron L. Mans celebrates her birthday on February 17th.
- Ms. Katia F. Outlaw celebrates her birthday on February 17th.
- Miss. Kaydence Elise Walsh celebrates her 11th birthday on February 18th. "Daddy and Mommy Love you!!!"
- Mr. Miles R. Barren celebrates his birthday on February 18th.
- Mr. Issac Peter Reis celebrates his birthday on February 18th.
- Ms. Kimberly E. Harps celebrates her birthday on February 19th.
- Ms. Lacrita Winfree, born on February 20th, will enjoy her celebration with her husband.
- Ms. Melanie Miller celebrates her birthday on February 19th.
- Ms. Jimmie L. Springs celebrates her birthday on February 19th. She was born in the year 1918: 103 years!!!
- Mr. Desmond Murphy celebrates his 17th birthday on February 20th.
- Mr. Luther William Brown, Jr. will celebrate his 49th birthday on February 20th, with his loving wife Amy, daughters: Isabella, Idyana, Taylor, his Son Jordan Luther.
- Ms. Rose M. Watson celebrates her birthday on February 20th.
- Ms. Jennifer and Justina Ellsworth celebrate their 36th birthday on February 20th.
- Ms. Betty Fry, born February 20th, celebrates her 61th birthday, being sober since January 1st, 2018.
- Ms. Tasha Eaton celebrates her 40th birthday on February 21st.
- Ms. Felicia Clark celebrates her birthday on February 21st.
- Ms. Lindsay Voss celebrates her birthday on February 22nd.
- Ms. Nanette L. Reynolds celebrates her birthday on February 22nd.
- Ms. Anita Buffington celebrates her 46th birthday on February 22nd.
- Mr. Bila! Scott celebrates his birthday on February 23rd.
- Ms. Jackie Evens enjoys her birthday on February 23rd.
- Mr. Willis Dennis celebrates his birthday on February 23rd.
- Ms. Bethany Coins celebrates her birthday on February 23rd.
- Ms. Sara Gordon celebrates her birthday on February 23rd.
- Ms. Sandra Williams celebrates her birthday on February 23rd.
- Mr. Sal Rivera celebrates his 51th birthday February 23rd.
- Mr. Michael Jennings Jr. will celebrate his birth on February 23rd.
- Ms. Amanda Wenk celebrates her birthday on February 24th.
- Ms. Cecilia Sena celebrates her 40th birthday on February 24th.
- Mr. Bradford Hugueley celebrates his birthday on February 25th.
- Ms. Marion Peatross celebrates her birthday on February 25th.
- Ms. Gristle McMichaels celebrates her 34th birthday on February 25th.
- Mr. Felipe Gonzales celebrates his 60th birthday on February 26th, with family and friends at his son's place! "Love from your Son", Juan.
- Ms. Dawn, "as a new day", celebrates her 49th birthday on February 26th.
- Ms. Alicia Perez celebrates her birthday on February 26th.
- Mr. Charles "Bull" Lane celebrates 75 years of life on February 26th.
- Ms. Maya Kelly celebrates her 11th birthday on February 27th. "Love you lots... Mom and Dad!"
- Ms. Alicia Perez celebrates her 43rd birthday on February 27th.
- Ms. Angelica Brown celebrates her 31th birthday on February 27th.
- Mr. LaDon H. Nixon will enjoy his birthday on February 28th.
- Mr. Larry Martin celebrates his birthday on February 28th.
- Ms. Tanek Samaria Davis will celebrate her birthday on February 28th.
- *Anniversaries**
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Cordray McConnell celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on February 3rd.
- Mr. & Mrs. David, (RIP), and Linda-Walker-Cole, (RIP 1-9-2020); We celebrate their 22st wedding anniversary on February 14th.
- Mr. & Mrs. Myron & Dee Freeman celebrate their 34nd wedding anniversary on February 14th
- Mr. & Mrs. Al and Irma Cooper will celebrate their 71th wedding anniversary on February 23rd. Thank You for the Lesson that helped me to Be: The Substance Of A Man!!!

Announcements

Please let us know if you have anyone to celebrate

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Celebration Gram - A Class Act: Have your special message delivered by Mr. Party for that special someone or special occasion! Call 517-391-4849 or Email: mrpartycevr@aol.com
Please send the information about you, your family or friends celebrating the Events of Life:

Celebration Announcements



Chronicle News Legacy Celebrating the Life of Larry Carter (Jay Price)

Sunrise April 20th, 1949-Sunset February 5th, 2022
What does Legacy mean to you? For Larry Carter (Jay Price) his legacy to his family was one of the driving forces throughout his life. Larry Carter was born April 20th, 1949, to the late Ottowa Carter Sr. and Mildred Haynes in Sandis, MS. He later moved to Chicago, IL with his mother and grandparents. From a very young age, Larry made significant contributions to the household. He held a full-time job for more than half of his high school days. In no way, did this stunt his determination in the quest towards success. Larry graduated from John Marshall High School in 1967 knowing the value of hard work. Throughout life, hard work seemed to be the essence of Larry.
Larry attended Columbia College where he majored in Broadcast Journalism.
After obtaining his bachelor's degree, he moved around frequently to pursue career endeavors. This is not before he married his childhood friend Carolyn Hill. Together they raised three children: Anastacio, William and Yanice.
Over the years, Larry held positions in radio spanning several different markets across the Midwest and Southern regions. These stations included WAWA Milwaukee, COOL Radio Fort Wayne IN, and WLTH in Gary IN. During this time, Larry was also a Broadcast Engineer Licensed by the Federal Communications Commission with a Radio Telephone Operators License (First Class Ticket) this was during a period when anyone on the

OBITUARIES

radio was required to have a license.
While working at WLTH, Carter met a co-worker by the name of Joe Dixon which he befriended. Joe eventually convinced Larry to move to Lansing, Michigan in 1984. In 1985, the Carter family moved to Lansing, Michigan after Larry accepted a position with WXLA 1170 AM (WQHH 96.5 FM) Larry was able to convince station owners that an urban contemporary format was needed in Lansing and would have the potential for success. Larry was placed into the morning slot and worked as a sales manager to produce on-air commercials.
Carter experienced much success in radio, but desired to explore additional avenues. With the assistance of his longtime friend Mr. Donnie Lyons, he was able to launch a print publication in the spring of 1986. The first publication was titled "The Capital Chronicle" (later evolving into the Chronicle News) Larry worked to build up momentum with sales, while his wife Carolyn learned to manage the layout and design of the newspaper. Anastacio and William (with a help of a few friends) oversaw door-to-door delivery. Between the radio station and the newspaper, Larry was sure he found his niche.
In 2002, Larry Carter was presented with the Communicator of the Year Award-Printed Media at the 23rd Conference of the National Black United Front presented by the Black Child and Family Institute of Lansing, Michigan.
Since the Chronicle's inception, Larry and Carolyn's vision for the Chronicle continued to be inspired by the passion and dedication seen in the communities which they served. The community was their driving force to provide uplifting news and content told from an African American perspective. Larry and Carolyn's love for their family motivated them to continue building a legacy.
In his free time, Larry enjoyed cooking big meals for family gatherings. He also enjoyed traveling with his family and watching various Chicago sports teams on television. Larry had a vibrant, magnetic personality and a special love for Chicago



Loretta Brewer "Pretty Penny"
04 October 1940 - 02 February 2022

Sports Teams.
Larry and Carolyn remained married until her transition to a new life on December 4, 2018. Larry passed away on the afternoon of February 5th, 2022. Together Larry and Carolyn raised three children: Anastacio Ramos III, William Larry Carter (Hill) who preceded them in death) and Yanice (Carter) Jackson. He leaves to cherish his memory, his son Anastacio Ramos III (Tuneas) of Lansing, MI, and daughter Yanice (Carter) Jackson of Lansing, MI. Three Brothers: Lyndard Carter of New Orleans, LA, Ottowa Carter Jr. of Jackson MS, Jerome Haynes of Chicago, IL and one sister: Gwendolyn Haynes of Chicago, IL.
Larry also leaves six grandchildren: Ikeshu, Anastacio, William (Little Bey), William (Day Day), Jillian, LaStacia, Liam and two great grandchildren: Xymphony and Xavion and a host of nieces, nephews' cousins, and friends.
Larry Carter (Jay Price) was a man who always wore a smile. He was an asset to the community who helped to provide a platform for residents within greater Lansing and across Michigan. He will truly be missed.

Bariatric Surgery Changed This Patient's Life in Unimaginable Ways

Over the past 30 years, obesity has become the most prevalent disease in the world, and more people suffer from the health effects of obesity than from any other disease.

This was the case for Alayna Wesener, who struggled with her weight her entire life. "At 30, I felt my entire future was ruined. I felt like I was going to die young. I needed a seatbelt extender on an airplane, I could barely tie my shoes, I couldn't cross my legs, and for years I had unexplained infertility," said Wesener.

Wesener spoke with her primary care provider about weight loss surgery a few times; however, her doctor wanted to see if she could lose the weight with diet and exercise first. "I finally decided to make the change after experiencing the loss of my older sister to heroin. I took in her young son, and I knew that I had to make a serious change with my own health so I could be there for him. At the time, I weighed 332 pounds, and I also didn't want my parents to have to experience the loss of their other child."

Wesener then reached out to Dr. Michael Kia, DO, FACOS, FACS, bariatric surgeon at McLaren Greater Lansing and McLaren Flint.

"There is so much shame and stigma associated with being overweight or 'taking the easy way out' with surgery," said Wesener. "I intentionally didn't share with anyone that I was seriously considering having

surgery besides my primary care provider."

Wesener had a sleeve gastrectomy performed, which is one of the two most common bariatric surgeries. This surgery works by correcting the abnormal communication signals that have developed during the disease of obesity.

"Weight loss surgery has become safer in the United States than gallbladder removal, hysterectomy, or even joint replacement. It is one of the safest procedures that is performed," said Dr. Kia. "The surgery is laparoscopic, which means we make very small incisions in the abdomen. Patients can expect a 7 to 10-day recovery before they can return to work and general activity."

By changing the biochemistry of how the brain thinks about food, patients no longer go through cravings and experience the feeling of being full without an emotional aspect.

"Today, I have run five full marathons, found the confidence to start my own business, and I have the most wonderful little blessing—a two-year-old little boy named Wyatt—and my handsome nephew has signed on to the Navy and leaves later this year. Without surgery, I don't know that I would be here. I know this wouldn't be my life," said Wesener.

Years later, Wesener still maintains a healthy weight and lifestyle. Her passion about weight loss surgery

has also led to her directly impacting five others in choosing surgery for themselves, and they are also maintaining a healthy weight years later.

"I wanted to publicly share my story, the ups and the downs, with my friends and family, and truthfully anyone who would listen. This surgery not only saved my life but also completely changed my life. My biggest piece of advice is to make the appointment."

To learn more about the bariatric program, go to mclaren.org

About McLaren Greater Lansing

A tertiary teaching facility with 310 acute care beds, is located in Lansing, Michigan. This medical center is home to one of the nation's leading cardiac programs; state-of-the-art clinical centers for oncology and women and children's health; medical/surgical units; and a full-service pharmacy. Its residency programs are affiliated with Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, and the Statewide Campus System. Residencies include family medicine, internal medicine, general surgery, obstetric/gynecological surgery, orthopedic surgery, and physical medicine and rehabilitation. Fellowships are offered in cardiology, hematology/oncology and sports medicine. McLaren Greater Lansing also participates in a citywide emergency medicine residency program.



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People of Color Have More Spending Power Than Ever, Report Says

The expression that there's "strength in numbers" is increasingly true as it relates to the buying power of minority groups. Their ability to spend on consumer goods outpaces the national average.

In other words, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian-Americans, and Native Americans are able to buy more stuff. That has many businesses scrambling to market their products in a new way.

These trends are detailed in a new analysis by the University of Georgia. Report author and economist Jeffrey Humphries is Director of Economic Forecasting at UGA's Terry College of Business.

He joined GPB's Rickey Bevington to break down his findings.

Rickey Bevington: What trends stand out to you both nationally and locally to Georgia and the Southeast?

Jeffrey Humphries: There are a number of trends. First, we are seeing and have been seeing above average growth of these target to minority markets in the United States. So, the U.S. Hispanic market, the U.S. African American market, the U.S. Asian consumer markets, and the Native American market are all growing faster than the overall consumer market in the United States. It has major implications for businesses, both large and small.

Those trends transcend the U.S. economy, and they are very much present in Georgia. But Georgia's outdoing the nation and several of those markets in terms of the rate of growth. And Georgia now has the third-largest African American market. We're kind of the sweet spot when it comes to African Americans' spending power.

Rickey Bevington: And I understand that's up from recent years.

Jeffrey Humphries: That's right. We have seen tremendous growth. If you look at just the last decade, from 2010 to 2020, the overall U.S. consumer market grew by almost 62%. But if you look at the Underground economy in Georgia, it grew by 78%. Look at Hispanic market in Georgia: That grew by 83%. If you look at the multiracial consumer market in Georgia, up by 99%. The Asian consumer market up by 138%.

Rickey Bevington: And all of this despite the pandemic because these are 2020 numbers.

Jeffrey Humphries: That's right. Numbers transcend the entire decade. And the pandemic did not have an extremely negative effect on consumer income and consumer spending, a much smaller effect on originally expected, mostly because of the large federal transfer payments to people. And so, the buying power numbers held up very well in 2020.

Rickey Bevington: Looking at the Georgia numbers specifically — and they are remarkable — what explains those trends?

Jeffrey Humphries: Well, there are a number of factors. First, above average population growth for all these

groups. Second, rising levels of educational attainment. If you look, for example, at the Black consumer market in the state, we have a huge concentration of historically Black colleges and universities centered on Atlanta but



spread across the state. Plus, we have a number of public institutions that serve thousands of Black students. And so, this sort of newly minted talent that adds to the buying power of Black consumers in Georgia, much more so than in the average state.

Third, we have rising levels of entrepreneurial activity, lots of minorities starting their own businesses with Black people and Hispanics and Asians, all starting business at a faster rate than the overall population. You put that all together and you get some amazing things in terms of consumer spending.

Rickey Bevington: And there are major companies that want their hands on this data, and it will influence their marketing and advertising campaigns. How might the average Georgian see these trends in their day-to-day lives? These are manifest or they're easier to see when you look at advertising message, a lot more message, for example, in the Spanish language, a lot more message in Black media, Black radio, Black TV, a lot more content of message focused on racial and ethnic minorities. And beyond that we have a lot of products that are being developed for specific consumers in mind, whether it's cosmetics for darker skin tones or other products. So, it is easy to see, particularly if you take the long perspective and look at the way things are now compared to how they were 10, 20 or 30 years ago.

Rickey Bevington: Does this data suggest that African Americans, Hispanics, and other groups are more well-off? Can you make that direct a comparison to, say, 10, 20, 30 years ago?

Jeffrey Humphries: I'm looking at income — in other words, annual income. Now, if you look at annual income, certainly Black people, Hispanics, Asians are much better off than they were 10, 20, 30 years ago. What I have not

looked at — and I think that's really where you are going with this question — is wealth. I have not estimated the wealth of these groups. I have only looked at their annual after-tax income. So, in terms of after-tax income, all these groups are much better off than they were 10, 20, 30 years ago. I have not looked at their wealth, which is a vastly different research methodology.

Rickey Bevington: I can only imagine the changes that you've seen.

Jeffrey Humphries: Yes, I published my first study in 1991, and it is now 2021. So exactly 30 years.

Rickey Bevington: Can you give us some turning points that you've seen?

Jeffrey Humphries: Yeah, I think what I've seen over the decades is when I first started doing this study and then throughout the 1990s, really the primary focus was on the Black consumer of the large corporations and businesses, large and small that called me about the study or that bought copies of the study. They were mostly focused on African American consumers in the 1990s.

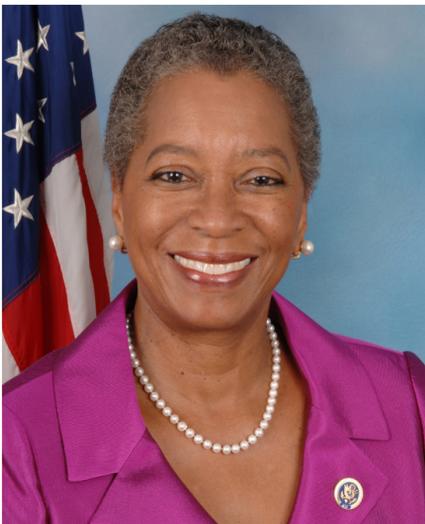
Census two thousand was kind of a wakeup call in terms of the Hispanic consumer market. Once the Census 2000 numbers started coming out of my buying power estimates, I think a lot of businesses realized they were behind the curve in terms of marketing to Hispanics and there was a lot of opportunity there. And so, I started to get more calls and more purchases of the study so get companies to get their hands on the Hispanic numbers.

I saw a third shift after the Great Recession. After the Great Recession, the focus really shifted towards the Asian consumer market with a lot more interest in the Asian buying power numbers than I saw prior to the Great Recession. I haven't really seen a shift yet with respect to the COVID-19 recession. I think it's too early to know whether that has changed the focus of U.S. businesses.

Rickey Bevington: Well, the data that we're going to be getting will be census data from 2020. Are you concerned that 2020 census data relating to minority groups won't be accurate?

Jeffrey Humphries: There certainly were disruptions to the enormous normal census taking that took place in the year 2020. And the Census Bureau itself is concerned about the reliability of those estimates because of sampling problems and the like. In fact, I've heard recently that the Census Bureau will not issue the American Community Survey data for that year. So, there are going to be issues with the data that was gathered in the year 2020.

Fortunately, we do the American Community Survey now every year. It's not a decennial census anymore. It's an every-year census which means we can get new data and fill in some of the blanks that were left in the numbers due to the pandemic. Article courtesy of NPR's Rickey Bevington



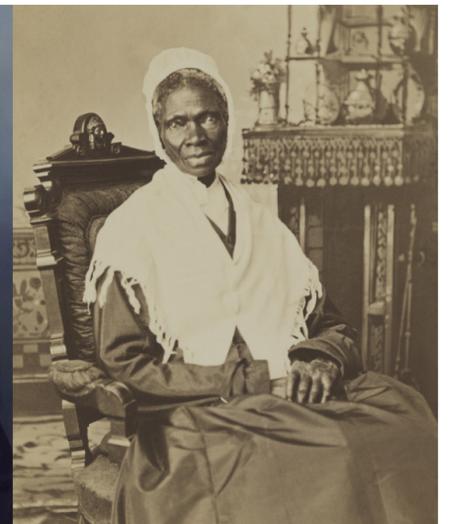
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Governor Whitmer Announces Record-Breaking \$1.419 Billion Investment in Michigan Schools from Michigan Lottery Funding



LANSING, Mich. – Governor Whitmer today announced the Michigan Lottery contributed

a record-breaking \$1.419 billion to the School Aid Fund in fiscal year 2021, shattering its previous record set last year by nearly \$240 million. This is the third consecutive year the Lottery has contributed more than \$1 billion to the fund, and the Lottery's seventh consecutive record contribution. "When Michiganders play to win, our students and schools win too," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "The Michigan Lottery's record contribution to the School Aid Fund helps us keep kids safe and learning in-person, delivers critical funding to support K-12 programs, and ensures every family has access to a high-quality, public education. The Lottery's record-setting performance over the last seven years has helped

us put Michigan students first. Together, we have closed the funding gap between schools, raised per-student funding, and improved school facilities, all without raising taxes. I am grateful to everyone who has made this substantial investment in our kids possible."

Since the record-breaking streak began in FY15, the Lottery's contribution to the School Aid Fund has increased 78.5%.

Lottery contributions to the School Aid Fund over the prior six years were:

- FY20: \$1.179 billion
- FY19: \$1.070 billion
- FY18: \$941.2 million
- FY17: \$924.1 million
- FY16: \$888.9 million
- FY15: \$795.5 million

Lottery retailers received a record \$370.9 million in commissions in FY21, up more than 82% from \$203.6 million in FY15. The average payment to retailers in FY21 as a percentage of sales was

7.4%, including commissions, incentives, and bonuses. Lottery products are sold at more than 10,000 locations across Michigan, ranging in size from independently-owned businesses to large chains. In FY21, 925 retailers sold \$1 million or more in Lottery games.

"Lottery purchases help support Michigan schools and businesses," said Lottery Commissioner, Brian O. Neill. "These incredible results would not be possible without our players, retailers, vendors, the dedicated team at Lottery, and support across state government."

Other records set by the Lottery in the FY21 include more than \$5 billion in sales and more than \$3.1 billion in prizes to players. Record sales in FY21 were driven in large part by instant games, a \$1 billion Mega Millions jackpot, and the Lottery's internet platform.

Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has raised more than \$26 billion

for public education in Michigan. Approximately \$7.2 billion, or 28%, of that amount was raised over the last seven record-breaking years.

The Lottery is also committed to promoting responsible gaming. Michigan was the first state lottery to receive certification of its on-line program through the National Council on Problem Gambling and has also attained Responsible Gaming Verification through the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries. Responsible gaming information and resources are available on the Lottery's website at: www.michiganlottery.com/responsible-gaming.

For each dollar spent on a Michigan Lottery ticket in FY21, approximately:

- 61 cents went to players as prizes
- 28 cents went to the School Aid Fund to support public education
- 9 cents went to commissions

for retailers and vendors. 2 cents funded the Lottery's operations and administrative costs. Under state law, all profits from the Lottery go to the School Aid Fund.

All FY21 numbers are preliminary and unaudited.

More than 97 cents of every dollar spent on Lottery tickets is returned to the state in the form of contributions to the state School Aid Fund, prizes to players and commissions to vendors and retailers. In the 2021 fiscal year, the Lottery provided more than \$1.419 billion for Michigan's public schools, its seventh record contribution in a row. Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has contributed more than \$26 billion to support public education in Michigan. For additional information, follow the Michigan Lottery on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and online at www.michiganlottery.com.

"Well I am glad that we have carved out a time to share insights into the history and culture of Black America, I am also concerned that as a country, we box our legacy into a one-month package. When you think you about the long and layered history of Black folks in this country, the question becomes why we aren't committed to sharing the stories. So, I, like so many other Americans, carry our history with me every

single day. I was born and raised in Columbus, Georgia by my grandmother who was born in 1875 in Oswehee, Alabama. I lived through the Jim Crow South, school segregation and desegregation. I lived through the first fight for a voting right act in the 60s when Black men and women fought and died for the right to go to the polls. There was a power and understanding our journey. It is my responsibility to pass on this knowledge

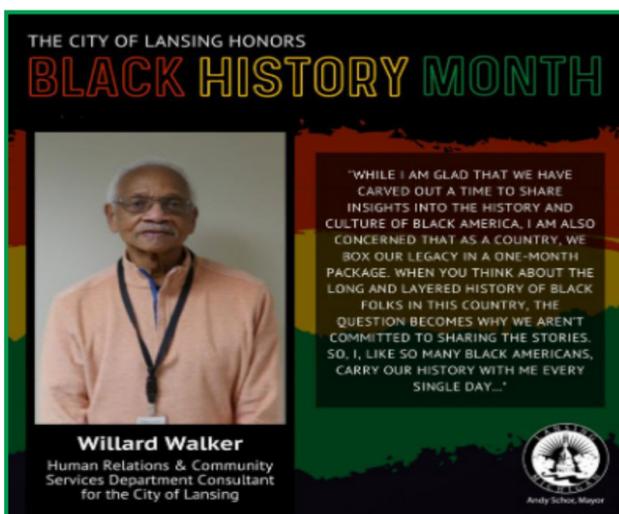
every day, not just 28 days in February. Our voices must be

loud and proud especially the time in history as being spun

and white-washed. Yet here we are again, fighting for the right to vote, and the right to teach and learn the journey of blacks in America. We all stand on the broad shoulders of the enslaved who built this country (I.e, critical race theory as perceived by some

white people today and parentheses. We stand on the shoulders of the trailblazers and hidden figures. We stand on the soldiers of all those who persevered so we could be who we are. We are not just black history, we are American history, every single day of every single month."

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