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## THE 411

JUNE 4, 2023

### "SHARRIE WILLIAMS GOSPEL BRUNCH"

12:00PM-3:00PM Located at 1213 Turner St, for more information call 517-331-8440

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JUNE 19, 2023

### "KARAOKE KICKBACK"

9:00PM-11:59PM Located at 1213 Turner St, for more information call 517-331-8440

## WHAT'S INSIDE

### BLACK MUSIC MONTH JUNETEENTH KICKOFF

Thurs, June 15 5:30-7:30PM  
Gannon Bldg  
Special Guest Speaker  
MI Supreme Court Justice



Kyra Harris Bolden (above)

Juneteenth Freedom Festival  
Sat, June 17th 2023  
@St Joe Park  
12PM - LINE UP!



Black Music Month began in 1979 when Kenny Gamble, Ed Wright, and Dyana Williams developed the idea to set aside a month dedicated to celebrating the impact of black music. Created by music business insiders, the group successfully lobbied President Jimmy Carter to host a reception on June 7th, 1979 to formally recognize the cultural and financial contributions of black music. Since 1979, Black Music Month has grown from a small commemoration to national proportions with events held annually across the country. In 2000, US-Representative Chaka Fattah sponsored House Resolution 509, which formally recognized the importance of Black music on culture and the economy during President Bill Clinton's administration. In 2009, President Barack Obama further defined June as African American Music Appreciation Month declaring the start of summer as a celebration for all the black "musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters [who] have made enormous contributions to our culture."

"The music of our Nation has always spoken to the condition of our people and reflected the diversity of our Union. African-American musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters have made enormous contributions to our culture by capturing the hardships and aspirations of a community and reminding us of our shared values. Blacks originated much of American music. And the nation needs to right the record President Joe Biden's proclamation on June as Black Music Appreciation Month, issued just a few weeks ago, succinctly summarized the richness and strength of our cultural contribution, and its need to be recognized. He also set out an agenda that pushes the nation



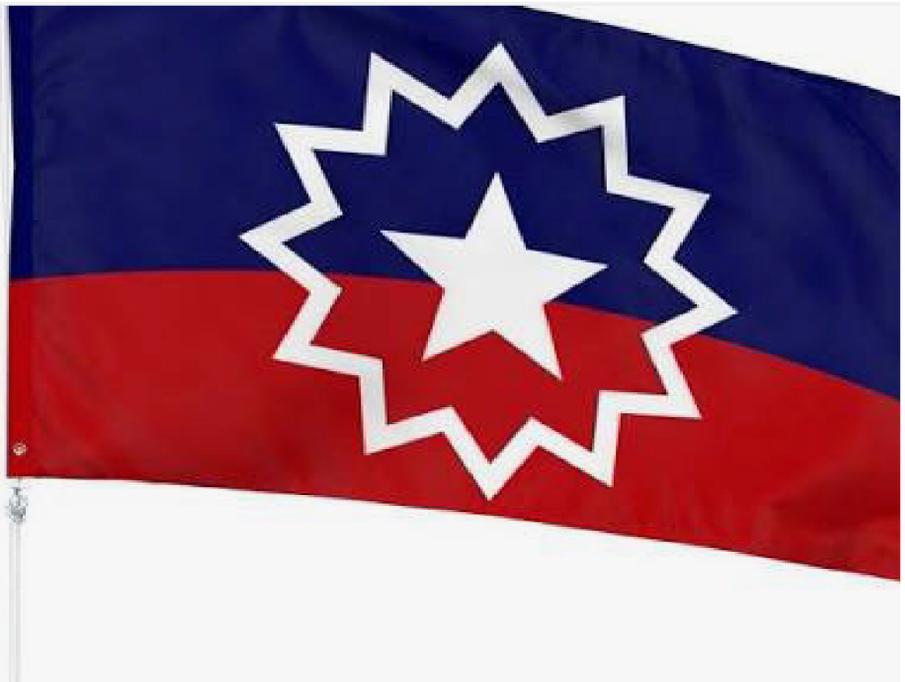
to accomplish that: "We must rededicate ourselves to rooting out systemic racism from every part of our society, and work together to advance racial justice and equity." But what does rededication entail? Recorded music is one of America's most remarkable intellectual global contributions, and at its core, American music is Black music. From blues, gospel, jazz, country and rhythm and blues, to house, rock-and-roll and hip-hop, Black artists are the frequent inventors, cornerstone and backbone of musical genres and the recording industry. Despite this objective fact, Black people in the recording industry – artists, producers, songwriters, managers and executives – are more likely to receive less, ask for less, be remembered less and be

credited far less than their white counterparts. The slavery mindset is alive and well in the profession. Black artists have historically been cheated and denied ownership of their masters, voices, copyrights and trademarks, often through bad contracts that took advantage of a lack of financial literacy. The recording industry has thrived using harmful racial tropes and lopsided contracts to maximize profits, as was the case with legal enslavement and sharecropping. In the wake of George Floyd's murder, the Black Music Action Coalition has powerfully agitated for change across the industry. Recently, the collective of more than 250 of the industry's most prominent music executives, managers and artists, released a report exposing the

systemic racism that has been integral to the music industry and the truth that racial equity is the frontier for a fairer and more inclusive recording industry. The group's efforts further demonstrate that reparations extend beyond money. Reporative justice also entails reclaiming and recognizing lost and stolen Black intellectual property. George Washington Johnson, the first African American recording artist most known for his multi-phonetic 1896 tune "The Laughing Song," died in obscurity with little wealth and recognition. By the early 20th century, African Americans had transmuted voice, instrumentation and sound from spirituals into gospel and the blues, and later into jazz. Charles "Buddy" Bolden, considered by many to be the father of jazz, undersold his recordings only for the wax cylinders to be lost and forgotten before his 1931 death. Like Johnson before him, Bolden has in many ways been lost to history, left to Black collective memory, no proper flowers given. Born a year after Bolden's death, Little Richard would fuse the musical genres into a new invention, rock-and-roll, for which he too would die without receiving full recognition. "I really feel from the bottom of my heart that I am the inventor (of rock-and-roll)," an adamant Little Richard reflected in a 1990 Rolling Stone interview. Throughout the 1990s, Prince's public campaign to retrieve ownership of his masters from Warner Bros. is reminiscent of the struggle of his predecessors. A determined Prince inscribed the word "slave" on his face until he successfully took back ownership of his intellectual property, emphasizing the ordeal as a product of America's history of enslavement. Shortly after the conclusion

of Prince's battle, Lauryn Hill embarked upon a multidecade fight to retain and reclaim her intellectual ownership of her likeness and sonic autobiographical Grammy-winning masterpiece "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." At the top of 2021, Anita Baker, legendary and recently retired rhythm-and-blues artist, called for fans to boycott streaming her music until executives honored their contractual obligation to transfer her complete ownership of the masters of her award-winning musical catalog. Slavery's imprint – the racist idea that a Black person's intelligence, invention and creativity should not belong to them – is all over these individual struggles and myriad Black recording artists' struggles to seek ownership of their intellectual property. To be denied ownership and credit over your intellectual creation and invention is to have your emotional, psychological and financial well-being teetering at a razor's edge. The repair this nation desperately needs and deserves must extend beyond economic reparations and be inclusive of intellectual reparations – the purposeful and public recognition and acknowledgment of the creations, inventions and ideas of formerly enslaved people and their descendants. Intellectual reparations would help dismantle the insidious lie that Black people are not as smart, creative and inventive as everyone else. The United States has an unfulfilled obligation to credit Black people properly for their intellectual property and contributions to the development and wealth of this nation. The Biden-Harris administration must lead a comprehensive approach hinged on the truth racial healing, and transformation process called for by so many in Congress.

## What is Juneteenth, when is it and why do we celebrate it?



In 2021, President Biden signed into law the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act establishing Juneteenth as the 11th holiday recognized by the federal government.

But that is not where Juneteenth started. For some, Juneteenth is not a new holiday. Southern states such as Texas have been celebrating the newly federal holiday for 156 years.

Ahead of this year's holiday, here are some Juneteenth facts you might not know:

**What is Juneteenth?**  
The history of the holiday dates back to June 19, 1865 – two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation became official – when Major General Gordon Granger of the Union army traveled to Galveston Texas after the Civil War was won with General Order Number 3, which informed enslaved African Americans that they were finally free.

Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas on January 1, 1980 led by African American state legislator Al Edwards. New Jersey made Juneteenth an official state holiday on

June 25, 2020. Juneteenth is now a federal holiday also known as Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day and Emancipation Day. It's an annual celebratory day that has been celebrated for 156 years to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States.

**When is Juneteenth?**  
In New Jersey, Juneteenth is observed on the third Friday of June.

However, the federal holiday, established two years later, is observed on June 19.

**Why do we celebrate Juneteenth?**  
Juneteenth signifies African American freedom, celebrates Black American achievement and encourages continuous self-development, education and civility for all cultures. According to Juneteenth.com, as it takes on a more national, symbolic and even global perspective, "the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing."

In his proclamation, President Biden said it is important for America to confront its past as it builds to the future.

"The emancipation of enslaved Black Americans was not the end of our Nation's work to deliver on the promise of equality – it was only the beginning," Biden wrote. "On Juneteenth, we recommit to our shared work to ensure racial justice, equity, and equality in America. We commemorate the centuries of struggle and progress led by abolitionists, educators, civil rights advocates, lawyers, activists, trade unionists, religious leaders, public officials, and everyday Americans who have brought our Nation closer to fulfilling its promise."

**Why is it called Juneteenth?**  
The celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" by combining "June" and "nineteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for reuniting remaining family members. In its early years, the tradition was highly revered in Texas with many former slaves and descendants gathering together to celebrate in Galveston.

This article originally appeared on Asbury Park Press: Juneteenth celebrates emancipation of African American slaves



**Michigan Lottery: For Fun. For Schools!**

Every time you play the lottery, it's a win for Michigan. Each purchase benefits K-12 education, gives a lift to local businesses, and supports companies that employ Michigan residents. For every \$1 spent on Lottery, 61 cents goes to prizes, 28 cents goes to the School Aid Fund, 9 cents goes to retailer and vendor commissions, and 2 cents is used for Lottery operations.

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

Almost 11,000 businesses throughout Michigan earn commissions on the sale of Lottery products as licensed retailers. Lottery sales provide a year-round revenue stream for small and large businesses alike. In the last decade, more than \$2.4 billion in sales commissions and bonuses have been paid to these businesses.

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

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

Each winner also will receive a plaque and be featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids, FOX 47 in Lansing, and WNEM-TV, Saginaw.

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

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



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30th Anniversary  
**MUSIC FREEDOM CONCERT**

Sat. June 17, 2023  
Noon - 8:00 PM

FREE

HEADLINER

Alexander Zonjic & Friends  
Guest Artist - James Lloyd

6:00-7:30 PM



Kasan Belgrave - Sax



Gospel Rap  
Min. Joe Brown



The Powerlight Band



Eddie Robinson - R&B

St. Joseph Park, 2125 Hillsdale, Lansing, MI  
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**AUTHENTIC BLACK BROTHERS**



May I speak of My heroes?  
Let's re-write, re-tell, re-articulate the story  
Of the Authentic and Divine Black man's True glory  
Let's peer into the real deal ...  
The powers that be, have falsely spilled  
What they wished to leave as...his-story  
Which are... his deceptions... his distorted facts...  
His consensus of contorted tales of fake glory  
Those well written false scripts somehow  
Spiraled into a reality forced onto our generation  
Mere Mention of our Contributions...  
Appear manipulated observations  
Swept under the rug or ignored by this nation  
Still...the struggle for EQUALITY  
Remains arduous, demanding one to rip, shred or tear away  
This dominating mindset from our consciousness today

Even rage for a system set out to degrade  
At every turn...mistreat or beat you  
Seemingly for deranged pleasure, to just delete you

This struggle, Authentic brother...we must embrace!  
Though this... your birthplace, drain you of respect or decency  
Yet, You...my hero...Still head up this race  
Asserting power through sheer grit and grace...  
Your heart is swollen, loving your own...  
Your hands are ready to tackle the reality...the dreaded storm  
We survive because of... your tenacity, your toughness...  
Brother... time is ripe to shoulder renewed actions  
A docile mindset has no place here nor does fear  
Time is right to plan the work and work the plan...right now, right here

Plz know Brothers, your Sistahs honor your manhood and walk with 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.  
, stepping out from the wimpy roles, my brother, is quite clear  
Your heart bursts with pains and ills of past years  
Yet, Soul whispers emanate now, demanding you step Into your Divine power...The power of only a Black man  
Unequaled in love and respect for your own fellowman

Newly reborn Brother...you control your destiny  
For 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 rights.  
You embody the DNA of excellence...  
Yours are 'Seeds of GREATNESS'...  
The genetic coding of Royalty...of Kings and Gods...  
Nothing of your heritage can be considered odd.

Behold, Brother, Your AUTHENTICITY is showing!!!  
Love and admiration for you, sir, are only growing.  
I speak for us all...no I yell!  
Above and beyond...You EXCELL!  
Believe me!! Authentic Brother,  
I can see...You WEAR your SEEDS of Greatness WELL!

Unheralded Nubian brother... YOU are awesome, worthy of praise...like no-other  
Your ardent wish has always been to be born men...  
Not imaged as servility, brewing in the mind of multiple others  
My hero, we know from infancy, you've been hated  
Pushed down, beaten, castrated and killed...  
Because of your innate manliness, charm, strength and unwavering will  
You are the envy of and threat to the Powers that be!  
Who discredit you in order to feel superior.  
Yet, I know... I feel... I hear... I see  
The evils of those who would see you, brother Divine...  
Bowed, fiddling, grinning, shuffling, mostly silent  
When accused ... of eye contact or stepping out of line;  
They are anxious to displace ... You from your rightful place...  
Yet You ...newly genetically coded Nubian man...  
Bred from a powerful life force... an uncommon stock...  
Do not shake or quiver, bend or bow, beg or butt kiss...  
Divine Brothers...you ROCK!  
YOU step up to defend what's yours  
Through out history you've had this wish!.....  
To gain prominence, respect, for your space and place  
And ...you will no longer allow "anyone" to cheat you...  
Out of what has been yours over the decades  
Understandably, your cup runneth over with bitterness...



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Join Us for the Grit, Glam & Guts Black Girl Day of Play  
Grit, Glam & Guts empower teen girls to gain higher self-awareness, develop a healthy self-identity, and recognize & engage in the power of their voice

East Lansing, MI — For all Black girls and women, or anyone who knows a Black girl, loves a Black girl, or wants to celebrate a Black girl: join us for the Second Annual Grit, Glam & Guts' inaugural event **Black Girl Day of Play!**

Black Girl Day of Play is a day where thousands of women from Lansing and across the state will experience the joy of play on the state's Capitol lawn. Together, we will celebrate Black girlhood through dozens of "play" stations, performances, games, and music! There will be food trucks, vendors, and more.

**WHAT:** Black Girl Day of Play  
**WHEN:** 11am - 4pm June 24, 2023  
**WHERE:** The lawn of the State Capitol Building in Lansing  
**WHO:** Women of all ages  
**REGISTER ONLINE:** [www.blackgirldayofplay.com](http://www.blackgirldayofplay.com)

Through Black Girl Day of Play, we plan to promote health & wellness among Black women & girls, foster support & community for Black women & girls, and recognize the power of Black women-centered events.

"This is a day for Black women and girls to just have fun," said Grit, Glam and Guts Founder Cameo King. "Why? Because Black girls and women deserve joy, and that's what I want us to have, coming out of the pandemic, the civil uprisings, the transitions of power: to know that we are worth it, and to have a community that supports that joy."

Black Girl Day of Play is the first of its kind in the country. It is made possible through the tremendous support of partners including Lansing Arts Council, MSUFCU and The Department of African and African American Studies at Michigan State University.

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We encourage members of the media to coordinate coverage in advance so that attendees and facilitators are made available to share personal stories. There may also be some attendees who cannot be shown on camera, so we will work with you to get photos and video at the event. You can also use our promotional video & material shared [HERE](#).

**SAT. JUNE 24** **11AM TO 4PM**

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## SOUL II SOUL INFLUENCE: BE A Light in the Darkness

Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.

The Radically Inclusive Veteran Chaplain  
Lt. Commander (RET) US Navy Chaplain Corps  
Certified Peer Support Specialist



BE STILL, AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK



<sup>12</sup> "On another occasion, Jesus spoke to the crowds again. Jesus: I am the light that shines through the cosmos; if you walk with Me, you will thrive in the nourishing light that gives life and will not know darkness." John 8:12 The Voice Version



"Guide me, O, Thou Great Jehovah." Father God! When I worshipped at the Third Street Church of God in Washington D. C. the first time in 1967, as I entered the sanctuary, the church was singing, "Guide me, O, Thou Great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy Pow'rful hand: Bread of heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more."

Three of us became bosom buddies until Claudia died in November 1990. She was the last friend I spoke with before I was recalled to serve in desert shield desert storm. Yet, I often think of the light she projected.

On another note, pun intended, I grew up in church singing "Walk in the Light, the Beautiful Light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus the light of the world."

My, how those great hymns spring up in my soul from time to time.

The late Charles Stanley preached a sermon over twenty years ago, about walking in a manner that is wise and pleases God. He explains the "how" in detail.

He continues, "Listening to God is essential to walking with God. If I am not listening to God, who am I listening to? A purposeful listener listens intently to learn and apply Truth. Otherwise, one will be easily deceived, drift into sin, and make excuses for listening to and walking with Satan. When you invite and receive Jesus into your heart, God gives you His nature." II Corinthians 5:17 puts it this way. "Therefore, if anyone is united with Jesus, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun!"

It takes a minute to fully Trust God's Process and Jesus, my Commander in Chief. He is the Word, however, and He is the Light. His Light shines brighter through us as we meditate on God's Word. Listen prayerfully, expectantly, patiently, and submit to Holy Spirit.

My fellow Veterans plus, I have had enough abuse living in the darkness, serving the Empire. Please join me. Let's walk in the Light so as to BE a light in the darkness. DrPj

## AN EVENING OF SMOOTH JAZZ 7:30 PM FRIDAY JULY 28TH

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## Celebration

**Announcements**  
Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

## Birthdays in JUNE 2023

Ms. Tiffani Ferguson celebrates her birthday on June 1st.  
Ms. Sharron "Chi-town" Martin celebrates her 49th birthday on June 1st, Partied with her girls. "Thank GOD I'm blessed!"  
Ms. Anika Smith enjoys her 36th birthday on June 4th.  
Ms. Shaneé Reid celebrates her 35th birthday on June 4th, with family and friends.  
Ms. Heidi Orlovski celebrates her 37th birthday on June 4th, with family and friends.  
Ms. Taylor Powers celebrates her birthday on June 4th.  
Ms. Hazel Carnegie enjoys her 75th birthday on June 4th, with a celebration of family and friends.  
Ms. Nickole Bankston celebrates her 39th birthday on June 4th, with family and friends.  
Mr. Rick Alicia (Drummer), enjoys his birthday on June 5th.  
Ms. Asia Bower celebrates her birthday on June 6th.  
Ms. Carolyn Rivers celebrates her birthday on June 6th.  
Ms. Kanya Whitley celebrates her birthday on June 6th; "Grateful that I have a job".  
Ms. Ruby Davis celebrates her 40th birthday on June 7th.  
Mrs. June Moore celebrates her birthday on June 7th.  
Ms. Unae Holiness celebrates her 43rd birthday on June 7th.  
Ms. Victoria Key celebrates her 54th birthday on June 8th. She says, "Happy to be Alive!!!"  
Ms. Lisa Kay Tubbs celebrates her 48th birthday one June 8th, She says, "Not older, just wiser."  
Ms. Kayleanna M. Garvie, born June 8th, enjoys her 23rd birthday with family and friends.  
Ms. Diane Scofield celebrates her 69th birthday on June 8th, with family and friends.  
Ms. Deondra Allen celebrates her 38th birthday on June 8th, with friends saying, "I'm happy to be alive!"  
Mr. Frank Parks celebrates his birthday on June 8th.  
Ms. Brandy Filley celebrates her birthday on June 9th.  
Ms. Tracey Ali celebrates her 59th birthday on June 9th with little work and a lot of play!  
Ms. Arlean Mitchell celebrates her birthday on June 9th.  
Mr. Clyde M. Brown celebrates his birthday on June 9th.  
Ms. Penora Diamond enjoys her 35th birthday on June 10th.  
Mr. Roy Castilla enjoys his birthday on June 10th. He says, "Happy with Life!"  
Ms. Latisha Sorrels, a Sexton High School graduate, will celebrate her 35th birthday on June 10th.  
Ms. LaShonda Ferguson celebrates her 41st birthday on June 10th, by having fun with her sister, Chippey.  
Ms. Sharon Edwards enjoys the day she was born, June 10th.  
Ms. Magen Cole celebrates her 34th birthday on June 10th.  
Mr. Stevie D. celebrates his birthday on June 10th. "Happy Birthday, Black Superman!!!"  
Ms. Shukayna Thurman celebrates her 42nd birthday on June 11th.  
Ms. Yukia Love Winston celebrates her 47th birthday on June 11th. She says, "GOD is good!"  
Mr. Clinton Wilson celebrates his birthday on June 11th  
Ms. Shukeiva "Tia" McGrew celebrates her birthday on June 12th... for the Gemini in all of us! "To be loved is to love!"  
Ms. Paige T. celebrates her birthday on June 12th. "Happy Birthday to Me!"  
Ms. Annie C. Williford celebrates her birthday on June 12th.  
Ms. Kimberly Fuller celebrates her birthday on June 12th.  
Mr. Brian Scott celebrates his birthday on June 13th, with friends and family.  
Ms. Taylor Ashley Denise Brown enjoys her 24th birthday on June 13th. She is growing into a very special young lady, who makes her family so proud!  
MSU Scholarship  
Ms. Monique Jones celebrates her birthday on June 13th with family and friends.  
Mr. Freddie Dubose celebrates his birthday on June 13th.  
Ms. Elavia Bermudez celebrates her birthday on June 13th, with family and friends.  
Mr. Michael Smith, born June 13th, celebrates his 54th birthday with family and friends.  
Ms. Carmen Colon celebrates her birthday on June 13th.  
Ms. Amanda Gelspie celebrates her 33rd birthday on June 13th.  
Ms. Barbara Isabella (Bella) Thomas celebrates her birthday on June 14th.  
Mr. Ray Powers celebrates his birthday on June 14th, with a grin as he would tell everyone, "come see me at AA rent a car."  
Ms. Johanna Rodriguez celebrates her 49th birthday on June 15th.  
Ms. Lillian Calabrese celebrates her birthday on June 15th.  
Ms. Tiffany Richardson, "Happy 40th Birthday" on June 15th. She says to her Big Sis- Angie and Sofie... "I'm in my Prime!"  
Mr. Cornelius Robinson celebrates his 69th birthday on June 16th.  
Ms. Alexis Dingman celebrates her 38th birthday on June 16th.  
Ms. Christelena Albez celebrates her 28th birthday on June 16th, with her loving family.  
Ms. Tracy Woodrum celebrates her 51st birthday with family and friends.  
Mr. Anton Love will celebrate his birthday on June 17th,  
Ms. Renee Ostrander celebrates her 38th birthday on June 17th, saying, "Let's get crunked!"  
Mr. Tim Antes celebrates his birthday on June 17th.  
Ms. Nycole Williams celebrates her 51st birthday on June 18th.  
Ms. Angell A. Steele celebrates her 49th birthday on June 18th, with family and friends.  
Ms. Naomi Steele celebrates her 38th birthday on June 18th. "Happy birthday"  
Mr. Mario Gonzales celebrates his birthday on June 18th.  
Ms. Ordella G. Henderson celebrates her birthday on June 18th.  
Mr. Mitchell L. Brown will celebrate his birthday on June 18th.  
Mr. Stuart N. Chavis celebrates his birthday on June 18th. Shauna and the children say, "We Love You."  
Ms. Dorothy McDougal celebrates her 37th birthday on June 18th, with her sister, Erika.  
Miss Raychelle celebrates her birthday on June 18th, with family and friends.  
Ms. Kelly Hopkins celebrates her 38th birthday June 19th. "I made it!"  
Ms. Courtney M. Cole celebrates her birthday on June 19th.  
Ms. Valerie Black celebrates her birthday on June 20th, "Happy birthday, GOD BLESS!!!"  
Ms. Bobbie PerDita, who celebrates her birthday on June 20th, will be providing Exclusive Image Consulting and celebrating Life period!  
Ms. Kim Trice celebrates her birthday on June 20th. "Thank GOD for another year"  
Mr. Mike Hubbell celebrates his birthday on June 20th with family and friends.  
Ms. Felicia Lawrence is celebrating her 55th birthday on June 21st, "still young".  
Mr. Alexander Cabule celebrates his birthday on June 21st.  
Ms. Meghan Baty celebrates her 34th birthday on June 21st, with family and friends.  
Ms. Mary Lindsley celebrates her birthday on June 21st.  
Mr. Shain "Bubba" Shannon (deceased) celebrated his birthday on June 21st with friends and family.  
Ms. Mildred Davis enjoys her birthday on June 21st, with family and friends.  
Ms. Meghan Marriot enjoys her birthday on June 21st.  
Mrs. Lady Rebecca Richardson, celebrates her birth on June 22nd; home with family and friends. "Mr. Party come on over, please".  
Mr. Marcus McWilliams celebrates his birthday on June 22nd.  
Ms. Michelle Jackson will celebrate her 51st birthday on June 22nd, enjoying her four children.  
Mrs. Mariyah Coleman celebrates her birthday June 22nd - Mama love you!  
Ms. Shakeva Suttles celebrates her birthday on June 22nd.  
Mr. Jordan Luther Brown will celebrate his 25th birthday on June 23rd, becoming a fine young gentleman: whose family loves him very much. Keep up the good work, insurance agent.  
Mr. Tamone Berry will celebrate his birthday on June 23rd, with his wife and family.  
Mr. B.J. Berry celebrates his birthday on June 24th, with his dad and family.  
Ms. Jessie May Jamison celebrates her 101st birthday with family and friends.  
Ms. Quiana Flores will celebrate her 52nd birthday on June 24th.  
Ms. Prossie Baby celebrates her birthday on June 24th.  
Mr. Earl Fowler celebrates his birthday on June 24.  
Ms. Jennifer Maldonado enjoys her 40th birthday on June 25th.  
Ms. Glenda Robinson will celebrate her birthday on June 25th, with love from her family.  
Mr. Kirk A. Branson celebrates his birthday on June 25th, with wife April and family.  
Mr. Kyle Jones celebrates his birthday on June 26th.  
Pastor Nathan Dixon will celebrate his birthday on June 26th, with family and friends.  
Dr. Falyne Fry celebrates her birthday on June 26th, as we pray for her healthy recovery, praising the LORD, JCHMN, AMEN!  
Mr. Juan Sanchez Jr. will celebrate his 29th birthday on June 26th.  
Ms. Ella Couthen celebrates her birthday on June 26th.  
Ms. Willa Dickens celebrates her birthday on June 29th.  
Ms. Michelle R. Smith celebrates her birthday on June 29th.  
Ms. Betty Plummer celebrates her birthday on June 30th.  
Ms. Sherry E. Hawkins celebrates her 54th birthday on June 30th

### \*Anniversaries

Rev. Nathan and Lady Rolanda Dixon celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary on June 9th, blessed with their beautiful children, Miss. Makenzie Carrington and Master Josiah Nathaniel Dixon.  
Mr. Larry L. and Mrs. Jayme A. King Jr. celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary on June 10th, enjoying their children, Mr. Larry L. III and Miss. Kay Lee King; Loving one another!  
Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Sophie Flowers will celebrate their wedding anniversary on June 24th.  
Mr. Chris L. Young and Mrs. Amber C. Young celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on June 14th.

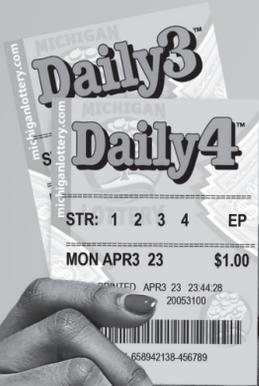
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**More Diversity Is Needed In STEAM Fields, And You Can Help It Happen**

Mill City Press presents an introduction to mentors guiding students towards STEAM careers.

MAITLAND, FL—Author Veronica A. Wilkerson-Johnson assists influential adults further assist students along their career paths in *A Sparkle In Their Eyes: Raising Talent-*

*ed, Diverse Students in STEAM Careers* (\$20.49, paperback, 9781662871498; \$8.99, e-book, 9781662871504).

STEAM and STEM have been a part of the education conversation for a number of years now, and interested parties may already know that people of color and women are underrepresented in these fields, but how can parents, mentors and others in the community help remedy this problem? In this book, Wilkerson-Johnson offers interested adults practical advice for encouraging the children in their lives to pursue these career fields.

"In this primer I seek to inspire parents, mentors, and the community alike to guide students in their quest for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics related education and careers, and engage them in meaningful experiences, and identify resources and networks that will

propel them to academic and career opportunities," said Wilkerson-Johnson.

Dr. Veronica A. Wilkerson-Johnson is an educator, advocate and champion for diverse students, women and first-generation students seeking STEAM careers. She earned a BA in Communications/Journalism from Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; an MA in Information from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Ferris State University DCCL Program, in Big Rapids, Michigan.

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Mill City Press, a division of Salem Media Group, is a leader in the general market division of self-publishing. *A Sparkle In Their Eyes* is available online through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com).



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**Chris Swope**  
Lansing City Clerk

**Voters can now sign up for the Permanent Mail Ballot List to automatically be sent a ballot for every election**

Lansing - The Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope today sent 35,000 emails to Lansing City residents with instructions on how to sign up for the new Permanent Mail Ballot List which will allow the Clerk to mail voters a ballot for every election without having to complete another application.

The quickest way to **request your absentee ballot** for August and every future election is to visit [mvic.sos.state.mi.us](http://mvic.sos.state.mi.us) to immediately start completing the online application. You will need your State of Michigan Driver's License or Michigan ID, and the last four digits of your Social Security Number to complete the application.

To sign up to automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election, select the box to check "I want to join the permanent ballot list. Automatically send me an absent voter ballot for every election", which is the last step of the application, to be added to the Permanent Mail Ballot List.

"Voting has never been easier for Michigan residents," said Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope "I encourage everyone interested to sign up for the **Permanent Mail Ballot List**, so they never miss their chance vote."

Voters who sign up for the Permanent Mail Ballot List or requested an absentee ballot for the upcoming August Primary can expect their ballots in early July. The City Primary ballot will narrow down the field of candidates for the two Council Member At-Large, and the First Ward Council Member. Each term begins on January 1, 2024, for four years.

For more information on all things regarding Lansing elections, go to [lansingvotes.gov](http://lansingvotes.gov), call the Clerk's Office at 517-483-4131 or email at [city.clerk@lansingmi.gov](mailto:city.clerk@lansingmi.gov)

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