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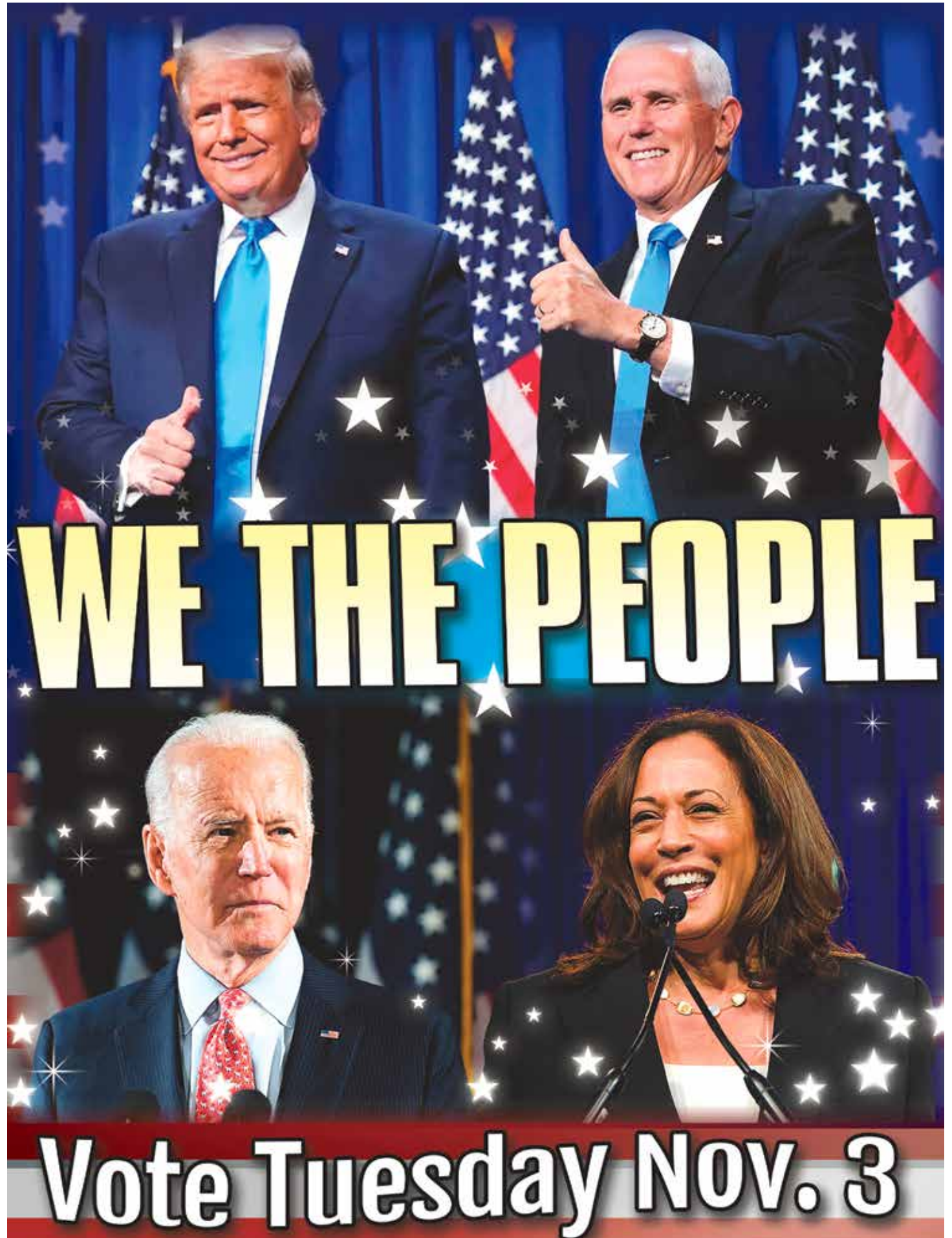
A Reflection of the Positive in the Community

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Our Time is Now!

by Lisa Parham

In these unprecedented and challenging times, we can still applaud the nation's ingenuity, optimism and pursuit of equality. In the wake of the killing of George Floyd, racially diverse and intergenerational groups gathered in Washington D.C. and around the country defying a pandemic to protest police brutality and to help change and heal the world. To me there is something different here. Former President Barack Obama said of the protest citing a far more representative cross section of America out of the streets, peacefully protesting, who felt moved to do something because of the injustices that they have seen.

The demonstrations, he said, would help America live up to its highest ideas. I'm exhausted. I'm exhausted from all the hate and division that I see online from one to another. I'm exhausted from seeing these senseless murders play out over and over again with nothing changing in our society. The level of racism and brutality that George Floyd faced is something that we as Black people know all too well. We have an opportunity to do better and be better, while to be honest I feel more vulnerable than I've ever been. This past year has been the perfect storm of pain, from COVID-19 to the George Floyd death, the loss of my Dad and many friends, too many to mention. I often worry about my nephews. I see ordinary things that can turn deadly so quickly. But despite how frightening things are, I yet have hope and I believe our time is now.

What is happening is a human issue. For the first time since the Civil War you see a very diverse crowd marching shoulder to shoulder, teenagers and people in their twenties challenging their parents like never



before. Our young people are speaking up. They have made the top sellers list. There's coast to coast solidarity. I do think I've changed too. But I'm not going to let this pain take away from me having an open heart

to all things and all people. I still have that.

In America we have an opportunity here to do better and be better. We have the chance to do that on November 3rd. We are facing one of the most important elections of a lifetime. Our millennials are good at tweeting and posting on Facebook and protesting, but we need your vote. The U.S. presidential election is a must vote. The coronavirus pandemic is threatening to reduce voter turnout and some political operations are maneuvering to reduce voter turnout. Young people, you will be able to replace thousands of baby boomers who had to step down from their traditional roles as poll workers due to COVID-19.

Our responsibility to show up is your civic duty. We cannot afford to stand on the sidelines. If you haven't secured your plans for how to vote in this upcoming presidential election, do it now.

In my closing, I respect your passion for social and environmental justice and your commitment to speaking out and protesting. But if you don't vote, then much of that is wasted energy. Prove to us all that there is real action behind your tweets and protests by voting this election. Only then will you have a say in your future.

Vote Tuesday, November 3rd.

Lisa Parham
President & Chief Executive Officer

"I feel that we should all work to continue to make Racine a positive atmosphere for our Younger People, Thank you for helping to be a positive influence in our Community."

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The Power of Women and Voting Rally

The Power of Women Voting was held Sunday Oct. 18, 2020. About 50 women were in attendance. It was held in the parking lot of Gateway Technical College, 1001 S. Main St. Lake Building, Racine. This event was hosted by Professional Women's Network for Services (PWNS). Photos by Ralph Tunstall.

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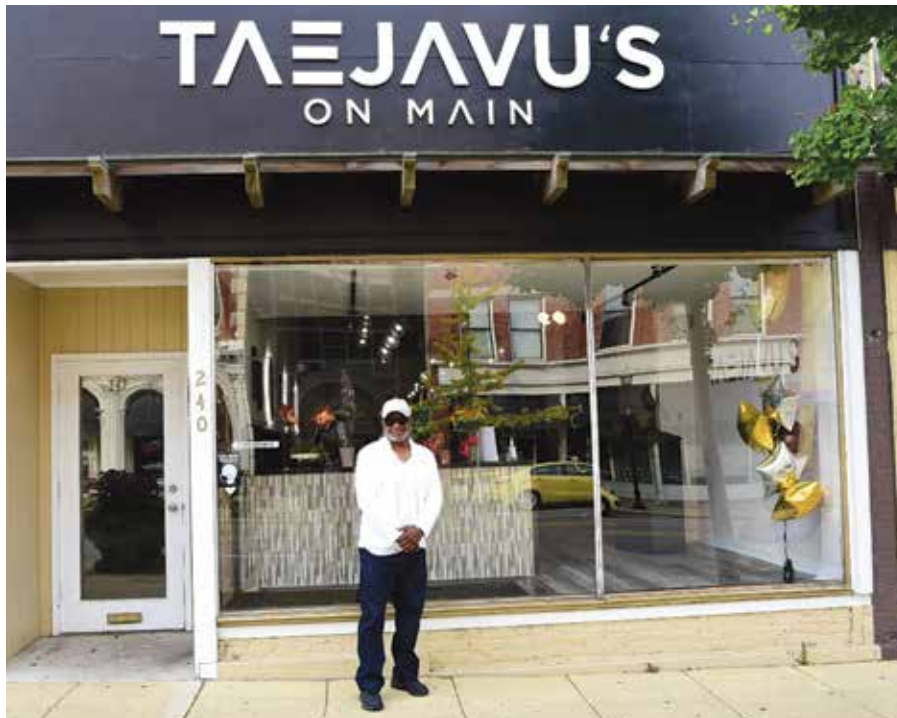
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- Diana Garza Valencia & Stacy Baugh, 9to5 Association of Working Women WI
- Anita Cruise (Closing Remarks)



New Cajun-Creole Restaurant Taejavu's On Main

Taejavu's on Main is a new Cajun-Creole restaurant located 240 Main St. in Racine. Taeja White opened on Oct. 10th, 2020 downtown and she was surrounded by family and friends. This was a dream come true. While she was yet in disbelief she embraced every moment. She said it's about what you leave behind after you're gone. I want to leave something that my kids can be proud of. White says it feels good to be a strong example.

White is a former Gilmore Middle School teacher and Case High School principal as well as former 21st Century Preparatory School. She credits this breakthrough moment to a sermon preached by Sarah Jakes Robert entitled "Weeping to Walking." Photos by Ralph Tunstell.



TaejaVu's On Main

By Dominique Lambricht

I had the pleasure of speaking with Tasia of TaejaVu's on Main. They recently opened in October this year. They have been open only a few weeks but have had great success and abundance. It is a restaurant/lounge and Tasia has loved to cook since she was little, stayed in the kitchen with her mom and Grandma. It was like a hobby, like a past time. She did catering for bridal showers, baby showers, family events, etc. since 2013 on the side for close family, friends, and extended family. She took the side jobs seriously, but as far as doing it independently she did not venture off and do it because it didn't feel safe. She didn't know if it would be something that she could succeed at.

Her day job has been a teacher for several years and then a principal for several years after. Venturing off into doing a business seemed too risky and something more unknown. So why did she do it now? During COVID, she had a lot of time to think and she concluded, why not? Failing is the worst thing that could happen. But failing isn't even the worst thing to happen honestly. She prayed about it. She felt something big was coming in her spirit. In her prayer, she looked to see a sign to see if this was something she should go through with. Then the opportunity presented itself. She knew it was something big and, in her spirit, she let Him know that she would trust whatever it was and go with it.

2020 has surely shown us how precious each moment is, and the purpose we live it with, is what matters more than anything. Time is sacred, life is short, and we have been reminded of that more than anything this year, through personal losses, the pandemic, day-to-day downfalls, and trying to stay afloat, amidst it all. Unplugging from the outside noise, being home with her family, and understanding how she utilized her time, cooking remotely, made Tasia sincerely happy. As the lockdown continued, family and friends swore off fast food and were looking for meals made with love, and that's when she came in. Throwing herself into this, varying courses weekly, until one day, it was so profitable, that Tasia had to sit down and ponder why she was sleeping on her God-given gift.

After listening to Sarah Jakes Robert's sermon "Weeping to Walking", Tasia received the confirmation she needed to take that leap

of faith. As she dropped to her knees, she thanked God amidst tears, for covering her and her family. With an exemplary support system, paired with dedicated hard work, and God's grace, the rest is history. She was elated to see what awaited. On that following Tuesday after the Sunday, Tasia looked at a place with her husband, checked out the lease and after a week the place was hers. There were so many signs happening back to back. After all the paperwork was squared away, she rallied some family together to get things moving. Her husband was a huge support.



The food served at TaejaVu's is focused on Cajun Creole food. She loves that cuisine. It is missing here in Racine. Not the same as soul food, though Tasia considers all food to be soulful if it feeds the soul. It is a merging of French and African food. Primarily a lot of seafood protein and chicken is in the dishes. There are also Vegan and Vegetarian options, four options daily. Right now, several items are made daily. As they grow, they will add other items and some seasonal dishes throughout the year. They are open Wednesday Through Sunday.

Community involvement is already strong with the restaurant/lounge. There have been several people wanting to feed families. Her childhood friend donated \$150 to feed 3



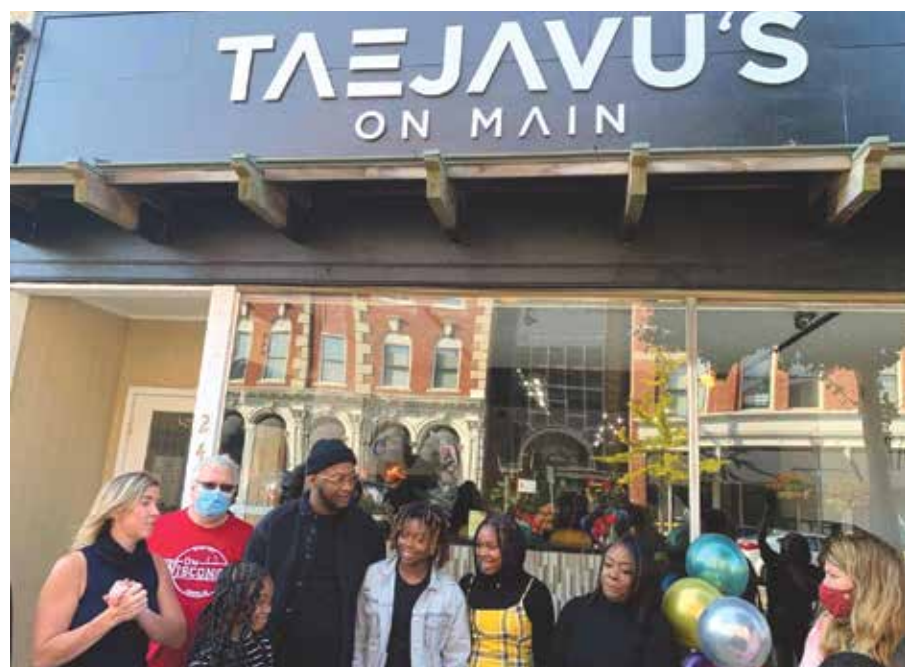
families, then there was another, Connie Cobb Matson matched the donation, then there was another woman Christa Ratliff matched her donation, and it went on for a little bit. Then another guy in the community donated another \$150 to feed a family. They have been happy to help these families. In general, they plan to do a toy drive for Christmas, or adopt a family. Parents are all bombarded with everyday life. We are trying to put a smile on our children's faces but we cannot do that during the holidays. She wants to keep it centered on children and education because that has always been her passion.

She gives a lot of credit and praise to God. Giving him all the glory and thanking him daily. She lost 2 family members the week she opened her restaurant. It was tragic but affirming that she made the right decision because life is delicate and short. All you have to leave

behind is your legacy. It has never been about money, she wants to leave behind something for her children. She says if you focus on faith, good service, and feeding people then money will come later.

You can find Tasia in the back cooking in the kitchen with her fellow chefs because it is her passion and she wants to make sure things are being done right and that her chefs have her support. These are her recipes, sauces, and her love being put into this food, so she is big on the quality and efficiency of the food, customer service, and the people she surrounds herself with. She values all of her staff. They are so amazing and all hands-on deck as they go above and beyond.

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RCEDC financial resources support Racine businesses amid pandemic

Racine, WI – The City of Racine houses many businesses in a variety of industries, serving its residents and the surrounding communities. However, the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic were severe and required creative, flexible solutions to ensure the retention of these valuable assets in the City.

“RCEDC has a long history of supporting Racine County businesses with technical and financial resources,” said Jenny Trick, Executive Director for the Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC). “In March, our efforts shifted from expansion projects to the retention of local businesses as quickly as possible.”

When the Safer at Home Order began, RCEDC staff contacted past and current loan and grant recipients to identify areas of greatest need. Working capital and financial obligations were two consistent areas identified.

The RCEDC Board of Directors acted by capitalizing a new loan fund program to support Racine County businesses. The program offered flexible terms including no payments for an extended period. Additionally, existing loans were adjusted to allow for deferrals, micro loans, and reduced closing costs.

The following are a few examples of

this new program being utilized by local businesses.

In 2014, Dr. Sara Nicholson used the RCEDC Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to purchase the Pearle Vision Clinic on South Green Bay Road. Most recently, as COVID-19 negatively impacted the business, Nicholson used a new RCEDC program, the Small Business Relief Loan, to meet the company’s working capital needs.

Hestia Heat Treat, formerly Racine Heat Treat, seized an opportunity to expand by investing in a new piece of equipment. Combining two RLF programs, owner Darius Szczekocki was able to purchase a nitride heat treating furnace. This unique equipment will allow the company to adapt and expand its market versatility. The expected increase in business will allow Szczekocki to return several employees laid off in the height of the crisis.

The Racine community mourned the unexpected passing of Attorney John Knuteson, former owner of the law firm of Knuteson, Hinkston & Quinn. With a desire to retain this important company, Andrew Rosenberg contacted RCEDC for assistance. The firm, now Knuteson, Hinkston & Rosenberg, used an RCEDC RLF program to acquire the company’s Racine facility.

“RCEDC helped a family during a tough time, continued the careers of multiple

professionals, and saved a 40-year-old local business with this single transaction,” said Rosenberg. “They provided the guidance and the financing we needed under circumstances we could not account for.”

Summit Tool Works has been working with RCEDC since 1999. Most recently, owner Hans Hansen used an RCEDC RLF program to purchase equipment required to complete some of the company’s largest projects. The company used a newly formed RCEDC micro-loan program, which boasted a quick closing process with reduced fees.

“When small businesses are growing or simply trying to survive, our staff is driven to find the right financial solutions for local companies,” said Carolyn Engel, Business Finance Manager for RCEDC’s finance division, Business Lending Partners. “We are proud of how many businesses we were able to assist already this year, but we understand there is still a lot of work to do.”

These are a few examples of the 74 projects RCEDC staff assisted with in 2020. RCEDC is committed to helping businesses with a variety of financial and technical resources. City of Racine companies can access RCEDC’s programs to finance working capital, building and equipment purchases, new construction, and refinancing. To learn more and apply for funding, please contact a BLP staff member.



About RCEDC

The Racine County Economic Development Corporation is a private, non-profit organization providing Racine County businesses with technical and financial resources for nearly 40 years. The mission of RCEDC is to increase Racine County’s property tax base and create employment opportunities in the County.

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Big Brothers, Big Sisters

A Little goes a long way

At age 10, Auntavia Jackson became a Little in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Her mother, a single parent signed her up with the national nonprofit organization that creates and supports mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth when she attended Wadewitz Elementary School in Racine. Jackson remained connected to the organization through high school and beyond -- thanks to her relationship with her Big (mentor) the former Stefanie Borzynski. Today, Jackson is an executive board member with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Racine and Kenosha Counties.

It was a bright-eyed 16-year-old named Stefanie Borzynski that was interested in matching with Jackson as she walked past her on her way to do her interest assessment. They formed a bond through mentorship that lasted for more than a decade.

Borzynski of Borzynski's Farm Market and Jackson had lifestyles that were worlds apart. Borzynski lived out in the county while Jackson resided in the city of Racine. Borzynski's family had particular advantages that Jackson did not have easy access to. Yet, in spite of their -cultural differences they formed a bond that positively impacted a young-girls life.

"We hit it off from the start," Jackson said. As an African-American child from a single parent household, Jackson learned to enjoy activities like boating, swimming, travelling and horseback riding. She even has fond memories of Cassie, their tan Labrador

Retriever. "Cassie was a great dog," she said.

She was also fond of Peggy, Stefanie's horse too. "I fed Peggy apples and carrots. To this day, I remember learning how to hold my fingers when feeding her." When it came to swimming, the Little Jackson had no fear. She recalls wanting to jump into the deep end of the family pool without having a lesson. Borzynski taught her to swim and today she has no fear around water.

Stephanie, her Big, and the Borzynski family welcomed Jackson with open arms. "I loved going to places like Chicago," Jackson said. They took Jackson on a trip to see The Nutcracker during the holidays. "It was my first play and it was in Chicago. My mom took me shopping. We purchased a pretty black and white dress. Everything leading up to the trip was so exciting," Jackson said.

Today, looking back as a parent herself, she feels blessed to have been matched with her Big. She says that the Borzynski's along with her mother made sure she was involved in activities like jazz dance, gymnastics, and Girl Scouting, which helped her build confidence and pride in her abilities.

She said, "Big Brothers Big Sisters was a pretty good organization for my mother and myself because it provided yet another outlet for me to stay engaged. It opened me up to experiences and things that I didn't know were even possible."

When Borzynski went off to college they

stayed in touch. "Stephanie wrote letters and she called. She threw Jackson her first baby shower and Jackson attended Borzynski's wedding. Jackson still has the letters that Borzynski wrote her from college.

After high school, Jackson attended Gateway College to pursue a degree in Human Services. She has two children. A son Mahzi, 15 and daughter Nar' Ajha, age 11.

The busy working mother is pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work from Aurora Universities online campus while working for Public Allies. Since 1992, the Public Allies national movement has been committed to advancing social justice and equity by engaging and activating the leadership capacities of young people in communities throughout the U.S.A., including Milwaukee.

Due to her success during her fellowship year with Public Allies, Jackson was recently promoted to director of the Southeastern Wisconsin Expansion. The position allows her to bring her passion and socially-just leadership skills to Racine and Kenosha counties.

Jackson is currently recruiting young adults to join the local cohort. Share the names of local people and community organizations that might be interested in working with Jackson at auntaviaj@publicallies.org.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters says they



Auntavia Jackson, a current board member was once a Little Sister

are proud to have someone like Jackson join its board of directors. The former Little serves as its secretary and is actively involved in planning programs and setting policies that support youth. "Indeed, this Little has come full circle . . . she's come come a long way," said Sonya Thomas, BBBS executive director. To volunteer for BBBS, visit www.beabignow.org.

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Monte Seymour: Here and There Moving

By Dominique Lambricht

Talking with Monte I was very delighted in hearing how much his work in the community has been a help and truly meaningful to those who interact with him and his company. Monte had a rough childhood, and became a product of his environment, unfortunately. He had a lot to offer, but was blind with all that was happening around him as he grew up. He grew up in the East LA, South central area. When Monte moved to WI, he was hit with such a culture shock. When in and out of trouble caused him to get sentenced 30 years in jail, but on good behavior he was released 19 years in. Going in as a young boy and coming out as a man with adult children was something that he had to reacclimate himself to in society. But he had help along the way.

He came home eight years ago; this is when he started his service work. Monte met a man named Sammy Wrangell and he was spearheading a new program. It was called Formers Anonymous and this is a 12-step program that tailors to people like Monte. He didn't have a drug addiction, wasn't a heroin junkie, wasn't a crack head, wasn't a coke-head, wasn't an alcoholic, and it wasn't like he went to prison because he was feeding a source of addiction, but he had addiction issues. It's not just substances. This was something Sammy had started after his incarceration. He had come home and got a PhD. He worked in the community and he worked in the mental health and the addiction field. When Monte came home, Sammy spearheaded it right before that. Monte became involved immediately.

When they sat down, they immediately clicked, they understood each other on a spiritual level. Sammy understood why traditional 12 step programs weren't for Monte and didn't help him. But he knew he had an issue and couldn't discover what it was. Well they treat criminality as a primary addiction or the criminal lifestyle, street life. They attack it the same way, alcoholics and drug



addicts, attack an alcohol and drug addiction. Monte has been doing it for almost eight years now. He is actually the chair for the Southeastern Wisconsin area and quickly becoming the director. So they work with men and women who have lived the lifestyle of criminality and want to remove themselves from it. They offer a support network to men and women who have been through the same things, and treat it in a much more intelligent way. Monte and Sammy have removed God or the name of God as part of their system. And work based on spirituality. This isn't a code word for Islam or Christianity or Buddhism or any other religion. Spirituality defined is anything in this world, any person, place, or thing that keeps us grounded in a positive way.

This is where Monte has shown so much appreciation to the community and he continues to do so through his business. Here and There Moving immediately decided that on Wednesdays, they would take the day off from their regular jobs and provide free delivery of groceries to any elderly veteran, or mentally and physically ill person in our community. Elderly care facilities or group homes, unable to get to go to the grocery store, they can call them, order them and set a pick up time. They will come with their truck, keep your stuff separated, their men wear masks, they wear gloves, and they load the truck. And last, they bring your groceries directly to your door and leave. That's a free service. Here and There Moving offers our community this because that is our responsibility to our community.

Here and There Moving can do professional packing if needed, most families need to save money so they don't, they'll pack themselves and provide their own boxes, but they do full service moving too, so they'll come in and pack everything. You own a box, they'll prep it, set it, and then put it out on a truck and move it to the new home.

Along with that, they also offer unpacking services. They not only pack it for you, after moving it, then unpack it. I asked how long can this work take, and Monte said that all day sometimes. But he has multiple crews. He mentioned that he would never put his workers in a position to work tired, tired working is one of the most dangerous situations. You can have people fall downstairs, people fall off trucks, they stack boxes improperly and then they can have a cave in of furniture. If everything isn't properly stacked and secured, it's just too dangerous.

Monte is a father of three. And has a wonderful partner who supports him and has been amazing in his life. She has done everything possible to make them a family unit and them as a company successful. And his business partners are the same. David Garrison and Amy Maze, a local realtor. She actually founded them financially. She was their financial backer and their 100% spiritual believer. She has made it so they could grow. Initially it was hard. She invested quite a bit of money and all of her time to where she was losing money in her real estate business because she was so focused on making sure the moving company with David and Monte succeeded. Monte truly appreciates her efforts.

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Voting is Power: Black and Brown Lives Matter

An all-day street painting action and voter registration drive in the heart of Milwaukee's South Side

On Saturday Oct 10, 2020, Voces de la Frontera Action and Voces de los Artistas hosted an all-day Black and Brown Lives Matter and voter registration event in the heart of Milwaukee's South Side, the historic home of Latinxs in Milwaukee. The Voces de Los Artistas (VDLA) artist collective led the street painting, and the slogan reads: "VOTING IS POWER" followed by a BLM fist and the words "BLACK AND BROWN LIVES MATTER." VDLA also had a sidewalk chalk station for children, a banner painting station, and a screen printing station to print t-shirts and posters. VDLFA simultaneously hosted tables for an all-day voter registration drive, and educated the public on important voting deadlines in Wisconsin. Video by Joe Brusky for the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association (MTEA).



What: Saturday, October 10th, Voces de la Frontera Action (VDLFA) is hosting an all-day Black and Brown Lives Matter and voter registration event in the heart of Milwaukee's South Side, the historic home of Latinxs in Milwaukee. You will not want to miss this community block party, which will feature a VDLFA voter registration drive and a 300 ft x 50 ft block-long street

painting action. The Voces de Los Artistas (VDLA) artist collective will be leading the street painting, and the slogan will read: "VOTING IS POWER" followed by a BLM fist and the words "BLACK AND BROWN LIVES MATTER." VDLA will also have a sidewalk chalk station for children, a banner painting station, and a screen printing station to print t-shirts and posters. VDLFA

will simultaneously host tables for an all-day voter registration drive, and educating the public on important voting deadlines in Wisconsin.

When: Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm CST.

Where: This all-day block party, street painting action, and voter registration drive will take place on Historic Mitchell St

between 7th and 8th street, in the heart of Milwaukee's South Side. For navigation, you can use this address: 733 W. Mitchell St, Milwaukee, WI, 53204. If you cannot physically attend the press conference, please tune in to the Voces de la Frontera Facebook Live throughout the day for social media coverage.

Why: This is a crucial Get Out The Vote and street painting action to signify to the country and the world how vital Milwaukee is to the November presidential elections. Milwaukee's South Side is a vibrant Latinx and immigrant community, and is one of Wisconsin's communities that has been hit hardest both by COVID-19 and by conservative voter suppression efforts. This is a celebratory event to raise awareness about the electoral power of Wisconsin's Latinx and immigrant community. It is also an opportunity to celebrate Voces de la Frontera and Voces de la Frontera Action's new building space, and the fact that Voces is setting up shop right in the heart of this community on Historic Mitchell Street. Come and celebrate with us!

VDLFA and VDLA want to emphasize that this street painting action is inspired by the Black Lives Matter national movement, following in the footsteps of Washington DC and other cities across the U.S. that have painted massive Black Lives Matter slogans on their streets since the murder of George Floyd. The intention behind this art is to amplify the Black and Brown Lives Matter movement in Milwaukee, and how it is related to the importance of exercising our right to vote.

A note on safety: This event is officially permitted by the City of Milwaukee and underwent an approval process with the City of Milwaukee Health Department. VDLFA will have a 4-person team of marshals at all times, trained in ensuring that our COVID-19 protocols are followed. We will be enforcing 6 feet social distancing and requiring all participants and volunteers/staff to wear masks. We will have ample extra masks and hand sanitizer.





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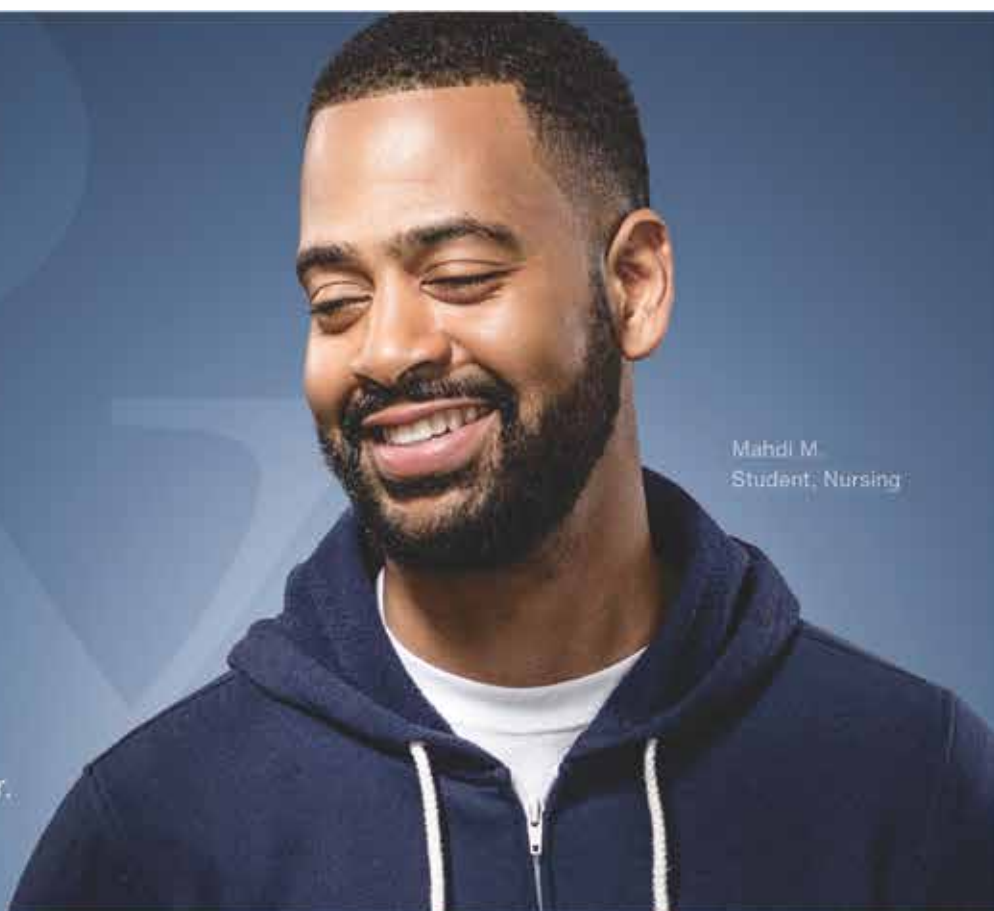
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Ascension Wisconsin Employer Solutions to Begin Providing Health Services for Racine Employees

Racine, Wis. - Ascension Wisconsin Employer Solutions will begin providing healthcare services for the Racine Coalition this month. The Racine Coalition members are the City of Racine, Racine County and Racine Unified School District. Ascension Wisconsin Employer Solutions will provide primary and acute care, wellness services including coaching and nutrition counseling, occupational health, laboratory services, medication prescribing and dispensing and chronic condition management for more than 12,000 city, county and school employees, covered retirees and their families.

“Ascension Wisconsin Employer Solutions is thrilled to be providing quality, personalized healthcare to the Racine Coalition employees, retirees and families,” said David Noshay, Vice President of Ascension Wisconsin Employer Solutions. “Ascension Wisconsin has been caring for this community for nearly 150 years and we are excited to expand our services to meet the community’s changing needs and improve the health of Racine’s employees with our integrated health and wellness services.”

Ascension Wisconsin Employer Solutions will relaunch onsite medical services on October 19 at the Racine Employee Health & Wellness Center, 2333 Northwestern Avenue, Suite 114, Racine, WI 53404.

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Employer Solutions program allows employees to receive excellent health care services while keeping costs down for local government entities. We were grateful to work together with Ascension, Racine Unified, and the City of Racine to make this initiative happen,” said Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave.

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For more information about Ascension Employer Solutions please visit employersolutions.ascension.org

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Rep. Neubauer Receives Renewable Energy Leadership Award from RENEW Wisconsin

MADISON – The RENEW Wisconsin Energy Fund announced Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) and Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) as the recipients of RENEW's 2019-20 Renewable Energy Leadership Award for their work supporting clean energy innovation in Wisconsin. Rep. Greta Neubauer was named as a Renewable Energy leader for the 2019-20 legislative session for her innovative Forward on Climate legislative package, released in December 2019, along with her work on the Governor's Task Force on Climate Change and other support for next-generation clean job creation in Wisconsin. Rep. Neubauer released the following statement:

"I am deeply honored to receive the Renewable Energy Leadership Award alongside my colleague, Representative Shankland," Neubauer stated. "Investing in a clean energy future creates big opportunities for Racine and for Wisconsin as a whole. If we do this thoughtfully, we can create good, family-supporting jobs, reduce inequality, and fight the effects of climate change in our community.

"I'm proud to collaborate with RENEW, legislative colleagues and community partners on legislation supporting our vision for an equitable, sustainable future for our state. We must act with urgency to mitigate the climate crisis and use this work to create good, family-supporting jobs and reduce inequality in every community."



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Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency **Holiday Food Basket Program**

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The Racine area Community Action Agency, Inc. will begin accepting applications from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm starting October 5, 2020. The deadline for submitting applications is December 7, 2020. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic in order to comply with CDC guidelines applications should be submitted online, www.rkcaa.org and/or via phone intake @ 262-637-8377. Poverty guidelines will be used to establish eligible citizens.

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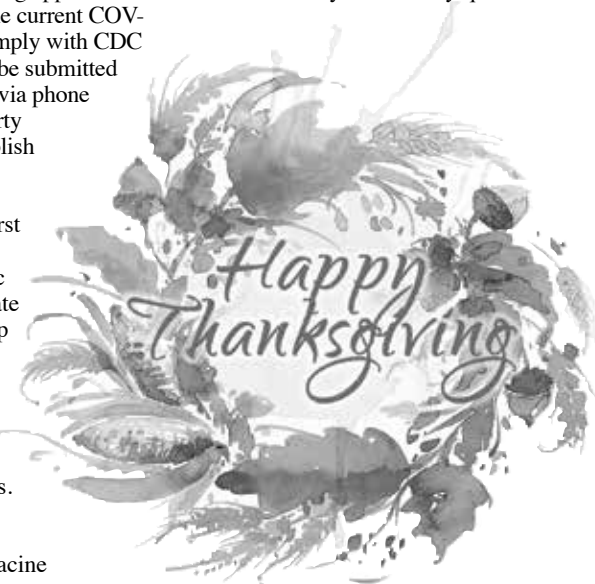
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This grant of \$10,000 from SC Johnson will be used to support the RSO's Masterworks and Holiday Performances as well as music education programs through May 2021. The RSO has developed plans to deliver the 2020-21 Season of orchestral concerts and music education programs in-person or virtually in accordance with public health and safety guidelines regarding public gatherings. Details of each project will be announced as the season progresses. "We are honored to be a part of SC Johnson's commitment to the Racine Community. This grant will ensure we continue to fulfill our mission to enrich, educate, and entertain our communities through the power of music," said Executive Director,

Beth Bender. The Racine Symphony Orchestra remains committed to delivering enriching, educating and entertaining content, tailored to the people of Racine. Music is essential and the RSO will continue to serve our community during this time of uncertainty.

For more information on the Racine Symphony Orchestra's special events, music education programs and online performances, please visit www.racinesymphony.org or call 262-636-9285.

The Racine Symphony Orchestra's concerts and educational programs are made possible by the generous support of The Racine Community Foundation, SC Johnson, The National Endowment for the Arts, The United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF), Marjorie Christiansen Foundation, Johnson Financial Group, The Wisconsin Arts Board and our patrons and donors.



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Medicare Open Enrollment Time Rolls Around Again

by Yvette Stewart

At this time of year, current Medicare beneficiaries have the option to make changes in their coverage. The so-called Medicare Open Enrollment period runs from October 15 to December 7. If you're enrolled in Medicare, this is an opportunity for you to make adjustments to your plan that will take effect on January 1, 2021.

It makes sense to review your coverage annually. Check the "Annual Notice of Change" that you should have received from Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plan providers. Be sure you understand how adjustments for 2021 could affect your coverage or costs. Changes may impact premiums, deductibles, drug costs and provider or pharmacy "networks."

At the same time, consider your own situation. Have you experienced changes in your health that may affect your medical needs? Do you now take prescription drugs that may not be as effectively covered under your current drug plan? If you answer yes to either question, you'll want to explore other options during the open enrollment period.

Options to consider

During this special enrollment period, you have the flexibility to make meaningful changes in your coverage. Here are some to consider:

Moving from original Medicare (Parts A & B) and Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plan to Medicare Advantage

Private insurance companies offer Medicare Advantage plans. They are designed to cover costs picked up by parts A and B and



your supplement plan. Premiums can be more attractive but pay attention to how out-of-pocket costs may impact you. Advantage plans may also provide dental and vision coverage, something that is not typically included in more traditional coverage.

Moving from Medicare Advantage to traditional Medicare

If you are interested in moving from Medicare Advantage to traditional Medicare, you may be able to do so. If you are in your one-year trial period with Medicare Advantage, you are allowed to switch to traditional Medicare and a supplement plan at this time. If you are outside that window, your ability to pick up a Medigap policy may depend on laws in your state. If underwriting is required to enroll in a Medigap plan, issuance is not guaranteed.

Switching Medicare Advantage Plans

You have complete flexibility to move from one Medicare Advantage to another during this time period. You'll want to make sure your preferred medical providers are part of the network in a different plan if you are looking to switch.

Enroll or change your Part D prescription drug coverage

The open enrollment period is a time to compare drug plans to see if you can find

better coverage that is more cost efficient for you. It is also an opportunity to either enroll in Part D coverage if you don't have it or drop coverage if you think you aren't getting much benefit from it. Be aware, however, that if you drop coverage, you must wait until the open enrollment period next year to join in again and a late enrollment penalty may apply.

Help is available

You can find plenty of information about Medicare through the program's website Medicare.gov. But there's a lot to sort through. You may want to work with an insurance professional who specializes in Medicare coverage. As always, your financial advisor can help you determine how your decisions surrounding Medicare fit into your overall retirement plan.

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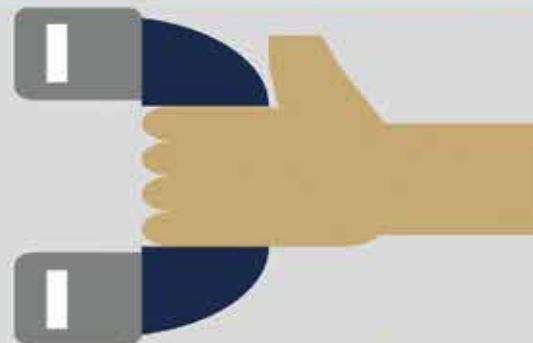
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At Work with a Mental Health Disability

Society's Assets is proud to join the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy and many other organizations in celebrating the 75th observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. To raise awareness about disability employment issues, Tricia Lewis, Director of Independent Living Services at Society's Assets, shares her story.

"I am a person with a mental health disability. For most of my career, it was something I had to hide. Sometimes I need a sick day for my mental health condition. It's tough to ask for it when there's nothing physical going on. I don't have a doctor's note because it's not something I go to the doctor for. There's no extra medication or treatment. I live with this every day.

"Many of my previous managers didn't understand my disability and saw it as me just taking off for the day, being lazy, blowing them off, or faking it. When I would push through and go to work anyway, I would have significant problems and at least twice, I lost my job. It took me a decade to figure out what accom-

modations I need to be successful at work, and to get the confidence to ask for them.

"Now I am able to hold down my job and even got a recent promotion. I still live with my mental health disability and still take sick days when I need them, but I've learned to work with my disability instead of against it and to use the accommodations I've advocated for to keep myself healthy and at work."

Society's Assets is a local nonprofit that, since 1974, provides independent living services serving people of any age with any disability who live in Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Rock, and Jefferson counties. Services include: life skills training; advocacy; peer support; youth services; information and referral; in-home personal care; demonstrations and loans of adaptive equipment; assessments for home modifications; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) consultation, assistance with applying for Social Security and other government programs; and transportation information. If you have a disability and need assistance, call 800-378-9128.



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- Vote in person at your city clerk's office up to two weeks before the election

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Undeniable: The Black Vote

By Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO

Last week our nation watched as the two leading candidates for the presidential election took to the debate podium one last time to make their case.

One thing was undeniable: the Black vote will absolutely decide this election.

At this point, 47 million ballots have already been cast, and with less than 12 days left until the election is over, every single vote counts. Tonight's debate put three things into perspective:

The safety and security of our democracy are of the utmost importance. Whether it's foreign agents working against American interests or stateside voter suppression tactics, we need a president and a Congress that will work together to combat these attacks on our democracy and guarantee the integrity of our elections.

COVID-19 is still a huge threat to the Black community. From rising death rates to the wellbeing of essential workers, we cannot continue to live or die with COVID-19. We need a president with a real plan to safeguard

our communities from this pandemic.

Racial injustice continues to plague this country. Inequities across education, health-care, criminal justice, and societal inclusion continue to exist because eradicating hate, bigotry, and discrimination has not been made a priority. No president can win without the Black vote, therefore we must elect one who will fight for the empowerment and economic sustainability of our people.

With attacks against our community ramping up, we have to be more vigilant with our votes than ever before. From foreign interference to domestic terrorists, bad actors are attempting to steal our votes from all corners, but we will not let that happen.

Make no mistake, our recovery as a community – as a nation – is dependent on who will be inaugurated as president in January. This year has shown us the price of ineffective leadership, economic insecurity, and a blatant disregard for Black lives, and we simply can't afford it.

We have mere days to vote like our lives depend on it. So, let's do just that.

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Behind-the-scenes report details Foxconn's failure to live up to its promise in Wisconsin

Foxconn Technology Group's southeast Wisconsin project is still "an empty shell" of a building that has so far failed to live up to promises made by the company nearly three years ago, according to a bombshell report released Monday.

Citing interviews with 19 former employees and "thousands of pages of public documents," online technology outlet The Verge on Monday reported the company recently changed the use for one of its new buildings from manufacturing to storage; 60% of employees included in the most recent tax credit application were hired in the final two months of the year; and several employees interviewed reported being given little direction or supplies and were reduced to tears.

The report details that Foxconn officials scrambled to come up with viable business options as its original plan to build large LCD screens became unlikely to succeed. The company spent two years exploring ideas to generate revenue such as fish farming with water piped in from Lake Michigan, exporting ice cream and storing boats. In addition, golf carts were purchased to retrofit into autonomous vehicles that would cart in employees, but the idea never reached fruition.

"As the divisions bickered, bored employees would come down from the Milwaukee headquarters to race the carts around the empty building, until the batteries finally died," the Verge reported.

The report also said a once-planned ribbon-

cutting event scheduled for May — and then September — with President Donald Trump, who once touted the project as the "eighth wonder of the world," was ultimately scrapped when there was nothing to cut a ribbon for.

In a statement on Monday, Foxconn disputed the report's claim that the company hired employees only to achieve tax incentives. Foxconn, which has said in the past that it does not comment on employee personnel matters, did not address the other allegations in the report, which cites unnamed employees, many of whom are no longer with the company.

"Many Wisconsin employees have found success embracing our challenges such as the assimilation of cultural differences, adapting to changing business needs, and finding ways to contribute to the company as their roles have evolved," the company said.

Foxconn founder Terry Gou said in a separate statement Monday that the company "will remain committed to the completion and continued expansion of our project and investment in Wisconsin as long as policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels remain committed to Foxconn and the very important technology development goals driving the company's investments, as President Trump has done."

"Foxconn will work as a partner with those who treat the company as a partner," Gou said, adding that the company has invested an estimated \$750 million in the state.

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It's Time for Gratitude, Thankfulness Not Only Now, But Always

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer."

Angelou

"Gratitude opens the door to the power, the wisdom, the creativity of the universe. You open the door through gratitude." Chopra

"There is no duty more indispensable than that of returning a kindness" Cicero

"No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude." Whitehead

"The way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and encouragement." Schwab

I am so Thankful, Appreciative and filled with Gratitude that I named the sailboat I purchased this summer ThankFull.

The month of November is here, let's call it the Thankfulness, Gratitude Month. That is a time for gratitude, thankfulness, appreciation culminating in Thanksgiving at the end of the month.

A month full of thanks, appreciation and gratitude is a nice prelude, set up for the Holidays in December. May it continue into the New Year, that every month is a Thankfulness, Gratitude Month as the quotes above support or would advocate.

So, what does Thankful, Thankfulness, Gratitude mean? How do we show or

express it? How does it impact, relate to our health, wellness and well-being?

Let's start with some definitions.

Gratitude--the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. "She expressed her gratitude to the committee for their support".

Thankfulness--the feeling of being happy or grateful because of something:

I felt a deep glow of affection and thankfulness for her kindness.

The benefits of gratitude, thankfulness; giving thanks, being thankful are amazing, widespread. Various studies in How to Express Gratitude below have shown that expressing gratitude, being thankful has plenty of benefits in a number of areas like happiness, positive feelings, physical health, problem-solving, self-esteem, stress management, social relationships and well being.

Here's a run down, listing or overview of how to show, express gratitude, thankfulness; giving thanks, being thankful in 3 main areas---yourself, personally; family, friends, those you know and your community, the world you live in. You can find out more about them in the References, Resources below

YOURSELF, PERSONALLY

Use these tools--a gratitude journal, vision board, prayer, meditation to keep thinking about and writing down what you are Thankful, Grateful for daily to weekly and how you have and will show, express Gratitude, Thankfulness to family, friends, those you know and your community, the world you live in

FAMILY, FRIENDS, THOSE YOU KNOW

- 1 Always say Thank You
- 2 Say you're sorry
- 3 Give out compliments
- 4 Offer congratulations
- 5 Acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries.
- 6 Show parent appreciation by calling more often and writing a handwritten, heartfelt letter of thanks
- 7 Share gratitude, thankfulness around the dinner table—for the day, week; each other, other family members.
- 8 Offer to do a hard, tough task or project for a loved one that could use a break.
- 9 Give a family member, friend with kids (especially a single parent) a day off.
- 10 Visit an elderly family member who may be alone, isolated; need encouragement, hope.
- 11 Host a gathering for your dearest friends to say thank you and celebrate friendship.

COMMUNITY, THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN

- 1 Practice random acts of kindness
- 2 Smile, say hi
- 3 Help a stranger in need
- 4 Visit the sick and/or elderly
- 5 Bring coffee to security guards and police officers
- 7 Leave a bigger tip whenever a tip is called for
- 8 Volunteer, do volunteer work
- 9 Do one thing a week that helps to our

environment like recycling, using paper instead of plastic bags

REFERENCES, RESOURCES

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<https://englishwithkim.com/beyond-thank-you-show-appreciation-express-gratitude-english/>

Difference Between Gratitude and Thankfulness
<https://www.psychmc.com/articles/difference-between-gratitude-and-thankfulness>

Giving thanks can make you happier
<https://www.health.harvard.edu/healthbeat/giving-thanks-can-make-you-happier>

How To Express Gratitude to Others (19 Ideas + Gifts & Challenges)
<https://positivepsychology.com/how-to-express-gratitude/>

100 Ways to Express Gratitude and Boost Happiness
<https://www.virtuesforlife.com/100-ways-to-express-gratitude-and-boost-happiness/>

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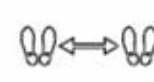
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Love the Haters

by D. White

A few years ago I watched a program that recognized distinguished high school students who were aspiring toward post-secondary options of college and careers. One of the honorees said something profound. She said that it's important to have both appreciators and haters in life. She went further to identify the unique role that each plays. The appreciators are those that support you and encourage your endeavors. They genuinely have your best interest at heart. She identified the haters as those who don't support you yet give you more motivation to succeed. This is why it's important to love the haters. They provide a little extra incentive for you to do what you do.

Years ago the tagline on my email read, "If I don't do what I do because of you then undoubtedly I do it in spite of you. Either way is fine with me as long as God is my witness." While the appreciators would view this in a positive way, the haters interpreted it as negative. Your interpretation is based on which side of the isle you find yourself on. There was no harm intended to anyone and I still live by this philosophy. I certainly appreciate those who appreciate me. While I don't hate the haters, success in spite of the haters does offer a sense of satisfaction and peace of mind. We should love the haters because the Bible says to love your enemies and do good to those that hate you (Mt. 5:44). Obviously those with hatred in their hearts need someone else to help them manifest a little love.

King Saul hated on David to the point of seeking his life with a hostile army. Yet David, who was a man after God's own heart (Acts



13:22), had the integrity and respect for the king to love him anyway so much that he spared his life not once but twice (1 Sam. 23:14; 24:22-26). David eventually became king (2 Sam. 5:4). Love caused Paul and Silas to convert the Philippian jailor to Christianity when

he would have otherwise taken his own life (Acts 16:33). Doesn't the Bible say that love covers a multitude of sins (1 Pet. 4:8)? Although God hates sin he loves the sinner and offered the greatest sacrifice of all time to redeem mankind from sin (John 3:16). I implore you to do what's right and love the haters until they develop enough internal fortitude to love themselves. Children of God are the light of the world (Mt. 5:14-16). Let it shine and conquer hate with love!

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Gov. Evers Directs Department of Health Services to Limit Indoor Public Gatherings

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today directed Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue Emergency Order #3 limiting public gatherings to no more than 25 percent of a room or building's total occupancy. See full the order and list of exemptions here.

This directive is effective at 8 a.m. on Oct. 8, 2020, and will remain in effect until Nov. 6, 2020, and applies to any gatherings at locations that are open to the public such as stores, restaurants, and other businesses that allow public entry, as well as spaces with ticketed events. A frequently asked questions document is available for review here.

"We're in a crisis right now and need to immediately change our behavior to save lives," said Gov. Evers. "We are continuing to experience a surge in cases and many of our hospitals are overwhelmed, and I believe limiting indoor public gatherings will help slow the spread of this virus. Folks, we need your help and we need all Wisconsinites to work together during this difficult time. The sooner we get control of this virus, the sooner our economy, communi-

ties, and state can bounce back."

Earlier today, the governor also announced an additional \$100 million in support for Wisconsin's small businesses, including lodging, event venues, and others in the tourism industry, who are struggling in the wake of the pandemic without additional federal supports.

"The unfortunate reality is this: the disease activity level of COVID-19 in Wisconsin is so high that going to a gathering puts you at very high risk of exposure," said DHS Secretary-designee Palm. "We know gatherings are a key way this virus spreads, so we must act to limit indoor gatherings to stop the spread, reduce illness, and save lives."

Today, DHS reported an increase of 2,020 confirmed cases of COVID-19; 18 new deaths, and the seven-day average of new daily COVID-19 cases is 2,346 up from 836 one month ago. According to DHS' Disease Activity dashboard and as of Sept. 30, 2020, 45 of Wisconsin counties meet the threshold of a very high disease activity level, which means that there are

more than 350 cases per 100,000 people in that county. All other counties reported high case activity levels. This means Wisconsinites should assume they will likely be exposed to the virus if they leave home and should practice all safety precautions.

Wisconsinites should take the following steps to stay safe and help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home whenever possible;
- Wear a mask;
- Wash your hands frequently;
- If you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, get tested;
- Get the flu shot to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Challenge misinformation and talk to friends and families about the importance of these safety precautions.

For up-to-date information about Wisconsin's COVID-19 response, visit the DHS COVID-19 webpage. We also encourage you to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram for more information on COVID-19.

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin Demands Answers from Postmaster General Louis DeJoy about Ongoing Delays in Mail Delivery to Wisconsinites

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin is demanding answers from Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Postal Service, after continued mail delays in Wisconsin.

Baldwin repeatedly called on Postmaster DeJoy to reverse the changes he implemented that were causing mail delivery delays in Wisconsin. Several Federal Court orders have since been issued blocking the Postal Service from continuing with DeJoy's operational changes, including removal and disconnection of mail sorting machines, denials of overtime and bans on late or extra trips to deliver mail, that were

put in place in July 2020.

However, Baldwin has continued to receive reports from USPS employees indicating that the Postal Service continues to engage in practices that delay mail, in violation of court orders.

In a letter to Postmaster DeJoy, Baldwin writes, "Employees of the Milwaukee Processing and Distribution Center report certain managers are pressuring employees to continue sending out trucks, even if it means leaving mail behind. These employees report that, following the Postmaster General's instructions this July, signage was placed at the facility instructing trucks not be held back for late or extra trips and

that this signage has not been removed. Additionally, employees report that not all machines have been reconnected, including a digital barcode sorter that could be reassembled. In Madison, a postal employee sent photographs (which I have attached) of signs on sorting machines directing that they should not be run or operated. The employee noted that the machines, including a digital bar code sorter, have been reconnected but are still not being used to process mail. The employee alleges this was done to demonstrate in USPS data that the machines have not been disconnected."

Senator Baldwin has also continued to receive reports from Wisconsinites who are

also still experiencing delays in receiving their mail, including a veteran from Gleason, Wisconsin who relies on USPS for receiving prescription medications from the Tomah, Wisconsin Veterans Affairs Medical Center, but is experiencing delays of five to six days to get his medication.

These anecdotal reports are bolstered by USPS' own data. Service Performance Data for the two districts of which Wisconsin is a part — Lakeland and Northland — demonstrates on-time delivery rates for first-class mail have failed to recover in the months of September and October to levels achieved before the summer mail slowdown caused by DeJoy's orders.

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Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras Accepting Nominations for 2021 Service to Music Award

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form is available at <https://wiscsym.org/index.php/service-to-music-award>.

Nominations must be submitted by November 1, 2020.

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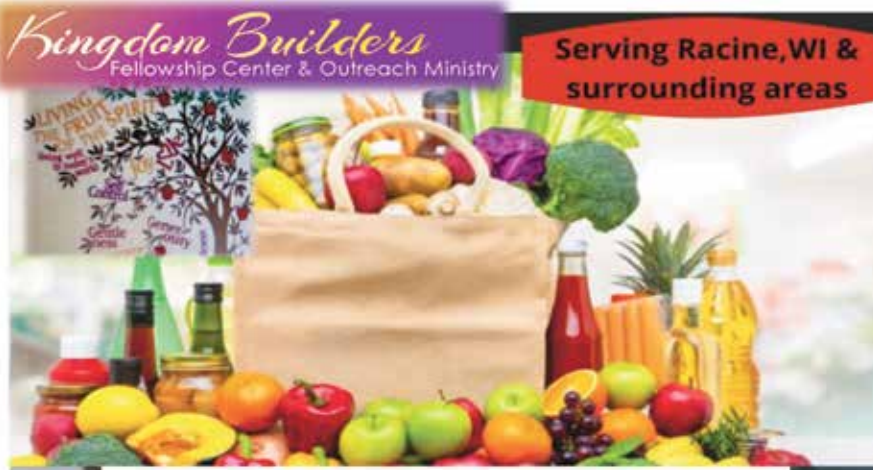
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If you want to live in the overflow of God's blessings, you have to have an attitude to receive the overflow. Remember, as a believer in Jesus, you are a child of the Most High God. Royal blood is flowing through your veins. You were not created to be average. You were not created to barely get by and drag through life. You have seeds of greatness on the inside. You are well able to do whatever God has called you to do!

Today, put your shoulders back, hold your head up high and start thinking like a victor. When you're a victor, you know that any adversity in your life is not permanent; it's temporary. Have the attitude to receive the overflow of God's abundance. Keep believing and keep expecting because it's just a matter of time until He turns things around in your favor!

A Prayer for Today: "Father, today I open my mind and heart to You. I choose to believe that You have a good plan for me. By faith, I receive the blessings You have for me so that I can be a blessing to others in Jesus' name. Amen."

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By Bill Schalk, Wind Point

Today, America is facing two pandemics. The first is the coronavirus that has already infected more than 7 million Americans, killed more than 210,000, and the numbers continue to rise. The second is President Donald Trump, who has delivered chaos to 330 million citizens.

I'm a former prosecutor and retired U.S. Navy commander. Here's my eight-point indictment of Trump's performance, and why I consider his continued presidency as great a risk as that posed by the novel coronavirus.

COVID-19 - From the beginning in February, Trump deliberately downplayed the seriousness of the virus even though classified briefings and the CDC told him otherwise. In March, he said it would go away quickly and just disappear. He blamed China and accepted no responsibility once it entered the United States -- unlike President Truman, who said "The Buck Stops Here." Scientists have estimated that thousands of lives could have been saved if safety protocols had been followed earlier. And now Trump has it himself.

A true national leader takes responsibility for actions that needed to be taken during the pandemic, but Trump turned the problem over to the states instead. They ended up competing for scarce medical resources and setting different rules for preventative measures. Trump could have set an example for the nation during the Republican convention, but he gathered 1,500 people on the White House lawn and didn't require masks or social distancing.

National Debt - Even before the pandemic hit in March, Trump's tax cut favored the wealthy and allowed the nation's debt to go to the highest level in history.

Trump is a Racist - He calls immigrants from Mexico "rapists and criminals." He calls peaceful protesters in the Black Lives Matter movement thugs. They have a First Amendment right to protest. Yet he excuses and encourages the far-right, white supremacists, armed with assault rifles, who flame the fires of unrest. In the recent riot in Kenosha more than one hundred of those arrested came from out of the area.

Violence - At a rally a few years ago, Trump said, "If anyone protests you should punch them in the face, and I'll pay your legal bills." Words matter. Trump uses his bully pulpit in ways that invite violence. His combative attitude does not help a nation that wants calm in the midst of a pandemic. As Joe Biden has said, "Trump can't stop the violence - because he has fomented it."

Governing - Trump is consolidating power by removing checks and balances



such as inspector generals. He can't (or won't) keep his staff, including Tillerson, Mattis, and Kelly; and he hired cronies like future convicted felons Flynn, Manafort, and Stone; and recently indicted campaign advisor Steve Bannon.

Foreign Affairs - Trump has befriended and identified with dictators like Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, and Kim Jong-un. Yet he has poor relations with our important allies in NATO and G7. His autocratic tendencies worsen our standing in the world and break down our democratic institutions at home.

Trump has denied that Russia interfered in the 2016 election. Yet in August, the Senate Intelligence Committee wrote a bi-partisan report that said Russia did interfere. And they're interfering again in 2020.

Commander in Chief - In February Trump was briefed and then, unbelievably, failed to act on intelligence that Russia would pay a bounty for any U.S. soldier that ISIS killed.

Trump has often disparaged U.S. Troops and military families and heroes, like McCain, Vindman and Khan. Trump has said publicly that "Sen. McCain was not a war hero, after spending six years as a POW in Vietnam, because he got caught." As Joe Biden has said, he does not deserve to be called our "commander-in-chief"!

Voting - A few weeks ago in North Carolina, Trump told his supporters to vote twice in the election, by mail and at the polling place. He asked people to commit a crime!

Trump is the worst president in American history. In 2016, he campaigned on the theme of "draining the swamp." The problem is that Trump IS the swamp. The only way out of this nightmare is to dump Trump and elect Joe Biden.

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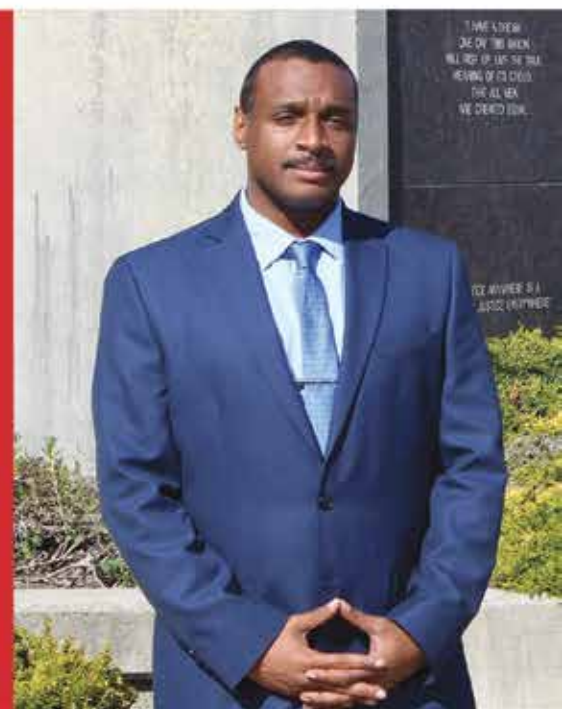
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