



Youth Newsletter

Taivion sat down with MARE staff during a Zoom meeting for his new narrative (below) on Mare.org. Check it out! Then contact your worker if you'd like one similar to his.



Introducing Taivion: A zest for life

When we met up with Taivion, he sported a Golden State Warriors t-shirt, told us why he'd shudder at facing Steph Curry one-on-one, described reading Stephen King's "The Institute" and revealed how he revels in relaxation.

Yes, you could call him a well-rounded young man who likes Corvettes instead of Mustangs ("they look cooler"), summer over winter ("anything below 60 is too cold") and green and white over maize and blue ("I've always been a Michigan State fan!").

Setting aside his dogs vs. cats preference for now, Taivion's biggest burning "either/or" question on this day revolves around roundball or football.

"Football would be my favorite," says this naturally easygoing guy. "I used to play for a team. I never actually played basketball on a team, but I'm pretty

good at that.

"I like the Seattle Seahawks and Russell Wilson (quarterback extraordinaire) and the Warriors and Steph Curry (perhaps the best basketball player on the planet). My favorite player between the two is Steph Curry. When they won the championship, he didn't just celebrate with his team, he celebrated with his dad.

"He's done things like that that kind of inspired me. One time he went to a home where these foster care kids were living, and he showed them how to play basketball – teaching them to shoot and stuff – and it kind of motivated me to want to meet him because even though he has all this stuff, he's still giving back to his community."

A quick, hurry Curry question from us – "want to take him on one-on-one?" – brings an abrupt response.

"No, I would humiliate myself!"

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To learn about resources available to youth living in foster care, visit [Mare.org](https://www.mare.org) > For Youth or contact your worker.

Even though he's taller than Curry, you've got to admire Taivion for knowing when to keep the basketball on the storage rack. Perhaps more admirable is his recognition that he needs time to slow down and enjoy life.

"I like fishing," he says about his other favorite activities. "I used to go fishing up on a river. I've never been hunting, but I've always wanted to, though. I think I'd enjoy the relaxation part of it. I like reading, too. I'm reading a book

called 'The Institute.' It's starting off a little slow, but it's getting more interesting."

To learn other interesting things about Taivion, we posed a couple more either/or questions: dogs vs. cats and city or country? "Dogs because I'm able to relax with them more. Country because it's more relaxed; there aren't as many noisy distractions."

Taivion's thirst for the balance of activity and relaxation seems to

be surpassed only by his desire for the tranquility and consistency of a forever family. He'd do best with two patient and experienced parents who can serve as strong supporters and fierce advocates for him. Most of all, Taivion looks forward to a family who shares his zest for life.

"I hope we can do things that we both love," he says, "and I hope they love fishing and playing sports."

Photos from another great Michigan Heart Gallery Premiere!



Clockwise from bottom right, Madicen (aka Madi); Emmanuel (aka Manny); MARE's Jen Brooks with her adopted son, Cameron; Cecilia (aka CeCe); MARE staff welcoming guests; Keaton, a star of the 2022 Heart Gallery video.



Things associated with Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving and the feasts associated with it coming up, we thought it would be a good time for some exercise ... for your brain. Dig into these mind-benders then feast your eyes on the next page for puzzle hints and answers.

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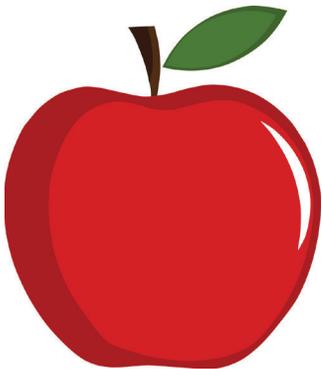
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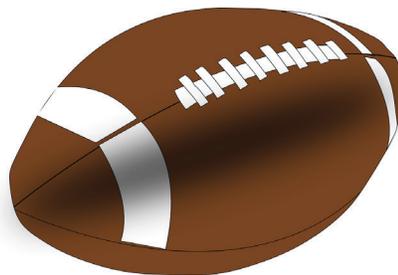
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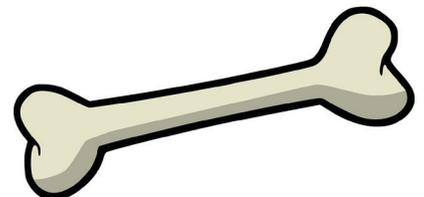
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Scarlett, C010103, and Zachary, C010332, wanted to share their latest drawings with you.

They have the heart for art



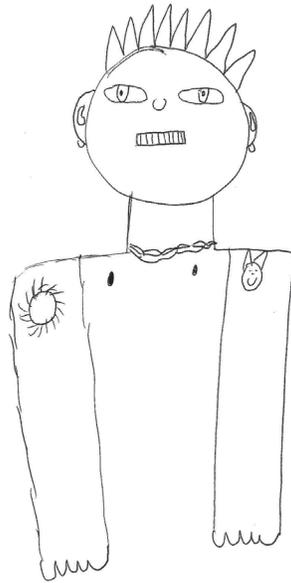
Fun facts – Scarlett

Art is her feng shui.

Wolves are among her favorite animals.

Wants to travel to Japan and Belgium because “it’s where my ancestors came from.”

Learning to speak Dutch and Japanese.



Fun facts – Zachary

Sports lover (hoops anyone?).

Determined and dedicated.

Pounds his chest with pride for doing his schoolwork well.

Snap, crackle, pop of Rice Krispies – maybe; but snap, crunch, zest of carrots – definitely yes!

Puzzle Hints

1. Winter, spring, summer or ...
2. aka “horn of plenty.”
3. Beverage made from apples.
4. Played on Thanksgiving.
5. “Doze” or “dozing.”
6. Think bands and balloons.
7. Where you find a certain gourd.
8. A big desire + a cartilage.

Puzzle Answers

1. Fall.
2. Cornucopia.
3. Apple cider.
4. Football game.
5. Nap or napping.
6. Thanksgiving parade.
7. Pumpkin patch.
8. Wishbone.

Calendar

November 12 In-Person MARE Meet & Greet Midland

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Take note: If you want to attend an upcoming MARE Meet & Greet, contact your worker.

Did you know?



Michigan boasts the most lighthouses of any state in the country, hands down. Most lighthouse websites say the Great Lakes State has around 120 depending on the definition and the operational status. Maine has 57, 65 or 66 depending on whom you ask, and Florida has 30. Wisconsin’s Department of Natural Resources website says the Badger State has more than 50. The Michigan lighthouse you see above is in St. Ignace.