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## Family of the Week

### The Kemps Family

The Kemps represent three generations of LOVE. Jeff and Jami Kemp are celebrating 20 years of marriage in 2020. Jeff is a Student Success Manager at Purdue University Global and Jami is an Officer and Manager of Training & Organizational Development at American National Bank. Both are licensed and ordained pastors at Launch Church International.

Jeff is a proud member of the Beta Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Jami is the Homeowner Association President for her neighborhood which has 970+ lots. Jeff says Jami is the Major of a little city.

Jamison is a Sophomore at Omaha Central High School. His interests include football, wrestling, track and acting.

Atalia (Attie), Naomi's mother, is completing her BSN at College of Saint Mary, and is working at Nebraska Medicine. Eliana (Ellie), Braelynn's mother is a licensed esthetician. Joshua is enrolled in virtual classes at Bellevue University. Attie and Ellie are twins and their daughters were born five days apart, so the daughters are "Scousins" (Sister cousins). Not pictured are is son Jeffone Brooks and his daughter Emerald who live in Kansas City.

The Kemps are a multigenerational family that is extremely busy, but love each other and support each other in all kinds of ways. Pre-Covid, everyone attended Jamison's sporting events as one , big sheering section.



Front row, left to right: Naomi, Jamison, Braelynn; 2nd row: Atalia, Joshua, Eliana; Back row: Jeff and Jami Kemp

## From the iPublisher's Pen

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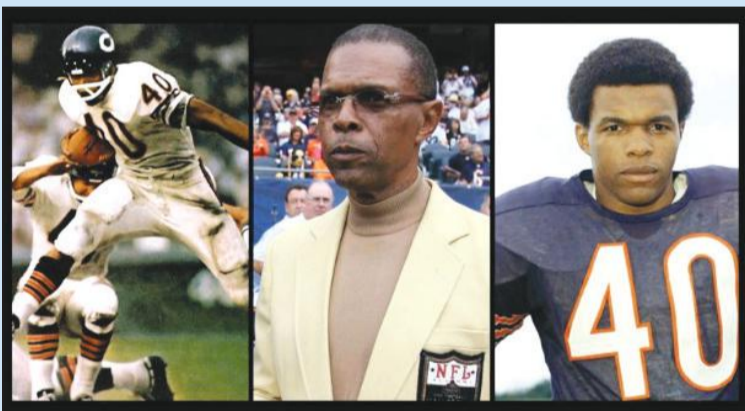
The Election for the President of the United States is soon. In the State of Nebraska we will be electing persons to the unicameral. We will also be electing persons to represent us nationally in Congress and the House of Representatives. It is imperative that WE VOTE!

Our futures depend on the who represents us and how they govern. This is our right (definition: a legal entitlement to have or obtain something or to act in a certain way; irrevocable entitlement held by all citizens). Some say it is a privilege (definition: a certain entitlement granted by the state or the authority to a restricted group). By definition voting is our right, not a privilege. Knowledge and words are power, used correctly.

Someone asked why am I the iPublisher? My true desire is to be of service to my community. I remember Mrs. Mildred D. Brown in her grand style and I want to carry on that legacy in excellence. COVID-19 has caused me to miss a few steps, but I am pressing toward the high mark and calling of The Omaha Star.

The Omaha Star is about the community. Would you like to submit news or information to be published? Would you like to be family of the week? We represent you the people and share the good news about our lives to the world. You may call us at 402-346-4041 or email: publisher@omahastarinc.com.

## Gayle Sayers North Omaha's Hall of Fame Legend



By Ilana Lewis

North Omaha has a rich history of exceptional athletes. Gayle Sayers, Hall of Fame Omaha Central graduate of 1961, is no exception.

"Give me 18 inches of daylight, that's all I need," Gayle said famously.

Gayle Sayers was born in Wichita, Kansas in 1943 before moving to Omaha, NE with his family at age 8. Sayers attended Omaha, Central High School lighting up the football field in his #48 purple and white uniform as a running back. Sayers led Central to a state championship in 1960, with an undefeated record.

Upon graduating in 1961, he attended Kansas University. Sayers continued to exhibit unprecedented athleticism at Kansas. It was during this that he was notably nicknamed "The Kansas Comet". In the 1965 NFL draft, he was picked #4 overall by the Chicago Bears.

"He was poetry in motion. His likes

we will never see again" said Tom Shatel.

Sayers was named Rookie of the Year in 1965, continuing to put North Omaha on the map. Sayers accolades include being a 4x pro bowl athlete, 5x first-team all-pro player, NFL comeback player of the year in 1969, and the youngest ever player to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1977 at age 34. That record still stands.

Sayers broke barriers off the field as well. He was the first African American player to share lodgings with a white player, Brian Piccolo. The friendship that followed was immortalized in "Brian's Song" a biopic about Brian Piccolo's life and struggle with terminal cancer, during which Sayers was continually by his side.

Gayle Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs in the history of the NFL, and one of the greatest athletes to come from North Omaha. We will continue to be inspired by him for generations to come.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands Announces New CEO

The Chairman of the Board of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands (BGCM), Tim Holland, announced today that after a search for a successor to its president and CEO of the past ten years, Ivan Gilreath, the board of directors has selected Richard Webb, former Club member and executive director of 100 Black Men of Omaha.

"BGCM has been very fortunate to have enjoyed a legacy of just six exceptional leaders in our 60-year history," Holland said. "We are confident that with his personal experience as a Club member and his success as a dynamic community leader, Richard Webb will reach and even raise the bar his gifted predecessors have set."

Under Mr. Webb's leadership as Executive Director of 100 Black Men of Omaha, he developed and implemented

a three-year strategic plan which doubled its membership and increased funding by 180%, Holland said.

"In Richard Webb, I see an incredible young talent who is mission driven and someone who desires to make a real difference in our community," said Scott Heider, BGCM Executive Search Committee. "As a Club alumnus, Richard understands the organization and its importance in our community, as we serve



Richard Webb

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## Partnership 4 Kids Appoints Debra Shaw



Richard Webb

more than 25 years of community outreach experience, Shaw will be responsible for

Local youth service program, Partnership 4 Kids recently announced the appointment of Debra Shaw as the agency's first Leader of Diversity, Community and Recruitment. With

implementing plans to build and promote diversity and inclusion within P4K as well as cultivating diverse community partnership relationships throughout the community on the agency's behalf.

"We are honored Deb Shaw has agreed to serve as the agency's first Diversity, Community and Recruitment Leader at Partnership 4 Kids," said P4K President, Deb Denbeck. "Deb brings a wealth of knowledge and will help us develop a more harmonious environment where all voices are heard and respected and employees feel

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Are you registered to vote? YOUR vote counts!