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*Rae Lynn
Buckley*

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*Wife, Mother,
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Woman of God*

Rae Lynn Buckley completed her heavenly transition on Thursday, November 19, 2015. She was born in Saginaw, Michigan April 6, 1953. Rae graduated from St. Joseph High School, Class of 1971, she attended Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University where she earned a Bachelor degree in Business Management.

She married the love of her life, Jerome Buckley on July 14, 1979. She had great leadership and management skills. She began working at State Farm Insurance Company in 1975, retiring in 2000. She was a member of Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, managed Wonderland Beauty and Barber Supply and The Michigan Banner where she was co-owner. She was a member of Saginaw Valley Church where she was active with the Prayer Room and Healing Ministry. She enjoyed reading, studying scripture and learning new things. Rae loved interacting with her grandchildren and family.

Rae Lynn leaves to cherish her memory her husband

of 36 years, Jerome Buckley; sons, Gary Demond (Olivia) Reynolds of Dallas, TX, Jerome (Tamia) Buckley of Rochester, MI, Erik D. Buckley of Kentwood, MI and Jermaine Swilley of Saginaw, MI; special nephews, Andre (Traci) Buckley of Midland, MI and Thomas (Cory) Tinsley of Chicago, IL; cousins Donna Hawthorne, Carrie Simpson, Brenda Knox, Carl (Patricia) Covington, Henry (Dorothy) Harris; several nieces, nephews, a host of family members and friends, including a dedicated friend, Carmen Betancourt.

Mrs. Buckley was preceded in death by her parents, Loyd and Thaetis Marie Tinsley; brother, Jerry Tinsley; uncles, George (Ann), Charles (Vonceal) and Ray Covington; mother and father-in-law, Rowan and Helen Buckley; grandmothers, Dora Tinsley and Clara Smith; special aunt and uncle, James and Ethel Pierrie.

The family would like to thank the ICU nursing staff of Covenant Harrison Healthcare for their diligence in the care and comfort of Rae Lynn.

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SAGINAW, MI - "Before the concert is over she will have the crowd gasping with the sheer beauty of her voice" Boston Globe

For Elisabeth von Trapp, "the sounds of music" are part of her earliest memories. Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center. Inspired by her father Werner von Trapp's guitar playing and singing, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers. She began taking piano lessons when she was eight and by the age of sixteen she was playing guitar and traveling the back roads of New England performing with her siblings at weddings, gospel meetings and town halls. Building on her famed family's passion for music, Elisabeth has created her own artistic style, at once ethereal and earthy, delicate and powerful. Listeners have likened her to Judy Collins and Loreena McKennitt. Critics have called her voice "...hauntingly clear" "joyfully expressive" and "simply beautiful." Elisabeth's concert repertoire ranges from Bach to Broadway ... Schubert to Sting. With equal ease and eloquence she sings timeless wonders like Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Favorite Things* and *Edelweiss*, *Lieder* by Mozart, Puccini's *O Mio Babbino Caro*, soaring gospel tunes, pop classics like *A Whiter Shade of Pale* and her own stunning compositions.

Her cathedral program includes sacred and secular music extending from Gregorian chants, songs by 12th century mystic Hildegard of Bingen, early American hymns, spirituals

and psalms set to her own compositions. She is accompanied by the elegant arrangements of her guitar and acclaimed cellist and longtime musical colleague, Erich Kory. In the spring of 2001 Elisabeth was granted permission from Robert Frost's publisher, Henry Holt & Co., to sing parts of the poet's oeuvre. *Poetic License*, released in June 2004, features the musical settings of poems by Frost and Shakespeare, a Japanese haiku and interpretations of *Over The Rainbow / What A Wonderful World*, Sting's *Fragile* and Schubert's *An Die Musik*. On her summer 2005 release, *Love Never Ends / Sacred Sounds*, Elisabeth has collected, arranged and recorded some of her favorite hymns, psalms and chants with influences from jazz and gospel, contemporary and classical musical styles. Elisabeth has released five self produced albums, and has performed across the United States, Austria and Russia. Her music has been featured on National Public Radio, BBC-Radio, Japanese National Radio and CNN Spanish Radio. She has appeared on CBS's *Eye on People*, ABC's *Good Morning America* and BBC-TV. No one leaves an Elisabeth von Trapp performance unchanged ... audiences of all ages are drawn by the promise of her famous name ... awed by the beauty of her voice and musical arrangements ... their hearts touched forever by the astonishing sound of her unique new music.

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Gov. Rick Snyder makes appointments, reappointments to Hispanic/Latino Commission

LANSING, MI – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced the appointments of Monica Reyes, of Saginaw, and Anthony Garcia-Rubio, Jr., of Cadillac, and the reappointments of Noel Garcia, of East Lansing, Sonya Hernandez of Muskegon, and Carlos Sanchez, of Grand Rapids, to the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan.

Housed within the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, the 15-member Commission develops and maintains a unified policy and plan of action to serve the needs of Michigan's Hispanic and Latino residents.

"I thank all of these appointees for their commitment to serve, and I am confident they will do great work promoting the diverse interests of Hispanics and Latinos in Michigan," Snyder said.

Appointments:

Reyes is director of disability services at Saginaw Valley State University and previously served as associate director of the Center for Business and Economic Development and Continuing Education also at SVSU. She is a Leadership Saginaw alumni and a member of the Michigan Society of Certified Public Managers, Women in Leadership/Inforum, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, and the GLBR Hispanic

Business Association. Reyes earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration from Saginaw Valley State University. She replaces Kelly Shipman.

Garcia-Rubio retired as general manager of Heraduras Mexican restaurant. He is a member of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard which honors fallen heroes and helps grieving families. Garcia-Rubio is also a volunteer member of Hospice of Michigan and a certified Disabled American Veteran Service Officer. He replaces Gilberto Guzman.

Reappointments:

Garcia is a law enforcement instructor at Ingham Intermediate Schools and retired as a lieutenant and internal affairs commander with the Lansing Police Department, where he had worked since 1989. He earned an associate's degree in social science and criminal justice from Lansing Community College and both a bachelor's and master's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University.

Hernandez is an adjunct instructor at Grand Rapids Community College, a teacher supervisor in the College of Urban Education at Davenport University, and an adjunct professor and instructor for the Promesa-

Woodbridge Summer Program at Ferris State University. She previously served as the dean of students and migrant/Title III director of Hart Public Schools. Hernandez earned both a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's degree in educational leadership from Grand Valley State University and a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

Sanchez is director of Ferris State University's Latino Business and Economic Development Center. He previously served as executive director of the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, as a diversity specialist with Spectrum Health, and as the diversity programs coordinator for the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. Sanchez earned a bachelor's degree in international business from Davenport University and a certificate in design and innovative management from Kendall College of Art and Design.

Reyes will serve the remainder of a three-year term expiring Dec. 10, 2016. All other members will serve three-year terms expiring Dec. 10, 2018. Their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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Tiffany L. Pruitt, Saginaw Public Schools' Parent, Family & Community Engagement Specialist

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- **Wash Hands:** Many foodborne illnesses result from contaminating food with improperly washed hands. Use warm water and soap for a minimum of 20

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- **Wash, Rinse and Sanitize:** Use soapy water, a clear water rinse, and a bleach sanitizing solution to properly clean food contact surfaces such as cutting boards, utensils, and countertops. Follow the product label for proper concentration levels for sanitizing.

- **Separate:** Keep raw animal foods such as beef, poultry, and seafood below and separate from ready-to-eat foods, such as produce and deli meats.

- **Cook Properly:** Use a food thermometer to ensure that foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature: a minimum 165°F for poultry and stuffed meats, a minimum 155°F for ground beef and ground pork,

and a minimum 145°F for all pork products and whole fish.

- **Cold Holding:** Keep the food in your refrigerator 41°F or below.
- **Report:** If you suspect getting an illness from food, report it to your local health department.
- **Don't:** If you have been ill, do not prepare food for other people.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that each year roughly one out of six Americans (or 48 million people) become ill from contaminated food. Approximately 128,000 of those people affected are hospitalized and approximately 3,000 people die annually from foodborne illness. Most foodborne illness outbreaks are local and most of them are preventable.

For more information, contact the Saginaw County Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Services Division at (989) 758-3686 or visit www.saginawpublichealth.org.

Beat Holiday Stress

Here are some tools to get through the holiday season happily, as well as ways to prevent problems and stress for yourself and your loved ones.

1. Be reasonable with your schedule. Do not overbook yourself into a state of exhaustion--this makes people cranky, irritable, stressed and depressed.

2. Decide upon your priorities and stick to them. Organize your time.

3. Remember, no matter what our plans, the holidays do not automatically take away feelings of aloneness, sadness, frustration, anger, and anxiety.

4. Don't expect the holidays to be just as they were when you were a child. They NEVER are. YOU are not the same as when you were a child, and no one else in the family is either.

5. Feeling like you are under scheduled or under planned for the holidays? Look for opportunities to volunteer and give back such as helping out at a soup kitchen. It is difficult for someone to be depressed and anxious when they are doing community service.

6. Plan unstructured, low-cost fun holiday activities: window-shop and look at the holiday decorations. Look at people's Christmas lighting on their homes, take a trip to the countryside, etc.--the opportunities are endless.

7. If you drink, do not let the holidays become a reason for over-indulging and hangovers. This will exacerbate any depression and anxiety symptoms. Contrary to popular opinion, alcohol is a depressant. If one is already feeling depressed, it is best to avoid alcohol.

8. Give yourself a break; create time for

yourself to do the things YOU love and need to do for your physical and mental wellness: exercise, yoga, massage, spiritual practices, taking walks or any activity that calms you down and gives you a better perspective on what is important in your life.

9. Most of all, if you find yourself feeling blue or stressed just remember: The choice is always yours to focus on the positive.

Adapted from an article published on November 25, 2009 by Mark Sichel, L.C.S.W. Full article can be found at: <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-therapist-is-in/200911/10-tipsbeat-the-holiday-blues>.

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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson
Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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EDUCATION

SVSU Student receives Hazel Jones Wright Award of Community Service



Terry Blake

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UNIVERSITY CENTER, MI - A Saginaw Valley State University student has been honored by the Women's Progressive Club of Saginaw with the Hazel Jones Wright Award for Community Service. Terry Blake, a business management major from Flint, received the award in November for his service activities on campus and in the community.

A senior at SVSU, Blake said his time in college has allowed him to perform community service not only through the organizations he is part of but also out of his love for the community.

"I realized at a very young age that everyone is only a mistake away from needing these services and I choose to give my all with no regrets in every community service project I am able to do," he said.

Blake is heavily involved on SVSU's

campus, particularly in positions that assist other students navigate college successfully. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, and the Organization of Black Unity. Blake also serves as a campus ambassador, and he is a founding member of God's Children of Integrity and the founder and current coordinator of the student ambassadors program in SVSU's Office of Multicultural Services.

The Women's Progressive Club of Saginaw's objective is to uplift the moral standard, economic, ecology, religion, intellectual and cultural enrichment, education and social welfare of women. The club has been a chapter of the Michigan State Association of Colored Women's Clubs, an affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs for more than 50 years.

Developing an audio drama model to help children with autism spectrum disorder: CMU's Center for Innovation, Collaboration and Engagement supports interdisciplinary research



MOUNT PLEASANT, MI - Using Aesop's Fables as inspiration, Will Anderson — a

Central Michigan University broadcast and cinematic arts faculty member — is developing a model for using audio dramas to help children with autism spectrum disorder.

His interdisciplinary project was advanced by a small grant from CMU's recently developed Center for Innovation, Collaboration and Engagement, which enabled him to investigate what millennials seek in audio dramas.

"This idea of using audio drama for ASD therapy and education is a new avenue. It hasn't been done," Anderson

said. "What I love about the research work that I'm doing with audio dramas and ASD is it's doing something good for society. It's all due to the environment that the ICE Center has created — a spirit of collaboration."

Anderson plans to collaborate with Jill Taft-Kaufman, a communication and dramatic arts faculty member, Al Wildey, an art and design faculty member, and Mark Cox, a School of Music faculty member, as well as others across the CMU community.

Center encourages interdisciplinary research

While ICE is housed within CMU's College of Communication and Fine Arts, the goal is to involve faculty, staff, students and others from across the CMU community to improve lives through complex research, said Johnny Sparks, the center's director.

JUMP TO PG 24, Center for Innovation

CMU names December commencement speakers

Three ceremonies planned for Dec. 19

MOUNT PLEASANT, MI - Central Michigan University's fall and August graduates will hear from a passionate artist, a successful financial officer and a dedicated congressman at three commencement ceremonies Dec. 19. The ceremonies will take place in the CMU Events Center's McGuirk Arena.

Keynote speakers for the commencement ceremonies include:

- Enrico Digirolamo, chief financial officer of Covisint Corp.;
- Shirley Brauker, owner of Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts; and
- Dan Kildee, District 5 congressman.

Enrico Digirolamo will speak at the 9 a.m. ceremony. Digirolamo has served as chief financial officer for Covisint Corp. since its founding in 2000. He previously spent nearly three decades in a variety of financial and operating positions within General Motors. Before concluding his work with General Motors in 2010, he served as vice president and chief financial officer for General Motors Europe. Digirolamo will receive a Doctor of Commercial Science honorary degree.

Shirley Brauker will speak at the 1:30 p.m. ceremony. Brauker combined her lifelong passions of creating art and focusing on her Native American heritage to create her business, Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts. She is a talented artist who has created numerous pieces that are prominently displayed nationwide, including a clay wall mosaic for Disney Corp. in Orlando, Fla., and several pieces on permanent display at the Smithsonian Indian Art Museum in Washington, D.C. She has served as the artist in residence at the University of

Alaska-Sitka campus, the Mashantucket/Pequot Nation in Connecticut, the Zibiwing Cultural Center in Michigan, and the Eiteljorg Indian and Western Art Museum in Indiana. Brauker will receive a Doctor of Fine Arts honorary degree.

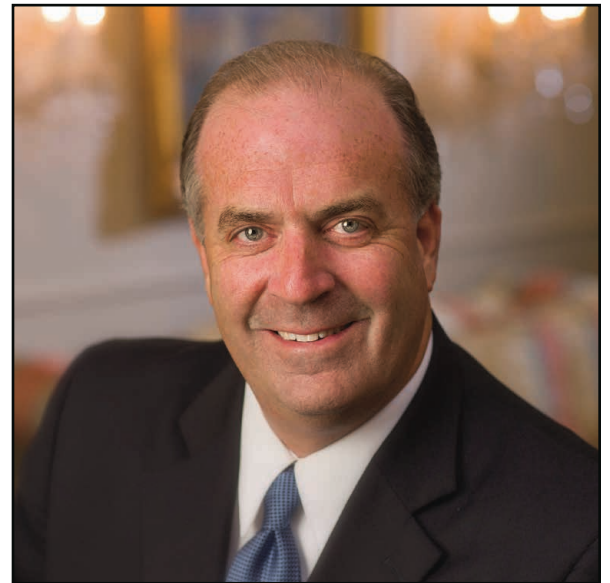
U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee will speak at the 6 p.m. ceremony. Kildee is serving his second term as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives representing District 5, which includes Flint, Saginaw and Bay City. He serves on several congressional committees, including the Financial Services Committee, the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, and the President's Export Council. Kildee's dedication to improving the lives of Michigan residents helped him secure \$100 million in federal funds to help remove blighted and abandoned homes throughout the state. Kildee will receive a Doctor of Public Service honorary degree.



Enrico Digirolamo



Shirley Brauker



Dan Kildee

SVSU hosts fourth grade students for Hour of Code event

UNIVERSITY CENTER, MI - Saginaw Valley State University will host students from two local elementary classrooms Thursday, Dec. 3 for an Hour of Code program. The event is part of a national initiative to increase diversity in computer science as well as to introduce coding to students at a young age.

The program consists of students participating in an hour of coding, the process of writing a computer program using a programming language. George Corser, SVSU assistant professor of computer science and information systems, and SVSU computer science students will provide instruction to the elementary students.

"Coding is a new kind of literacy," Corser said. "The reason it's important to get it in early is because these younger people are going to be affected (more than other generations) by the digital world. We're living in a digital world with computers; we need to learn how they think and how they speak, and coding is their language."

JUMP TO PG 24, Hour of Code

Global research discovers hand placement critical to learning and concentration

CMU and Taipei Medical University researchers uncover new factors in learning, perception and attention



Courtesy Photo

MOUNT PLEASANT, MI - Century-old beliefs have led most of us to think that caffeine or taking a break from information and returning to it later are the best or only strategies to improve a person's focus, learning, or how they view the world and objects around them. New research, however, sheds light on how hand placement also is part of the equation.

Christopher Davoli, assistant professor of psychology at Central Michigan University, and Philip Tseng, an associate professor at Taipei Medical University, coordinated the global research, published in peer-reviewed journal *Frontiers in Psychology* and as an e-book. The

researchers found how we view and perceive objects around us, remember information, focus our attention or shift attention from one topic to the next can be traced directly to the placement of our hands.

The findings have practical implications for a broad range of environments and situations, including workplace efficiency, education, attention deficit interventions, building design and consumer product development.

"The key is identifying your end goal. If your goal is to find a creative solution or understand complex information, there is likely a posture and hand placement to match any need or situation," he said.

More information is being driven into our hands than ever before – from e-books to mobile devices – to improve efficiency and learning in an increasingly fast-paced world. Having information quite literally at our fingertips may not always be beneficial to effective learning, concentration and our ability to be flexible in our thought processes.

"Reading a story on a tablet device may

make a person more likely to concentrate and retain details, but less likely to think about the bigger picture or message in what they are reading. A story read on a computer screen further from a person's hands will be processed differently, and it will be easier to think bigger; however, the mind also may be more likely to wander to other topics or objects," Davoli said.

Davoli said the research is a significant stride forward in understanding the use of hands-on learning, but more work is needed to solidify specific solutions for consumer products, schools, workplaces and homes.

"Now that this research exists, we can begin to apply it to real world situations to improve the way we create products, communicate information and improve productivity," Davoli said.

Davoli and Tseng coordinated experts from around the world to gather research, review results, and analyze the common effects of body posture and hand placement on a person's attention and cognition. In total, the call for research generated 12 peer-reviewed articles by 34 experts spanning 23 institutions in countries including Germany, England, China and Canada. The studies allowed researchers to observe the effects of hand placement and posture on subjects in a variety of laboratory settings that mimicked real-world scenarios, including cutting food, using a mobile device and working with another person to complete a puzzle.

FROM PG 22, Center for Innovation

"We're starting a place that allows our community to put its stamp on the world through the collective tools that we have at our disposal – intellectual and professional," Sparks, an associate professor of advertising, said. "Imagine a place where ideas come together around issues and challenges that are important to society."

ICE will have various resources at its disposal to help researchers, like Anderson, including the tools to conduct qualitative research, content analyses, quantitative research and even virtual reality headsets.

Sparks said interdisciplinary collaboration creates a tremendous opportunity for CMU.

"It's about getting information about complex

topics in a language that people understand and through channels that they are engaged with so that they learn and grow and live better lives," Sparks said. "This center has the opportunity to develop research across departments and colleges at CMU."

FROM PG 23, Hour of Code

The two classrooms chosen were Amy Rankey's fourth grade class at Washington Elementary School in Bay City, and Carolynn Collard's fourth grade class at Chesaning Elementary School.

Students from those classes will come to SVSU, write code for an hour, and then tour the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum. They also will participate in a new STEM-gear activity session at the museum, where students will work with wax and water while

also learning how wax and water interact with each other.

The Hour of Code event is a global movement that reaches students in over 180 countries.

COMMUNITY

Making Parent and Community Engagement Our Business



Tiffany Pruitt Courtesy Photo

By: Tiffany L. Pruitt, Saginaw Public Schools' Parent, Family & Community Engagement Specialist

Saginaw Public Schools is open for business and we are hoping to get everyone's buy-in as we implement a nationally recognized evidenced-based framework with proven positive outcomes for students and their families.

Last month, more than 120 school administrators, teachers, parents, social workers, and community partners packed the Saginaw ISD Transition Center for a two-day training to put together action plans for parent involvement. Partners represented included organizations such as Saginaw Max System of Care, The Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Department of Education, and leaders from all 16 schools in the Saginaw Public School District.

As the Saginaw Public School District parent and community specialist, I am excited about what I believe will produce more student success

and will positively influence how we do business with our families. This training will help lay the foundation to help us examine how we conduct business with our families and reach our goals of maintaining excellent schools with strong family support and healthy communities.

Brenda Thomas, Senior Program Facilitator for John Hopkins University's National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) in Baltimore, Maryland, led the two-day professional development for our school teams and district leadership team. The training was sponsored by Saginaw Public Schools Title I and Safe Schools/Healthy Students programs.

Day one of the training focused on "School, Family and Community Partnerships and Expected Results. School teams were given the following strategies and best practices on how to:

- Utilize the evidence-based framework of the six types of involvement, "The Epstein's Model"
- Guide and meet specific challenges to conduct high-quality programs of productive partnerships with all families, examine and discuss promising partnership practices that link to student academic success
- Draft a one-year action plan for partnership that supports achievement goals in their school improvement plan

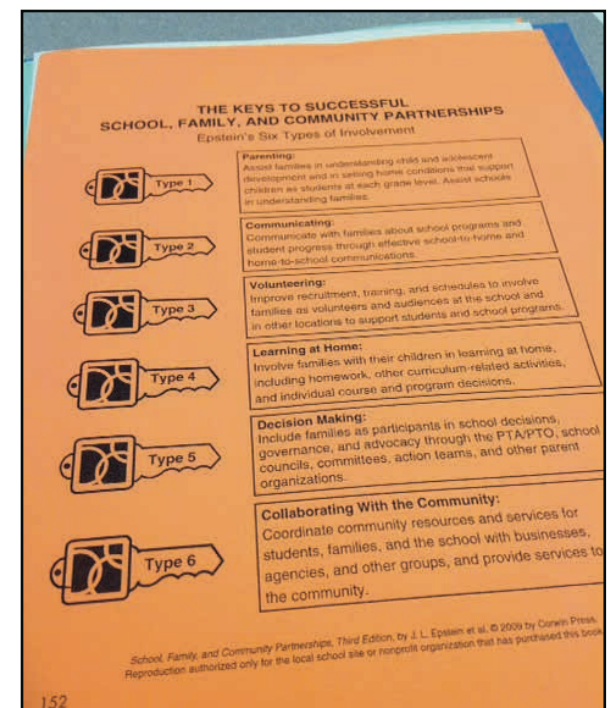
For day two of the training, our central office team and community partners participated in the NNPS District Leadership Institute facilitated by Thomas. She provided the leadership teams with steps that need to be taken to strengthen district-level partnerships and facilitate school-based action teams, how to conduct team training workshops, and helped the district team members "unpack" their leadership roles at the district level.

So, what does this mean to our parents who are our valued customers? It means that we want you to see yourself as our Partner in Education by being actively involved with your child's education and school. We are here to support you and provide you with the identified resources you need to support your child's

academic and social success. Research shows that when parents are actively involved, grades and test scores improve, attendance and graduation rates increase, more college and career planning takes place, and family relationships are strengthened.

Yes, we want you to show up and show out when you hear of activities happening in your child's school, district and community-wide. It is time to put an end to the perception that "parents just don't want to be involved." Being actively involved can mean a number of things - based on the Epstein's Model framework that Saginaw Public School is implementing, there are six types of involvement: Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Learning at Home, Decision Making and Collaborating with Community. See the Keys for Successful Partnership chart for details on the six involvement types and how you can support school teams with parent and community engagement activities/ events throughout Saginaw Public Schools.

For additional information and to become a parent or community partner with Saginaw Public Schools, contact Tiffany L. Pruitt at (989) 399-6593 or email tpruitt@spsd.net.



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Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me - Documentary & Discussion

In 2011, music legend Glen Campbell set out on an unprecedented tour across America. They thought it would last 5 weeks, instead it went for 151 spectacular sold out shows over a triumphant year and a half across America. What made this tour extraordinary was that Glen had recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. He was told to hang up his guitar and prepare for the inevitable. Instead, Glen and his wife went public with his diagnosis and announced that he and his family would set out on a "Goodbye Tour." Join us on Thursday, December 3 at 4 p.m. at Hoyt Library, 505 Janes for this unforgettable documentary and discussion.

The film documents this amazing journey

as he and his family attempt to navigate the wildly unpredictable nature of Glen's progressing disease using love, laughter and music as their medicine of choice.

Following the film, a brief discussion will be led by Irene Hensinger. She is part of a local group of people who are working to assist caregivers in making music therapy a part of Alzheimer's

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p.m. at the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, 1903 N. Niagara St. Recognized for her colorful, detailed depictions of a wide variety of animals, Jan Brett is a favorite among children, teachers and other adults.

The first 100 families in line will receive a free signed Jan Brett poster and we also

welcome families to take a photograph next to the tour bus, which will be wrapped in artwork from “The Turnip.” So please arrive early and join us for this fun and free event. Books will be available for purchase and Jan will autograph after her presentation, as long as time permits.

Preschool Story Times at Zael Library

Preschool Storytimes are held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., at Zael Library 3100 N. Center.

Friday, December 4 is themed “C is for Cookie.” Everyone loves cookies! Join us for a storytime celebrating cookies! Children 3-5 years of age and a loving adult are invited to spend 30 minutes with stories,

songs, fingerplays and fun with cookies.

Friday, December 11 is themed “In the Toy Box.” Toys, toys, toys everywhere! Children 3-5 years of age and a loving adult are invited to our half-hour storytime featuring stories, songs and fingerplays about toys.

Friday, December 18 is themed “Waiting for Christmas.” It's so hard waiting for Christmas. Children 3-5 years of age and a loving adult are invited to join the Christmas fun with our half-hour storytime featuring stories, fingerplays and songs of the holiday.

Library Programs for Children During the Holidays

Join us for our holiday canvas painting program on Monday, December 7 at 4 p.m., at Wickes Library, 1713 Hess. Studio23 will be here to assist teens in using acrylic paint and collage to create a poem. Limited to the first 25 people. Please call 752-3821 for sign-up and more information.

Children in grades K-6 are invited to come to the Create a Card Workshop on Saturday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Zael Library 3100 N. Center! You will be able to make several different types of cards using various papers, buttons, stamps, and other materials. Use your imagination to create a beautiful card

for someone special! Children under the age of 7 need an adult helper. No registration required, but space is limited to the first 50 people.

Participate in Wickes Library's 10th annual Make, Take & Give holiday craft program on Monday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m. (1713 Hess). Listen to holiday music as you choose from several crafts to make, take home, and give to someone special. Children 7 and under need a helper.

Holiday BINGO! is on Saturday, December 19 at 2 p.m., at Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock. Everyone walks away with prizes!

Create a Christmas craft while singing Christmas songs and enjoying the music of the season on Saturday, December 19 at 2 p.m., at Hoyt Library, 505 Janes. For children ages 6 to 10. Children under the age of 7 must have an adult helper.

Holiday Break Movie is on Wednesday, December 30 at 2 p.m., at Hoyt Library, 505 Janes. Laugh out loud as Bob, Kevin, Stuart and the rest of the minions try to find the most despicable master ever! (91 minutes, rated PG). Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Paint Holiday Ceramics with Painterly for Tweens & Teens

Create Your Own Pottery Mug Masterpiece on Saturday, December 5 at 2 p.m., at Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock. Tweens and Teens will have an opportunity to use their imagination to create their own pottery mug design just in time for the holidays. It's a great gift idea for you or someone special. Call 799-9160 to register, limited to 25.

Paint a Snowman on Thursday, December

10 at 4:30 p.m., at Hoyt Library, 505 Janes. Just in time for the holidays, tweens and teens are invited to paint a ceramic snowman. All supplies are FREE. Call 755-9832 to register, limited to the first 15 students (5th-12th grade).

Paint a holiday figurine! Tweens and teens are invited to paint a holiday figurine under the direction of Painterly Pottery on Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m., at Zael Library, 3100

N. Center. There is no cost to participate in this program. Call 799-2771 to register, limited to the first 15 students (5th-12th grade).

When painting is complete, Painterly Pottery will take the pieces back to the studio for firing and then returned to each library a week later for you to pick up just in time for the Christmas holiday.


Makerspace Mondays

Come and tinker with us! Drop-in on Mondays, December 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Butman-Fish Library for MakerSpace Monday! Activities will vary each week. Call 799-9160 for more information.



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1. If your donor took the time to give, you can take the time to say thank you.

There's always a lot to do, but "thank you" must take precedence. If you plan well, it shouldn't take much time. And, it can be joyous – you've received a gift. If a donor gives online, send your thank you electronically. If your donor sends a gift, send your thank you by mail. If it's a meaningful or unusual gift take a moment to pick up the phone and say thanks.

2. Say thank you – plain and simple – without asking for another gift. We recently read a "rant" by Holly Hall via Inside Philanthropy. Her point: "thank donors without asking them for anything." Research shows that's what donors want. It may not be what you want, but with nonprofits losing 50% of the new donors they gain in a year, it might be a good idea to think about what donors want.

3. Share the impact your donor's gift will make. Donors want to know about impact. Maybe you can distribute more holiday gifts to children. Or expose more girls to careers in science and engineering. Maybe your advocacy resulted in a legislative change. In all cases, tell your story.

4. Use an up-to-date thank you letter. Don't use a general all purpose thank you. Share

current information and perhaps a teaser about forthcoming projects or events. Keep it timely.

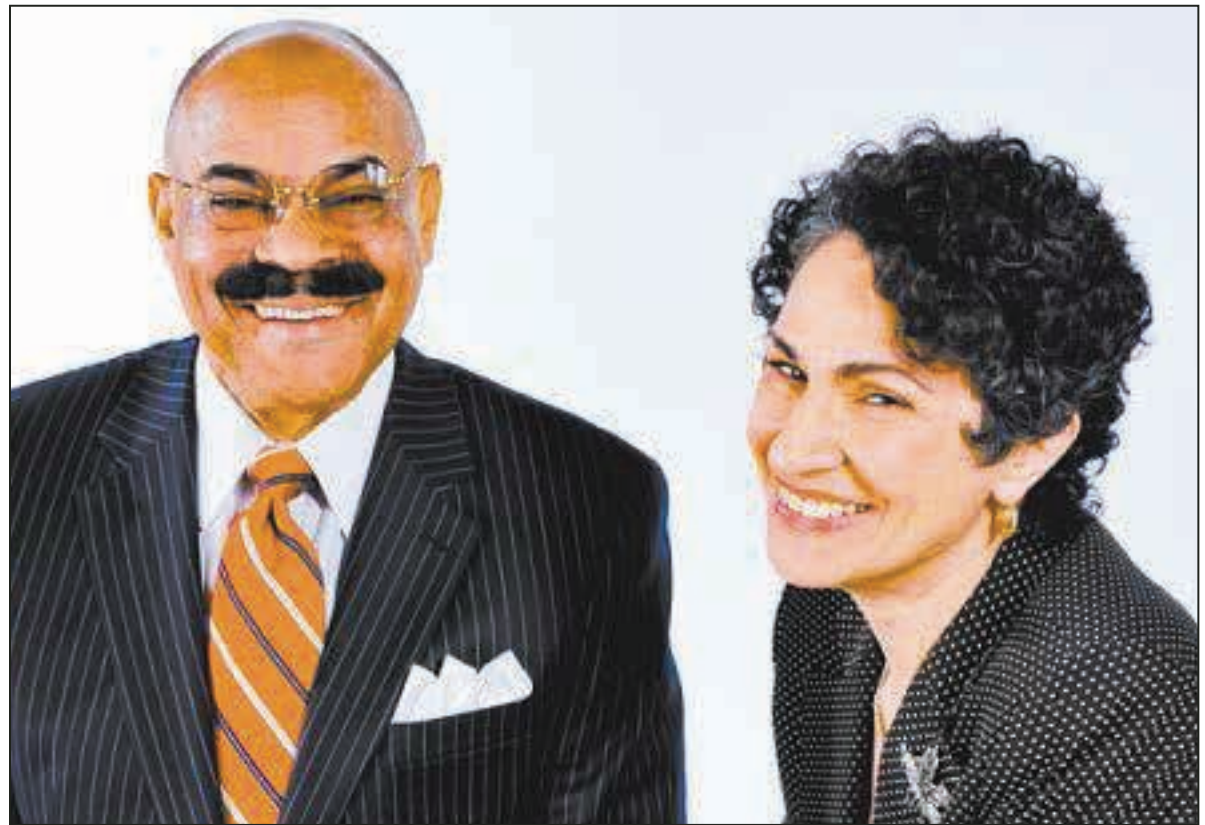
5. Add a personal handwritten note. If you know a donor, its logical that she knows you. Show that you care by adding a handwritten note to the thank you, regardless of the gift size.

Over the years we have talked with many nonprofits about this topic. If a donor gives less than \$250 there's no legal requirement to say "thank you" or provide a written receipt. You may not be legally required to acknowledge

smaller gifts, but what if you didn't receive the gift? We also experienced an organization that received its largest gift from an individual as a bequest – it was a woman who gave \$25 a year for decades.

Thank you deepens a relationship. Keep the focus on the donor, not on the next gift.

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Upcoming Weather

DECEMBER 2015: temperature 31.5° (3° below avg. east, 2° above west);

Precipitation 2.5" (0.5" below avg.);

Dec 1-3: Rain and snow showers;

Dec 4-8: Snowstorm, then flurries cold;

Dec 9-13: Snow east, rain west, then rain and snow showers, mild

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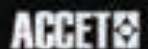
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Carleton Green loves to help people — specifically, to create opportunities for others. It's why the sophomore communications major devotes himself to organizations driven to develop people's potential. Carleton is the vice president of SVSU's chapter National Society of Leadership Success, an organization on campus that emphasizes goal-setting and achievement. In fact, Carleton's chapter achieved a few goals of its own: in its first year, it has been named the Best New Organization and become the largest registered student organization on campus.

A brother in the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and a former mentor in the Great Lakes Bay Region Youth Leadership Institute, Carleton also recently became involved in AISIEC, an international organization that helps students arrange exchanges abroad. "I have done so much and have become involved in quite a few organizations," Carleton says. "I love that SVSU feels like my home away from home."



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