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## Former Saginaw St. George Catholic Church is the New Home for New Birth Missionary Baptist Church



**Pastor Larry D. Camel and 1st Lady Shirley Camel**



**New Birth Missionary Baptist Church**  
*Courtesy Photo*



**(L-R) Pastor Larry D. Camel at signing of the purchase of New Birth Missionary new location formerly Saginaw St. George Catholic Church and Atty. B. J. Humphreys, Saginaw.**

**Saginaw** — When the Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw, announced his decisions regarding parish restructuring two years ago, Pastor Larry Camel, pastor at New Birth Missionary Baptist and co-founder of Parishioners on Patrol, said he had an immediate interest in the St. George Church property located at 3121 Sheridan Ave. in Saginaw. He saw an opportunity for his congregation to fully utilize the space.

“The first time I went inside, I saw how beautiful it was and I realized all that it offered us,” Pastor Camel said. “I just stared at the stained glass windows and asked God, ‘Is it possible for this to be my church?’”

Pastor Camel contacted St. Francis of Assisi Parish, of which St. George is a part, to inquire about the church property.

The matter was given careful consideration by the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils and a recommendation was ultimately made to pursue lease or sale.

Members of the parish were given an opportunity to voice their questions and concerns before Bishop Cistone approved closure of St. George Catholic Church.

“While it is sad to see one of our Catholic churches close, I am very encouraged that the former St. George

Church building will continue to serve our community as a house of God,” Bishop Cistone said.

“The Catholic ministry and outreach which extended from those walls will always be part of our cherished history and it is my sincere hope that New Birth Missionary Baptist finds it to be a beautiful space for worship and to do the work of Jesus Christ.”

St. George is the first church building to be sold following the diocesan-wide parish restructuring. The process for lease or sale of a Catholic church in the Diocese of Saginaw involves a comprehensive multi-step process.

As part of the process, the diocesan Office of Liturgy identified specific components and/or liturgical furnishings within St. George which had to be removed. All sale proceeds go to the parish.

“I’ve formed a great relationship with Pastor Camel through this process,” said the Rev. Thomas Schmied, OFM Cap and Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

“We share a passion for serving the poor, needy and deprived in our community and I believe our church communities will find opportunities to work together once he has settled into his new church.”



## Congratulations YWCA Women of Achievement Awards Honorees



Members of The Tri City (MI) Links, Incorporated at the Great Lakes Bay Region YWCA Women of Achievement Awards. Link Stacy Erwin Oakes received the Community Leader Award and Link Kim Houston-Philpot was the Co-Emcee for the evening along with Kevin Kendricks. *Photo Credit: Linda Holoman*



(L-R) Attorney DeLois Leapheart of Midland and Saginaw Entrepreneur Shiela Little. *Photo Credit: Linda Holoman*



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# Community

## First Lieutenant William Milzarski Receives Purple Heart Medal



U.S. Representative John Moolenaar presents the Purple Heart to First Lieutenant William Milzarski. The lieutenant's wife, Michelle Milzarski, is at left.

**Lansing** - Today, First Lieutenant William Milzarski of Bath Township received the Purple Heart Medal at a ceremony in the rotunda of the state capitol in Lansing on March 12. As a platoon leader in Afghanistan, First Lieutenant Milzarski led 24 soldiers on 244 combat missions. On May 27, 2011, he was struck in the face by a ricocheted bullet as he and his men were engaged in combat with the enemy.

U.S. Representative John Moolenaar, Midland, presented the Purple Heart Medal and praised Milzarski, saying, "He braved firefights in a foreign land on our behalf, defending our way of life and the values we cherish." State Senator Rick Jones, Grand Ledge, and State Speaker Pro Tempore Tom Leonard, DeWitt, attended the event. Leonard presented Milzarski with a flag that was flown over the state capitol.

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# Uncle Sam Wants DACA Recipients to Avoid Tax Scams



# NEW AMERICA MEDIA

By Viji Sundaram

**Wash.** - A new scam targeting immigrants has gotten the attention of Uncle Sam.

Health advocates are concerned that tax preparers have been misinforming, and some even outright scamming, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) beneficiaries by making them pay a penalty for not having health insurance.

On Wednesday, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released a statement clarifying that there is no such penalty for undocumented immigrants or for DACA recipients. DACA is a program announced by President Obama in 2012 that gives temporary protection against deportation to undocumented immigrants who came to this country as children.

“Advocates have been asking the Obama administration for a month to provide tax preparers some clarity,” said Angel Padilla, a health policy analyst at the Washington, D.C. office of the

National Immigration Law Center. Up until now, he said, “there was not something official we had that we could point to from IRS that makes this clear. Now we do.”

The IRS website now reflects the clarity that advocates have been pressuring it to spell out: Individuals who are not U.S. citizens or nationals and are not lawfully present in the United States are exempt from the individual shared responsibility provision.

For this purpose, an immigrant with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status is considered not lawfully present and, therefore, is eligible for this exemption. An individual may qualify for this exemption even if he or she has a social security number (SSN).

The confusion arises from a policy under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that requires nearly all Americans to have some form of health insurance, or face a penalty.

That coverage could come from job-based insurance; an individual health plan bought

through government-run health care exchanges or elsewhere; Medicaid (known as Medi-Cal in California), a government-funded health insurance program for low-income people; or Medicare, a health insurance program for those who are over 65 or have a disability.

For 2014, the first year the policy went into effect, the penalty for failing to get such coverage was \$95 per adult and \$47.50 per child, or 1 percent of taxable household income, whichever was greater. The penalty will increase in subsequent years.

But the requirement to have health insurance does not extend to undocumented immigrants or DACA beneficiaries. That’s because they are not lawful residents. DACA is only a benefit eligibility category, not an immigration status.

It is a distinction that neither the Department of Health and Human Services nor the Internal Revenue Service made clear on their websites until now, Padilla said.

*SEE P LB 3, Uncle Sam*

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**FROM PLB 2, Uncle Sam**

"That lack of clarity trickled down to tax preparers," he said.

Brenda Ordaz, a representative of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) and a health navigator for the state's health insurance marketplace, has seen the confusion first hand.

A DACA recipient herself, Ordaz says other DACA recipients have been coming to her, asking why their tax preparers were making them pay penalties for not having health insurance.

She said one tax preparer asked a DACA client to pay her the penalty directly and in cash, rather than asking the IRS to deduct it from his refund.

"I'm sure some preparers are doing this to undocumented people as well," Ordaz said.

Los Angeles resident and DACA beneficiary Ana Alcantara, 22, says her tax preparer told her she had to pay the penalty when he discovered she didn't have health insurance. She reluctantly agreed to have the \$95 deducted from her nearly \$850 tax refund.

Alcantara didn't know she was exempt from the requirement. She also didn't know that she could have enrolled in California's state-funded Medi-Cal program as soon as she received DACA in 2013.

Even though DACA recipients are banned from accessing any federal programs, they qualify for state-funded Medi-Cal – something that many aren't aware of.

Meanwhile, tax preparers themselves say they don't always know if their client is a DACA recipient. One tax preparer acknowledged that she had filed tax returns for a number of clients

that included the penalty because they had failed to tell her that they were DACA beneficiaries.

"It's hard to know because a lot of clients don't open up," explained Azucena Lopez, co-owner of Gonzales Tax Services in Madera, Calif. She said she had assumed they were lawful residents when they told her they had a work permit and social security number.

Since she became aware that her clients were DACA recipients -- and were exempt from the penalty -- Lopez says she has been filing amended tax returns. Alcantara's tax preparer also has agreed to file an amendment so Alcantara can get her \$95 back.

Read more about health care and DACA on the National Immigration Law Center's website, [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org).

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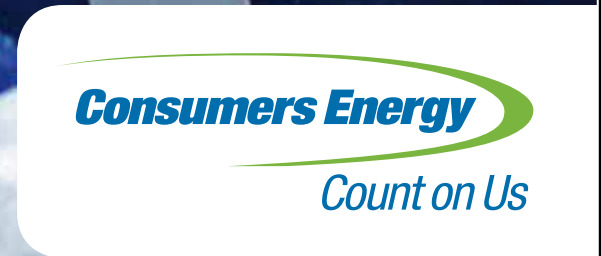
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**Saginaw** - Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) recently celebrated its 23rd Annual Awards Luncheon at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. The luncheon was attended by more than 400 business and community leaders, along with special guest Lt. Governor Brian Calley.

The 35 development projects recognized from 2014 has led to nearly \$233 million invested in Saginaw County. Along with the Economic Excellence Awards, Amigo Mobility International was selected as the Saginaw Future Procurement Technical Assistance Center Contractor of the Year.

"The Saginaw Future Annual Awards Luncheon is an opportunity to celebrate the growth of our local and regional economy that impacts just about all of our lives," said 2014 Saginaw Future Chairman D. Aaron Howald.

"Millions of dollars in new investment and job creation helps support our local communities, spin-off jobs, small businesses, entrepreneurs, and families!"

Saginaw County's manufacturing sector is resurging with 19 of the 35 projects in 2014 that

are manufacturing related. The sector generated more than \$166 million in new investment and created and retained 912 jobs.

Saginaw Future President JoAnn Crary stated, "It's exciting to see a resurging manufacturing sector, which resulted in significant projects from Buena Vista Charter Township to Thomas Township," said Saginaw Future President JoAnn Crary.

"New investments in Downtown and Old Town Saginaw have young professionals and entrepreneurs returning to the urban center to live, learn, work and play."

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Vonda VanTil

**By Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

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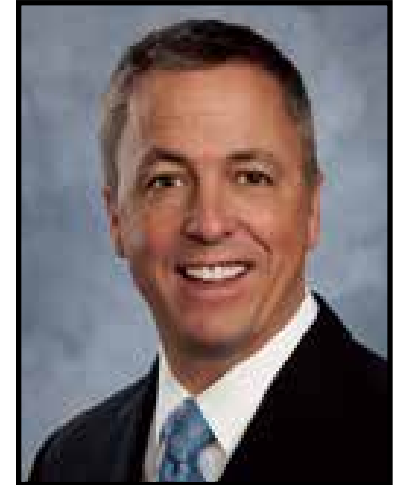
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Hausbeck holds an Associates Degree in Business Administration from Delta College and a BA in Finance from Michigan State University.

He began working for Hausbeck Pickle Company in 1992 and was named President and CEO in 2010. Under the leadership of Tim Hausbeck, the Hausbeck Pickle Company is the recipient of the 2014, Mid-Michigan Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals, "Outstanding Corporation" award, for their many philanthropic contributions to the community.

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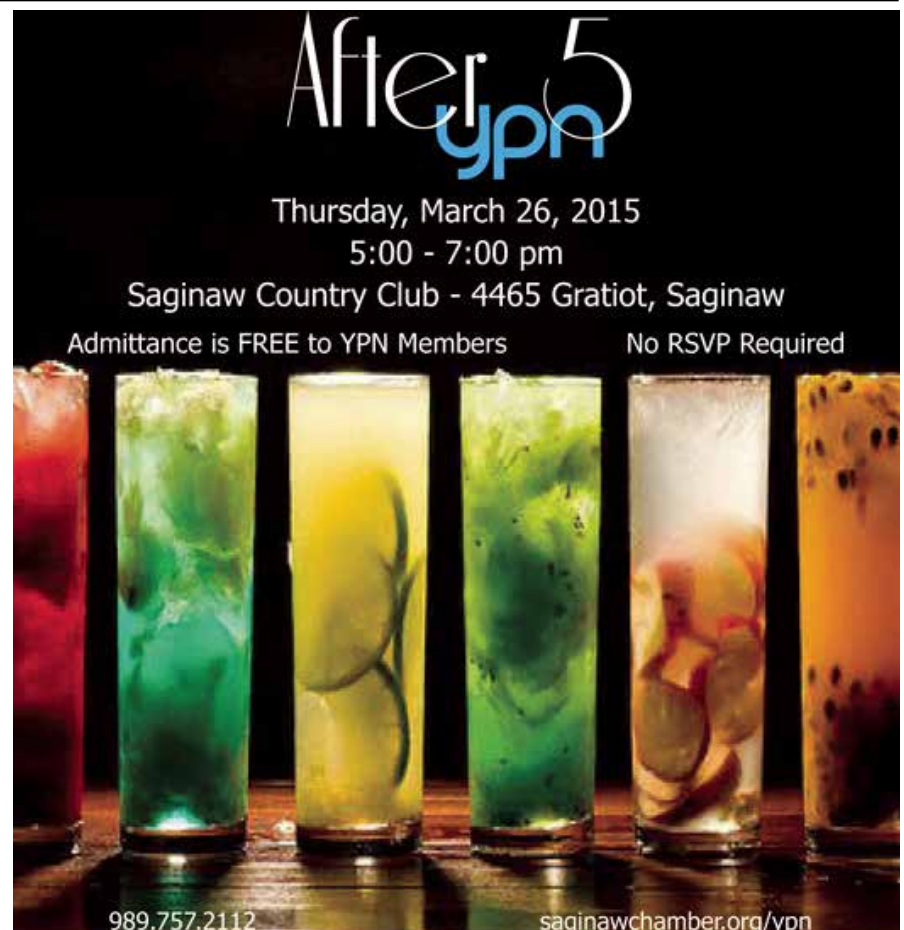


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## Pamela Moore's Mission to Help the Unemployed in Detroit



Pamela Moore President and CEO  
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By Damon Autry

**Detroit-** Moore beams with excitement. To the casual observer, it may simply appear that she is an unapologetic lover of life. But to those who have gotten to know Moore on a professional level, it becomes quickly apparent that her joy is rooted in the work she does on behalf of the citizens of Detroit.

Moore is the president and CEO of Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC). It is Detroit's workforce and training agency and part of the Michigan Works! network which provides services to job seekers across the city. DESC administers a demand-driven service delivery system that responds to the talent needs of metro Detroit employers.

"Our goal is to get job seekers employment that will sustain them and their family," Moore said.

Employers in the region share with DESC the specific kinds of skills they are in need of at any given time. With this information, Moore and her staff set out to find qualified Detroiters to fill those slots.

"Some job seekers have skills that are not in demand," she said. "If that's the case, then perhaps training is the answer, getting them reskilled is key. Other job seekers have the right skills but lack the connections and relationships with employers. And that's where we come in."

DESC has the infrastructure to assist both the prospective worker with immediate employment needs, and those with the flexibility to sit through a several-month training class. Either way, DESC is equipped to serve job seekers' varied needs.

"Every job seeker's situation is unique, and we try to meet them wherever they are. The end game, though, is to get them viable employment," she said.

There may be job seekers who are not sure how their skills stack up against employers' demands, and others who may have exhausted all their options in looking for a job on their own. For these individuals, DESC offers career advisors.

Once a part of the City of Detroit's workforce development department, DESC spun off into a separate nonprofit entity in July of 2012.

Then-Mayor Dave Bing saw the vast inefficiencies within the department prior to that 2012 move and decided DESC would be a better agency as a stand-alone nonprofit with broader capabilities of serving Detroit residents and the businesses looking to hire them. But while it's no longer a city department, DESC is still attached very closely to the city.

"It's common across the country for workforce development entities to be under a nonprofit structure," Moore said. "It allows us to attract private dollars and allows us to be much more responsive to the business environment. We're limited in those respects if we're part of a local municipality."

So now instead of the DESC's funds funneling through the city by way of the state, money now funnels through the nonprofit structure. Mayor Mike Duggan appoints its board of directors, and the bulk of DESC's funding comes from the federal government.

These dollars are specifically allocated for Detroit and can only be spent on programs and initiatives for which they are intended. Since the time of DECS's separation from the city, the number of placements has improved from 6,866 in 2011 to 12,748 in 2014, an increase of more than 85 percent.

DESC's dedication to solving the employment challenges in Detroit is an important cog in the economic wheel of the city, regardless of the organization's business structure. Moore and her staff offer targeted programs for both young people and adults.

Some of their youth programs include the Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund, Jobs for Michigan's Graduates, DTE/Recreation, and the Year-Round Youth Program, which aims to improve the long-term prospects for Detroit youth by providing career pathway education and opportunities and other basic skills development. DESC serves more than 2,000 youth each year, ages 14-21.

The entire article can be read at [www.michiganchronicle.com](http://www.michiganchronicle.com)

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# Education

## Temple Theatre: Dinosaur Train - Live! Announces Coloring Contest Winners



O'Nasia E. Carter

**Saginaw** - Congratulations to our Dinosaur Train - Live! Coloring Contest Winners!

In the ages 2 -5 years category, the winner is O'Nasia E. Carter, age 5, a kindergartener at

Handley Elementary, her teacher is Miss Pasioneck. She won four free tickets to see Dinosaur Train - Live! Buddy's Big Adventure.

In the ages 6 -13 years category, the winner is Jeremiah Seegers, age 7, a second grader at Handley Elementary, his teacher is Mrs. Harris. He won four free tickets to see Dinosaur Train - Live! Buddy's Big Adventure.

Thank you to all the children, parents and teachers who participated in the Temple's Dinosaur Train -Live! Coloring Contest! We enjoyed all of the different perspectives and the colorful entries we received from Bay, Midland and Saginaw area elementary school students.

Dinosaur Train - Live! Buddy's Big Adventure brings the beloved stars of the hit PBS series to the Temple Theatre, 201 N. Washington Ave., in Saginaw for the first time on Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are available online, [www.temple-theatre.com](http://www.temple-theatre.com), or by call the Temple Box Office at 989.754.7469. The tickets are \$15 to \$30, children ages 2-13 receive \$5 off.



Jeremiah Seegers

## SVSU to Host Annual College Night; First Time in Spring

**University Center, MI** - Saginaw Valley State University will host Great Lakes Bay Region College Night Monday, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in SVSU's Groening Commons and Curtiss Hall.

Previously, this event has been held in the fall; it is being moved to spring to give regional high school students more time to research and explore different college options.

"This is a prime opportunity for local high school students, especially juniors and sophomores in the Great Lakes Bay Region, to explore a wide variety of college options in one setting," said Jennifer Pahl, SVSU director of admissions.

"Whether you are just starting your college selection process or are close to making your decision, this event can provide valuable information to help you make the best choice for you."

The college night will give high school sophomores and juniors from the Great Lakes Bay Region a head start in learning about college and the opportunities it has to offer.

Admission representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities will be present to provide students and parents with information about financial aid, scholarships, academic programs, career opportunities, housing, clubs, athletics, and other college-related topics.

Recruitment officers from the U.S. Armed Forces will also be present to supply information to interested students.

A financial aid presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

There is no charge to attend. For more information, contact SVSU's admission office at (989) 964-4200 or visit [svsu.edu/glbrcollegenight](http://svsu.edu/glbrcollegenight).



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# Mr. North Carolina A&T Wins Mr. H.B.C.U. 2015



**James Bowen**

**N.C.** - After nearly three months of preparation for the Mr. HBCU pageant, Mr. North Carolina A&T James Bowen II's work has paid off.

"When they called my name, it was a moment of relief and gratification to know that I could win it not only for myself but on behalf of North Carolina," he said.

Bowen, 21, competed against contestants from eight other historically black colleges or universities at the 11th annual Mr. HBCU Kings' Leadership Conference and Competition at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. The contestants participated in four categories – oratory; talent; ease of manner (formal wear); and question and answer.

"They called best talent and best oratory so when I got both, I asked, 'So does that mean I won?' Bowen said.

Bowen became the second A&T to be named Mr. HBCU. Two years ago, Reginald Nathaniel Johnson won the competition in the same manner as Bowen, claiming the oratory and talent portions of the competition before winning the overall crown.

"We spoke right after I won," Bowen said. "He told me how much he believed in me and supported me and how he knew I had the potential to win the whole time."

Being crowned Mr. HBCU isn't the only thing Bowen and Johnson have in common. Like Johnson, Bowen was Mr. Freshman and Mr. Junior before being crowned Mr. A&T.

For his talent, Bowen performed a dramatic presentation that allowed him to sing and recite an original poem about his relationship with his father.

"Talent is something that you really work on, and for me to win with that (presentation), it meant a lot to me," he said.

Bowen said preparation for the competition was a lot more intense than for the Mister A&T pageant and a bit more nerve wracking.

"Here, I had an idea of who my competition would be, and with this I didn't. It forced me to be the best me I could be. I grew a lot," he said. "I wanted to present my best self and the best version of A&T I could."

Bowen is set to graduate in May with a degree in industrial engineering. Plans after graduation are unclear, but he is in the process of interviewing with Teach for America.

"I want to teach for a few years and then go to graduate school," he said.

For some, engineering to education seems to be a bit of a leap, but not for Bowen.

"I thought about the people who influenced me when I was growing up, and a lot of them were teachers," he said. "A lot of kids in low-income areas don't really see a lot of black male teachers who can encourage them and be mentors. This is an opportunity for me to do that."

*Source: North Carolina A&T*

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**Spring Arbor** - Spring Arbor University invites business professionals and the community to attend the 2015 Leadercast event on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The live simulcast called "The Brave Ones" will air at the Michigan Theatre, 124 N Mechanic St., Jackson, MI 49201.

Shown live from Atlanta, the Leadercast event will feature speakers who will speak on bravery and its role in leadership.

"Leadercast is an affordable opportunity for local businesses to send their employees to a conference close to home that encourages professional development and leadership without the hassle of traveling and lodging," said Kaitlyn Tracy, general manager of SAU Radio and Leadercast organizer.

The 2015 program focuses on the idea that an essential behavior for any leader is the act of bravery. The lineup of speakers includes:

Andy Stanley – Leadership author and communicator

Peyton Manning – Super Bowl-winning quarterback and 5-time NFL MVP

Malala Yousfzai – CNN's "Bravest Girl in the World"

Ed Catmull – President of Pixar & Disney animation studios

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Rudy Giuliani – Mayor of New York City (1993-2001)

Aja Brown – Mayor of Compton

CMDR Rorke Denver – Navy SEAL commander and author

Bill McDermott – CEO of SAP AG

Pricing is \$60 for the general public before May 1 and \$70 after. SAU Corporate Partners can purchase tickets for \$50 and groups of 8 or more are \$55 each. You can purchase tickets

at [arbor.edu/leadercast](http://arbor.edu/leadercast).

All proceeds from Leadercast will benefit the Spring Arbor University Arbor Fund, which supports student scholarships. The event is sponsored by South Central Michigan Works!, Michigan Community Credit Union, The Walton Group, and Comerica Bank.

For more information, visit [arbor.edu/leadercast](http://arbor.edu/leadercast).



## Makala Allen Selected as Judge Marable Student of the Year

**Flint** - Flint 68th District Judge, Herman Marable, Jr., and his Citizens Advisory Committee has announced that Makala Allen, of Flint, has been selected as the Judge Marable Student of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year.

Makala, 17, is currently in the 11th grade and an honor roll student at Flint Northwestern High School. She was selected by Judge Marable's Citizens Advisory Committee on the basis of her application and essay.

Allen aspires to study criminal justice and serve in the National Guard. Her extracurricular activities at school include serving on the student council and the girls' volleyball team. She is captain of the cheerleading squad and runs cross-country and track. Her hobbies include braiding hair and singing.

As a Judge Marable Student of the Year, Makala receives a \$500.00 award, trophy, and certificate. Her name has been engraved on a plaque on permanent display at the 68th District Courthouse.

The Judge Marable Student of the Month/Year program was established in 2004 by Judge Marable and his Citizens Advisory Committee to encourage Genesee County high school students to focus on academic achievement and career goals.

Each month during the school year September to June a 10th grade student is recognized and awarded a \$75.00 prize, trophy, and certificate based on the completion of an application and essay about their career goals.

One of the monthly honorees is selected as the Student of the Year and receives a \$500.00 award. Makala is the tenth Judge Marable Student of the Year.

Judge Marable Students of the Month for the 2013 to 2014 school year were: Chadelle Richardson, and DeMarquese Powell, Flint Northwestern High School; Cody Haggadone, Lakeville Memorial High School; Jason Zemore, Flushing High School; and Destiny Cannamore, International Academy of Flint.

Judge Herman Marable, Jr., commented, "I am delighted that for more than a decade, we have given away thousands of dollars in prize packages and have honored and touched the lives of more than 80 students.

"Unfortunately, there are too many young people in our county that are not focused on their education and career goals, and this group often ends up in the court system. We must continue to send the message to youth that their education is one of the keys to success."

Tenth grade students who are residents of Flint or Genesee County, or attend public, charter, or private schools located in Genesee County are eligible to apply for the Judge Marable Student of the Month/Year Award.

Additional information concerning the Judge Marable Student of the Month/Year Award and applications are available online at [www.judgemarable.net](http://www.judgemarable.net) or from high school guidance counselors, principals, or from the office of Judge Herman Marable, Jr., Courtroom 1, 68th District Court, 630 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan 48502, Phone (810) 597-7795.



**Makala Allen viewing her name on student of the year plaque**



# History

## Thanks and Honor: Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement



Elizabeth Ross - Courtesy Photo: Central Michigan University

**By Elizabeth Ross**  
**First lady of Central Michigan University**

**Mount Pleasant** - As the nation comes together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights March, I am compelled to write this article in honor of my late father, Robert Gardner, my mom, Mary Gardner, and the other two property owners whose land the marchers rested on during their journey from Selma to Montgomery.

The events and instances I share are based on my personal experience and stories shared with me by my parents.

I remember the “White” and “Colored” signs.

When my mother took us shopping in Montgomery, I vividly remember passing the “White” food counter on the main floor of H.L. Green’s Department Store to go downstairs to get a sandwich at the “Colored” food counter for my brother.

As a young teenager, that did not seem right or fair to me. I could not and did not eat food from the “Colored” food counter.

I remember like it was yesterday, my mother along with her sister and friends studying on our front porch to take “the test” in order to exercise their right to vote. They were all educated and teachers in the county.

I watched the massacre of March 7, 1965, broadcast on television as “Bloody Sunday.” For a 13 year old, it was a scary scene.

After the “Turnaround Tuesday” event, the organizers had to regroup and make plans for another attempt. They held meetings at The A.G. Gaston Motel in Birmingham, Alabama. A.G. Gaston was one of many sponsors of the movement and my father’s brother-in-law.

After securing protection for the marchers, organizers lined up campsites for the marchers to stay at night. Uncle A.G. told the men when they entered Lowndes County to ask

for directions to Robert Gardner’s property along Highway 80 in hopes the marchers could camp there on the last leg of the march before reaching St. Jude in Montgomery.

When the organizers got to Lowndes County, they stopped at the Canaan Hill Primitive Baptist Church where the members were having a meeting and asked for directions to our home.

The following Monday, the men came to the house and told my father who they were and that they wanted permission for the marchers to camp on our property. My father told the men to let him think about it and to come back.

Daddy and Mama talked about it and decided that they would let the marchers camp. The organizers told my parents that we would be protected by the troops.

When the news spread that the marchers were camping on the property, three white men

**SEE P 27, Thanks and Honor**



Robert and Mary Gardner - Courtesy Photo

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**Ga.** – Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the colon or rectum, it is called colorectal cancer or colon cancer.

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Of cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the United States, but it doesn't have to be. Colorectal cancer screening saves lives.

Screening can find precancerous polyps — abnormal growths in the colon or rectum—so that they can be removed before turning into cancer.

Screening also helps find colorectal cancer at an early stage, when treatment

often leads to a cure. About nine out of every 10 people whose colorectal cancers are found early and treated appropriately are still alive five years later.

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



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## Now that the weather is warming up, what activities are you looking forward to being able to do again that boosts your mental health and wellness?



"I'm looking forward to the community events and festivals in the summer. I like to go to the Friday Night Live events, and last year I went to the Fourth of July celebration, Country Fest and a bunch of other things. It helps me feel connected to the community." **Linda Szymarek, Saginaw Resident**

"I like to stay active and do things outdoors like putt-putt. Plus I'm going on a family vacation to Savannah, Georgia in June so I'm looking forward to summer in general!" **Diane Roberson, Saginaw Resident**



"I am going to go for walks, and am going to try quitting smoking. I'm also excited about getting out to do putt-putt golf." **Kenny Steavus, Saginaw Resident**



"I am going to go for walks, go to the library, and work at Bayside Clubhouse. And possibly go to some baseball games with my uncle." **Jen Campbell, Saginaw Resident**



"I like to get out and go walking at the mall and play miniature golf at Kokomo's. I'm looking forward to doing that and enjoying the fresh air again." **Sandy Wagner, Saginaw Resident**



"I look forward to walking and making crafts. I'm also looking forward to joining an exercise class and sitting outside on the porch." **Lesia McAfee, Saginaw Resident**



# Go the Extra Mile for Covenant Kids

**Saginaw** - Since founding the event in 2010, Go the Extra Mile for Covenant Kids Race Director, Laura Fiore, has wanted Go the Extra Mile for Covenant Kids to be open and inviting to people of all abilities. "This is more than a road race. It has evolved into a large community event," says Fiore.

The sixth annual event is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, starting at Swan Valley High School, 8400 O'Hern, in Saginaw and offers something for everyone; no matter age or level of ability.

The 5K welcomes both runners and walkers, and a 1 Mile walk/run is also available. Half Marathon runners and hand cyclists are welcome to navigate the fast and flat course.

Again this year, race organizers have included a lower priced category for youth runners aged 12 and under, recognizing the importance of keeping kids active. The category will also encourage kids to Go the Extra Mile for their peers with lower registration fees.

To support walkers and runners, beginners to advanced, the YMCA of Saginaw is offering 5K and Half Marathon training programs. Whether participants are looking to simply finish their

first race or set a personal record, the program can help them reach their individual goals.

Fiore says, "It's nice to see people back year after year. Some who walked one year and challenged themselves to run the next year." An objective of this program is to help participants embrace a healthy lifestyle for a lifetime- not just the duration of the program. Fiore noticed several corporations bringing their wellness program to the event.

"Some companies embraced Go the Extra Mile for Covenant Kids as their celebratory race to round out their wellness program.

"There are so many positive layers to that - their dedication to their employees' health; their outreach to Covenant Kids; and their commitment to the community. It was very cool to see and inspired me to create a Team category!

"When you register online at covenantkidsrace.com, you can register as a Team. The winner of the Team category will be the team that is the biggest! It won't matter what race or how fast the team ran it if your team brings the biggest group of people to the event you win the Team category! We want to celebrate our community's efforts to get involved!"

Registration pricing until April 23 are as follows: half marathon run/hand cycle \$45, 5K Run and 5K Walk \$25, Youth 12 and under 5K Run and 5K Walk \$20, 1 Mile Run \$10.

To register or to see course details, visit [www.covenantkidsrace.com](http://www.covenantkidsrace.com). For information on sponsorships or volunteering, contact Laura Fiore at [lfiore@covenantkidsrace.com](mailto:lfiore@covenantkidsrace.com)

For information on training programs, contact Tina Dowe at the Saginaw YMCA 989.753.7721.



Go the Extra Mile for Covenant Kids Participant  
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## Dr. Ben Carson to Speak at Alma College

**Alma** - Dr. Ben Carson will be addressing the campus and community on April 1st at the Remick Heritage Center, Presbyterian Hall, Alma College. The event is from 8 p.m. to - 10 p.m. and tickets are limited.

Dr. Benjamin Carson is emeritus professor of neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where he directed pediatric neurosurgery for 29 years.

He is also the author of several books on leadership, and will present "Take the Risk: A Rational Approach to Taking Risks."

The tickets are \$20 each and are available at the box office at 989-463-7304.



Dr. Ben Carson



# Team Up for Your Child ROAD MAP BINDER PARTY

This Binder Party is for **parents, grandparents, or guardians of students age 6-17** who have **current or active 504 Plans** (for students with disabilities) or an **Individualized Education Plan (IEP)**. Families will create a binder that will serve as a step-by-step guide to working smarter with schools, doctors, insurers, and agencies. Those attending will be provided with a workbook, inserts, and a binder. **Please bring with you an up-to-date photo of your child for inclusion in the binder!**

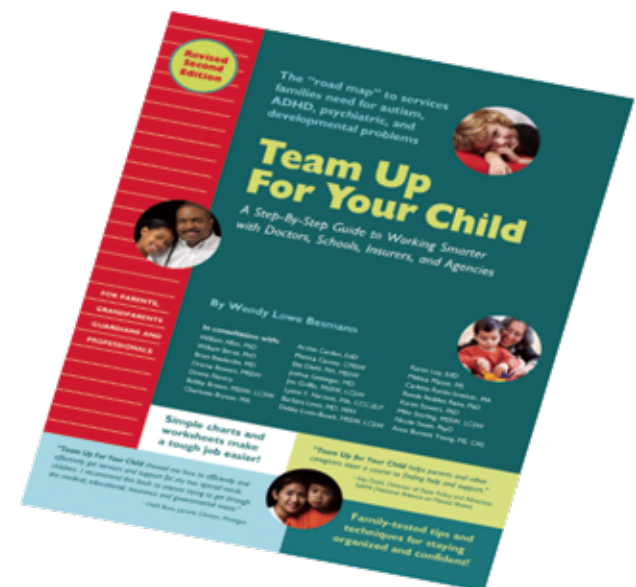
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# Nonprofit News

## Women and Philanthropy



Mel and Pearl Shaw

**By Mel and Pearl Shaw**  
**Saad & Shaw Comprehensive Fund**  
**Development Services**

“Women rock!” “Women rule!” “If you want something done, ask a woman.” “Women hold up half the sky.” It’s women’s history month and time to and fundraisers.

Join us in paying tribute to women and girls who nurture and support families and communities across the country and around the globe.

Sometimes we are recognized—often we are not. We are the grandmother putting money in her granddaughter’s pocket as she heads off to college. We are girl scouts selling cookies, sorority sisters raising money for scholarships and girls running in St. Jude’s fundraising marathons across the country.

We are Oseola McCarty, a Hattiesburg Mississippi washerwoman, giving \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi,

and Wylodine Taylor Patton, the alumna, leaving \$487,500 to LeMoyne-Owen College. We are Helen LaKelly Hunt and Ambassador Swanee Hunt launching “Women Moving Millions,” encouraging women to give \$1 million gifts and raising over \$500 million to change the lives of women and girls.

We are Gayle Rose creator of Team Max, a “vigilante philanthropy” group of young people giving to others in honor of her generous son Max who lost his life in a car accident.

We give as individuals, and we give collectively through women’s foundations and giving circles. We are the Women’s Funding Network, founded 30 years ago, and now the largest philanthropic network in the world devoted to women and girls with 160 members from 30 countries on six continents.

We promote philanthropy, encouraging others to give through online portals such as Black Gives Back, started by Tracey Webb a woman, of course.

We are presidents and CEOs of regional and national foundations, setting the philanthropic agenda, funding research and making grants that affect every aspect of life.

We are Jan Young (The Assisi Foundation of Memphis), Judy Belk (The California Wellness Foundation), Risa Lavizzo-Mourey (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), Carol S. Larson (David and Lucile Packard

Foundation), Patricia E. Harris (Bloomberg Philanthropies), Audrey Yamamoto (Asian Pacific Fund) and Helene D. Gayle (CARE).

As professional fundraisers, we raise funds for social organizations, political parties, hospitals, schools, colleges and universities, art institutions and more.

We are Jann Honore, a fundraising executive with more than 30 years experience with UNCF raising money for generations of college students.

We are Maricar Boyle, focused on health, education and the environment. Dionne Jackson with Lehigh University, Gurdeep Sihota He’Bert, executive director, State Center Community College Foundation, and Iris R. Ramey, Vice President for Development, Hampton University.

We are Marianne G. Briscoe, President and Managing Director of Brakeley Briscoe, a leading fundraising consulting firm that provides services across the Americas.

The list of women who make a difference is longer than long. If you want to meet a woman philanthropist, look in the mirror or into the eyes of the women and girls in your life.

*Mel and Pearl Shaw position nonprofits, colleges and universities for fundraising success. For help with your fundraising visit [www.saadandshaw.com](http://www.saadandshaw.com) or call (901) 522-8727.*

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# Providing Stability for the Community...

**Midland** - In 2010, Donna was on the verge of despair. She had been living in a shelter with her daughter for six months. She was, to use her words, at ground zero and the instability, and uncertainty surrounding her situation was difficult to bear.

Numerous discussions with caseworkers eventually resulted in a referral to DNMM's Representative Payee program. From the beginning, Donna felt a sense of relief in that DNMM would be managing her finances.

"It was a load off," said Donna. "They were able to take one stress off my plate, which allowed me to focus on the other aspects of my life."

DNMM began working with Donna on building everyday living skills like how to save money. She soon approached Habitat for Humanity as a candidate for a home-build. Habitat soon approved her for a new home, citing her involvement with the representative payee program as one of the reasons she was approved.

Donna moved into her new home in August

of 2013. Donna also credits DNMM staff with helping her during this transitional period. "Putting those living skills into practice - in the real world - that takes support," said Donna. "Gail helped build a home budget that worked for my daughter and me. Gail made things a lot less daunting."

A lot of the support Donna references was in the form of, as she says, "tough love." Donna describes Gail as a "stabilizing friend" who helped her realize she "could be independent, not reliant."

Within a few months, Donna found herself successfully balancing time with her daughter, a circle of friends, a church group, a support group while also teaching part time at the Midland ESA.

"Knowing how things used to be, it's hard to believe how stable life is now," said Donna. "I'm a survivor and so is my daughter. We are moving forward together and with the skills and support I've received from Disability Network, I know we'll never see ground zero again."



Gail Carter, DNMM's Representative Payee  
*Courtesy Photo*

*"Our ministry embraces a simple concept of providing a hand up versus a hand out to families in need, and we are deeply grateful to volunteers, donors and other supporters around the world who help us with this life-changing work."*

*~ Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International*



## Inside the ReStore

*"Seeking to put God's love into action, Saginaw Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."*

**Saginaw** - Donations of furniture and appliances are always needed. They go like hotcakes. Other donations such as new and used building materials are always appreciated.

ReStore Saginaw helps us fulfill our mission in various ways. First, ReStore Saginaw is the place many go to find what

they need for their home. They would rather see what we have than go to a big box store to purchase the item new at retail prices. Someone else will buy it and give it a home and use the item for years to come.

Second, it gives landlords and homeowners a low-cost option to repairs to their homes.

Finally, it generates income for Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity's mission. We believe in being environmentally

committed to reducing waste in landfills. Instead of throwing it away where it ends up in a landfill, throw it our way.

If you haven't been to the ReStore recently, we invite you to come and take a look. You never know what you'll find, it's a new store every time.

The ReStore is located at 315 W. Holland Ave., and the hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information, or to donate items call 989.754.9435.

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Women of Colors  
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## FROM P 20, Thanks and Honor

came to the house one night and told my Daddy they would give him any amount of money to change his mind and not let the marchers camp.

Daddy told the men the marchers were going to camp, and no amount of money would change his mind. He also told the men no one could tell him what and what not to allow on his property. The men left.

A few days before the march, the troops began securing my Daddy's property by walking the 140-plus acres. They turned over rocks, cow droppings and dirt mounds looking for anything that posed a threat.

Tuesday, March 23, when I left home for school my parents told me that the marchers would be camping on the property that night and would probably be there when I returned.

Winston Pringle, our neighbor, would meet me at the bus stop to identify me and bring me home.

When the bus approached my stop, I saw a sea of people, military men, guardsmen, tents, trucks and cars up and the down the main road and in our driveway.

Winston met me as I got off the bus and identified me as the daughter of Robert and Mary Gardner. He, along with guardsmen, escorted me home.

As I walked toward the house I saw guardsmen in the yard, at the front door and in the backyard. They were around the perimeter of the property and they were inside the house — they were everywhere.

Some of the marchers were standing in the yard, others were sitting on the porch, and some were using the bathroom.

The ground was wet — it had rained earlier in the day. Daddy and other farmers in the community donated hay to cover the wet ground. There were two tents, trucks with food and many porta potties.

Among the marchers was a one-legged white man who had walked all the way from Selma. He had worn out his shoe. My uncle took him to Montgomery and bought him a pair of shoes.

One of the guards came inside to make a call to the Attorney General's Office in Washington, D.C., to report progress.

During that time, we had a three-party telephone line that we shared with two white families. While the guard was talking to the Attorney General, the telephone went dead. In a matter of minutes, the phone line was back on and the two white families' phone lines were temporarily cut off until the marchers left the following morning.

My parents had been given the phone number directly to the Attorney General's Office to call at any time if needed.

Around 9 p.m. our neighbors began to go home. At 10 p.m. no one was permitted to come down Caffey Road unless they lived in the area.

After the singing, praying and speaking it was time to bed down, everyone except the troops. When the troops changed guard, they rested in the barn on bales of hay.

The marchers were up early the next morning, and I was off to school. On the afternoon of March 24th the marchers reached the city of St. Jude, a complex on the outskirts of Montgomery.

When I saw the movie "Selma" it brought back memories. I remembered being afraid for my parents, not so much myself and my siblings, but for my parents. Tension was high.

For the next six months or more, helicopters were constantly flying over the house and property. FBI agents were seen parked up and down the road on which we lived.

One day, a guard in a helicopter spotted our neighbor, Holmes, whose property adjoined with ours. The guardsman saw Holmes with a

rifle that had a telescope on it pointing toward our house. The guard took a picture, landed and asked Holmes what was he doing. Holmes denied any wrongdoing.

The guard told Holmes if anything should happen to Robert or his family, he would be the first one they would get.

Many people lost their lives while fighting for the right to vote, respect and human dignity. It saddens me to hear and read about the low voter turnouts during elections.

What my parents and the other property owners did took courage. They did not know what retaliations might occur as a result of their actions and involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. But it was the right thing to do. Those who participated in the march showed tremendous courage even after what happened on "Bloody Sunday."

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery Voters Right March, I celebrate and honor my parents and all the other Negroes, Whites, Latinos and Asians who stood up and took a stand against discrimination, oppression and intimidation.

In the words of Dr. King, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

There is still much more to do in regards to equality for all races. While the old "Jim Crow" days are gone, discrimination and inequality are still prevalent in our society.

I am hopeful that one day the dream of Dr. King will come true — that young black children and young white, yellow, red or brown children will be viewed as Americans and treated equally and respected as individuals contributing to this great country we all call home.





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# Women of Colors 2014 Community Leadership Awards

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**Robin Heise**

**Woman of the Future**



**Arielle Williams**

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**Distinguished Gentleman Award**



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# Community Ordinance Notice

## BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF POSTING

Take notice that a proposed ordinance for adoption of the 2009 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code was introduced at the Buena Vista Charter Township Board of Trustees meeting on January 26, 2015. The purpose of the Ordinance is to adopt the provisions of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code by reference, as allowed under MCL 42.23.

The proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Clerk, 1160 South Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan and on the Township website: [www.bvct.org](http://www.bvct.org)

Dated: 3 - 2, 2015

  
Enzell McCollum, Township Deputy Clerk

## BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF POSTING

Take notice that a proposed ordinance to provide for the licensing and regulation of residential rental property within the Charter Township of Buena Vista, and to provide penalties for noncompliance thereof, was introduced at the Buena Vista Charter Township Board of Trustees meeting on January 26, 2015. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the licensing of residential rental properties within Buena Vista Charter Township, to provide the requirements for said licensing and to provide the procedure for licensing of residential rental properties. The ordinance also provides penalties for noncompliance thereof.

The proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Clerk, 1160 South Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan, and on the Township website: [www.bvct.org](http://www.bvct.org)

Dated: 3 - 2, 2015

  
Enzell McCollum, Township Deputy Clerk

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Take notice that a proposed ordinance for adoption of the 2009 International Fire Code was introduced at the Buena Vista Charter Township Board of Trustees meeting on January 26, 2015. The purpose of the Ordinance is to adopt the provisions of the 2009 International Fire Code by reference, as allowed under MCL 42.23.

The proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Clerk, 1160 South Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan and on the Township website: [www.bvct.org](http://www.bvct.org)

Dated: 3 - 2, 2015

  
Enzell McCollum, Township Deputy Clerk

## BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF POSTING

Take notice that a proposed ordinance for the imposition of municipal civil infractions as penalties for violation of ordinances within Buena Vista Charter Township was introduced at the Buena Vista Charter Township Board of Trustees meeting on January 26, 2015. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish penalties for certain specified township ordinances which are delineated in the proposed ordinance.

The proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Clerk, 1160 South Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan, and on the Township website: [www.bvct.org](http://www.bvct.org)

Dated: 3 - 2, 2015

  
Enzell McCollum, Township Deputy Clerk

# Praise Connections & Life

## Ninety Years Young: Charlie McMillan, Jr. Celebrates Life

**Saginaw** - Ninety years young, Charlie McMillan, Jr., was born on February 16, 1925, in Westfield, Alabama.

Energetic and with a passion for serving, in 1943, he celebrated two life changing events when he married Lee Essie Smith, and also was inducted into the Army Air Corp., during WWII.

After his stint in the Military, McMillan had the elite job of a Pullman Porter for the railroad. As the war ended, he enjoyed traveling across the United States with the soldiers as they traveled by rail back to their hometowns.

In continuing his path of success, and determined to follow his vision for a better life, the young couple migrated to Saginaw in 1949. After arriving in Saginaw, McMillan was employed at General Motors.

He also for the first-time registered to vote as Poll Taxes had prevented him voting in Alabama!

Many families, including relatives, migrated from the South and accepted the invitation to live in the McMillan home until they purchased homes.

Mother and Father McMillan always worked at least two jobs at a time to support their growing family of 8 children. Yet, he was active in the community as a Cub Scout Leader, Auxiliary Policeman, and was a member of the PTA, NAACP, and the Democratic Party.

When Mr. 'Mac' retired from General Motors - Grey Iron Division in 1990, he

increased his participation with Habitat for Humanities, Houghton-Jones Neighborhood Association, gardening, leisurely walking and serving as a trustee and usher at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Marvin T. Smith, in Saginaw where he has been a member since 1949.

McMillan's birthday milestone of 90 years was recently celebrated on February 21, 2015, at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church with 300 friends and family that includes 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

In honor of his continued service, a Scholarship has been created for Military Active Duty and Veterans at the Saginaw Community Foundation. The first recipient will be awarded this spring with the Lee Essie and Charlie McMillan Jr. Scholarships.

McMillan counts it all blessings to have seen The Brown Bomber and Jackie Robinson change history, but he cherishes the moment Barack Obama was elected President.

"It was also a blessing to have been able to take care of my family the best I could," McMillan said.

"The legacy I want to leave for my children is for them to be able to say they had the best Dad, and the best advice I can give anyone after living these 90 years is to trust in the Lord!"



Mr. Charlie McMillan, Jr.



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# Sports

## Serena Williams Cites Nelson Mandela for Ending Indian Wells Boycott

By Omar Burgess

**Calif.** - In 2001, at the age of 19, Serena Williams took the court at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California under a rain of boos and alleged racist slurs from some crowd members.

Spectators were upset Williams' sister, Venus, pulled out of the tournament 20 minutes before her scheduled match, while others accused Williams' father Richard of fixing matches between the sisters.

As such, Serena Williams boycotted playing in the tournament since her 2001 match. Friday marked her return under much different circumstances.

"I feel like I've already won this tournament," Williams told ESPN after defeating Monica Niculescu 7-5, 7-5 Friday night. A chorus of cheers, applause, and a standing ovation upon entering the court greeted her.

"I don't feel like I have to actually hold the trophy at the end of this. I feel like I'm already holding up a trophy. I have never felt that way before. Just being here is a huge win. Not only for me, but for so many people. It's a wonderful feeling."

After the booing, slurs, and cheating allegations of 2001, Williams vowed never to return to Indian Wells.

She said she was profoundly impacted by the late Nelson Mandela, and relished the opportunity to be a role model. On February 4, she wrote an op-ed for Time magazine announcing her decision to finally return to Indian Wells.

"I was raised by my mom to love and forgive freely," Williams wrote. "When you stand praying, forgive whatever you have against anyone, so that your Father who is in the heavens may also forgive you' (Mark 11:25).

I have faith that fans at Indian Wells have grown with the game and know me better than they did in 2001."

The New Pittsburgh Courier



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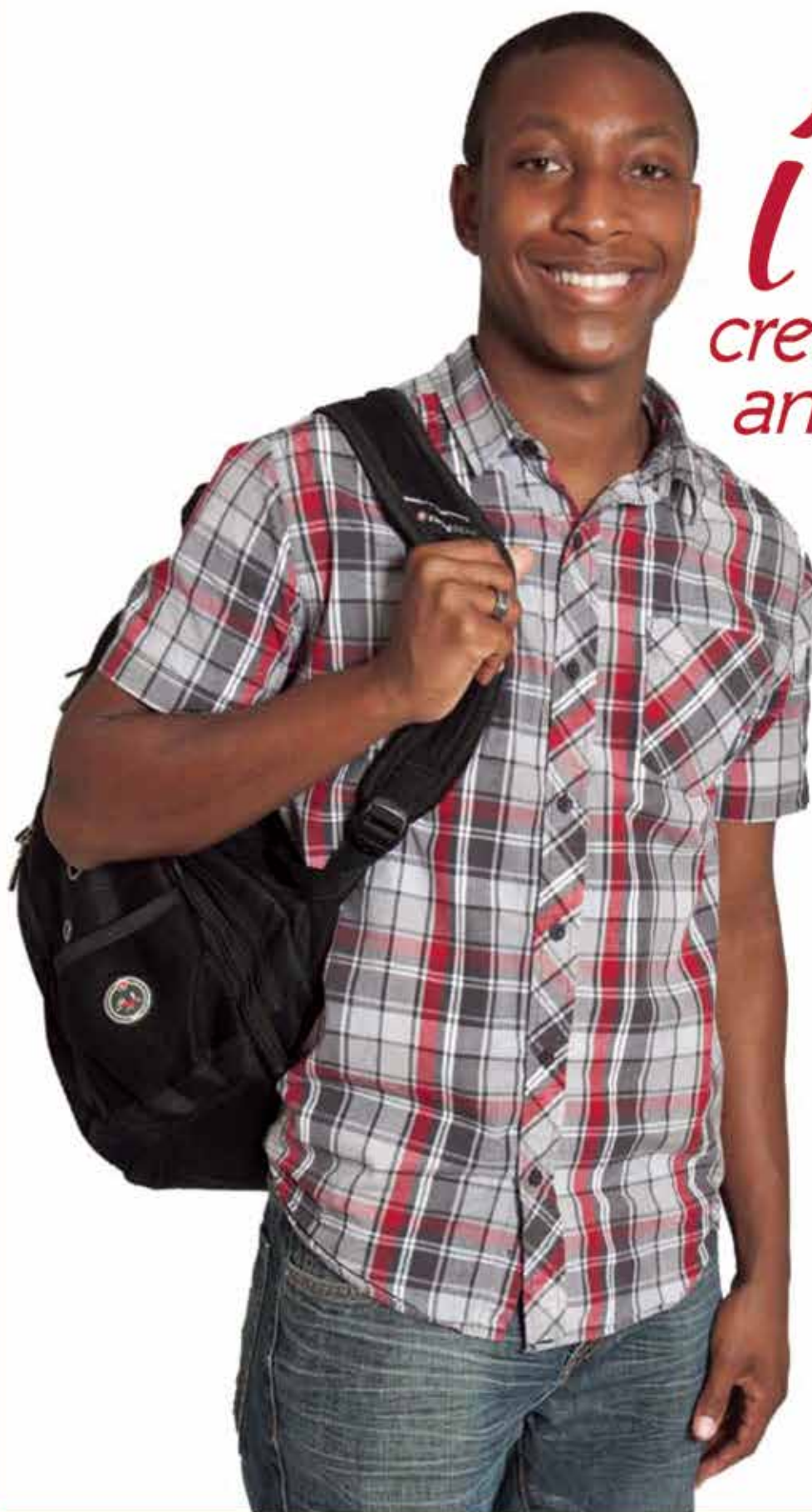
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Carleton Green loves to help people — specifically, to create opportunities for others. It's why the sophomore communications major devotes himself to organizations driven to develop people's potential. Carleton is the vice president of SVSU's chapter 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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