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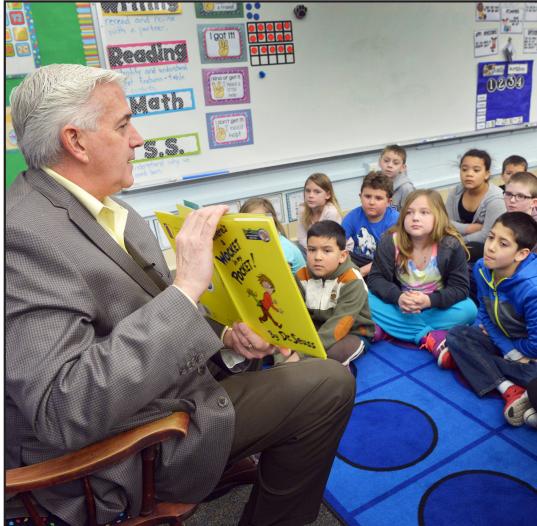
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# **Horn Hometown Tours:** Flushing Community Schools



State Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, reads Dr. Seuss' "A Wocket in my Pocket" to Mrs. Lacy's second grade class during his visit to Central Elementary.

LANSING, Mich. — State Sen. Ken Horn continued his Hometown Tour series recently with a stop in Flushing for an inside look at Flushing Community Schools. Horn spent the morning touring various locations in the school district meeting administrators, educators, and students.

Beginning at Central Elementary, one of Flushing's four elementary schools, Horn, R-Frankenmuth, met with Mrs. Brecht's fourth grade class, spoke with students about his role as a senator, and took questions from

"The kids seemed very interested," Horn said. "It was great to get their young minds thinking about what role government should play in their life. They may grow up to hold very different beliefs than my own, but getting them thinking about their civic duty is a great privilege."

While at Central Elementary, Horn visited Mrs. Lacy's second grade classroom and spoke with her students as well. In honor of March is Reading Month, he also



Flushing Middle School student Maddie Kranz interviews State Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, in the middle school broadcast room as Kennedy Hobson films the discussion.



State Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, discusses the responsibilities and duties of being in the Legislature with Mrs. Brecht's fourth grade class at Central Elementary

read the Dr. Seuss classic, "A Wocket in my Pocket."

"The objective when I visit a classroom of younger students, especially during March, is to focus on the importance of reading and the great benefit it can have on their lives," Horn said. "It was a great experience to share with them stories of how I used to read with my children and tell them about my kid's favorite stories. March is always one of favorite times to visit classrooms."

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# Honoring our Service Members on Memorial Day

By: Stephanie Holland, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Traditionally, on Memorial Day we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Social Security respects the heroism and courage of our military service members, and we remember those who have given their lives in defense of freedom.

The unexpected loss of a service member is a difficult experience for the family. Social Security helps by providing benefits to protect service members' dependents. Widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivor's benefits. You can learn more about Social Security survivor's benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors.

Wounded military service members can also receive expedited processing of their disability claims. For example, Social Security will provide expedited processing of disability claims filed by veterans who have a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensation rating of 100 percent Permanent & Total (P&T). Depending on the situation, some family members of military personnel, including dependent children and, in some cases, spouses, may be eligible to receive benefits. You can get answers to commonly asked questions and find

useful information about the application process at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

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In acknowledgment of those who died for our country, those who served, and those who serve today, we at Social Security honor and thank you.

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## NAACP Advocacy Letter to Kroger Corporate



This letter is directed to you and the Kroger Corporate Leadership team on behalf of the Saginaw Branch of the NAACP and our many thousands of constituents throughout Saginaw

County. More specifically, the letter represents a formal request with the intent of seeking your re-consideration of the pending decision to shutter the Kroger retail outlet located at 3125 Dixie Highway in Buena Vista Township, Michigan.

Our effort here is at the behest of township residents and governmental officials who feel the closing of the store creates a significant inconvenience and will negatively impact the socio-economic status of many citizens. Thus, in many respects the argument and feelings of many citizens can be cast in the context of equal access to essential services including fresh high quality competitively priced food items and vital pharmaceutical services.

We are asking that you give credence to the arguments and issues raised around the announced store closing. There are literally hundreds of residents in well-established neighborhoods within a relatively short distance of the store who rely very much of this location to meet most of their grocery and personal needs. You are well aware that comparable shopping for the residents in this area is located some four miles way. Simply stated, closing this store will create a major hardship for residents in this part of our community.

Another source of frustration for many residents is that Kroger corporate leadership will not meet with Buena Vista officials or community residents to present the reasons for closing the store or to pursue remedies for any problems that might exist at the location. We fully understand that you are well within your right to make what you feel is a responsible business decision. However, we feel that the business case needs to be considered from the standpoint of equity and access for many loyal Kroger customers who have been committed to this location for many years. Further, in the context of the economic argument the store represents an important anchor for generating traffic to support other commercial development at this location which in turn would also contribute to the success of the store.

Visiting classrooms was not the only thing on the senator's agenda, however. Horn also assisted FMS cafeteria workers in serving lunch, and conducted an interview with students in the middle school's media room.

After leaving the middle school, Horn made one final stop at Flushing High School to speak with Mrs. Taylor's government class.

"These are students who are coming close to the end of their academic career at Flushing," Horn stated. "It was great to discuss with them some of the next steps they are all going to be taking. These kids are the ones who are directly seeing the impacts of what we do in government. They are concerned about their future, the cost of college, and the things they need to be doing in order to be successful — it was my pleasure to discuss the role government will play in these endeavors, as well as the role they think government should play.

As you move forward in your process we are respectfully requesting that you agree to the following:

- Accept the current invitation from Buena
  Vista Township officials, community leaders
  and the NAACP to have a face-to-face
  meeting to discuss your reasons for closing
  the store and to explore ways to create
  success for both sides either by keeping the
  store open or exploring other options.
- Allow Buena Vista officials a minimum of 30 days to prepare a formal corrective action plan that would address problems and concerns you've had with the store.
- Enter into an agreement to provide technical support to Buena Vista elected officials in identifying and attracting a potential new retail grocery store tenant for this site. This support would primarily focus on providing traffic flow data, product line recommendations, staffing and security recommendations.

It is my sincere hope that we will hear from you shortly regarding the requests presented here. Please direct your inquiries to me at (989) 752-8620 or at the address listed above.

Sincerely, Leola Wilson, President

"I want to thank all who were involved and worked to make this visit possible," Horn said. "A special thanks to Matt Shanafelt, who had his hand in this whole tour, Lisa McNally at Central Elementary for directing me to each location, middle school Principal Andrew Schmidt, and high school Principal Jason Melynchek for facilitating my visits to their respective schools.

"I also want to thank each of the teachers who let me speak with their students, the lunchroom staff at the middle school, and the two young ladies who interviewed me in the media room. It was an absolute pleasure to meet with the folks who give Flushing Community Schools its reputation."

Horn's Hometown Tours feature various communities in the 32nd District. If you are interested in having Horn visit, please contact his office at (517) 373-1760, toll-free at (855) 347-8032 or by email at SenKHorn@senate. michigan.gov.

#### FROM PG 2, Horn Tours

After completing his visit to Central Elementary, Horn traveled to Flushing Middle School (FMS) where he was greeted by FMS Principal Andrew Schmidt and given the visit's itinerary.

While at FMS, Horn visited both Mrs. Jaggers' seventh grade social studies class and Mrs. Wykes' eighth grade American History class to discuss the benefit and importance of a politically involved populous. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions relating to the life and responsibilities of being a state senator.

"As I have said before, the main message I try to convey to students is that a knowledgeable electorate is essential to successful government operation," Horn said. "Being involved in government, on all levels, is a right and a duty that we all have — and it is an interest we need to instill into younger generations."

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# NHMC Television Writers Program

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# It's April – how is your yearend fundraising?



Mel and Pearl Shaw

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Imagine you are a private business and the bulk of your sales take place in the last quarter of the year. You know it's scary to bet on the Christmas shopping season so you begin planning early for how to make the most of that small window of time when sales are hot.

As a nonprofit your fundraising is a major revenue stream. While many donors make giving decisions at the end of the year, many give throughout the year. Our suggestion: plan to raise as much as you can

before September 30th. Schedule cultivation and solicitation activities earlier in the year. Don't start your planning and cultivation during year end "crunch time."

Here are 10 things you can begin to put in place now to help ensure you meet your yearend fundraising goals.

- 1. First, be sure you take care of your 2015 donors. Acknowledge and recognize them. It is much easier to retain and grow your current donors than to attract new ones.
- 2. Develop an ongoing communications and awareness program that highlights your organization's impact.
- 3. Create a series of events and VIP tours to engage current and prospective donors.
- 4. Prepare and circulate a short state of the organization report for print and online distribution and sharing during conversations and public
- 5. Recruit and train volunteers who have determined who they will cultivate and solicit, and how much they will raise.
- 6. Develop a week-by-week timeline and activity chart to guide your fundraising preparations and activities, and assign staff to manage the process and ensure timely

completion.

- 7. Develop a "sanitized" donor and prospective donor list. That means checking to see that all the names are spelled correctly and that donors who have passed away in the prior year are removed from your mailing list.
- 8. Create donor benefit programs where appropriate.
- 9. Schedule working sessions for staff, board and volunteers focused on rating prospective donors, and agreeing on who should cultivate and solicit who and when.
- 10. Create your "Plan B" in case your initial plans fail to materialize.

For those who read our column regularly you may be familiar with some of these suggestions. We always suggest starting yearend fundraising long before December is a blip on your horizon. Too many organizations rush to raise a large percentage of their budget in the last three months of the year. And, if you don't have the capacity and volunteers to focus on fundraising in the way you would like to, the yearend rush can feel oppressive and overwhelming. We hope the above ideas can help you plan to keep the "happy" in your 2016 holidays!

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## Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce to host 3rd Annual Michigan Young Professionals Network Statewide Conference April 25-26 | Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort | Mt. Pleasant, MI



Join the next generation of Michigan leaders for the 2016 Michigan Young Professionals Network Statewide Conference, Monday, April 25 – Tuesday, April 26 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan!

Hosted by the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, this conference provides a forum for young professionals (YPs) ages 20-40 from across the Great Lakes State to connect, build relationships, and exchange ideas around leading topics, all in a convenient central location. With plenty of breakout sessions to choose from and topics covering a variety of business fields, there's something for every young professional.

The purpose of this conference is not only to provide attendees an extraordinary opportunity to network with young pros from all over Michigan, but to also provide them with access to well-known, successful keynote speakers and expert education session presenters, including leaders and CEOs at top Michigan corporations, as well as award-winning university professors.

This year's conference theme addresses the two most common goals of every young professional -- Increase Your Productivity, Reduce Your Stress.

Offering the Opening Keynote address this year is Don Tanner, founding partner of Tanner Friedman Strategic Communications in Farmington Hills. Tanner will speak to young professionals about "Walking the High Wire: Achieving Work/Life Balance on the Road to Success." Don Tanner has more than 30 years of strategic communications counsel and experience in virtually all industry sectors, including automotive, professional services, technology, non-profits, healthcare, and real estate. You could say he knows a thing or two

about work/life balance!

The 2016 Closing Keynote speaker is Dr. Joan Hornak, who will be speaking to young professionals about "Happiness: Be a Fountain, Not a Drain." Dr. Hornak is a Professor Emeritus in Central Michigan University's Department of Counseling and Special Education, where she also worked with students at CMU's Counseling Center. She received three Excellence in Teaching awards during her time at CMU for her respect for students, her integrity, her professionalism, and a vast knowledge of her field.

This conference also offers eight education sessions with topics based around the central theme:

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- 2. Social Media in the Workplace: How Does It Impact Productivity? presented by John Patterson, Associate Director of Social Media at Search Optics, Detroit
- Protect Your Character: Motivation & Character Development presented by Cathey Prudhomme, President & CEO at Eagle Village, Hersey
- Dream, Discover, Deliver: Energizing Your Life through Simplicity presented by Erik Simon, Assistant Director & Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI®) Certified Facilitator at CMU Career Services, Mt. Pleasant
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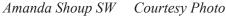
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## Saginaw County Department of Public Health Honors **Employees During National Public Health Week**



2016 Spirit of Public Health Award: Pictured Left to Right: Judith Lincoln, Saginaw County Board of Public Health Chair; Debra D'Amore, Mary Patnode, Sharise Steele-Phillips, Carol Glenn, John McKellar, Health Officer) Not pictured: Steve Ellis



2016 Employee of the Year: Margie Dwenger (Pictured with Judith Lincoln, Saginaw County Board of Public Health Chair and John *McKellar, Health Officer)* 

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) honored its outstanding employees and community partners Friday, April 8, 2016, at the 34th annual V.K. Volk Memorial Lecture. The event is held each year in recognition of National Public Health Week. The 2016 Employee of the Year was awarded to Margie Dwenger for exemplary performance and accomplishment on the job and in the community. Margie has been with the Department for the past 9 years holding



2016 Richard Calley Distinguished Service Award: Captain Paula Lounsbury, Saginaw County Sheriff's Department (Pictured with Judith Lincoln, Saginaw County Board of Public Health Chair and John McKellar, Health Officer)

various positions and currently serves as a Clerk in the Immunization Program, coordinating the Department's Biologics inventory.

SCDPH annually awards the Richard Calley Distinguished Service Award in recognition of an individual, organization, or business that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of public health in Saginaw County. This year's honoree is Captain Paula Lounsbury with the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department. Paula has also served as the

County Emergency Management Director which works closely with the Department's emergency preparedness program protecting the public's health during an emergency. The 2016 Spirit of Public Health Award recipients are Steve Ellis, Debra D'Amore, Carol Glenn, Mary Patnode, and Sharise Steele-Phillips. This award is given to those SCDPH employees who embody the spirit of public service and go the extra mile in the performance of job duties and customer service.

## **EDUCATION**



## SVSU honors service and dedication at awards banquet

Saginaw Valley State University honored Africa, conducting on-the-ground research, one of Saginaw's leading community servants, as well as faculty and staff who display extraordinary enthusiasm and dedication, during SVSU's All -University Awards Banquet Friday, April 8.

The Distinguished Service Award, SVSU's most prestigious award for a community member, was given to Leola Wilson. Counted among Saginaw's most committed public servants, she is perhaps most recognized for serving as president of Saginaw's chapter of the NAACP since 1998, where she represents nearly 1,500 members.

Wilson also has served continuously on the board of the Saginaw Intermediate School District since 1975 and is believed to be the longest-serving member in its history. She also provided dedicated service to SVSU as a member of the Board of Control from 2005 to 2013, including a term as secretary. After completing her term on the Board, Wilson served as a member of the presidential search advisory committee during 2013 and 2014.

Several SVSU faculty and staff members also received recognition for outstanding achievement and dedicated service during the 27th annual ceremony.

Erik Trump, professor of political science, received the prestigious Franc A. Landee Teaching Excellence Award. He draws praise from students for his approachable demeanor and a teaching style that inspires students to perform. A student wrote: (Trump) "takes great pride and joy in teaching... we are rigorously challenged to find real world connections between the class material and what is happening in the world."

Scott Youngstedt, professor of sociology, received the Earl Warrick Award for Excellence in Research. He has demonstrated remarkable persistence to support his research agenda and the people of West

primarily in the nation of Niger, one of the hottest and poorest countries in the world. Youngstedt has authored 22 peer-reviewed publications since joining the SVSU faculty in 1996, including the book "Surviving With Dignity: Hausa Communities of Niamey, Niger."

The House Family Award for Teacher Impact was presented to Dave Rzeszutek, associate professor of theatre; he is widely regarded to be passionate about the art of theatre and the growth opportunities it provides students. A student nominator – a computer information systems major – wrote: "Of all the professors who have pushed me, none had a greater impact than Professor Rzeszutek. His belief in me was a driving force in my accomplishments at SVSU."

Walt Reynolds received the Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award for his part-time teaching role in the criminal justice department. A retired FBI agent, he is praised by students for sharing his practical experience and knowledge regarding careers in law enforcement and using his professional network to bring guest experts to speak in his classes.

New in 2016, SVSU introduced the Thomson Award for Empowering Learning in Community Engagement, which recognizes innovation and leadership in advancing student learning through community engagement that fosters reciprocal community partnerships and enhances SVSU's contributions to the local, regional, state, national, or global community. The inaugural recipient was Jason Schoenmeyer, associate director of Student Life. Through his leadership of Cardinal Volunteers, he has connected students at 72 non-profit agencies in the Great Lakes Bay Region, and partnered with 29 agencies to offer volunteer opportunities that have resulted in more than 1,600 hours of

community service completed thus far in 2015-

The Bank of America Ruben Daniels Community Service Award was presented to Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, the Harvey Randall Wickes Chair in International Studies. He has collaborated on interdisciplinary projects and service activities, encouraging students and colleagues to do the same; he also plays an important role in the development of international programs at SVSU and in the community.

Two recipients were given the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement: Adam Coughlin, associate professor of kinesiology, and Jaime Leyrer, special assistant to the dean for the College of Business and Management.

Coughlin currently serves as the faculty adviser for four student organizations: the Student Exercise Science Association; Phi Kappa Tau fraternity; Music 'n Motion, a west coast swing dancing group; and the Adventure Club, which seeks to expose students to outdoor recreation.

Leyrer advises more than 1,000 business students on curriculum, appropriate class sequencing, and other academic issues, while empowering students and student organizations and forging effective community-minded relationships in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Vanessa Brooks Herd, dedicates considerable time and resources to expose her students to diversity in all its forms. She is on sabbatical this semester, conducting field research on the study of inter-generational parenting in the African nation of Uganda. Brooks Herd also is passionate about providing support for young people who leave the foster care system at age 18, and received a \$310,000 grant from the State of Michigan to establish the Youth in Transition program at SVSU.

JUMP TO PG 20, SVSU Honors



## \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

#### SHOW US WHAT YOU DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY & EARN A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP!

We want to know what you do to make your community a better place. Whether it's walking the neighbor's dog, volunteering your time to build homes or feeding the hungry, we'd love to see it! Make a short video (1-3 minutes) and apply online before midnight on June 3. Everyone is eligible K-12, with 3 winners in elementary school, 3 in middle school and 4 in high school.

#### All you need in your video is:

- Your name, grade and school
- At least 1 minute of content and no more than 3 minutes
- What you actively do to help your community or what you have done in the recent past
- · What do you see for your community and what are you doing to drive that dream?
- Tell us why community involvement is important to you
- · What adversity, if any, have you overcome in your process?

#### Some notes on your submissions:

- Use social media to your advantage! Share your video and enthusiasm using #DriveYourCommunity
- Don't just tell us what you do for your community, show us!
- Cell phone videos are absolutely accepted! No need to have a full camera crew to participate.
- · All acts of kindness and service are welcome; Videos will be judged with regard to impact and age level

After you've uploaded your video to YouTube, you can apply online. With the help of the Saginaw Community Foundation, we'll announce the ten winners on June 27, but get your application in today! Visit www.GarberBuick.com/DriveYourCommunity to apply and for more information.

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Garber Buick is awarding \$20,000 to students K-12 who show exemplary community involvement with the new Drive Your Community Scholarship Program. Proposed as an annual event, there will be guaranteed winners in elementary, middle and high school grade levels with 10 students earning \$2,000 each to put towards college, university or trade school education.

Students of all ages within 40 miles of the Garber Buick dealership are invited to create a video showing what they do for community involvement and explaining why community service is important to them. Winners will be announced on June 27, 2016. Winners will receive their scholarship when they enroll in college, university, or in trade school, and until then the Saginaw Community Foundation will hold the money in their name. There is no GPA requirement, students must only graduate and show their community service creatively with a 1-3 minute video.

"We are only as strong as our community," says Rich Purdue, general manager of Garber Buick Dealership on State Street in Saginaw. "We strive to make our 'You'll do Better at Garber!' motto go beyond just the car buying process – it's about bringing people together and making this a more involved community."

To apply for the Garber Buick Drive Your Community Scholarship, follow the threestep process outlined on the website, www. GarberBuick.com/DriveYourCommunity. First, create a video exemplifying community service. Second, upload to YouTube.com with a specific title and description on the video. Third, apply online with a link to the video – if the participating student is under 18, they must have a parent or legal guardian with them to apply.

Schools are encouraged to make this a classroom project however this is not restricted to school participation. Scout troops, 4H club members, and Big Brothers & Big Sisters are also encouraged to make a project out of this contest. This is a very attainable scholarship for students who are already involved in the community, they only need to show their service with a video. For answers to frequently asked questions and to see the full step-by-step guide to application, visit www.GarberBuick. com/DriveYourCommunity.

JUMP TO PG 20, Garber Scholarship

## Bringing biology to life: Dance students to showcase Michigan's sand dunes

Students to perform in Detroit at REGENERATION event





Ana Lossing, of Big Rapids, and Jasmine Jones, of Saginaw, prepare for REGENERATION performance.

Courtesy Photos

Two Central Michigan University students glide across the floor like wind-swept sand and later feverishly step like sandpipers. They're preparing for a dance performance that replicates the formation of Michigan's sand dunes.

The students and four faculty members have brought together dance, biology, theater and music to create "Dunes." They'll perform their piece at REGENERATION — an event featuring performances by 28 artists from six states at Detroit's Marlene Boll Theater April 22 and 23.

"We started with the idea of regeneration," Heather Trommer-Beardslee, dance program coordinator, said. "We talked specifically in terms of regrowth. And, we chose sand dunes because of its connection to Michigan."

School of Music faculty member Jay Batzner is creating the music.

"The structure of the piece lends itself to a more abstract, ambient kind of sound," he said. "The most exciting and tricky part is that the piece includes the live manipulation of video and audio. I'll have a video camera pointed at the dancers and their movements will affect the sound of the music as the piece unfolds."

Trommer-Beardslee is developing the choreography for "Dunes" using scientific

charts, data and biological concepts provided by biology faculty member Wiline Pangle. Costume design was created by theater faculty member Ann Dasen.

The interdisciplinary collaboration has changed the way Trommer-Beardslee makes art.

"Instead of just going into the studio and improvising and figuring out what movement works best, conceptually and in an aesthetically pleasing way, Wiline talked to us about the biological standpoint of regeneration and Michigan's sand dunes," she said. "I am taking the scientific representation of data and turning it into artistic sequences. I've never created that way before."

Big Rapids senior Ana Lossing, a neuroscience major, and Saginaw junior Jasmine Jones, a sociology and communication disorders major, worked closely with Trommer-Beardslee to create the artistic dance sequences for "Dunes." Both students are dance minors.

#### Blending the humanities and sciences for student learning

"Dunes" is this group's third large-scale multidisciplinary partnership.

"We work together to create projects that are truly interdisciplinary — a collaboration of

ideas, concepts and genres," Trommer-Beardslee said. "The humanities and the sciences work well together because it's a blending of ideas."

Several years ago, Pangle asked Trommer-Beardslee to bring a group of dance minors to her general biology class to show the students how cell division worked.

"It was a biology flash mob," Trommer-Beardslee said. "The students didn't know we were coming. We do it every semester. The relationship grew from there."

Pangle said the flash mob helped students remember the concepts behind the science.

"On written exams, students referred back to the dance when answering questions regarding that concept, so it was really helpful in longterm retention of knowledge," she said. "In addition, it made this concept fun."

Batzner said one of the best parts of working at CMU is the ability to experiment with others.

"Composition can be a little isolating. I'm limited by my imagination," he said. "When working with colleagues in other disciplines, I get to draw upon their imaginations, too. One of the things I love about this group is that we aren't afraid to try new things and learn along the way."

## SVSU English professor to discuss 19th century black literature at Massachusetts event

A Saginaw Valley State University English professor will grace a stage that has spotlighted scholars prominent in literary studies and history such as David S. Reynolds, Carla Peterson and Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Add Eric Gardner of SVSU to the list of accomplished scholars invited to deliver the American Antiquarian Society's James Russell Wiggins Lecture.

He will share how studying the lives of black Americans in the 19th century should reshape consideration of black writers, editors, and readers then and now.

Gardner plans to discuss diverse print material produced by and for the African Methodist Episcopal Church between 1840 and 1870. In his talk, titled "Re-envisioning Black 'Book History': The Case of AME Church Print," Gardner will reference a

similar pool of research that provided the basis for his Black History Month lecture hosted by SVSU in February.

Gardner's American Antiquarian Society appearance is scheduled Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at Antiquarian Hall in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The American Antiquarian Society is the preeminent independent research library focusing on American history, literature and culture through 1876. The annual Wiggins Lecture is named for the late James Russell Wiggins, former editor of The Washington Post and a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in 1968.

Gardner, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, joined SVSU's faculty in 1996. He served as chair of the Department of English from 2006 to 2010 and as associate dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral

Sciences from 2013 to 2015. Gardner returned to the faculty in 2015.

His academic interests include black literature and culture. American literature and culture, and methods of literary study. His first monograph, "Unexpected Places: Relocating Nineteenth-Century African American Literature," won the 2010 Research Society for American Periodicals Book Prize and was named a Choice "Outstanding Academic Title." His second monograph, "Black Print Unbound: The Christian Recorder, African American Literature and Periodical Culture," was published by Oxford University Press in 2015.

For more information on Gardner's lecture for the American Antiquarian Society, visit www.americanantiquarian.org/wigginslecture-eric-gardner.

#### FROM PG 17, SVSU HONORS

The Outstanding Performance Award was shared by Denise Berry, director of military student affairs, and Debbie Fegan, senior

#### FROM PG 18, Garber Scholarship

Students who are active on social media and share their video can earn "bonus points" for using #DriveYourCommunity. Following that hashtag will provide updates on the contest and would be an easy way to gauge the competition. Search on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter to see what students are doing and for inspiration for new posts.

The Garber Buick Drive Your Community Scholarship Program rewards community service and promotes giving back to your community at any age. No act of service is too small to make an impact on the Great Lakes Bay Region. Since 1907, Garber Buick has been dedicated to making this region a better place to live, work and play.

For more information and to apply, visit www.GarberBuick.com/DriveYourCommunity or email GBScholarship@GarberBuick.com with your questions.



## **SPORTS**

## Historic Season Comes to End for SVSU Men in NCAA **Division II Elite Eight**



SVSU men's basketball coach Randy Baruth instructs his players during the team's Elite 8 basketball game against Western Oregon in Frisco, Texas. Photo by Mike Randolph, SVSU.



SVSU men's basketball coach Randy Baruth coaches his team during a timeout at the NCAA Elite 8 contest against Western Oregon in Frisco, Texas. Photo by Mike Randolph, SVSU.



Garrett Hall, a guard on the SVSU men's basketball team, drives the lane during the team's NCAA Elite 8 contest against Western Oregon in Frisco, Texas.



C.J. Turnage, a forward for the SVSU basketball team, goes up for a shot against Western Oregon during the NCAA Elite 8 contest in Frisco, Texas. Photo by Mike Randolph, SVSU.



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## **COMMUNITY**

# Social Security Launches 3rd National my Social Security Week

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, welcomes everyone to celebrate the third National *my Social Security* Week from April 4 through 13, 2016. Social Security will host numerous events and activities across the country to raise awareness about the benefits of establishing a my Social Security account. This secure, personalized account can be created at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

"For more than 80 years, Social Security has been there through life's journey. We are helping to secure today and tomorrow with information, tools and resources to meet our customers' changing needs," said Acting Commissioner Colvin. "Join the more than 23 million people who have already created a my Social Security account, a secure, convenient option for people to do business with Social Security anywhere and anytime."

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- Get a verification letter with proof of their benefits, if they currently receive them;
- Manage their benefits;
- Change their address;
- Start or change direct deposit;
- Get a replacement Medicare card; and
- Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.

In some states, people can apply for a replacement Social Security card online using their my Social Security account. This service is currently available in the District of Columbia, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, Washington, and Wisconsin. It is an

easy and secure way to apply for a replacement card online.

During *my Social Security* Week, the agency held "Check Your Statement Day" on April 7. It is important that people check their Social Security Statement every year to learn about future Social Security benefits and to verify annual earnings. Personalized Statements help people plan for their financial future. People can access their information when it's convenient for them by creating a my Social Security account.

Social Security is also helping the U.S. Department of Treasury educate people about the value of saving for retirement. Millions of people do not have access to a retirement savings plan at work or find it difficult to start saving. The myRA® is a retirement savings account developed by Treasury that removes common savings barriers and can help people start to save. Learn more at www.myRA.gov.

## Ohio State Univ. Water Drive for Flint Supported by 2 Local Alumni Judges



Judge William Crawford, II and Judge Herman Marable, Jr. Courtesy Photo

FLINT---Two 67th District-Fifth (Flint) Division judges who are both graduates of Ohio State University greeted and assisted OSU students when they delivered water for Flint residents last month. Judges Herman Marable, Jr and William Crawford, II were present when students, faculty, and staff from the OSU College of Social Work delivered a truckload of donated bottled water to Catholic Charities

in Flint on March 16. OSU students collected donations of money and water in February and March on all Ohio State University campuses to assist with the Flint Water Crisis.

The idea for a student sponsored water drive came from Terrahl Del Taylor, a social work student in the master's program. In explaining his motivation for organizing the water drive Taylor told the OSU Student Spotlight, a campus publication, "I wanted to do this because I think every single person needs to have clean, healthy water. Every day, I take having clean water to drink and bathe in for granted," said Taylor. "When I heard about the water crisis I started to think about how much I rely on water daily and I knew how much it would mean to them to have additional help."

Judge Crawford who earned bachelor and law degrees from OSU thanked and commended the students for their donation. Judge Marable, who also earned his law degree from OSU assisted in unloading the truck. Marable said, "I am so proud and of my alma mater and thankful for these students concern for what is going on here in Flint. They showed up in person; they really exemplify Buckeye excellence".

Some might find it noteworthy that the Michigan/Ohio State rivalry was set aside for the student water drive. The significance of Buckeyes helping the Wolverines isn't lost on the students either. Taylor told the Spotlight "I also thought that coming from students at a rival university would help encourage a culture of connectedness."

In explaining why it was important for the OSU alumni judges to be present for the donated water delivery, Judge Marable joked "U of M is practically across the street from Catholic Charities, somebody had to make sure the Buckeyes got safe passage in and out of town".

# The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, Gamma Kappa Chapter GAMMA KAPPA KUDOS AND XINOS WINS AGAIN AT 2016 YOUTH CONFERENCE And Visits the Orville and Wilbur Wright Aviation Center in Carillon Park HELD IN DAYTON, OHIO, MARCH 10-13, 2016



Gamma Kappa Kudos posing with Mrs. Mary Currie, Kudos Advisor; Mrs. Francine E. Blake, NSPDK Midwest Regional Director; Mr. John R. Thomas, Mentor at the 2016 Midwest Regional Kudos/Xinos Youth Conference in Dayton, Ohio.

The Kudos and Xinos of Gamma Kappa Chapter of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated (NSPDK) attended the Midwest Regional Xinos/Kudos Youth Conference in Dayton, Ohio on March 10-23, 2016 and was hosted by Beta Delta Chapter of NSPDK. Nine other chapters in the Midwest Region were present.

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated is comprised of active and retired educators whose goal is to motivate youth to reach their highest potential, it fosters true sisterhood among teachers, and promotes the highest ideals of the teaching professional. The NSPDK sponsors two youth groups, Xinos and Kudos. Xinos and Kudos are young women and young men, respectively, in grades 9-12.

Chapters are awarded One Trophy for Attendance and Group Talent. For Individual Competition, each chapter can have One (1) Xinos and One (1) Kudos compete annually in each of the following categories:

- Individual Talent
- Oratorical
- Art I
- Art II
- Photography
- Creative Writing
- Poetry
- Mathematics (based on grade level)



Gamma Kappa Xinos 2016 Midwest Regional Youth Conference Winners are: Left to Right: Xinos Elisha Jackson and Xinos Kyra Mitchell

- Science
- Scrapbook Activity (Xinos and Kudos, separately)

During the conference, the youth participated in choir, step show, and tours of historical landmarks in the host city.

o Instrumental music, vocal music, dance, dramatics/recitations

The Xinos and Kudos along with advisors and chaperones had a grand tour of the Wright Brothers Aviation Center complex in Carillon Park, a National Historic Landmark in Dayton Ohio. Participants enjoyed a walk-through history of the Wrights from 1897 to 1909 and had the opportunity to see the "Pit" and view the 1905 Wright Flyer III in Wright Hall. In addition, the youth entered the Center through a replica of the old Wright bicycle shop and walk through a history of the Wright brothers from their days as bicycle manufacturers to Wilbur's triumphant flight around the State of Liberty in 1909. This was a grand experience for all in attendance. The host chapter, Beta Delta of Ohio, did a superb job in setting up this tour with the staff of the Aviation Center and exposing the youth to the history of Orville and Wilbur Wright who were the pioneers of Aviation that began in Dayton Ohio. What an awesome place to visit! Many thanks to Beta Delta Chapter of Dayton, OH for a job well



Gamma Kappa Xinos poses with Advisors at 2016 Midwest Regional Conference in Dayton, OH. Advisors are Ms. Meshal Ahmad, Ms. Andrea Shacks, Senior Advisor, and Mrs. Thelma Ruffin and not pictured is Financial Advisor, Ruth Kemper.

done.

Below are KUDOS and XINOS winners from Gamma Kappa Chapter of Saginaw, Michigan:

#### **KUDOS:**

- Robert Doster III, Art I, Second Place
- Kevin Owens-Robinson, Photography, First Place
- Albert Hannah, Jr., Creative Writing, First Place
- Robert David Doster III, Creative Writing, Second Place
- Micah Lawrence Webster, Creative Writing, Third Place
- Tre'Vaundre Rochaad Evans, Dramatics, First Place
- Gamma Kappa Kudos Scrapbook/Activity Book, First Place

#### XINOS:

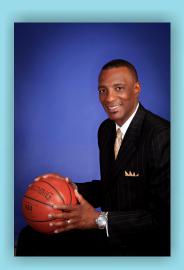
- Kyra Mitchell, Art II, Third Place
- Kyra Mitchell, Photography, First Place
- Kyra Mitchell, Algebra II, Second Place
- Elisha Jackson, Poetry, First Place
- Elisha Jackson, Oratorical, First Place
- Catherine Jones, Vocal Music, Second Place
- R'reanna Davis, Dramatics, First Place
- Tori`Anna Jackson, Dance, First Place
- Xinos Scrapbook/Activity Book, Second Place

JUMP TO PG 26, NSPDK Youth Conference





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## Third Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Puts Men in High Heels



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Birch Run, MI, April 30. 2016 - Ready to pull out the pumps?

It's National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and to bring attention to the issue Underground Railroad will host its third annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The International Men's March to Stop Gender Violence" event on Saturday, April 30th at Birch Run Premium Outlets.

The event is a light-hearted way for men to raise awareness about violence against

women. Many of the men wear women's high heels as a way of demonstrating the old saying, "You can't understand someone until you've walked a mile in her shoes." High heel shoes are provided in men's sizes 10-14. The event is also open to women and children.

Each walker or team is encouraged to raise pledges with the goal of raising \$5,000 to support Underground Railroad, which provides safety and resources to empower survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human slavery in Saginaw County. Those who choose not to raise pledges can pay the general registration fee of \$20 per individual or \$50 per family.

Registration and check-in will begin at 8:30 am in the parking lot of the GAP Factory

Store within the Outlets, followed by the walk at 9:30 am. Walkers will proceed around the outlet stores, and end back at the GAP Factory Store for food, games, raffle prizes, and the announcement of the fundraising awards.

To sign up as an individual, family, or group, visit the Walk A Mile registration page, or use the "sign up" button at the top of the event's Facebook page.

This year's event sponsors include Birch Run Premium Outlets, Wildfire Credit Union, SVRC Industries, Inc., Emil Rummel Agency, Inc. Future Insurance Agency, Inc., The Panda House Restaurant, Covenant Healthcare, Martin Chevrolet, Norton Kidd Accounting, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, Ace American Alarm Company, Firehouse Soft Wash, Kennari Consulting, and Michigan Pipe & Valve.

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- ★ Co-founder of the monthly Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast.
- ★ Created the "Fight the Blight" and Habitat for Humanity partnership. Addressing the abandon house and home rehabilitation issue with Saginaw County Land Bank, Over 175 houses demolished and 65 home improvements since 2013
- ★ Founder of the Buena Vista Business Association (BVBA) and author of the "Buy BV First" initiative. Established www.buybvfirst.com.
- ★ Secured the remaining lot of Buena Vista high school sports trophies and memorabilia from decay and looters.

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## "FEED"

## FAMILY EMPIRE EMPOWERMENT DAY

### It's TIME TO BUILD AGAIN! ~ SAVE THE DATE! ~ Tuesday, May 24, 2016

To: Prospective Family Empire Empowerment Day Participant

From: Tiffany L. Pruitt, Parent, Family,& Community Engagement Specialist

Tina Munoz, Principal of Zilwaukee Elementary

Saginaw Public Schools are committed to "keeping kids first." Therefore, we will continue to do what works. This is why Saginaw Public Schools Safe Schools/ Healthy Students and Zilwaukee Elementary will host another district- wide Family Empire Empowerment Day (FEED) for all district families and community members, Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 1:30 p.m.to 6:00 p.m. at Zilwuakee Elementary, 500 W. Johnson Saginaw, MI. Family Empire Empowerment Day is an opportunity to "feed" our families with knowledge, resources, and physical food that will promote academic and social/emotional growth, healthy family and community relationships, health & wellness, and much more. At the previous FEED we had over 45 vendors with a total of 500 event participants. At the upcoming May 2016 event, we are hoping for greater involvement among our community partners and families. Will you join us in making this event a success? The Vendor informational stations will take place throughout the school gym and hallways. Hands- on activities and mini- workshop sessions will be held inside

the classrooms. There are two available times to teach on a variety of topics during the 45 minute mini- sessions: 3: 30 p.m and 5:00 p.m., you may choose one or both session times. The event is part of our district- wide initiatives and goals to engage and connect schools, families and communities in order to improve student outcomes. The targeted audience is Pre - K- 12th grade students and their families. FEED is free and open to all SPSD schools, school staff, parents and community members.

The objectives of the event include:

- Provide parents and families with academic learning at home resources tools
- Promote early childhood social and emotional learning development
- Promote mental, emotional, and behavioral health
- Connect families, schools, and communities
- Prevent behavioral health problems
- Create safe and violence free schools
- Promote health & wellness
- Increase awareness of local health services and resources
- Motivate participants to make positive health behavior change
- Teach healthy self-care practices
- Share college & career readiness information

Increase awareness of All District School Programs/ Safe Schools/ Healthy **Students Initiatives** 

Your agency or business is invited to showcase its services at this event by providing educational information, screenings and health awareness activities, and resources helpful to parents and students. A limited number of free booth spaces are available, so contact us soon.

#### Vendor details:

Date: Tuesday May 24, 2016 Health fair hours: 1:30 p.m. to 6:00p.m. Location: Zilwaukee Elementary, 500 W. Johnson, Saginaw, Michigan 48604 Estimated attendees: 800

Booth size: 1 6ft table and 2 chairs per vendor (table coverings are not provided)

Booth setup: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (contact for Monday May 23 setup times)

Vendor fee: FREE

Contact: Tiffany L. Pruitt, tpruitt@spsd. net or 989-399-6593 for additional details and to confirm your participation by May 2, 2016. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for considering participation in our community event.

> Sincerely, Ms. Tiffany L. Pruitt Mrs. Tina Munoz

FROM PG 23, NSPDK Youth Conference

- XINOS/KUDOS GROUP TALENT/SKIT, Third Place
- Gamma Kappa Xinos and Kudos also received Certificates of Participation in Step

This year, the attendance trophy was combined and awarded according to Chapter and not separated by Xinos and Kudos; however, Gamma Kappa Kudos attendance rate were 100%; Xinos, 62%. Chapter Attendance Award is based on actual membership divided by

number attending the conference.

Gamma Kappa Chapter Advisors for the XINOS are Mrs. Thelma Ruffin, Ms. Ruth Kemper, Ms. Andrea Shacks, and Ms. Meshal Ahmad. KUDOS Advisors are Mrs. Mary Claybrook Currie, Mrs. Glenda Richardson-Vaughn, and Mr. John R. Thomas, Kudos Mentor. The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated Midwest Regional Director is Mrs. Francine E. Blake: National Youth Coordinator is Mrs. Aleen Donaldson. Host Chapter, Beta Delta of Dayton, Ohio President is Mrs. Patricia Matthews.

The Xinos and Kudos Regional Youth Conferences are held annually and are hosted by one of the chapters in the Midwest Region. The 2017 Xinos/Kudos Midwest Regional Youth Conference will be held in Akron, OH and will be hosted by Beta Iota Chapter of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Article Submitted by: Dr. Lillian Jones-Thomas, President of Gamma

Kappa Chapter of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated

## Covenant Kids Telethon Live from Mid-Michigan Children's Museum April 23;

7th Year Raising Funds for Pediatric Services







Courtesy Photos

Easing the anxiety of a child during an MRI. Educating a preteen and her family how to deal with diabetes. Providing comfort to infants in the emergency care center. Giving a voice to toddlers with speech limitations. These accomplishments are happening today for kids across the region because of Covenant Kids and the businesses, organizations and individuals who support this local cause.

What's unique about Covenant Kids? Every penny of every gift to the cause goes directly to support medical equipment and programs for pediatric patients- no administrative costs taken out- and the money stays local.

The 7th Annual Covenant Kids Telethon will take place from noon until 6:00pm Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum in Saginaw. Kids, and kids at heart, are encouraged to dress as their favorite super heroes as we ask the community to be heroes for the cause. Throughout the Telethon, stories of local Covenant Kids (past pediatric patients) and their families will be highlighted. Presenters will showcase equipment and projects made possible via previous donations to Covenant Kids. The Telethon will be broadcast live on WNEM TV5.

The community can be involved with the Telethon in several ways:

- 1) Call. Dial 1.855.475.KIDS (1.855.475.5437) during the Telethon to donate as our phone bank volunteers answer your calls.
- 2) Visit. Families can stop by the Mid-

Michigan Children's Museum (515 Genesee, Saginaw, MI) between noon and 6pm on April 23. \$1 of the admission price will benefit Covenant Kids, and families can be part of the Telethon live!

3) Donate Blood. During the Covenant Kids Telethon, Michigan Blood will host a blood drive at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. For every registered donor, Michigan Blood will donate \$10 to the Covenant Kids Fund. To schedule your donation appointment ahead of time, please go online to miblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome and admission is free for those who donate that day.

Covenant HealthCare Foundation is thankful for the tremendous amount of community support received throughout the years. Many organizations have planned independent fundraisers, hosting jean days, spaghetti dinners, concerts, bike rallies, cupcake wars, Halloween parties, lemonade stands, and more. In addition, the YMCA of Saginaw and Tri To Finish are hosting Go the Extra Mile for Covenant Kids, a 5K Run/Walk, Half Marathon Run/Hand Cycle, and a 1 Mile Fun Run Sunday, April 24.

Why Covenant Kids?

Covenant HealthCare is the regional leader in providing health care to children with the following services:

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- critical care for neonatal infants
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- ACS-Verified Pediatric Trauma Center one of only six in Michigan verified to care for the whole family in an emergency
- Community-based urgent care through MedExpress
- Extensive clinical programs for children (diabetes, rehabilitation, cardiology, and

For more information about donating to Covenant Kids or to become a Telethon sponsor, contact the Covenant HealthCare Foundation at 989.583.7600 or if have an idea you'd like to discuss call Covenant Kids Coordinator, Heather Appold, at 989.583.4166.

For continuous updates about Covenant Kids, like us on Facebook at www.facebook. com/CovenantKidsMI.

For more information about Covenant Kids, visit www.CovenantKidsMI.com

> Kristin Knoll Corporate Communications & Public Relations Coordinator Covenant HealthCare 989.583.7655 (office) 989.714.4473 (cell) 989.258.1121 (pager)

# Raise Hope 2 Foster Dreams

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#### **About Saginaw ISD HE/EHS**

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Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Early Head Start, launched in 1995, provides support to low-income infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families.

EHS programs enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care: support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

Together Head Start and Early Head Start have served tens of millions of children and their families.

At Saginaw ISD Head Start our attentive staff is available Monday through Friday to answer all your questions and make every effort to ensure you are 100% satisfied.

#### Saginaw ISD Head Start

Claytor Administrative Building 3200 Perkins Street Saginaw, MI 48601 Phone 989.752.2193 Fax 989.921.7146

#### **Office Hours**

Monday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM Tuesday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM Wednesday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM Thursday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM Friday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM Sunday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM

For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: www.saginawheadstart.org

Source: www.saginawheadstart.org



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

"Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to need special education, repeat a grade, or commit crimes in adolescence." Joe Baca, Congressman

"Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community." -Saginaw ISD HE/EHS





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Saginaw County Community Action Agency, Inc. (CAC) 2824 Perkins Street Saginaw, MI 48601 989-753-7741

The Saginaw Community Foundation 1 Tuscola, Suite 100 Saginaw, MI 48607 989-755-0545

Women of Colors P.O. Box 5525 Saginaw, MI 48603 989-399-9275 or 989-737-9286

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## PRAISE CONNECTIONS & LIFE



"Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. Let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing..." (James 1-4)

We all have trials and tests in our lives. The key to victory is to resist acting like the devil in the midst of it! So, stop the murmuring, complaining, gossiping, whining, and the constant talk about how bad it is.

When you fall, get back up and go through your day with an attitude of joy. Yes, we can have joy and sadness at the same time. We may have lost a loved one or even received news of lost employment. Whatever your circumstance may be today, know that joy is your God-given strength. No one or nothing can take it away if you decide to keep it.

Choose to see things in a joyful light no matter how hard it seems. This is not to say that you should not feel sad or even angry during some of life's trials. Just keep in mind, while going through tough times, that your attitude is a test of your ability to keep the faith, patience, endurance, hope, joy and belief that all things will work together for the greatest good.

Once you pass the test, the exit to the next level of your personal or career success will be provided. The door will open for promotion and your dreams will begin to crystallize.

#### Five Ways to Count it all Joy

- 1. In every circumstance, there is a silver lining. Sharpen your investigative skills and find it!
- 2. Practice saying "Thank You!" for everything. Adopt an attitude of gratitude, even for the things that bring you sadness.
- 3. See yourself as precious and favored at all times.
- Believe that all things work together for the greater good.
- Focus on the end result, on where you want to end up, not how you are going to get there.



## **New Birth Missionary Baptist Church**

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Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

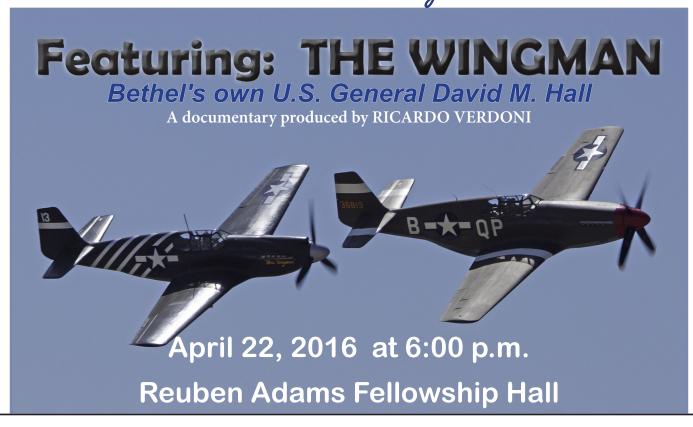
Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim Because it was grassy and wanted wear, Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

## The Bethel AME Retiree's Club Presents Movie Night



Bethel AME Church Pastor P. David Saunders 535 Cathav St. Saginaw, MI 48601 (989) 755-7011

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## **Faith Based Directory**

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## POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Gov. Rick Snyder: Ford Motor Co. announcement advances innovation, talent retention in Michigan

LANSING, Mich. - Gov. Rick Snyder today issued the following statement after Ford Motor Co. announced plans to begin a 10-year transformation of its Dearborn campus to include new advancements in innovation, technology and energy efficiency.

"Today's announcement further proves

that Michigan is poised to be a leader throughout the 21st century, with the automotive industry helping to guide the way by ushering in new advancements in technology and innovation.

"Ford Motor Co.'s plans to design a centralized, innovative campus makes it a leader not only in the automotive industry, but throughout our entire nation. Companies like Ford are instrumental in transforming the way we recruit and retain talent by providing new opportunities for the jobs of the 21st Century to develop right here in Michigan."

## **Notice of Intent to Apply to USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS)**

Buena Vista Charter Township is in the process of applying to USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Program for loan funds to extend the public water supply system to homes in need along Hess Road, between S. Portsmouth Road and S. Reimer Road. Details regarding the application are as follows:

**Applicant:** Buena Vista Charter Township

Address: 1160 S. Outer Drive Saginaw, MI 48601 Contact: Dexter Mitchell, Township Manager (989) 754-6536 Ext.

Purpose: The funds will be used to design and construct a water main extension along Hess Road that can be funded by Rural Development. The public water supply

would serve homes whose groundwater well quality has been deemed undrinkable by the Health Department. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$190,000.

Time frame: The design and construction is expected to occur when funds become available. Construction is expected to be complete by 2017.

## Gov. Rick Snyder announces special election dates to fill seat for 4th Senate District

Resignation of Sen. Virgil Smith Jr., D-Detroit, effective April 12, 2016

LANSING, Mich. - Gov. Rick Snyder today announced a primary election will be held on Aug. 2, 2016, and a general election on Nov. 8, 2016, to ensure the Senate seat vacated by former state Sen. Virgil Smith Jr. will be filled promptly while minimizing costs to local communities and taxpayers.

"This ensures the people of the 4th Senate District are given the opportunity to select the representation they need in the Legislature as soon as possible without the burden of additional expense for the community," Snyder said.

Smith, from Detroit, submitted a letter of resignation from his 4th District Senate seat

effective, April 12.

Candidates who wish to be placed on the Aug. 2 primary ballot must file by Tuesday, May 10 at 4 p.m.

For additional information about elections in Michigan, visit the Secretary of State's Elections website.



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- 29-year-law enforcement career
- Masters Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University
- Faithful member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
- Dedicated husband of 22 years
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- Staunch supporter of the Constitution

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Lisa Coney Project Manager

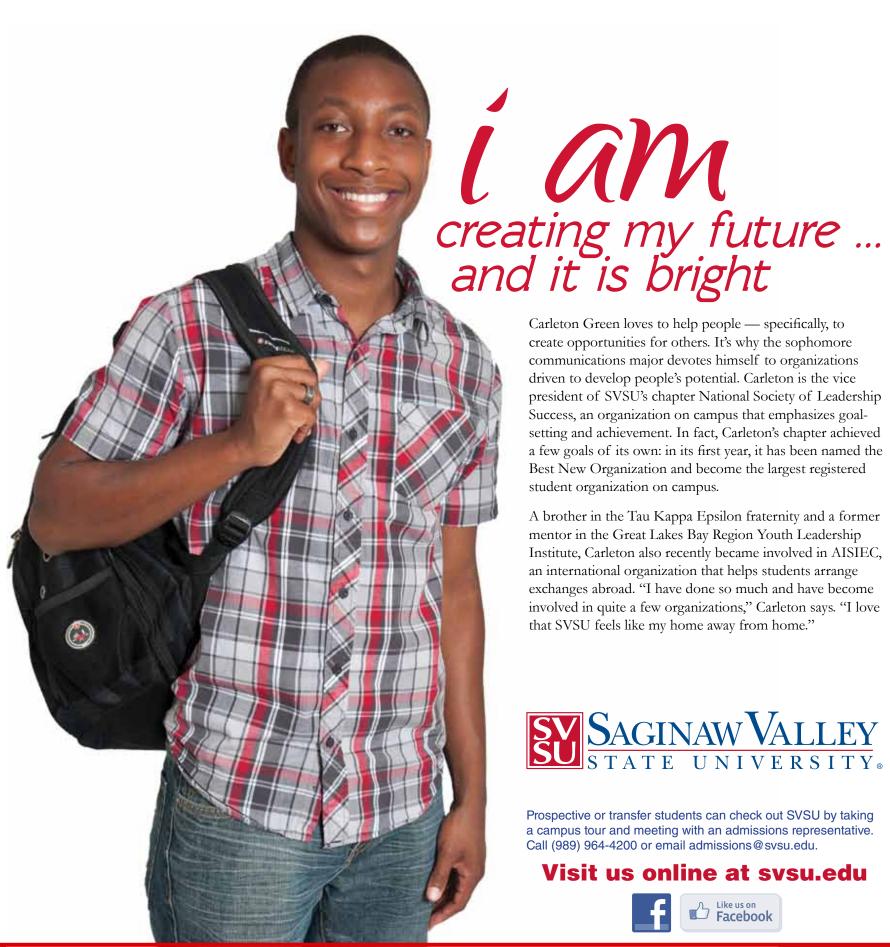


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Carleton Green loves to help people — specifically, to create opportunities for others. It's why the sophomore communications major devotes himself to organizations driven to develop people's potential. Carleton is the vice president of SVSU's chapter National Society of Leadership Success, an organization on campus that emphasizes goalsetting 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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