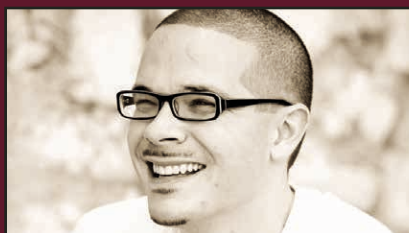


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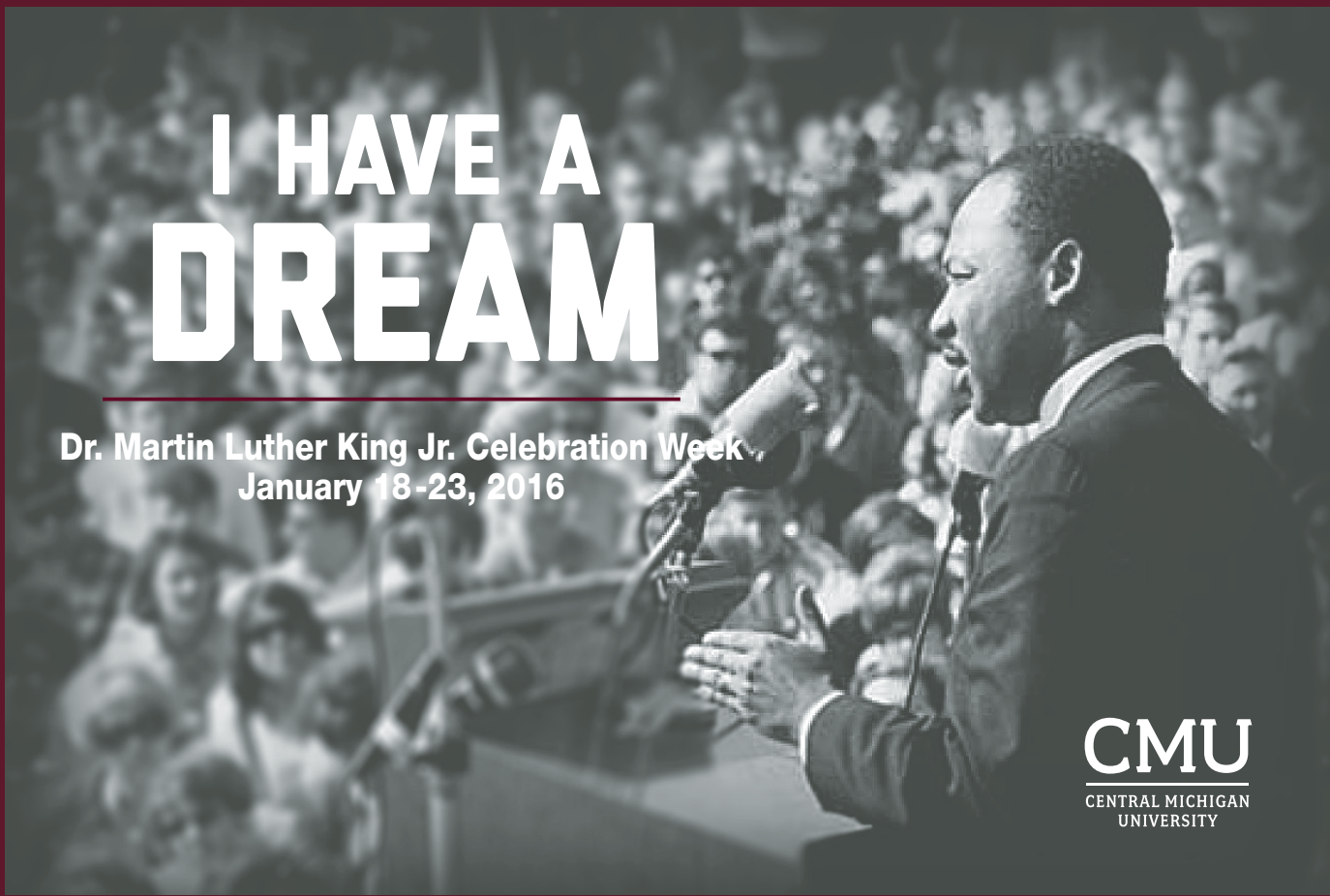
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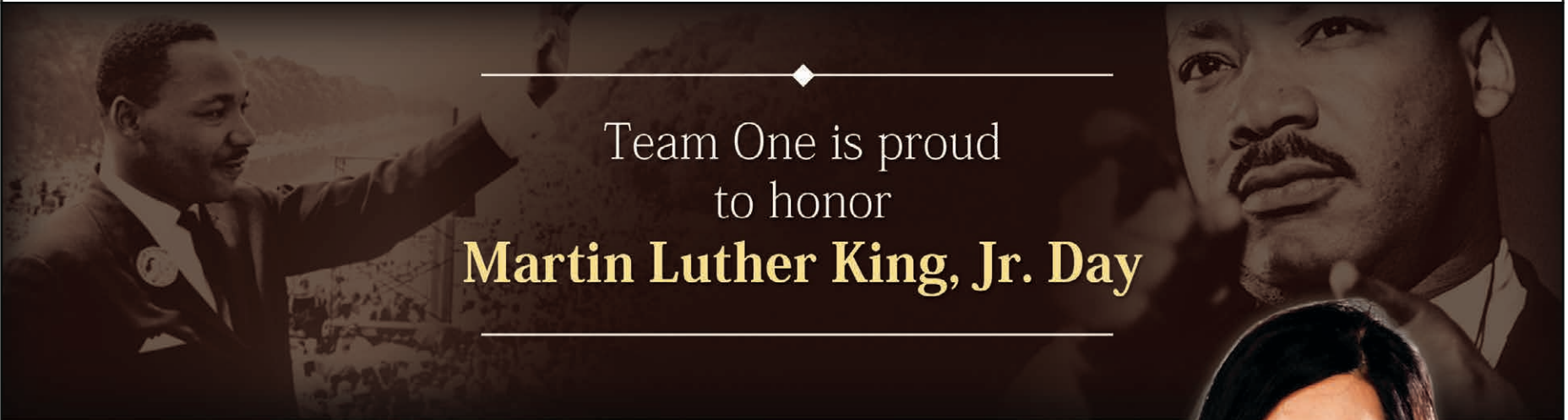
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Join the Central Michigan University community in celebrating and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with these special presentations and activities.

Today, there are crucial conversations rippling across North America—conversations happening on social media, on campuses, in the streets and around dinner tables. In greater numbers, people are talking about real empowerment and liberation for historically disadvantaged groups. When it comes to the Black Lives Matter movement, they're talking specifically about human dignity for African Americans. And for this movement, journalist, humanitarian, and author Shaun King is amongst the most compelling voices: a humane and passionate advocate for justice and families, and an extremely visible fundraiser for victims of brutality and discrimination.

Sometimes people wonder who they might be, and what role they might play, if they were alive during the Civil Rights Movement of the 60s. Mass marches. Signs reading "I AM A MAN." Fire hoses, police dogs, and bloody batons. Distant history, but not as removed as we might think: 2015 saw the deadliest hate crime against African Americans in our lifetimes (via Charleston). It saw more African Americans shot and killed by American police than in any year since 1922. We have ten times more African Americans in jail today than in 1955.

Leaders like Shaun King help us see how racism is not dead and forgotten, but merely a mutating virus, and one that manifests in different forms in every age. Racism, mass incarceration, policies that criminalize blackness in the twenty-first century—these problems won't solve themselves. And that's why King's voice and perspective are so important. As a magnetic element of the Black Lives Matter movement, King helps us see our present place in the larger current of American history. He's adopted social media to rally and unite people of disparate backgrounds. He uses his platform as Senior Justice Writer for New York Daily News (and previously, Daily Kos) to help us stay informed, to unearth the truth beyond local media, and to organize in purposeful and directed ways. Moreover, he reminds us that we can take whatever we do best—whether we lobby, speak, litigate, organize, write, or more—and tilt that practice toward justice.

As a speaker, Shaun King offers an articulate and historically grounded take on the most pressing problems of the day. This generation has its own challenges—challenges for which we need real and applicable solutions. Instead of wondering who we'd be and what we'd do if we were alive in the 60s—or assuming progress will just march along, without our help—King asks us to see our present place in the modern movement for a more equitable world. If every generation operates on a set of principles, then we need to judge our own by looking, clearly and without rose-colored glasses, on the values we live by. As King argues, it's not enough to be just a little bit better. In fact, that's never been enough.

Keynote Speaker
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

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1-3 pm- Information Fair
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

MLK Blood Drive, UC Rotunda, 12pm-6pm

MLK Keynote Speaker, Shaun King, Plachta Auditorium, 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Documentary showing "The Price of Providence", UC Auditorium, Co-sponsored by CMU NAACP & Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 5pm

Black Lives Matter, UC Terrace Rooms, 7pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

MLK Student/Faculty/Staff Charity Basketball Game, Student Activity Center, Small Sports Forum, 6pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Unity Ball featuring the play "Humanity", UC Rotunda, \$7 for students, \$10 for general public, 6pm

All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

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Social Security Celebrates Black History Month



By: Stephanie Holland, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Throughout the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month. Created in 1926, this event coincides with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and Frederick Douglass on February 14. African

American communities have celebrated these birthdays together since the late 19th century.

Honoring our shared history and reflecting on the past is one way we unify as a nation. We remember that we are all Americans — we believe in freedom and democracy for all. Another shared belief is that we all deserve a comfortable retirement, free of economic hardship.

Social Security has retirement benefits and the tools to help you plan for your retirement and to apply for benefits online. We also provide disability benefits to individuals with medical conditions that prevent them from working. If the disabled individual has dependent family members, they can also receive payments.

If you or anyone you know is disabled, they may qualify for disability benefits. You can see if you meet our strict definition of disabled and apply for disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/apply.html.

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Honoring each other begins with fair and equal treatment. Social Security guarantees that, if you pay into the system, you will have the same benefits as everyone else. This Black History Month, we want to make sure our diverse nation is covered and that no one is left out of the benefits they deserve. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov to learn more.

Stephanie Holland is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 455 Bond St, Benton Harbor MI 49022 or via email at stephanie.holland@ssa.gov

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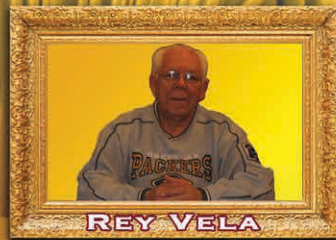
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DIY Scan Day: Preserving Saginaw's Latino History

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Hoyt Library

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In an effort to better preserve the rich history of Latino Americans in Saginaw County, we will offer volunteers and scanning equipment. Members of the Saginaw area Latino community are invited to bring in personal items to be scanned for historic preservation. You will have an opportunity to share your family history by adding your images to the Saginaw Images web site if you wish. Participants will receive a USB drive containing your digital images for personal use. Please register for an appointment by calling (989) 755-9832 by January 12th. This service is available to you free of charge.

Due to time constraints, each family will be limited to either 20 photos or a combination of up to 25-30 photos and documents. Please have an estimated number and type of items when you call to register.

- Photographs: people, events, homes, businesses, families, organizations, migrant workers
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- Family histories
- Newspaper clippings about events, organizations, businesses, people, etc which are of significance to the Latino community.

For your convenience, an interpreter will be on hand and a short activity will be available for elementary school age children in our children's department throughout the day.



Latino Americans: 500 Years of History has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.



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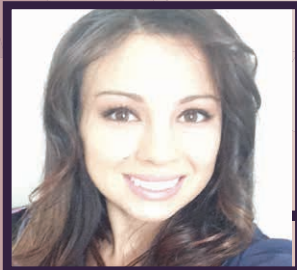
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Growing up and even now, my sister Andréa has been my mentor and positive role model. She has always motivated me and affirms that I am on the right track even when things do not seem that way. She is able to be honest with me and most importantly she cares about my success.

Liz Szul,
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Dr. Juanita Catchings has been a huge influence in my life as far as a mentor. She is invested in my personal and professional development, and without her coaching and positive influence I honestly don't think I would have made it to this point in my life.

Tim Walker, Youth Involvement Coordinator
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Governor Rick Snyder has proclaimed January 2016 as Radon Action Month in Michigan and the Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) is distributing free radon test kits in Chris Klawuhn, SCDPH Environmental Health Services Director, explains: "An important way to protect our families' health is to get radon gas out of our homes." All area residents are encouraged to get a kit and test their homes over the next few weeks and, as necessary, to take action to reduce their Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive

gas found in almost any kind of soil and rock. It travels through the ground and enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation floor or walls, including floor/wall joints, sump openings, and other penetrations caused by plumbing, wiring, or ductwork. Outdoors, it is diluted by the atmosphere, but indoors it tends to be more concentrated and can accumulate to unhealthy levels. Exposure over time can increase one's risk of Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and is the leading cause among nonsmokers. It is a significant environmental

health threat that can be easily detected. When elevated radon levels are found, additional testing should be done to confirm the problem, and then steps can be taken to lower the radon levels.

If a house is found to have radon levels at or above the danger zone of 4 pCi/L (picocuries per liter), homeowners should contact a radon mitigation contractor to correct the problem. Fixing high radon levels doesn't require major home remodeling, but can include installing a fan and ventilation system to circulate the radon outdoors, sealing the cracks in foundations which allow radon to enter the home, or using soil reduction techniques in order to remove radon from the earth surrounding the house.

Some newer homes have been built with anti-radon features already installed.

Klawuhn points out that a statewide survey indicates that elevated levels of radon would be expected in one out of eight homes in Michigan. "Unfortunately, there is no way to predict which homes will have the problem. The only way to know is to test."

Testing is easy and inexpensive. The best time to test is in winter months when people keep their windows and doors closed. The do-it-yourself test kits distributed by the health department are free only in the month of January. Kits are available from the Environmental Health Services Division, 1600 N. Michigan Avenue, in Room 101, as well as at the Rehmann Health Center, 147 S. Test kits may also be available from some hardware stores or home improvement centers, but not all include postage and analysis, so citizens are urged to read the packaging before making their purchase. Kits are available for \$9.95 online at <http://mi.radon.com>.

For more information, call Environmental Health Services at (989) 758-3686 or visit www.saginawpublichealth.org. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality also has a toll-free number at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642).

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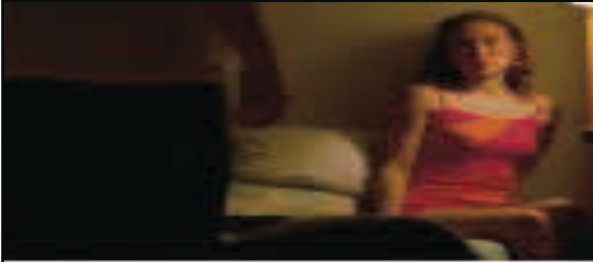
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EDUCATION

Dow Corning executive to keynote regional Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at SVSU

The senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Dow Corning, N. Cornell Boggs III, will serve as the keynote speaker for the seventh annual Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts at Saginaw Valley State University.

Boggs, who joined Dow Corning in 2012, leads the company's global legal, corporate security, and government relations functions. He had extensive experience prior to joining Dow Corning, having served as chief responsibility and ethics officer for MillerCoors, as well as serving in leadership roles in the corporate legal departments of several other companies, including Tyco International, Monsanto, Anheuser-Busch, and Intel.

Boggs began his career as a judicial clerk for the Court of Appeals of Indiana, followed by an appointment as a trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice. He completed a bachelor's degree and a law degree at Valparaiso University, where he currently serves on the board of directors.

Boggs has been actively engaged in advancing diversity in both the businesses he has worked as well as within the legal profession throughout his career. He is a strong proponent and active participant in a variety of mentoring organizations, including the Chart Your Own Course Foundation, through which he mentors young minority attorneys. He also served for seven years on the board of directors for the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. At Dow Corning, Boggs supports the company's efforts to foster diversity through employee

resource networks, diversity training, and educational outreach.

In addition to Boggs' keynote address, the program will include the presentation of regional scholarship awards by the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw community foundations to high school seniors who have embodied Martin Luther King's ideals.

Officials also will announce the winners of the Drum Major Award at the event, which recognizes people whose community involvement in the Great Lakes Bay Region serves to advance King's vision.

The event is open to the public; admission is free of charge. For more information, contact SVSU's Office of Diversity Programs at (989) 964-4068, or go to svsu.edu/mlk.

CMU to offer Master of Public Health degree

New curriculum to start in fall 2016

By: Joe Singer

Reprinted from Pulse, Winter 2015

A new Master of Public Health degree will be offered as part of Central Michigan University's Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions starting this fall.

The degree will enable public health professionals to engage in advanced levels of prevention programming, and a variety of research activities designed to improve population health. It will focus on developing the skills and knowledge that public health workers need to address new and emerging health issues such as alcohol and drug use, obesity, and air pollution.

"People in the majority of our counties do not have proper access to medical care and have a poor knowledge of healthy lifestyles," Interim Dean Thomas J. Masterson, Jr. said.

"Students will have a capstone experience where they will go out into these populations and actually develop educational programs to educate residents about all aspects of health."

At the completion of the program, a graduate will be able to function as a public health specialist, or manager of health services, in accordance with national standards. Mary Sue Gotham, '72 M.A. '79 in health education, said this type of program would have helped her when she was looking for options after graduation. The CMU alumna recently retired from her role as a supervisory public health advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"A master in public health would have given me that science base that I didn't feel I had until I went to nursing school after graduating from CMU," Gotham said.

The program is designed for any individual with a bachelor's degree who wants to pursue a graduate degree.

"CMU is a perfect place for this program because of the growth that has taken place over the last 20 years in this arena," Gotham said. "They have built a very strong college of health professions and are really gaining an incredible reputation."

The program hopes to boost the university's status by offering a broad range of public health programs attractive to future students.

"Basic programming on lifestyle changes, for example, can make a large difference in the quality of life for people," Masterson said. "Our goal is to help elevate the overall health of our population, which leads to decreased health care costs and a better quality of life."

CMU biologist receives grant from National Institutes of Health

Grant will be used to further biomedical research

Central Michigan University's Xantha Karp, assistant professor of biology, has received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to further her research into stem cell biology.

Karp will receive \$350,687 to continue investigating a quiescent, or resting state, called dauer. She will look into how specific cells regulate their genes when in this phase, hoping to determine which switches can help stem cells stay healthy over long periods.

"We are focusing on a gene called FOXO that is important in mammalian stem cells," Karp said. "In worms, FOXO appears to reset

certain genetic pathways during dauer to help stem cells produce the correct cells."

Ultimately, Karp is hoping that her work will lay the foundation for new stem cell therapies.

Stem cells divide to replenish cells that are lost because of injury or normal wear and tear. However, some stem cells spend most of their time in a resting state called quiescence. During quiescence it is important for stem cells to keep their ability to produce only the correct types of cells.

"For example, a blood stem cell must be able to produce both red and white blood

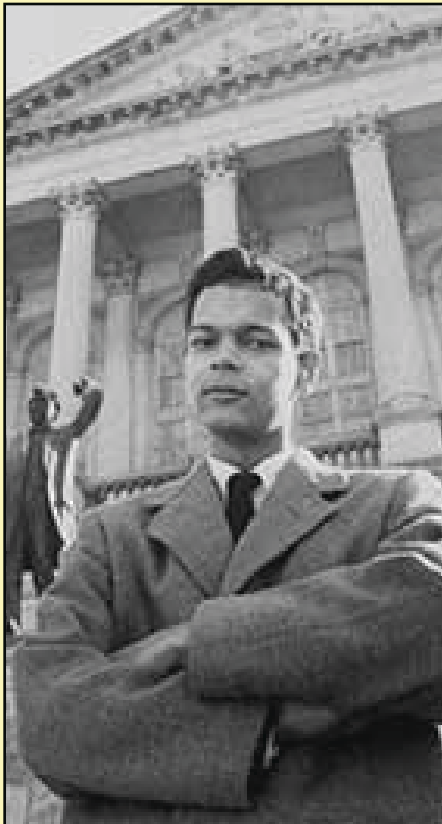
cells, but not skin cells," Karp said. "It is unclear how stem cells retain this ability during quiescence."

The microscopic nematode *C. elegans* serves as Karp's tool to investigate this question. *C. elegans* cells are a useful model for mammalian stem cells because the worms are simple and easy to study, yet they share many genes with mammals, including genes involved in stem cell biology.

"NIH has found our previous research promising, and I think we are on the right track," she said.

Black History Month Fact

January 9, 1967



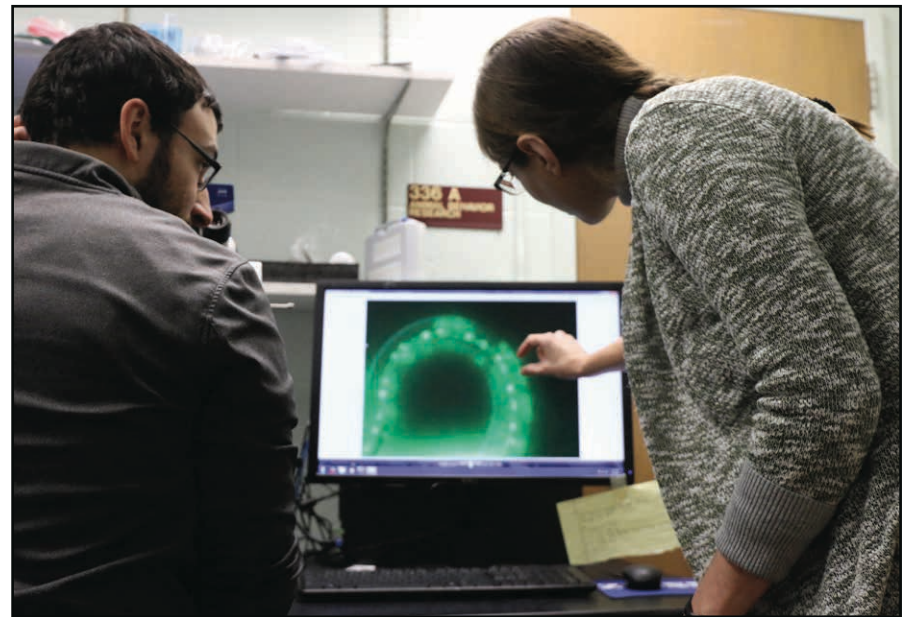
Julian Bond in 1966 waiting to be seated in the General Assembly.

Julian Bond, elected more than a year before, was finally sworn in as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives.

The legislature had refused to allow him to take his seat because of his opposition to the Vietnam War and specifically his endorsement of a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) statement accusing the United States of violating international law in Vietnam. Bond had been the director of SNCC.

Following his election in 1965, the Georgia House refused to seat him. He was re-elected to his "vacant seat" and the House refused again.

He was then re-elected a third time. But not until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously in his favor was the legislature forced to relent.



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Reeves named 2016 MLK Spirit Award Winner

Rosemary Reeves *Courtesy Photo*

Rosemary Reeves, lead coordinator for the Delta College Ricker Center, has been named the 2016 recipient of the College's Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. The award is sponsored by Delta's Black Faculty and Staff Association, and members annually select a Delta employee whose service to the institution and community exemplifies the spirit of Dr. King's work and values.

Reeves has served at Delta College in a variety of roles for more than 18 years. She also has 15 years of experience working in the College's Substance Abuse Prevention and

Faculty and Staff Association. "Her service to others in her community exemplifies the spirit of Dr. King and, for that reason, she was selected as the 2016 receipt of the College's Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Award."

Reeves has previously been recognized for her work receiving various awards, certificates and honors. Most notably, she received the College's Willie E. Thompson Exemplary Career Service Award in 2010. She holds an associate's degree from Delta College, and she has completed leadership

Education Program. She is very involved in the development of youth within the city and has served in numerous capacities professionally and personally, including the Family Youth Initiative (FYI), the Xinos youth group for young women, the NAACP ACT-SO Youth Group in Saginaw Young Explorer Morley Enrichment Inc., and the Delta College Executive Committee for Administrative/Professional Staff (ECAPS) Mentoring Program.

"For decades, Rosemary Reeves has been helping people become the person they want to be, both professionally and personally," said Wendy Burns, President of the Delta College Black

and professional development training through the Great Lakes Bay Regional Summer Institute.

She is the wife of Reverend Isaac Reeves and mother of two children (Isaac and Ebony), and the grandmother of three (Taya, Braxton and Sydney). She actively serves in her church with her husband and is the teacher for the adult Sunday school class.

Reeves will receive the award at the 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Luncheon on Monday, January 18, 2016 at The Dow Event Center's Unity Hall in Saginaw. The Saginaw chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Delta College's Black Faculty and Staff Association annually co-sponsor the luncheon. Dr. King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. This year's theme is "A Time for Renewal, Celebration, and Action," and the speaker will be U.S. Congressman Dan Kildee. The program begins at 11 a.m., with a Unity March beginning at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Franklin and Hayden Streets in Saginaw. The march will proceed to The Dow Event Center.

Past Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Recipients

- 2015 Dr. Linda Holoman
- 2014 Dr. Charissa Urbano
- 2013 Carl Ruth
- 2012 Beverly Westbrook
- 2011 Mary Beth Looby
- 2010 Dr. Jean Goodnow
- 2009 William E. Ketchum, Jr.
- 2008 Teresa Stitt
- 2007 Katrina Nichols
- 2006 Joan Sabourin
- 2005 Jack Crowell
- 2004 Neville Britto
- 2003 John Pugh
- 2002 Willie Thompson
- 2001 Dr. Betty E. Jones
- 2000 Dr. Peter Boyse

Tickets to the program are \$35. For additional information, contact George Adams at 989-797-4096 or Eddie Foxx at 989-777-6049.



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Shocks and Saves® Charity Hockey Game Aims to Score Big for Community

Doctors, medics and Red Wings alumni will take some hits for heart disease

SAGINAW, MI - The 9th annual Pulse3 Foundation's Shocks and Saves® charity game, presented in partnership with Mobile Medical Response (MMR) and the Saginaw Spirit will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 4:30 PM at The Dow Event Center, prior to the Spirit's home game against the Kitchener Rangers.

Local physicians will skate with local emergency medical personnel in a fun-filled game that features the talents of Detroit Red Wings and NHL alumni Jiri Fischer, John Ogrodnick, Darren McCarty, Petr Klima, Sergei Samsonov and Todd Bidner. Tickets are \$13 and include admission to the Spirit game. They can be purchased online at www.saginawspirit.net/groupsales (with Group ID: CPR2016 and Password: Saves) or by calling the Saginaw Spirit group sales office at (989) 497-6506. Be sure to ask for a "charity ticket" and the Saginaw Spirit will donate \$5 of the ticket price to fight heart disease locally. All charity ticket holders will also receive a chance to win a Columbus Blue Jackets jersey signed by former Saginaw Spirit player Brandon Saad.

An online auction will take place two weeks prior to the game and will continue through the night of the event. Hockey memorabilia, unique experiences, and gift certificates to local businesses can be found at www.biddingowl.com/shocksandsaves. Bidding opens on January 15, 2016 and mobile bidding stations will be available at the Dow on game day.

Proceeds generated through Shocks and Saves® have been used to place more than 150 automated external defibrillators throughout mid-Michigan. There have been 13 life-or-death situations at these sites with seven lives saved because AEDs were available and there was a bystander who performed CPR and used the AED. Proceeds have also been used to:

- Build awareness and education around heart disease, specifically sudden cardiac arrest
- Provide free CPR/AED training to 1,800 people in 2015
- Support our community CPR/AED alert

system, which notifies those trained in CPR when lifesaving help is needed. To date, over 6,300 trained CPR responders have downloaded the phone app, which is integrated with the 9-1-1 system. Originally piloted in Saginaw County, the system is now active in Gratiot, Isabella and Clare counties.

- Locate AEDs through a free phone app that allows the public to submit AED locations to us. This information is validated and shared with medical dispatching authorities. AEDs only help if we know where they are.
- Provide free training resources to ensure area schools are prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies (provided 35 schools with training)
- Provide free aortic aneurysm screenings (5 people identified with positive findings)

Following the Shocks and Saves® game, all are invited to the Blue Line Club for a short presentation recognizing local heart disease survivors, and rescuers who saved a life with bystander CPR, including, but not limited to:

- Bob LoFiego and his lifesaver Tony Serra – A resident of Midland, Bob's 48th wedding anniversary almost turned into tragedy after he went into cardiac arrest at the Midland Center for the Arts. An employee of MCFTA, Tony Serra performed CPR and used an AED to shock Bob's heart back to life. (MCFTA is a past AED recipient.)
- Courtney Alexander and her rescuers Megan Paul and Dan Bromley – A 33-year-old mother of three who went into cardiac arrest when she and her husband were picking their children up from the babysitter's house. She was saved when a police officer arrived quickly and defibrillated her heart.
- Ken Reed and his rescuers Kenyell and Ly' Angel Reed and Carrie Whitley – A Saginaw-area father who was saved by the quick actions of his 9- and 16-year-old daughters after suffering a heart attack at his mother-in-law's house.
- Ryan Suhr – A 36-year-old father-to-be whose life was almost cut short by a

undetected congenital heart defect that caused him to go into cardiac arrest.

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Schools and nonprofit agencies located in the Great Lakes Bay (Bay, Midland, Saginaw and Isabella counties) and Thumb (Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties) regions that are interested in receiving an AED, should contact the Pulse3 Foundation at (989) 754-7283 to request an application form or download a form at www.pulse3.org. The application deadline is March 1.

For more information, contact Pulse3 Foundation at (989) 754-7283 or info@pulse3.org.

The Pulse3 Foundation is a nonprofit organization striving to create a community that is healthy and vibrant by championing causes related to the education, prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Saginaw Community Foundation awarded grant through Michigan Health Endowment Fund to address obesity-related issues in Saginaw County

Saginaw, Mich. – The Saginaw Community Foundation is excited to announce it has been awarded a grant of \$250,000 from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to support local initiatives that will address obesity-related issues for children, adolescents and senior adults in Saginaw County. Grant funding from Saginaw Community Foundation will help Saginaw County non-profit organizations address obesity-related health issues as a collective. The following eight organizations will be impacted as a result of the grant:

- Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market
- Michigan State University Extension (MSUE)
- Pulse3 Foundation
- Saginaw County CHAP (Children's Health Access Program)
- Saginaw County Parks & Recreation
- Saginaw Intermediate School District (Saginaw ISD)
- St. Mary's of Michigan Center of Hope
- YMCA of Saginaw

These agencies will use education, opportunity and promotion to achieve the following goals:

1. Improve coordination among agencies entities working towards reducing senior adult and childhood obesity;
2. Enhance nutrition and physical activity programs/initiatives;

3. Communicate consistent nutrition and physical activity messaging;
4. Advocate for community-wide policy and initiatives which increase healthy food choices and physical activity.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the Saginaw Community Foundation to work closely with some of our community health partners," said Reneé Johnston, president and CEO, Saginaw Community Foundation. "More importantly, receiving these additional funds will allow our health partners to enhance their efforts to address county obesity issues."

Across the state, 29 community foundations were awarded funding through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund's fall 2015 grant application process. Grant requests focused on areas such as: prenatal care and infant mortality, health services to support adopted and fostered children, healthy food access, wellness and fitness programs, access to mental health services, technology enhancements, health related transportation needs, access to care/integrated care and teen pregnancy prevention.

"The Michigan Health Endowment Fund board is proud to support a variety of very successful programs already positively impacting the health of Michigan's children and seniors as a result of our first grant funding effort," said Rob Fowler, board chairman, Michigan Health Endowment Fund. "We look forward to building additional relationships

with Michigan's community foundations and other non-profit organizations as they continue their focused work to improve the health of Michigan's most vulnerable residents."

Community foundations were eligible to apply for grants in support of programs to improve the health of minor children and seniors in their regions. Those foundations receiving funding, in turn, now have the ability to offer their affiliate foundations or smaller community organizations the opportunity to seek grants that support similar programs.

"We are excited to collaborate this year with community foundations on projects that seek to enhance the well-being of Michigan's children and seniors in their local communities," said Paul Hillegonds, executive director of Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

The mission of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund is to improve the health of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of health care, with special emphasis on the health and wellness of children and seniors. The fund was created as part of 2013 state legislation that allowed Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to become a nonprofit mutual health insurer. Nearly \$38 million in grants were awarded by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund last year.

Additional information can be found at the Michigan Health Endowment Fund website at mhealthfund.com or the Saginaw Community Foundation website at saginawfoundation.org.

Statement by Congressman Dan Kildee on Flint Water Crisis

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) issued the following statement today after Governor Rick Snyder's press conference in Flint regarding the ongoing water crisis:

"Flint residents deserve action, not more talk from Governor Snyder. This is not a public relations problem – this is a public health crisis. "The indifference shown by this

administration throughout this water crisis is beyond frustrating. An entire city has been poisoned by a decision made by a state-appointed emergency financial manager and for months the state first denied, then delayed action to help the people of Flint.

"I have no confidence that Gov. Snyder is responding to this ongoing emergency in

a way equal to the gravity of the situation, which is why I today reiterated my request for the federal government to provide any assistance to help in this ongoing crisis."

Congressman Kildee's letter to President Obama requesting federal assistance can be viewed here.

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Wingman: Saginaw's General David Hall

The 2016 theme for African American Month is "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories" We have chosen to recognize and salute one of our own living legacies, General David Hall.

Born during the period of infamous Jim Crow laws, General David Hall overcame many obstacles to achieve a distinguished career in

the military, in industry, and education. Saginaw videographer Ricardo Verdoni has captured the story in a documentary entitled "The Wingman"

Influenced by his father's positive attitude and his own determination, Hall not only rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the Air Force, but later as a civilian, had a distinguished career in industry and education.

Following his 30 years of military service, Hall joined General Motors as an executive for ten years during which time he was transferred to Saginaw where he has remained ever since. In 1993, Hall left the corporate life to teach for Northwood University and later was selected to be Executive in Residence for the business school at SVSU.

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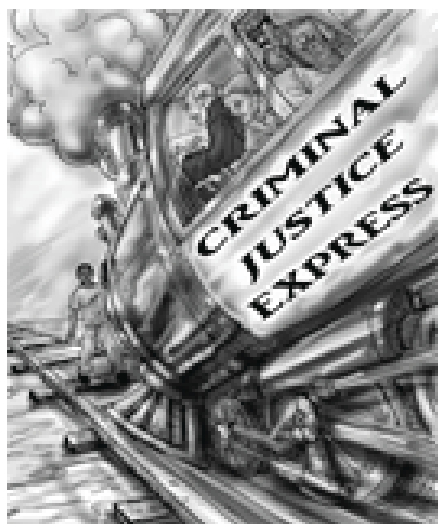
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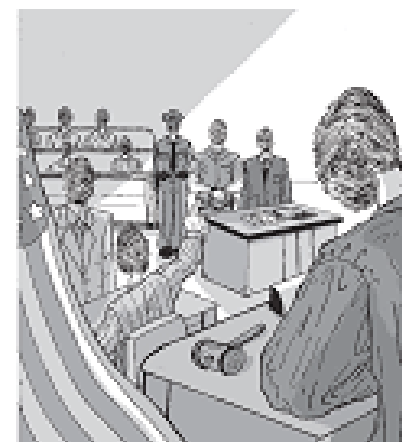
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**HOW CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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By Hon. M.T. Thompson, Jr. &
Prof. Maurice R. Stubbins

Black lives matter! The videos of one police killing after another and the over incarceration of African Americans has focused new attention on the criminal justice system.

Every African American has been or will be affected by the criminal justice system. One out of every three Black men will spend time in jail or prison. Our incarceration rate is six times the national average. Since 1980 Black men in Michigan have went to prison at 13 times the rate they have went to college. Michigan has more Black men in prison than college

Most Black folks who come face-to-face with the criminal justice system are like deer caught in the headlights of a fast approaching train. They have no idea of what's about to happen to them or how to get out of harm's way. Many of them will end up as road kill. Run over by a criminal justice system they did not know how to deal with.

To reduce your chances of being run over and becoming road kill, you need certain basic information. Dealing with the police or going to court without knowing how the courts work, what your rights are, how to assert your rights or what the basic rules of the court system are is like trying to play basketball without knowing what a foul, double dribble or three point shot is. It's like trying to play baseball without knowing what a foul ball, strike or home run is. You need certain basic information to survive the criminal justice system.

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Building Consensus and Reaching Agreement

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You may be in a situation where there was agreement in the past, but changes in board membership, executive leadership, the economy, or needs of the community have eroded prior agreement. That's not necessarily a bad thing. As we mentioned in part one of this series, it may be time for things to change.

Reaching and sustaining agreement is an ongoing process that impacts many aspects of your organization including fundraising. For example, your case for support, fundraising priorities and strategies all depend on prior agreement. Without agreement, leadership may feel they are asked to "rubber stamp" decisions. They may consent in words, but not with actions. You may find "simple" decisions such as approving a grant submission evolve into lengthy discussions that question the organization's direction. These can emerge because time was not previously allocated to full and open discussion.

Here's a process we suggest for the new year. Both the board chair and the executive director can schedule individual conversations with board members, senior staff, and key volunteers. The purpose of these conversations is to learn their thoughts regarding current and

proposed programming, strategic directions, fundraising, staffing, and – in general terms – their level of comfort with the nonprofit and how they want to be involved. Questions should be answered, dissent noted and addressed, and new ideas given proper consideration.

These individual conversations should be followed by a leadership meeting. The board chair and executive director should communicate the work that lies ahead for the coming year and invite discussion. They can begin by laying out new ideas raised in individual conversations, or areas where they know there is dissent.

This may sound like "a lot of unnecessary work." Others may feel it "opens up a can of worms." We believe it is important to the very foundation of your nonprofit. Some

years leaders may engage in long, animated discussions. Other years leadership may nod in agreement, reaffirming prior commitments and wanting to get on with the work at hand.

What's most important is that every attempt is made to understand minority opinions and objections. When people feel their concerns are not addressed, they can make it difficult to reach future decisions, or they may remove themselves from the organization, taking with them their wisdom and relationships.

Learn more by reading chapter one of our book [*Prerequisites for Fundraising Success*](#).

Next week: commitment.

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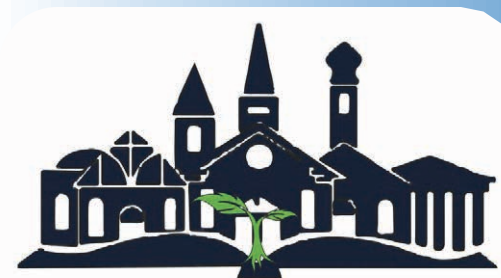


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NON PROFIT NEWS

VP of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies Newest Member of CMURC Board of Directors

MOUNT PLEASANT, Michigan, January 8, 2016 — Central Michigan University Board of Trustees appointed David Ash as the newest addition to the 13-member Board of Directors for the Central Michigan University Research Corporation (CMURC), a leader in advancing the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

"We have been developing processes for continued progress to encourage faculty research and potential commercialization opportunities," said President and CEO of CMURC Erin Strang, "In doing so, we work closely with the CMU Office of Research and Graduate Studies (ORGS), making David Ash a welcomed addition to our Board of Directors."

In mid-2015, Ash was asked to lead the

Office of Research and Graduate Studies (ORGS) for the next two years, after joining Central Michigan University in 2005 as chemistry chair. The ORGS fosters high-quality research and provides direction enabling faculty, staff and students to secure funding in furthering their work. In addition, they provide support to ensure compliance with university, sponsor, state and federal regulations related to CMU research.

"We have a shared interest to support university commercialization efforts," said David Ash. "Serving on this Board is directly in-line with the CMU priority to promote excellence in research and creative activity."

The President of CMU, Dr. George Ross, chairs the Board comprised of industry leaders and CMU administrators. CMURC focuses on the commercialization of technologies developed by CMU students, faculty, staff and alumni by connecting industry to university resources, for student projects and creating real world

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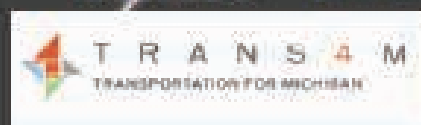
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Why Prevailing Wages are a Good Thing!

By: Chris Fisher

Michigan public school districts, in particular urban, rural and other districts facing financial difficulty, deserve the flexibility to provide students and teachers the very best facilities, buildings and safe learning environments at the best price. So why isn't it always happening?

One reason for this ongoing problem is Michigan's misunderstood and outdated "prevailing" wage law. Unlike other common wage requirements, this mandate exists only for public construction (and nowhere else), and it is imposed in addition to all other wage and benefit requirements at the state and federal levels. With this extra layer of expense to taxpayers comes a lot of missed opportunity for local school districts.

Prevailing wage is an added expense mandating that work and wage classifications from union agreements exclusively supersede all other best practices. This results in the

construction of schools and government buildings favoring construction union bosses and the handful of companies with whom they have exclusive contracts, instead of ensuring an equal playing field for everyone, regardless of union status. The cost of being forced to comply with special interest carve outs for the few, instead of fair and open competition for everybody, is both unfair and costly.

School construction, renovation, and maintenance for Michigan public school districts cost an average of \$1.3 billion annually over the past decade according to the nonpartisan Anderson Economic Group. A staggering \$116 million of that is spent due to prevailing wage requirements. During this same ten-year period more than a billion dollars were misallocated instead of being used to improve local schools. In the private sector at the places nearly all Michiganders live and work this is not required, but for taxpayer-funded construction this special interest scheme is

unfortunately the law of the land.

These requirements for public school construction do not exist in ANY of the states that neighbor Michigan because of the harmful affects they have on school construction costs. In fact, prevailing wage repeal for schools in Ohio saved that state nearly \$500 million in just five years, according to its nonpartisan Legislative Service Commission. More broadly, only six states have a prevailing law mandate like ours. Just six.

Michigan can do better by learning from the best practices of our neighbors. Taxpayers deserve accountability and our schools deserve opportunity. Michigan needs to repeal prevailing wage.

Chris Fisher is president of Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan, representing leading industrial, commercial and governmental contractors supporting equal opportunity and fiscal accountability for public construction.

You Have to Earn Trust

By: Jimmie Greene

"You have to earn trust," Governor Snyder said. "This will be a process by showing the steps we're taking to be proactive."

That might be the understatement of the short new year. I've sat back watching this Flint water situation unfold for months since it's been akin to the Netflix cult documentary "Making a Murderer" as far as complexity and culpability. But there most certainly is a vast difference and it's the thousands of people every minute of every day affected by something as basic to most Americans as clean and safe drinking water. And in Flint, my hometown, you just couldn't ask for a city that needed this to be the greatest of their worries considering the many issues that they face daily; crime, literacy, unemployment,

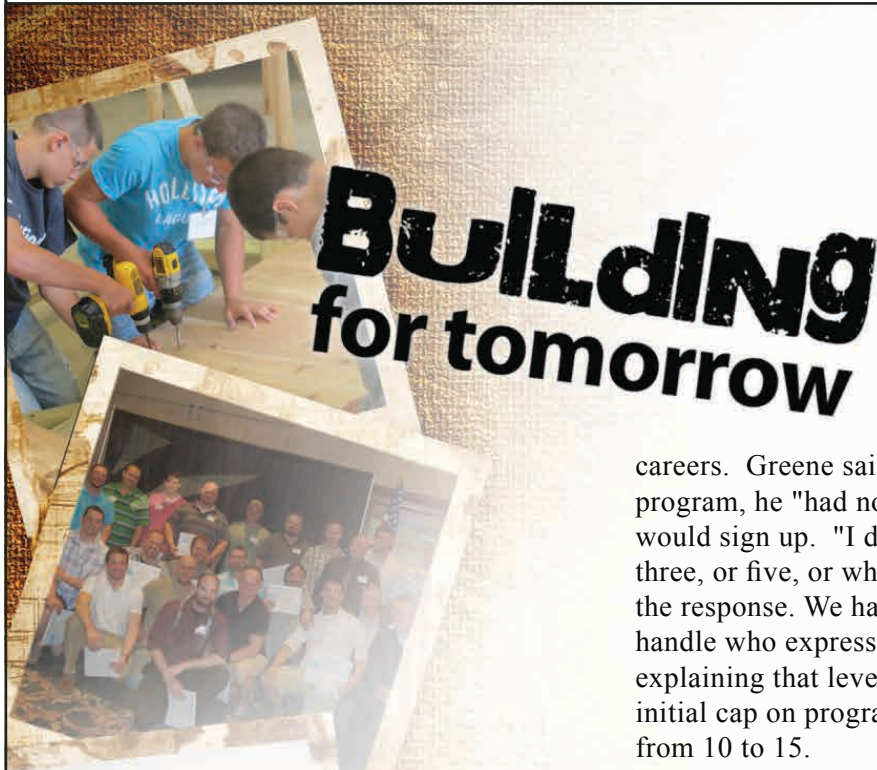
and all the sub-category affects that they have on the children of Flint. As of last month, the state had identified 43 people with elevated lead levels in their blood. Lead is toxic, and can cause stunted development in children.

The Sheriff's department is using prisoners to deliver water and filters to the many citizens; the sick, the poor, the elderly that can't get to distribution centers. It's the kind of story that folks read about when there are natural disasters; like hurricanes, tornados, floods, and fires; but this one is man made. And if as some assert that it wasn't simply man made (we all make mistakes, own it fix it get over it) but that this was politically and economically motivated and that when it was discovered early on, buried and a coverup began then

there better more than public apologies coming from Lansing.

I applaud Mayor Dr. Karen Weaver's leadership and subsequent meeting with Governor Snyder without the hysteria and finger pointing; the new Flint Mayor is seeking resolution and providing safe drinking water to the citizens of Flint. But it is vitally important to keep this in its proper context; no one person involved poisoned the water or corroded the pipes but someone didn't place the right urgency behind this issue and on surface devoted more time to covering up the issue then fixing it.

I for one am not going to point fingers or jump to conclusions but to instead fall back on Governor Snyder's words..."You have to earn trust". The clock is ticking on that edit.



A new joint venture between Midland County Schools and The Greater Michigan Construction Academy begins this school year, with the goal of providing interested district students an early start on apprenticeships into skilled trades. A total of 15 juniors from the district's high schools will make up the inaugural class of the GMCA Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program, according to Jimmy Greene, the CEO for The Greater Michigan Construction Academy.

Those juniors, should they complete the program that runs through this year and next, when they would be seniors, will earn 1 1/2 years of the required 4 year equivalency to become an apprentice in selected skilled trades

careers. Greene said, because it was a pilot program, he "had no idea" how many students would sign up. "I didn't know if it would be three, or five, or what. I'm beyond pleased with the response. We had more kids than we could handle who expressed interest," Greene said, explaining that level of demand prompted the initial cap on program participants to increase from 10 to 15.

Here's how the program will work, at least this school year, which starts today, as Midland ESA will assess its performance and impact:

*Students will convene at GMCA on Mondays and Tuesdays, from 7 to 9 a.m., for instruction in various disciplines related to skilled trades. Those students will then be released back to their high schools, where they will take classes such as English and math.

*Students will convene at the GMCA training facility on Wednesdays and Thursdays, also from 7 to 9 a.m., where they will have hands-on training and instruction.

*Fridays will be days for review and testing of retained knowledge, and The Midland ESA will monitor the program for the district.

Greene credited Midland County ESA Superintendent John Searles and Don Johnson

as well as the 4 other County Superintendents from Meridian, Coleman, Bullock Creek, and Midland Public for embracing the program and seeing the potential value for students who might want to pursue a specific career path.

"It requires district buy-in. It's a nontraditional program," Greene said. "Traditionally, in a school, through the diploma types. (it's) really geared toward pointing kids toward college. But that's not what all students are. That's not what all students want to do.

"There is opportunity for students who want this type of work. Those jobs are there – employers want these workers. They need them. Through this program, the opportunity is there to have a very focused curriculum."

Students who complete the program will still have to complete the remainder of their apprenticeships, but Greene said that likely won't be an issue – demand is so great for young workers to enter skilled trades, to begin to replace older workers who are leaving the workforce, that some employers will pay to have workers finish, as long as they agree to work for them for a period of time.

"We said we'll do it, Year 1, no matter how many (students) we get. That's how much they need people," Greene said. SO now it's time for Saginaw County to step up and provide access to Saginaw Students!

Horn issues statement on Buena Vista drinking water

Locals working to address elevated chlorine levels

LANSING, MICH. — State Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, issued the following statement Thursday after residents of Buena Vista recently received notice that their drinking water does not meet Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards:

"I want to commend Buena Vista Township Supervisor Dwayne Parker and Township Manager Dexter Mitchell and for acting quickly

to notify residents of the slightly elevated level of chlorine in the drinking water, and for taking immediate steps to ensure residents are safe.

"With the recent events in nearby Flint, the importance of quick action and remediation when it comes to drinking water safety is paramount. Keeping residents safe and healthy must be the top priority.

"I spoke with Interim Director Keith

Creagh of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Supervisor Parker this morning, and will be working with the DEQ to determine appropriate steps moving forward.

"If it is deemed necessary for the Legislature to get involved, I will present a solution to my Senate colleagues for review. I will offer my assistance in any way necessary to ensure Buena Vista's water flow is addressed without delay."

Voter rights a key focus of CMU's MLK week as presidential election heats up

University's annual celebration kicks off Jan. 18 with unity brunch, march and series of speakers

Voter rights and the legacy of one of America's most influential civil rights champions will converge during Central Michigan University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Week Jan. 18 through 23. Activities, speakers and other events, hosted by CMU's Multicultural Academic Student Services office, explore topics beyond King's commonly recognized work on racial equality in America, with a special focus on voter access and rights relevant to the upcoming fall elections.

"Dr. King was more than just a powerful advocate and voice for racial justice. He also led the charge around voter rights for all and the disenfranchised, gender equality, hunger and socioeconomic justice," Associate Vice President for Institutional Diversity Carolyn Dunn said.

The celebration kicks off on Monday, Jan. 18, with a day of service, brunch and

community march in honor of King's commitment to nonviolent demonstrations and community unity. The morning brunch and afternoon march, which steps off from the Bovee University Center at 3 p.m., are open to the greater Mount Pleasant community.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, students can register to vote at a mobile voter registration center on campus. Information sessions on the absentee ballot process also will be held to answer questions and give another option to students who cannot travel home to cast a ballot — a barrier for many college-age voters.

Tuesday's events also delve into the history of voting in America, as well as the fight for equal access and voting rights for all citizens. CMU First Lady Elizabeth Ross will host a viewing of "Selma" and share her family's personal experiences with the historical events documented in the film. The day will conclude

with a film on the women's suffrage movement in the early 1900s.

The public also is invited to hear more about the life, work and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. from speaker, writer and social justice advocate Shaun King on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in Warriner Hall's Plachta Auditorium.

"This is one way our on-campus community and Mount Pleasant residents of all backgrounds can get involved in diversity and inclusion issues or learn more and be active citizens this election season," Assistant Director for Cultural Programming and Mentoring D'Wayne Jenkins said. "In the spirit of Dr. King, we encourage everyone to use Jan. 18 as a day on, rather than a day off."

For a full listing of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Week events and information, visit CMU's Multicultural Academic Student Services website.

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creating my future ...
and it is bright*

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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