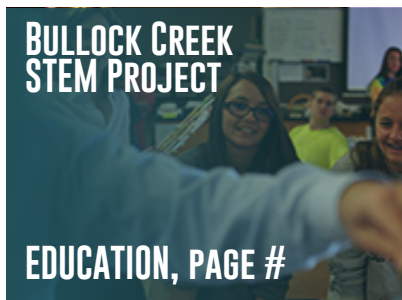


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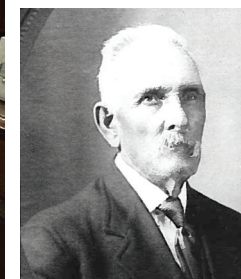
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FAREWELL ALEJANDRA "OLLIE" ZUNIGA LB-1

SEN. HORN WELCOMES FAMILY OF ST. CHARLES CIVIL WAR SOLDIER TO STATE CAPITOL



(left) State Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, stands for a photo on the Senate floor with his guests for the Michigan Senate's 22nd Annual Memorial Day Service on Thursday. Pictured from left to right: Cathy Harris, Vickie Stuart, Sen. Horn, Robert Joseph Boquette, Shirley Louchart and Phyllis Hoseit. (top right) Self-portrait signed by Nichols. (bottom right) Portrait of Nichols. Courtesy Photos

LANSING, Mich. — State Sen. Ken Horn, R-Frankenmuth, welcomed the family of Civil War soldier Alvah Nichols to the Michigan Capitol for the Michigan Senate's 22nd Annual Memorial Day Service on Thursday.

Nichols was born in 1832 in the state of New York and enlisted in the 9th New York Heavy Artillery in December of 1863. During his time in the service, Nichols was involved in several well-known Civil War battles,

including Harper's Ferry, the Second Battle of Bull Run, Gettysburg, and Cold Harbor.

After having fought in 13 total battles, Nichols was honorably discharged in 1865 due to several health issues. After he was discharged, Nichols traveled to Michigan to start a new life — eventually settling in the St. Charles area where he died at the age of 82 in 1914.

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Alejandra “Ollie” Zuniga passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at New Hope Valley Assisted Living & Memory Care Center with her family by her side. She was 92 years old.

Alejandra Riojas was born on May 17, 1923 in Gonzales, Texas. She married Amado Tom Zuniga on May 9, 1947 in Lakeview, Michigan. Ollie was a member of the St. Mary Cathedral where she served as an usher.

She was a lifetime member of the American GI Forum where she served as an Officer on the Local, State and National levels. She was responsible for organizing conferences and conventions and on numerous occasions was the Convention Chairperson.

Ollie’s first job in Michigan was as an Assembler at the Gibson Refrigeration Company in Greenville. She then went to the School of Cosmetology and from 1947 to 1960 she had her own Beauty Salon in her home. She later was employed at the Osteopathic Hospital for 20 years, where she worked as a Surgical Assistant in the Operating Room and also served as an interpreter for Spanish speaking patients.

She then became Coordinator for the Project PRIDE Tutoring Program with the School District of the City of Saginaw, retiring in 2007. She served as a Board Member for Tri-City SER, First Ward Community Center, Multi-Purpose Center, YMCA, and the Saginaw Human Planning Commission. Ollie was a member of the Hispanic Education Foundation, Democratic Party, Latin Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLLA), Michigan Spanish Speaking Democrats, Possible Dream Scholarship Program with Delta College, and the Mid-West Voter Registration Hispanic Leadership Conference out of Chicago, Illinois

under the leadership of Dr. Juan Andrade. She was on the Committee for Representative Mike Hanley, served as National Corporate Board Member for the Women in Community Service (WICS). She served on the Committee for Mexican Pioneer Day, National Veterans Outreach Program, Hispanic Advisory Committee, and for Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University.

Ollie was appointed by the Governor of Michigan to serve on the commission of the Department of Social Services of Michigan.

Alejandra was invited to the White House in 1987 and 1988 for briefings on Central America. She has received numerous awards for her affiliations throughout her lifetime.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at New Hope Valley and Hospice Advantage/Compassus for taking compassionate care of her.

Surviving are her children: Thomas A. (Lorraine) Zuniga of Florida, Ruby Schuler of Tennessee, Dennis Zuniga of Saginaw, Elizabeth (Bruce) Isotalo of Saginaw; seven grandchildren: Kristina, Eddie (Diane), Laurie (Scott), Craig (Shannon), Lisa (Dwayne), Tricia (Steve) and Michael; 16 great-grandchildren: Tatiana, Johnny, Martin, Brea, Rico, Talia, Nicholas, Ariana, Lil Eddie, Jeremiah, Alexis, Avery, Leighton, Amado, Cierra and Alyssa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Amado Tom Zuniga and a daughter, Deborah Lynn Zuniga.

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In 2010, African American children were 2.5 times more represented in the foster care system than in the general population of Michigan.

* "Disproportionality Rates for Children of Color in Foster Care," Technical Assistance Bulletin, May 2012 *

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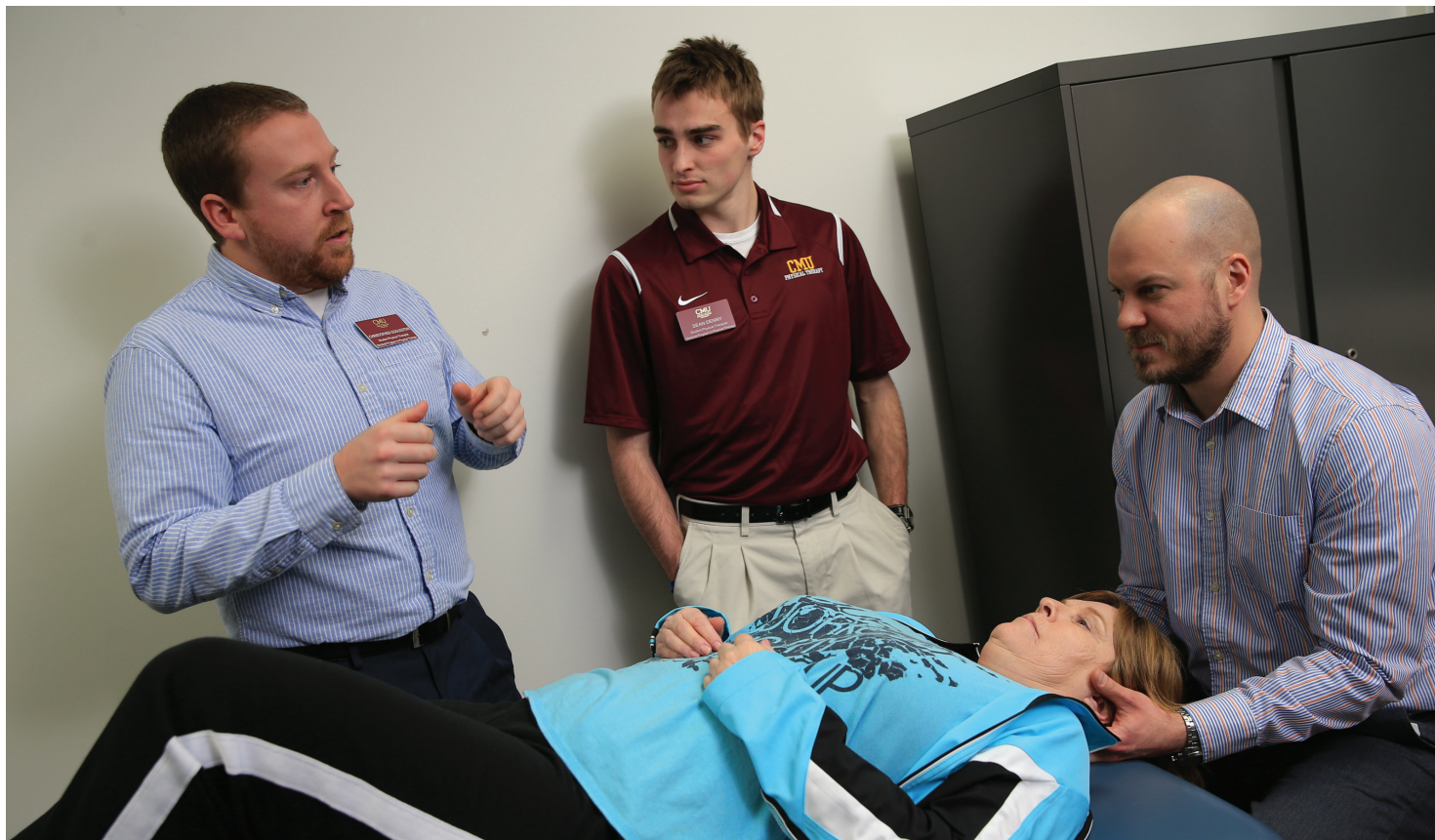
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POLICY CHANGE ALLOWS CMU CLINIC TO EXPAND SERVICES TO MORE LOCAL, RURAL MICHIGAN RESIDENTS



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Hands for Health, Central Michigan University's student-run physical therapy clinic, has provided free treatment to uninsured local residents unable to pay for rehabilitation services since 1998. Now, a policy update initiated by the clinic — a move prompted by decreases in the number of uninsured and the growing ranks of the insured under the Affordable Care Act — also will make the same physical therapy services available to the underinsured.

"The landscape of health insurance has shifted, and we want to make sure we change with it to continue to meet residents' needs," said John Andraka, CMU faculty member and director of Hands for Health. "This change to the clinic's policy is a major shift that will allow us to help more people in our local community and other parts of rural Michigan."

The new policy means patients who have health insurance, but still cannot afford physical

therapy, also may be eligible to receive care. The clinic will continue to serve patients without health insurance and those who have surpassed their physical therapy insurance allowance. Patients must prove a financial need and status that aligns with the federal poverty level determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Patients range from toddlers to the elderly. Therapists primarily treat or manage orthopedic and musculoskeletal symptoms stemming from medical procedures, injuries or conditions, including multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, arthritis, chronic back issues, sports injuries and joint replacements. A prescription referral from a physician is preferred, but residents also may call the clinic to speak with staff about their eligibility for services.

"The broad spectrum of expertise in our faculty members and doctoral students means

that we are able to guide a patient to the best person for their particular condition and the help they need to improve their quality of life," Andraka said. "This not only ensures exceptional patient care, it also gives our talented students additional hands-on learning experiences with experienced professionals in the field."

Hands for Health's student clinicians from the Doctor of Physical Therapy program work closely with licensed and board-certified faculty members year-round to treat residents of the greater Mount Pleasant area. The students and faculty evaluate, develop a treatment strategy, perform tests and carry out a personalized therapy plan for each patient. To treat patients, students must be in the second

year of their doctoral program and have completed one clinical internship. First-year students, however, also are given opportunities to observe and learn.

The clinic first launched as a partnership with the Central Michigan Community Hospital, now McLaren Central Michigan. Today, the facility resides in CMU's Carls Center — a wellness hub with clinics spanning multiple health specialties. In addition to the students who directly care for patients, the team includes students who serve as clinic manager, scheduler, quality of care manager and marketing director.

Hands for Health operates year-round when classes are in session. The clinic is open from 5 to 7 p.m. every Monday.

For more information or to speak with clinic staff about scheduling an appointment, call 989-774-1298 or send an email to handsforhealth@cmich.edu.

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Resource Parent Training is a curriculum that was developed out of the work of the National Children's Traumatic Stress Network. It is an 8-module training format that is led by a parent and clinician.

This Training was initially developed for foster parents; however, it has since been adapted to train all forms of caregivers, including the community at large as well as system partners.

This program is presented in cooperation with Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, Saginaw MAX System of Care, and parent partners.

To RSVP and for more information, contact Denise Montrel at 989-395-7113 or dmontrel@sccmha.org

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The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) Laboratory Services Division is recommending home owners with private well water to have their drinking water tested.

Approximately 50 percent of Saginaw County communities depend on private wells for their drinking water from, and some of those wells have unhealthy levels of nitrites, coliform, or other

contaminants. More importantly, these contaminants cannot be detected by taste or smell, so testing is the only way to detect them!

The good news is if your test results find contaminants, there are ways to treat private well water to make it safe, but you first have to understand what's

in your water before you can make an informed decision about how to treat it. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) instructs the public to routinely have their private water supplies tested annually for nitrate and coliform bacteria to detect contamination problems early.

While private wells are not monitored by government or municipal agencies, public water systems must ensure safety by having the water tested. This means the well owner must take responsibility for monitoring well water quality.

SCDPH is a certified by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for testing bacteria and limited chemistries. For more information on SCDPH's water testing, please visit www.saginawpublichealth.org and select Laboratory, Water Quality, or call the SCDPH Drinking Water Lab at (989) 758-3825.

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Who: The Arthur Hill School-Based Health Center opened its doors in 2011 to see all patients ages 10-21 in the community. The community is invited to attend an open house to gain more information about the School-Based Health Center, as well as tour the facility.

What: All day open house and tours of the School-Based Health Centers. This will include hearing from students who use the clinic and learning about community partnerships and other in-school programming. Light refreshments will be provided.

Where: Arthur Hill School-Based Health Center (3115 Mackinaw St, Saginaw, MI 48602)

When: Monday June 6, 2016. Open house will be from 8am-3pm.
Why: The School-Based Health Center is part of Health Delivery, Inc and is able to provide services to all youth ages 10-21, not just those who attend Arthur Hill High School. This will be an opportunity to reach those who may be unaware of the health center or its services.

How: Participants will enter through the main entrance at Arthur Hill and will be directed down to the health center for a tour. They will also hear from several students about the importance of having a health center in their school.

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Lansing, MI – In order to afford a modest, two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Michigan, renters need to earn \$15.62 per hour. This is Michigan's 2016 Housing Wage, revealed in Out of Reach 2016, a national report released today by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, a Washington, DC-based research and advocacy organization, and the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM).

Every year, Out of Reach reports on the Housing Wage for all states, counties and metropolitan areas in the country. The report highlights the gap between what renters earn and what it costs to afford rent at fair market value.

"Michigan simply does not have enough safe and affordable housing, forcing those most vulnerable to live in substandard conditions or face being homeless," said Jamie Schriener-Hooper, Executive Director of CEDAM. "CEDAM members across Michigan work to bridge that gap and connect people with resources and services to help improve their situation."

The federal minimum wage has remained at \$7.25 an hour without an increase since 2009, generating debate and calls to raise the wage both at the state and federal level. In no state, even those where the minimum wage has been set above the federal standard, can a minimum wage renter working a 40-hour work week afford a one-bedroom rental unit at the average Fair Market Rent. Working at the minimum wage of \$8.50 in Michigan, a family must have 1.8 wage earners working full-time, or one full-time earner working 74 hours per week, to afford a modest one-bedroom apartment. The typical renter in Michigan earns \$12.72 per hour, which is \$2.90

less than the hourly wage needed to afford a modest unit.

"The Out of Reach data reflect a grim reality across the nation. There is no place in the United States where a minimum wage worker can afford a two-bedroom apartment," said Diane Yentel, President and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. "We as a nation must respond by investing in affordable housing for the lowest income households in America. The new national Housing Trust Fund is a critical solution, but it must be significantly expanded to address the need."

For additional information and the full report, visit: nlihc.org/or.

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VOLUNTEERS TO REVITALIZE HOMES IN SAGINAW'S ST. STEPHEN/ SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOODS

FIRST OF THREE HABITAT REVITALIZATION PROJECTS ACROSS THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION THIS SUMMER

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity will bring together volunteers from across the Great Lakes Bay Region beginning Friday, June 3 as they kick off their annual week-long neighborhood revitalization project in the City of Saginaw, St. Stephen & Southwest Neighborhoods.

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity is grateful for major support from The Dow Chemical Company (Title Sponsor), Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation for our Communities (Volunteer Sponsor), Morley Foundation (Safety Sponsor), Dow Corning Donor Advised Fund (Safety Sponsor), and Consumers Energy (Community Impact Sponsor). Working in conjunction with homeowners, volunteers from the above-mentioned companies, many more sponsors, area businesses, community groups and churches will work to restore approximately 15 owner-occupied homes and rehabilitate 2 houses that will be sold to qualifying partner families.

Volunteers will work in shifts beginning Friday, June 3 through Friday, June 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be served for all volunteers from 12 to 12:30 p.m. There will be no work on Sunday, June 5.

Neighborhood Revitalization helps homeowners with incomes below 80% of the Area Median Income to preserve and improve their homes with pride and dignity. In addition, they contribute their time and pay for the cost of materials. The Dow Chemical Company is a longstanding partner with Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity. Dow continues to partner with United Way to connect Dow volunteers with opportunities to help. People of all ages and skill levels can participate. There are a variety of tasks to choose from including scraping and painting, replacing windows, fixing decks, revitalizing porches and much more.

Volunteers may register in person the week of the project at St. Dominic's Parish (formerly St. Stephen Church)

athletic field off of Malzahn Street, across from Arthur Hill High School. Signage will help guide interested parties.

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity will also be working in Freeland August 15-September 12 and Buena Vista August 12-17. This is the fourth year the affiliate has worked in multiple neighborhoods throughout Saginaw County.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is a global nonprofit Christian housing organization that seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Since 1976, Habitat has served more than 1,300,000 families by welcoming people of all races, religions and nationalities to construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit www.habitat.org, or follow us at www.facebook.com/habitat.

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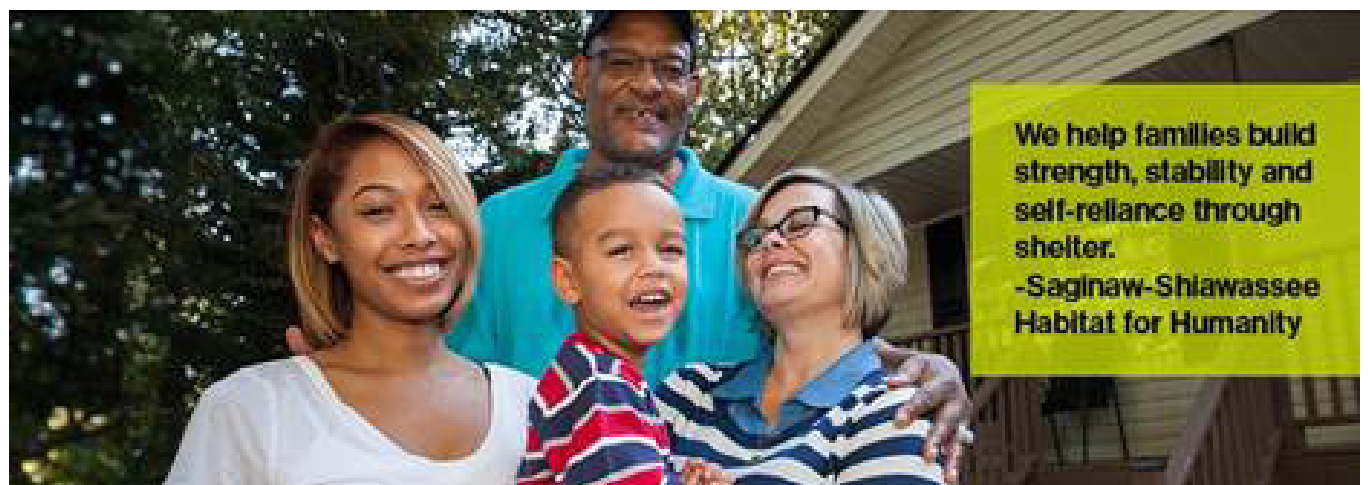
Dow has been a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity since 1983. As the first national corporate sponsor for Habitat, Dow's commitment and contributions reach beyond science and technology to embrace the Human Element, the need to be a responsible corporate citizen, and

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Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated 185 houses and repaired more than 300 others since its founding in 1987. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, to donate locally or to volunteer, please visit www.sshfh.org. Follow us at www.facebook.com/HabitatforHumanitySaginaw.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers as well as coordinators are needed for year-round construction and support. Please contact the Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity office at (989) 753-5200 ext. 500 to volunteer or for any questions.



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EDUCATION

BULLOCK CREEK TEACHER COMBINES SEAT BELT SAFETY AND STEM LEARNING , THANKS TO SVSU & DOW CORNING



Courtesy Photo

Teacher Erin Martin decorates the walls of her Bullock Creek High School classroom with pop culture science flair.

Photos hang near the doorway, showing TV personalities such as Bill Nye The Science Guy, images from movies accompanied by science-themed quotes, and photos of her at a Star Trek convention, where she posed happily with actors from the popular TV and film franchise.

“I’m a Trekkie,” she admits proudly.

Even more than that, Martin is a self-professed pop culture science junkie. That characteristic helps inspire her love of learning real science, making it more accessible and fun. Making science more accessible and fun is a philosophy she tries to apply in her teaching approach.

Now, thanks to a community partnership aimed at improving K-12 education in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), Martin has more resources than ever in empowering that philosophy.

Martin is one of 16 area educators participating in The Dow Corning Foundation/Saginaw Valley State University STEM Community Partnership. Funded by a \$254,000 Dow Foundation Grant, the project connects teachers with SVSU faculty and Dow Corning

officials as they work on ideas for stimulating student interest in STEM.

Martin and each teacher involved in the partnership discussed how the program impacted their classroom during a symposium Tuesday, May 31, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in SVSU’s Curtiss Hall banquet rooms. The event was free and open to the public.

Each teacher involved in the partnership develops lesson plans meant to engage students in STEM. Martin’s project involves teaching students

about the importance of seat belts on safety.

“I wanted to help my students learn but I also wanted to try to help people,” she said. “High school students do not wear their seat belts 100 percent of the time and the leading cause of death for teenagers 12- to 19-years-old is motor vehicle traffic accidents. I want to help save lives by increasing seat belt use.”

Martin isn’t teaching that lesson simply by sharing math equations or using statistical analyses to illustrate seat belt safety. The lesson plan involves tasking students with assignments that involve real-life – albeit safe – simulations.

In Martin’s classroom, not too far from those photos of celebrities, several boxes of Barbie Sisters Safari Cruiser toys are stacked against a wall. For the purposes of the classroom research, these miniature vehicles are used as stand-ins for the road-appropriate variety. Using sensory equipment purchased through The Dow Corning Foundation/SVSU STEM Community Partnership, her students are studying the physics of motor vehicle collisions.

The research is meant to give her students an idea of the devastating effects of crashes at higher speeds.

“The main question my project will answer,” she said, “is ‘Will measuring a small-scale crash

and experiencing a life-sized simulated crash increase the seat belt use of physics students and increase their understanding of momentum?’”

The Dow Corning Foundation/SVSU STEM Community Partnership also connected Martin and her class with Dan Hinterman, an engineering and services manager at Dow Corning. Hinterman began visiting Martin’s classes on a monthly basis in the fall, leading engineering-based activities while discussing the STEM industry with students.

One of Hinterman’s first visits involved tasking students with designing miniature bridges using wooden construction sticks, rubber bands, masking tape and glue. The objective was to build a bridge spanning a 24-inch divide during an hour-long class. Students were grouped into several teams and competed against each other to see which bridge could carry the most weight.

Daniyelle Noel, a 16-year-old junior at the school, enjoyed the assignment.

“I really like that challenges like this force you to think outside the box, and I really enjoy the fun competitive way of presenting challenges,” she said.

Aaron Cummins, another 16-year-old junior, said hands-on activities such as those in Martin’s physics class are more engaging for students than textbook-heavy assignments.

“I absolutely feel that these activities are inspiring to students,” Cummins said. “My classmates enjoy them also, and I think that many of them are surprised at how much fun engineering can be.”

Martin hopes both the lesson plans and networks made with the help of The Dow Corning Foundation/SVSU STEM Community Partnership will inspire her students to experience the same kind of “fun” in STEM that she experiences.

“I made a lot of connections through this program that will help me with this project and beyond,” Martin said. “I am grateful for the opportunity to work on a project that I think will have a huge impact on my students’ learning and lives.”

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Robert Przybylski, Producer/Director, and Christine Santiago Drake, Independent Producer and Writer, received the nomination in the Historical Documentary category, and Pat Cronley of Flint garnered a nomination for his work on the musical soundtrack for the documentary.

SETTLING IN: Immigrants & Cultures that Built Mid-Michigan examines how ancestral groups shaped Mid-Michigan and explores how their local communities survived and thrived amidst the challenges of starting a new life in a

strange and unfamiliar land.

This is Przybylski's fourth nomination and Santiago Drake's third. Cronley won in 2010 for his work on the Q-TV 2010 documentary **RESTORED TO GLORY – Classic Automobiles, Collectors & Their Stories**.

"This award confirms to us that other experts see the quality of the local documentaries we produce," said Tom Bennett, Delta College Quality Broadcasting General Manager. "But, we know that our community values the local

programs too, because they call in to tell us when they see them on the air. As a matter of fact, during our recent on-air fund drive, we heard from 272 people who invested another \$35,500 in our programming."

Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony held at the Motor City Casino in June in Detroit. For more information contact Bob Przybylski at Q-TV at 989-686-9569 or robertprzybylski@delta.edu.

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The CMU Global Campus agreement provides federal employees and their families a 15 percent tuition discount and waives the application fee for certificate, bachelor's and master's degree programs for qualified individuals. More than 30 academic programs are available through the Federal Employee Discount agreement, with an emphasis on programs that focus on the federal government's mission-critical occupations.

"The agreement the federal government has with CMU will provide access to higher education

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FUNRAISING GOOD TIMES

ENGAGING NONPROFIT BOARD MEMBERS: GOT A MINUTE FOR THE MINUTES?

We recently facilitated two board meetings for two very different types of organizations. One was an institution that is over 100 years old with a multi-million dollar budget. The other was an emerging grassroots, community-based organization. At both meetings the focus was fundraising, and board members were actively engaged.

They had suggestions about how to make or improve the case for support; who to engage as leadership level volunteers; how to develop, explore or advance meaningful partnerships; and how to strengthen the board. Decisions were made regarding committees, timeframes, and next steps. Another similarity between the two: both agreed that board giving was a must, and that board members should take the lead in raising funds.

We felt energized leaving both meetings. We were optimistic about actions that board members would take, and the potential for each board to move their respective organization forward. Yet when we reviewed the minutes for each meeting we were left uninspired.

What? Minutes should be inspiring? Well, we think so. When they are simply a record of what was said, you have to read through the contents in their entirety, and highlight the action items in order to create an easy-to-use record of next steps that includes who agreed to do what by when. Our suggestion: record minutes in a way that works with the history, culture and requirements of your organization or institution. Supplement these with a list of next steps and agreements that clearly communicates decisions made; and work to be accomplished, including who is responsible for each task and the timeframe. Email these to all participants within 48 hours. If you have the capacity you may want to personalize each message so it lists the

member's commitments and related timeframes directly in the body of the email for easy access.

We believe that board members have a critical role in fundraising that extends beyond the board meeting. When members quickly receive a message focused on next steps they can get into action and draw on the momentum created during the board meeting. Here are three other ways that user-friendly minutes help advance fundraising.

1. **Minutes neutralize subjectivity.** People may recall things differently, and memories can slip, especially if the board is meeting monthly or quarterly.
2. **Minutes give your organization legitimacy.** They reinforce accountability and transparency by documenting agreements. They make visible any tasks that remain

undone and they mitigate against fundraising "stall."

3. **Minutes help you stay focused,** making sure you have consistent progress in spite of things that come up between meetings. They create a sense of urgency. Those who attended can quickly see what they are responsible for and begin taking action so tasks can be completed on time.

Distributing timely minutes is a momentum builder. It says the meeting was important and you must keep moving forward. It also indicates how well the organization is being managed.

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Festival goers can also enjoy an array of activities such as food from local vendors, two horse drawn carriages and a classic car and motorcycle show. The Castle Museum will feature

its popular strawberry shortcake and Hoyt Library will offer a hospitality tent. In addition, historic homes will be available for tours.

The event ends at 8 p.m. with a free concert by the Roger Jones Trio at First Congregational Church.

Jazz on Jefferson is a cooperative project of the Jefferson Avenue institutions coordinated by the Castle Museum. This event is supported by the Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission and Saginaw Celebrates Summer.

For more information, please contact Tom

Trombley at the Castle Museum at 989-752-2861 ext. 304 or visit www.castlemuseum.org.



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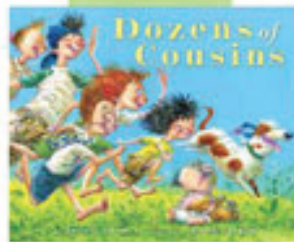
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Ms. Ray began her life’s journey toward entrepreneurship in Saginaw, where she was born to Sheila Ray and Myron Thompson. Her village included teachers and administrators from Salina and Morley Elementary Schools, South Middle, Arthur Eddy, Arthur Hill and Buena Vista. She gives credit to the diverse experiences she had living and/or playing in all Saginaw neighborhoods, including the South Side, North Side, East Side, Bridgeport and Buena Vista. Kujuanna is proud of her Saginaw roots and believes that Saginaw is a nesting ground with

unlimited potential. She has returned to Saginaw after many years in the corporate world, to raise her twin sons, Myles and Myron Murray, in the nurturing environment that influenced her in many positive ways. Kujuanna believes that art is a way of expressing one’s emotions. She grew up with her brother Myron, who tended to act out her emotions for her. When he was violently murdered, she was forced to address her emotions without his assistance. As children, they were inseparable. They often dreamed of collaborating to meet the needs of people in the Saginaw community. Myron often told Kujuanna to stay away from “dream killers”. She took his advice when she moved back to Saginaw, despite recommendations from some of her friends to launch her idea in a more metropolitan area. Kujuanna was determined to give back to the community that means so much to her. The process has not been easy, but she believes that God has called her to bless the Saginaw community with U Me Paint. She credits her strength and perseverance to her faith in God. Ms. Ray’s spiritual roots run deep in the community, having grown up in the New Mount Calvary Baptist Church under the leadership of her grandfather, the late Pastor M.T. Thompson. Later, she attended Coleman Temple COGIC, prior to moving away to attend college. Kujuanna became a member of Perfecting Church - Pastor Marvin L.

Winans. She graduated from School of Ministry from Perfecting Church and served as the Youth Pastor’s Assistant and founded GAA Youth Step Team. She traveled as the armor bearer to Elect Lady Miranda Faye Pope; it is here Kujuanna learned that the Spirit of Excellence should rest in everything you do. Ms. Ray is now a member of Saint Paul Baptist Church and serves the Youth Department and Women of Excellence. She has been a member of Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for more than 20 years and recently joined the Saginaw Alumni Chapter. She is also a member of Great Lakes Bay Region Women in Leadership. She was raised to love the Lord and be a servant of God, and she is teaching her sons the same lessons. She graduated from Buena Vista High School and Oakland University, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources with a Labor Relations minor. While working in corporate America, she was introduced to the Paint & Sip Industry. As a human resources professional, she began to conceptualize various ways that employers and employees could benefit from a place that could be used by teams to mix and mingle, foster employee engagement, as a form of team building as well as providing creative therapeutic stress relief (knowing that stress is the #1 reason for low productivity, low employee morale, and poor attendance). Her entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and U Me Paint was born! Kujuanna is the recipient of the Saginaw Soup Award, a competition for entrepreneurs through SEDC and Saginaw Future and was featured on Soul Issue hosted by Linda Holoman, and in the Saginaw News. She is excited about the encouragement and support that she has received from the Saginaw community, as she works to fulfill her purpose – to improve the quality of life for people in the Saginaw community. She often states, “Saginaw is the hub for brilliance and the land of opportunity.”

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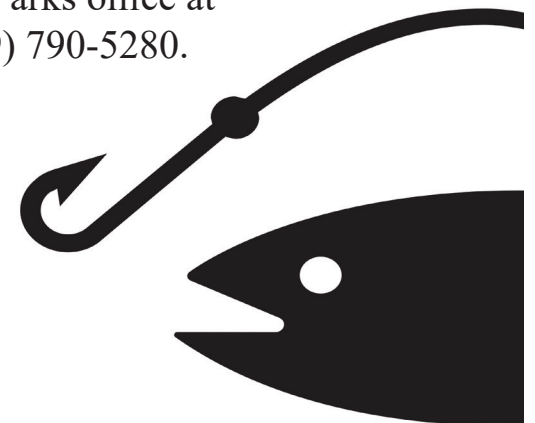
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KAREN GERHARDT



Karen Gerhardt has been a resident of Saginaw County for over 40 years. Her family moved from Colorado and settled in Freeland. She was valedictorian of her Freeland High School graduating class and attended Saginaw Valley State University on academic scholarship.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in 1987, summa cum laude, with a major in Art & Design with a minor in general business with emphasis on marketing and psychology. She is currently starting work on a Masters degree and plans to attend either SVSU or UM-Flint.

She has worked in businesses throughout the Great Lakes Bay region and has owned and operated Sister Studio Design and Marketing for nearly 30 years in Saginaw, assisting clients, both small and large, with business promotions within a variety of budget levels. For several years during this time, she taught at both Saginaw Valley State University and at Delta

College as adjunct faculty.

Karen and her husband, Steve, have resided in Saginaw Township since 1992. They both strongly believe in community involvement and volunteerism. Karen helped support Steve's involvement as a volunteer firefighter (retiring after 27 years of service) and his work with the Support Division of the Saginaw County Sheriff Department. In addition to supporting law enforcement funding at the County and Township levels, Karen has assisted in promoting fundraising events for various nonprofit organizations such as the American Heart Association, St. Judes, Covenant HealthCare Foundation, United Way, Covenant Kids and Big Brothers Big Sisters, just to name a few.

As property owners near downtown Saginaw and throughout the city and township, Karen and Steve know the area well and understand the importance of having stable property values and working to continue to improve the County's — and the entire region's — image. Karen wants others to know that Saginaw County is going to fulfill its potential as part of a great area of Michigan.

In her spare time, Karen loves to draw, paint and sculpt. She also enjoys camping, fishing and boating with her husband and spending time with their grandchildren when they are able to visit.

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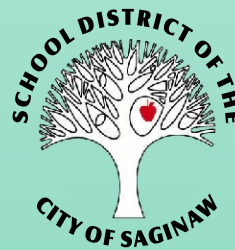
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