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A Response to the Flint Water Crisis



Jerome Buckley,
Michigan Banner Editor

almost an entire year, the citizens of Flint were exposed to drinking tap water that raised their risk of developmental problems, kidney problems and cancer. Though we don't know all of the consequences of the Flint water crisis, cases of illness and death have been reported. The story is so important that it has been a subject of the 2016 presidential campaigns, and made the cover of TIME magazine in February 2016.

The story of the Flint water crisis is so important because this human rights issue is not just limited to Flint. Similar levels of contamination have been found in Sebring, OH; Durham, NC; and Jackson, MS, among other cities. The Flint water crisis and similar crises around the nation have raised troubling questions. Can our government protect our natural resources? Is the government interested in protecting our natural resources? How does a community know when it is at risk?

For many people of color in the United States, the Flint water crisis has also raised questions about racism. Some researchers, activists and writers have stated that the crisis, as well as the inadequate governmental response to the contamination, is a result of racism. Others have been confused by these allegations. All of the citizens of Flint were exposed to unclean water, not just Black or Latino citizens. So how could this be evidence of racism?

The Flint, MI water crisis has everyone concerned. According to recent reports, between 6,000 and 12,000 children have been exposed to drinking water contaminated with high levels of lead. Though officials knew that the water was contaminated as early as April 2014, no real action was taken until almost a year later. For

When I was first asked this question, I did not have a very good answer. I knew that Black children outnumber white children in Flint almost two to one, so we can assume that Black families and children were exposed to contaminated water than white families and children. It is also pretty reasonable to assume that if there is a problem with the public drinking water, then it affects poor people the most. People with more money will be able to buy filters for their faucets or purchase bottled water in larger quantities. Since 41% of Flint citizens live below the poverty line, and most of the poor people in Flint are Black, this added another layer of racial implications to the Flint water crisis.

But making these assumptions was not enough for me. I wanted to be able to describe how the Flint water crisis was a result of racism without relying on my gut instinct. So I started reading about how Black people around the nation are more likely to encounter pollution, to have landfills built near their communities, or have factories that do not meet Environmental Protection Agency standards near their homes. The phrase for these trends is "environmental racism". Environmental racism describes any practice that disproportionately affects communities of color. It is what happens when Black and Latino children fall through the cracks in environmental policy or regulations. It is what happened in Flint.

Though evidence is emerging that the Michigan and Flint government did know that there was a problem and did little to fix it, environmental racism doesn't need to be intentional. Sometimes, it's probably an oversight, an accident, or a series of tragic mistakes. But environmental racism is always inexcusable. We owe it to ourselves and to the Flint community to call the Flint water crisis what it is – environmental racism. We owe it to ourselves and to the Flint community to make sure that environmental racism is added to our list of the forms of racism that Black and Latino people face in housing, employment, education access and other areas of life.

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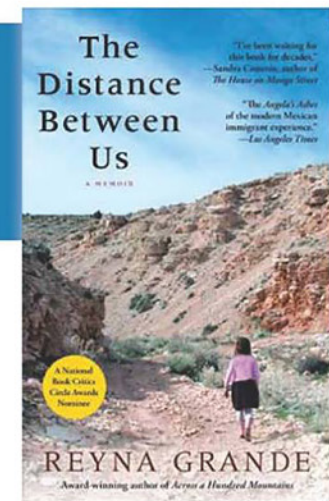
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SVSU names 'Best in Business' awards recipients

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Several committees featuring SVSU faculty, staff and students — along with members of the business community — chose the awards recipients. They will be recognized during a dinner ceremony on campus Friday, March 18.

The recipients include the following:

David Dittenber received the Outstanding Entrepreneur award. Dittenber has more than 20 years of entrepreneurial experience, working extensively in sales and marketing, including national sales management and leadership roles. He is the owner and CEO of Downtown Restaurant Investments, which operates three restaurants in downtown Bay City. He also is the

president and owner of both Facilities Management Consultants International as well as DLR Development, a design-to-build solutions firm that works with the healthcare industry.

Annette Rummel, CEO of Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, received the Outstanding Business Leader award. Rummel also has served as the president and CEO of the Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce. She has worked in the Michigan travel and tourism industry for more than 30 years.

Scheurer Healthcare Network received the Outstanding Business award. The Pigeon-based organization aims to provide a variety of healthcare services to mid-Michigan communities and has established a continuum of care with Elder Care Services, which include an independent living facility, an assisted living facility and a long-term care unit.

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Outstanding Family Business award. Zehnder's of Frankenmuth is a popular destination in Frankenmuth, offering a restaurant, golf course, waterpark and café. The business has served customers for more than 150 years.

Thomas Braley, who graduated from SVSU in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in management, received the Outstanding Alumnus award. The Saginaw resident is a financial advisor and a managing director of investments for Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC in Saginaw Township. He also has served on a number of boards including the SVSU Board of Fellows, Saginaw Promise Zone and the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Kayla Bischer received the Outstanding Undergraduate Student award. The Harbor Beach native will graduate from SVSU in May with a bachelor's degree in accounting. With a 4.0 GPA, she has been a member of SVSU's

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Farwell retires, Schrump elected and Smith appointed to Wildfire Credit Union Board



Joan 'E Farwell, Jenna Schrumpf, and Jeanelle Smith

Courtesy Photos

At the Annual Meeting of Wildfire Credit Union, Director Joan 'E Farwell retired from her board responsibilities and moved to Director Emeritus status. Associate Board Member, Jenna Schrumpf was elected by the membership to the board position vacated by Farwell.

Also, at the regularly scheduled February Board meeting, Jeanelle Smith was appointed as an Associate Board member.

Joan 'E Farwell started volunteering for the credit union in 1971, when she filled an opening on the Credit Committee. She served on the Credit Committee for several years before joining the Board of Directors. After serving the credit union for over 35 years, Joan 'E has moved to Director Emeritus status, and plans to remain active in her community and church. She also currently serves as County Clerk of Garfield Township in Clare County.

Jenna Schrumpf begins her first term on the credit union's board, moving from Associate to Board Member. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University with her Bachelor's Degree and obtained her Master's Degree from Northwood University. She is the Director of Marketing for Dobson Home Healthcare, Inc. and is involved in the Bay City Noon Rotary

Club, YWCA, and is the girls' soccer coach at John Glenn High School. Schrumpf resides in Bay City.

Jeanelle Smith has been appointed Associate Board Member. Smith is a life-long resident of Saginaw, obtained her Bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and is a sales analyst for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Smith is also active in the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, Saginaw Township Charter Schools, Ephesus SDA Church, and her sons' travel soccer teams. Smith and her family reside in Saginaw Township.

Rod Francis, Chairman of the Wildfire Credit Union Board of Directors commented, "Wildfire Credit Union has a very strong board. Joan 'E has devoted most of her life to serving the credit union and she has brought infinite wisdom to the group. We applaud her for her years of service and the opportunity to step into the Director Emeritus role. Jenna has been an Associate Board Member for two years and has enjoyed the dedication and passion our board members share for the credit union. She is ready to step into her board position with a strong knowledge and background. As Jenna steps up to the board, we are excited to welcome Jeanelle Smith as an

Associate Board Member. Jeanelle will now have the opportunity to learn more about the credit union, and prepare her for a future role on the board."

The election of officers of the board was also held immediately following the Annual Meeting. Serving as Chairman, Rod Francis was re-elected; Vice Chairman, Paul Sudhoff was re-elected; Secretary, David McGrain was re-elected; and Treasurer, Ken Voellker was elected.

Wildfire Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative and has a community charter. Our membership is open for anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in any of these 23 counties: Saginaw, Bay, Midland, Tuscola, Gratiot, Genesee, Shiawassee, Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Otsego, Roscommon, and Wexford counties. The credit union also provides services to small businesses in the same twenty-three county market. We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about all of Wildfire's products and services at www.wildfirecu.org.



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Michael Stackhouse received the Outstanding Graduate Student award. He has more than 25 years of experience working in information technology, including areas ranging from software development to hardware. Stackhouse also serves as an adjunct faculty member in SVSU's Department of Computer Science and Information Systems.

Robert Chadwick, an adjunct faculty member in SVSU's Department of Management & Marketing, received the Excellence in Teaching: Adjunct award. Chadwick was chosen for his passion for giving back to students.

Stacie Krupp, SVSU assistant professor of accounting, received the Excellence in Teaching: Faculty award. The Chesaning native spent 21 years as a public accountant before trading her calculators for syllabi when she joined SVSU and the higher education world in 2012. Part of her academic approach involves challenging students with projects that mimic tasks faced by employees in the public and private accounting sector.

Betsy Pierce, SVSU assistant professor of accounting, received the Excellence in Service award. She has served on SVSU's Vitito Global Leadership Institute selection committee since joining SVSU in 2013. The institute is a leadership development program for students studying within SVSU's College of Business & Management. Pierce is a member of a number of other committees such as the Faculty Association Banquet Committee, Workplace Culture Committee and the Indian Student Association Holi Festival Committee.



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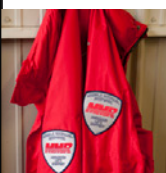


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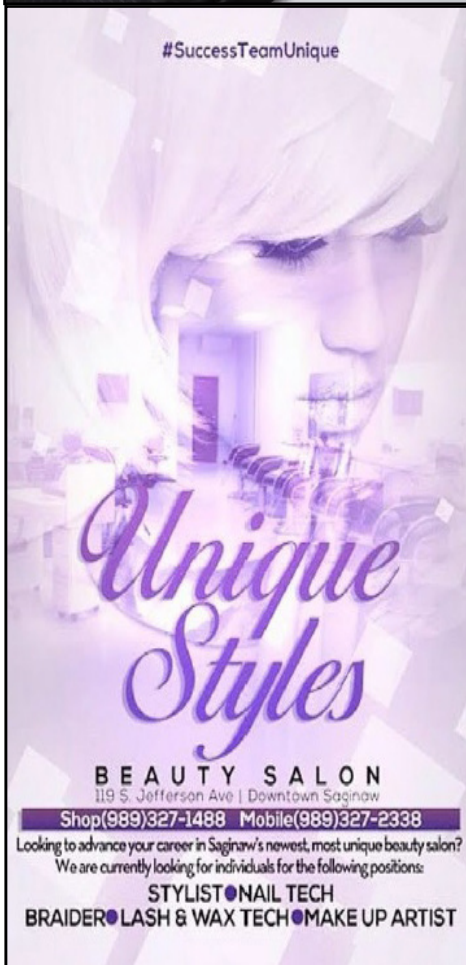


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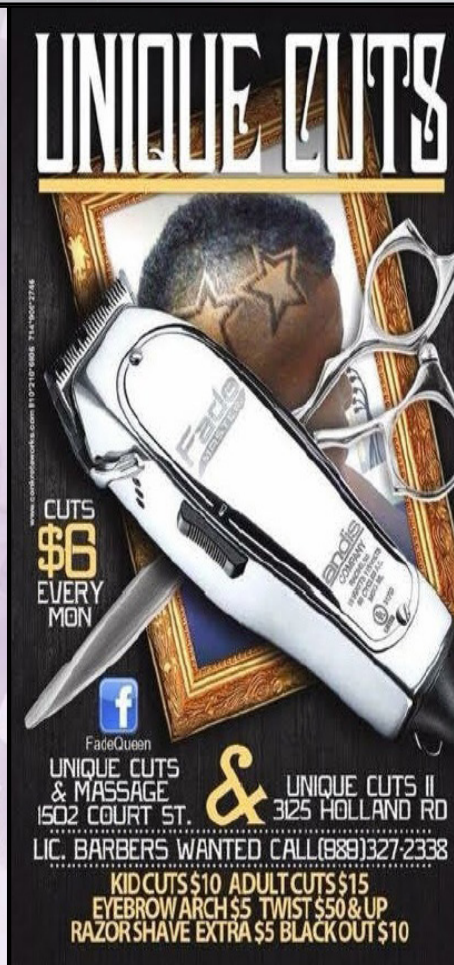


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In 2014, the Covenant HealthCare Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation department received a grant for \$4,679.64 from the Saginaw Community Foundation. Using the funding, the department started exercise classes for cancer patients in January 2015.

At the time, no program in the Saginaw area was available to provide this service. According to Angela Dinninger, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Manager at Covenant HealthCare, "Insurance companies do not reimburse for services offered in this program, which allows for a slower progression of structured exercises tailored to each individual and their specific circumstance."

With small class sizes of less than 8, individuals get the attention they need from certified instructors who provide specialized treatment. Shanna Hensler, previous Oncology Exercise Instructor, says the program is a great transition for survivors and patients. "Once they have gone through surgery and completed outpatient physical therapy, it gives them the next step to challenge themselves. And, because many of them have completed physical therapy, we know as instructors they are well enough to take this [program] on." A year later, Morgan Auernhammer, the current Oncology Exercise Instructor, is still seeing the progress each individual is making. "When patients gain enough confidence and comfortability to start asking how the exercises they are doing benefit them and want an explanation for what is going on in their bodies as they make progress, you know they are realizing exercise really is medicine. It is an incredible feeling to be able to

watch them physically see and feel the benefits from these classes."

The goal of the program is to provide affordable services to the participants, increasing access to the program for all in the community. Funding from the Saginaw Community Foundation provided start up dollars to get the program off the ground at an affordable price to participants. Each session is eight weeks long and meets twice a week, for the price of just \$20.

This class is extremely close to one intern instructor's heart. "I am a cancer survivor... When I was little, I had leukemia," says Keaten Ruttinger, previous intern with the Covenant Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation department and assistant instructor. Andrew Periard, current intern of the Oncology Exercise Program and Exercise Science student at Saginaw Valley State University, now has been trying to spread the word about the Oncology Exercise Program as he sees all the benefits these patients receive.

Auernhammer and Periard have participants complete fitness tests the first week of class and the last week of class, so they can see their progress. "We assess many functional activities such as balance, endurance, range of motion, and other activities of daily living to show patients they have progressed over the 8 week session," says Auernhammer.

An ancillary outcome of the

program, and one of the most important, is the camaraderie. Retlewski sums it up best, "We inspire one another, we cheer each other on, and we have fun."

This program is part of the Covenant Cancer Care Center's commitment to delivering programs that support the full continuum of care for cancer patients and their families. Services range from prevention and education to diagnosis to treatment and rehabilitation, with support for the clinical, physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

For more information on the Covenant Cancer Care Center, visit www.CovenantCancerCare.com. To learn more about the cancer care exercise classes or register, please call 989.583.5140 or 989.583.5242.

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Deering Family

Courtesy Photo

SAGINAW, MICH. (March 9, 2016) – When Sommer and Mike Deering met at a county fair as teenagers, they hit it off right away and bonded over their hobby of raising pigs. They had no idea this summer meeting would change their lives forever. Today, they’ve been married for 15 years and have two sons.

When their youngest son Cam was an infant, he became very sick. Baby Cam was taken to the hospital and was diagnosed with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis (LCH), a disorder that causes an overproduction of cells that can form tumors or damage organs. During his week in the hospital, he needed a blood transfusion to survive.

“It was a super scary time for my husband and me,” says Sommer. “But having blood available when we needed it most was very comforting.”

Cam and his family made numerous trips to the hospital for more treatments. While they were there, Sommer and Mike continued to notice several bags of blood hanging from the IV stands of other sick children.

“It really made me think about how giving blood could be such an incredible help to these little ones going through such tough times,”

adds Sommer. “I wanted to start donating blood after witnessing this. I wasn’t sure when I would make that commitment because I am scared of needles and blood – but I knew I wanted to someday.”

Last year, Sommer decided to make good on her promise to donate blood in honor of her son. She was afraid, but gave it a chance.

“Even though I am scared, I get through the process by not looking at the needle

or the blood, and then I am just fine. I keep going back – it’s worth a little discomfort in order to give back and help those in need. It makes me happy,” Sommer said.

Michigan Blood thanks the Deering family for their dedication to saving lives through blood donation and joins them in their challenge to others to donate blood. Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate. For additional information about donating blood or to make an appointment, individuals can visit www.miblood.org. Donations collected by Michigan Blood help patients in more than 60 Michigan hospitals including Covenant HealthCare, St. Mary’s of Michigan, MidMichigan Health, Caro Community Hospital and Genesys Regional Medical Center.

Donations given outside of Michigan Blood do not stay local or have direct local impact.

Below is a listing of local mobile blood drives:

- 3/16 - Chemical Bank Midland, Bus, 333 E Main St., Midland, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 3/16 - Corpus Christi Parish, Parish Center, 1504 S Kiesel, Bay City, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 3/16 - Flynn Township Senior Center, Hall, 5251

- Shephard Rd., Brown City, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 3/17 - Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak, Administration Building Lower Level Classroom, 3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 3/17 - Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak, Administration Building Lower Level Classroom, 3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 3/17 - Coleman High School, Auditorium, 4951 N Lewis Rd., Coleman, 8:45 am to 2:45 pm
- 3/17 - JD Metalworks, Rear Parking Lot, 635 Industrial Dr., Clare, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 3/18 - AuGres-Sims High School, Library, 140 Court St, Au Gres, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- 3/18 - Bridgeport High School, small gym, 4691 Bearcat Blvd, Bridgeport, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
- 3/18 - Reese High School, Library, 1696 S. VanBuren Rd PO Box 389, Reese, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
- 3/19 - Saginaw County Medical Society Health Fair, Parking Lot, 6200 State. St. Suite 1, Saginaw, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 3/21 - Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 2141, Fellowship Hall, 3516 Monroe Rd., Midland, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 3/21 - Big Rock Elementary School, Parking Lot, 920 E Broad St., Chesaning, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- 3/21 - Davenport University, Conference Room A-B, 3555 E Patrick Rd., Midland, 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- 3/21 - Harrison VFW, main room, 3190 N Clare Ave., Harrison, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- 3/22 - Akron-Fairgrove Elementary School, Cafeteria, 4335 Lynn St., Akron, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 3/22 - Chesaning High School, Media Center/Library, 805 4th Street, Chesaning, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 3/22 - Graff Chevrolet, Front Parking Lot, 3636 E Wilder Rd., Bay City, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 3/22 - Juniata Baptist Church, Church Hall, 5656 Washburn Rd., Vassar, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 3/23 - Chesaning High School, Media Center/Library, 805 4th Street, Chesaning, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 3/24 - Central Michigan University, POWERS 136, 1200 S. Franklin St., Mount Pleasant, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 3/24 - Covenant Healthcare - Harrison Campus, Conference Rooms C & D, 1447 N Harrison St., Saginaw, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 3/24 - Merrill High School, HS/MS media center, 431 W Alice St., Merrill, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 3/25 - Bay City Wal-Mart, Parking Lot near Home Depot, 3921 E. Wilder Rd., Bay City, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 3/25 - Bay City Mall, Planet Fitness Parking Lot, 4101 E Wilder Rd, Bay City, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 3/25 - Frankenmuth American Legion, Meeting Hall, 990 Flint St., Frankenmuth, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 3/28 - Shields Area Donor Site at Thomas Township Library, Meeting Room, 8207 Shields Dr, Saginaw, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 3/29 - Bay Medical Care Facility, Bus, 564 W. Hampton Rd., Essexville, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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Linwood, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

3/29 - St. Michael's Lutheran School, Overflow room,
3455 S Van Buren Rd, Richville, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

3/30 - Genesys Athletic Club, Conference Room, 801
Health Park Blvd., Grand Blanc, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm 3/30

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Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 301 W. Belle Ave., St.
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Fusion Room, 1550 Poseyville Rd., Midland, 2:00 pm to
7:00 pm

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2711 Cass St, Unionville, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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A & B, 15979 Hall Road, Macomb, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Run, 10:00 am to

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4/01 - Cinema Hollywood, Bus, 12280 Dixie Hwy,
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FUNdraising GOOD TIMES



Avoid the Special Event Pitfalls

Many nonprofit organizations and institutions rely on revenue from special events. If you check any calendar of events you will find many to choose from: 5k and 10k runs and walks; galas with dinner, dancing and awards; concerts; luncheons with nationally recognized speakers. With strong competition for the philanthropic dollar we want to help you make sure your event is on track for success. Here are five objectives for your consideration.

Your event should create awareness for your organization; serve as an avenue for involvement; expand your donor base; create excitement and “buzz” for your nonprofit; and last but not least, it should generate in-kind services and financial support.

If you focus on these during the planning process you can improve your outcomes – and net revenue. We want to save you the agony of having to claim “we didn’t make any money, but it was a PR success.”

Yes, raising awareness is an important objective in hosting a special event. But so is the opportunity to involve new people with your organization. When planning take the time to explore how you can turn your event into one that is “volunteer led” instead of “staff driven.” Invite volunteers into the planning process so they are involved from the beginning and feel a sense of pride and ownership. If you are bold enough you can even let volunteers take the lead!

When crafting the invitation list, remember to reach out to people beyond your current donor list. Appealing to the same people too often can result in donor

fatigue, and your organization may lose some of its appeal. Use the event as an opportunity to expand your donor base. Creating an event that appeals to a diverse audience is one way to engage new donors. Making your event unique and “out-of-the-box” can also draw new donors. And people will associate it with your organization. You don’t have to do what everyone else is doing. But you do have to get the word out: develop a marketing strategy that targets multiple audiences.

Finally, make sure you have enough time and resources to produce an event that will yield the maximum return on your investment of time and money. Adequate lead

time means you can secure sponsors to cover production costs and provide in-kind resources that reduce expenses. When the event is over you need to look your team members in the eye and answer the pivotal question: “are the dollars generated worth the time and energy you put into the event?” Keep all five objectives before you and you should be able to answer with a resounding “YES!”

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In honor of Women's History Month, who is a female leader and role model that you look up to and why?

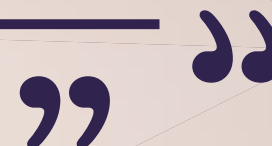
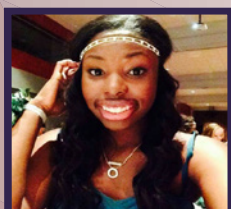
One female leader and role model I look up to is Grace Coyle -she was an influential women in the area of social work with groups. Many of her contributions have influenced the way social workers of today work in groups, including co-occurring, dual recovery, and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. Her theories have also emphasized the importance and role of how individuals feel as part of a group or community, and the understanding of group dynamics and leisure activities in their lives to assist in their recovery, very similar to the clubhouse community of Bayside Clubhouse.

Jim Nesbit
Bayside Clubhouse



I honestly look up to my Mom - she is the biggest leader and role model in my life. She is constantly doing things in the community for others and pushes me to be the best version of myself. She is the reason I am who I am today and I am so proud of her!

Kolby Holden
Youth Breaking Boundaries



Michelle Obama is someone I look up to as a female leader in this country and across the world. Not only has she overcome adversity in her life, in her role as First Lady she has taken on many initiatives and projects that focus on building better outcomes for youth. From implementing a school lunch program that promotes healthy choices to her work around mental health awareness through the Change Direction campaign, her focus has been on improving the lives of our next generation of leaders.

Tim Walker
Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority



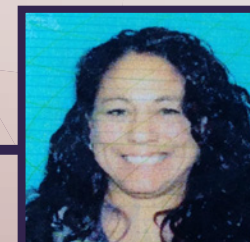
The woman I look up to the most is my mother. She has always put her family first and has been the model of how I want to live my life. Not only that, but she adds value to every life that she touches and that's a gift that is valuable beyond measure.

Keva Clark
Saginaw MAX System of Care



I look up to Mary Magdalene - the first female disciple and heavenly mother.

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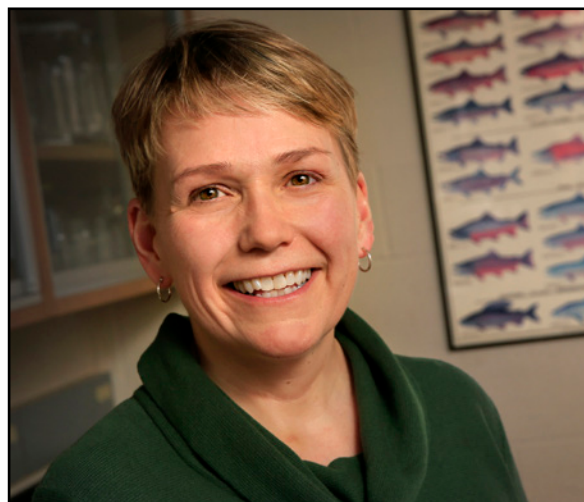




EDUCATION

Five Central Michigan University women to be honored for commitment to excellence

CMU American Council on Education recognizes professional success in higher education



Tracy Galarowicz, Colleen Green, and Dale Pehrsson

Courtesy Photos

Five Central Michigan University women will be honored for their commitment to excellence Tuesday, March 15, at the 2016 Woman of the Year luncheon.

Biology chairperson Tracy Galarowicz has been selected as Woman of the Year by the CMU American Council on Education. Galarowicz has mentored dozens of young women and supervised graduate and undergraduate research. She also has worked as the CMU institutional representative of ACE coordinating numerous conferences and events.

"Tracy recognizes the importance of women's voices in the College of Science and Engineering and has helped numerous young women excel in these fields," said management faculty member Amy McGinnis. "She also serves her community through volunteer work and by organizing events for women to connect with each other and grow as leaders."

Woman of Excellence recipients are Colleen Green and Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson. Green serves as director of Native American Programs and the Student Transition Enrichment Program. She also is an undergraduate advisor for social and service sororities at CMU, Northwood University and Saginaw Valley State University and spends

much of her free time helping these students develop as leaders. Green also serves on the youth committee of an organization that provides mentorship and guidance to young girls and women ages 4 through 18.

"Colleen introduces these young girls and women to cultures different from their own while allowing them to learn the importance of history and service," said Traci Guinn, executive director of the Center for Inclusion and Diversity and director of Multicultural Academic Student Services. Pehrsson serves as dean of the College of Education and Human Services. In 2014, she represented CMU at the White House College Opportunity Summit, which focused on building educational partnerships to grow academic success of first generation, low-income and underrepresented students.

"I believe that in her position, Pehrsson is a leadership role model to all, especially to female students and faculty within her college, across the university and beyond," said Mary Jane Flanagan, executive assistant to the president.

Woman of Excellence honorable mention recipients are Mary Henley and Mary Senter.

Henley is director of the GEAR UP and Pathways programs at CMU, which help educate

first-generation, low-income and underrepresented students about higher education opportunities. She also mentors many young women to help them establish personal and educational goals.

"Henley has a reputation for fairness, equity and justice," said communication disorders faculty member Dawn Nelson. "She has had a positive impact on women in leadership as these young women move to other campuses, countries and careers throughout the nation."

Senter is director of the Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies at CMU. She also has served in a variety of other leadership positions and has an extensive professional career of teaching, research and administrative work.

"Senter served as an early role model for me as a young woman in higher education," said Shawna Ross, director of the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center. "Her research benefited our understanding of the need for quality childcare for students as well as staff, of bias and lack of inclusion for our students, and many other justice issues."

Inspiring Students beyond the Classroom

CMU professor named top college science teacher in Michigan



Mark Francek

Courtesy Photo

Carrying a globe around his classroom, Central Michigan University geography professor Mark Francek stops to spin it on the tip of his finger. Later, he climbs onto a table so every awe-struck student in the class can see a demonstration he has planned.

Unconventional, maybe, but it is this dedication to college students and unabashed passion for science that earned Francek the 2016 Michigan College Science Teacher of the Year.

“I believe in seizing every opportunity as a teachable moment,” Francek said. “Students want interaction. They don’t want to know how much you know until they know how much you care.”

Francek, who was a first-generation college student, believes the opportunity to learn is one of the greatest gifts students have. He has created his own teaching philosophy based on more than 27 years of experience, including teaching at a maximum security prison. The model he developed – community, accountability and relevance, or CAR – was

designed to foster effective instruction while creating relationships. His philosophy was included on an education blog at Stanford University.

One of the ways he makes lessons relevant is by using concepts that relate to most students to look for opportunities to get them outside the classroom. Weather is one of Francek’s favorite subjects to teach for this reason. Students all feel the effects of the weather – from fashion majors to meteorology majors, he says.

“Some concepts are sterile, so I try to incorporate mini field trips where we can go outside and observe clouds, for example,” he said. “I’m always trying to link what the book says to the real world and let students apply it in a hands-on way so it really sticks.” Beyond classroom field trips, Francek uses another mode of transportation to connect with students: a bicycle. He can be seen pedaling around CMU’s campus biking to and from work each day, year round. Francek has taken classes on

bikes across upstate New York, Shenandoah National Park, Beaver Island and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and, in 2015, he and two CMU students embarked on a nine-week, 4,295 mile trip across the United States. With CAR in mind, the trio also raised money for multiple sclerosis research along the way.

“In my experience, if you want to look at weather, stars, botany or geology there’s no better way,” Francek said. “At the end of every day, we would sit down and talk about what we saw and learn about it.”

The Michigan Science Teachers Association will present the teaching award to Francek in March. Winners are selected for “using or modeling best practices, inspiring students, demonstrating innovative teaching strategies, being an excellent role model for students and other teachers, demonstrating leadership, and exhibiting a passion for science and for teaching.”

CMU alumna and former student of Francek’s, Samantha Dieck, says she can’t remember a day when he wasn’t full of energy and purpose for his students.

“Early on, I remember thinking ‘Now this is a man who loves to teach,’” said Dieck, now a science teacher in Big Rapids. “That is what really inspires me about Mark, he is such a positive person and can make the most mundane of science topics exciting with his passion.”

Francek’s out-of-the-ordinary approach and infectious love of science make him an important fixture in the College of Science and Engineering. There is a special kind of student you can’t find anywhere but CMU, he says. He finds that students are friendly, welcoming and always wearing a smile, and he believes students at CMU truly value education.

“What CMU has offered me are students that want to learn if you fire them up and have high expectations for them,” he said. “Those are the kind of students I want to teach.”

Graduation Rates Continue to Improve

Four-year rates for 2015 up 1.20 percent from last year

Lansing – Michigan’s statewide graduation rate increased to 79.79 percent for the 2014-15 school year, up 1.21 percent from the previous year. This marks the fourth consecutive year that 4-year graduation rates have improved, according to data released today by the Michigan Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI).

Of the 10 school districts with the most students in the cohort class of 2015 [1200 to 3300 students] all but two improved their graduation rates. In order of class size, their rates are: Detroit City School District 77.35 percent; Utica Community Schools 92.44 percent; Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 89.59 percent; Dearborn City School District 89.88 percent; Ann Arbor Public Schools 88.61 percent; Warren Consolidated Schools 82.38 percent; Livonia Public School District 91.40 percent; Chippewa Valley Schools 91.76 percent; Rochester Community School District 96.19 percent; Walled Lake Consolidated Schools 90.29 percent.

Dropout rates, in turn, continue trending downward. Michigan’s 2015 dropout rate was

9.12 percent, down 0.49 percent from last year.

Below is the statewide 4-year trend for on-time, 4-year graduation and dropout rates: Four-year “on-time” graduation rates are a school accountability measure adopted by the state, and the methodology for calculating the rates is aligned with the National Governors Association Graduation Counts Compact. CEPI also reports graduation rates for students who remain in high school five and six years. The 5-year graduation rate edged up 1.58 percent to 81.99 percent, and the 6-year rate improved by 0.57 percent, to 81.25 percent. CEPI calculates graduation rates by following individual students from the time they first enroll as ninth-graders. This method, along with concerted efforts by CEPI, school administrators and intermediate school district auditors to account for every student, results in an accurate measure of a school’s success in preparing students for college and careers.

“Michigan continues to move forward in preparing our students for success,” said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. “Setting high standards, keeping students engaged in their

learning, and having quality teachers deliver instruction in meaningful ways are key factors in helping Michigan become a Top 10 education state in 10 years. This all is very promising news for Michigan.”

Graduation and dropout rates can be found on CEPI’s MI School Data website at www.mischooldata.org. Under the site’s K-12 Student Counts section, visitors can select a school or district or compare one to another. User-selected settings permit exploring 4-year, 5-year, and 6-year graduation rates by gender, race or ethnicity, or by demographic categories such as economically disadvantaged, English language learners, homeless, migrant, and students with disabilities.

CEPI is a division of the State Budget Office. It facilitates the collection, management, and reporting of public education data required by state and federal law. CEPI’s MI School Data website is Michigan’s official education data portal to help citizens, educators and policy makers make informed decisions that can lead to improved success for our students.

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
4-Year Graduation Rate	76.24%	76.96%	78.58%	79.79%
4-Year Dropout Rate	10.71%	10.54%	9.61%	9.12%

Congratulations to Delta College's own, Bethany Alford

Congratulations to Delta College’s own Bethany Alford! She’s a 2015 Great Lake Bay Ruby Award winner.

Her story starts in 2001, when she joined the United States Naval Reserve and completed her Naval Justice schooling in 2003. With her Naval Justice certification she started serving as a Legalman of the Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps, and was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in 2012. She was on active duty status in the military since 2007, has been through four separate

deployments, and she has received two Joint Service Accommodation Medals for service throughout Afghanistan and Iraq.

In 2014, she started as the College’s Coordinator of Veteran Services, and through that position she has helped every single military veteran obtain in-district tuition rates. Bethany is not only active in several state and regional veteran organizations, but she also has helped Delta College earn national affiliation with the Student Veterans of America. Her recommendations enabled Delta College to

receive GOLD level recognition in 2015 from the Michigan Veterans Affairs.

Alford was one of only ten individuals to receive the 2015 Ruby Award. The award began in 2005 with the requirements of being under 40 years of age, live and/or work in the Tri-Cities, and have made a significant impact on their field of work. In the history of the award only 117 recipients have been named, and Delta College is very proud to have one of their own inducted into such a prestigious group.

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Children's Zoo happy to announce rare birth of critically endangered species



Tamarins at the Children's Zoo.

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- *Gizmo and Clementine, two critically endangered cotton-top tamarins, gave birth to a set of twins on Sunday, February 28th*
- *As first time parents, and a low infant success rate in the species, there are challenges ahead of us*
- *If successful, the two babies will play a vital role in saving their species*
- *Find baby pictures on our Facebook and website. 'Like' our page to stay up-to-date*

The Children's Zoo is excited to announce that Gizmo and Clementine, two critically endangered cotton-top tamarins, gave birth to a set of twins on Sunday morning, February 28th. With only 6,000 cotton-top tamarins left in the wild, our breeding success plays a vital part in saving this species.

The road ahead is full of challenges, and we are inviting the community to be a part of the ups (and possible downs) with us. We are proceeding with extreme caution and care over the next few months as cotton-top tamarin infants have a very low survival rate. Gizmo (age 6) and Clementine (age 10) are first time parents, so they have a lot to figure out. However, based on their behavior over the last few days, we are optimistic in their

endeavors. Animal care staff are hard at work ensuring that the two have everything they need, which includes giving them space to be a new family and letting nature take its course.

Clementine had grown very large over the past six months—the average gestation period for this species. By the end of it, she had almost doubled in size! On the morning of February 28th, 2016, the tamarin animal care staff member walked in to find two little monkey tails hanging off of her. Since then, “mom” and “dad” have been doing a wonderful job trading off on babysitting. In fact, Gizmo has been seen not only carrying the twins, but pampering Clementine with social grooming. Because of this, we are very hopeful the twins will beat the odds and grow into wild haired, extra adorable monkeys like their parents.

Native to a tiny portion of the rainforest in Colombia, South America, cotton-top tamarins are almost extinct in the wild. Between the 1960s and 1970s, over 60,000 individuals were captured and transported to the United States for

using as laboratory test animals. This practice ended in 1974, with the exportation of this species no longer allowed. However, between the destruction of the rainforest, and the illegal pet industry, wild populations continue to decline. Only through cooperative breeding strategies, such as the Association of Zoos and Aquarium's Species Survival Plan that we participate in, and a few organizations in the field, can we hope to keep cotton-top tamarins in the wild.

While the zoo is closed for season, you can stay up-to-date on baby news, as well as find pictures of the babies, on our Facebook (www.facebook.com/childrenszoo) and website (www.saginawzoo.com.) The Children's Zoo is located at 1730 S. Washington Ave in Saginaw, MI, 48601, and opens to the public on April 23rd.



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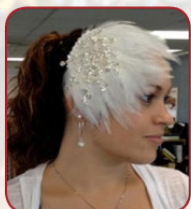
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If you know milliner Yvonne Ellison, then you know how dedicated she is to the hat trade. On any given Sunday, she can be seen in a fancy Sunday hat, but ironically this has been routine for her since the young age of 14. The Saginaw Native has been designing and making elegant hats for many years. Her talent for creative design has won her notice among hat enthusiasts both nationally and internationally.

The first hat she made was for her mother; a straw hat with silk flowers and pearl beads. As a honor and privilege, she also laid her mother to rest in a special designed hat only to be created once for her.

Known to some as "The Grandest hat lady", she lives, loves and makes hats with enthusiasm and dedication. She runs her own custom hat design business, Where Did You Get That Hat?

out of her Saginaw Township home with her daughter as her personal assistant.

She has studied under noted milliners in several places across the U.S. including Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, Tennessee, and Saugatuck. A highlight of Yvonne's life was attending a course in Toulouse, France in 2010, where she studied under the master teacher who has made hats for Princess Diana and Queen Elizabeth.

Yvonne's hats have been featured in notable publications as, "Hat Talk" and "Hat Life." Several of her one-of-a-kind designs have been chosen as hat of the month by "Hat Talk."

Yvonne works full-time at Dow Corning Corporation as a shipping and receiving clerk and also works many Fridays and Saturdays at

the Gold & Diamond Center in Saginaw. She fits hat making in whenever she can, often working late into the night.

When she is not making hats or cheering her grandson's victory from the stands, she enjoys ballroom dancing under the direction of Tanya Vaughn and Leroy Culpepper. Under their direction along with the ballroom dancer models, they are known for choreographing the right routine for every hat show theme. This is always a treat and adds flavor to the well designed hats as well as the show.

This year Yvonne will have over 300 hats for sale at her own hat show, Parade of Elegant Hats, at the Andersen Enrichment Center, 120 Ezra Rust Dr., from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Saginaw. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Press Announcement on March 18 for 1,000 Books before Kindergarten Program

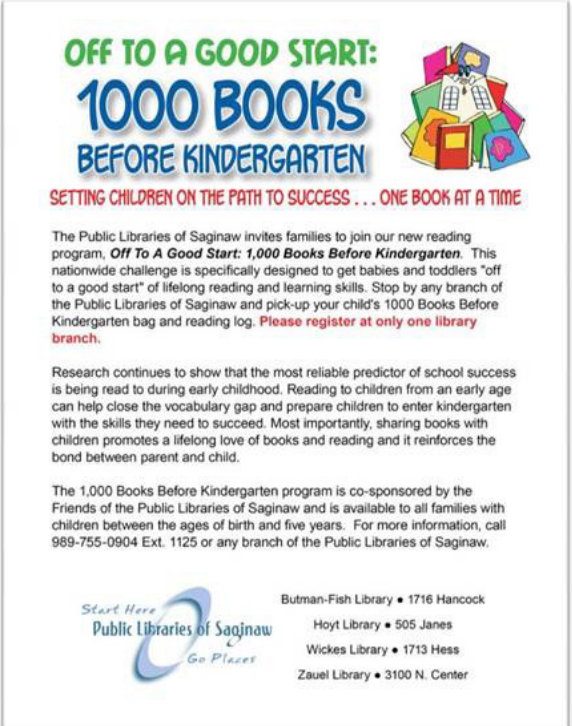
Local media, community leaders, families, school teachers and daycare workers are invited to the press announcement of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program on Friday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at Hoyt Library, 505 Janes.

The Public Libraries of Saginaw invites families to join our new reading program, Off To A Good Start: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. This nationwide challenge is specifically designed to get babies and toddlers "off to a good start" of lifelong reading and learning skills. Stop by any branch of the Public Libraries of Saginaw and pick-up your child's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten bag and reading log.

Research continues to show that the most

reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help close the vocabulary gap and prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading and it reinforces the bond between parent and child.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Public Libraries of Saginaw and is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years. For more information, call 989-755-0904 Ext. 1125 or any branch of the Public Libraries of Saginaw.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

"Edge of Darkness" Premieres at the Delta College Planetarium

On Saturday, March 12 at 3:30pm the Delta College Planetarium and Learning Center will premiere a brand new full-dome production called "Edge of Darkness." The film features amazing scenes of places never before seen, gathered by key space missions that recently culminated with groundbreaking discoveries. It features a spectacular flight though the great cliffs on comet 67P, a close look at the fascinating bright "lights" on Ceres, and the first ever close up of Dwarf Planet Pluto and its moons. Produced by Evans & Sutherland in Salt Lake City, the show is narrated by Hayley Atwell who portrays Agent Carter from the Marvel Cinematic Universe and ABC television

series.

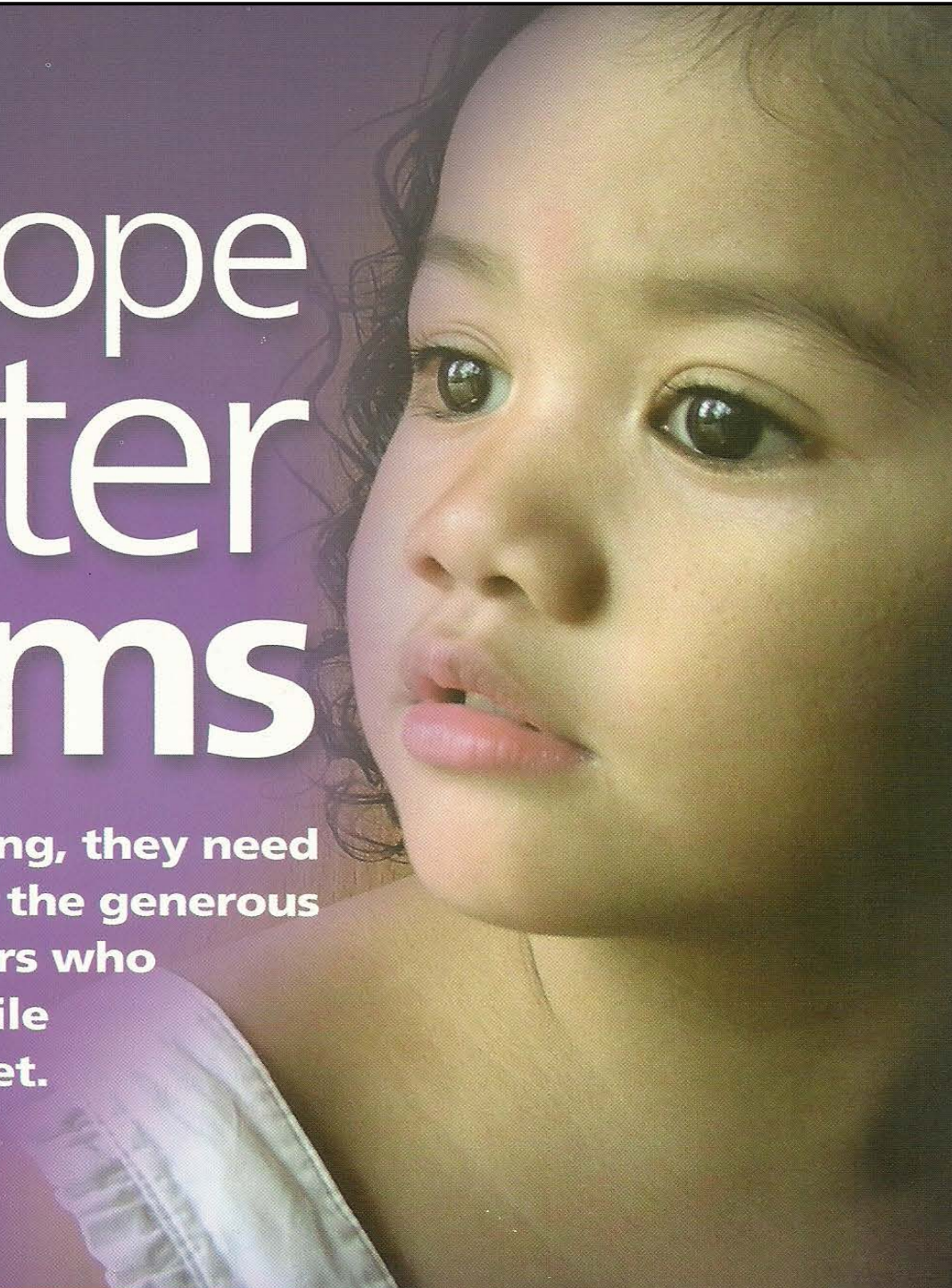
"It's a photorealistic journey right into the face of some of the most unexplored parts of our solar system," says Mike Murray, manager of the planetarium. "You get the unique experience of flying up to Pluto and other mysterious worlds in fully immersive 3D without the need for special glasses. All of the re-creations are based on real photography and other data returned by the spacecraft," adds Murray. Because information is still streaming back from these and other space probes, each show will highlight a live-narrated update of the latest images coming back from Pluto, Ceres, Comet 67P and other missions.

The Michigan premiere of "Edge of Darkness" will play in the digital dome theater

of the Delta College Planetarium on Saturdays at 3:30pm on March 12, 19 and 26 and then Thursdays at 7:00pm on April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Every show includes an interactive tour of the current night sky as recreated in the planetarium and will also feature hot topics from the world of astronomy.

Tickets go on sale at the planetarium one hour before show time. Visitors are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes before show time. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students, children, seniors and military.

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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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About Faith Harvest Church:

Faith Harvest Church is a multiethnic, nondenominational ministry that provides practical teaching for everyday living. It's vision is to significantly impact the Great Lakes Bay Region and touch the world. Since 1999, Faith Harvest Church has provided free dramas for the community on Good Friday.

SAGINAW, MICH.(March 2, 2016) Faith Harvest Church is presenting a free showing of its 2016 Good Friday Drama Payback on Friday, March 25. The drama will be held at Faith Harvest Church, 1734 N. Mason in Saginaw at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Free tickets are available at the church or at www.faithharvestministry.org.

Payback tells the story of a once thriving

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Date of adoption at Special Board meeting on

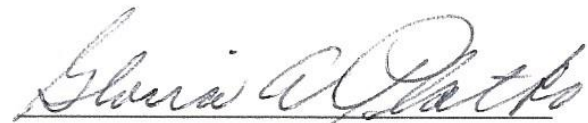
March 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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Take notice that a proposed Ordinance for Buena Vista Charter Township Oakes Estates Tax Exemption Ordinance was adopted at the Buena Vista Charter Township Board of Trustees Special Board meeting on March 7, 2016. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a proposed dwelling project for persons of low income.

The proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Township Clerk, 1160 S. Outer Dr. Saginaw, Michigan and on the township website: www.bvct.org.

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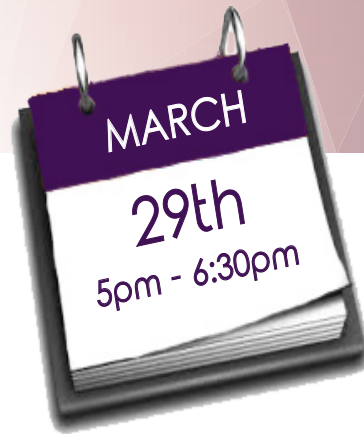
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Carleton Green loves to help people — specifically, to create opportunities for others. It's why the sophomore communications major devotes himself to organizations driven to develop people's potential. Carleton is the vice president of SVSU's chapter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

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



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