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9:00 a.m.

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Pulpit & Politics



Reverend P. David Saunders | Courtesy Photo

On occasion I've heard people make comments like, "Ministers should not be involved in politics." My response has always been, "Why not?" Politics is just a system that affords us the privilege of being able to get things done. Though most often associated with the art and science of political government, politics is commonly used in just about every aspect of our daily lives. It's the art, plan, action, and methods used to achieve a particular end.

Politics in and of its self is neither good or bad, black or white, or clean or dirty. The people involved make the difference. Fortunately, in our country we have a democratic process that affords us the privilege of allowing us to make decisions with respect to the individuals we would like to serve our best interest. It's a glorious privilege that many of our parents and fore parents gave their lives to achieve. What a blessing it is to know that we have the freedom to make a choice; choices that affect our daily existence. You can choose to get an education or not, to get a job or not, to have medical

insurance or not. Your choice is your own, but your life will be affected by the choices you make.

In our country we have a representative form of government, and some decisions are made that will affect every aspect of our lives. Some political requests are made that we support opportunities to improve our schools, roads, as well as cultural, social and civic entities. While at other times, the political process may afford us the privilege of voting for individuals that we believe will have our best interest at heart. All of the aforementioned, and so much more, are a part of the political process that enables us to achieve a particular end.

I believe, that everyone should participate in the political process, because when you don't others are making decisions and choices for you. Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke chapter 4 verses 18 and 19 that **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."** I believe in this statement Jesus was saying that he had a concern for the poor, healthcare, education, imprisonment, justice, violence, liberty, freedom, and peace. I think His political model was just; and, we as a society ought to be concerned about the same things. We have a responsibility to engage in the political process to get things done. Not just the general citizenry but clergy as well; everyone needs to be involved.

In our community, clergy have always been at the forefront of issues regarding social and political justice, freedom, education, as well as the health and wellbeing of our people, and rightly so! The right to vote is just one of the many ways we seek to achieve that end.

Should clergy be participants in the political process? As long as there are social, moral, ethical, and political issues that affect the life and wellbeing of our community, the pulpit and the pew must work together to achieve that end.

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Sara Lamblin and Marcella Jaime Mosqueda bake pies for the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw. | Photo Credit: Facebook

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MDHHS urges residents to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning as winter nears

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding everyone to be safe from the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning during the cold weather and heating season. To highlight the issue, Governor Snyder has proclaimed October 17 – 24 as Carbon Monoxide Safety and Awareness Week in Michigan.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas that kills more than 500 Americans each year. Michigan averaged 27 carbon monoxide-related deaths per year for the years 2010-2014, the most recent years of available data.

Carbon monoxide is produced by all fuel-

burning devices. Faulty furnaces and water heaters are common causes of the carbon monoxide poisonings. The warning signs include flu-like symptoms such as headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness, and confusion.

"Carbon monoxide is difficult to detect and potentially deadly, however, carbon monoxide poisoning is completely preventable," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive at MDHHS. "Now is the time to ensure that furnaces and water heaters are working properly, and that carbon monoxide detectors are installed and have fresh batteries. If you suspect you have been exposed to carbon monoxide, leave the area immediately and seek medical attention."

Residents can reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning by following these simple steps:

Never use generators, grills, camp stoves, or other fuel-burning devices inside your home, basement, or garage.

If you use a generator, be sure it is located outside at least 25 feet away from your home.

Park your car outside while it is warming, never in the garage. Running a car in an enclosed garage can create deadly levels of carbon monoxide in minutes.

For more information about carbon monoxide poisoning and poisoning prevention, visit www.michigan.gov/carbonmonoxide.



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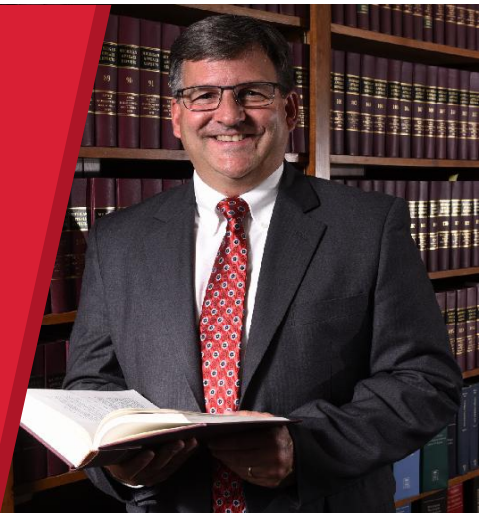
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DISABILITIES

The New Section 1557 Rules - Taking 100 Pages bit by Bit - Chapter 5 - Making Websites Accessible to Disabled People



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innovative assistive technologies are being introduced every day. Poorly designed websites can create unnecessary barriers for people with disabilities, just as poorly designed buildings prevent some from entering.

The Internet has become such a commonplace, everyday part of our lives. We use the online world in many ways, to communicate, to learn, to gather information, to shop, to stay informed.

While the pervasiveness of the Internet may suggest its equally widespread availability, the opposite is often true. Disabled people may be unable to access online information, manipulate a keyboard, and navigate through a website.

As the US Department of Justice explains:

“Many people with disabilities use ‘assistive technology’ to enable them to use computers and access the Internet. Blind people who cannot see computer monitors may use screen readers – devices that speak the text that would normally appear on a monitor. People who have difficulty using a computer mouse can use voice recognition software to control their computers with verbal commands.

People with other types of disabilities may use still other kinds of assistive technology. New and

Designers may not realize how simple features built into a web page will assist someone who, for instance, cannot see a computer monitor or use a mouse.”

Recognizing this disparity, the legal issue of online accessibility for the disabled is now a hot topic in courtrooms across the United States and with federal agencies. Of course, the Internet as we know it today did not exist in 1990, when the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became the law. However, Congress, when passing the ADA, acknowledged that future technological advances unanticipated in 1990 would still have to be made accessible for disabled people to use.

As Congress expressly stated when passing the ADA, “...the types of accommodation and services provided to individuals with disabilities, under all of the titles of this bill, should keep pace with the rapidly changing technology of the times[.]” and that technological advances “may require public accommodations to provide auxiliary aids and services in the future which

today would not be required because they would be held to impose undue burdens on such entities.” US House of Representatives Report No. 485, pt. 2, at 108 (1990).

The US Department of Health & Human Services’ new Affordable Care Act Section 1557 health care civil rights regulations address the importance of Internet availability to everyone by requiring online materials to be accessible for disabled users. But this regulatory pronouncement is not the end of the accessibility effort.

Currently, there are no specific, legally binding standards for health care providers about HOW to make the Internet accessible for the disabled. Understanding the need for such specific legal standards, the US Department of Justice is in the process of promulgating regulations that establish online accessibility requirements. This process is a lengthy, involved effort, with many people submitting public comments to the Justice Department about what the future regulations should include. The Justice Department may finish its rulemaking activity and release the new regulations sometime in 2017.

Meanwhile, health care and related organizations covered by Section 1557 should understand their current legal obligations to operate accessible websites and seek guidance from experts about how to comply with the Section 1557 accessibility mandates.

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INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS & WEALTH**Social Security Announces 0.3 Percent Benefit Increase for 2017**

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 65 million Americans will increase 0.3 percent in 2017, the Social Security Administration recently announced.

The 0.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 60 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2017. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2016. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$127,200 from \$118,500. Of the estimated 173 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2017, about 12 million will pay more because of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2017, when announced, will be available at www.Medicare.gov. For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

2017 Social Security Changes**o Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA):**

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) from the third quarter of 2014 through the third quarter of 2016, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 0.3 percent COLA for 2017. Other important 2017 Social Security information is as follows:

	2016	2017
o Tax Rate:		
Employee / Self-Employed	7.65% / 15.30%	7.65% / 15.30%
<i>NOTE: The 7.65% tax rate is the combined rate for Social Security and Medicare. The Social Security portion (OASDI) is 6.20% on earnings up to the applicable taxable maximum amount (see below). The Medicare portion (HI) is 1.45% on all earnings. Also, as of January 2013, individuals with earned income of more than \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples filing jointly) pay an additional 0.9 percent in Medicare taxes. The tax rates shown above do not include the 0.9 percent.</i>		
o Maximum Taxable Earnings:		
Social Security (OASDI only)	\$118,500	\$127,200
Medicare (HI only)	No Limit	
o Quarter of Coverage:	\$1,260	\$1,300
o Retirement Earnings Test Exempt Amounts:		
Under full retirement age	\$15,720/yr. (\$1,310/mo.)	\$16,920/yr. (\$1,410/mo.)
<i>NOTE: One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit.</i>		
The year an individual reaches full retirement age	\$41,880/yr. (\$3,490/mo.)	\$44,880/yr. (\$3,740/mo.)
<i>NOTE: Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit.</i>		
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o Social Security Disability Thresholds:

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)		
Non-Blind	\$1,130/mo.	\$1,170/mo.
Blind	\$1,820/mo.	\$1,950/mo.
Trial Work Period (TWP)	\$ 810/mo.	\$ 840/mo.

o Maximum Social Security Benefit: Worker Retiring at Full Retirement Age:

Maximum Social Security Benefit	\$2,639/mo.	\$2,687/mo.
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o SSI Federal Payment Standard:

Individual / Couple	\$ 733/mo. / \$1,100/mo.	\$ 735/mo. / \$1,103/mo.
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o SSI Resources Limits:

Individual / Couple	\$2,000 / \$3,000	\$2,000 / \$3,000
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o SSI Student Exclusion:

Monthly limit / Annual limit	\$1,780 / \$7,180	\$1,790 / \$7,200
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o Estimated Average Monthly Social Security Benefits Payable in January 2017:

	Before 0.3% COLA	After 0.3% COLA
All Retired Workers	\$1,355	\$1,360
Aged Couple, Both Receiving Benefits	\$2,254	\$2,260
Widowed Mother and Two Children	\$2,686	\$2,695
Aged Widow(er) Alone	\$1,296	\$1,300
Disabled Worker, Spouse and One or More Children	\$1,990	\$1,996
All Disabled Workers	\$1,167	\$1,171

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Pictured left to right: Laura Yockey - Spirit of Saginaw, Brandon Bordeaux (Caravan Facilities Management, LLC - Samuel H. Shaheen Vision of Free Enterprise Award, Louis Furlo, Sr. (Morley) - Robert H. Albert Lifetime Community Service Award, Ken Streeeter (City Rescue Mission of Saginaw) - Community Impact Award, Terry Klein (TM Klein & Sons) - Outstanding Small Business Award

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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES**Two leadership requirements: honesty and trust***Mel and Pearl Shaw | Courtesy Photo*

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If you are a board chair, are you brave enough to talk with the executive director about the opportunities you see for your organization? Can you discuss your concerns about whether the organization can actually take advantage of those opportunities? Can you bring up the subject of changing the culture of board meetings so you can attract a different caliber member? Dare you ask your executive director to stop "assigning" board members to solicitations of people they are not comfortable asking?

If you can have the hard conversations you can ultimately make life easier for all parties.

Here's what we've learned: taking the time to build trust-based relationships and to have one-on-one conversations can help an organization improve its fundraising. This is the preferred method. These personal conversations can allow for a shared search for solutions. They also allow

leaders to ask hard questions of each other in privacy: "Just where are we?" "Are we headed in the right direction?" "What specifically is going as planned?" "Where can we improve?" "Are all team members in sync? Is everyone fulfilling their obligations?"

The "non-preferred" method is the caustic confrontation at the board meeting where members express strong frustration with staff, or the development director criticizes board members for not raising money. These polarizing public conversations put everyone on the defensive. We have seen these accelerate into firings and resignations. Is that really what you want?

Taking the time for private honest conversation can allow the board chair and the executive director to remember they have a shared commitment to the organization and its vision.

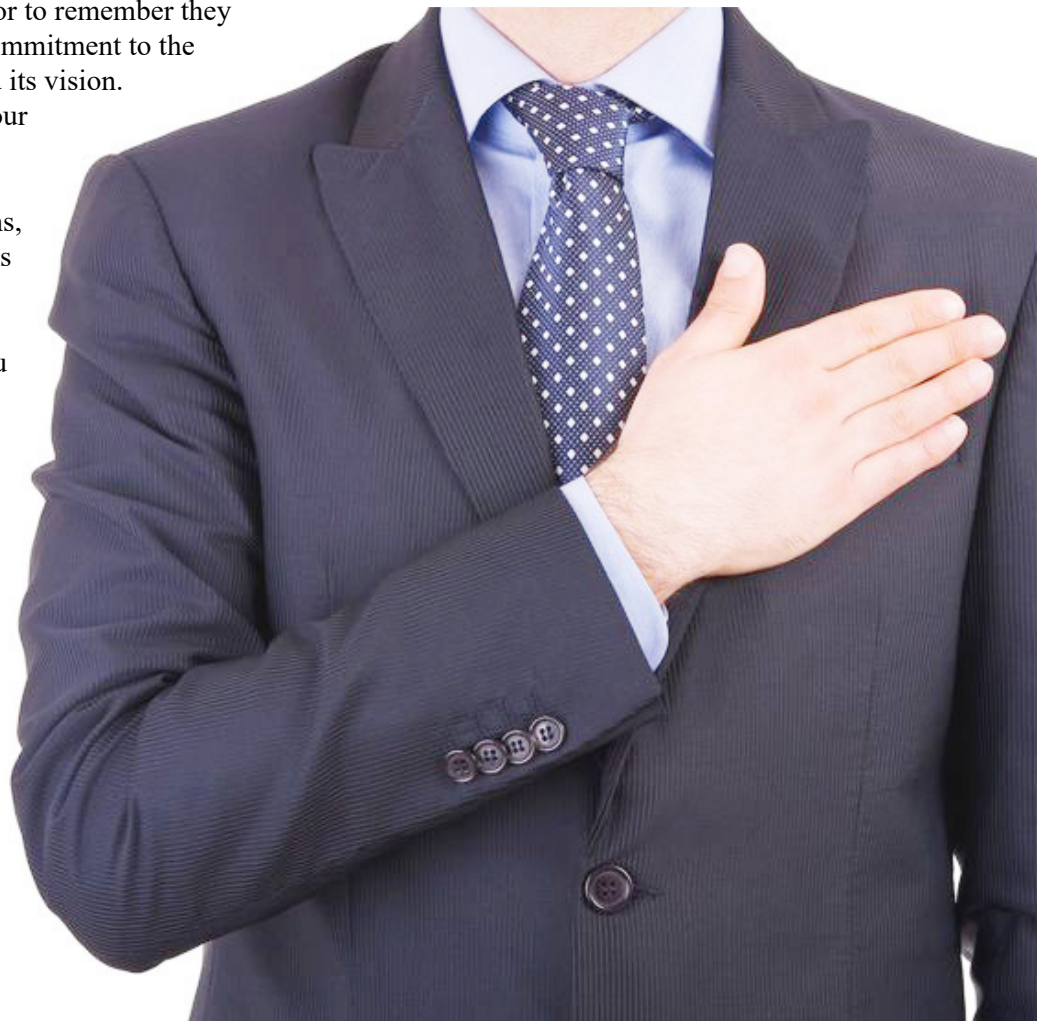
Regardless of your role the desired outcome is recommendations, ideas or solutions that address sensitive topics such as "Are you the right person for this job?" "Are others in the right roles?"

A nonprofit coach can help strengthen the ability of both parties to have these difficult conversations. He or she can help facilitate direct and considerate discussion. This is something to

consider as an alternative to the board fundraising workshop which is often code for "help me – my board isn't doing anything." Board workshops can be a critical educational tool and a way to jumpstart fundraising. But they are not a substitute for open and honest communication at the leadership level.

We encourage you to be brave. Be honest. Open yourself up to solutions that move beyond polarization and fear of hurting people's feelings. Your nonprofit is worth it.

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The Michigan Banner goes Up Close with Michael Webster...

Candidate for the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners District 11

TMB: What does a County Commissioner do?

Webster: They approve budgets; oversee spending and hiring of county employees. Commissioners serve as the executive branch of local government, levying local taxes, administering county governmental services such as prisons, courts, property registration and public works to name a few.

TMB: Why are you running for this position?

Webster: I have been a resident of Saginaw nearly all of my adult life and in that time I have grown to appreciate the rich history of this county's past transformations and demonstrated resilience. I want to drive a resurgence of economic development and prosperity to encourage our residents to stay in this community and provide a continual high-quality and well-balanced life for their families.



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TMB: What experience will you bring to the board?

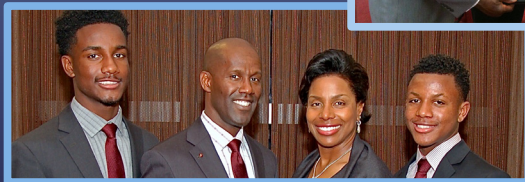
Webster: I've had more than 25 years of experience working for (Dow Corning, Dow Chemical, Accenture) and advising a broad list of fortune 50 companies on organizational change and transformation. I've held various leadership roles that addressed global sustainable development challenges around the world to include economic development, poverty alleviation and safe water initiatives. I want to put my collective experience to use for the benefit of our county.



Michael loves Saginaw and has earned his MBA from Central Michigan University and Bachelors of Business Management from Hampton University, Hampton, VA. He serves as a Saginaw YMCA Board Member.



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Michael Webster resides in the city of Saginaw with his wife Karen and their two sons Micah and Daniel. They are devoted members of New Covenant Christian Center Church here in Saginaw and are dedicated supporters of their community.

TMB: What experience are you most proud of?

Webster: My grandfather was a soldier and like him I'm extremely proud of my 21 years of military experience in serving our country in the US Army and Michigan Army National Guard. I've served Michigan as the State Public Affairs Officer and locally as the Commander of 1-125 Infantry Company here in Saginaw, MI. These experiences have shaped the leader that I am today.



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EDUCATION

CMU College of Medicine partners with Saginaw Valley State University



A new cooperative agreement will grant Saginaw Valley State University premedical students early assurance of admission to the Central Michigan University College of Medicine through the Early Assurance Program.

"We're very excited about this partnership, which will strengthen our relationship with a recognized and respected university. It will provide an enhanced opportunity for SVSU's premedical students who demonstrate a desire to practice medicine in Michigan with an emphasis on rural and underserved regions," said CMU College of Medicine Dean Dr. George E. Kikano.

The agreement — signed in July — will enhance opportunities for SVSU premed students to navigate more easily through the highly competitive CMU College of Medicine admissions process by:

- Waiving supplemental application fees;
- Processing endorsed students on an earlier admissions timeline;
- Facilitating engagement opportunities between SVSU premed students and existing CMU College of Medicine students; and
- Reserving up to three positions for endorsed SVSU students to be admitted.

This is the same agreement the College of Medicine has in place with CMU, giving both Saginaw Valley State University and CMU premed students the same opportunity to compete for admission.

"It's just one more way we will be achieving our mission to produce physicians with a passion for serving the people of Michigan who need them most," Kikano said.


Students will be required to meet the College of Medicine's academic standards to participate in the EAP, which is designed as a three-year pilot.

"We're proud to offer outstanding undergraduate preparation in our curriculum and in our advising to empower students to gain admission to medical school," said SVSU President Donald J. Bachand. "We look forward to partnering with CMU's new

College of Medicine to identify our students who align with their core values and mission. Those values may be displayed by virtue of being a first-generation college student, graduating from a low-income high school, graduating from a medically underserved urban or rural area, or demonstrating an interest in a high-need medical specialty area."

The CMU College of Medicine welcomed its inaugural class of students in 2013, which will graduate in May 2017. The college now has a full complement of students among all four years of study, with 80 percent of students coming from the state of Michigan.

SVSU TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL ALUMNI AUTHORS SHOWCASE



Saginaw Valley State University hosted its third annual Alumni Authors Showcase Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 4 p.m. The event, scheduled in Curtiss Hall Banquet Room A, featured a panel of four SVSU alumni authors followed by a book signing at 5 p.m. The event was free and open to the public.

Featured panelists include Jill Bellestri, Dennis Hensley, Joe Hickey and Roberta Morey.

The books cover a range of topics and genres including young adult fantasy, mystery and suspense, historical nonfiction and inspirational fiction. They were available for purchase at the event, as well as in the SVSU Bookstore preceding the event and afterward, while supplies last. Authors were also available for a meet and greet before and after the panel session.

Bellestri was one of several authors to contribute to “The Thinking Mom’s Revolution: Autism Beyond The Spectrum,” a true story about a group of people connected through their parenting of children with disabilities. Bellestri earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from SVSU in 1994.

Hensley was the co-author with Diana Savage of “Pseudonym,” a mystery about a prospective author’s attempts at becoming published, and the twists and turns she experienced along the way. Hensley earned a bachelor’s degree from SVSU in 1969.

Hickey is the author of the “Secret Seekers Society” series, which follows the fictional account of two orphans who become monster hunters. Hickey earned a bachelor’s degree in

creative writing from SVSU in 2004.

Morey was the author of “Saginaw: Labor and Leisure,” which examines real-life businesses and personalities from Saginaw’s early history. Morey graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1981.

The Alumni Authors Showcase was part of SVSU’s celebration of the National Day of Writing. The event was sponsored by SVSU’s Forever Red, Alumni Relations and University Writing Committee groups.

For more information about the event, contact Bryan Crainer at (989) 964-4091 or Ashley Youngstrom at (989) 964-4196.

Delta College Receives TRIO Grant

Delta College has been awarded \$1.18 million in funding over five years (\$236,000 per year) through the U.S. Department of Education’s TRIO grant program, which is designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Delta College will use the dollars to create and operate an Educational Opportunity Center for residents in Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties. The center will identify 1,000 participants (of which at least two-thirds will be low-income and first-generation) and provide them with pre-college preparation services leading toward their enrollment in a post-secondary education program. This grant also addresses parent, family and community engagement, as well as military families and veterans.

“We are very pleased to receive this funding from TRIO,” said Dr. Jean Goodnow, Delta College President. “Nationally, students in TRIO programs are more than twice as likely to remain in college as those from similar backgrounds

who do not participate in the programs. At Delta College, we want to do everything we can ensure student success and, ultimately, change lives.”

Specific services will include:

- Public information campaigns;
- Academic advising for high school completion and college admission;
- Assistance in completing college admission and financial aid application
- Preparation for college admissions examinations;
- Financial literacy advising and workshops;
- Assistance and support for secondary school completion;
- Career counseling and workshops;
- Mentoring by educational, business and community leaders;
- Assistance for military personnel, veterans and family members of veterans; and
- Services for individuals with disabilities, members of under-represented groups, limited English speakers, homeless youth and adults,

and individuals in foster care.

The final evaluation will measure higher rates of high school or GED completion, completion of applications of admission and financial aid, and track enrollment in a college or university.

To be able to implement the grant, Delta College will be hiring three new full-time staff members – a Project Director, an Advisor/Coordinator and an Office Manager. All team members will work with Dr. Russ Curley, Delta College’s Dean of Enrollment Management, as they implement their work.

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow said she is very pleased that Delta College has received the award. “This investment will help students in the Great Lakes Bay Region receive a quality education and learn the skills they need to earn a good-paying job after graduation,” she said. “This announcement underscores the Department of Education’s important partnership with community colleges to support education.”



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Supporting our wounded warriors

By: Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist



Every Veterans Day, the nation honors the brave men and women who risk their lives to protect our country and the freedoms we cherish. Social Security honors veterans and active duty members of the military every day by giving them the support they deserve. A vital part of that is administering the Social Security disability program.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security's Wounded Warriors website is at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

The Wounded Warriors website has answers to many commonly asked questions, and shares other useful information about disability benefits, including how veterans can receive expedited

processing of disability claims. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those available from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is available to military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they're unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay doesn't necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person can't receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for

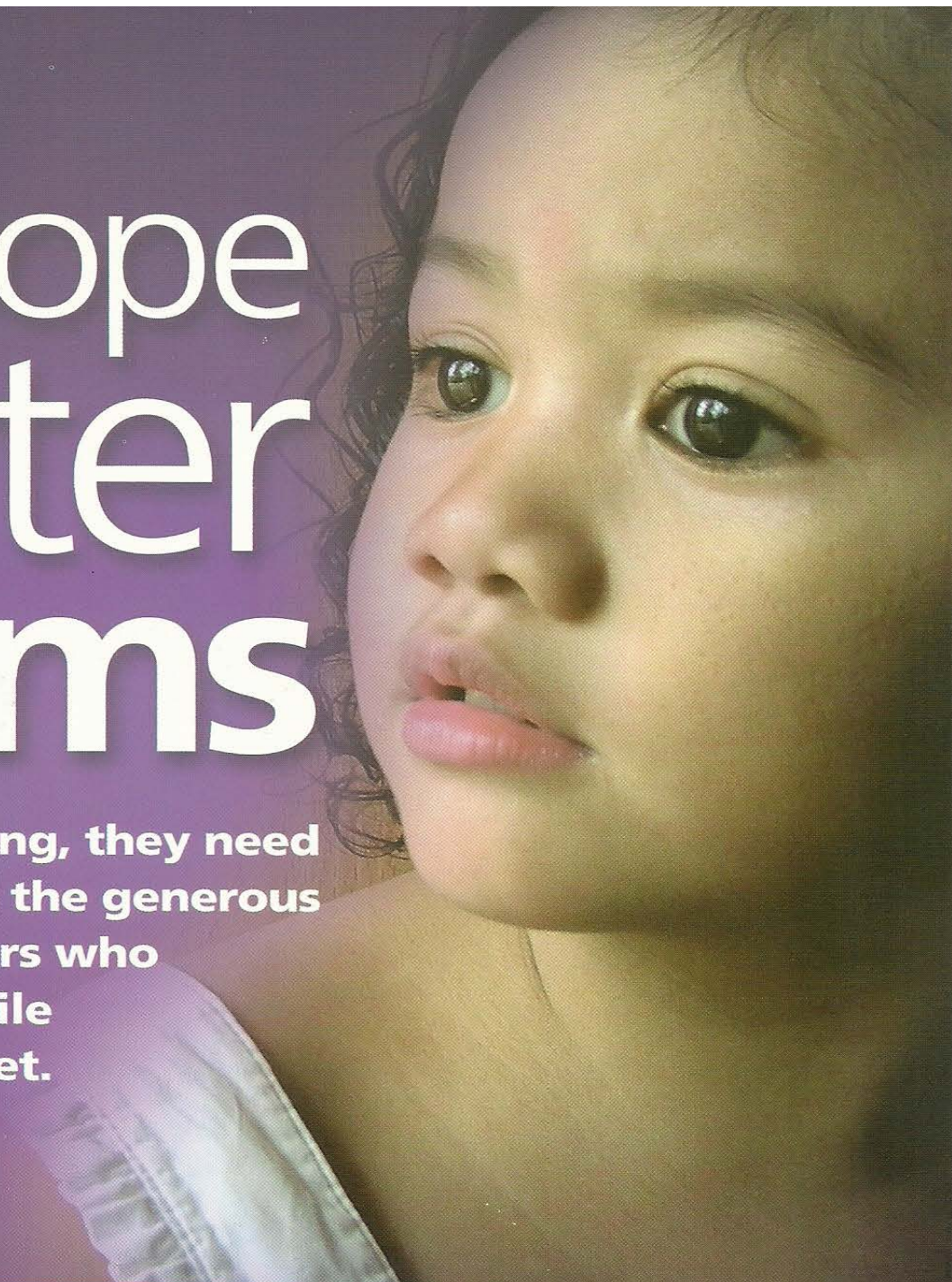
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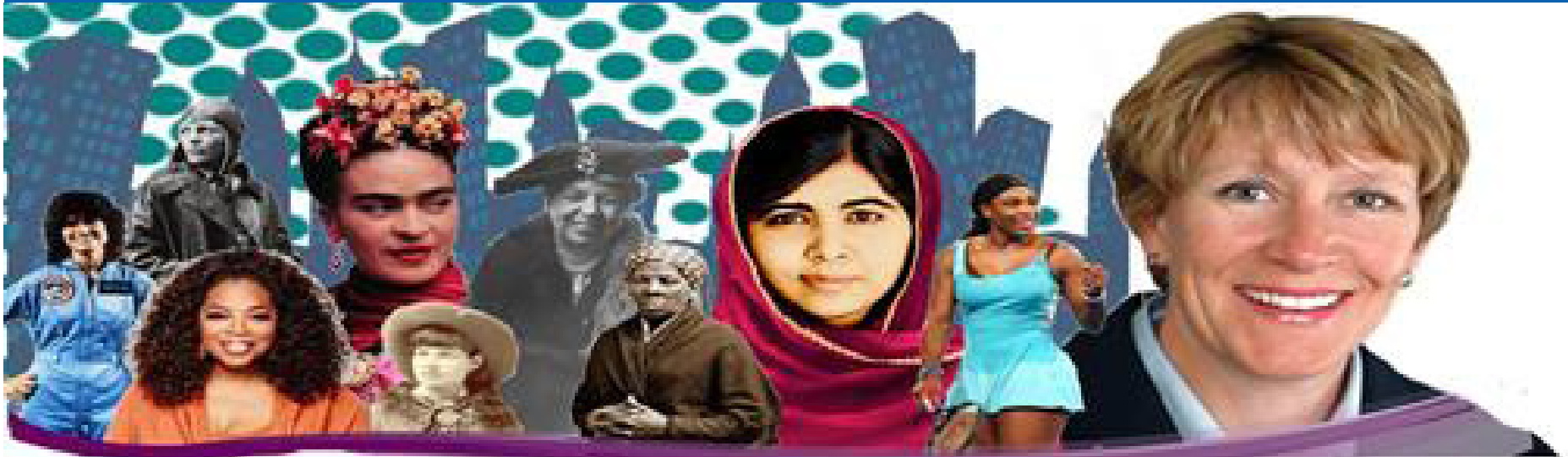
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Underground Railroad, Inc. Honors Heidi Bolger for Community Leadership

Frankenmuth, MI, November 2, 2016 – Underground Railroad will host its 1st Annual Empowerment Dinner and Celebration on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Composer Room of the Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center. The superhero-themed party will honor Heidi Bolger, Principal at Rehmann Group, for her community leadership and commitment to helping others.

Bolger has shown unyielding support of women in leadership throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. She serves on the Executive Committee of the Saginaw Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Bolger has presented on several community panels focused on women in business. She has also been active

in the Saginaw Public Schools and with the development of the Saginaw County Rail Trail.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception where guests will have a chance to mingle, play trivia, and enjoy music by Cool Lemon. The cocktail reception will be followed by a buffet dinner and the program which includes the award presentation and a behind the scenes look at Underground Railroad's work. Brian Pruitt, of Power of Dad, will MC the event.

"The funds raised from this event are vital in ensuring that the clients we serve are empowered to reclaim their lives. URR's programs help facilitate a greater independence and sense of self-worth in survivors of abuse," said Valerie Hoffman, Underground Railroad's CEO.

Underground Railroad is the only provider of emergency shelter and programs for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human slavery in Saginaw County. Annually, over 4,000 families access services.

The ticket price for the party is \$75 per person, while sponsorship opportunities range from \$500-\$10,000.

For information on how to purchase tickets or become a sponsor while helping local families please contact Karen Sova at 989-399-0007 ext. 100 or ktesch@undergroundrailroadinc.org. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.undergroundrailroadinc.org. All names will be held at the door the evening of the event.

Learn more about the Saginaw Community Foundation FORCE Youth Advisory Committee

The FORCE Youth Advisory Committee encourages local youth to get involved in solving problems in their community. This diverse group of teens, ages 14 to 21, are actively engaged in community service and grantmaking.

FORCE was established in 1992 as a result of a \$1 million challenge grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. These funds were permanently endowed for the benefit of youth. The committee utilizes the income generated



annually from this fund to support various community projects and programs that affect children and teens in Saginaw County.

The goals of FORCE are to:

- Encourage local youth to get involved in community problem solving
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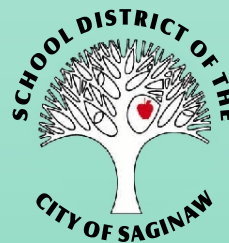
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I'm Voting, for My Friend and for Others

By Mike Thompson



Joyce Aldridge Seals | Courtesy Photo

Please allow me only one Nov. 8 endorsement, for Joyce Aldridge Seals for one of three available seats on the Saginaw Board of Education.

My deep respect for former Mayor Seals, and for her entire Aldridge family, goes back to 1976. I was a young volunteer neighborhood organizer in the First Ward (no, lol, wasn't nowhere as skilled at organizing as was future President Obama in Chicago). It wasn't AmeriCorps or VISTA, but it was similar. We started with five smaller block clubs, and then we needed a larger unified place to meet. When Christ Community Church still was on Carlisle Street, Pastor Aldridge allowed us not only to use the building free of charge, he trusted me with my own key. The entire Aldridge family, including Joyce, gave wholehearted support. And when someone broke in and stole the musical instruments, they never blamed me.

Fast forward to the late 1990s. Christ Community once more allowed access, this time for a daily Children's Summer Lunch and Activities Program. By this time Joyce Seals was a "big shot" on the City Council, who had defeated breast cancer and patiently waited her

turn (after Gary Loster and Wilmer Ham) to become mayor. But she never was too important to quietly come and help with our summer lunches and games, and eventually helped start her own program upon Christ Community's move to the South Side, and still another at Center of Attraction with Pastors James and Leona (Aldridge) Glenn, her sister.

Still another example of Joyce Seals' outreach service is her work with the Ezekiel Project, addressing concerns such as child lead paint poisoning. In summary, Joyce Seals is a hero to me, not only for her courage in defeating cancer but for her humble, down-to-earth approach in all of her good works.

Another reason to vote for Mrs. Seals is that she seems an ideal person to help bring together our too-often divided and confused Board of Education. Three good members resigned during the past two years on account of bickering and friction and in some cases, grandstanding. Joyce Aldridge Seals can help to create change.

WHAT'S WITH CITY HALL?

Readers may ask, if Joyce Seals wishes to make a comeback, why not return to the City Council and leave the school board alone? After all, for the first time in modern memory, the five council candidates for five seats -- Annie Boensch, Floyd Kloc, Demond Tibbs, Clint Bryant, and John Milne -- all are unopposed. Things for sure have changed since the stormy 1960s Model Cities era and beyond, when there would be up to 20 people on the ballot.

Why so few candidates? Seems much of the reason may be that council members nowadays have so few decisions to make. Funds have become so scarce, they have no choice but to spend most of the money for police and fire. At any rate, Joyce Seals feels her best role at this time would be on the school board.

Overall, personally, I've mostly decided for whom I will vote for the various other offices on

the ballot. Good people, all. But on this page I will restrict myself to naming Joyce Seals, and of course, for president, Hillary Clinton, if for no other reason than to block Trump.

TIPS FOR VOTING

Whether readers are within the City of Saginaw or reside in one of the suburbs, I recommend reviewing a sample ballot and taking it to the polls for guidance. After all, standing in line during a busy election can be similar to a grocery line at the supermarket. Some food shoppers, and some voters, often take far too much time, forcing the remainder of us to wait. A sample ballot can save time.

The old-fashioned method to obtain a sample ballot is to visit your local city or township clerk's office. The higher-tech way is to Google search for "Michigan Voter Information Center" and/or "webapps.sos.state.mi" If you need assistance on the computer, ask a family member or friend.

With this simple knowledge, you can print and view the exact same ballot you officially will receive when you vote -- down to the local officials in your own community.

Your ballot will include:

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- COUNTY: Prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, public works commissioner, Board of Commissioners.
- NONPARTISAN: State and local courts, Delta College.
- CITY OR TOWNSHIP; Various local offices.

In addition to helping you vote more quickly on election day, a sample ballot can help you conduct research ahead of time on your personal choices. Also, if your mission is to persuade family and friends to also get out and vote, make some extra copies of that sample ballot and share them.

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STARS Site Manager Glenn Steffens today announced the new plan, which is aimed at celebrating democracy and promoting access to the polls. Regarding the plan, Steffens said, "STARS is making two promises for Election Day. First, everyone rides for free, system wide, all day. Second, STARS will continue services to City polling stations until everyone has voted. If you don't get out of your polling station until after 8 PM, STARS will get you home. Period. We won't stop until you are finished. Many people rely on STARS buses to get around, including transportation to vote. This also serves as a thank you to the community for its continued support as STARS moves forward."

On Election Day, STARS fixed-route services will run until 8:00PM instead of the normal 7:20PM stop time. After 8:00PM, STARS will send LIFT cabs to City polling stations to pick up any remaining voters. STARS is coordinating

efforts with the City of Saginaw Clerk's office to ensure good communication and service for riders. Polls close at 8:00PM, but any voter that gets in line before 8:00PM at a polling station is allowed to vote. "If you are at a City polling station late because of long lines, STARS has you covered. Stay and vote with confidence that you've got a ride home, guaranteed," said Steffens.

Voters wishing to use LIFT, or dial-a-ride, services for rides to vote are encouraged to call in advance.

Call the STARS election ride hotline at 989-907-4028 to sign up for the LIFT voting list. "Coordinating effective LIFT services for voters is going to take some careful planning, so please call in advance as soon as possible. We'll follow up with you before Election Day with a pickup time," said Steffens, adding, "So now, there's one less excuse not to vote! Get out there and make your voice heard."



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