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SVSU students to honor military veterans at Loons opener



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Saginaw Valley State University business students are organizing an event in the spirit of service. Home Runs for Heroes will honor local military veterans in partnership with the Great Lakes Loons Thursday, April 6 for the team's home opener at 6:05 p.m. at Dow Diamond.

The participating students have been selected for SVSU's Vitito Global Business Leadership Institute, a program for students who are driven to pursue leadership roles in business organizations that operate in an increasingly global setting.

The game will be free of charge for the first 100 veterans who register.

Additional tickets have been reserved that can

be purchased for spouses or other guests who wish to attend the game with a veteran. The Loons have also generously agreed to let veterans have early access to the game so that they can watch batting practice. If attendees wish to do so, they need to arrive by 3:30 p.m.

"We are looking to have as many SVSU students as possible come out to the game, represent our school, and show their appreciation for our veterans," said Carter

Mazur, a business management major from Saginaw and one of the four SVSU students organizing the event.

Aranya Biswas, an economics major from the Asian country of Bangladesh; Kara Brunk, an accounting major from Southfield; and Mitch Kennedy, an accounting major from Bad Axe, have been working with Mazur to plan and promote the event and raise the funds needed. They have a GoFundMe page set up and are accepting donations through that channel, <https://www.gofundme.com/homerunsforheroes>. All donations will be used to offset the cost of tickets, food and t-shirts.

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Meet Grace and Jimmy Boggs

By Tiara Whitney



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Who were Grace and James Boggs? The civil rights activists that every minority should know about. For seventy years, they had been marching for the rights of the many minorities in this country all the while sticking together. They “built a durable partnership that was once marital, intellectual and political. It was a genuine partnership of equals, remarkable not only for its unique pairing or its longevity, but also for its capacity to continually generate theoretical reflection and modes of activist engagement.”

James Boggs was born in Marion junction, Alabama. He was best known for his many writing of books and articles in his bi-weekly publication *Correspondence*. Before he took over that publication, he was an auto worker at Chrysler for twenty-eight years. Boggs then became active in the far-left organization *Correspondence Publishing Committee*. The committee was led by C.L.R. James, another left-wing man, and centered around the political issues of minorities such as women, youth, and African Americans. Also, rank and file workers.

Grace Lee Boggs was born June 27th, 1915 in Providence, Rhode Island, above her father’s restaurant. She was born to Chinese immigrants who were in an arranged marriage and her step mother was her biggest role model for peace. Her

Chinese given name was “Yu-Ping,” meaning Jade Peace, which fit her well. She studied at Barnard College on a scholarship and while studying there, she was influenced by Kant and Hegel, two famous German philosophers who disagreed on the distinction between phenomena and noumena. Grace graduated from Barnard in 1935 and continued her education at Bryn Mawr College. From there, she graduated in 1940 with a Ph.D. in philosophy.

Grace took a low wage job at the University of Chicago Philosophy Library. As she worked there, she was influenced to join the far-left Worker Party and began focusing on struggles in the African American community. She joined the Johnson-Forest tendency, led by C.L.R. James, before the *Correspondence* was organized, and Raya Dunayevskaya. There she started writing for them under the name “Ria Stone” and met James. Soon after, they got married in 1953 and moved to Detroit to focus on civil rights and Black Power Movement activism.

Grace and James both were interacting and marching with other very powerful activists such as Malcom X, Ossie Davis, and many more. James became the editor of the *Correspondence* eventually after C.L.R. James was exiled in Britain and the publication was losing many of

its memberships. Political differences between him and C.L led to James taking control of the committee and he explains it in one of his many writings, “The American Revolution: Pages from a Negro Worker’s Notebook.”

The Boggs wrote many book and articles documenting the struggles of that era and telling stories. Their works included “Revolution and Evolution in the Twentieth Century,” “Conversations in Maine: Exploring Our Nation’s Future,” and “The American Revolution: Pages from a Negro Worker’s Notebook.” There is also a dual biography “In Love and Struggle: The Revolutionary Lives of James and Grace Lee Boggs,” by Stephen M. Ward that was recently published in 2016 that showed that love can trump anything. James lived until 1993 and Grace lived to be 100 years old and died in 2015. Their home in Detroit today serves as headquarters for the Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership and was started in the 90’s. The house is a hub for community-based projects, grassroots organizing, and social activism. They were married for 40 years and are still the definition of a true American love story.

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She currently serves as the chair for Florida A&M University's School of Business & Industry's Advisory Board and was recently appointed by the university to the President's Alumni Advisory Board for Athletics. Sonia is also on the Board of Directors for the Impact Young Lives Foundation, which supports leadership development for youth in South Africa.

A Saginaw native and 1985 Arthur Hill High School graduate, Sonia's powerful and inspiring message of leadership, sisterhood and true friendship, is one that has transformed the lives of many teen girls and women around the globe.



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Any veterans interested in being a part of this event are asked to register online at <http://goo.gl/forms/sXp4riull20DwDso1>.

SVSU has received multiple awards for its commitment to supporting veterans. Military Times recognized SVSU as part of its Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 rankings, as SVSU was rated No. 34 nationally by the independent

media organization dedicated to news and information about the military. This was the highest ranking for any Michigan institution.

The Best for Vets rankings evaluate many factors, such as university culture and academic outcomes, in evaluating what makes a school a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families. For more information on the rankings, go to <http://www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2017>.

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During REAL TALK, there will be workshops designed to teach young people how to prevent HIV, other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and unplanned pregnancies. There will also be workshops focused on bullying prevention, how

to respectfully interact with law enforcement, sexting and the law, self-esteem, human trafficking prevention, and much more. The information will be presented by several community leaders, and some youth leaders. Abstinence – choosing not to have sex—will be emphasized as the SAFEST choice. In addition, accurate information about other protection methods will also be provided. Students will learn and practice ways to resist pressure to have sex, and will also learn some decision-making and communication skills.

Parents are also asked to be part of prevention. The “Real Families of Saginaw” event will empower parents with information and skills

to help their students make healthy life choices.

In addition to the workshops, there will be several activities for the youth to participate in, including open gym activities and a talent show featuring some of Saginaw’s best youth talent.

Youth MUST have parental consent to attend this youth event!

Space is LIMITED! Registration is limited to the first 200 youth!

To pre-register for both the youth and parent event, please call or email: Amanda Forsmark at 989-399-6125 or aforsmark@glbhealth.org by March 30, 2017; Registration is available at the door.

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Friday, March 31

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5:30 La Delgada Línea Amarilla (95 minutes)

8:00 Ixcanul (100 minutes)- followed by director Q+A

Saturday, April 1

12:00 Infancia Clandestina (112 minutes)

2:30 Que Horas Ela Volta? (114 minutes)

5:00 NN (90 minutes)- followed by panel

8:00 Silencio En La Tierra De Los Sueños (94 minutes)- followed by director Q+A

Sunday, April 2

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Friday, April 7th, 2017
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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this very important moment in their lives.

Graduates, faculty, and community members are all encouraged to attend! Space will be limited, so please register ASAP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMTNTY6> if you want a guaranteed spot for the event. Attendance is free!



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In honor of Women's History Month, who has been the biggest female role model in your life and why?

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Kolby Holden
Community Member

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My biggest female role models have been my mom and my aunt. They are both strong women who have modeled for me what it means to be a good person and go after my dreams. Without their love and support, I wouldn't be the person that I am today.

Melissa Lee
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The two most influential women in my life have been my mother and my wife. My mother raised me to be the honest, hardworking man that I am today. And my wife inspires me every day with her strength and passion for life and our family. They give me a strength I didn't know I had.

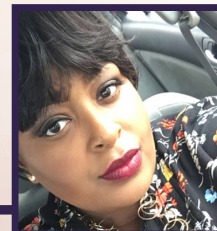
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The most influential woman in my life is my step-mom Cathy Williams. She is my best friend and we talk about everything. She encourages me to move forward when I've lost my way, and she reminds me to be myself and embrace who I am, telling me often, "Just be you!"

Bria Smith
Community Member



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HEALTH

MDHHS issues request for proposals to support people with developmental disabilities

LANSING, Mich. – The state is looking for an organization to develop a process to support Michiganders with intellectual and developmental disabilities in making decisions about their daily lives.

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council is issuing a request for proposal (RFP) for the grant project Self-Determination in Michigan to address issues with consistency and access to the tools and supports needed for self-determination.

The council, which is within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, seeks an organization to develop a process that will provide state-level technical assistance, training and support to local teams. The technical assistance will address issues with consistency, availability of and access to tools and supports

that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Michigan need to control their services and live self-directed, self-determined lives.

At the same time, local pilot teams will be equipped to provide support and education for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their family members and allies on principles of self-determination and the tools needed to arrange services that support self-determination.

The RFP is open to private nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education and government agencies with demonstrated knowledge and understanding of, and commitment to, self-determination and community inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The successful

applicant will receive up to \$568,000 over a four-year grant period.

One application will be accepted from each applicant. Applications, related materials and attachments must be submitted electronically using the DD Suite website by March 31, 2017. To apply for the Self-Determination in Michigan grant or for detailed instructions on how to register for an account with DD Suite, visit the DD Suite website at www.ddsuite.org.

Contact Tedra Jackson at 517-284-7294 or jackson7@michigan.gov with questions, which must be received by March 10. Relevant questions and answers will be posted with other clarifications or revisions to the initial RFP by March 13, 2017, on the MDDC website, www.michigan.gov/ddcouncil.



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SVSU partners with United Way of Midland County to research food needs



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Saginaw Valley State University is providing expertise to a community-oriented research

project aimed at improving access to food for low-income households.

In partnership with the United Way of Midland County, SVSU began a project in late 2015 to evaluate emergency food assistance in Midland County.

“They weren’t seeing a whole lot of people coming through the doors, so they were concerned that there was a disparity between the need and people who were actually coming to get some of these services,” said Brian Thomas, SVSU associate professor of sociology.

This led to United Way planting the seed that would become Midland County Hunger Connections, a collaborative project between several nonprofits and SVSU to raise awareness and reduce barriers for those who might fall into the classification of “food insecure.”

According to the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), food insecurity “is a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.”

Many food-insecure households have an income above the U.S. poverty level and struggle to meet the basic needs of their family due to the cost of living.

United Way distributed a survey early in 2016

to gauge the food security needs of the community and how access to such things as food banks, backpack programs and school programs can be improved.

“We had these initial meetings between United Way, and there was a discussion about what would be the best way for SVSU to provide expertise,” Thomas explained. “We decided that we would provide some input as to the survey development and that we would assist with survey analysis.

“There are many families with people who are working low-wage or perhaps seasonal jobs and, even though they are employed, they don’t have reliable access to healthy food. Many of these families met USDA definitions of food insecure.”

Though the survey and analysis portion of this community project has concluded, there is still work to be done. Midland County Hunger Connections will continue to educate families and individuals on how to access available food resources.

Thomas will remain involved with the project moving forward as he currently sits on a subcommittee within the group which will allow him to play an advisory role.

Schuette Sues Six Generic Drug Companies Accused of Illegally Driving up Costs and Reducing Competition

Filing alleges both federal antitrust violations as well as state antitrust and consumer protection law violations

LANSING – Attorney General Bill Schuette today joined a multi-state antitrust lawsuit against six generic drug companies that manufacture doxycycline hyclate delayed release, an antibiotic, and glyburide, an oral diabetes medication.

The suit was filed against Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc., Citron Pharma, LLC, Mayne Pharma (USA), Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. over allegations

that the companies engaged in an illegal scheme to reduce competition and manipulate prices, causing purchasers to pay artificially high prices for needed medications.

“Patients rely on life saving antibiotics and diabetes medication, and by manipulating pricing they put greed ahead of patient health,” said Schuette.

The original suit was filed in December of 2016. Today’s amended complaint filed with the

federal court increases the number of participating states from 20 to 40 and adds claims of alleged violations of state antitrust laws – in addition to the previously alleged violations of federal antitrust laws. The complaint further asserts that the defendants conduct violated state consumer protection laws.

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Background on Lawsuit

The lawsuit is a result of an ongoing investigation into suspicious price increases of certain generic pharmaceuticals. The investigation uncovered an alleged conspiracy to fix prices and allocate markets for doxycycline hyclate delayed release, an antibiotic, and glyburide, an oral diabetes medication.

The complaint alleges that the defendants routinely coordinated marketing and pricing through direct interaction at industry trade shows,

customer conferences and other events, as well as through direct email, phone and text messages. The alleged anticompetitive conduct – including efforts to fix and maintain prices, allocate markets and otherwise thwart competition – caused significant, harmful and continuing negative impacts on patients access to competitively priced medication, the states allege.

In addition to Michigan, the 39 other participating state include, Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,

Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The lawsuit was filed under seal in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Portions of the complaint are redacted in order to avoid compromising the ongoing investigation.

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Demetrus Hayes | Courtesy Photos

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“I’m excited to get to know our customers in Michigan,” Hayes said. “I look forward to continuing our efforts to deliver a leading customer experience and strengthen our relationships in the community.”

Hayes is a graduate of the University of

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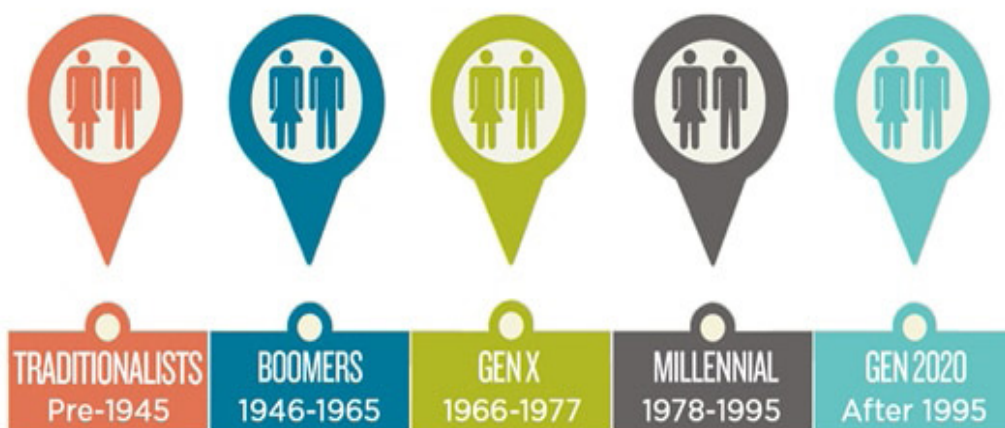
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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES**How to build a successful volunteer engagement program**

A well-run volunteer management program can change the life of your nonprofit. Most leaders know this and yearn for a team they can depend on. At the same time most delay engaging volunteers because “it’s a lot of work.” That’s the truth. But, it’s also true that an investment in volunteers will leverage the work of your organization in ways you can’t yet imagine.

There are two key principles that are the foundation of a successful volunteer engagement program. First, recruit leadership-level volunteers using the same care and thoughtfulness you would when engaging a major donor. Second, once recruited, ask volunteers to operate at the highest level. Here are some details.

Inquiry. Begin your volunteer recruitment process by asking questions. What do you want volunteers to accomplish? Clearly articulate what you want to achieve, and what you believe it will take to reach those results. Continue the inquiry process by asking people who they believe could be an ideal volunteer.

Research. Once you have a pool of prospective volunteers, research who they are. Take time to learn about each person as an individual. What are his or her interests, passions, experiences? Why would he or she want to volunteer for your organization? You want to find people who believe in the vision and goals of the organization, and who are passionate about your work. You want people with specific skills

and a track record of successful volunteer work. You also want to engage people who will provide resources and financial support for the volunteer program. Most importantly, seek out those who will make a commitment – both short and long term – to complete the task or responsibility you ask them to take on.

Preparation. If you have a case for support for your organization, use that when preparing to meet with potential volunteers. Update the “call to action” to speak to potential volunteers. List the types of volunteer opportunities available, the time commitment, and the impact you expect to make as a result of volunteer engagement.

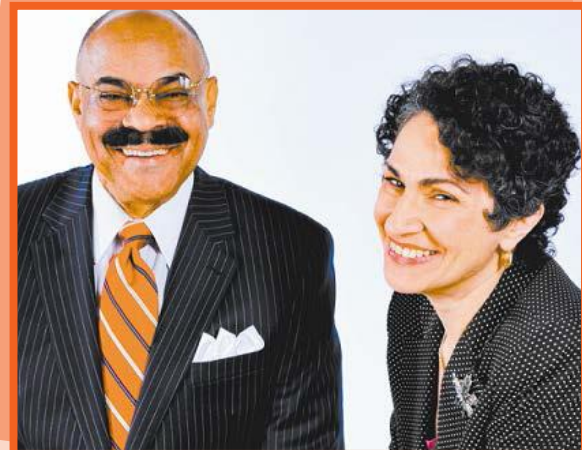
Cultivate. As you begin to engage potential volunteers take the time to cultivate them and educate them on the work of your organization and what you are trying to achieve. Before your meeting, make sure you know exactly what you want a potential volunteer to do. Be prepared with a suggested project or role. And, as with fundraising, don’t forget to make the ask.

Job description. Once an individual commits to volunteering, ask what they believe would be the best way to approach the work you have asked them to take on. Using their thoughts and your earlier work in defining what you want to accomplish, create a “job

description” that communicates their roles and responsibilities. Share this with each volunteer. This is the beginning of creating open lines of mutual communication.

Investing in leadership-volunteers is an investment in your organization and those you serve. Treat each with the level of professionalism that you expect from them. You will be amazed by what they can achieve.

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EDUCATION

Waist-deep in wetlands for research

Graduate student uncovers evidence for change in Great Lakes management

Nutrient imbalances in the Great Lakes, once under control, have begun to reappear, bringing with them harmful algal blooms and toxic water conditions. These algal blooms are responsible for killing wildlife and shutting down beaches. Central Michigan University graduate student Laura Moore is looking to find the culprit.

Past legislation focuses heavily on phosphorus management and dates all the way back to the Clean Water Act in 1972. Moore's research, on the other hand, targets nitrogen as a new suspect.

"My research, which is a spinoff of the \$20 million EPA grant that CMU has received, focuses on other aspects that might be causing these harmful issues," Moore said. "Specifically, I'm looking at nitrogen, a nutrient that also is very important in aquatic environments that haven't been studied like phosphorus has been."

Moore began studying algal responses to nutrient gradients as an undergraduate student with CMU biology professor and director of the CMU Institute for Great Lakes Research Don Uzarski and will incorporate her findings into her thesis.

Using technology and equipment within CMU's new Biosciences Building, Moore observes nutrient levels in three locations: Saginaw Bay, an area that often sees human disturbance, as well as less-disturbed areas on Beaver Island and the Les Cheneaux Islands archipelago in the Upper Peninsula. According to Uzarski, the nitrogen concentrations in Lake Michigan are nearly 10 times where they should



Laura Moore | Courtesy Photo

be. This is potentially problematic for cities like Grand Rapids that obtain water from Lake Michigan.

Moore's findings have large implications for future research and management regarding Great Lakes health.

"Good science is going to answer one or two questions but generate 10 more," Uzarski said. "That's the process. It will take us in a different direction, pointing the finger toward other issues and how we can ultimately address those issues."

Nitrogen and phosphorus alike can be found in runoff from agriculture and industry. The things we pour down the drain each day – such as dish soap – also can have a large impact.

"The Great Lakes are one of the largest freshwater resources so we need to take care of them," Moore said. "We rely on the Great Lakes for so many things including fisheries, water for businesses and recreation. Being able to be in that environment and do my research is like a blessing to me."

CMU students help MHTV earn top college station



MHTV, CMU's student-run co-curricular TV station, gives students real-world experience in the newsroom. The 24-hour cable outlet was just named College Television Station of the Year for the 16th consecutive time by the MAB - Michigan Association of Broadcasters.

Photo Credit: Facebook, CMU

SVSU student's servant leadership results in Emerging Leader award from YWCA



Rebecca Meredith | Photo Credit: SVSU

Saginaw Valley State University student Rebecca “Becks” Meredith has been selected by the YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region to receive an Emerging Leader award for her enthusiastic service on campus and in the community.

The award is designated for women

between the ages of 18-25 who demonstrate emerging leadership skills and a philosophy of empowerment; it is given to one student from each of four colleges and universities in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

A special education major from Rogers City, Meredith has displayed a passion for extracurricular involvement at SVSU. She serves as a resident assistant in one of SVSU's residence halls; she coordinates service trips for Habitat for Humanity and Alternative Breaks, and she is a dedicated member of Forever Red, a student organization that works to enhance the student experience at SVSU and prepare students for life after college.

Meredith also coaches Little League teams and has taken volunteer-based leadership roles for Relay for Life and Special Olympics.

While Meredith shines academically, posting a 3.87 GPA, she is most inspired by her learning outside the classroom.

“My academic life and accomplishments show a lot of hard work and dedication to that area,” she said. “However, my holistic education means even more because I can take everything I encounter and learn from it in a different, more useful way.”

Meredith's first volunteer service trip to rural Harlan, Kentucky through SVSU's Alternative Breaks program made a lasting impression.

“We did everything from volunteering at a senior living facility to making dog houses,” she said. “I didn't know what to expect, and I left that trip with a new sense of appreciation for volunteering and gratitude for the things in my life. It was the first time I had actually seen the direct impact my service could have on someone and the gratitude that comes along with it.”

Meredith later traveled to Orlando, Florida on an Alternative Break to volunteer for A Gift for Teaching, an organization gives school supplies to teachers, who distribute the supplies to their students in need.

“I saw firsthand how important it is for students to have the appropriate supplies they need to truly succeed,” she said. “As a future educator, it was interesting to compare and contrast our school systems here in Michigan to those in Florida. It reinforced that I want to be a teacher and help students.”

Beyond service trips, Meredith also traveled to Italy as part of a study abroad program. She expects to graduate SVSU in May 2018. She will receive her award during the 2017 YWCA Women of Achievement ceremony Wednesday, March 15.

For more information regarding the YWCA Women of Achievement Awards, please visit www.ywcaglbr.org/women-of-achievement-awards/.

SVSU seeking charity partner for 2017 Battle of the Valleys competition

Saginaw Valley State University students have shown an incredible community-minded spirit over the past 14 years, raising more than \$350,000 to support numerous worthy causes and charitable organizations during the annual Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition.

In 2016, the SVSU community raised \$26,000 in one week for Hidden Harvest, an organization that strives to feed those in need in the Great Lakes Bay Region by collecting and redistributing surplus food. The SVSU Student Association hosted a luncheon on campus Friday,

Feb. 24 to express appreciation for the many people who volunteered for Battle of the Valleys and to formally present the funds to Samantha McKenzie, president and CEO of Hidden Harvest and an SVSU alumna, and Terry Rock, Hidden Harvest board chair.

The SVSU Student Association is now accepting applications from nonprofit organizations interested in serving as SVSU's charity partner for 2017. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 31.

Each year, SVSU students band together for

a week-long charitable fundraising competition with students from Grand Valley State University. Over the past 14 years, the two schools have raised a combined total of \$552,150.

For more information or to request an application, please contact Emma Eldred, Battle of the Valleys coordinator, at ereldred@svsu.edu.

The 2017 Battle of the Valleys will take place Sunday, Sept. 24 to Friday, Sept. 29, leading up to the football game Saturday, Sept. 30.

For more information on Battle of the Valleys, please visit svsu.edu/bov.

COMMUNITY

The Conservation Fund Announces Eleven Recipients of Transporting Healthy Food Grants

Program Sponsored by CSX Helps Local Food Organizations Extend Geographic Reach

ARLINGTON, Va.— March 2, 2017—The Conservation Fund today announced the grant recipients for the 2016 Grant Program for Transporting Healthy Food. Eleven charitable organizations in Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Virginia and West

Virginia will receive grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to strengthen transportation and distribution of fresh, local produce and other healthy food to underserved communities.

Now in its third year, the Grant Program for Transporting Healthy Food, sponsored by leading freight transportation company CSX,

supports local food distribution organizations by improving their ability to store, package, transport and ultimately support community access to fresh, healthy food. This cycle's grant funding will allow the 11 recipient organizations to serve an additional 40,000 families with 600,000 meals.

Saginaw Organization Receives Transporting Healthy Food Grant

Hidden Harvest Farm received a grant from The Conservation Fund and CSX Transportation to help its mission to provide safe food handling supplies to food donors, who then generously donate nutritious food that would have otherwise been wasted. Hidden Harvest Farm will use the grant to transport 2.6 million pounds of food in 2017 to agencies that serve community members in need.

"As a recipient of the Transporting Healthy Food grant of \$10,000 from CSX and The Conservation Fund, Hidden Harvest will be able to provide an additional 52,631 pounds of rescued fresh produce and nutritious prepared foods to a region that includes 15 food deserts in Michigan!" said Samantha McKenzie, President & CEO, Hidden Harvest Farm.

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Transporting Healthy Food supports local food distribution organizations by improving their ability to store, package, transport and ultimately support community access to fresh, healthy food. This cycle's grant funding will allow the 11 recipient organizations to serve an additional 40,000 families with 600,000 meals.

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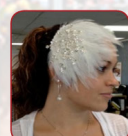
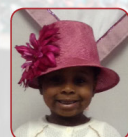
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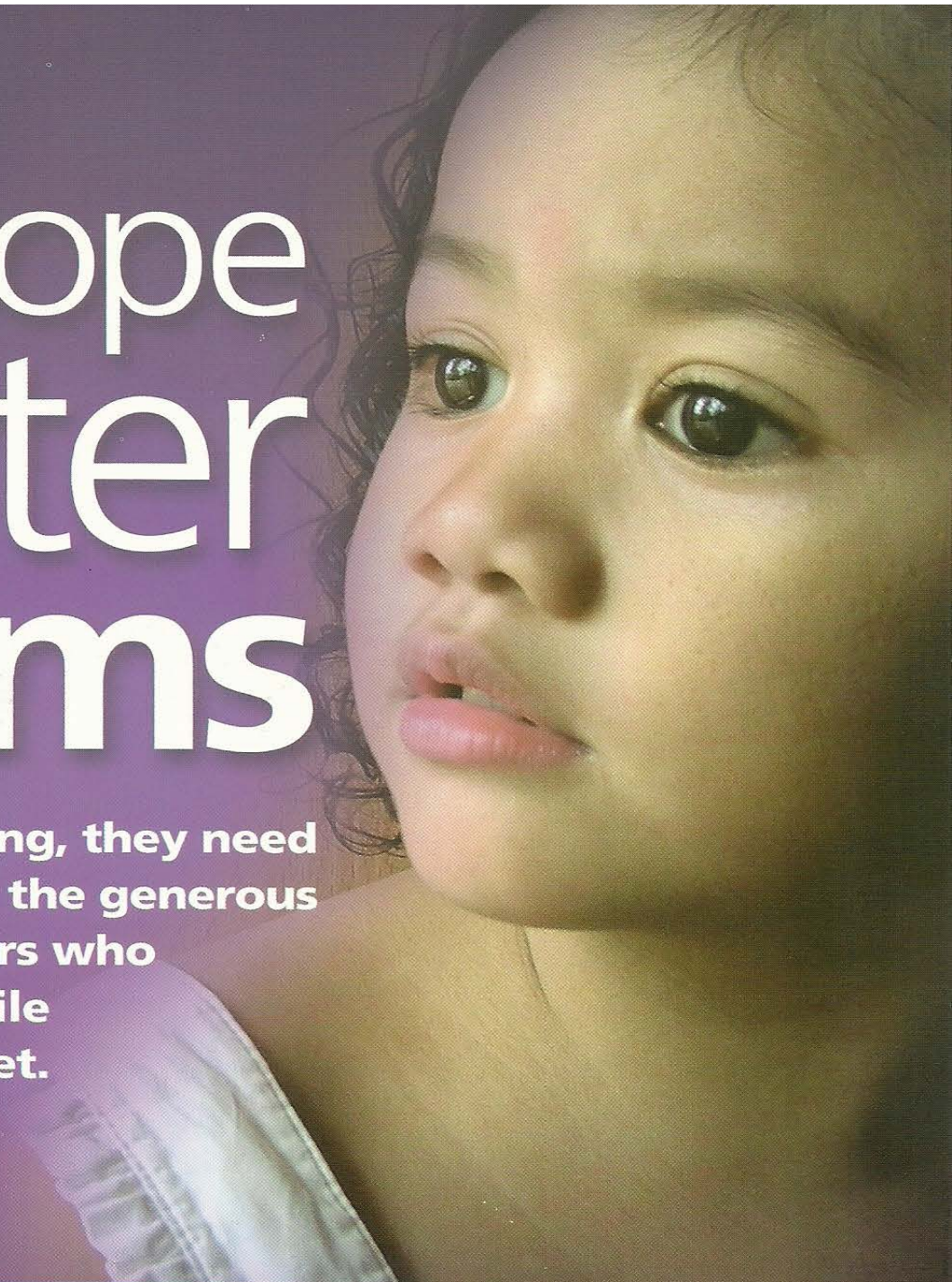
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Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Elects New Pastor



Reverend Blake D. Strozier, Pastor-elect | Courtesy Photo

SAGINAW-The Leadership Team of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church is pleased to announce the election of its new pastor, Rev. Blake D. Strozier of Flint, Michigan. He replaces Rev. Gregory Johnson, Jr. who has served as interim pastor for the past 14 months. Rev. Blake Strozier will be installed as pastor on Sunday, March 26, 2017.

Rev. Blake D. Strozier joins the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist family coming from the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan where the pastor is Rev. Dr. Lewis Randolph. Rev. Strozier was licensed to preach under the leadership of Rev. Randolph and was ordained by the Great Lakes Baptist District Association.

The call to serve as pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church was extended to Rev. Blake D. Strozier by a membership vote.

Rev. Blake D. Strozier holds a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. He graduated in May 2011 and

is a Landscape Architect with Rowe Professional Services Company, headquartered in Flint. Rev. Strozier will pursue a Masters of Divinity program in the fall of 2017. He is a board member with the Flint Community Schools Board of Education and is currently serving a 6 year term, and is active in his community with several organizations and youth groups. Rev. Strozier is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Socially speaking: Sports have the power to influence change

Students see how communications and the sports industry shape American culture



Communications are key in sports, which connect with millions and help shape North American culture.

Students in a sports and communication class at Central Michigan University have a different perspective on San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick kneeling during the National Anthem in protest of wrongdoings against minorities.

Sports help shape how Americans understand culture and complex issues such as race, gender, sexual orientation, capitalism and national identity. This long-held conclusion among sports communications scholars is at the core of this special topics course taught by communications faculty member Cory Hillman.

Hillman challenged his students to think beyond whether Kaepernick is right or wrong and instead discuss why the National Anthem is sung or played before every high school, college and professional game.

"Why are sporting events the only

place where the National Anthem is part of the event?" Hillman asked as he used this example to demonstrate the influential power of communications within and outside of the game. "We aren't looking into the sports and games themselves, but instead we are looking at American society and culture through the lens of sports."

Students examine how communication influences the ways sports organizations function. This includes coaches using communication to motivate their players and sports organizations using crisis communication strategies to repair their public image during scandals. Through the communications process, students also see how sports affect and set the tone for greater social and cultural issues.

From the water cooler to social media, sports talk radio and major events such as the

Super Bowl and Olympics, people in American culture continually discuss and are surrounded by sports. This is why the lessons learned in sports communication will help shape students' perspectives.

Jalen Eason, a junior from Flint majoring in mechanical engineering and nuclear physiology, already is seeing how the influences of sports and communication will relate to his career in engineering.

"The communications lessons connect with my career because the engineering and science fields are much like sports," said Eason, who also is pursuing a communication minor. "Engineering has a ranking system similar to sports, like college would be similar to an entry-level position, and the NBA would be like a top-tier engineer. It just shows that you have to work that much harder to compete with the best."

Such a mindset of competition in sports and the workplace is quite common, and Hillman is familiar with connecting sports and competition to American social issues. He has researched and co-wrote an article published in the *Communication and Sport Journal* that looks into why "extreme" marathon races, such as Tough Mudder, are becoming increasingly popular among white-collar professionals. In short, Hillman and his co-author argued that participating in these events communicates one's ability to succeed in the professional world.

"Competition is good, but there has to be a balance," he said. "It's one thing to push yourself to do better, but you can push yourself beyond the point where you start to see your competition in the race or in the workplace as your enemy."

And this is why communications are key factors in the professional world and the sports world, which has the power to connect with millions and influence social change in America.

Spirit Mount Third Period Comeback; Win Fourth in a Row

Hodgson, Hronek score in third to propel Spirit to 3-2 victory over Storm



Cedric Ralph scored his seventh goal of the year. Albert Michnac grabbed the puck near the right circle, and passed it to the blue line for Ryan Merkley. Merkley faked out a defender, and then took a shot. The puck was deflected by Ralph on the way to the net for the 2-1 lead. Guelph led Saginaw in shots on goal, 14-11.

Hayden Hodgson added a power play goal

for his 36th tally at 5:18 of the third period to tie the game up, 2-2. The Storm tried to clear the puck, but it was held in by Matthew Kreis. Kreis slid it over to Filip Hronek, who made a quick backhanded pass to Hodgson in the slot. Hodgson skated over to the right circle and let off a wrist shot that sent the puck under Popovich's right arm for the 2-2 score.

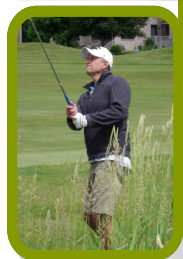
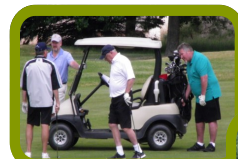
GUELPH, Ont. - On Friday night, the Saginaw Spirit faced off with the Guelph Storm for the fourth and final time this season. Saginaw scored three of the game's last four goals, including two in the third period, to win 3-2. The win keeps Saginaw six points behind Sarnia for the last playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Guelph drew blood first when Isaac Ratcliffe scored on the power play for his 24th goal of the year. Nate Schnarr brought the puck into the zone, and sent it around the boards to James McEwan. McEwan passed it to Ratcliffe at the bottom of the right circle. Ratcliffe skated past a defender and sniped the puck over Evan Cormier's right arm for the 1-0 lead. Saginaw led Guelph in shots on goal, 11-8.

The Spirit tied the game up three minutes into the second period when Kris Bennett tallied his 25th goal. Hayden Davis collected the puck at the right half board, and passed it Mike Davies at the right circle. Davies shot it wide, but it was corralled by Bennett on the left board. Bennett attempted a pass, but it was blocked right back to him. He skated to the slot, and let off a backhanded shot that sailed past Anthony Popovich's left shoulder for the 1-1 tie.

The Storm took the lead back at 15:27 when

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

A letter to my Congressman John Moolenaar

Dear Congressman Moolenaar, I've supported you through State House and State Senate campaigns and arguably might have been your fiercest supporter in your U.S House race against now Congressman Paul Mitchell. My letter to you and I know that you'll get this is in reference to healthcare and it's simple; slow down. Appeal to your peers to take a time out. Everyone back here in Michigan even where we might disagree on issues always agreed on your calm and compassionate approach to public policy. There's little question that most of us are going crazy and frustrated over the back and forth debates and the uncertainty that stems from so many unanswered but important questions.

As difficult as my request may be and it will be in this hyper political partisan environment we're in; will you please use the courage I know you have to reach across the aisle and convene

with Democrats on a bipartisan approach to fixing this critical service that effects every American. I imagine that they're posturing as obstructionists since well that seems to be the culture in Washington DC now but you've worked with Democrats in the past and with your temperament and heart; certainly there are those Democrats that share your same qualities.

These periods of high political stress are costing our elected officials personal values for political wins. At extremely high expenses. I'm asking you to reach out to leadership; to step back, take a deep breath, and regain your composure. Build coalitions in the Senate and with Democrats then decide what course of action to take. Not as a Republican but as an American. Not for Republican citizens but all citizens. Sometimes a time-out does the trick. Take the CBO report coming out today and don't just discard it if it

doesn't fit the political narrative. Pay attention to it; address it; fix it and make decisions from it. Get this right.

Congressman; the main purpose of my letter is that things are crazy right now and the country seems out of balance. I look to leaders like you to create some sanity, some balance back to the lives of people that seem to be forgotten in this craziness. I'll support your decisions because I trust your heart. That's never been in question. I'm only asking that you open it up just a tad wider and let it guide your actions through this process. If not you; then who; if not now; then when?

Respectfully,
Jimmy E Greene
Citizen

Senator Stabenow Introduces Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act to Help Lower Cost of Medicine

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) joined her colleagues to introduce legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Americans to buy safe, low-cost medicine from Canada. The bill, S.469 the Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act, was introduced by Senators Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Robert Casey (D-PA), along with 16 others. The bill authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services in two years to allow importation from other advanced countries.

Senator Stabenow has long championed legislation to allow seniors to buy more affordable prescription drugs from Canada. She has authored bipartisan bills in the Senate that address

the high cost of prescription drugs by allowing American consumers to buy lower-priced, FDA-approved prescription drugs from countries with strict safety regulations like our own, including Canada. She also organized bus trips from Michigan to Canada to purchase prescriptions to highlight these major cost differences.

“For years, Michigan families have had to pay high costs for prescription drugs they need when the same drugs are available at a lower price just across the border in Canada,” said Senator Stabenow. “Seniors and families should not have to choose between paying for groceries and life-saving medicine. It’s time to make sure that safe prescription medications are accessible to people who rely on them at an affordable price.”

In Canada and other major countries, the same medications, manufactured by the same companies, in the same factories are available for a fraction of the price compared to the United States. In 2014, Americans spent \$1,112 per person on prescription drugs while Canadians spent \$772 and Danes spent \$325.

For a summary of the bill and background, click <http://www.sanders.senate.gov/download/drug-importation-bill-summary-and-background?inline=file>.

To read the bill, click <http://www.sanders.senate.gov/download/drug-importation-bill?inline=file>.

Gov. Snyder's 21st Century Education Commission recommends solutions for improving educational opportunities for all Michigan students

Proposed reforms aim to build a high-performing public system from preschool through post-secondary education

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan's 21st Century Education Commission – created by Gov. Rick Snyder one year ago – today released a report of recommended solutions to ensure higher-quality education opportunities for all Michigan students.

Snyder created the Commission through Executive Order 2016-6 after he announced plans for it during his 2016 State of the State address.

"If we are going to have a P-20 educational system that truly prepares our children for the 21st Century in Michigan and the world, we must be willing to admit where that system is falling short today," Snyder said, "I thank the Commissioners for their efforts to develop a blueprint for how we can finally transform our educational system. We need to take action that helps prepare Michigan students to find the greatest possible success along the path toward our future."

The 25-member Commission – comprised of educators, business leaders, labor representatives, and nonprofit professionals – reached unanimous agreement on numerous recommendations. The chair was Dr. Thomas Haas, president of Grand Valley State University.

"The 21st Century Education Commission was charged with developing recommendations to improve the state's education system to better prepare students for a global economy," Haas said. "We have surpassed that charge by collaborating and designing a framework that can shape long-term solutions that will enable all Michigan students' success."

As part of the report, the Commission recommends that the State of Michigan set four concrete goals to achieve by 2025: Seventy percent or more of 25-year-olds in Michigan will have completed a college degree, occupational certificate, apprenticeship, or formal skill training.

- Michigan children will score in the top 10 among U.S. states on the bi-annual National Assessment of Educational Progress in reading, math, and science.
- The high school graduation and postsecondary enrollment gap between low-income and middle-income children in Michigan will have disappeared.
- Michigan children will surpass the scores of Ontario school children on the Programme for International Student Assessment in reading,

math, and science. To achieve these goals, the Commission outlined 32 recommendations in three building blocks that include focus on learning, create a strong culture of success, and build a coherent, connected education system from prenatal to career.

Public input was especially valuable to this process and Commissioners were committed to finding opportunities to engage with the public, both online and in-person at listening tour stops and stakeholder meetings around the state.

"Commissioners appreciated having the opportunity to meet with parents, educators, and Michiganders from around the state to gather ideas about how we can all work to transform Michigan's education system, critically important for Michigan's success," Haas said.

The full text of the report is available <http://mieducationcommission.com/document/final-report-best-education-system-michigans-success#overlay-context=document/investment-our-future>. You can find an executive summary of the report <http://mieducationcommission.com/document/executive-summary#overlay-context=document/investment-our-future>.



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Ordinance No. 269

BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING A BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

An Ordinance of Buena Vista Charter Township establishing a Beautification Committee of the Township to advise and assist the Township in creating a more beautiful and aesthetically appealing community because the Buena Vista Township Board of Trustees desires to engage the citizens of Buena Vista Township in enhancing the visual and aesthetic appeal of its community.

The Board of Trustees of Buena Vista Charter Township ordains as follows:

Section 1. Title.

This chapter shall be known and cited as the Charter Township of Buena Vista Beautification Committee Ordinance.

Section 2. Establishment

A. There is hereby establish a Beautification Committee for Buena Vista Charter Township. There shall be a minimum of seven (7) voting members of the Committee and who shall meet as provided in this article to consider, recommend and implement programs for the beautification of public spaces and for the increased use, expansion of and preservation of the Township's passive and active spaces.

Section 3. Composition and term of office

A. The composition of the membership of the Beautification Committee shall consist of the following:

- i) A Township trustee designated by the Township Supervisor to serve a one year term.
- ii) Six members to be appointed by the Supervisor. The initial appointment of members shall be two (2) members for a term of three (3) years, two (2) members for a term of two (2) years and two (2) members for a term of one (1) year. Successor members shall be appointed for two-year terms. Members shall be residents of Buena Vista Charter Township with expertise and knowledge pertinent to this Committee.

Section 4. Compensation

A. The committee members may be compensated for their services as provided by township board resolution. The planning commission may adopt bylaws relative to compensation and expenses of its members for travel when engaged in the performance of activities authorized by the township board, including, but not limited to, attendance at conferences, workshops, educational and training programs and meetings.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Supervisor Dillard, Clerk Campbell, Treasurer Bibbs, Trustees Jernigan, Curry and McKinney

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Merrill

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by Buena Vista Charter Township Board, County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of February, 2016, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Chris Dillard, Supervisor

Barbara Campbell, Clerk

(STATE OF MICHIGAN)
(COUNTY OF SAGINAW)

I the undersigned Township Clerk for Buena Vista Charter Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, certify that the above Ordinance No. 269, adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township on the 27th day of February, 2017, was recorded in full in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees on said date. It was signed by the Supervisor and Clerk of the Township.

Dated: February 27, 2017

Barbara Campbell, Clerk
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