


# THE MICHIGAN BANNER

Celebrating 15 years of Positive News!




**SVSU Honors Leading Companies and Business People**

**Business, Page 19**



**New Central Michigan University building boosts health education**

**Education, Page 25**



**New Program Available to Support Local Victims of Sexual Assault Thanks to Grant**

**Community, Page 30**

Leading in Diversity, Empowering Communities and Changing Lives [www.themichiganbanner.com](http://www.themichiganbanner.com)



**CINCO 5TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO 5K SAGINAW Run/Walk**  
Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Registration begins at 11:30am  
1 pm start time  
Andersen Enrichment Center  
120 Ezra Rust Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48601

Proceeds go to help local Scholarships

\$25.00 pre-registration  
\$30.00 day of event  
Pre-Registration includes Event T-shirt

First 150 registered will get a free sombrero, and all runners will receive a water bottle.

**“Cinco De Mayo” Cinco k, 5K Run/Walk**

Latino Banner, Pg LB 3



**OPEN**  
OPIOID PRESCRIBING ENGAGEMENT NETWORK

**3 in 5** teens say prescription pain medications are easy to get from parent's medicine cabinet

**Medication Take-Back Event**

**Covenant HealthCare will Host Medication Take-Back Event**

Health, Pg 18

## Saginaw School Board Members issue exclusive statements regarding Superintendent

Mike Thompson



spsd.net

As a service to readers, The Michigan Banner has invited the seven trustees of the Saginaw Board of Education to participate in a survey. The main topic is their 4-3 vote on March 21 to not renew the employment contract of Superintendent Nathaniel McClain, terminating his employment at the end of June.

This is an emotional issue. With this survey, The Banner has offered each individual board member an open window to respond in their own words, unedited, so that no reasonable reader can say this report is "slanted" in one way or another.

McClain is a 1988 Saginaw High School graduate who was hired as school chief in July 2015. A prior local superintendent was Foster Gibbs, who had a 23-year tenure from 1978 to 2001. After that,

three successors came from out of town. They were Gerald Dawkins, Carlton Jenkins and Kelley Peatross. The hiring of McClain was intended as a move back to local roots.

Board members who voted against keeping McClain are President Rudy Patterson, Mattie Thompson, Kim Hamilton and Jason Thompson.

McClain's board supporters are Ruth Ann Knapp, Tamara McRae and Joyce Seals.

The school board's next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18.

Following are the school trustee statements:

**Continues on pg 2, Saginaw School Board**

**...continued from Cover Story, Saginaw School Board****RUDY PATTERSON**

*(NOTE: Patterson declined to respond to The Banner's specific survey. Following is a press release he provided to general news media early in April.)*

"Mr. McClain has been most respectful during this negotiated process and I thank him for such. Mr. McClain has two sides to his employment.

The evaluation on performance and the written contract on stipulations. Mr. McClain has not been terminated or fired from this district as reported. His contract has not been renewed under the provisions of the last signed contract and the revised school code MCL 380.1229.

The law and our policy concur that Mr. McClain has the right to direct the Board on his evaluation process. Mr. McClain chose to have his evaluation in closed session. Therefore Saginaw public schools must retain that level of respect throughout this process.

Mr. McClain does not have the right to discuss his contract in closed session. The terms of his contract has always been public knowledge.

The media reported only one of our school's index rating, SHS at 28% success, below the 31% red flag threshold, while reporting Midland, Bay City and Grand Blanc in the mid to high 80's. The community deserves the best possible solution to a successful school District.

There are officers of the Saginaw NAACP Chapter which are also elected trustees on the Saginaw Public School Board, who may be in a questionable range of conflict of interest. (NOTE: Ruth Ann Knapp, chapter vice-president, has denied any involvement in local NAACP protests.) Expending efforts to win over public opinion at a Non Official venue to offset their elected minority opinion. All without delivering public facts which they were privy to.

Again Saginaw Public Schools will not breach the personnel file or discredit Mr. McClain and his family simply to ward off those seeking publicity and political gains.

SPSB will address the Superintendent replacement when there is a vacancy to be filled. Mr. McClain remains the superintendent until June 30, 2018."

**RUTH ANN KNAPP**

"Rationale: First, the Board has spoken. Their decision is made. I did not support that decision and brought up in 'discussion' that Superintendent McClain previously had two 'effective' evaluations. Test scores and graduation rates have been going up, dropout rate is going down and we're no longer in deficit. Cuts and concessions have been reinstated. I was totally blind-sided with the lack of transparency and did not know this was 'in the works' in light of the progress being made on the goals set by the school board.

Divided Board? Yes! It is my belief that the decision by the divided board has brought to light a division in the community. The children are the ones who will suffer because of the decision made.

Steps to take? The community needs to get more involved with the decisions made on their behalf. Hold the board members responsible for their positions and votes. The next opportunity is Nov. 6, 2018 at the polls."

**Continues on pg 5, Saginaw School Board**



**THE MICHIGAN BANNER**

301 E Genesee Ave, Suite 201B  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989.992.2600  
publisherthemichiganbanner@gmail.com

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**PUBLISHER AND SENIOR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Jerome Buckley  
publisher022@gmail.com

**EDITOR EMERITUS**

Rae Lynn Buckley

**THE LATINO BANNER**

**PUBLISHER**  
Jerome Buckley  
thelatinobanner@gmail.com

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNT MANAGER**

Yolanda Jones

**OMBUDSMEN**

Elaine McKenzie

**MISSION**

The Michigan Banner operates and serves as a print and online media venue committed to educating, informing and enlightening our readership regarding events and news that directly and indirectly affect the communities regionally and globally. Furthermore, to serve as a catalyst and a link for cultivating young adults as entrepreneurial and business leaders for the future.

**DISCLAIMER**

The Michigan Banner and its staff are not responsible and will not be held liable for any mistakes, error, misspellings and false advertisements in part or whole that may be placed within its publication. Articles, information or comments printed in the newspaper are not necessarily the views or beliefs of The Michigan Banner newspaper. The Michigan Banner reserves the right to edit, change, or delete any information, or refuse to print any information, article or advertisement which is believed to be inconsistent with or conflicts with the mission of the newspaper.

**DEADLINES**

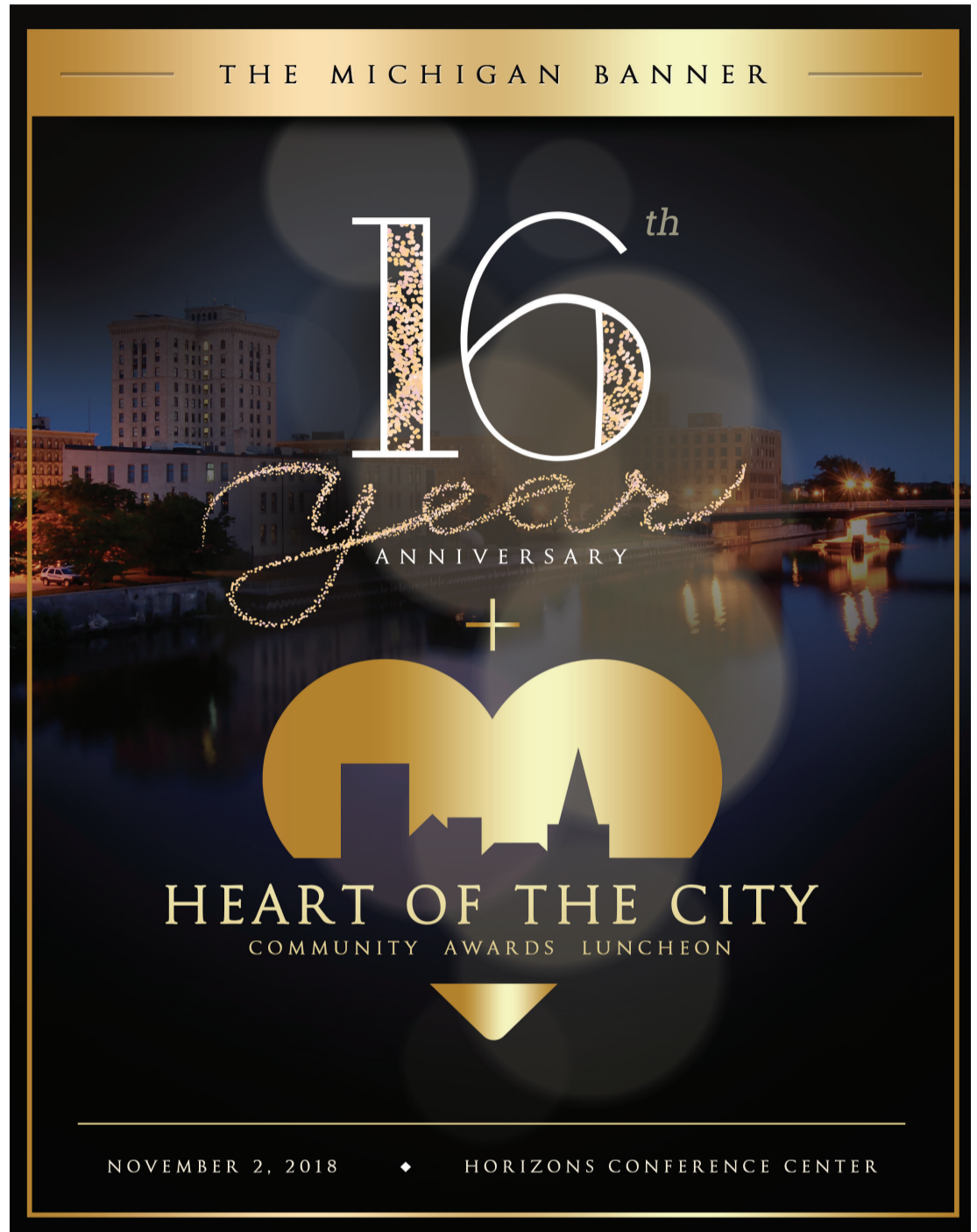
2 weeks before each publication date of the 1st and 16th of each month

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

Mailed or e-mailed  
Preferred format: Jpeg or PDF

**CONNECT WITH THE MICHIGAN BANNER ONLINE!**

www.themichiganbanner.com  
Facebook.com/TheNewMichiganBanner  
Twitter.com/MichiganBanner



**IN THIS ISSUE...**

<b>Latino Banner</b> .....	LB 1 - LB 4
<b>Health</b> .....	14
<b>Business and Wealth</b> .....	19
<b>Education</b> .....	24
<b>Community</b> .....	30
<b>Politics and Public Policy</b> .....	40
<b>Sports</b> .....	43

# THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

By Joann L. Washington

## INDIGO SOUL STORY COLLECTION



CONTINUED FROM THE  
MICHIGAN BANNER APRIL 1,  
2018 ISSUE

Anna Belle Johnson grew younger and younger so it seemed with every dawning. Her cheeks vibrant with hue. In time, she lost the thin silver crown of hair, to thick dark tresses that cascaded down her back.

Anna Belle Johnson went to the market place for fresh vegetables and cutlets, as she did every Saturday morning.

"May I help you young lady?" Tom Williams said with a flirty smile. "Why Tom Williams!" blushed Anna Belle, "I'll have my usual order." The man's glasses sled off his nose and hit the floor. His mouth fell open, as he leaned forward to long into Anna Belle Johnson's young face.

"Anna, Anna, Anna Belle Johnson? Is that you? What have you done to yourself!? You look so young! You are young again!"

"Tom, would you care for tea and cakes at my place on Sunday afternoon?" Tom closed his mouth and gave Anna Belle Johnson her order. In all the excitement he crushed his gold-rimmed eyeglasses under his feet.

"I'll be there...YES! I will be there Sunday afternoon...for tea and cakes...Anna Belle Johnson."

"Good! We will have a grand time Tom Williams, have a lovely day! Good bye."

On Sunday morning, a throng of people anxiously waited for the young and beautiful, Anna Belle Johnson to appear. Mrs. Rose Smith peered through her curtains at the mob before she made her grand debut. She ran outside flapping her arms, like a chicken.

"Hey, everyone! Look! Here! I know what my dear

best friend's Anna Belle Johnson secret is!! Why I've known sweet Anna Belle for thirty years! We share everything...even those delicious tea and cakes! Everyone! Please...come over here I can tell you what her secret is!"

She was completely ignored. Suddenly Rose Smith became faint. She sat down on the squeaky swing, that's when she notices her hands and arms. She gasped, and jumped straight up.

"MY AGE SPOTS!! There gone??" She looked over at Anna Belle's massive picture window. There she was, the queen of hearts, smiling at her. Rose caught a suspicious wink from Anna's green eyes, just before the curtain fall back.

"Oh! Oh! Dear me? I feel so good? I feel so very good! And look how pretty the day is. The air it smells so sweet, and listen to the sweet summer song of the Robin...and the children, the children, by God their laughter is like an old friend...what I would give to be young and carefree again...just for a little while. I feel like going for a walk, and enjoy the beauty of the day! Oh! Listen to me! I sound just like my dear friend Anna Belle Johnson." Rose giggled, and hurried away.

Suddenly a hush fall over the mob of people. There Anna Belle Johnson stood before them. She looked to be in her late twenties.

"Good day to you All!" she shouted. In her hands was a jumbo tray filled with a hodgepodge of dainty sweet ginger and honey spiced finger cakes. There were savory cinnamon and apple teas and swirls of lemons and limes slices. The children cheered Anna Belle as she sat the tray on the table. Then they rushed the heavy gates, and the wave of people flowed in.

"Anna Belle! Anna Belle!" A voice thundered out "have you found the fountain of youth? You are beautiful...and young again! Tell us! Tell us! Tell us your secret!"

The people yelled out not believing in their own eyes. Anna Belle wore a beautiful white dress. It

was speckled with a delicate pattern of summer roses. Its border was embossed with a faint texture of handmade lace, in white rose. Her dark skin sat her eyes apart, and they glowed in a perfect black face.

"Indeed, there is a secret to my renewed youth, and vigor. But, I cannot tell you where to search for yours, nor can I give you a recipe on how you too can become young again. What I can do, is to invite you all to come and enjoy the beauty of life, and oh! Watch...feel the magic, as it unfolds and explodes all around. Don't you see? Your youth never left you...you left it. If each and every one of you reach back into the depts of your inner being to regain your strength, faith, and yourselves, what peace! What total and utter tranquilly you would find. Look all around you! There is LIFE everyone. Reach for it...take it! It is yours! All you have to do is what it! Now everyone...please enjoy the beauty of the day...and of course, do help yourselves to the tea and cakes!"

They stood vexed; some yelled..."Is that it? Is that the secret?" whimpered the throng. In a frenzy some of them began to run behind the children, hoping their plight might lead them to the elusive secret. They searched behind the trees, in the fountain, bushes, even in the swings.

Young Anna Belle Johnson smiled and bit gingerly into a sweet honey-spiced cake. She swung free as a bird through the air, with her dark hair floating after her. The melodious laughter of the children mimicked between the trees.

"Mr. Williams," Anna Belle Johnson's sweet girlish voice rang out, "Come and swing with me...and please...Tom...enjoy the tea and cakes...enjoy the tea and cakes!"

LET US KNOW WHAT  
YOU THINK ABOUT "THE  
QUEEN OF HEARTS" AT  
THEMICHIGANBANNER.COM



**...continued from pg 2, Saginaw School Board****MATTIE THOMPSON**

"There are concerns that I have expressed that have not been addressed, among them long-term substitute teachers, large class sizes, unsupervised students and substandard test scores. Mr. McClain has had three years, and before he got that position he was assistant superintendent. Changes need to be made.

We have 16 teacher vacancies being filled by long-term subs, including four at Arthur Hill and three at Saginaw High. I've never seen Saginaw High in such bad shape.

At Jessie Rouse, there are 36 kids in one classroom with no teacher aide. How can we expect our children to be proficient in their educations by third grade, as the state is requiring?"

The State of Michigan ranks No. 50 in the education of African American students. Overall, Michigan is No. 49. Only West Virginia is worse. Thanks, West Virginia.

Parents are calling me about things that are happening in the schools with unsupervised students, and I do my homework. In one case, a student was hanging out of a window.

My vote is simply one vote. People can say what they want, but there is not a 'Gang of Four' (teaming up against McClain)."

**TAMARA McRAE**

"I support the renewal of Mr. McClain's contract. He is very civic-minded individual and he has been, and is, very instrumental and critical to the success of our district. As we all know, Mr. McClain grew up in Saginaw, attended Saginaw schools and returned to Saginaw with his family. His children also attend SPSPD.

He has demonstrated professional behavior as portrayed by his quiet demeanor, positive attitude, non-judgmental outlook and objectivity. He has met the requirements, directives and guidelines established by the board which is evidenced by receiving two favorable evaluations. Mr. McClain understands the values of our diverse district and is very visible in the community and in our schools. He was able to assist our district out of the budget deficit as well as with progress towards district goals, by which he has articulated a clear plan to prepare our students for success. He has a deep concern for our children, and is their greatest advocate. We have made considerable progress towards the achievement gap affecting our district.

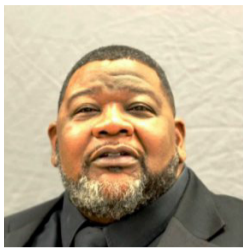
As a school board, it is important that we have a unified view and mission as we work together as a team with the superintendent to advocate together on behalf of the educational needs of our students.

(1) We should be united and committed about the goals for our school district with the understanding that there will be difference in thinking, values, beliefs and experiences.

(2) Communication should be open, honest and respectful. We should take time to listen to each board member, so that each member will feel that he/she is heard. Disagreement is expected and appreciated. Different viewpoints are expected and encouraged. We must not classify any thought and or idea as dumb, or bully other board members to change their viewpoints.

(3) As a team we must constantly examine what may be hindering our ability to move forward. We must be willing to improve our practices, processes and interaction with one another. We will not provide support for an ongoing negative board member."

**Continues on pg 6, Saginaw School Board**

**...continued from pg 5, Saginaw School Board****KIM HAMILTON**

"As I have previously stated, this is a process, and I will not be making any comments until the process is completed."

**JOYCE SEALS**

"Our school district has been going in the right direction. Some of the test scores still are too low, but we have been steadily improving. Even the state officials, the same ones who have been so harsh, agree that we are making progress. And then, suddenly, we have four board members who have colluded to dismiss our superintendent after only two and a half years. It took us 15 to 20 years to get into this big mess, and these four members didn't even give Mr. McClain a fair chance.

When we explore the challenges we face, people need to realize that these are national and statewide challenges. Saginaw is not alone. But here in Saginaw, at least we had been making progress. We reached a point where this year we purchased new textbooks to support a new curriculum. We also are addressing students who fall through the cracks -- attendance problems, social problems, behavior problems -- and all of our new approaches have been converging into a combined system for sustained improvement.

The climate in the school district had become positive. The staff and administration have been encouraged by our progress. Hopefully, the actions of these four board members will not undermine all of this movement.

In closing, all I can say is that I have served on numerous boards and commissions through the years, including more than 10 years on the City Council with two years as mayor. Of all of those boards, this school board has proven to be the worst one. It is beyond belief. People in the community ask me about the decisions they see being made, including the dismissal of the superintendent, and I am unable to provide them with any rational or logical explanation.

For sure, changes need to be made."

**JASON THOMPSON**

(NOTE: Last week, Jason Thompson did not respond to repeated telephone calls and email messages.)

For his part, McClain told the school board at an April 11 meeting that he aims to continue without a "superintendent soap opera" until his dismissal takes effect on June 30. In that spirit, he declined The Michigan Banner's offer to submit a response to any criticism from certain school board trustees.

We also contacted Foster Gibbs, who at age 80 now lives in Bay City. Gibbs said he is not familiar with specific details of Saginaw's superintendent controversy, but he is aware of the general events and is "disappointed" that the turmoil is taking place. During his time in office, he noted, the board acted in a "professional" manner.

School board members are elected every two years, for six-year terms of office unless they are filling a board vacancy. This year, on Nov. 6, members up for re-election on the 2018 ballot -- if they choose to run again -- are Patterson, Knapp and Jason Thompson. In 2020, McRae and Mattie Thompson will be up for re-election. In 2022, Hamilton and Seals will be up for re-election.

Finally, The Michigan Banner always welcomes letters to the editor. Simply send them to [publisher022@gmail.com](mailto:publisher022@gmail.com). The deadline for the May 1 edition is April 24.



# THE LATINO BANNER

LIDER EN LA DIVERSIDAD

Vamos Adelante



**nhmc** National Hispanic Media Coalition

## TELEVISION WRITERS PROGRAM

Apply today for the paid five-week intensive scriptwriters workshop that prepares Latinos for writing jobs on television shows at major networks.

To apply, for program dates and other information:  
[nhmc.org/writersprogram](http://nhmc.org/writersprogram)

Deadline to submit:  
**August 5, 2018**

Sponsored By:

Supporters:  
Southwest Final Draft  
NBC Disney abc Television Group

**Great Lakes Bay Regional Hispanic Business Association announces new Executive Board**

Latino Banner, Pg 4

14<sup>th</sup> Annual  
MICHIGAN HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**ECONOMIC FORUM BREAKFAST**

## Sponsorship Opportunities

### CONTACT

Eva Bórquez:  
313.378.2102  
[eva@pruesheckerllc.com](mailto:eva@pruesheckerllc.com)

For sponsorship information, please visit  
[www.mhcc.org/events](http://www.mhcc.org/events)

### EVENT SPONSOR

- Program recognition as an Event Sponsor
- Brand and category exclusivity
- Podium speaker opportunity
- Placement of company logo on event signage & product placement opportunity
- Recognition in all event promotion materials
- Logo placement in the e-Blast for four week period prior to event
- Company logo on in-venue video screen
- Photo Opportunity with Prominent Guest
- 16 event tickets (two tables of 8) with VIP Seating

### PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000

- Program recognition as a Platinum Sponsor
- Logo placement in the e-Blast
- Company logo on in-venue video screen
- Photo Opportunity with Prominent Guest
- 8 event tickets (one table of 8) with Premier Seating

### GOLD SPONSOR \$3,000

- Program recognition as Gold Sponsor
- Recognition in all event promotion materials
- Company logo on in-venue video screen
- 8 event tickets (one table of 8)



# Community Board

Submit your announcements and events at [themichiganbanner.com/submit](http://themichiganbanner.com/submit)



14<sup>th</sup> Annual  
MICHIGAN HISPANIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**ECONOMIC FORUM  
BREAKFAST**



**BRET HARDY**  
Director - Head of MOPAR  
Purchasing & Supplier Quality,  
FCA



**TERRY NADEAU**  
Vice President Global Procurement,  
Johnson Controls



**TONY TOMCZAK**  
Chief Procurement Officer,  
DTE Energy

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH 2018**  
DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB | 7:30AM - 10:00AM

7:30am - 8:00am Networking | 8:00am - 10:00am Procurement Panel

EVENT SPONSOR  **DTE Energy**

For sponsorship information, please visit [www.mhcc.org/events](http://www.mhcc.org/events)  
or contact Eva Bórquez | 313.378.2102 | [eva@pruesheckerllc.com](mailto:eva@pruesheckerllc.com)



SAVE THE DATE



# LA MAFIA

They've won multiple Grammy and Latin Grammy Awards. Now, for one night only, get ready to tear up the dance floor to the Tejano and pop music beats of La Mafia.

**CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION! SATURDAY, MAY 5 • 8PM**

Want to rock the Certified Hottest party this Cinco De Mayo? Then head to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for a night of festive live music you'll never forget!

THE HOTTEST TICKET  
WITH **AJ CASTILLO**

**THEY RETURN  
TO MID-MICHIGAN  
FOR CINCO DE MAYO**



Stay Connected with Soaring Eagle:  

Mt. Pleasant, MI • 1.888.7.EAGLE.7 • [SoaringEagleCasino.com](http://SoaringEagleCasino.com)



EXPERIENCE MORE.

## DISCLAIMER

The Latino Banner and its staff are not responsible and will not be held liable for any mistakes, errors, misspellings and false advertisements in part or whole that may be placed within its publication. Articles, information or comments printed in the Latino Banner are not necessarily the views or beliefs of The Latino Banner newspaper. The Latino Banner reserves the right to edit, change, or delete any information, or refuse to print any information, article or advertisement which is believed to be inconsistent with or conflicts with the mission of the newspaper.

We encourage readers to send letters, story ideas, comments and questions.

## DEADLINES

2 weeks before each publication date of the 1st and 16th of each month. Submission Procedure: Mailed or e-mailed to the [latinobanner@gmail.com](mailto:latinobanner@gmail.com). Preferred format: Jpeg or PDF



# Register for Nosotros Magazine's "Cinco De Mayo" 5K Run/Walk

**NOSOTROS**  
*Los Latinos* Magazine  
Presents

**CINCO**  
9TH ANNUAL  
**CINCO DE MAYO**  
5K SAGINAW  
Run / Walk  
**Sunday, May 6th, 2018**

Registration begins at 11:30am  
1 pm start time  
Andersen Enrichment Center  
120 Ezra Rust Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48601

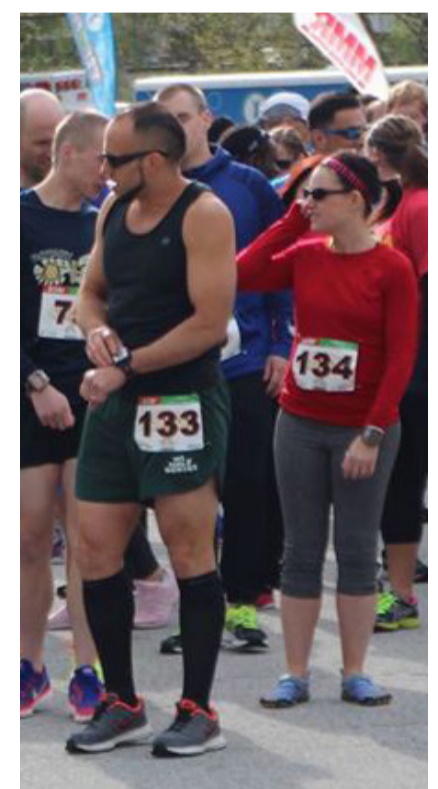
\$25.00 pre-registration  
\$30.00 day of event  
*Pre-Registration includes Event T-shirt*  
*First 150 registered will get a free sombrero, and all runners will receive a finishers medal*

Call 989-399-9925 • 6285 Bay Rd. Suite 1 Saginaw, Michigan 48604  
email: cincokrun@yahoo.com • www.CincoKrunSaginaw.com

Register for the 9th annual "Cinco De Mayo" Cinco K. This run/walk will start at 1:00 pm to allow people to get their after church. This is a cultural experience and there will be displays inside Anderson Enrichment center for you and your family to learn more about the Cinco De Mayo, and the beautiful Mexican culture.

### Event details and schedule

The event will start at 1pm sharp, and registration will open up at 11:30pm. The Run/Walk will start on Ojibway Island and go along the beautiful riverfront. There will be a turnaround after passing MCVI then the runners & walkers will end back at the Ojibway island. The course is flat and scenic, and will be a lot of fun.




facebook






# Great Lakes Bay Regional Hispanic Business Association announces new Executive Board




**PRESIDENT**




**BOBBY DELEON** – READY TO MOVE FORWARD

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, President of the Mexican-American Council. Board member of LLEAD (Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development) Musician: Bobby's been a part of the Saginaw Community for many years and has found himself in several leadership roles. He strives to move forward for change and is ready to work hard in fostering new relationships. Bobby asks "Are we ready as a community to bring our business sector back to prominence?" Join the Great Lakes Bay Regional Hispanic Business Association today.



**VICE PRESIDENT**



**ELVIS MACHUL** – READY TO BUILD

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST – FINANCE DIRECTOR AT GARBER AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT UNITED WAY OF SAGINAW COUNTY, GRADUATE OF LEADERSHIP SAGINAW OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GRADUATE OF THE GREAT LAKES BAY HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, GRADUATE OF NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY-RICHARD DEVOS GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, GRADUATE OF DELTA COLLEGE - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, AND DIRECTOR OF CHRISTMAS WITH ANGELS. ELVIS SAYS, "IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN SUCCEED, THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!"



**SECRETARY**



**MARIA OLIVAREZ** – COME JOIN US TODAY

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, CULINARY EXPERT/OWNER OF QUE SABROSO CATERING, PAST SECRETARY OF THE GREAT LAKES BAY HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, LA UNION CIVICA MEXICANA MEMBER, MEMBER OF THE GREATER DIMENSIONS CHURCH AND 2017 ADELANTE CULTURAL AWARD RECIPIENT, MARIA SAYS "I'VE MADE MANY FRIENDS AND BUSINESS CONTACTS THROUGH THE HBA. COME JOIN US TODAY!"




**TREASURER**




**RENE FULGENCIO** – I'M READY TO ASSIST

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, TAX ANALYST FOR H & R BLOCK, FORMER CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP, FORMER FISCAL SERVICES ACCOUNTANT FOR THE CITY OF SAGINAW, BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, SA, TX, GRADUATE OF THE GREAT LAKES BAY HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AND PROUD MEMBER OF LA RONDALLA SPANISH CHOIR. RENE SAYS "IT'S TIME FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**LARRY J. RODARTE** – READY TO SERVE

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, PUBLISHER, WRITER, DESIGNER, MARKETING PROFESSIONAL, EVENTS COORDINATOR, BROADCASTER, LONG TIME PUBLISHER OF MI GENTE MAGAZINE, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HBA, CHAIRMAN OF THE ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO, BOARD MEMBER OF THE CASTLE MUSEUM AND DIRECTOR OF LA UNION CIVICA MEXICANA. LARRY IS READY TO BUILD THE HBA ONCE AGAIN. WITH A PROVEN TRACK RECORD AS PAST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE ORGANIZATION THRIVED WITH A NETWORK OF OVER 100 PLUS MEMBERS. LARRY SIMPLY ASKS, "IF NOT US, THEN WHO?"



# Believe. Do.

When a community works together, anything is possible. That's why we strive to create opportunities through jobs, education, and promoting the responsible use of our technology.

**That's why we proudly support the Michigan Banner and congratulate its team on the occasion of the Banner's 15th anniversary!**



© 2017 AT&T Intellectual Property. All rights reserved.

The Michigan Banner News & The  
Michigan Banner Outreach Ministries

presents

## Heart of the City Community Awards

### Impact Turnaround Award

Laura Biggins, Garber Buick  
Cameron Brady, Habitat for Humanity  
Gavin Goetz, AT&T

### Outstanding Business Award

Team One Credit Union  
Catholic Federal Credit Union  
Evans & Browne Funeral Home

### Leadership Award

Dr. Mamie Thorns  
Pastor Chris Pryor  
Joyce Seals  
Adam Gonzalez  
Rita Truss

### Rising Business Award

Markeen Baker, The What Don't Kill You Show

### Visionary Award

Richard & Wanda Stringfield, Students &  
Future Technology Program (SaFT)  
Sheilda Braddock, Isabella Bank

### Motivation Award

Michael Marsh  
Rev. Dr. Willie Casey

### Ministry of the Year Award

Francis Irvin, Jail Ministry

### Outstanding Journalism/Media/PR Award

JJ Boehm, SVSU  
Bob Johnson, MLive

### Diversity Award

Willie Haynes, Ezekial Project

### Outstanding Non-Profit Award

Samaritas (prev. Neighborhood House)  
Saginaw Restoration  
Positive Results Downtown Saginaw  
Sabrina Jackson, ISD Head Start

## Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate 16 years of positive, informative and inspiring news in the Great Lakes Bay and Flint region.

The Michigan Banner *Heart of the City* Awards luncheon will take place from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at Horizons Conference Center and will pay tribute to past, present and future community members and organizations who are committed to service and volunteerism in the Great Lakes Bay area.

We understand the vitality and growth of a community depends greatly on its individuals and organizations. It gives us great pleasure to celebrate 16 years of service by recognizing the people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative.

Several community awards will be presented including Community Impact Award, Outstanding Business Award, Leadership Award and more.

There are many sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. As a sponsor not only will you help support The Michigan Banner Newspaper's 16 year Anniversary event but you will also help support our non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach.

The Michigan Banner Outreach, established by Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley in 2010, was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the youth in our communities while creating opportunities for students to gain work-based experience in all phases of media.



Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley  
Scholarship

The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley  
Scholarship will be awarded to two  
High School Seniors. Preference will  
be given to those students pursuing  
a degree in journalism.





HEALTHFORMATION 4 U PRESENTS



THIRD ANNUAL  
**SMOOTH JAZZ & R&B BENEFIT CONCERT**

THE **DOW** EVENT CENTER

303 JOHNSON STREET SAGINAW MI 48607

**SATURDAY, MAY 12TH, 2018**

4PM DOORS OPEN / 7PM SHOWTIME

**TICKETS \$30 ADVANCE / \$35 AT DOOR**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT GREEKS R' US  
2203 E. GENESSE, SAGINAW, MI - 989-755-4925

**STARRING:** SAGINAW NATIVE— TONY TATUM FEATURING ROYALTY— ATLANTA, GA  
**FEATURING:** DETROIT'S J. CANADY & THE SOULNYCE BAND WITH LARONN "SOUL DEACON" DOLLEY  
**SINGER, T.V. HOST, AUTHOR, & MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES:** SOPHIA JANELL TAYLOR— FLINT, MI

**HORS D' OEUVRES SERVED BETWEEN 5PM - 6:30PM & CASH BAR**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 989-475-1165 OR 989-213-1972**

# HEALTH



# NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

## Partnering for Health Equity | April 2018

The old saying goes, “two heads are better than one.” The idea behind this proverb is that it’s helpful to work with others when tackling a problem or working to reach a goal. In public health, individuals and organizations have long used this approach when it comes to addressing health equity. During National Minority Health Month 2018 in April, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at the Office of Minority Health (OMH) is drawing attention to impactful public and private sector collaborations that

advance health equity and help improve the health of the nation.

One of the reasons why teamwork can be more effective in addressing health disparities is because our health is influenced by many factors. The places where people are born, grow, live, work, play, learn, and age all impact health. By collaborating across and within sectors such as health, education, justice, housing, transportation, nutrition, environmental health and employment, we can improve living conditions in communities

and help individuals live longer and healthier lives.

This April, please join TheMichigan Banner and the HHS OMH in learning more about organizations across the country who are creating impactful partnerships. Stay up-to-date on National Minority Health Month resources and activities at the observance website, through OMH email updates or follow HHS OMH on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



## MidMichigan Medical Centers offering programs to better your health

### Free Freedom from Smoking Program Offered Begins May 8

To help smokers kick the habit, MidMichigan Medical Center – Alpena will host the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking® program this spring. The free eight-week program will be held beginning May 8 through June 19, 2018. Sessions will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in Auditorium 2, located on the campus of MidMichigan Medical Center – Alpena.

Designed to help smokers gain control over their behavior, each session is led by a certified American Lung Association facilitator. Attendees will be given support, encouragement and the tools to develop a plan for quitting and living a smoke-free life. Led in a group format, the program sessions help encourage attendees to work on the process and problems of quitting, individually and as part of a group.

Registration is required for this free program and can be completed at [www.midmichigan.org/freedomfromsmoking](http://www.midmichigan.org/freedomfromsmoking). Those who need assistance with registration may call MidMichigan Health Line toll-free at (800) 999-3199.

### 'Healthier You' Program Offered in Alma and Mt. Pleasant

MidMichigan Medical Centers in Alma and Mt. Pleasant are offering Healthier You, a six-month program that includes one-on-one meetings with a dietitian and behavioral specialist. The program encourages participants to get away from the 'diet mentality' and feel better by making healthier choices through healthier thinking, eating, exercise and behavior modifications.

The cost of the program is \$300, and scheduling takes place on an individual basis. During the first session, remaining appointments will be set up to fit each individual's schedule.

Those who would like to view available start dates and register online may visit [www.midmichigan.org/healthieryou](http://www.midmichigan.org/healthieryou) or call MidMichigan Health Line at (989) 837-9090.

## 2018 Michigan Healthcare Human Resources Conference



Each year, the MHA Service Corporation and the Michigan Healthcare Human Resources Association partner to present the Michigan Healthcare Human Resources Conference. This one-day conference provides an opportunity for Michigan human resources professionals to come together for professional development, continuing education and networking.

The 2018 conference will take place at the James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing, and registration will be available in February 2018. For more information, contact Neil MacVicar at the MHA Services Corporation.

This year, the conference takes place on April 19, 2018 and features the following speakers:

- Tim Furlong, executive coach, author, speaker and facilitator, Simmons Group, Ann Arbor
- David Buday, attorney, Miller Johnson, Kalamazoo
- Darrell King, PhD, president and CEO, King's Motivation Station, and associate director, Multicultural Business Programs, Michigan State University, East Lansing
- Tracy Braman, executive director human resources, Lakeland Health, St. Joseph
- Bruce Bagdady, attorney, Hall Render, Troy
- Jonathon Rabin, attorney, Hall Render, Troy
- Cindy Bjorkquist, wellness programs director, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Detroit

For more information about the 2018 Michigan Healthcare Human Resources Conference please visit <https://mha.org/Education-Events/Membership-Meetings/Michigan-Healthcare-Human-Resources-Conference>





**PINNACLE DESIGN**  
commercial & residential interiors



**PINNACLE DESIGN**  
residential & commercial interiors

3700 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603  
T (989) 790-7240 | F (989) 790-1191

Visit Us Online:  
[PinnacleDesign.biz](http://PinnacleDesign.biz)  
[Facebook.com/PinnacleDesignSaginaw](https://Facebook.com/PinnacleDesignSaginaw)



Please visit our website for listings of our vendors.

*We change lives  
because we Care*  
**Great Lakes Bay**  
Health Centers

Formerly  
**HD** HEALTH  
DELIVERY INC.



**Different name.**

**Same Quality Healthcare  
for Everyone**

**EARLY BIRD LAWN SERVICES**  
Quality Service At an Affordable Price

Now Accepting New Summer Lawn Maintenance Contracts. Only a limited number of contracts are available.

Call Now For Your Estimate  
**989-759-0079**



# Michiganders warned not to consume products containing kratom due to Salmonella outbreak linked to substance



*courtesy photo*

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and local health departments to investigate a multistate outbreak of Salmonella linked to the consumption of products containing the plant substance kratom.

More than 130 people from 38 states, including three individuals in Michigan in Kent, Livingston and Monroe counties, have been infected with Salmonella linked to kratom. No deaths have been reported; however, 38 individuals have been hospitalized.

Kratom is a plant consumed for its stimulant effects and is also used as an opioid substitute. Kratom is known as Thang, Kakuam, Thom, Ketom and Biak. Ill individuals have reported

consuming kratom as pills, powder and in tea.

“We are advising Michigan residents not to consume any products containing kratom,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “If you have used kratom and subsequently develop symptoms, please consult your medical provider. In addition, we urge people to consult their health care provider before taking any supplement, especially if they have weakened immune systems, are pregnant, younger than 5 years old or are an older adult.”

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a mandatory recall for all food products containing powdered kratom manufactured, processed, packed or held by Triangle Pharmanaturals, LLC. Other kratom products have been recalled voluntarily by suppliers or manufacturers as several other brands and products containing kratom have tested positive for Salmonella. As part of the

Michigan investigation, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories has detected Salmonella in the following four kratom-containing product samples purchased online from Herbal-Salvation/Viable Solutions, LLC, in Nampa, ID: Red Vein Bali (Indonesia), Green Horn (Indonesia), Red Vein Sumatra (Indonesia) and Thai Maeng Da, (Thailand). For a list of recalled kratom products, visit the FDA website.

Most people infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea, fever, nausea, vomiting and abdominal cramps 12-72 hours after being exposed to the bacteria. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, and most people recover without treatment. In some cases severe diarrhea or infection may occur and require hospitalization.

For more information about the outbreak investigation involving kratom, visit the CDC website.



# Covenant HealthCare will Host Medication Take-Back Event

Covenant HealthCare in collaboration with the Michigan Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network (OPEN), Saginaw County Department of Public Health, CMU Health, and Saginaw Police Department will host a Medication Take-Back event on Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm outside 800 Cooper (Physician Office Building). This allows community members to drive-thru and drop off unwanted or unused prescription medications, including pills and capsules (no liquid filled), patches, pet medications, and expired or unwanted prescriptions (including controlled substances). No needles, syringes, inhalers, lancets or liquids will be accepted. The event will be coordinated with City of Saginaw Police Department, with officers and Covenant employee volunteers on-site.

Community members are encouraged to bring unused medications, and tell friends and family to do the same.

According to Michigan OPEN, 91 people die each day in the US from opioid-related overdoses – that is more than the number of people killed in car accidents or by guns. Opioids are often involved in accidental poisonings and intentional misuse.

- Every 10 minutes a child visits the emergency room for medication poisoning
- 12.5 million people age 12 and older misused opioids in the last year
- Three in five teens say prescription pain medication is easy to get from their parents' medicine cabinet

Given these statistics, it is recommend to dispose of unused opioids and medications as soon as possible.

For more details about Michigan OPEN, visit [www.michigan-open.org](http://www.michigan-open.org)



**3 in 5**  
teens say  
prescription  
pain medications  
are easy to get  
from parent's  
medicine cabinet



## Medication Take-Back Event

Protect our teens against drug abuse and overdose by disposing of unused and expired medications.

**Saturday, April 28**

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Covenant HealthCare  
Professional Office Building  
800 Cooper, Saginaw MI

Drive-thru and drop off unwanted or unused prescription medications.

**ACCEPTED ITEMS**

Pills, Capsules and Patches

**EXAMPLES**

**Pain Medications**

Hydrocodone (Norco, Vicodin)  
Oxycodone (OxyContin, Percocet)  
Tramadol (Ultram)  
Codeine  
Fentanyl  
Morphine

**Sedatives/Sleep Medications**

Xanax Valium  
Ambien Klonopin

**Antidepressants**

**ADHD Medications**

**Muscle Relaxants**

**Pet/Veterinary Medicines**

**NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS**

Needles, Syringes, Lancets, Liquids



Extraordinary care for every generation.





# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## SVSU Honors Leading Companies and Business People During Best in Business Awards Ceremony



*courtesy photo*

1 Star of the West Milling Co. received the Outstanding Business Award, presented to a company with a record of steady employment and strong corporate citizenship. Star of the West Milling Co., founded in Frankenmuth, is the 12th-largest flour milling company in the United States.

- Rowleys Wholesale earned the Outstanding Family Business Award, which is given to a family-owned company that demonstrates a commitment to community-minded business practices. The Bay City-based business distributes automotive equipment such as tires and car wash chemicals.
- Dick Garber, president of Garber Management Group, received the Outstanding Business Leader award, presented to an individual whose interests

and actions contribute to the cultural and economic growth of the region. Garber is a third-generation owner of the company, with operations that include automotive dealerships in four states as well as the Saginaw Spirit hockey franchise.

- The Outstanding Entrepreneur Award was presented both to Al Thieme, founder and chairman of Amigo Mobility International, and Beth Thieme, vice president and chief executive officer of the company. The award honors individuals whose successes include both sales as well as support for the surrounding community. The Bridgeport Township-based business produces mobility scooters that better the lives of individuals with physical disabilities.

The SVSU faculty members recognized at the

ceremony include the following:

- Amy Hendrickson, assistant professor of law, who received the Excellence in Teaching for Full-Time Faculty Award
- Mazen Jaber, associate professor of marketing, who received the Excellence in Service Award
- Shiva Nadavulakere, associate professor of management, who received the Excellence in Research Award
- L. Mark St. Clair, an adjunct instructor of economics, who received the Excellence in Teaching for Adjunct Faculty Award

Alumni recognized at the event include the following:

- Tammy Bernier, the co-owner and CEO of Duperon Corp. who earned a bachelor's degree in management in 1993, for the Outstanding Alumna Award
- Kylie Bos, who earned a bachelor's degree in management in 2016, for the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
- Patrick Dolan, who earned a master's degree in business administration in 2017, for the Outstanding Graduate Student Award

SVSU's College of Business and Management is among the 5 percent of business schools worldwide who are accredited by AACSB International; this is widely considered to be the gold standard for business school accreditation.

For more information, visit [www.svsu.edu/cbm](http://www.svsu.edu/cbm).





608 South Michigan Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48602

Ph: 989.799.4701  
Fax: 989.799.8563

## Get Results!

- Negligence Law
- Criminal Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- Workers' Compensation Law
- Social Security Disability Law
- Family Law
- Probate Law
- Collection Law
- Civil Litigation



**Combined  
Experience of over  
75 Years in Law!**



PHILIP R.  
STURTZ



A. LEE  
STURTZ



PHILIP A.  
STURTZ

[www.sturtzandsturtz.com](http://www.sturtzandsturtz.com)



# Prepare for Flint & Genesee's 2018 Meet the Buyer



The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Region 6 PTAC, is hosting the Flint & Genesee Meet the Buyer event on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. This event provides a fast-paced, innovative way to connect buyers with vendors from across the region. In past years, more than 30 buyers were able to meet with 125 vendors in a format similar to 'speed dating'. Each buyer has five minutes to share information about their organization and what they buy, followed by 15 minutes for attendees to briefly present their companies and ask questions. The event is hosted at the University of Michigan-Flint's Riverfront Banquet Center in downtown Flint.

"Meet the Buyer 2018" is one month from today. So there is still plenty time to sharpen your sales pitch for the prospective buyers of the goods and services that will be present at the May 11 event.

The Region 6 Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is ready to assist. PTAC is hosting Meet the Buyer preparation workshop on April 20 at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. The two-hour session, from 9-11 a.m., will focus on helping participants develop their company's capability statement, including what it should highlight and showcase. Participants will also work on developing a winning elevator speech.

"The capability statement should communicate clearly and effectively to potential partners about your capabilities," said PTAC Manager Jasmine McKenney. "It provides specific information that will assist potential clients to make a decision on whether they should do business with you. The idea is to differentiate your business from your competitor."

This workshop is free to the public but advanced

registration is required. Space is limited.

REGISTER NOW for the prep workshop.

Meet the Buyer will be held May 11 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Riverfront Banquet Center, 1 Riverfront Plaza in downtown Flint. It brings together procurement officials from various local, regional, state and federal agencies and businesses with goods and services for sale.

Attendees will rotate among different agency tables, learning how the organization buys, what

they are buying, and other valuable procurement information. Each buyer has five minutes to share information about their organization and what they buy, followed by 15 minutes for attendees to briefly present their companies and ask questions.

Buyers in past years have included Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, Bay Metro Transit, Bishop International Airport, City of Flint, Consumers Energy, Department of Veteran Affairs, Flint/Genesee Job Corps, General Dynamics Land Systems, Genesee County, Genesee County Road Commission, Hurley Medical Center, Mass Transportation Authority, Oakland County, TACOM LCMC, United States Army, and others.

Steven Koprince, Managing Partner of Koprince Law LLC- Legal Solutions for Government Contractors, will be the keynote speaker. Read Koprince's guest commentary (p. 18) in the March/April 2018 issue of AND.

**For more information, contact Maureen Miller, PTAC Coordinator, at 810.600.4075 or [mmiller@flintandgenesee.org](mailto:mmiller@flintandgenesee.org).**



*courtesy photo*



## Team One Credit Union Unveils Mobile ATM & Shredding Van



*courtesy photo*

In March, Team One Credit Union debuted its new Mobile ATM van. Powered by a 60 watt Kubota generator, this mobile branch is a modern marvel of banking convenience. Affectionately called the “Green Machine”, Team One’s Mobile Van is equipped with two ATM machines that can perform banking operations such as cash withdrawals, funds transfers, balance inquiries and mobile deposit of funds. It is also equipped with a commercial shredder, multi-port phone charging station, large screen TV and work station.

"The Mobile ATM will provide greater banking accessibility for the community, bringing many services to locations that typically don't have them such as at community events and fairs," says Team One Credit Union President/CEO Gerald Hutto.

For over 80 years, Team One has been specializing in the business of helping others; through understanding and addressing members' personal and business financial needs. With assets over \$500 million and over 50,200 members, Team One has 12 branches throughout the state and serves all Michigan counties.

For more information about Team One Credit Union, please call (888) 288-3261 or visit [www.teamonecu.org](http://www.teamonecu.org).

## CarolAnne Guillemette Joins Wildfire Credit Union



*courtesy photo*

Wildfire Credit Union is pleased to announce the addition of CarolAnne Guillemette as Community & Member Development Specialist. Guillemette earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan University in 2007. She is also in the process of completing her Master of Business Administration with Saginaw Valley State University. CarolAnne has over 10 years experience in the financial industry.

Guillemette is also active in the community. She is a member of the board of directors for the Great Lakes Bay Region YWCA, and is a member of the Executive Board of the Kiwassee Kiwanis in Midland. Guillemette has also volunteered with the CAN Council, Junior Achievement, FIRST Robotics and is a 2013 graduate of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce Leadership Saginaw. CarolAnne resides in Midland with her husband and three children.

Tim Benecke, President and CEO commented, “We are excited to have CarolAnne as part of our team. She is a great fit for Wildfire.”

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**APPRAISAL SERVICES**

**Clarence W. Osborne Jr.,**  
Certified General Appraiser  
Residential and Commercial  
989-746-9721  
989-780-2088

**AUTO**

**Garber Buick**  
5925 State Street  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-497-4444

**Labadie Olds**

711 S. Euclid  
Bay City, MI 48706  
Terry Reed, Sales Professional  
989-667-2000 Ext. 341  
Direct 989-460-0341  
Fax 989-667-0103  
Email [terry.reed@labadieauto.com](mailto:terry.reed@labadieauto.com)  
Website [www.labadieauto.com](http://www.labadieauto.com)

**McDonald Pontiac-GMC, Inc.**

5155 State Street  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
Leon V. Washington  
Sales & Leasing Professional  
989-790-5155  
[Leonwal@yahoo.com](mailto:Leonwal@yahoo.com)

**Saginaw Valley Ford Lincoln**

4201 Bay Road  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
Parys Liddell - Sales Consultant-Lincoln  
Certified Representative  
989-792-2453

**Jones Pre-Owned Auto Sales**

3623 Dixie Highway  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-401-8120

**AUTO DETAIL****Morningstar Auto Detail Shop**

306 East Remington Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-482-6505

**AUTO REPAIR****Saginaw Fleet Service**

Wayne Lewis - Manager  
6273 Dixie Hwy.  
Bridgeport, MI 48722  
989-777-7010

**BANK****Community State Bank**

Offices in: Albee • Birch Run  
Chesaning • Montrose • New Lothrop  
Saginaw Loan Center • St. Charles  
Thomas Township  
[www.gotocsb.com](http://www.gotocsb.com)

**BEAUTY****Imani Beauty Salon**

Felicia Thomas  
212 Federal Ave. (Downtown)  
Saginaw, MI 48601

**Reflections of U Too**

Louise McKinnie, Owner  
2103 Sheridan Ave.  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601  
989-753-4600

**Unique Cuts & Massage**

1502 Court Street  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
989-327-2338

**Unique Cuts II**

3125 E. Holland  
Saginaw, MI 48601

**Unique Cuts III**

4797 Dixie Hwy.  
Saginaw, MI 48607

**Unique Styles Beauty Salon**

119 S. Jefferson Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48607

**CLEANING SERVICES****Best Choice  
Floor Maintenance & Carpet  
Cleaning**

989-316-8327  
[bestchoicefmandcc@hotmail.com](mailto:bestchoicefmandcc@hotmail.com)

**DENTISTS****Jack W. Nash, DDS Cosmetic and  
Restorative Dentistry**

1320 S. Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601  
989-752-1200

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICES****Great Lakes Bay Michigan  
Works!**

312 E. Genesee  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
Phone 989-752-3145  
Fax 989-752-3075

**FASHION****Where Did U Get That Hat?  
Specializing in Custom Designs  
"Sunday's Best"**

Yvonne Ellison/Milliner  
Phone 989-529-4193  
E-mail [ye Ellison@aol.com](mailto:ye Ellison@aol.com)

**FINANCIAL****Team One Credit Union**

520 Hayden Street  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-754-6575  
888-288-3261

**Wanigas Credit Union**

1837 Bagley  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-759-5780

**FLORISTS****Erika's Flowers**

214 Federal Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-755-9330  
[www.erikasflowerssaginaw.com](http://www.erikasflowerssaginaw.com)

**FOOD & DINING****Spencer's Route 46**

Spence Dambro Proprietor  
5530 Gratiot  
Saginaw, MI 48638  
989-793-3400  
[www.spencerfinefood.com](http://www.spencerfinefood.com)

**FUNERAL HOMES****Evans & Browne's Funeral Home**

441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-754-0481  
[www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com](http://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com)

**HEATING AND COOLING****HORIZON**

Azola Williams  
989-755-8650 Business  
989-233-3295 Cell

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES****ComForcare Home Care**

515 N. Washington Ave.  
Suite 404  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-752-5501  
[www.mbsmichigan.comforcare.com](http://www.mbsmichigan.comforcare.com)

**First Choice Staffing Agency**

339 S. 25th Sreet  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
(989) 890-1659 (989) 714-7303  
[FirstChoiceStaffing15@gmail.com](mailto:FirstChoiceStaffing15@gmail.com)

**Great Lakes PACE**

3378 Fashion Square Blvd.  
Saginaw MI 48603  
Phone: 989-272-7610  
Fax: 989-272-7669  
[www.greatlakespace.org](http://www.greatlakespace.org)

**PHOTOGRAPHY****E. B. Studio**

212 Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-397-4144

**PUBLICATIONS****David Hall**

Crimiel Publications LLC  
POB 20061  
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

**RESTAURANTS****Rite Spot**

1205 Lapeer  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-754-6001

**RETAILERS****GREEKS "R" US**

2203 E. Genesee  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-4925  
[riggins52@charter.net](mailto:riggins52@charter.net)

**SHOE REPAIR****Morgans Shoe Repair**

308 Federal Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-755-9207

**TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT****Buena Vista Charter Township**

Dexter A. Mitchell Township Manager  
1160 S. Outer Dr.  
Saginaw, MI 48601

**LIST YOUR BUSINESS TODAY! CALL US AT 989-992-2600 OR VISIT THEMICHIGANBANNER.COM**



# EDUCATION

## Teachers invited to apply for summer writing workshop



*courtesy photo*

The Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation is once again providing generous funding to allow Saginaw Valley State University and other partners to support K-12 teachers in their quest to become writing instructors and inspire a love of writing in their students.

The SVSU-based Saginaw Bay Writing Project will run a week-long writing workshop July 23-27, featuring a variety of learning opportunities and resources for up to 30 Michigan teachers.

“By going through the process of drafting,

sharing, and revising their own writing, teachers will learn more about the challenges - and the joys - their students experience as writers,” said Helen Raica-Klotz, director of SVSU’s Writing Center and the Saginaw Bay Writing Project. “We hosted a similar workshop in 2016 that was very well received, and we are grateful to the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation for again supporting this important community need.”

The writing workshops will be led by John Mauk, who will focus on fiction writing, and Ann-Marie Oomen, who will teach on memoir writing. It will

also feature guest speaker Colleen Cruz.

Mauk writes both college textbooks and fictional pieces. He graduated with a doctorate in English from Bowling Green State University and currently teaches at Miami University of Ohio.

Oomen writes plays, poetry, and memoirs. She currently teaches at Pine Manor College and the Interlochen College of Creative Arts Writers Retreat.

Cruz is the author of “The Unstoppable Writing Teacher.” She previously was a classroom teacher before joining the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project where she currently serves as the director of innovation.

All workshop sessions will be held in Midland. Morning sessions will be held at the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio. Afternoon sessions will be held at Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

Applications are available online to any teacher in the Great Lakes Bay Region and will be accepted until April 30.

The cost is \$150 per person. Participants also can take advantage of an opportunity to obtain 25 free State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) credits or two SVSU credits, paid for by participants.

For more information and to apply, please visit [svsu.edu/sbwp/vadabdowworkshop](http://svsu.edu/sbwp/vadabdowworkshop).



**SAGINAW VALLEY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

# New Central Michigan University building boosts health education



*courtesy photos*

There's a key word in the name of Central Michigan University's newest building under construction: integrated.

The \$26 million Center for Integrated Health Studies will empower students from multiple high-demand fields of study to learn and practice together, a best practice in health care education.

And the building itself will connect to the existing Health Professions complex along Preston Street — the Health Professions Building, opened in 2004, and College of Medicine Building, opened in 2012.

A formal groundbreaking is scheduled at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 19, on the south side of the building site.

The existing health complex's main corridor — with its natural light, atrium-like spaces, and cozy nooks for student study and collaboration — will extend through the new two-story, 50,000-square-foot structure.

Site excavation began in March, and building move-in is scheduled for fall 2019.

"It's pretty much a seamless continuation of the existing building," said Tom Masterson, dean of The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions.

## Interprofessional education

Masterson is most excited about the building's Interprofessional Education Center, which will feature a two-room simulation suite equipped for use with a variety of high-tech clinical mannequins, eight standardized patient rooms for role-playing medical scenarios, and all rooms monitored for observation and feedback.

"The IPE Center is something I've been involved

with for close to 10 years in concept," Masterson said. "I think IPE is key to a lot of our programs moving into the future."

He said the college's "maxed out" physician assistant program in particular is expected to grow with the new building.

Other College of Health Professions programs include athletic training, communication sciences and disorders, environmental health and safety, health sciences, physical therapy, and physical education and sport.

The need for health professionals is on the rise nationwide. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 23 percent increase in demand for athletic trainers through 2026 — much faster than average job growth. The anticipated increases are even higher for physical therapists (28 percent) and physician assistants (37 percent).

Masterson said all health professions require interdisciplinary learning. In the clinical world, that approach enables a care team to "share responsibility for the health of the individual," improving the health outcomes of patients and reducing the stress on care providers at risk for burnout.

"Really, the whole building is focused around student collaboration," he said.

The building includes two physical therapy labs, meaning two classes can meet at the same time and interact.

There also will be four flexible classrooms on the second floor, with furnishings that can be arranged for teamwork, and an auditorium with a similarly flexible setup. Faculty and graduate student offices also are included.

## Beautiful and basic

Credit goes to Masterson and the college for "really having done their homework on defining their needs," said Jonathan Webb, CMU associate vice president for facilities management.

The result will be a quality facility that gets maximum use out of limited square footage — and fits in with its surroundings.

"The building needs to look like it belongs," Webb said of exterior finishes and architectural features. "This is really a very beautiful but basic and simple design."

It also conserves energy.

"Every time we put up a new building, we make sure it meets sustainability standards," Webb said, citing features such as large windows that let in natural light. "We're always looking to reduce the use of energy and save costs."

Construction will move quickly, Webb said, with steel erected and the building enclosed by the end of 2018.

Meanwhile, the Health Professions Building has new south and north entrances during construction.

"We appreciate all the cooperation from the campus community," Webb said. "There's always a small disruption as we try to make improvements."

The CIHS will be the first new structure on campus since completion of the Biosciences Building in 2016 and an extensive renovation and addition to Grawn Hall in 2017.

The largest payment toward the building, \$19.5 million, came from the Michigan Legislature in 2016. The rest of the money came from university reserves.



# Mott Community College to move forward in creating Family Life Center



*courtesy photo | Artist rendering of Family Life Center Building*

Plans by Mott Community College to help increase access in Flint to high-quality early learning opportunities and supportive services received an important boost today, thanks to a \$3 million grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

The grant will support the renovation of the former Woodside Church, located at 1509 East Court Street. The College purchased the property in 2017.

When it opens in 2019, the Family Life Center will be home to MCC's nationally accredited Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC). The newly renovated space will allow the program to increase enrollment from a maximum of 75 children to a maximum 125, and to serve children from birth to five years of age. It currently is available to children two-and-a-half to five years old.

The Family Life Center also will serve as a resource hub, helping MCC students and their families to address such basic needs as food, housing and transportation. Non-student parents of children in the ECLC program will also have the ability to access family support services on site.

And MCC plans to eventually relocate its degree and certification programs in early childhood

education to the renovated facility. With increased opportunities to engage with and learn from the children enrolled in ECLC, program graduates will strengthen the pipeline of skilled early education teachers and providers serving the Flint community and beyond.

"With its service to children, their families and the early learning community, the Family Life Center will take a 'full circle' approach to improving early childhood education," said Neal Hegarty, vice president of programs at the Mott Foundation. "It illustrates the dynamic and innovative efforts underway in Flint to create quality educational opportunities that span from cradle to college and career."

In addition to the Mott Foundation grant, support for the more than \$8 million renovation, which will include building and site upgrades of the roof, HVAC systems, plumbing, computer networking, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, and landscaping, comes from MCC's sale of \$3 million in voter-approved bonds. The remaining project balance of just over \$2 million will be raised through the securing of additional grants and traditional fundraising by the College and the Foundation for Mott Community College.

"We appreciate the support of the Mott Foundation

for our efforts to eliminate the challenges facing many in our community, including our student parents, in accessing high-quality, early education for their children," said MCC President, Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea. "By developing a Family Life Center, Mott Community College reduces barriers that prevent our students from completing their education and strengthens our role as a safe haven in the community."

The Family Life Center is the latest example of efforts by area partners to increase access in Flint to high-quality early childhood education. Cummings Great Expectations: An Early Childhood Center opened on the city's west side in November 2017, and Educare Flint opened in December 2018 on the campus of Flint's Durant-Turri-Mott Elementary School.

Mott Community College is committed to excellence in education and offering services that cultivate student success and improve the overall quality of life in a multicultural community. With more than 100 academic and occupational degree programs, we help students prepare to achieve more in an ever-changing economy. Through university transfer agreements, high-demand associate's degree programs and one-year certification programs, we help ensure that all Mott students are ready to get more out of life.



# Delta Collegiate brings home 11 awards



courtesy photo

The Delta Collegiate staff was honored with 11 combined awards at the annual Michigan Community College Press Association luncheon and conference at Central Michigan University earlier this month.

Since the annual conference was introduced in 2013, the Delta Collegiate has received more than 75 recognitions for journalism and media accomplishments. This year's awards include five first place honors.

Students interested in joining the staff of the Collegiate can contact Crystal McMorris at [crystalmcmorris@delta.edu](mailto:crystalmcmorris@delta.edu) for more information.

## Award Winners

### News Story – First Place

“Faculty furious about president’s policy change” by Jessica Sierocki

### In-Depth Enterprise Reporting – Third Place

“FOIA reveals more information on false rape case” by Aubrie Smith

### First Amendment Reporting – First Place

“Kneeling can only last so long” by Joe Thornton

### Sports Feature Story – Honorable Mention

“Chemical City Derby Girls host scrimmage” by Allie Keenan

### Sports Column – First Place

“Should coaches make more than your governor?” by Ethan Moore

### Feature Photo – Second Place

“Casey Robertson” by Tylla Hahn

### Sports New Photo – Second Place

“Delta Pioneers women’s soccer” by Tylla Hahn

### Multimedia Reporting – First Place

“Snowfest brings business to Frankenmuth” by Joe Thornton  
Photos by Jaylie Dice  
Video by Kevin Lazzaro

### Multimedia Reporting – Second Place (Tie)

“Delta student takes top 10 in statewide barrel racing” by Jessica Sierocki  
Photos by Tylla Hahn

### Multimedia Reporting – Second Place (Tie)

“Lady Pioneers gain momentum near playoffs” by Joe Thornton  
Video by Kevin Lazzaro

### News Website – First Place

Delta Collegiate

## Kettering alumni raise money jamaican high school students attend camp



courtesy photo

Students from Jamaica are getting the opportunity to come to Kettering University’s Academically Interested Minds (AIM) camp thanks to the efforts of alumni.

A group of alumni established the Jamaica AIM Alumni Scholarship (JAAS) in 2013 to provide funds for Jamaican students from low-income families to attend the five-week, residential, pre-college summer program at the University. The camp provides students with college-level courses in business management, calculus, chemistry, computer programming, economics and physics, with labs included in multiple courses. Students have the opportunity to earn Kettering scholarships through AIM.

The JAAS fund started when Kettering alumni who had benefited from corporate sponsorships to attend the AIM camp wanted to give current high school students the same opportunity. The scholarships were no longer available, and the alumni donated money to pay the \$500 fee for students who wanted to attend, said Jheanell Johnson ‘11, who does public relations for JAAS.

The group has sent six students to the camp since 2013. All students were offered scholarships to attend Kettering, and some are studying at University.

In March 2017, JAAS hosted its first banquet and raised \$12,000 to sponsor three students. Faurecia, Cooper Standard and Chrysler Automotive were among the donors at the event. One of the students who attended AIM in 2017 earned a full-ride scholarship to Kettering.

Moving forward, JAAS hopes to sponsor two students per year to maximize their potential to get scholarships to Kettering. They also are expending mentorship and support for younger students, from meals for students who need them to exposing students to STEM.





Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

**About Saginaw ISD HE/EHS**

Established in 1965, Head Start promotes school readiness for children, ages three to five, in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, social and other services.

Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Early Head Start, launched in 1995, provides support to low-income infants, toddlers, pregnant

women and their families.

EHS programs enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care; support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

Together Head Start and Early Head Start have served tens of millions of children and their families.

At Saginaw ISD Head Start our attentive staff is available Monday through Friday to answer all your questions and make every effort to ensure you are 100 percent satisfied.

**Saginaw ISD Head Start**  
Claytor Administrative Building  
3200 Perkins Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
Phone 989.752.2193  
Fax 989.921.7146

**Office Hours**

Monday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Tuesday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Wednesday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Thursday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Saturday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8 AM - 4:30 PM

For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: [www.saginawheadstart.org](http://www.saginawheadstart.org)

Source: [www.saginawheadstart.org](http://www.saginawheadstart.org)

**“Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to need special education, repeat a grade, or commit crimes in adolescence.”**

**Joe Baca, former Dem. Calif. Congrmn., Dist. 43.**

**“Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community.”**  
**-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS**

**SAGINAW ISD**  
HEAD START  
EARLY HEAD START

**HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START**

**FREE PRE-SCHOOL**  
Enrollments for 0 to 5 year olds  
Call: **752-2193** or  
Visit the Claytor Head Start Building at:  
3200 Perkins  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
**REGISTER NOW!**  
Saginaw County Free Pre-School Partnership

# FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

## Hiring your new leader

### Where does fundraising rank as a priority when searching for new leadership?

It happens all the time. “I quit!” or “You’re fired!” are the extremes that can mark the beginning of a crucial organizational change process.

When you find yourself in the midst of a leadership search it will be critical that your search team pays close attention to each candidate’s experience with and knowledge of fundraising. Yes, we know there is a long list of qualities and experiences that will be valuable, even critical. But you have to ask about fundraising, and you have to ask the right questions. Unless you have consistent access to funds whenever you need them, the financial health of your organization will rest on your new leader’s ability to attract and sustain funding.

Here are a few questions to consider asking your candidates.

1. Where does fundraising rank amongst your priorities?
2. Do you have a history of fundraising as a volunteer?
3. Have you received formal fundraising training or coaching?
4. Have you served on a nonprofit board where you were involved with fundraising in a meaningful way?
5. Please share with us a project where you had a major role in fundraising. What were the results?
6. How do you feel about personally asking people for a gift?
7. Have you ever been involved in

8. Do you have references that can verify your fund development and fundraising experience?
9. How do you feel about being solicited for a gift?
10. How do you measure fundraising success?
11. How would you establish fundraising goals for the organization?
12. How do you distinguish fund development from fundraising?
13. How much time do you believe you should devote to fundraising?
14. How will you evaluate the progress of the organization’s fundraising staff?

15. What role do you believe a board should play in fundraising?
16. What is your experience motivating and energizing people to fundraise?

At the end of the day, when a nonprofit leader is fired it often boils down to the fact that the person did not meet expectations in regards to fundraising. When hiring a new leader you have to be clear about fundraising responsibilities. Do it now so your organization won’t find itself in the situation of “I quit!” or “You’re fired!”



Mel and Pearl Shaw | Courtesy Photo

Copyright 2018 – Mel and Pearl Shaw  
Mel and Pearl Shaw are authors of four books on fundraising available on Amazon.com. For help growing your fundraising visit [www.saadandshaw.com](http://www.saadandshaw.com) or call (901) 522-8727.



# COMMUNITY

## New Program Available to Support Local Victims of Sexual Assault Thanks to Grant



*courtesy photo*

Imagine the heartbreaking scenario of a young child or a college student sexually assaulted in Gratiot County and then having to travel up to 90 miles one way to receive the necessary care and forensic evidence collection needed for prosecution.

Thanks to a local grant, victims of sexual assault, of any age or gender, will benefit from a new program that will be implemented at MidMichigan Medical Center – Gratiot due to support received from the Gratiot County Community Foundation from the Clyde and Maude Mizer Memorial Fund.

A \$4,900 donation was granted to the MidMichigan Health Foundation to help implement a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program in Gratiot County. This effort is in collaboration with the Children’s Advocacy Center of Gratiot (CAC) County. CAC is a program operated under the umbrella of Child Advocacy, a non-profit organization in Alma, whose mission is to improve the welfare of children and their families. The SANE program will be housed at and supervised by the Medical

Center in Gratiot and utilized by CAC and any resident of Gratiot County who may fall victim to sexual assault.

According to Tina M. Travis, executive director, Gratiot County Community Foundation, the Foundation’s board wholeheartedly endorsed the support of this project.

“When MidMichigan Medical Center – Gratiot stepped up offering the staff and ongoing funding for the SANE program, it made perfect sense for the Foundation to fund the training to set the program in motion sooner rather than later,” said Travis. “Thanks to continued collaboration in our community, victims of abuse will no longer have to travel outside of Gratiot County for the critical services they need.”

Shanna Hensler, community health specialist, MidMichigan Medical Centers in Alma and Mt. Pleasant, explained that four registered nurses will be identified to receive specialized training and credentialing for the purpose of providing a sexual assault exam and collecting critical evidence

needed for prosecution. The training will consist of both adult and pediatric certifications.

“Currently, in Gratiot County, without a SANE program in place, children have to visit a hospital out of county to receive these exams and/or treatment,” added Audra Stahl, president/CEO, Child Advocacy. “We understand that we may still have some children who need to visit Devos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids for services, but having this service in our community will be tremendously helpful and timelier.

We are excited to partner with the hospital on such a meaningful project and we are extremely grateful to the Gratiot County Community Foundation for the funding.”

Stahl stated that the Children’s Advocacy Center of Gratiot County provides an average of 125 forensic interviews a year and about 90 percent of these interviews are for victims of child sexual abuse; of those approximately 40 require an exam.

The Medical Center has already redecorated some of the Emergency Department exam rooms for the purpose of serving children. The rooms are now colorful, with warm lighting and have décor appropriate for children in the hallways leading up to the exam rooms. In addition, other areas in the Emergency Department have been changed to make it more appropriate to meet the special needs of adult male and female victims of sexual assault.

“As an undergraduate student at Central Michigan University many years ago, I became involved in sexual assault education and prevention,” said Marita Hattem-Schiffman, president, MidMichigan Medical Centers in Alma and Mt. Pleasant. “Sexual assault is shockingly prevalent today and it is critical that we understand and respond to the needs of our community. We are so proud to be part of this community partnership that will help ensure Gratiot County sexual assault victims receive the care, comfort and compassion they need and deserve.”



BAY CITY – April 10, 2018: Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union presents the CAN Council's 15th Annual Dine & Unwind (formerly Wines Around the World). This evening brings together area restaurants to showcase their specialties and match an appropriate wine or spirit with the food. This is an excellent networking opportunity or a great way to ease into the weekend.

**What:** CAN Council's 15th Annual Dine & Unwind (formerly Wines Around the World)

**When:** Friday, April 20th from 5:30 – 9:30pm

**Where:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on Bay City's Riverfront (1 Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, MI 48708)

**Why:** To raise critical dollars necessary to the CAN Council's daily operations throughout the coming year

**Cost:** \$75 per ticket (must be 21 years of age or older to enter)

Chefs from 12 of the region's most reputable restaurants including: Apple Mountain, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Fusion 1 Café, Gatsby's Seafood & Steakhouse, The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe, Ideal Party Store & Shamrock Dairy Bar, Latitude 43 Grill & Bar, Old City Hall Restaurant, Oppermann's Cork 'N' Ale, Saginaw Country Club, US. Foods, and VNO Wine Warehouse & New Age Restaurant will be preparing special menus for the evening's tastings including such things as passion fruit BBQ pork, assorted sushi, beef tenderloin, ahi tuna crisp, a special ice cream sundae bar, and more!

Your \$75 ticket includes a variety of fine food, along with samples of expertly-paired wine, beers, and bourbon throughout the evening. Your ticket also covers admission into the silent and live auction. You'll be able to take part in a 50/50 raffle and an exciting trip raffle too. Reserve a room and make an evening out of it!

The CAN Council is at the forefront of addressing the issues surrounding child abuse and neglect through its nationally-accredited and award-winning prevention, intervention, and advocacy programs. Your support is necessary to continue daily operations throughout the coming year. Ultimately, we'll protect more Bay County children and support more families with the revenue from this event.

Considering supporting the critical work of the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region – Bay County by donating an auction item, sponsoring the event, or purchasing your Dine & Unwind ticket by calling (989) 671-1345 or visiting [cancouncil.org/dine-unwind](http://cancouncil.org/dine-unwind). Hurry, space is extremely limited!



Get ready!! It is time to mark your calendar for the premier cooking event of the year.....These Men Can Cook! We are rolling out a brand new name for this signature event with a brand new look and logo too. The name may be new, but the event stays as great and fun as it has always been. Now is the time to start planning your recipe, saving the date and telling your family and friends.

#### EVENT DETAILS

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, April 19, 2018
<b>Location:</b>	Apple Mountain Resort
<b>Time:</b>	5:30 p.m. Cocktails and Conversation 6:00 p.m. Parade of Chefs 6:15 p.m. Food Tasting and Festivities 7:45 p.m. Announcement of Winners

As one of our chefs, you prepare one of your favorite dishes and then share sample servings with the guests attending the night of the event. We draw a large crowd, but you are only responsible for providing 30-40 sample size servings. You and the other chefs will have stations all set up in the main room and then the fun really begins. It is an event like no other in Saginaw and we know you will want to be a part of this year's festivities.

Proceeds from this event benefit the programs of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to: Ashley Lister, Chairperson at [alister@wildfirecu.org](mailto:alister@wildfirecu.org) or call 989-249-8292 or Kristina Kukla, Co-Chair at [marketing@saginawbayorchestra.com](mailto:marketing@saginawbayorchestra.com) or call 989-755-6471.**





## The Great Lakes Bay Region Does Better with Garber.

"I have purchased our last eight vehicles from Garber, both new and used. I have met many of the employees and whether the person is the greeter, the general manager, a sales or service person, the Garber philosophy is evident. Using a professional approach, everyone exudes friendliness, with a sincere desire to satisfy the customer's needs. Garber cares. From efficient and excellent service performed, to its continuing support and generous contributions for the benefit of the Great Lakes Bay Region, you can count on Garber. I've come to expect more from Garber, and I get it! It matters where I buy my car. **That's why I buy from Garber!**"

*Tom Metiva, Trustee for Tittabawassee Township  
A Founder and Board Member - Freeland Sports Zone*

**GARBER**  
AUTOMOTIVE

GoGarber.com



## Spencer's Restaurant

5530 Gratiot Road  
between M-47 & Center Rd. in Saginaw, MI  
989.793.4500  
www.spencersroute46.com

**NOW OPEN EVERYDAY at 4pm**  
Spencer Dambro, Owner

# Sammy Coleman with The Michigan Banner Celebrate 15 YEARS!



(989)460-0325  
sammy.coleman@labadieauto.com

**Labadie**  
Auto Co

## LEAF OF LIFE

### NO OIL

### SPARKLING SILICONE

### HAIR POLISH

USE ON HAIR THAT NEEDS A HIGH SHINE BUT CAN'T TAKE OIL  
CURL IT • PRESS IT • SILK IT  
GIVES BODY TO FINE, THIN OR COARSE HAIR

ABSOLUTELY THE BEST PRODUCT FOR  
**WEAVES AND BRAIDS**  
AND FOR  
**BARBERS AFTER HAIRCUTS**

## TO ORDER

CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK  
[reamsco.com/newgenesvssofta.htm](http://reamsco.com/newgenesvssofta.htm)



## Celebrate your local record store on International Record Store Day



facebook.com

Midland, MI, April 11, 2018- Celebrate International Record Store Day at Midland's only record store, Radio Wasteland Records on April 21, 2018. This year, Radio Wasteland Records is an officially pledged Record Store Day vinyl retailer.

"We are excited to be a part of this growing tradition which celebrates independently owned record stores," says Jim Gleason, owner of Radio Wasteland Records. "The exclusive releases offered on Record Store Day come in a wide variety of musical genres including alternative, country, jazz, pop and rock. These pressings are limited which makes them highly sought after by vinyl enthusiasts." Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2018. The first 50 customers that day will receive a Radio Wasteland Records turntable slip mat. Posters and other music related items will also be given away throughout the day.

Midland's own Brett Mitchell returns to Radio Wasteland Records to perform from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. "We are excited to have Brett back in the store to celebrate Record Store Day," Jim Gleason adds.

Record Store Day began in 2007 and is held on one Saturday every April, bringing together fans, artists, and indie record stores around the world to "celebrate the culture of the independently owned record store".

# Early Childhood Family Friday

## Henry Doerr ECC

3270 Perkins St. • Saginaw, MI 48601

**Friday, April 20, 2018**  
(10:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

**Activities:**

- Parent Empowerment
- Children's Activities
- Hourly Drawings (Leap Frogs, Gift Cards & More)
- Meet the Teachers

**WTLZ Live Broadcast**  
107.1

**Community Resources:**

- Early Childhood Literacy
- Health & Nutrition
- Academic Support
- Family Basic Needs
- Social/Emotional Development
- AND MORE!

**Register for Fall 2018 PreK & Kindergarten!**

or More Information, please contact Tiffany Pruitt at 399-5618 or Nina Thomas at 399-6750  
Sponsored by grants awarded by the Michigan Department of Education (GSRP and Safe Schools/Healthy Students)

# Week of the Young Child



Become the voice for an abused or neglected child in the court system.

Make a difference in the life of a child as a  
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer.

Training begins Monday, April 30th.



Call Randy D. Roberts,  
CASA Program Director, (989) 752-7226.

[cancouncil.org](http://cancouncil.org)



Custom  
Hand-  
Made  
Hats  
for any  
Occasion  
By  
Design  
Specialist  
Yvonne  
Cabine

~For more information contact~  
Yvonne (989) 529-4193 or online  
[Wheredidyougetthathat.net](http://Wheredidyougetthathat.net)

Where Did You Get That Hat  
Presents...

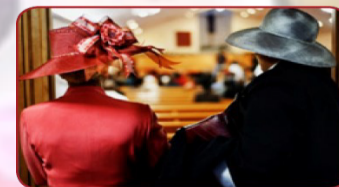
*Dancing with the Hats*  
Solo Praising Hat Dance

Sunday, March 25, 2018

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Anderson Enrichment Center  
120 Ezra Rust, Saginaw, MI

ADMISSION IS \$10.00






Louise McKinnie  
Master Hairstylist/Owner

Tues.-Fri. 10-6  
Sat. 9-4

**Reflections of "U" Too**  
Salon, Barber Shop, Nails & Boutique  
Poochie's Enterprises Inc.

2103 Sheridan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
(989) 753-4600  
louise@reflections.com

Specialist in Healthy Hair



**McDONALD**  
GMC Cadillac

**Leon Washington**  
Sales Professional

5155 State St. Saginaw, MI 48603  
989.790.5155  
866.790.5155



[www.McDonaldAuto.com](http://www.McDonaldAuto.com)

Home Entertainment

You belong  
**HOME**  
We want to say...YES

Call today for a quick and easy pre-qualification letter.



**wildfire**  
credit union

**KMS**

YOUR VISION  
OUR EXPERTISE

MARKETING  
IT  
WEB  
MEDIA  
ACCOUNTING

989.372.0433  
[kmscreativegroup.com](http://kmscreativegroup.com)



Get your tickets!

**FAITH MINISTRIES CHURCH**

989-837-7777

**9 AM MAY 19, 2018 Midland, MI**

Prophetess Linda J. Kemp Revis  
The Women of Faith Ministries Church

*Annual Prayer Breakfast*

Special Guest  
**Evangelist  
Laura Pickett**




*Laura* *Linda*

The Great Hall Banquet Center  
5121 Bay City Rd, Midland, MI 48642

989-837-7777 for Tickets



## Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce to host 155th Annual Meeting



*courtesy photo*

On Friday, April 20, the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce will highlight the innovations, programs and future of the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and present the Ed Dornseifer Ambassador of the Year Award, Chamber Challenge Award and Diplomat of the Year Award.

The keynote speaker for the event is Richard J. Garber, President of Garber Management Group.

Registration and networking will begin at 11:00 am with lunch and the program starting at 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person or \$380 per table of 8.

Individuals interested in more information or looking to purchase tickets should contact Lisa at (989) 757-2115 or [lisa@saginawchamber.org](mailto:lisa@saginawchamber.org).

Individuals and businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact Susan Moody at [susan@saginawchamber.org](mailto:susan@saginawchamber.org) or (989) 757-2112.

## Saginaw YMCA Hosts First Ever Youth Development Walk

**HEALTHY KIDS DAY<sup>®</sup>**  
A YMCA Initiative

The Saginaw YMCA, 1915 Fordney St., is set to host a variety of activities on Saturday, April 21st. A walk in support of youth will start the day at 8 am. Participants can walk either a 1.5 or 3 mile loop along the Riverfront. Honoring the 150th anniversary of the YMCA, the walk is a visible sign to the community of the YMCA's commitment to support youth in Saginaw. The YMCA, alone and working alongside area partners, is committed to making a difference in the lives of youth. Following the walk, a pancake breakfast will be served in the lobby for walk participants.

Healthy Kids Day, a YMCA national initiative to improve the health and wellbeing of kids will kick off at 10 am and run until 1 pm. The Saginaw YMCA event will feature Touch a Truck in the parking lot with representatives from the Saginaw County Sheriff (a car and horse),

Michigan State Police, Saginaw City (Fire House and truck), MMR, R. C. Hendrick & Son, Saginaw County Parks, Saginaw Dive Team, FedEx and Camp Timbers! The free event includes a resource display inside of the Y building.

"The YMCA is about strengthening our community. For 150 years we have been supporting youth development and this walk is one way we can show our support," said Ann Szymanowski, Mission Advancement Specialist at the Saginaw YMCA and one of the walk's organizers. The public is encouraged to join in the activities at the YMCA on the 21st

Information on how to pre-register for the indoor adult (14+) triathlon beginning at 11 am can be found on the website, [www.SaginawYMCA.org](http://www.SaginawYMCA.org) or the Saginaw YMCA facebook page.



# NON-PROFIT DIRECTORY

**CAN Council Saginaw County**

1311 N. Michigan Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
989-752-7226  
Fax: 989-752-2777  
www.cancouncil.org

**The New Ezekiel Project**

P.O. Box 3470  
Saginaw, MI 48605-3470  
989-755-1620  
Fax: 989-755-4038  
www.theezekielproject.com  
jamie@theezekielproject.com

**Good Neighbors Mission**

1318 Cherry Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-399-9918

**Great Lakes PACE**

3378 Fashion Square Blvd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-272-7610  
Fax: 989-272-7669  
www.greatlakespace.org  
jdarby@greatlakespace.org

**Great Lakes Bay Health Centers**

501 Lapeer Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-759-6400

**Houghton-Jones Task Force**

1708 Johnson Street  
Saginaw, MI  
989-752-1660

**Lighthouse Outreach Center**

808 James Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-928-9096

**Mobile Medical Response**

834 S. Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-758-2900

**Samaritas Community Center**

3145 Russell Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-752-5805

**Pit and Balcony Theatre**

805 N. Hamilton  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
989-754-6587  
www.pitandbalconytheatre.com  
pitandbalconytheatre@yahoo.com

**Public Libraries of Saginaw Butman-Fish, Hoyt, Wickes & Zael Libraries**

505 Janes Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-755-0904  
www.saginawlibrary.org

**Restoration Community Outreach**

1205 Norman  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-753-1886 / fax 989-753-2880  
rcosag@yahoo.com

**Saginaw County Business & Education Partnership**

1213 South Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-399-0016

**Saginaw County Community Action Agency, Inc. (CAC)**

2824 Perkins Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-753-7741

**The Saginaw Community Foundation**

1 Tuscola, Suite 100  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-755-0545

**Youth M.O.V.E. Saginaw**

989-798-5679  
www.youthmovesaginaw.org  
movesaginaw@gmail.com

*Saginaw-Shiawassee*  
**Habitat for Humanity**  
*Welcomes All!*



Saginaw-Shiawassee  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

Habitat has an open-door policy: All who desire to be a part of this work are welcome, regardless of religious preference or background. We have a policy of building with people in need regardless of race or religion. For more information please visit [www.sshfh.org](http://www.sshfh.org).



*“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”*  
—Romans 15:7





# ONE DAY... | They'll need to go to college

A MET 529 prepaid college savings plan makes a great holiday gift. Buy college credits for the future at today's prices and we'll waive the \$25 enrollment fee. Use coupon code: 2017MPA



310 N. Michigan Ave  
Saginaw, MI 48602

Hours of operation  
Tuesday-Saturday  
8:00am-6:00pm

Featuring  
\$10 haircuts  
walk-in only

**THURMAN**  
**989-714-3071**



**AHMAD**  
**989-482-7520**



*One of a kind designs for all occasions*

*Yvonne E. Cabine*  
Design Specialist/Milliner

wheredidugethathat.net  
email: yeellison@aol.com

Saginaw, Michigan  
989.529.4193



# FAITH-BASED DIRECTORY

## Bethel AME Church

Pastor P. David Saunders  
535 Cathay St.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-7011

## Bread of Life Harvest Center

Senior Pastor Rodney J. McTaggart  
3726 Fortune Blvd.  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-790-7933

## Christ Disciples Baptist Church

Founder Pastor Eddie Benson  
Pastor Genevieve Benson  
3317 Lapeer Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-754-2444

## Christ Fellowship Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Davis, Jr.  
818 N. Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-754-4435  
PastorD818@gmail.com

## Corinthian Baptist Church

Pastor Roy L. Manning  
104 S. 10th St.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-754-1820

## Faith Harvest Church

Bishop Ronald E. Chipp  
1734 N. Mason  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
989-799-4200  
www.faithharvestministry.org  
office@faithharvestministry.org

## Grace Chapel Church

Pastor James Nelson  
2202 Janes Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-3212

## Greater Renaissance

Pastor Cedric R. Cheatham  
1535 S. Warren Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-752-1455  
260-515-6456

## Greater Williams Temple

Bishop H.J. Williams  
608 E Remington St  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-5291



## Jacob's Ladder

Pastor Dempsey Allen  
1926 Fairfield Street  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
989-799-6601

## Life in Christ Ministries

Pastor Dennis Cotton, Sr.  
2915 S. Washington Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-401-4465  
LifeInChristMinistries07@gmail.com

## Messiah Missionary Baptist Church

2615 Williamson Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
Pastor Otis Washington  
Phone: 989-777-2636  
Fax: 989-777-2640  
messiahmbc@att.net  
www.messiahsgag.org



## Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Pastor Marvin T. Smith  
1114 N. 6th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-752-8064



## New Beginnings Life Changing Ministries

Pastor Otis Dickens  
2312 S. Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-3650



## New Birth Missionary Baptist

Pastor Larry D. Camel  
3121 Sheridan  
Saginaw, Michigan  
989-327-1755



## New Covenant Christian Center

Pastor Ron Frierson  
2395 S. Outer Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-752-8485

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Willie F. Casey  
1721 Tuscola Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-753-7600



## New Life Baptist Church

Pastor Rufus Bradley  
1401 Janes St.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-753-1151

## New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor Alfred "AJ" Harris Jr.  
3610 Russel St.  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-754-0801

## Ninth Street Community Church

Pastor William L. Scott Jr.  
Assistant Pastor Rex Jones  
1118 N. 9th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-752-7366

## Prince of Peace Baptist Church

825 North 24th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-754-2841  
Pastor Robert C. Corley Jr.

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

Pastor Connie Sassanella  
915 Federal Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
Phone: 989-754-0489  
Worship: 9:30 AM  
stjohnlutheranelcasaginaw.weebly.com



## Saginaw Valley Community

Pastor Richard Sayad  
3660 Hermansau  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
989-752-4769

## St. Lukes CME Church

1121 Tusola  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-755-0351

## The Potters Touch Ministries

Pastor Kareem J. Bowen  
1402 North 6th Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-9406  
facebook.com/ThePottersTouch



## Transforming Life Ministries

Pastor William Brown  
3024 South Washington  
Avenue

Saginaw, MI 48601-4353  
989-754-9573



## True Vine Baptist Church

Pastor Paul E. Broaddus  
2930 Janes Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-752-0751

## Victorious Belivers Ministries Church

Rev. Christopher V. Pryor  
624 S. Outer Dr.  
Saginaw, MI  
989-755-7692

## Wolverine State Baptist Church

615 S. Jefferson Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## World Outreach Campus of Greater Coleman Temple Ministries

Supt. H.J. Coleman Jr.  
2405 Bay Rd.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
989-752-7957

## Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Rodrick Smith  
721 Johnson  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
989-754-9621

**LIST YOUR CHURCH TODAY! CALL US AT 989-992-2600 OR VISIT THEMICHIGANBANNER.COM**



# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Gov. Rick Snyder: Stronger communities mean a stronger Michigan



*courtesy photo*

HAMTRAMCK, Mich. – When Michigan’s small communities are provided the tools and resources needed to thrive, the entire state thrives, Gov. Rick Snyder said as he joined state and local leaders for a roundtable discussion today about the city of Hamtramck’s challenges and opportunities as it begins its partnership with Project Rising Tide.

“Project Rising Tide is about providing communities like Hamtramck with the tools, resources, and guidance needed to strengthen their economic development, community development and talent development efforts,” Gov. Rick Snyder said. “It’s also about making sure our state’s smaller communities have an opportunity to grow and thrive, to play a key part in Michigan’s comeback story.”

Hamtramck is the fourth community

to join the second round of the state’s program designed to help communities help themselves. It joins Albion, Eaton Rapids and West Branch, and will soon be tapping expertise from the state and guidance from its neighboring community and Rising Tide mentor, River Rouge.

“Hamtramck is already on the right path,” Talent and Economic Development Director Roger Curtis said. “With strong community assets, great diversity, and the resources to help guide them, Hamtramck will undoubtedly be very successful in building a bright future for its residents, the region and the state.”

Launched in 2015, Project Rising Tide started with one community from each of the state’s prosperity regions. Led by the Michigan Department of Talent and Economic Development, the program connects

communities with technical assistance from the department’s agencies, including the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the Talent Investment Agency.

“Project Rising Tide is designed to get everyone together at the table to address the challenges that stand between where the community has been and where it wants to go,” Curtis added. “And once we have identified those barriers and get local leaders rowing in the same direction, the community will move further, faster – eliminating the barriers and growing their economy and region in the process.”

Second-round communities were selected based on four criteria, including unemployment rate, labor participation rate, vacancy rate and percent of population with a high school degree or less.

Though struggling with a high poverty rate, the city continues to make great progress after improving its financial stability and regaining full local control of operations and finances last month. Leaders of Hamtramck look forward to continued growth through the help of Project Rising Tide.

“We’ve seen this program in action and know the challenge that lies ahead of us – and we’re ready,” Mayor Karen Majewski said. “We have a diverse group of strong community leaders and advocates that are ready to roll up our sleeves. It’s time to get to work. We’re all in.”



# Available Positions on Boards and Commissions in Midland

City residents interested in the Midland community: get involved! The City is accepting applications to fill positions on various City boards and commissions.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018. Forms are located on the City of Midland website at [www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/boardscommissions) under the respective board or commission or in hard copy form through the City Manager's Office at 333 W. Ellsworth St.

Boards and commissions advise the City of Midland on issues important to the municipality. Most positions do not require extensive expertise, just a willingness to serve.

Applicants must be city residents. All those who have previously applied for a board or commission vacancy are asked to submit a new application.

Positions that are currently open are included below:

## Aviation Advisory Commission

*One citizen-at-large position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

The Aviation Advisory Commission advises the City Council on user charges and other aviation costs affecting the use and development of Jack Barstow Municipal Airport, which is the City of Midland's general aviation airport. The commission also advises the City Council on airport development plans including runways, hangars, building construction and other improvements. This commission meets bi-monthly.

## Cable Access Advisory Commission

*One MCTV access user position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

The Cable Access Advisory Commission advises the City Council regarding general policy matters related to the services provided to public access producers and viewers through MCTV. The commission is also responsible for encouraging the use of public access channels and gaining public input. This commission meets quarterly.

## Center City Authority Board

*One resident position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

The Center City Authority Board is responsible for ongoing analysis, short- and long-term planning, marketing, event coordination, promotion and the construction, rehabilitation, preservation and reconstruction of buildings and facilities within the Center City district. This board meets monthly.

## Dial-A-Ride Advisory Commission

*One citizen-at-large position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

*One citizen-at-large position with a term expiring June 30, 2020*

The Dial-A-Ride Advisory Commission assists the City Council in addressing the full range of public transportation issues including fare policies and structures, services and programs to meet the needs of all disabled persons and persons 65 years of age or older and other relevant ordinances, rules and administrative requirements.

## Downtown Development Authority Board

*One vacant position with a term expiring May 1, 2021*

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was

created to prevent deterioration in business districts, to create and implement development plans, to issue bonds, and to utilize tax increment financing for the Downtown district. This board meets monthly.

## International Fire Code Board of Appeals

*One code professional position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

The International Fire Code Board of Appeals hears and decides appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the Fire Marshal relative to the application and interpretation of International Fire Code. The board of appeals is appointed by the Fire Chief. The board meets as necessary and does not hold regularly scheduled meetings.

## Library Board

*One citizen-at-large position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

The Library Board advises City Council regarding written library user policies, studies and provides recommendations to City Council on the development of library service plans, encourages the use of the library among residents of the service area, and other such functions as City Council may direct. This board meets bi-monthly.

## Local Officers Compensation Commission

*One citizen-at-large position with a term expiring June 30, 2024*

The Local Officers Compensation Commission helps determine the salaries of Midland's mayor and Midland City Council members. The term for this commission's members is seven years, but members only meet every other year. The applicant must be a registered voter in the City of Midland.

## MBS International Airport Commission

*One citizen-at-large position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

The MBS International Airport Commission is the governing body of MBS International Airport. The airport is owned by the City of Midland, Bay County, and the City of Saginaw. Each owner is represented by three members, for a total number of nine MBS International Airport Commissioners. This commission meets monthly.

## West Main Street Historic District Commission

*One Midland County Historical Society representative position with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

*Two (2) citizen-at-large positions with a term expiring June 30, 2018*

This commission makes recommendations to the City Council on the development and administration of guidelines for all work on structures within the West Main Street Historic District. This commission meets quarterly.

In May or early June, applicants for all boards and commissions openings mentioned above will be contacted about the possibility of interviewing with Midland City Council.

Call the City Manager's Office at 989-837-3301 with any questions.

# Congressman Dan Kildee issues statements on recent issues

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) issued the following statement today after U.S. and allied forces conducted military strikes in Syria:

*"I strongly condemn Bashar al-Assad's use of chemical weapons on his own people. In killing his own people, Assad's regime has violated international law and defied basic human decency. While I believe there must be a response to the Assad regime's brutal war crimes, President Trump must come to Congress and seek an Authorization for the Use of Military Force. The U.S. Constitution grants Congress the sole power to declare war and the President must lay out a clear plan regarding any further military action. The people I represent deserve a debate in Congress over the scope, size and strategy of U.S. involvement in the Middle East. I strongly believe that any further military action must also be accompanied by diplomatic and humanitarian support, including providing refuge for those victims of terror fleeing Assad's brutal regime."*

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) issued the following statement today after Michigan Governor Rick Snyder announced that he will end bottled water distributions for the people of Flint:

*"The state should provide Flint families with bottled water until all of the lead service lines have been replaced. Flint families rightfully still do not trust state government, who created this crisis and lied to our community about the safety of the water. Continuing to provide bottled water service until all lead service lines are replaced will give peace of mind to residents and help restore Flint's trust in government. Until then, I understand why Flint families still do not trust the water coming out of their taps."*



## COMMERCIAL SERVICES

- INTERIOR DESIGN
- OFFICE FURNITURE
- COMMERCIAL FURNITURE
- SPACE PLANNING
- ERGONOMICS
- SOUND MASKING
- WINDOW TREATMENTS
- INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE



**PINNACLE DESIGN**  
commercial & residential interiors



## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

- INTERIOR DESIGN
- KITCHEN & BATHROOM DESIGN
- FURNITURE
- LIGHTING
- WINDOW TREATMENTS
- INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

### PINNACLE DESIGN

residential & commercial interiors  
3700 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603  
T (989) 790-7240 | F (989) 790-1191

Visit Us Online:

[PinnacleDesign.biz](http://PinnacleDesign.biz)

[Facebook.com/PinnacleDesignSaginaw](https://Facebook.com/PinnacleDesignSaginaw)



## SPORTS

## Loons fall against Lansing on Opening Day



loons.com

MIDLAND, Mich. - On a chilly Opening Day at Dow Diamond, the Great Lakes Loons dropped the first game of the season to the Lansing Lugnuts, 12-1.

The Loons (0-1) were held to two hits against the Lugnuts (1-0) due to superb pitching from right-hander Yensy Diaz (1-0, 0.00 ERA), who held a perfect game through five innings before allowing a double to Ramon Rodriguez.

"It's always great to have an Opening Day," said Loons manager John Shoemaker. "You don't want to get beat 12-1 too often, but sometimes those are easier to take than a 2-1 loss."

Lansing took no time finding the scoreboard, driving in two runs in the top of the first inning on RBIs from Ryan Noda and Kevin Smith. With Samad Taylor batting in the top of the second, the Lugnuts tacked on another run due to a passed ball by Rodriguez.

Max Gamboa (0-1, 2.25 ERA), the starter for the Loons, went 4.0 innings, allowing three runs on three hits, one walk, and four strikeouts. Of the three runs, just one was earned.

Following his RBI early in the game, Smith smacked a single to left field off right-hander Andre Scrubb, which pushed in two runs for a 5-0 Lansing lead in the top of the fifth.

Diaz was pulled from the game after 5.2 innings pitched. He allowed one run and piled up 10 strikeouts.

"It took us awhile to get something going," Shoemaker said. "Diaz shut us down for about six innings, but we made some miscues on defense that could've kept the game closer."

After the Lugnuts put another run on the board with Reggie Pruitt's single to score Christian Williams, the Loons finally touched home plate. Zach McKinstry opened the bottom of the eighth with a six-pitch walk against right-hander Donnie Sellers and Brayan Morales capitalized, driving him in on a line drive single to right field, cutting Lansing's lead to 6-1.

"It's not easy playing in this type of weather," Morales said. "We went out and battled. It's a long season and we have to believe in ourselves."

Great Lakes left-hander Devin Hemmerich loaded the bases with nobody out in the top of the ninth. Smith picked up his third RBI on a throwing error to give Lansing a 7-1 edge.

Lansing scored five more runs in the final frame of the game for an 12-1 victory on RBIs from Pruitt and Chavez Young and Kevin Vicuna.

Great Lakes and Lansing will dual at Dow Diamond on Friday with right-hander Riley Ottesen starting on the hill for the Loons. The Lugnuts will counter with left-hander Zach Logue. Following Friday's game, the teams head to Lansing to finish a four-game home-and-home series to start the season.

The Great Lakes Loons have been the Single-A partner of the Los Angeles Dodgers since the team's inception in 2007. Dow Diamond serves as the team's home and also houses the Michigan Baseball Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, and ESPN 100.9-FM. For tickets or information about the Loons, call 989-837-BALL or visit Loons.com.





# \$225 Per Team

## \$200 FOR 2 OR MORE TEAMS

### LOCATIONS

- CENTER COURTS GYM
- BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS GYM
- WHITE PINE GYM
- FIRST WARD GYM
- B.V CENTER GYM

# Boys 6-17

# Girls 8-17

### ADMISSION \$8 FOR ADULTS \$5 KIDS



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT COACH O (989)501-5771



# Neighborhood Revitalization 2018

## BUENA VISTA HOME REPAIRS May 17 – 23

*Put your faith in action!*

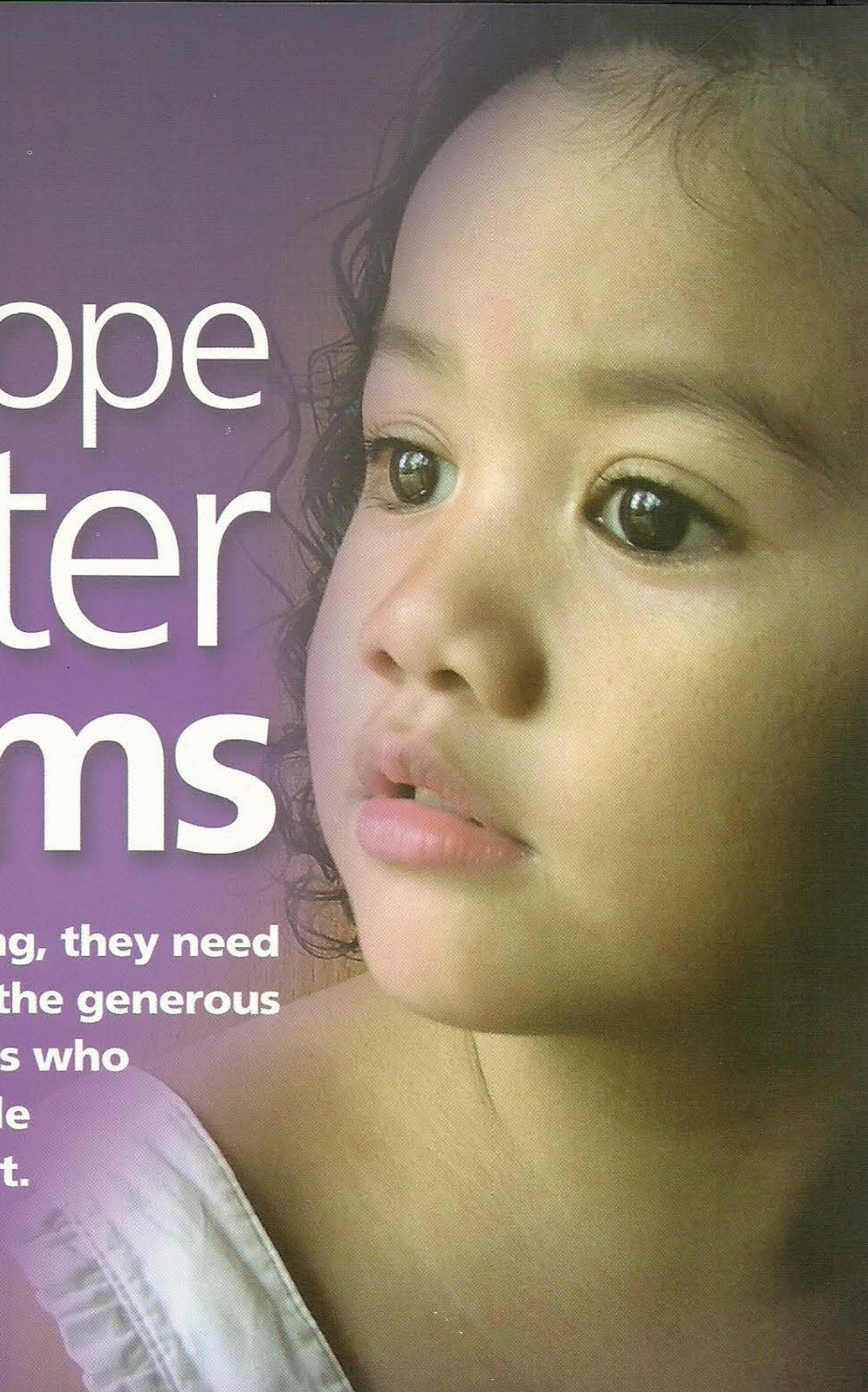
Volunteer to help your  
community and learn new skills

To sign up for a shift or for more info, please  
call Alyssa at (989) 753-5200 ext. 208 or  
email at: [alysadeplonty@sshfh.org](mailto:alysadeplonty@sshfh.org)



Saginaw-Shiawassee  
**Habitat for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>





# Raise Hope and Foster Dreams

When a family is struggling, they need to know they can rely on the generous help and support of others who will take in their kids while they get back on their feet.

**Become a  
foster parent**  
[michigan.gov/hopeforahome](http://michigan.gov/hopeforahome)

**1-855-MICKIDS**

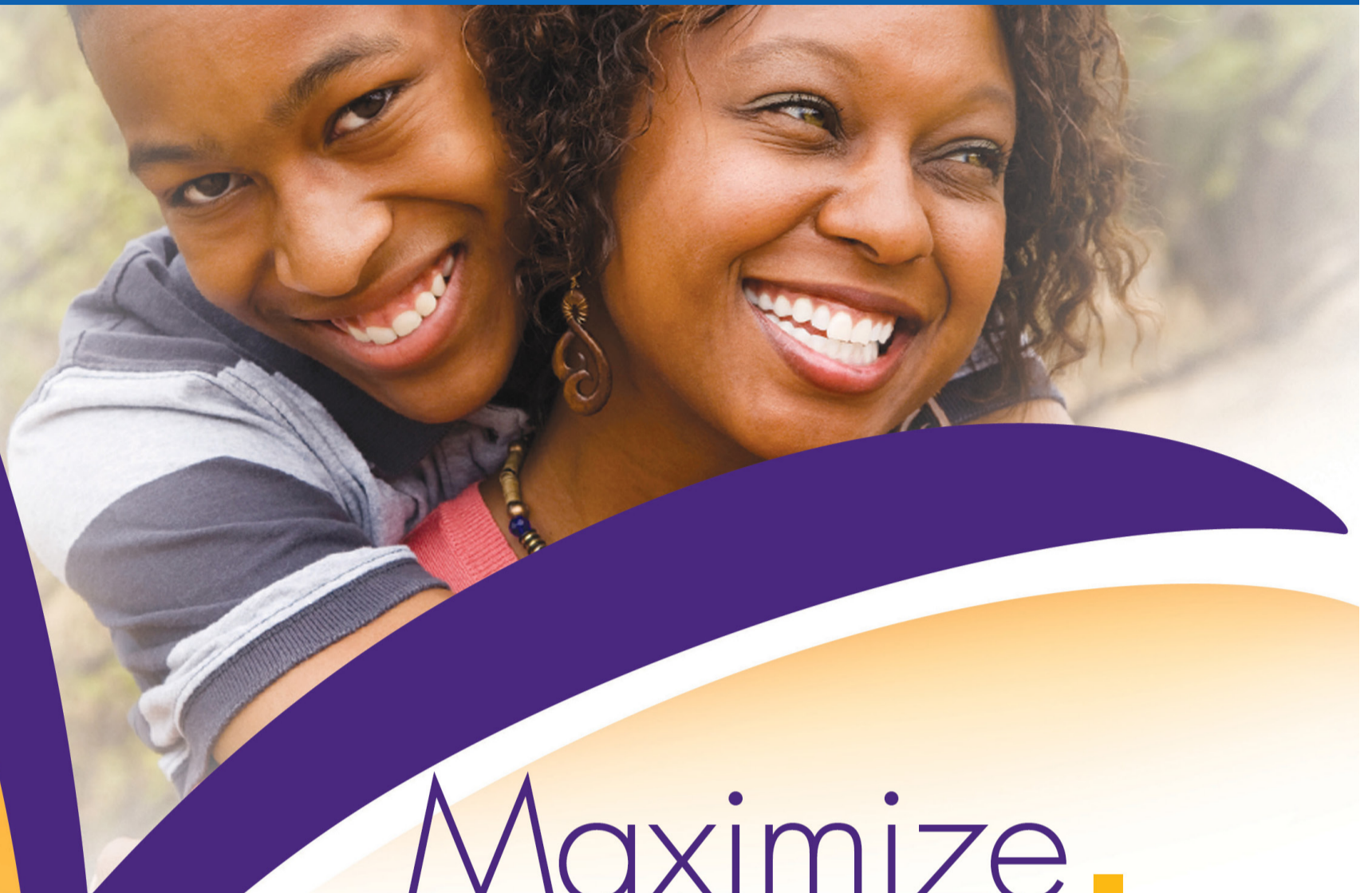
Call to learn more  
about foster care



Department of Human Services (DHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc. under the American with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to a DHS office in your area.

State of Michigan, Department of Human Services  
DHS-Pub-205 (3-13)





# Maximize Results

The story of a child with Severe Emotional Disturbance is too often one of tragedy. With the right help and the right team, it can be one of triumph. We maximize results — to give more family stories a happy ending.

Contact Wardene Talley  
**989-754-2288**







# CHANGES TO OUR NEW ROUTES

START DECEMBER 31, 2017

## Route 1:

Was: (INBOUND) Congress > Mason > State  
Change to: (INBOUND) Congress > Bay > State

## Route 211 becomes Route 112:

Was: Perkins > Outer > Woodbridge  
Change to: Woodbridge > Outer > Perkins  
Adding: Ricker Center

## Route 3:

Stays on Michigan to Superior - No bridge crossing  
Drops: YMCA (YMCA on Route 7)

## Route 54:

Drops Ricker Center (Ricker Center added to Route 112)

## Route 6 changes to Fashion Sq and SVSU Express:

Was: Weiss > Bay > SVSU > Tittabawassee > I-675  
Change to: I-675 > Fashion Sq > SVSU > Fashion Sq > I-675  
Adds: Fresnius Dialysis Center

## Route 7:

Adds: Ruffin Clinic, YMCA, MI Works, DaVita Dialysis  
Drops: Michigan Ave (added to Route 3)

## Route 82:

Was: Vets > Jefferson > Warren  
Change to: Jefferson > Warren > Vets  
Will take Jefferson to Williamson (Drop Holland, Weber, Hess)

## Route 9:

Drops inbound WalMart stop (Route 6 adds a WalMart stop)

## Route 106 - Big Changes!:

Will now Depart at top of hour (:55) instead of bottom (:25)  
Was: I-675 > Tittabawassee > Fashion Sq > Bay > Weiss  
Change to: Weiss > Covenant Mackinaw > Fashion Sq > Tittabawassee > I-675  
Adds: Covenant Mackinaw  
Drops: Bay Pointe Apts, Southbound Bay (Route 9 Adds Southbound Bay)





## PIC OF THE WEEK

### **Gamma Kappa Xinos of Gamma Kappa Chapter attends Annual Youth Xinos/Kudos Midwest Regional Conference**



*courtesy photo | Left to Right 1st row, Mikel Nelums, Ayonna Goodman, Faith Reed, 2nd row, Delyn Owen-Robinson, Kayla Young, Dontaysia Nettles, Amaya Jackson, Catherine Jones, Tori'Ana Jackson.*

**The young ladies of the Gamma Kappa Xinos of Gamma Kappa Chapter of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated attended the Annual Youth Xinos/Kudos Midwest Regional Conference held in Alsip, Illinois from Friday, March 23 through Sunday, March 25, 2018. Conference Theme was: "Pride in the Past, Faith in the Future". The Host Chapter was Beta Mu Chapter of Gary, Indiana.**

**The Xinos captured eight awards: They are as follows: 1st Place: Scrapbook; 3rd Place: Group Talent. Individual awards: 1st Place: Dance—Delyn Owen-Robinson; 3rd Place: Science— Delyn Owen-Robinson; 3rd Place: Photography—Dontaysia Nettles; 2nd Place—Dramatics— Dontaysia Nettles; 1st Place: Vocal Music—Amaya Jackson; 3rd Place: Collage—Catherine Jones.**





# SPRING BREAK IS FREE NEXT YEAR!

## MI Renaissance Zone

- ✔ Pay No State Income Tax through 2026
- ✔ Pay No City Income Tax through 2026
- ✔ Property Taxes Reduced by more than 70%

Assuming a household income of \$200,000 and estimated property value of \$200,000:

- ✔ State of Michigan income tax savings  
Current rate is 4.25% = **\$8,500**
- ✔ City of Saginaw income tax savings  
Current rate is 1.5% = **\$3,000**
- ✔ Property tax savings at reduced rate  
From 46 mills to 13 mills = **\$3,250**
- ✔ **Estimated Annual Savings = \$14,750**



406 North Hamilton Street, Old Town Saginaw

Riverview Brownstones on Hamilton is anchored in one of the State of Michigan's investment-friendly Renaissance Zones, which designate specific areas as essentially tax free. Use your savings in ways that truly enhance your life. Take a Florida vacation, pay for college tuition or buy a new car!

For more, please visit [RiverviewBrownstones.com](http://RiverviewBrownstones.com)



[ShaheenDevelopment.com](http://ShaheenDevelopment.com)



**OPEN HOUSE:**  
Every Sunday  
from 2-4pm

For a private tour, please call (989) 399-0089



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!



FIGHTING FOR MICHIGAN'S WORKERS



- ✓ WORKER'S COMPENSATION
- ✓ SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY
- ✓ MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
- ✓ PERSONAL INJURIES



844-WIN-COMP  
(844-946-2667)

989-401-8778  
810-820-9111

SAGINAW • FLINT • LANSING • PONTIAC • DETROIT





**We** empower.

Brittany Saunders is ready to pay it forward. The Chicago native enrolled at SVSU with ambitions to pursue a teaching career. Brittany was encouraged and invigorated by other passionate educators who worked closely with her to ensure she would accomplish her goals. And she is. Even before she was set to graduate, Brittany could boast a résumé with a paid internship in a school district along with K-12 classroom experience. **Now she can't wait to begin a professional career, inspiring students with the same kind of one-on-one attention she received from her professors at SVSU.**



**SAGINAW VALLEY**  
STATE UNIVERSITY®

#WeCardinal

[svsu.edu/opportunity](https://svsu.edu/opportunity)



7400 Bay Road • University Center, MI 48710 • (800) 968-9500 • [admissions@svsu.edu](mailto:admissions@svsu.edu)