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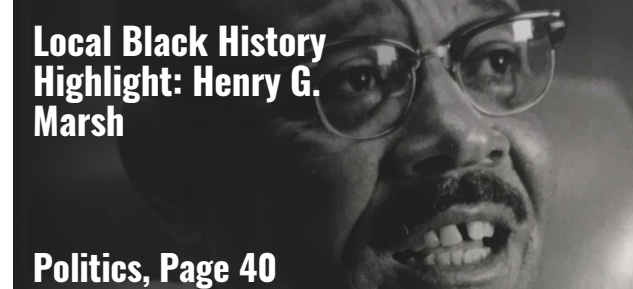
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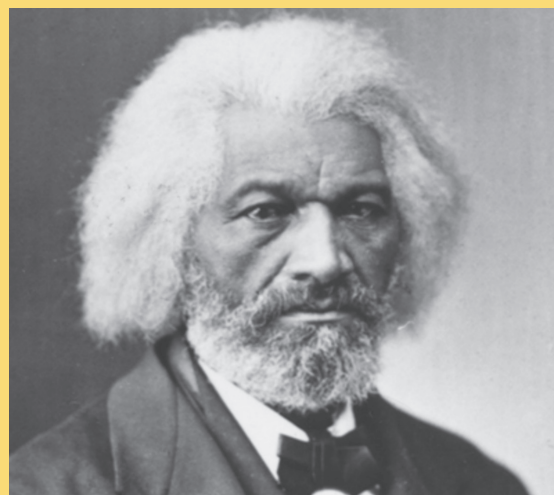
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## Alumna, author and retired chief judge to speak at SVSU for Black History Month



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Saginaw Valley State University will welcome one of its graduates to share her compelling personal story as part of Black History Month events.

Marilyn E. Atkins rose to become a respected judge, but not before battling adversity much of her life. She recently published her own autobiography, detailing various trials and triumphs that she encountered throughout her inspiring life journey.

Atkins will speak Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in SVSU's Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Raised in Saginaw, Atkins worked hard to overcome childhood challenges, including family turmoil and abuse, to graduate from St. Joseph's High School. She continued her education at SVSU, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology there in 1973.

Atkins then completed a law degree at the University of Detroit School Of Law. After graduation, she became a lawyer and then was appointed the chief judge in Detroit's 36th District Court for 12 years until her retirement in 2012.

After retiring from the bench, Atkins wrote her autobiography "The Triumph of Rosemary: A Memoir," which was published in 2017. The memoir – at times raw and in other passages heartwarming – addresses important topics of diversity and social change.

Born to an Italian teen and a married black man in Detroit in 1946, Atkins was adopted by a black couple in Saginaw. At age 19, she sparked a racial and religious scandal by marrying former Roman Catholic priest Thomas Lee Atkins, who was white and 25 years older than she.

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# FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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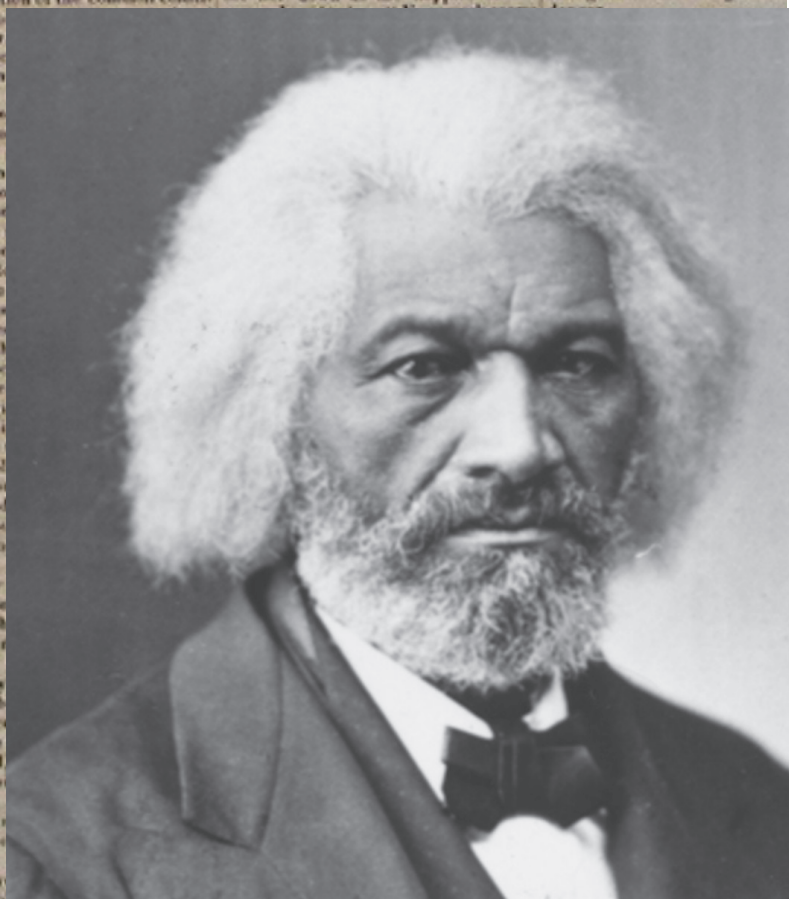
## THE NORTH STAR.

FATHER OF US ALL, AND ALL WE ARE BRETHREN. WILLIAM C. NELL, PUBLISHER. JOHN DICK, PRINTER. DAY, APRIL 28, 1818. WHOLE NO.—XV

Frederick Douglass (February 1818 – February 20, 1895) born a slave in Tuckahoe, Maryland was an African-American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman.

He established the abolitionist paper The North Star on December 3, 1847, in Rochester, NY, and developed it into the most influential black antislavery paper published during the antebellum era. It was used to not only denounce slavery, but to fight for the emancipation of women and other oppressed groups. Its motto was "Right is of no Sex - Truth is of no Color - God is the Father of us all, and we are all brethren." It was circulated to more than 4,000 readers in the United States, Europe, and the West Indies. In June 1851 the paper merged with the Liberty Party Paper of Syracuse, NY and was renamed Frederick Douglass' Paper. It circulated under this new name until 1860. Douglass devoted the next three years to publishing an abolitionist magazine called Douglass' Monthly. In 1870 he assumed control of the New Era, a weekly established in Washington, D.C. to serve former slaves. He renamed it The New National Era, and published it until it shut down in 1874.

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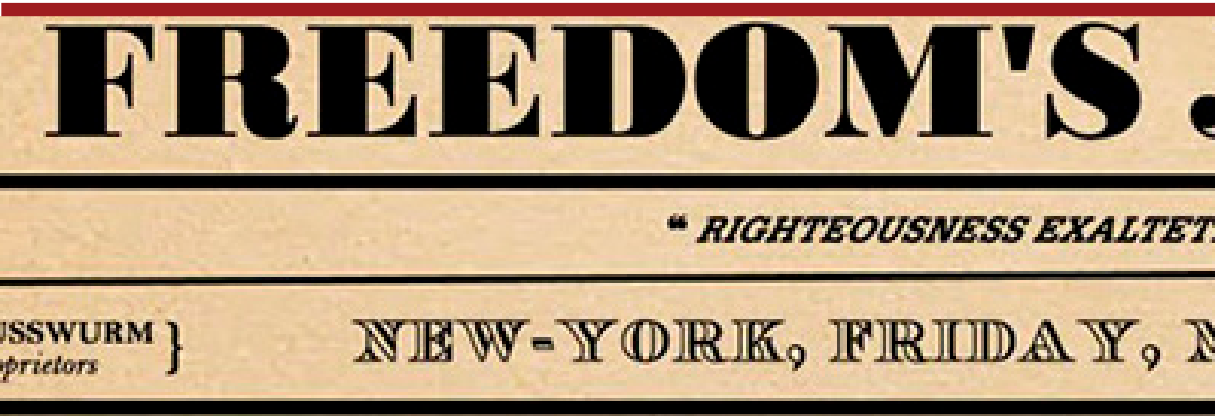
His only plea is—his degradation. His defence before the world and before God is this: He is a savage, he knows no law but force, no right but only might alone. For that plea and defence the civilized man must extenuate





# FREEDOM'S JOURNAL

HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO INFLUENCED BLACK JOURNALISM



Freedom's Journal was the first African-American owned and operated newspaper published in the United States. Founded by Rev. Peter Williams, Jr. and other free black men in New York City, it was published weekly starting with the 16 March 1827 issue. Freedom's Journal was superseded in 1829 by The Rights of All, published between 1829 and 1830 by Samuel Cornish, the former senior editor of the Journal.

Freedom's Journal provided international, national, and regional information on current events. Its editorials opposed slavery and other injustices. It also discussed current issues, such as the proposal by the American Colonization Society (ACS) to resettle free blacks in Liberia, a colony established for that purpose in West Africa.

The Journal also published biographies of prominent blacks, and listings of the births, deaths, and marriages in the African-American community in New York, helping celebrate their achievements. It circulated in 11 states, the District of Columbia, Haiti, Europe, and Canada.

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# IDA B. WELLS

HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO INFLUENCED BLACK JOURNALISM



**Ida Bell Wells-Barnett (July 16, 1862 – March 25, 1931), more commonly known as Ida B. Wells, was an African-American journalist, newspaper editor, suffragist, sociologist, feminist, Georgist, and an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement. She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909.**

**In 1892 she became part-owner of The Memphis Free Speech. On March 9 of that year she printed an article that denounced the lynching of three of her friends, accused of raping three white women. Her article angered many Memphis whites and she was forced out of town. The offices of The Memphis Free Speech were destroyed by an angry mob. This event launched her lifelong career as an anti-lynching crusader and pioneering journalist. She served at some of the leading papers of her era including The New York Age, The Chicago Defender, and Chicago's The Conservator, a paper jointly owned by her husband, Ferdinand Barnett.**





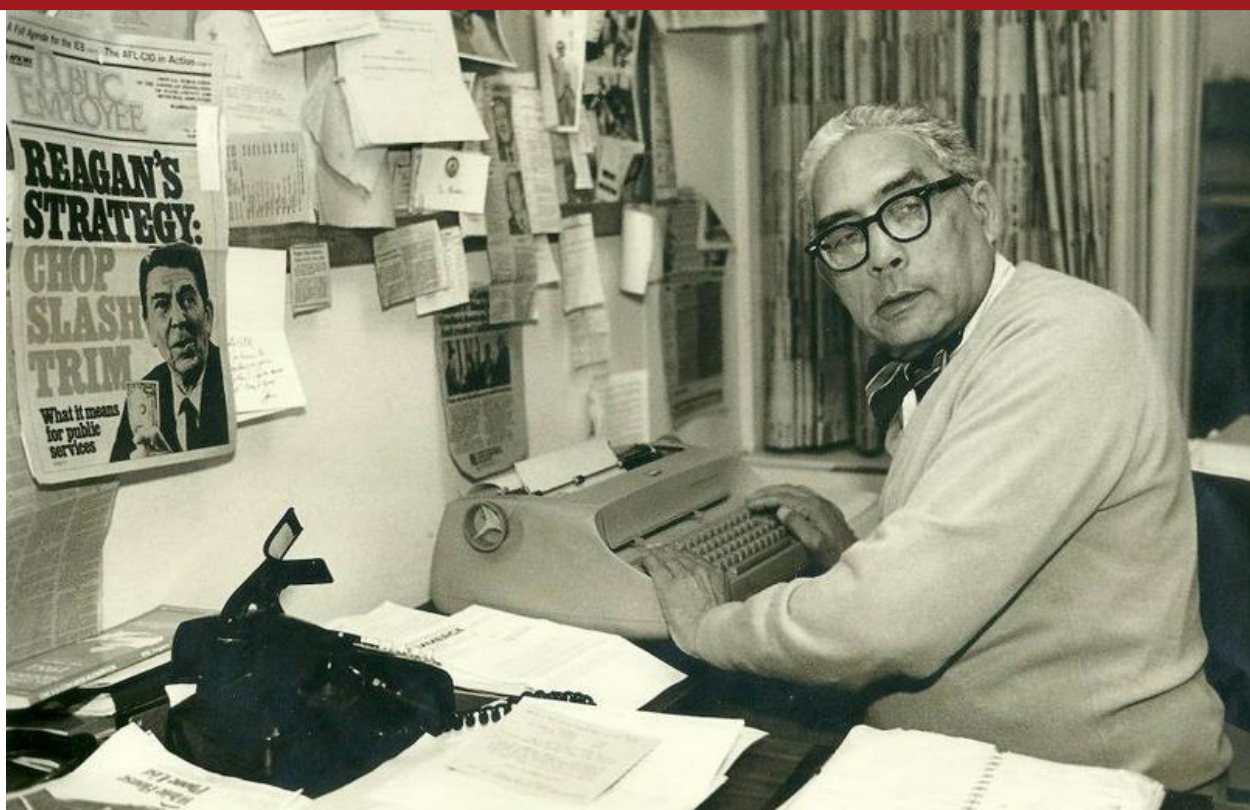
# SIMEON BOOKER

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Simeon Booker (August 27, 1918 – December 10, 2017) was an African-American journalist whose work appeared in leading news publications for more than 50 years. He was known for his journalistic works during the civil rights movement and for his coverage of the 1955 murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

Upon graduating with a degree in English, he took his first job with the Afro-American. Booker later returned to Ohio and worked for the Cleveland Call and Post, where a series he wrote concerning slum housing earned him a Newspaper Guild Award.

In 1952, Booker became the first black reporter for The Washington Post. Booker was best known for his reporting during the civil rights movement while working for Jet and Ebony magazines. His coverage of the 1955 murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi and the subsequent trial is one of the most noted pieces of journalism from the era.







# JOHN H. SENGSTACKE

HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO INFLUENCED BLACK JOURNALISM

**John Herman Henry Sengstacke** (November 25, 1912 – May 28, 1997) was an African-American newspaper publisher and owner of the largest chain of black newspapers in the country. Sengstacke was also a civil rights activist and worked for a strong black press, founding the National Newspaper Publishers Association in 1940, to unify and strengthen African-American owned papers.

Sengstacke inherited the Chicago Defender from his uncle, Robert Sengstacke Abbott. He went on to publish the Michigan Chronicle in Detroit; the Tri-City Defender in Memphis, Tennessee, and acquired the Pittsburgh Courier in 1966, re-opening it the next year as the New Pittsburgh Courier.

Sengstacke worked with President Franklin D. Roosevelt to have African-American reporters admitted to presidential press conferences. In 1974 Sengstacke appointed Hazel B. Garland as the new editor-in-chief of the New Pittsburgh Courier; she was the former city editor and the first African-American woman to be managing editor of a national newspaper.





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Keynote Speaker for the MSU 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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**(2:30) Chávez Collection Exhibit, @ MSU Library**  
**(7:00pm) Dolores Film Screening & Discussion @ WKAR Studios**

\*\*Location = Michigan State University, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

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The keynote speaker for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual César E. Chávez & Dolores Huerta Commemorative Celebration is the living legend, human/civil rights hero, American icon, and Presidential Medal of Freedom award winner Dolores Huerta.

Huerta was the co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers (UFW). Huerta helped organize the Delano grape strike in 1965 in California and was the lead negotiator in the workers' contract that was created after the strike.

Huerta has received numerous awards for her community service and advocacy for workers', immigrants', and women's rights, including the Eugene V. Debs Foundation Outstanding American Award, the United States Presidential Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She was inducted in the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993, the first Latina inductee.

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# U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Names Fernand Fernandez Interim CEO

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WASHINGTON/PRNewswire/ -- The Board of Directors of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has named Fernand "Fern" Fernandez interim CEO and President. Mr. Fernandez, former Vice President Global Marketing for American Airlines, was supported unanimously for this interim position.

"I'm humbled by this opportunity and look forward to working with the talented staff, partners and chambers who tirelessly foster Hispanic development," said Mr. Fernandez. "The USHCC is moving ahead and intends to be stronger than ever, while building trust among our constituents.

As an organization we will be inclusive, transparent, and have zero tolerance for sexual misconduct or financial impropriety. The USHCC board and staff is committed to strengthening our partnership with local chambers and our members, and help unite the communities that we serve."

The USHCC Board of Directors has also established a Governance Committee that together will work with Mr. Fernandez to conduct a national search for a new, permanent CEO and President. "Our goal is to have a transparent and methodical process to ensure that the new CEO and President is representative of the countless Hispanic owned

businesses and local chambers that the USHCC represents," said Mr. Fernandez.

"The USHCC appreciates the overwhelming support we have received from our members and sponsors during this transition," said Don Salazar, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "We recognize the importance of moving expeditiously to safeguard the credibility and integrity of our organization."

The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce serves more than 4.4 million Hispanic businesses and is the voice of the Hispanic business community.

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**SPEAKERS** will be notified by no later than Friday, March 9th.

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If you are a college graduate, faculty/staff/administrator, or community member, we encourage you to let us know you are coming by registering at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018HLCOMGradCeremony>

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## HEALTH

# Saginaw County Included in Hepatitis A Outbreak

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) is releasing that Saginaw County has joined the growing list of counties that are part of the hepatitis A outbreak in Southeast Michigan. As of February 6, 2018, there have been 736 cases of hepatitis A associated with this outbreak, including 24 deaths and 596 hospitalizations. To date, Saginaw County has two confirmed cases of hepatitis A linked to the ongoing outbreak. As the outbreak continues to spread across the state, SCDPH wants to remind residents that the most effective way to prevent hepatitis A is through vaccination and handwashing with soap and water.

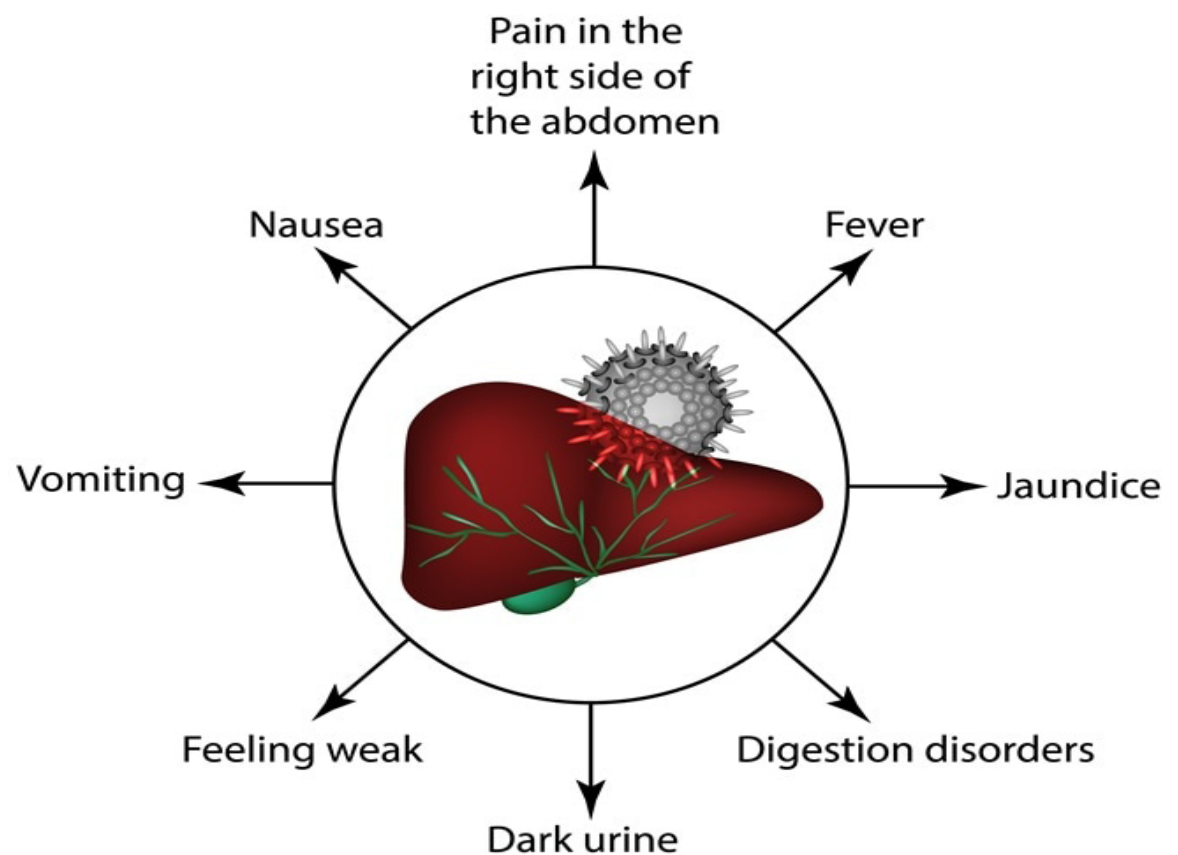
Hepatitis A, a vaccine-preventable disease, is an infection of the liver cause by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). HAV is found in feces of people with hepatitis A and is most commonly spread by eating contaminated food or water, during sex, or just by living with an infected person. Symptoms of HAV infection include:

- Nausea and vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Feeling tired
- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Yellowing of the skin and eyes
- Dark urine
- Pale-colored feces
- Joint pain

The SCDPH is working with community stakeholders and the Michigan Department of Health and Humans Service to expand vaccination efforts in Saginaw County, particularly with agencies that service those at highest risk of contracting HAV. High risk individuals include:

- Persons who use injection and non-injection illegal drugs
- Men who have sex with men
- Persons who are currently homeless or in transient living conditions
- Recently incarcerated

## SYMPTOMS OF HEPATITIS A



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- Person with chronic liver disease

SCDPH is currently offering Hepatitis A vaccinations at all health department immunization clinics and people may also check with their healthcare provider to receive the vaccine.

While the Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended as part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule, most adults have not been vaccinated and may be susceptible to HAV. The best way to reduce the risk of getting HAV is to get vaccinated with Hepatitis A vaccine. It is also recommended to wash your hands after going to the bathroom and before preparing

meals for yourself and others. Use your own towels, toothbrushes, and eating utensils. Do not have sex with someone who has HAV infection or share food, drinks, drugs, needles, or smokes with other people.

Please speak to your healthcare provider about your risks for HAV infection. Seek medical attention if you develop signs or symptoms of hepatitis A. For more information the Hepatitis A page under Hot Topics on our website, [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org), the State of Michigan's hepatitis outbreak page at [www.michigan.gov/hepatitisaoutbreak](http://www.michigan.gov/hepatitisaoutbreak), or call our hotline (989) 758-3828.





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# Delta Dental Foundation investment in state sealant program totals more than \$1 million

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OKEMOS, Mich. — Children miss 51 million hours of school every year from oral health issues, such as tooth decay.

An easy fix to prevent tooth decay among children of elementary age is to apply dental sealants. Recognizing the importance of that preventive measure, the Delta Dental Foundation has once again partnered with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to support the SEAL! Michigan program with \$200,000 this school year.

“Dental sealants help prevent tooth decay and keep children healthy,” said Teri Battaglieri, Director of the Delta Dental Foundation. “The SEAL Michigan

program makes it easy and convenient for children to get the preventive care and oral health education they need during the school day.”

SEAL! Michigan is a school-based sealant program administered by the MDHHS Oral Health Program. Elementary and middle school students across the state receive dental screenings and sealants on site at their school. This school year, the program will visit 41 counties and serve about 7,000 children.

The program is offered at no cost to families. The Delta Dental Foundation has supported the program since 2012 with \$1 million in grant funding.

“Delta Dental’s continued support for the SEAL!

Michigan program is greatly appreciated and vitally important to our youth,” said MDHHS Chief Deputy Director Nancy Vreibel. “These grant funds have helped us provide dental sealants to nearly 33,000 children across the state over the years, preventing tooth decay and improving their overall oral health.”

The SEAL! Michigan program is recognized by the Association of the State and Territorial Dental Directors, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as other national organizations.

For more information about the program, visit [Michigan.gov/oralhealth](http://Michigan.gov/oralhealth).

**INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS & WEALTH**

# Midland Tomorrow Innovation Center Moves to Doan Historical Building, Launches New Vision

*courtesy photo*

Midland, Michigan – Midland Tomorrow is pleased to announce that the Midland Tomorrow Innovation Center (MTIC) has moved to the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center on Main Street.

The move comes after Midland Tomorrow was notified that the MTIC would need to move out of its former facility, located on Austin Street, by the end of 2017. Finding a new home in such a short timeframe was challenging but it also provided an opportunity to reimagine its goals and create

a new vision for the future. MTIC's main goal? Utilizing innovation and creativity to best service its members and the Midland community.

“We want the Innovation Center to be the community's place to gather for new business ideas,” Church said. “We want everyone to know and understand what the Innovation Center is and how we can help start-ups.”

Midland Tomorrow also recently merged under the Midland Business Alliance (MBA), the umbrella

organization over the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce and Midland Tomorrow.

“This was the perfect storm of events that gave us an opportunity to step back and look at how we identify, incubate and foster new business start-ups in all business sectors”, said Becky Church, President/COO of Midland Tomorrow. “It also gave us the opportunity to fully leverage resources across our Chamber, SmartZone and economic development entities.”

One major way MTIC is leveraging the resources of the MBA is through collaboration for events, including the Small Business Programming traditionally hosted by the Chamber. These events will start in February and will also bring in the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) as a partner.

“We are excited to collaborate with the Chamber and SBDC for small business programming,” Church said. “We invite all entrepreneurs to participate in these events.”

MTIC will be hosting an Open House on from 4-6 p.m. on March 1 to celebrate the grand opening and show off the new space.

As it settles into its new space, the MTIC is looking at expanding relationships with local universities, high schools and young professional groups to further attract new people and business ideas.

“We have a lot of technical and business resources in our area and we want to put those to good use,” Church said. “We need to have a strong entrepreneurial culture and the services to support our pipeline. The more people we can get in the Innovation Center, the more opportunities we give for successful businesses to get launched in our community.”





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# U.S. Sen. Stabenow Announces New Skills for New Jobs Agenda



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U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) today announced her New Skills for New Jobs Agenda at an event at the Genesee Career Institute in Flint. Last summer, Sen. Stabenow brought together business owners, labor leaders, educators, and parents from across the state to discuss how to meet the needs of employers and provide job opportunities for all Michigan workers and students. Now, she is announcing her New Skills for New Jobs Agenda that will help every young person get the skills they need for a good-paying job.

“Whether you’re headed to college or not, there are great opportunities to get the training and professional skills for a good-paying job right here in Michigan,” said Sen. Stabenow. “My agenda is focused on expanding career paths for every young person and filling the demand of Michigan businesses who are ready to hire.”

“Thank you, Senator Stabenow, for creating such a comprehensive agenda to address the skills gap,” said Kristina Johnston, group vice president of the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. “The Chamber appreciates not only the focus on students and workers, but also the support that her agenda provides to businesses.”

“Through our many partnerships with local school districts, higher education institutions, and our business community, we have seen the collective impact of working together for our students and community,” said Associate Superintendent Steven Tunncliff, Ph.D., Genesee Intermediate School District. “We appreciate Senator Stabenow’s leadership in promoting such partnerships as well as investing in education that will prepare students for multiple career paths. Through programs offered at the Genesee Career Institute we prepare students for college and career-focused training and credentialing in a state-of-the-art facility that

mimics the business and industry environments.”

“MCC is excited and fully supportive of Sen. Stabenow’s New Skills for New Jobs Agenda,” said Robert Matthews, vice president of Workforce Development, Mott Community College. “It exemplifies the kind of leadership we need to close the skills gap in our community and for all American citizens.”

By 2025, over 3.5 million manufacturing jobs will need to be filled. Yet due to the skills gap, 2 million of those jobs will go unfilled, according to a report by Deloitte, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Manufacturing Institute. Sen. Stabenow’s New Skills for New Jobs Agenda aims to close the skills gap by focusing on three areas: strengthening employer training partnerships, connecting students with career and job opportunities, and investing in job training opportunities for workers.



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# Volunteer management – key to nonprofit success

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What if you could get eight more hours out of the day? What if you could “clone” yourself five times over? These are unspoken dreams of many a nonprofit executive or college president. While they are unlikely to come true exactly as wished for, it is possible to achieve that magical result. Here’s how.

Hire a volunteer manager. This isn’t an “as needed” position. You need a person dedicated to working with volunteers all the time. This is a proactive position, not a reactive one. You may initially think of this person as another “cost” or “expense.” Our response: a good volunteer manager is an investment that yields positive results to an organization’s bottom line. She ensures that your volunteers have what they need to develop relationships and fundraise

Here are three things to consider when hiring a volunteer manager. First, create a defined job description and initial schedule of activities. Define the goals and allocate resources prior to making a hire. You set the terms: you don’t ask a new employee to determine what needs to be done. She may have ideas, but the nonprofit needs to be clear in defining expectations and activities that can result in a meaningful impact on the organization’s bottom line.

Second, the executive director or development director needs to allocate consistent time to work with the volunteer manager. The reason for this is to ensure your new employee learns the ins-and-outs of your organization; gains background information on your board members and volunteers; and develops relationships with these leaders so she can best support them.

Third, hire a person with strong skills and experience in working with people, managing projects, and following up. Think outside the box and consider someone who may be older with deep career experience in developing and sustaining relationships, using technology, and sustaining systems. Look for all three skill sets: someone who excels at developing relationships but doesn’t record information in your database

is not the right hire. Your volunteer manager serves volunteers and builds your fundraising capacity.

Here’s the secret: the success of a meeting depends on the time invested before and after. This means everyone comes to meetings knowing the agenda, ready to report on commitments fulfilled, and to engage in meaningful discussions and strategy development that advances fundraising.

Don’t rush into hiring a volunteer manager. Invest time in orienting your new employee. Commit to your fundraising success.



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## EDUCATION

# SVSU housing ranked No. 2 in the nation among public universities



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Saginaw Valley State University has been nationally recognized for its welcoming, friendly and fun residential community.

The website Niche has ranked SVSU's residential facilities No. 2 in the U.S. among the 512 public universities included in their annual "Best Dorms" rankings.

"For me, SVSU's different housing options give students more independence on campus that make you feel at home," said Lindsey Briolat, a health science major from Ubly.

SVSU rose one spot in the overall rankings to No. 18 nationally, out of the 1,411 four-year colleges and universities that were evaluated. Niche calculates their rankings using a weighted formula where 70 percent of a school's score comes from students' satisfaction with their housing, as well as data from the U.S. Department of Education.

Now a senior, Briolat has lived on campus since her freshman year. She said she has stayed on campus because of the inclusive atmosphere.

"SVSU creates a family," she said. "The way our university connects with its students just makes us feel at home."

For Hannah Waslusky, an accounting major from Breckenridge, living on SVSU's campus has brought her more than just friends; it gave her a community.

Waslusky said that the close-knit living quarters during her freshman year gave her ample opportunities to make friends. She knew that all it took to find someone to hang out with was a shout across the courtyard.

"Some of the best friends I ever made started that way," Waslusky said.

Waslusky has lived on campus for the three years that she has attended SVSU. She came for the convenience of living on campus, but stayed for the quiet and personal environment SVSU's housing offers.

"My apartment is set right in the middle of nature," she said. "I get to see deer and bunny rabbits hop by my apartment every day. I couldn't imagine a better place to live."

More than 2,400 students currently live on SVSU's campus. For the past nine years, at least 70 percent of the freshman class has chosen to live in SVSU's residence halls.

To view the "Best Dorms" list, go to <https://colleges.niche.com/rankings/best-college-dorms/>.



# MCC Tech Division to Host STEM Open House for Women



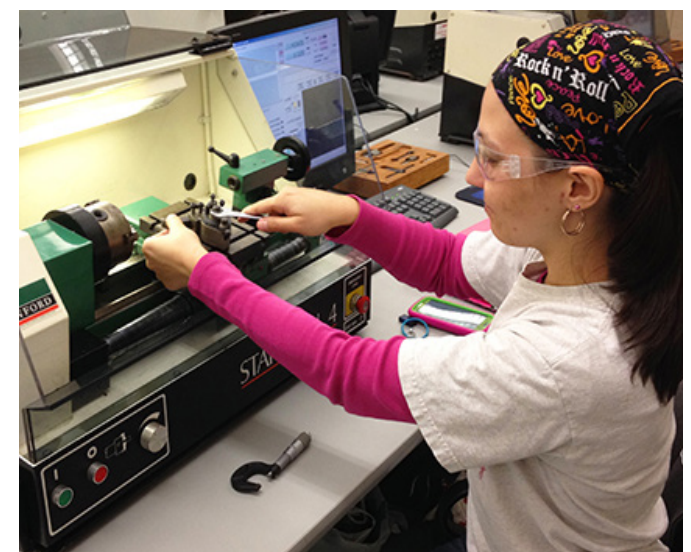
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career pathways are a great choice for women – according to Angelo Brown, Dean of the Technology Division at Mott Community College (MCC). The Division is hosting a STEM event to show young women the possibilities available in STEM careers, and how those careers can change the world.

The “Changing the World! – Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math” event will be Feb. 9 from in two sessions, one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. in the Regional Technology Center on the MCC main campus in Flint.

Michelle Gardner, Executive Director & Global Functional Leader, Engineering Operations & Systems Development at General Motors, is the keynote speaker. Additionally, the event will feature several hands-on demonstrations including reverse engineering scanning, virtual welders, computer networking and security coding, CNC precision machining and tours of the science labs at Mott.

STEM careers are currently in high-demand and many companies are looking to diversify their workforce to include more women. MCC is hosting this event to show women how STEM careers impact people’s daily lives for the better.

For more about technology degree programs at Mott College, visit <http://technology.mcc.edu>.



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# In first year of DECA competition, all 6 SVSU students qualify for nationals



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Saginaw Valley State University students rose to the challenge and delivered inspiring performances at the Michigan DECA conference in Grand Rapids.

All 6 SVSU students who competed qualified for the national contest in April, despite the fact that SVSU had never before sent students to the competition. DECA is an international association of high school and college students interested in marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service.

Those earning an opportunity to compete in Washington, D.C. are:

- Keegan Booms, an international business major

from Almont, who was a finalist in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing and Banking and Financial Services categories.

- Carly D'Alessandro, a marketing major from Midland, who was a finalist in the Retail Management category.
- Jacob Humphries, an international business major from Attica, who was a finalist in the Restaurant and Food Service Management category.
- Mackenzie Koski, a general business major from Carrollton, who finished second in the Professional Sales competition and was a finalist

in the Human Resources Management category.

- Jacob Saint Amour, a supply chain management major from Laingsburg, who was a finalist in the Entrepreneurship-Starting a Business and Retail Management categories.
- Maggie Walker, a general business major from Laingsburg, who was a finalist in the Entrepreneurship-Starting a Business and Restaurant and Food Service Management categories.

There are about 15,000 collegiate DECA members representing about 275 colleges and universities nationwide. Other Michigan universities competing this year included Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Kettering, Lawrence Tech, Michigan State and Northwood.

“We have a terrific group of students this year who have really pushed to get our DECA chapter off the ground,” said Amy Hendrickson, SVSU assistant professor of law. “I am particularly impressed with the performance of our freshmen who have proven that you can make an impact in your first year.”

Booms and Humphries are each first year students at SVSU. Hendrickson and Betsy Pierce, SVSU assistant professor of accounting, serve as team advisers.

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 about the DECA chapter and other student opportunities in SVSU's College of Business and Management, visit <http://www.svsu.edu/collegeofbusinessmanagement/studentopportunities/>.



# CELEBRATING LOCAL BLACK ACHIEVEMENTS

## Education

Adelaide Robinson	First Black graduate from Saginaw High School	1898
Margaret Haithco Groves	First Black teacher for the Saginaw Public Schools	1946
John A. Wagner	First Black faculty member at Delta College	1961
Frances E. Carter	First Black Principal in the Saginaw Public Schools	1965
Lucille Turnstall	First Black female faculty at SVSU	1965-1967
Wade McCree, Jr.	First Black male to serve on SVSU Board of Trustees	1966-1967
Ruben Daniels	First Black Saginaw Board of Education Trustee & President	1967-1993
Paul Leek	First Black to achieve tenure & Full Professor at Delta College	1970
Dr. Guy Lee, Jr.	First Black male faculty, administrator, Dean at SVSU	1970-1995
Dr. Kayte Fearn	First Black Principal Saginaw High School	1971
Sylvester Stephens	First Black male to serve on Delta College Board of Trustee	1971-1972
Charles Coles	First Black Varsity Head Coach Saginaw Public Schools	1972-1982
Dr. James B. Smith	First Superintendent in Saginaw County	1978-1986
Leola Wilson	First Black male to serve as Superintendent of B.V. Schools	1977-Present
Joseph Powe	First Black female to serve on Saginaw Intermediate School Board	2005-2013
Vivian Keys-Brown	First Black female to serve on SVSU Board of Trustees	1985-Present
Marcia Marsh-Goffney	First Black male to serve on Saginaw Intermediate School Board	1996-2001
Dr. Gerald D. Dawkins	First Black female to serve as Superintendent Buena of Vista Schools	1997-2001
Nathaniel McClain	First Black female to serve on Delta College Board of Trustees	2001-2008
	First Black Superintendent of Saginaw Public Schools	2008-Present
	First Black Principal of Arthur Hill High School	

## Organizations

Bethel AME Church	First Black church to organize in Saginaw	1867
Reverend Peter S. Marks	First President of the NAACP, Saginaw Branch	1919
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	First Historically Black Sorority to organize in Saginaw	1963
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.	First Historically Black Fraternity to organize in Saginaw	1971
Craig Chancellor	First Black CEO Saginaw County United Way	1988-1994
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## COMMUNITY

# Victorious Believers Ministries (VBM) will host its annual Black History Program





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Victorious Believers Ministries (VBM) will host its annual Black History Program on Sunday, February 18, at 4pm. The theme is “A Night at the Museum: The Awakening.” This community event is a collaboration of the VBM Fine Arts and Christian Education Ministries. The program will include a collection of dramatic presentations depicting significant time periods within the diverse

fabric of African-American history including the Atlantic Slave Trade, The Harlem Renaissance, and the Civil Rights Movement marches and sit-ins.

The keynote speaker for the program is Colette Boyd, of WNEM NEWS. Colette grew up in Metro- Detroit and is a proud University of Michigan Alumni. She joined

WNEM TV-5 in November 2013 as a reporter, Wake-Up co-anchor, and Noon anchor. Currently, she is a regular co-anchor during the week for the airing of the 5, 6, & 11pm news.

This educational community event is free and opened to the public. For more information visit [www.victoriousbelievers.com](http://www.victoriousbelievers.com).



## Continued from, SVSU Black History Month

The couple had two biracial daughters, Elizabeth Ann Atkins and Catherine Marie Atkins Greenspan, who look white. The parents worked full time, and in a reversal of traditional gender roles, Marilyn Atkins attended law school at night while Tom took the high-achieving girls to lessons for swim, piano, and skiing. Both daughters ultimately completed graduate degrees.

Over time, family rifts resulting from the interracial marriage began to heal, fostering harmony and healing. The Atkins family's lifestyle includes friendships and associations with people of a cornucopia of race, religion, and culture. Atkins currently resides Detroit. Her late husband died in 1990. Their daughters created a publishing company, Two Sisters Writing and Publishing, which published "The Triumph of Rosemary."

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# SVSU sponsors a community celebration of the arts, Saginaw, and A Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet



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Poetry readings, musical performances, and prize ceremonies are just a taste of what is to come during the Theodore Roethke Poetry and Arts Festival, a triennial celebration of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning poet from Saginaw. Sponsored by Saginaw Valley State University, the festival venues will stretch across the Great Lakes Bay Region from

March 23-28.

"We're very excited to offer a range of rich events to celebrate the arts in our area and to promote the work of Theodore Roethke, Saginaw's native son," said Helen Raica-Klotz, director of the Writing Center at SVSU and chair of the 2018 Festival.

All events listed below are free and open to the public, funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- A poetry slam will take place Friday, March 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum at SVSU. This event is open to all ages. Guitar and violin duo, CaseyLane, will perform live. The poetry slam's top three winners will receive cash prizes. Light refreshments will be provided.
- Tours of the Roethke House will be held Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Theodore Roethke Home Museum, 1805 Gratiot in Saginaw. This guided tour will take attendees through the childhood home of Theodore Roethke. Then, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the River Junction Poets will reader some of their original work and discuss the influence Roethke had on the region's longest standing poetry group.
- The "Ted (Roethke) Talk and Tasting" will take place on Saturday, March 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Creative 306, 1517 Bayliss in Midland. Mike Kolleth, vice-president of Friends of Theodore Roethke, will offer a brief history of the late poet. Writer Jeff VandeZande will read from his novel, "American Poet," which features scenes from Saginaw and the Roethke home. Wine tasting will accompany both presentations.
- SVSU's Cardinal Singers will perform "The Waking: Vocal Settings of Theodore Roethke" on Sunday, March 25 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at

the St. Lorenz Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1030 Tuscola in Frankenmuth and again on Monday, March 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Rhea Miller Recital Hall at SVSU. The choir will present the poems of Roethke set to music. Kevin Simons, associate professor of music at SVSU, composed the music and will direct the choir.

- The Theodore Roethke Memorial Poetry Prize will be awarded Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in SVSU's Rhea Miller Recital Hall. This distinguished prize has been awarded since 1968. Recipient Douglas Kearney will read selections from the collection of poems, "Buck Studies," which won him this award, as well as sign books following the event. Kearney will also perform selections of his poetry on Monday, March 26 from 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Counter Culture, 620 Gratiot in Saginaw and again on Tuesday, March 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wirt Library, 500 Center in Bay City.
- The Michigan Jazz Trail Big Band will perform jazz music from Roethke's time period - the mid-20th century - on Wednesday, March 28 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the State Theatre, 913 Washington Ave. in Bay City. The 19-piece jazz orchestra will be led by local jazz musician, Jeff Hall. Shorts Brewery of Bellaire, Michigan will be 'on tap' to serve a selection of their beers at this event.

Throughout the month of March, the Zahnaw Library at SVSU will feature a Roethke Display in the Roberta Allen Reading Room, located on the fourth floor of the library. In addition, both the Saginaw Community Writing Center and the Bay Community Writing Center will hold a "Write Like Roethke" poetry contest inspired by lines from Roethke's poems during the month of March.

For more information about the Roethke Festival or any of the events listed here, visit [www.svsu.edu/roethke](http://www.svsu.edu/roethke), or contact Raica-Klotz at 989-964-6062.



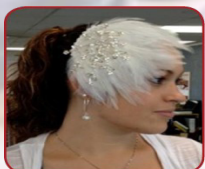
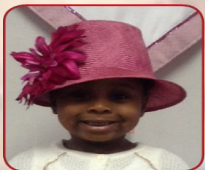
# YMCA of Saginaw and Boys & Girls Clubs of the GLBR Announce KidsCampUs Joint Venture

The YMCA of Saginaw and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region are pleased to announce that together they have raised over \$3 million of their \$4.1 million dollar goal to make their joint venture, KidsCampUs, a reality. Out-of-school time provides unique opportunities for positive youth development and learning and the YMCA and B&GC envision a Youth Development Campus that will inspire kids and teens to reach their greatest potential academically, socially, emotionally, and physically by delivering high impact programs and services that improve lives. Working side by side, staff will prepare teens for college, offer ways for families to have fun together, empower all people to be healthier and strengthen our entire community. “Throughout the region,

countless people know and trust the YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs. But there’s so much more to these organizations than one might think. Together, they are creating something that could truly transform Saginaw,” said Herb Spence, campaign co-chair.

Planning for the project began several years ago and involved input from community leaders along the way. The two groups committed to the joint venture partnership in November 2016, and since that time YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs board members have been meeting to make KidsCampUs a reality. Community leaders Steve Kelly and Herb Spence are co-chairing the campaign, while Dick Garber is serving as honorary chair. Architects have been

engaged and construction managers have provided budgets for the planned work. Construction has begun at Camp Timbers with groundbreaking expected to take place this summer at the YMCA and ribbon cutting at the Boys & Girls Club new home, next door to the YMCA in the former Junior Achievement building. Steve Kelly said, “these organizations work side-by-side with our neighbors to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. This collaboration is exciting. It’s fresh. Positive. An innovative solution to some challenges this community has struggled with for a long time.”



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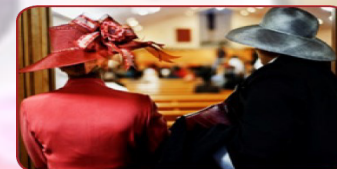
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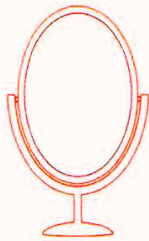
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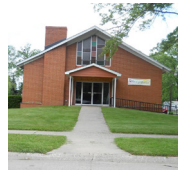
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# Local Black History Highlight: Henry G. Marsh

Henry G. Marsh (October 11, 1921 – May 11, 2011) was a Democratic politician from Michigan who served as Mayor of Saginaw. He was the first African-American to hold that office and one of the first black mayors in the United States.

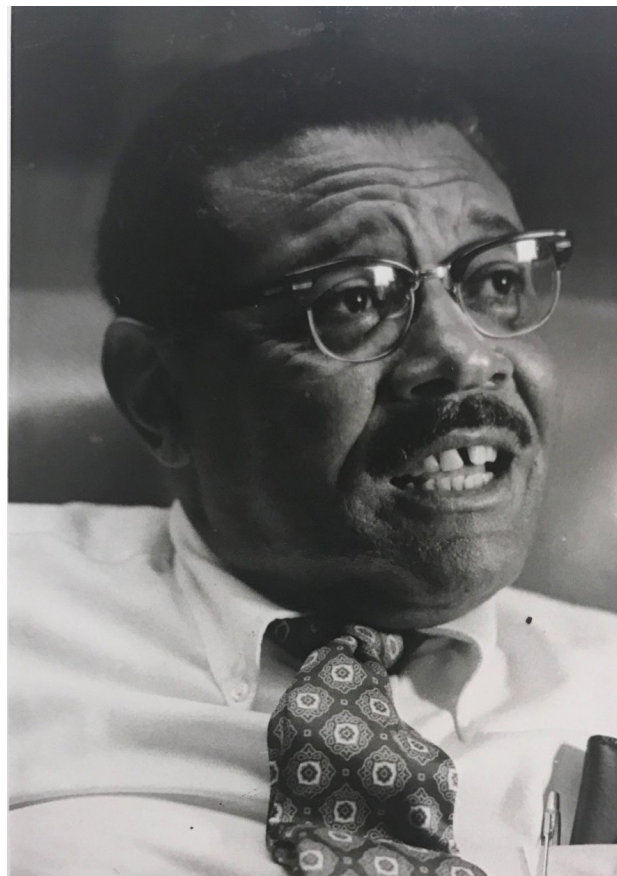
Marsh was born on October 11, 1921, in Knoxville, Tennessee to Thomas and Saidye Marsh. Before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 he attended Camden Academy and Knoxville College. Marsh served in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, arriving at the Anzio Beachhead three days before Operation Shingle and was honorably discharged in December 1945. He then returned to Knoxville College, where he served as the president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and graduated in June 1947.

On September 1, 1948, in Roanoke, Virginia Marsh married the former Ruth Eleanor Claytor. He then transferred from law school at the University of Michigan to the Wayne State University Law School since Ruth was a student at the University of Detroit. Eventually they had three children: Thomas, Walter, and Terésa.

In June 1950, Marsh graduated from law school and was admitted to the bar in January 1951, opening an office in Detroit where he practiced until moving to Saginaw.

When Marsh moved to Saginaw and opened his law office in April 1954, the city was segregated and no black man had ever won elected office. In 1955, Harry W. Browne was poised to become Saginaw's first black city councilman, but a late swell of votes swung the result toward a white candidate.

Marsh became chairman of the now-extinct Human Rights Commission in 1958. In 1961, he ran for and won a seat on Saginaw City Council.



Marsh was elected mayor pro tempore in 1965, a century after abolition freed his grandfather from slavery.

During a time when the 1967 Detroit riot threatened to spill into Saginaw and other Northern cities, Marsh was so concerned about the threat of violence from both sides (racially and literally) that he ordered the drawbridge connecting the East and West sides of the city be raised to limit the flow of traffic from both sides. Marsh formed a committee of over 200 community leaders to discuss concerns facing the city, later calling it his most important accomplishment.

He retired as the city's chief officer in 1969 to

return to his law practice. Shortly after leaving the mayor's office, the city council successfully petitioned to have the Interstate 675 bridge over the Saginaw River named in Marsh's honor.

Marsh's legacy continues to be felt in the Saginaw area. He has received several community awards and The Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy was founded which graduated its first class in 2011.

**Henry Marsh was like a father figure to me. He encouraged me to get involved and do work that was going to elevate the black community.**

***"Do more thinking than talking and when the time comes for you to talk you will know what you're talking about."* was just one of the many lessons he taught me during our time spent together.**

**Through him, I've learned patience, professionalism and the importance and power of our community.**

*Jerome Buckley,  
The Michigan Banner*



## Guerra Bill transfers property to Delta College



*courtesy photo*

LANSING – State Rep. Vanessa Guerra (D-Saginaw) said today that she is pleased that her bill, House Bill 5284, to help Delta College with their Saginaw Center Downtown Campus project has passed and is on its way to the governor for his signature. The bill conveys a strip of land on Baum Street, which has been closed for a number of years, to the city of Saginaw for \$1. The city of Saginaw will convey that land to Delta College.

“This is the final piece of land that Delta College needs for the Saginaw Center project, which will result in a new facility that will include high-level technology, special-use training rooms, active-learning classrooms, and basic science and computer labs,” said Guerra. “I thank my colleagues for their support of Delta College and its mission to deliver the best education opportunities and state-of-the-art facilities to its students.”

The land will be used for a green space and a water reclamation area with shrubs and grasses next to what will be the Saginaw Center facility.

## Congressman Dan Kildee meets Michigan auto workers, pushes economic growth



*courtesy photo*

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) today met with Michigan members of the United Auto Workers (UAW) to discuss the federal budget, preserving pensions, Social Security and Medicare. During the meeting, Congressman Kildee highlighted the need for Congress to pass a long-term budget that provides certainty for our economy and greater opportunity for workers and their families.

“I am proud to represent so many hardworking Michiganders, including the men and women of the UAW,” Congressman Kildee said. “In Michigan, we have a strong manufacturing heritage that helps to propel our state’s economy and employs hundreds of thousands of workers in good-paying jobs. My top priority in Congress is continuing to grow our economy and ensure workers see rising wages.”

During their meeting, Congressman Kildee also discussed the recently passed Republican tax plan, which raises taxes on many working families while giving massive, permanent tax cuts to the richest Americans. This past weekend, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (WI-01) bragged about handing a tax cut of just \$1.50 per week to workers, while at the same time giving away billions of dollars in permanent tax breaks to corporations and the wealthy.

Congressman Kildee has been a long time champion of Michigan’s working families. In September 2017, Congressman Kildee visited General Motor’s Flint Assembly and joined workers on the assembly line to help better understand the important contributions they make every day to our economy.

# Poll Shows Strong Voter Support for Environmental and Infrastructure Investments

LANSING, Mich. – Poll results released today by Gov. Rick Snyder show strong public support for two investment proposals to address clean-up of contaminated sites and repair of Michigan’s aging water infrastructure.

The polling was conducted January 22 – 25, 2018 by Mitchell Research & Communications in Lansing.

Michigan’s successful Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) Bond, which was used to clean up over 1,000 contaminated and abandoned sites, has been depleted with no permanent funding replacement identified. Michigan has 3,000 more sites that need cleaning up to protect public health and return the land to beneficial use for communities and businesses.

At the same time, Michigan’s aging water infrastructure is a problem that will only get worse if left unaddressed; sewer breaks, water main breaks, and lead service lines all pose a risk to human health as well as taxpayer wallets.

“Michigan voters clearly understand the importance of addressing our environmental and infrastructure needs sooner rather than later,” Snyder said. “Poll after poll shows that fixing our infrastructure remains a top priority for Michigan residents. People are rightly concerned about the current condition of Michigan’s water infrastructure, as well as cleaning up contaminated sites.”

Results show strong support for two affordable fee increases. These include increasing Michigan’s fee to dispose waste from \$.36 per ton to \$4.75 per ton to more closely align with the Midwest average, and a \$5 per person water fee on large water systems.

Michigan’s current low dumping fees make it cheap to dump waste in Michigan. The average fee is \$5.30 per ton among other Midwest states, Wisconsin charges \$13 per ton. Michigan is currently importing over 25 percent of its trash from other states and Canada.

In addition to supporting the fees, the overwhelming majority of respondents also said they would support legislators who voted in favor of them.

“These are environmental, public health and economic development issues and we must find a better funding solution to clean-up contaminated sites,” said Department of Environmental Quality Director Heidi Grether. “Returning property to productive use will improve public health and increase property values, which helps all local communities in Michigan. Governor Snyder’s plan also allows us to make significant headway every year without leaving the burden of paying for it to future generations.”

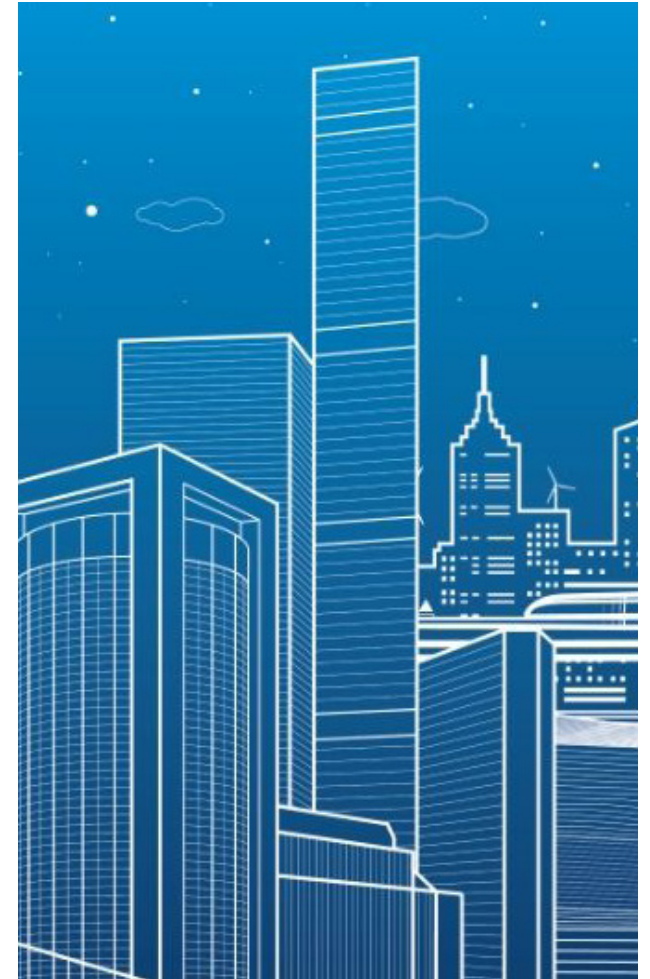
While Michigan’s CMI was successful, it was also costly for taxpayers. To finance \$675 million worth of clean-up, Michigan taxpayers will have paid over \$1 billion when including finance charges.

“Voters approved the CMI bonds back in 1998, but people who weren’t even born yet will be paying for it until they are in their 40s,” Snyder said. “I believe a pay-as-you-go system for these proposals is a far better approach than leaving behind debt for our children and grandchildren.”

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Environmental Survey Results

## CONTAMINATED SITE CLEAN-UP, WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING

- 88% of likely voters across party lines expressed high levels of concern regarding the issue of cleaning up and developing contaminated sites.
- Before being given any information on the issue, a majority of voters (58%) said they would support a statewide ballot initiative increasing the “tipping fee” to pay for clean-up of contaminated sites.
- After becoming informed about the issue regarding why it should be increased, support for a “tipping fee” increase to the basin-wide average amount jumps to 80%.



- Voters expressed 80% support for a tipping fee. Conversely, when asked if they’d instead support a bond, support dropped to 42%.

## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- 84% of likely voters across party lines also expressed high levels of concern about the status of the state’s water infrastructure.
- 71% of likely voters would cast their vote in support of a legislator who voted to support an annual \$5.00 fee for water infrastructure.
- 79% would support a \$5.00 fee if 80% of the funds were to be returned to the community.





# CELEBRATING LOCAL BLACK ACHIEVEMENTS

## Government & Civil Service

Cal Nicholson	First Black Police Officer & Detective City of Saginaw	1934
Warren S. Hurt	First Black Fireman & Fire Marshall City of Saginaw	1947-1977
Harry W. Browne	First Black male elected Saginaw County Board Commissioners	1951
Henry G. Marsh	First Black male elected to Saginaw City Council	1961-1963
	First Black male to serve as Mayor of City of Saginaw	1967-1969
Marie Davis	First Black female elected Saginaw County Board Commissioners	1968-1990
Dr. Joy Hargrove	First Black female elected to Saginaw City Council	1979-1986
Michael Finney	First Black Interim City Manager City of Saginaw	1986-1987
Al Holiday	First Black male to serve as Chair of County Board Commissioners	1989-1990
Terry L. Clark	First Black Saginaw County District Court Judge	1990-Present
James Golden	First Black Chief of Police, City of Saginaw	1996-2000
Wilmer Ham-McZee	First Black female to serve as Mayor of City of Saginaw	2001-2005
Carl Williams	First Black 96th MI State House of Representatives	2001-2007
Darnell Jackson	First Black Saginaw County Circuit Court Judge	2006-Present
Brigette Braddock	First Black female serve Chair of County Board of Commissioners	2009
Ebony Rasco	First Black female lieutenant, Saginaw County Sheriff's Department	2017
Tonya Norris	First Black female sergeant, Buena Vista Township Police Department	2017

# Midland Figure Skating Club to host Tri-States Synchro Competition



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Skating fans can get a sneak peek of what could be a future Olympic sport when the Midland Figure Skating Club hosts the 2018 Tri-States Synchronized Skating Competition on February 10. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Midland Civic Arena, 405 Fast Ice Dr. Admission is \$10 for guests 12 and over.

While synchronized skating will not be part of the program in the upcoming Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, that may change for the next Games in Beijing in 2022.

“In terms of skater participation, synchronized skating is the fastest growing branch of U.S. Figure Skating,” said Midland Figure Skating Club President and 2018 Tri-States SynchroChairperson Karen Boswell. “There are high hopes that it will become an official Olympic Sport in 2022. We’re very excited that Midland can be part of that growth by hosting this competition.”

Synchronized skating is a team sport in which 8-20 skaters perform a choreographed routine to music. There are several basic elements that must

be executed during a routine, but coaches have latitude in how each element is interspersed between transitions. The result is a captivating series of intricate, changing patterns of skaters in blocks, circles, wheels and lines gliding across the ice.

Boswell said she expects 84 teams comprised of 1,100 skaters to participate in the Tri-States Competition. Skaters range in age from 4 to 70. With about 70 coaches and 17 officials, plus family and friends, the competition is expected to draw about 3,000 guests total. Teams travel from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky to attend the competition, which is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating.

The Midland Figure Skating Club has three teams entered in Tri-States competition. Turning Points, comprised of adult skaters coached by Hedi Allis, will compete in the Open Adult Level. Turning Points finished fifth in last year’s event in Ohio. Ice Fusion is a new venture consisting of two teams. Ice Fusion 1 is made up of junior skaters ages 8-12. Ice Fusion 2 is made up of beginner skaters ages 4-7. Both teams are coached by Teri Haag. This will be

the first synchro event for the Midland Ice Fusion teams.

“Teams are judged on technical ability, speed, synchronization and artistry,” said Allis. “Our teams have been practicing very hard in preparation for the competition. Synchronized skaters show a high level of teamwork, commitment and athleticism. The skills they learn as part of a team will benefit them in many other aspects of their lives.”

Boswell said Midland last hosted the Tri-States Synchro competition in 2008, adding that skating clubs undergo an extensive bidding process to bring it to their respective cities.

“It’s really a big effort, involving a lot of work from a lot of people,” she said. “But the benefits to our club and our community are enormous, especially in terms of the positive economic impact for our hotels and restaurants. It’s going to be huge. In fact, one of our biggest challenges has been making sure we have enough rooms for everyone. This is really a chance for Midland to shine.”



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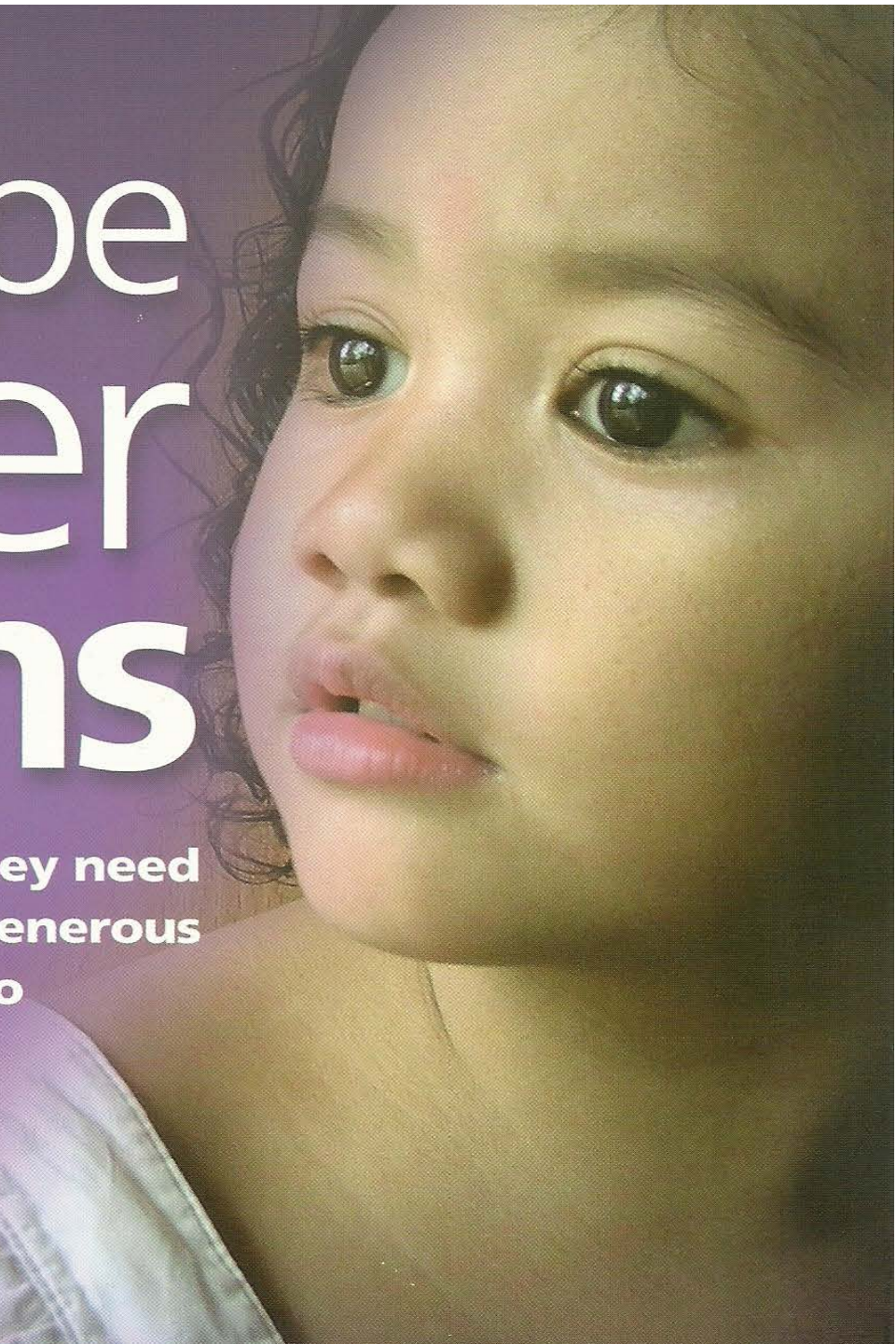


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# CHANGES TO OUR NEW ROUTES

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

**Team One Credit Union supports the great work of the Sandusky Weekend Backpack Program and The Giving Closet with a \$500 donation to each program. This partnership with the Sandusky Presbyterian Church and Sandusky Public Schools is a vital resource for local students and families.**

**The Weekend Backpack Program provides 78 local students weekly with enough food and snacks for the weekend.**

**The Giving Closet is a resource of community donated items for students in need of things such as clothing, food, cleaning products and personal hygiene.**



*Pictured: Pastor Katja Gruening – Sandusky Presbyterian Church, Rebecca Sanchez – Team One Board Member, Norah Harding – Sandusky Office Branch Manager, Erin Carlson – Sandusky High School Teacher, Dana Tell – VP, Team One Marketing*





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