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What a blessing to the City of Saginaw!

On Wednesday, May 30, 2018, 2nd Avenue changed to "Roosevelt Austin Boulevard" to honor Rev. Roosevelt Austin who was Pastor at Zion Baptist Church, 721 Johnson St. and now Roosevelt Austin Blvd, for forty years.

Rev. Austin was my Pastor and has been a longtime minister and Saginaw leader.

It's so interestingly, Zion Baptist Church celebrates it's 150th Anniversary this year ~ 1868-2018.

Additionally, when Zion Baptist Church was established in 1868, 2nd Ave. was called Rockwell St. in East Saginaw. On Wednesday, "Roosevelt Austin Boulevard" became the third name for this street.

Jerome Buckley,
Publisher of The Michigan Banner



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SVSU grad inspired to teach in Detroit



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West Michigan Chamber of Commerce will host Latino Health 5K Run

With a focus on health and wellness promotion, the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held its first Annual Latino Health 5K Run/Walk in September of 2015.

The goal is to encourage Hispanic families to maintain a healthy lifestyle and incorporate physical activity, such as running or walking, into their daily lives. Chronic illnesses such as diabetes and high cholesterol, affect minority groups at an increased rate, which has been attributed to poor diet and lack of exercise.

The West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce believe by showcasing the fun side of physical activity through a family-oriented 5K walk and run, participants can feel energized and prepared to continue striving toward better overall community health. The run/walk begins and finishes at Roosevelt Park and winds through Grandville Avenue and surrounding park area. The event commences at 9am on Saturday, August 25th.

Just three years after the first Latino Health 5K, they have had over 300 participants and the goal remains centered on elevating the health of the Hispanic community. While the event is geared towards the Latino community, all of West Michigan is invited to support endeavors to promote healthy habits and a balanced lifestyles. Funds raised for and during this event allow us to continue our initiatives that promote the economic advancement of Hispanic owned businesses.



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Rebecca Sanchez Named Chairperson of Team One Credit Union Board



Team One Credit Union is pleased to announce that Rebecca Sanchez has been named Chairperson of the Board. Ms. Sanchez has been a member of Team One for over 35 years and has been on the Team One Board of Directors since 1999. During this time, Rebecca has served on the Budget Committee,

Personnel Committee and as the Secretary before being nominated as Chairperson in April 2018.

Ms. Sanchez has been an instructor with the Saginaw City School District since 1978. She has generously donated her talents to many community events and causes as a way of providing a positive role model for her students and peers. Rebecca is a School Improvement Team Member at Merrill Park Elementary and is a member of the National Network of Partnership Schools Committee. In May, she was honored to be asked to be the Grand Marshall of the Cinco de Mayo parade in Saginaw. She lives in the Sandusky area and serves as an elder in the Sandusky Presbyterian Church. Rebecca is an avid supporter of the Sandusky Food Backpack program which provides extra support for students facing hunger over the weekend when school meals are unavailable.

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Norma Gonzalez, SVSU grad inspired to teach in Detroit



Norma Gonzalez graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in May 2018 with a degree in math education. She was invited to speak at the SVSU Multicultural Student Graduation Celebration on campus prior to Commencement, and she is pictured at the ceremony with Donald Bachand (left), SVSU president, and Deborah Huntley (right), SVSU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Norma Gonzalez has always possessed a strong desire to teach. Those who have seen her in action are convinced she has made the right career choice.

A math education major, Gonzalez graduated from Saginaw Valley State University May 12. She has accepted a teaching position at Cesar Chavez Academy in Detroit, where she has been working as a long-term substitute teacher.

“Teaching in any capacity is always something I knew I would do,” Gonzalez said. “By the time I was in third grade, that was always my answer when people asked me what I wanted to do when I grew up.”

Roberto Garcia, director of the SVSU Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, worked closely with Gonzalez during her time at the university. After getting to know her in his English composition class, Garcia became a mentor to Gonzalez and

sees a rare quality in her.

“When Norma came here, she knew what she wanted,” Garcia said. “Teaching is her passion and, on top of that, she’s a natural leader. She has influence and she doesn’t shy away from the responsibility of leadership. She embraces it.”

Raised in a bilingual household, Gonzalez is fluent in Spanish and hopes to continue to work in an environment where she can employ her Spanish education minor in the classroom.

“Being bilingual is a huge benefit to Norma in her current career track,” Garcia said. “She’s excited about the opportunity to go into areas where she can use her ability to speak Spanish in order to teach and educate.”

As someone who has made it her mission to help others, Gonzalez was always heavily involved in tutoring programs throughout her high school

years at Pontiac Academy for Excellence, a charter school authorized by SVSU. (Cesar Chavez is also an SVSU-authorized charter school.)

In college, she was immediately drawn to the SVSU tutoring center where she felt her particular skill set would be utilized.

Active on campus, Gonzalez was involved with the Latino Awareness Association, which aims to promote unity and celebrate diversity while spreading awareness of the many different Latino cultures. She was also a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, a service sorority on campus. The organization completed monthly service work, which included volunteering in animal shelters and local soup kitchens.

Gonzalez also worked as a mentor through the SVSU Public School Academy program in which she would lend her time to incoming freshmen as they attempted to settle into campus life.

“Norma always volunteered to work that program,” Garcia said. “She spoke so highly about how the program helped her get situated into college life and I really think she enjoyed reaching back and mentoring some of the young people coming in after her.”

Gonzalez also worked in the dean’s office for the SVSU College of Education, where her passion and leadership qualities quickly became evident. She helped to create an SVSU event – Heroes in Education – in which influential educators are honored for their dedication to student growth.

As part of the College of Education leadership team, Gonzalez was part of the panel that reviewed nominations for teachers deserving of the award.

“Reading their stories was so inspiring to me,” Gonzalez said. “It makes me grateful for the position SVSU has put me in with my student teaching and field work opportunities.”

Currently teaching math in a 7th grade classroom, Gonzalez said she felt at home and supported in her student teaching placement.

“I’m happy to be in Detroit,” she said. “Teaching these students has been a real learning experience. Predictably, the most difficult part is finding my footing with classroom management, but I always have people that I can go to at any time. I’m doing it and I’m loving it more every day.”



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Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 2nd, 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.



HEALTH

SVSU Honors Outstanding Patient Care at Nursing Excellence Awards Ceremony



Pictured from left: Jill Hegenauer, Jessica Fodrocy, Jennifer Whyte, Amy Slough, Brenda Harris, Edwin Vazquez
Photo credit: Tim Inman, SVSU

Saginaw Valley State University celebrated the excellence, dedicated care and leadership delivered by six registered nurses in the Great Lakes Bay Region during the eighth annual Carleen K. Moore R.N. Nursing Excellence awards ceremony Wednesday, May 16.

Established by SVSU's Department of Nursing through generous support provided by Terry Moore and his wife Carleen K. Moore, the awards recognize outstanding nurses in multiple career paths, including clinical bedside nurses, nurse educators, nurses in the community and nurses in long-term care and rehabilitation facilities.

The 2018 recipients include:

- Edwin Vazquez, who works in the mental health unit at MidMichigan Medical Center-Gratiot. He is one of the three recipients of the Nursing in the Acute Care Environment award. His nomination letter read, "Edwin has stepped up as a leader. He motivates others by appealing to higher ideals and moral values. Every nurse on the unit shares that they love working with him and appreciate his integrity

and learning orientation. Edwin Vazquez is an excellent role model to nurses at all experience levels."

- Brenda Harris, who works in the McLaren-Bay Region electrophysiology lab. She is one of the three recipients of the Nursing in the Acute Care Environment award. Her nomination letter read, "Brenda always has her patients' safety, concerns and fears in mind as she provides care. Often seen holding a patient's hand, using touch to reassure and speaking in a quiet soothing voice, she sets an example for how all nurses should care for patients."
- Amy Slough who works in the Towne Center Surgery Center at Saint Mary's of Michigan. She is one of three recipients of the Nursing in the Acute Care Environment award. Her nomination letter read, "Amy is a quick learner who leads by example. She is not afraid to speak up when she has a concern or an idea of how to do something better. She will come in early and stay late. She has a strong work ethic and friendly personality."

- Jessica Fodrocy, who works as a breast cancer nurse navigator at MidMichigan Health. She is the recipient of the Nursing in the Community award. Her nomination letter read, "Jessica easily connects with patients and quickly builds trust and respect that is critical to guide them through their desired cancer treatment. Jessica educates women on how to prevent breast cancer, promote early detection, and she guides them through to survivorship."
- Jennifer Whyte, who works as a behavioral health program manager at McLaren-Bay Region. She is the recipient of the Nursing Education award. Her nomination letter read, "For those who have the privilege to work closely with Jennifer, they have had the opportunity to see a nursing professional who is dedicated to nursing excellence, passionate about preventing illness in the community and compassionate about the daily struggles that patients and families endure as they navigate the health care system."
- Jill Hegenauer, who works for Covenant HealthCare. She is the recipient of the Long-Term Care/Rehabilitation award. Her nomination letter read, "Jill demonstrates the 'We Care' values of Covenant with every shift that she works, from start to finish. She exhibits a caring attitude and always treats residents with dignity and as unique individuals."
- Carleen K. Moore worked as a licensed practical nurse for almost 15 years before returning to nursing school to become a registered nurse. She then worked in the critical care units at MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland for the next 11 years before retiring from full time nursing in 2001. Moore and her husband, Terry, believe in the importance of recognizing and encouraging nurses who demonstrate excellence in their field.

For more information on SVSU's nursing program, please visit www.svsu.edu/nursing/.

Addressing physical and mental health is key to improving quality of life for Michigan cancer survivors

National Cancer Survivors Day is June 3rd



LANSING, Mich. – Battling cancer can have a significant impact on families, and as part of National Cancer Survivors Day the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sharing physical and mental health strategies to improve survivors' quality of life.

A person is a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis through the remainder of their life. There are currently more than 15.5 million cancer survivors in the United States and this number is expected to grow to 20.3 million by 2026. In Michigan, it is estimated that there are 526,100 cancer survivors.

“Due to advances in screening and early detection, as well as treatment, many people are living longer after a cancer diagnosis,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Having support during treatment and living as healthy as you can during and after treatment are vital to survivorship.”

With many different types of cancer and cancer treatments, cancer survivorship is different for each survivor. While many survivors are living longer, they may still experience effects of their cancer and its treatment for years to come. This can include physical, emotional and financial impacts on survivors and their families.

Quality of life is important in survivorship for those who are free of cancer, continue to live with a manageable cancer or face end of life issues. Survivorship care means looking after peoples' mental and physical health. Cancer survivors can address their quality of life by working with their health care providers to manage side effects or long-term effects they experience.

Making healthy choices can improve quality of life and reduce the chance of a cancer recurrence or developing second cancer type. Healthy choices can include increased physical activity, good nutrition, limited alcohol intake and tobacco cessation. Mental health can be addressed through

participation in a cancer support group or speaking with a counselor.

To improve health, survival and quality of life after a cancer diagnosis:

- Quit tobacco. Smoking and other tobacco products increase your risk for cancer recurrence and additional cancers.
- Be active and strive to maintain a healthy diet and weight.
- Discuss a follow-up care plan with your health care provider.
- Get help for depression or anxiety related to cancer or its treatment.

For resources about survivorship and life after cancer treatment, visit the American Cancer Society website or call 800-227-2345. Information is also available at the National Cancer Institute.

Flint families can get nutritious food at mobile food pantry in June

LANSING, Mich. – Flint families may get nutritious food that can limit the effects of lead exposure during mobile food pantry hours set for June at locations throughout Flint.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are announcing the upcoming schedule for mobile food pantry stops to distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron.

Families in June will receive produce that includes potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. More than \$300 million has been provided to help the residents of Flint, including funding for this initiative. Food distribution sites remain open while supplies last. Upcoming dates are:

- Friday, June 1, at 11 a.m. – My Brother’s Keeper, 601 N. Saginaw St.
- Monday, June 4, at 10 a.m. – Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.
- Tuesday, June 5, at 10 a.m. – Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties, 910 Chippewa St.

- Tuesday, June 5, at 10 a.m. – Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.
- Thursday, June 7, at 10 a.m. – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.
- Monday, June 11, at 10 a.m. – Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.
- Tuesday, June 12, at 10 a.m. – Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.
- Wednesday, June 13, at noon – Salem Lutheran Church, 2610 Martin Luther King Ave.
- Thursday, June 14, at 10 a.m. – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.
- Monday, June 18, at 10 a.m. – Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.
- Tuesday, June 19, at 10 a.m. – Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.
- Wednesday, June 20, at 10 a.m. – Hispanic Tech Center, 2101 Lewis St.
- Thursday, June 21, at 10 a.m. – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.
- Friday, June 22, at 10 a.m. – St. Luke’s NEW Life Center, 3115 Lawndale Ave.
- Saturday, June 23, at 1 p.m. – Church Without Walls, 4119 N. Saginaw St.
- Monday, June 25, at 10 a.m. – Bethel United

- Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.
- Tuesday, June 26, at 10 a.m. – Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.
- Thursday, June 28, at 10 a.m. – Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.

Flint residents can also pick up free nutritional food at the three Flint Help Center locations. They are Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Highway, open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays; Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road, open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Highway, open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change, and information about additional food distribution dates will be announced as they are scheduled. For more information or to find out about any changes in the schedule, visit the Food Bank website at www.FBEM.org and find the updated schedule on the Mobile Pantry Distribution page, or call 810-239-4441.



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Great Lakes PACE... More Choices for Seniors!



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The Great Lakes PACE program has been opened since May 1, 2015. This is exciting news for seniors. We assist those with failing health and other needs wishing to remain in their homes. A nursing home is no longer the only option for those who are aging with health problems. There are more choices. PACE stands for Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. A holistic style is used for meeting the health needs of our enrollees. Our team includes doctors, nurses, physical-occupational-recreational therapists, social workers, a dietician, a transportation coordinator and a center manager. We provide medical and nursing care in our on-site clinic.

Our other services include pharmacy, lab, therapy day care, meals and more. There is transportation to and from our PACE center for Adult Day Health or medical appointments. Aides are scheduled to help in the home if needed. PACE participants are responsible for the cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE is offered to those who are 55 years or older and meet the medical and financial

guidelines. We cover most of the Great Lakes Bay Region and a few nearby areas which are known by zip codes. (See below). Many may choose a nursing home due to being uninformed of other choices. Our two Intake Coordinators will answer your questions. Their role is to provide you with information about this amazing program. Dee Dee Isles is our Outreach Marketing Specialist. She is connecting with medical professionals, local churches and other community organizations to offer informational sessions that will meet your time limits. Individual or group tours are available on walk in basis. Evening tours arranged if needed. Call to schedule a lunch tour for yourself or a group of any size. Help us to empower the seniors of our community to make informed decisions about their future. Great Lakes PACE is great news! It offers more choices for seniors. Contact us at 989 272- 7610. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Great Lakes PACE services available in these zip codes:

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BUSINESS & WEALTH

LARA Extends June 15th Deadline for Medical Marihuana License Applicants



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May 30, 2018 – The Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has issued new emergency administrative rules to continue the implementation of the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA). To help ensure the continued protection of medical marihuana patients, under the new rules, proposed medical marihuana facilities that would otherwise require a state operating license under the MMFLA may continue to operate with local approval until September 15, 2018 without impacting the applicant's eligibility for licensure.

“Extending the deadline to September 15th will make sure that this law is implemented correctly and assure that potential licensees are thoroughly reviewed. It is important that we ensure that medical marihuana patients have continued access to their medicine,” said LARA Director Shelly Edgerton.

Applicants who turned in their state application by the February 15th deadline – and are making a good-faith effort to become licensed – had faced a deadline of June 15, 2018 to shut down or risk continued activity being considered an impediment to licensure by the Medical Marihuana Licensing Board (MMLB). This 92-day extension will allow the bureau and the board enough time to investigate and authorize facility operator licenses in order to make sure that access to medical marihuana is maintained.

The new emergency rules also include clarifying language regarding safety testing standards that LARA has previously disseminated through technical advisories.

Signed by Gov. Rick Snyder and effective today, these rules will remain in effect for six months.

It is important for applicants to remember that

LARA's emergency administrative rules require those operating under the temporary operation rule (number 19) to cease operation if they have not been issued a license by September 15, 2018, as any operation after that date is considered unlicensed activity.

Ultimately, licensure decisions will be made by the members of the MMLB, who may choose to consider unlicensed activity as part of the licensing criteria when deliberating on the overall application. Until a license is received from the state, the operation of a proposed medical marihuana facility should be considered a business risk by the operator. Noncompliance will be grounds for disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement for unlicensed activity.

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1st State Bank Announces the Promotion of Four Officers

Rick Goedert, President of 1st State Bank, is proud to announce the following promotions:



Jim Milroy, Chief Financial Officer & Executive Vice President, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for 1st State Bank. Milroy joined 1st State Bank as CFO in 2007 and has 28 years of banking experience.



James Papajesk, Senior Vice President, has been promoted to Chief Credit Officer and is responsible for monitoring and managing the Bank's overall credit standards. Papajesk started with 1st State Bank in 2006 as a Business Lender and has over 23 years of experience in business banking.



Jesse Kendall is now an Assistant Vice President of the Bank. Kendall has worked for 1st State Bank for the past 6 years, starting as a Credit Analyst and was promoted to Business Lender in 2017.



Cynthia Holliday has been promoted to Bank Secrecy Officer of 1st State Bank. Along with BSA responsibilities, Holliday continues to serve as a Deposit Operations Specialist. Holliday has over 17 years of banking experience and began working at 1st State Bank in 2017.

Chippewa Nature Center's Kirts Receives Master Interpretive Manager Award



Jenn Kirts, Director of Programs at Chippewa Nature Center (CNC), received the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) Master Interpretive Manager award for the Great Lakes Region at

the recent Regional Interpreters Workshop (RIW) in Traverse City, MI. She received the award for her commitment to programming, fundraising, site management, facility and staff development and her involvement in NAI.

Kirts received her master's degree in conservation biology, and began her CNC career in 2002 as a Nature Day Camp counselor. She became an Educator in 2005, Nature Day Camp (NDC) Director in 2007, School Program Coordinator in 2014 and Director of Programs in 2017.

In her 10 years as NDC Director, Kirts took CNC's longest running program to a new level of excellence. Under her leadership, training of staff included content (knowledge about the natural and cultural history of the area) and content delivery, working with youth (including special needs) and teen volunteers to create a safe environment in which the campers and staff support each other. Due to high demand (full capacity with approximately 80% of spots filling on the first day of registration), NDC has grown by over 75% to meet this need while maintaining program quality. Kirts sought out learning and teaching opportunities at the annual American Camping Association Mid-states conference, and presented concurrent sessions for five years. Kirts accepted the award for the Great Lakes Region Outstanding Interpretive Program in 2014 for Exploring Nature Together, a camp piloted by Kirts and a group of special education teachers and parents that enables kids on the autism spectrum to have a camp experience with their typical peers.

As an educator during the school year, Kirts' job was primarily youth-focused on the planning and delivery of school, scout and home-school programs. However, her biology background and excellent communication skills make her a powerful interpreter for audiences of all ages, always committed to fulfilling CNC's mission to connect all people to nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences. In 2014, was promoted to School Program Coordinator, and was responsible for hiring, training and supervising educators. She oversaw the revision of existing school programs and the development of new ones to align with state standards and local curriculum.

As Director of Programs, Kirts oversees all programs and program staff, as well as partnerships with Bullock Creek School District and a new partnership with Coleman Community Schools for more agriculture/nature based education. Currently, Jenn is spearheading a new public nature play space scheduled to open this summer.

An NAI member for over a decade, Kirts has served on the Membership Committee, and is currently secretary on the NAI Great Lakes board. A regular attendee and participant at the RIW each year, she was the registration chair in 2018 and has presented concurrent sessions.

Kirts is a Midland Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Midland graduate, and has attended the Professional Leadership Institute through the Association for Nature Center Administrators (ANCA). A strong advocate for the inclusion of nature in STEM learning, she serves the Great Lakes Bay Out-of-School Time Network where she has helped write grants in promoting access and equity to non-traditional STEM learning opportunities.

Kirts represented CNC on PBS News Hour about Nature Preschool and incorporating nature into education. The clip aired nationally on PBS and internationally through other platforms: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/b-bug-preschoolers-make-nature-classroom>.



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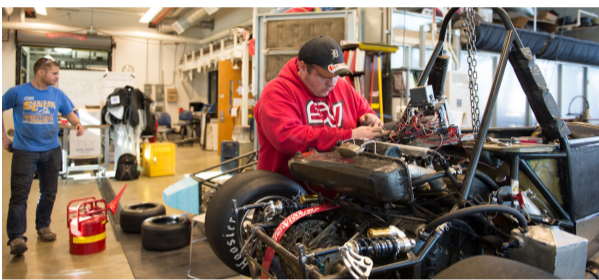
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EDUCATION

SVSU team shows off engineering ability, races to impressive showing at demanding international contest



Hunter Towalski, a mechanical engineering major from Monroe, works on the wiring of the Indy-style race car in preparation for SVSU's competition at Michigan International Speedway | Photo credit: Mike Randolph, SVSU

Powering through adversity, Saginaw Valley State University's Cardinal Formula Racing Team again secured its place among the world's elite, earning one of its best finishes ever in an annual competition against many of the top engineering students from across the globe.

For the fourth consecutive year, SVSU scored the highest finish among exclusively undergraduate programs at the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers Collegiate Design Series May 9-12 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan.

Overall, SVSU's team finished No. 24 out of 120 competitors. It marked the fifth-best finish in the program's 20-year existence.

"I'm really blown away by the students on this team," said Brooks Byam, SVSU professor of mechanical engineering and the team's adviser since 1998. "They are just phenomenal."

Byam said the team displayed gritty determination during the competition, and especially in the days before. After the team's Indy-style race car's primary engine failed

less than one week before they departed for the speedway, the students worked around the clock to prepare the backup engine for use in the vehicle while simultaneously building a new backup engine.

That work was ongoing during the competition, Byam said. During the first day of racing, one of the students drove to Kalamazoo to pick up engine parts. When he returned, the team continued to engineer the vehicle's backup-to-the-backup engine.

Byam attributed their strong work ethic to good leadership, including co-captain Kameron Carey, a mechanical engineering major from Saginaw.

"The team picked up a lot of his traits, which is the sign of a good leader," Byam said. "His attention to detail is what really helped us get the finish we got."

That finish placed SVSU second among the 13 Michigan schools that competed, ahead of Michigan Tech, Michigan State, Kettering and others. The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor finished 17th overall.

The teams that placed in the top 5 overall hailed from outside of the United States. University of Stuttgart, from Germany, finished No. 1. Of the United States-based teams, SVSU placed No. 11 overall, besting national programs such as Duke, Georgia Tech, Ohio State and Penn State.

Byam said the level of competition has increased substantially over the years as more international teams enter the fray. The Collegiate Design Series remains an exceptional educational experience for participants, he said.

"There's no other competition like this that better prepares our engineering students" he said. "It helps you, even years after you graduate. The camaraderie, the learning, the adversity – the experience just keeps paying you back."

The Collegiate Design Series' final standings are determined after combining scores from a series of competitions in categories such as design, cost, endurance and acceleration. The SVSU team's highest placement in an individual category was No. 7 in fuel efficiency.

"I was thrilled with that," Byam said.

Byam has advised the team for 20 years. He was the 2013 recipient of the Carroll Smith Mentor's Cup from the Society of Automotive Engineers, the top honor given to faculty who advise college formula racing programs.

The four times the program finished better than in 2018 happened in 2002 with a 6th-place finish, 2005 with an 8th-place finish, 2008 with a 14th-place finish, and 2010 with an 18th-place finish. Twice, in 2008 and 2014, SVSU built the fastest college race car in the world, winning the acceleration category.



Cardinal Formula Racing team co-captain Kameron Carey, a mechanical engineering major from Saginaw, makes last-minute adjustments to the race car at SVSU | Photo credit: Mike Randolph, SVSU

Dollar General Literacy Foundation donates \$10K to Flint Area

The Flint & Genesee Literacy Network was awarded a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for \$10,000, to support adult literacy in Flint and Genesee County. The grant is part of more than \$8.3 million in grants awarded to nearly 1,000 schools, non-profits and organizations across the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

“This grant will go a long way toward helping the Flint & Genesee Literacy Network improve literacy levels in adults. We will be able to increase the capacity of the Adult Learning Centers and their Site Coordinators to provide consultation, training, diagnostic screenings, web-based learning resources, and develop individualized learning plans,” said Jeremiah White, Community Impact Coordinator at the Flint & Genesee Literacy Network.

Adult Learning Centers (ALCs) are a collaborative strategy of FGLN and designed to address the individual needs of adult students through adult education programs and activities.

Genesee County is challenged by a silent crisis of unemployment with nearly 11% of residents out of work. This rate doubles within the City of Flint, leaving about 25% of residents unemployed. Often, the adults who struggle the most are those living with low literacy skills, affecting their ability to complete a job application, calculate change at a restaurant, or

read the information on a prescription bottle. This crisis severely limits the region’s potential for future growth and prosperity.

“We are honored to fund literacy and education initiatives, which support our mission of Serving Others,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s CEO. “The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018 and a legacy of helping people improve their lives through literacy and education. We believe these programs can have a positive impact on the communities we serve and we look forward to continuing to partner with organizations dedicated to making a difference in the lives of millions of Americans.” Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$154 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

The Flint & Genesee Literacy Network is comprised of numerous community stakeholder organizations, and has launched an ongoing collaboration to align and improve literacy resources and services in Flint and Genesee County. The Network believes that new approaches are required to solve the basic skills challenges facing our county. In line with the strategic components of the City of Flint Master Plan, the Network is committed to building on the strengths of community organizations, as

well as ensuring that families needing to improve their literacy skills have access to sufficient and appropriate information and resources. Mott Community College is the Fiscal Agent of the Flint & Genesee Literacy Network.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$154 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 10 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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Northwood Students Lead the Way at Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference



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leadership.

Northwood University students led in leadership at the Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference, April 11-14, 2018, in Washington D.C. The international competition included more than 1,600 college students from

the United States, Canada and around the world.

Northwood University’s team was presented the prestigious Leadership Passport Executive Award for engaging DECA students to be active leaders and members in the DECA organization. Nine Northwood students received the Leadership Passport Blue Diamond Award, which recognizes outstanding

Notably, Northwood student Allison Brown was elected Collegiate DECA International Vice President. Brown’s 10-month campaign was

endorsed by her fellow students who supported marketing, campaigning, and staffing her campaign booth at the conference. Brown is entering Northwood’s DeVos Graduate School of Management to pursue her MBA in fall 2018.

In addition, Northwood’s collegiate DECA advisor and professor John Gustincic was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for outstanding and lasting contribution as a presenter at the Advisor Professional Development forum.

DECA Inc. is a student organization with more than 215,000 members in all 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Canada, China, Germany, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spain. It is a professional organization cultivating emerging leaders and entrepreneurs.



Casaundra Perry, Delta College graduate, is pursuing her career as a physical therapist assistant.

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Want to learn more? Attend an information session and meet representatives from Dow Chemical, Delta College and Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!

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CMU Equips all Residence Halls, Classroom Buildings with New Access Controls

When students return to Central Michigan University's 22 residence halls and Graduate Housing in August, every one of them will benefit from building access security measures already in place or being added this summer.

Likewise in CMU classrooms and auditoriums, mechanical and electronic door locks are being added campuswide so rooms can be secured from the inside. Installation is underway as part of summer construction.

"The three-phase project started in 2016 and includes 20 buildings — 19 on campus and the College of Medicine educational facility in Saginaw," said Jonathan Webb, CMU associate vice president for facilities management. "Phases 1 and 2 of the project are complete, and phase 3 will be complete by August."

CMU Police Lt. Mike Sienkiewicz said the work is about creating layers of protection.

"At CMU, safety is our No. 1 priority," Sienkiewicz said. "We have a very safe campus and the lowest crime rates of any university in the state, yet things can happen anywhere at any time."

"We want CMU students, faculty and staff to be prepared to handle any situation and come out safe."

CMU introduced electronic building access last year in the Towers community — Carey, Cobb, Troutman, Wheeler, Campbell, Kessler and Kulhavi halls — and in Graduate Housing.

Public areas of the Towers complex are accessible during the day, but to get into a residence hall wing you have to be a resident and scan your CMU ID at an electronic card reader.

"We're locking the 'front door' of our students' living spaces," said Kathleen Gardner, director of Residence Life. Feedback has been positive from students — and their families: "They want this for their students," Gardner said.



Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

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Nonprofits for “them” or for all of us?

Who benefits from the nonprofit sector? Is it the poor, the hungry, the sick, the disenfranchised? Yes. And it is the wealthy, healthy, and wise! Along with government agencies, healthcare providers, grocery shoppers, opera fans, and scientists.

The impact of the nonprofit sector can be felt in all aspects of our individual and collective lives. We may not always see that impact, but that doesn't mean it isn't there. Direct services, advocacy, education, research, and performing arts are but a few of the types of organizations with impact that rolls, ripples and roars across our country and beyond our borders.

Think about it: scholarships for college and post-graduate study support the men and women who become teachers, administrators, entrepreneurs, artists, scientists and more. Gifts to a new cancer center, support patients now and in the future – maybe your sister or husband. Supporting the food bank keeps people fed, helping children to grow and seniors to remain independent.

It's not just individuals who benefit, government agencies benefit too. When agencies subcontract with nonprofits, or make grants to nonprofits, they are supporting organizations that have the relationships, agility, and expertise to serve and research in ways that government just can't. The responsibilities of our state and local governments are often “subcontracted” to nonprofits that provide human services such as childcare, healthcare, and housing.

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All of us benefit from nonprofits. We may not always be aware of that impact, but that doesn't mean it's not happening.



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COMMUNITY

Sam Wells, Named 2017 Mentor of the Year by Michigan Community Service Commission



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Throughout his career, Sam Wells '78 has made giving back and making a difference in young people's lives a top priority. Just as he was guided and mentored throughout his life and education, he knows doing the same for others will make a better future.

Wells, born and raised in Flint, Michigan, was recently named the 2017 Mentor of the Year by the Michigan Community Service Commission. He is a founder of Alpha Esquires, a local youth group and mentoring program aimed at promoting academics, brotherhood and community service. He serves as the director and has been mentoring young men in the community for decades.

"It's really intended to uplift mankind. It's about making a difference in the lives of the young men I mentor," Wells said. "I was humbled and honored to receive the award. Awards are nice. You can put a trophy on a mantle, but the real

reward is the lives I get to affect."

As Senior Global Director of Sales for Inteva Products LLC, Wells is out on the front lines building relationships with customers, figuring out what they need, what their marketing goal and other key imperatives are and helping them meet those goals. Wells helps Inteva Products, an automotive supplier, drive the right product strategy to meet the customer's expectations.

Before landing at Inteva Products, Wells worked for General Motors and Delphi for more than 30 years. Outside of his career, Wells also has been a part of Big Brothers Big Sisters and Urban League of Flint, and he served on the Board of Directors for both organizations.

Caring for people and helping wherever needed was ingrained in Wells at a young age. When he attended Kettering University, General Motors

Institute at the time, his parents would tell him to bring students home for dinner on the weekends.

"While I was at GMI, I watched how my parents supported other young people while they were in school. They asked me to bring students home for dinner on the weekends," Wells said. "A weekend didn't go by when someone didn't come by my home for dinner. Showing that care for others became a part of who I am."

During high school, Wells did a co-op at an AC Spark Plug facility where he met co-op students from Kettering and they talked to him about the University. Wells' father, who was an hourly worker at a GM plant, also encouraged him to attend. Being one of seven children, having the opportunity to work while in school was a huge help to his family.

"Taking in all those factors I thought it was the right avenue for me, no question about it. The rigor and discipline of GMI or Kettering definitely sets your mind and positions you to do well," Wells said. "You learn so much more about industry and how things work and you are doing it at the age of 17,18 and 19. You are managing and handling deadlines. There is a different mental discussion in the workplace that really pays off in the long run. You also learned the importance of networking."

Wells also was a founding member of the Black Unity Congress on campus to allow more networking and bond between the African American students on campus. Earlier this year, Wells attended the first Kettering University/GMI African American Alumni Networking Reception at Factory One in Flint.

Creating relationships, networking and creating bonds to help others succeed is part of who Wells is. That's a big reason why mentoring has such a special place in his heart.

Continues on pg 30, Sam Wells

The AB Dow Museum will host 52nd Annual Summer Art Fair



MIDLAND, MI – The AB Dow Museum’s 52nd annual juried fine art Summer Art Fair will have a new look in a new location this June. In a collaboration with Michigan Baseball Foundation and the Midland Downtown Development Authority, the annual event will take place in downtown Midland on June 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is free.

Presented by the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art, the Summer Art Fair takes place outdoors, rain or shine. Exhibits include original

works of glass, photography, jewelry, ceramic, mixed media, painting, unique apparel, metalwork and more.

Over 80 artists will display their juried exhibits of fine arts and crafts in downtown Midland’s new streetscape.

Enjoy popular Summer Art Fair activities including live entertainment performed by local musicians including the Resonators percussion ensembles; artist demonstrations where visitors

can stop to visit with Studio School instructors who will be working on their favorite form of art, such as drawing, ceramics and painting; tasty food options including Greek fare and Texas BBQ, as well as good old-fashioned hot dogs with the works and puff pastry elephant ears!

“We are very excited that the Summer Art Fair will take place in the new streetscape. This collaboration will attract patrons not just from the Great Lakes Bay Region but other surrounding counties as well,” said art fair director Emmy Mills. “We’ll still have all the great art, food and fun that the community has come to love.”

On Saturday, the Summer Art Fair committee will present three prestigious awards totaling \$2,250 in cash prizes to selected artists based upon artistic merit and unique craftsmanship. Award winners will have ribbons displayed at their booths throughout the rest of the weekend.

Summer Art Fair 2018 is sponsored by Tri-Star Trust Bank.

Impact Saginaw Sponsors Trip to Dow Diamond for Area School Kids



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On Tuesday, May 15, Impact Saginaw Area Credit Unions sponsored a trip to see a Great Lakes Loons game for approximately 290 local kids during School Kids Day at Dow Diamond.

Students and their chaperones from Merrill Park, Stone, Jessie Loomis, Herig, Chester Miller and Arthur Eddy Elementary schools experienced a thrilling baseball game between the Great Lakes

Loons and Bowling Green Hot Rods. For many students in attendance, this was their first trip to Dow Diamond to see a game. They were treated to 3 home runs by the Loons, who won the game 10-5. The kids also enjoyed a complementary lunch at the park and received an Impact Saginaw School Kids Day t-shirt. First Student generously donated the transportation of the students to/from the park for the event

Impact Saginaw Area Credit Unions work together to sponsor several events in the community annually. We strive to help provide access to local events and attractions for those that may not be able to take full advantage of them otherwise. By providing financial and/or volunteer resources for the betterment of our city, Impact Saginaw is committed to making a difference!

Impact Saginaw Area Credit Unions include: Catholic Federal Credit Union, Copoco Community Credit Union, Family First Credit Union, Financial Plus Federal Credit Union, First Area Credit Union, Frankenmuth Credit Union, Generations Family Federal Credit Union, Lake Huron Credit Union, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Saginaw County Employees Credit Union, Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union, Security Credit Union, Team One Credit Union, United Financial Credit Union, Wanigas Credit Union and Wildfire Credit Union.

For more information about Impact Saginaw’s Community Impact efforts, please visit www.impactsginaw.org.

Annual Art Exhibition and Competition to Take Place at First Congregational Church

The annual "Spring Into Art" exhibition that began on Sunday, May 13, 2018 is at First Congregational Church, 403 South Jefferson Avenue. "Spring Into Art" is a month-long celebration of art highlighting the work of regional artists, who are invited to submit exhibit entries. Original works of media including paintings, drawings, collages, fibres, and ceramics have been accepted. Though pre-registration was not required, an entry fee of \$20 accompanied entries. Two pieces of work were accepted from each artist. A total of 65 pieces of work from 33 artists was accepted.

Mid-Michigan artists and art organizations were invited to take part in the exhibit, which has occurred each May and June for the last three decades.

Galleries are open to the public Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and each weekday, Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The church's Baum Street office entrance offers guests handicap accessibility and the most convenient entrance to the show. The final day of the exhibit is Sunday, June 17.

Just under \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded during the exhibition. Sarah Brooks Clark, Art Instructor at Saginaw Valley State University served as juror.

First place went to Gerald C. Moore for his acrylic, Trees by the River, second place went to Bill Brinker for his watercolor, These Boots, and third place went to Annabelle Seymour for her acrylic, My Memory of Ireland. Merit awards went to D. Joanne Rummel for her graphite, Forlorn and to Deanna Bergman for her watercolor, He Leadeth Me Beside Still Waters. Another Merit Award given by Catherine Konn went to Barbara Zimmerman for her watercolor, Orbs. The 2018 Purchase Award went to Ellyn Grohman for her watercolor, Old School House. Stop in to view the show during Jazz on Jefferson on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 and cast a vote for "People's Choice" award!

The awards ceremony took place after worship on Sunday, June 3, 2018. If you would like more information, please contact Luther Hale, (989) 793-3709.

First Congregational Church, which dates to 1857, is a historic church campus in downtown Saginaw that is located on the corner of Jefferson and Hayden in downtown Saginaw. The congregation is affiliated with the United Church of Christ and has recognized excellence in artistic outreach and community service since the 1800's.

Continued from pg 28, Sam Wells



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"It was really a desire to make a difference. I had parents who were strong believers in education. Neither of my parents finished high school but for all of my siblings who was a mandate. Finish high school, go to college and do things differently," Wells said. "Somebody else paved a way for me. You don't progress as an individual, you don't progress as a community, if everyone takes the approach 'I've got mine. You figure out how to get yours.'"

Wells favorite part of mentoring is when he sees a light bulb go off for the first time.

"When you have a young guy and he finally realizes 'I can do something different. I am capable. I am not defined by my environment,' that is a good feeling. One of my favorite moments is when these young guys start applying to go to school and start bringing in their acceptance letters," Wells said. "There's nothing like it. That's the reward for me. When a young person comes in and says 'I met my goal with your help.'"

Wells encourages Kettering students to continue to volunteer after they graduate.

"You are part of something bigger in this community called the world. We can all sit back and complain about what's wrong. If we all did that nothing changes," he said. "It's important to be involved to make a difference. Don't wait on someone else to get things done. When people mobilize, they make a difference."

Wells also encourages students to understand the importance of building strong relationships because they are crucial for personal, business and community life.

Wells' roommate while at school was from New Jersey, and they are still best friends today. And there's a group of friends and their spouses from Kettering who still get together once a month.

"That led to the recent African American Alumni Networking Reception at Factory One. That leads to more networking in the future. That's critical for young students to learn," Wells said. "Build the relationships on sincerity, shared opinions and principles."

YMCA Camp Timbers Unveils New Facilities



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Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 1:30 pm, YMCA Camp Timbers will unveil \$1.8 million dollars in facilities upgrades to donors and the public as part of a Camp Open House. The renovation was made possible through the KidsCampUs campaign, a joint venture with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

At Camp Timbers, a new recreation pavilion will amplify their impact, reaching more individuals through meaningful partnerships, and the ability to host multiple groups in camp simultaneously during the peak summer season. A new pavilion will also provide Camp Timbers with an appropriately sized all weather activity space which is crucial for effective programs in Michigan. An updated main lodge welcome center at Camp Timbers ensures the preservation of the focal point, the dining hall, which serves as a hub of activity at camp, and offers an inviting and functional space for structured programming, social gathering, and necessary shelter from the elements. The camp improvements are rounded out with new camper and guest bathroom and shower facilities.

Planning for the KidsCampUs campaign began several years ago and involved input from community leaders along the way. The two organizations committed to the joint venture

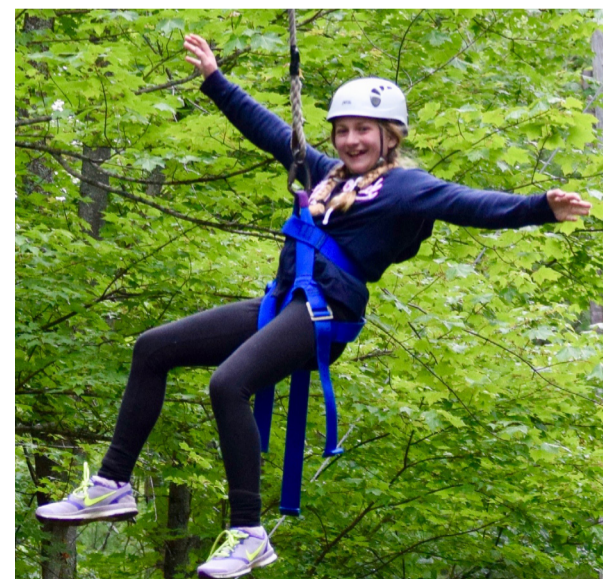
partnership in November 2016, and since that time YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs board members have been meeting to make KidsCampUs a reality. Community leaders Steve Kelly and Herb Spence are co-chairing the campaign, while Dick Garber is serving as honorary chair.

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.”

Since June 2017, the steering committee has been meeting with area foundations securing their support. The committee is pleased to share the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation has given the lead gift, a commitment of one million dollars to the KidsCampUs project. Other foundations have responded proportionately and positively including significant gifts from Frank N. Andersen Foundation, Covenant HealthCare, Dow Corning Foundation, The Jury Foundation, Morley Family Foundation, William McNally Family Foundation, Allen E. and Marie A. Nickless Memorial Foundation, Wickson-Link Memorial Foundation and the Wolohan Family Foundation as well as

local businesses and individuals.

Providing kids with a chance to unplug from technology, get outdoors, explore nature, develop self reliance and social skills, experience a more-worldly perspective with fellow campers from near and far, as well as international staff. More than 200,000 campers have benefited from 50 years of Camp Timbers, reaching families from primarily Saginaw, Bay, and Midland counties and secondarily from Detroit/Ann Arbor and Isabella County area.



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current location, the the corner of Washington and Thompson, in 2002. Today the DSFM has more than 50 vendors and operates four days a week. An early season sees the Market open late in May and expands as the Michigan growing season brings more bounty into the city.

The customers at the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market represents every walk of life in the Saginaw area. Families with young children push strollers past Market tables while senior citizens carefully look over the produce under the blue and white striped tents. People from nearby offices -AT&T, Michigan Works, and St. Mary's Hospital among them- stop to buy lunch from our food vendors. Retirees look over fresh flowers, handcrafted soaps, fruit infused vinegars along with fruit syrups and wine, locally grown fruit, and vegetables displayed on market tables. Volunteers at community tables share information with anyone who stops by at their display space. Mothers and seniors who are eligible to receive WIC and Project/Market FRESH benefits meet up with local agencies to receive their coupons and purchase their fresh Michigan-grown produce at the Market. All of these people are drawn to the Market by the ability to purchase local food directly from the farmers/producers to get the freshest food and products in the area.

Vendors arrive early on Market days to get their tables set up for the day. The vendors come to the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market from different locations throughout the region, including: Bay City, Munger, Wheeler, Middleton, Coleman, Kawkawlin, Chesaning, Hemlock, Vassar, and Saginaw. Some of our vendors have been bringing produce into Saginaw for more than 30 years and are second or third generation of farmers selling produce in Saginaw. Others are new to the market and just learning what a great community we have. Most bring fruits, vegetables, or flowers they have grown and harvested themselves. Other vendors sell freshly prepared food like baked goods, preserves, honey, maple syrup, fruit infused vinegars, fruit syrups, handcrafted soaps, handmade wooden cutting boards, jewelry, fruit wines, and hard ciders -- which vendors offer tastes for those 21 years and older! . Local food vendors offer Market customers snacks and lunch during the Market day with hot-to-go food to take home.

The market will be open on Monday from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

On Friday, May 25, The Saginaw Farmers Market opened at its new location, the SVRC Marketplace located at 203 S.Washington under the pavilion.

For the last 100 years farmers have been selling their produce directly to consumers in Saginaw, MI. Saginaw has had a number of different farmers' markets during this time. From 1910 to the end of the 1930s the Farmers' Market was near the Jacobson's store on Federal Avenue. In later years, the Market occupied different sites, including: near the former Montgomery Ward's

building, the Saginaw Fairgrounds, and Hayden Street.

The current Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market (DSFM) grew out of an effort by Saginaw's PRIDE in Saginaw, Inc. which saw the need and desire for a market. In 1992, PRIDE sought the assistance of the City of Saginaw and the Saginaw News to help having Market days in the downtown area. Early on the Market featured two to three vendors on two days per week from July through October. The Market moved to its



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Congressman Dan Kildee Hosts Michigan former foster youth, Marcus Batson for Foster Youth Shadow Day



Congressman Kildee talks with Marcus Batson on how to improve the lives of children in the foster youth system in Michigan.

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) today hosted a Michigan former foster youth, Marcus Batson, from Flint, for Foster Youth Shadow Day on Capitol Hill.

Launched in 2011, Foster Youth Shadow Day provides Members of Congress the opportunity to meet current and former foster youth to discuss and develop policy recommendations to strengthen the foster youth system and improve the overall well-being of youth and families throughout America. The day also provides an opportunity for current and former foster youth to learn the fundamentals of the U.S. Congress and experience a day in the life of a Member of Congress.

“As a former social worker, Michigan’s foster youth are close to my heart. Every child deserves a safe and supportive home, and Congress should

work to improve our foster youth system to expand opportunities available for foster youth,” said Congressman Kildee. “Hosting Marcus today on Capitol Hill allowed me to learn first-hand about his experience in the foster youth system and discuss the ways the system can progress. I’m looking forward to working with Marcus and my colleagues in Congress to expand opportunities for foster youth in Michigan and across the country.”

Batson spent part of his childhood in foster care and now works to better the lives of children in the child welfare system. He studied Social Work at University of Michigan-Flint and is currently getting his Masters Degree in Public Administration with a focus on Healthcare Administration. Batson has used his education and experience to give back to his community, currently working at Whaley Children’s Center, an organization that protects children in abusive or

dangerous homes.

During their day on Capitol Hill, Batson attended constituent meetings with Congressman Kildee and a meeting with House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (MD-05) and other Members of Congress. He also attended a lunch with other current and former foster youths visiting Washington, D.C.

Congressman Dan Kildee is a member of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, which unites over 130 Members of Congress—Republicans and Democrats—to examine the challenges facing all foster youth and develop bipartisan policy initiatives.

There are over 400,000 youth in the foster care system in the U.S., according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Secretary Johnson addresses trends and concerns for 'boomers' on bikes



courtesy photo

Noting their disproportionate involvement in crashes, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson encouraged baby boomers who ride a motorcycle or are thinking about it to take a returning-rider safety course, even if they rode in their younger days.

“Riders in their 50s and 60s who are getting back into motorcycling are strongly encouraged to take one of the rider education refresher courses we offer,” Johnson said. “People joke about never forgetting how to ride a bike, but operating a motorcycle is different. It requires constant practice to develop the judgment and skills necessary to identify and avoid hazardous situations on the road.”

Boomers interested in refreshing their riding skills should look into the department’s Returning Rider Basic Rider Course and the Advanced Rider Course. The department also offers a class for three-wheeled motorcycles, and a Basic Rider Course designed for those who are new to or wish to review the fundamentals of motorcycling.

Johnson noted that male motorcycle riders aged 50-69 were involved in 34.1 percent of all two-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle and 33.6

percent of all single-vehicle crashes (crashes just involving the motorcyclist). Female riders aged 40-59 are at the greatest risk of being involved in either a multiple vehicle or single vehicle crash.

“Our goal is to keep everyone safe on the road,” she added. “Motorcyclists should take a rider education safety course, always wear the proper gear and make sure they have the motorcycle endorsement before they ride.”

Johnson made her remarks at a news conference on May 24 celebrating Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Johnson, on a 883 cc Harley-Davidson Sportster, rode to the news conference with a group of riders, starting from parking lot of the Capital Area SUPER!Center in Lansing, and ending at the State Capitol. Speakers at the event were Special 1st Lt. Jim Flegel, Michigan State Police, Eric Larson, state director for the Gold Wing Touring Association, and Steve Lick, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCoach, trainer and coordinator for the motorcycle safety program at Grand Rapids Community College.

Secretary Johnson held similar news conferences on May 22 at Vehicle City Harley-Davidson in Flint and on May 2 at ABC Harley-Davidson in Waterford.

Governor Snyder Proclaims June as Immigrant Heritage Month

June 1, 2018 – Michigan celebrates with the rest of the nation as Gov. Rick Snyder today proclaimed June as Immigrant Heritage Month. Michigan celebrates its past, present, and future by welcoming those from across the globe who contribute to Michigan’s cultural diversity and economic growth.

“Michigan is a national leader in welcoming New Americans and that is something to be proud of,” Snyder said. “This month, our great state acknowledges and celebrates the many diverse ways immigrants have enriched our culture and economy throughout Michigan’s history.”

Governor Snyder established the Michigan Office for New Americans (MONA) in 2014 to help retain and attract global talent; to promote the skills, energy, and knowledge of our immigrant communities; and, to create a welcoming culture within Michigan.

MONA helps coordinate existing state agency services to immigrants and facilitates partnerships with non-profits, economic development organizations, universities, and the private sector in the areas of licensing, workforce training, education, housing, healthcare and quality of life. MONA also offers the Michigan International Talent Solutions (MITS) program, a free job search training, and coaching program designed to support highly skilled immigrants in Michigan return to their professional field.

“Immigrant Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the continued contributions of immigrants that live and work in Michigan,” said MONA Director Bing Goei. The immigrants of Michigan enrich our quality of life with music, food, art, and fashion, as well as contribute to the states ever-expanding economy.”

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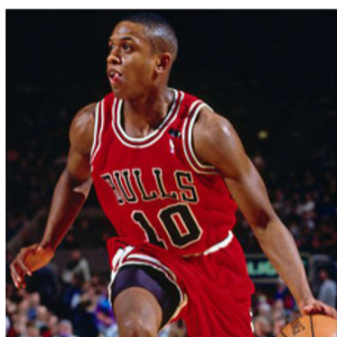
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SPORTS

Michigan Sports Hall of Fame selects 2018 class of inductees



First row from left: B.J. Armstrong, Charlie Coles and Mick McCabe; second row: Cullen Finnerty, Daedra Charles-Furlow and Kate Sobrero-Markgraf; third row: Robert Porcher, Todd Duckett and Ryan Shay.

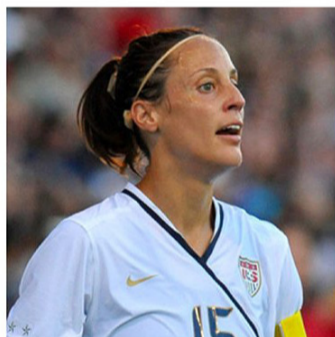


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Charlie Coles: As a high school basketball coach for more than a decade, he led Saginaw High to two state finals appearances before joining the college ranks, first as an assistant at Detroit Mercy and then for six seasons as head coach at Central Michigan University, where he led the Chippewas to the 1987 NCAA Tournament. Coles died in 2013.

Todd "TJ" Duckett: After an All-American career at Kalamazoo's Loy Norrix High School, he starred at running back at Michigan State University. The first-round draft pick of the Atlanta Falcons played seven years in the NFL.

Cullen Finnerty: The Brighton native remains the winningest quarterback in the history of college football, at all levels. His record at Grand Valley State University in the early 2000s was 51-4, while winning NCAA Division II National Championships in 2003, 2005 and 2006. Finnerty died at age 30 in 2013. An autopsy revealed he had suffered from the degenerative brain disease CTE.

Kate Sobrero-Markgraf: The Bloomfield Hills native won a state soccer title at Detroit Country Day before starring at University of Notre Dame. In addition to playing professionally for a decade, she played in more than 200 matches as a member of the U.S. Women's National Team and won medals in three Olympic games, including gold in 2008, when she was co-captain of the U.S. team.

Mick McCabe: With a nearly 50-year career as a sports writer at the Detroit Free Press, McCabe primarily covered high school and college athletics. A member of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, McCabe's award-winning career at the Free Press began in 1970.

Robert Porcher: The first-round draft pick of the Detroit Lions in 1992 played in three pro bowls and was named All-Pro in three seasons. He played his entire 12-year NFL career for the Lions, totaling 95.5 sacks from his defensive end position. Named to Crain's 40 Under 40 class in 2006, Porcher started a restaurant management company that has since dissolved.

Legendary local athletes, a veteran sports writer and a Detroit Lions defensive lineman-turned entrepreneur are among members of the 62nd class to be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

Selected by a group of sports journalists, Hall of Fame board members and select sport administrators, eight new inductees were to be announced Wednesday night. The induction ceremony, sponsored by Walker-based Meijer Inc., is scheduled for Sept. 28 at the MotorCity Casino Hotel's Sound Board theater.

According to the MSHOF, the inductees are:

B.J. Armstrong: The Detroit native and Brother Rice High School graduate had a standout

basketball career at the University of Iowa before an 11-year NBA career, including three championships as a member of the Chicago Bulls. He is now a player agent.

Daedra Charles-Furlow: A native of Detroit, she won two national championships as the star of the Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team. An Olympic medalist in 1992, she went on to serve on the coaching staff at University of Detroit Mercy, Auburn University and University of Tennessee. She is a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and was named one of ESPN's Top 25 women's college players of all time. Charles-Furlow died in April at age 48. A cause was not released. She had successfully battled breast cancer years before her death.



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Saginaw Spirit to play in Preseason Showcase hosted by Kitchener Rangers; announce Preseason schedule



Moncton Wildcats vs. North Bay Battalion – 2pm
Saginaw Spirit vs. Kitchener Rangers – 7pm

Sunday, September 2

Moncton Wildcats vs. Saginaw Spirit – 11am
North Bay Battalion vs. Kitchener Rangers – 2pm

In addition to the three games played in the Preseason Showcase, the Spirit will also participate in a home-and-home series with their Coors Light I-75 Divide Rival Flint Firebirds. Friday, September 14, the Spirit will travel to Flint, and Saturday, September 15, the Spirit will host the Firebirds at The Dow Event Center. The puck drops at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for home preseason and 2018-19 regular season games will go on sale Monday, August 20, 2018 at the Saginaw Spirit Store at 5789 State Street. Preseason home game tickets are \$7.

About Children's Wish Foundation:

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Children's Wish has chapter offices and professional staff in every province, and each wish family is assigned a dedicated Wish Coordinator who is able to personally and carefully structure each heartfelt wish experience to meet the particular needs of the child and their family. Travel wishes include all siblings 21 years and under living in the same household, and families travel worry-free thanks to exclusive Blue Cross insurance.

Our newly expanded reach, which includes children diagnosed with a serious neurological or genetic illness, means continued strong wish referral support through our medical community. Wish referrals continue to increase year over year, and we are proud to maintain our 'no waiting list' policy, thanks to our generous donors.

Now more than ever, we are encouraging Canadians to donate and support Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. Help us grant the next single-most heartfelt wish.

To donate: www.childrenswish.ca/donate

Saginaw, Michigan – The Saginaw Spirit, in conjunction with the Kitchener Rangers, is pleased to announce they will participate in a Preseason Showcase at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium from August 31 – September 2, 2018. Along with the Spirit and Rangers, the Showcase will feature the North Bay Battalion as well as the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Moncton Wildcats.

All teams will meet over the course of the weekend, with three games per team for a total of six weekend games.

Tickets to the Preseason Showcase are \$10 for a weekend pass which provides entry to all games, or \$5 per game. Seating for the games will be general admission.

For Spirit fans interested in purchasing tickets, they are available via presale starting Monday, August 20 at the Kitchener Rangers business office only (not available online or through Centre in the Square) and are cash only sales. The Kitchener Rangers business office is open Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 1pm and 2pm-5pm.

Tickets will also be available day of game at the door; cash only sales.

All proceeds will go to support the Children's Wish Foundation.

"As an organization, we are proud to compete in a showcase like this that grants us the opportunity to play a competitive preseason schedule, while helping raise money to make a difference in a young person's life," said Spirit General Manager Dave Drinkill

"Being able to start our exhibition schedule off this way allows us time to properly evaluate players in a competitive environment, while allowing the players a chance to play three games in three days and spend time together as a group."

Preseason Showcase Schedule of Games:

Friday, August 31
Saginaw Spirit vs. North Bay Battalion – 2pm
Moncton Wildcats vs. Kitchener Rangers – 7pm

Saturday, September 1

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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

Meghan Markle is pictured with her mother, Doria Ragland on route to her marriage ceremony. The ceremony took place on May 19, 2018, at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.



The Ranch

Inspired by a True Story (From January Summer Journal, South Africa)

By Joann L. Washington

I never believed in witchcraft, ghost or goblins, but folks down south sure did!

They believed in all that conjure woman stuff. I recall as a little kid, we'd spend many a summer at my grandparents' house on Magnolia street, in Mobile Alabama. There was a real sense of hocus-pocus and excitement in the air, that just clung to our skin.

The heat at night was sweltering, as me and my siblings and some weird cousins that just relentlessly stared at me, fell captive under a mysterious blind alchemy, feed by our innocence and curious appetite to be scared shitless. Nevertheless, we all snuggled up cozy, listening wide-eyed and looking goofy, as Grandma Emma and Auntie Maggie homespun those bizarre tales by the light of a full moon.

Fast-forward to 2005. I was in Pretoria South Africa, in the Gauteng province, working as an English Language Specialist and HIV Peer Education Director for World Learning and The Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, assigned to the Hendrik Verwoerd High School. By the way Hendrik Verwoerd was the founding father of Apartheid.

The briefing I received at the Embassy was brutal, it was enough to scare you shitless! Run for cover back to the airport, crying like a baby! I was wearing my "big girl panties" so I dealt with it, BUT for about six months I was seriously in survival mode. That white man, told it like it was.

The PAO set the record straight, "First, let me tell you...you are not African-American, you are American! They will remind you very quickly just how American YOU are. They will cheat you, rob you, rape you and try and kill you after dark, if they get the opportunity. I would highly discourage any sexual contact with the locals. One thousand South Africans die each year of the AIDS virus, don't be

a stupid victim. Don't carry nothing back to the states but your luggage. Do not be caught on the streets after dark. I will not waste your time telling you how many Americans are sent back home in a casket because they don't understand the culture... the dangerous culture here in SA! Please! Please! Do not wear expensive jewelry. If you look like a hamburger...you're going to get eaten!"

We all just sat looking at him, then he gave us a creepy smile and grinned, "welcome to SA!" After that briefing, I did want to go home. I was waiting for my driver at the embassy when I met this guy named Johnny on the steps. I must have been looking really pitiful, because the man scooped me up like a lost little puppy and introduced me to all his friend's high-level friends and co-workers at the Embassy. Johnny job was in "intelligence" and he became my instant superhero. He never divulged to me exactly what he did, and I never asked.

Every day was truly an adventure, but in the back of my mind was that "stern warning" that the Public Affairs Office meaded out. So, for the first couple of months, I was always close to the Embassy. I never forget my first visit to the famous Café 41, on Church Street, across from the US Embassy.

I was to meet a woman for the first time, that Johnny told me to meet there. I thought I was looking pretty cute, with my short red hair, and brightly colored dress and sandals, with freshly manicured nails and toes. It was naturally hot in Africa, even in January, which is their winter.

It was very cozy inside, trendy with an international mix of patrons. Something very unusual happened. I positioned myself so I could see the door entrance. The woman I was supposed to meet described herself by her clothing, so every time someone came inside the door, I looked up. Then, a very handsome, stylish Africons man, with long blonde hair in a ponytail came in and sat down

right between me and the path leading to the door. So, every time, I looked up, he looked up at me, watching the door.

The servers scurried in his direction, the owner came to greet him pleasantly. Drinks, food and a steady parade of folks flowed from the man's happy table.

He laughed and greeted everyone by their first names. He was obviously a man of influence, suave and means, every time Mr. Ponytail attempted to open his small leather binder, he was interrupted by the festive barrage of people coming to and fro to shake his hand.

About the fourth or fifth time of our eyes meeting, he spoke up. "What's the matter?" he said to me rather flatly, "I am not good enough for the American to speak to?"

I was dumbstruck, lost for words. I turned my head quickly to see if there was someone behind me, he spoke again, looking directly at me, "Yes, I am talking to you!"

"Excuse me," I said, stumbling on my words, I could feel the blood rushing to my ears and face. He spoke loudly so everyone could hear. "I wasn't looking at you.... I'm waiting on someone." I was going into panic mode and Johnny wasn't there to save me...he saw and felt my embarrassment, then he broke out into a beautiful laugh that filled the room.

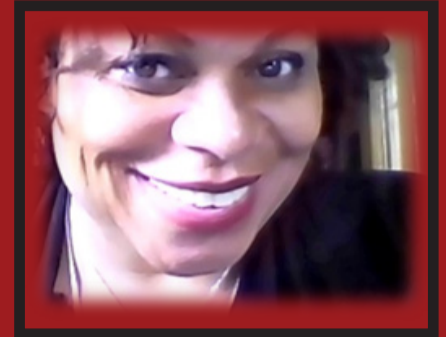
"I'm sorry!" Mr. Ponytail moved in front of me with his hand extended. "I am sorry! I know you are looking for someone...poor American, I didn't mean to embarrass you, really..."

To be continued...

Check out The Michigan Banner June 16 Edition for the ending of "The Ranch"

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