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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ENCOURAGE SAGINAW RESIDENTS TO RIDE STARS FREE ON ELECTION DAY

On November 6th Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services (STARS) will provide free rides on fixed routes for all riders and free LIFT service for seniors and disabled passengers. "All Rides are free, whether it's to the polls, work or the store. But I hope you vote!" says Glenn Steffens, Executive Director of STARS. State Representative Vanessa Guerra and State Senator Ken Horn are helping STARS get the word out about this free service. Both elected officials will be available to discuss this program on Sunday, November 4th at 1PM on the STARS plaza, 615 Johnson in Saginaw.

"Every time that we head to the voting booth, we are exercising our most precious right as American citizens. I'm so glad to see that STARS has stepped up to remove one barrier that keeps some of our neighbors from letting their voice be heard," says Representative Vanessa Guerra of the 95th State House District.

Polls are open from 7AM-8AM, and STARS will coordinate efforts with the City of Saginaw Clerk's office to ensure good communication and service home for all voters.

Seniors and disabled riders wishing to use LIFT, the dial-a-ride service, for rides to vote are encouraged to call in advance beginning today at 989-753-9526.

Saginaw City Council Update

The Saginaw City Council has four open seats in the Nov. 6 election, but only three names are on the ballot. The reasons are member resignations and lack of public interest in filling the vacancies.

The incumbents on the ballot are Michael D. Balls, Brenda F. Moore and Bill Ostash. Write-in candidates for the fourth spot are Autumn Scherzer, LaTrell Bailey, and Heather Boyd. Candidate profiles can be found in The Banner's Oct. 16 edition, but we were not aware of Heather Boyd at that time. Following is her statement:

HEATHER BOYD (write-in)

I have an extensive background in public health and safety and therefore am very committed to improving these aspects in our city. I encourage community empowerment and enabling residents to make positive change in their communities.

I strongly believe that service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth, and I am passionate about spending my time to make Saginaw a better place to live, play and work. In my day job, I work with early childcare educators to improve the health and safety of

children across Saginaw County. I am Founder and President of the H.M. Boyd Community Garden at 1417 South Hamilton Street, a successful public health initiative bringing positive change to South West Saginaw. I volunteer locally with Covenant Kids, in the Covenant NICU, and am on the Ezekiel Project Environmental Justice Board. I also volunteer with Project SNAP, and am on the board of International Peace Initiatives. t

Although there are many issues I care about deeply, my commitment and passion lies in improving public health and safety across our city. I support improving access to public services, funding public safety initiatives, and utilizing positive community improvement as a mechanism to create safer streets. I believe that we must invest in our communities, provide the education our children deserve, and ensure our residents access to living wage jobs by supporting local business and economic development. I believe that environmental health leads to community wellness and therefore I strongly support our Saginaw City Parks and community gardens, I encourage environmental justice initiatives and support cleaning up our city.

I value your opinion! Please contact me anytime at: HMBoyd989@gmail.com or call (734) 845-8047



Heather M. Boyd

Tips for Voting

Following are some tips for voting. Please don't allow me to seem "smarter than thou." I myself had to re-vote in the August primary, from doing the ballot improperly and having the count machine buzz the error when inserting it into the slot. LOL.

Anyways, this is my humble advice:

-- Obtain a sample ballot in advance, simply Google search "Michigan sample ballot" and call up the first choice, from the Michigan Voter Information Center. You will need to know your precinct number, so if you don't know, call your local clerk's office and ask for it. On your sample ballot, mark your choices and take it with you to your poll site. Then it should be a simple chore in the voting booth to copy what you have marked on your sample ballot. (Also, there is no law against a family member or friend joining you in the booth to assist, as long as you make the marks yourself.)

-- Make sure you turn to the back page on your ballot. There are two sides.

-- First time ever, we cannot vote straight party -- neither Republican nor Democrat -- with one mark on the ballot to take care of everything. So take your time and mark each choice. The ballot will show the political party for each statewide choice, except for Michigan Supreme Court, which pretends to be nonpartisan. So FYI on the state high court, which is even more conservative than the U.S. Supreme Court, the Republicans are incumbents Kurtis T. Wilder and Elizabeth T. Clement, and the Democratic challengers are Samuel Bayantos and Megan Kathleen Cavanagh (her name sounds the same as Brett Kavanaugh but they're not related, names even spelled differently).

-- Locally, the County Commissioners go by political parties but the judges, local boards and councils, and school boards are nonpartisan.

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ELECTION GUIDE

-- Today, The Michigan Banner concludes our public service of a three-part election preview for voting on Nov. 6. We feature how Pastor Roosevelt Austin Sr., during the early 1950s in Louisiana, risked his young life for the right to vote. We also provide a sample ballot guide and update the Saginaw County ISD career education millage proposal.

-- For previews of state ballot issues, see themichiganbanner.com archives for the Oct. 1 edition. These include governor, U.S. senator, secretary of state, attorney general, Michigan Supreme Court and various other offices. Ballot issues include Prop 18-1 (legal marijuana), Prop 18-2 (combat district gerrymandering) and Prop 18-3 (voting rights).

-- For previews of local questions, see themichiganbanner.com archives for the Oct. 16 edition. These include the Saginaw Country ISD career education millage proposal, the Saginaw Board of Education, Delta College Board of Trustees and Saginaw City Council.

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SVSU Student Receives Leadership Scholarship From Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan

Written by J.J. Boehm,
Director of Media Relations

A student leader at Saginaw Valley State University recently has earned a \$1,000 leadership scholarship from the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan.

Marcelina Fulgencio, a social work major from Saginaw, was one of 10 Hispanic students selected from colleges and universities across Michigan to receive this year's Future Leaders Scholarship.

Fulgencio said her scholarship application focused on Hispanic underrepresentation in higher education and her own goals for being a leader at SVSU and in her own community.

“Throughout the U.S., there aren't very many Hispanic students

who are in higher education,” Fulgencio said. “It felt good to be a part of that small percentage, and I really try to advocate for the Hispanic community and say that it's important to go into higher education. We all have the potential and all the qualities to earn a college degree. It meant a lot to me.”

The 10 Future Leaders Scholarship awards were presented to the winners during a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration put on by the Hispanic Latino Commission on Monday, Oct 15.

The scholarship is open to Hispanic and Latino students in Michigan who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Selection is based on academic performance along with community service and demonstrated leadership skills.

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We write today to share our grief and sorrow with the Jewish community of Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh, PA, and with local Jewish communities across the country, and with the international Jewish community. We reach out to our Jewish – and non-Jewish – readers and take a public stand against anti-Semitism. What happened this past Saturday (October 27th) is horrific. To our Jewish friends, neighbors, community and national leaders we say Shalom. Peace.

The hatred expressed by the killer at Tree of Life Synagogue was extreme. It is a hatred that many want to believe is a part of history, no longer with us. Yet anti-Semitism is alive and well: think about how often those of us who are not Jewish express or don't challenge negative stereotypes of Jews, or choose to "overlook" or not recognize the Jewishness of our friends, co-workers, civic leaders, physicians, lawyers, accountants, nonprofit leaders and supporters.

Earlier this year we had dinner with our niece and her friend, both of whom are Jewish. Both are proud of who they are, but also recognize the reality of what it means to be identified as Jewish especially in the South. They wear the star of David, but often tuck it away so others won't see it. For them, part of being visible as a Jew means being targeted.

This Saturday the world learned that such caution is not "exaggerated." We saw first hand the reality of how anti-Semitism can be violently expressed.

In this current environment, we call attention to the leadership, vision, and sustained giving and involvement of Jewish people locally and across this country. Within the nonprofit sector Jewish people fulfill so many important roles as volunteers, advocates, leaders, and donors. They are behind the scenes and out front. Giving to the poor and the needy is part of their religion and their culture. Their giving includes giving to Jewish causes and it extends into all aspects of American and international affairs. Whether it is civil rights, health, education, refugee resettlement, economic development, domestic abuse or other issues the Jewish community has always demonstrated leadership to social and civic justice and a commitment to giving back. Tzedakah is part of Jewish culture: it is a commitment to giving to the needy, not out of charity but out of commitment to justice.

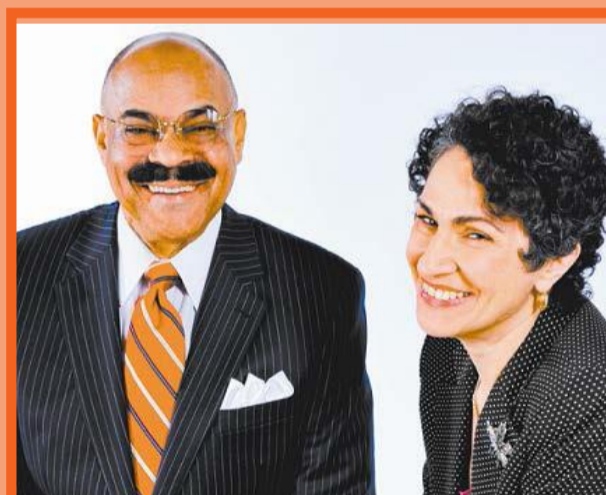
We say thank you for their leadership and giving. Now is the time for the total community to share in their hour of sorrow and sadness. It is also time to say through the words and actions of our nonprofits, our churches, and civic and social organizations that we do not tolerate hate.

We join forces with our Jewish nonprofit leaders and supporters to rise above this atmosphere of

hate and divisiveness. We know that the nonprofit community – in this climate – can make a positive impact and take an explicit stand against anti-Semitism. Nonprofits are one place where we gather together across our differences to make a difference. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with you and me. Shalom.

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"Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect"




October 2018 E-Newsletter

What's inside:

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HEALTH



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: 11/01/2018
Saginaw HIV Taskforce
Contact: (Audra Wilson)
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World AIDS Day is held on December 1st each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS and the stigma associated with the disease. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day and the first one was held in 1988. We invite all residents of Saginaw and surrounding areas to these FREE programs to better equip residents with an understanding of HIV/AIDS and how they can combat this disease at a local level. Please join us to support our community's health in HIV education, prevention, testing, and outreach. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Saginaw, Michigan Branch and Great Lakes Bay Health Centers in conjunction with the Saginaw HIV/AIDS Taskforce will commemorate World AIDS Day 2018 with various free community events:

A displaying of a 14-foot AIDS Red Ribbon from November 26th - December 2nd
at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S Michigan Ave Saginaw, MI 48602.

Community HIV Educational Screening & Discussion of the Film "90 Days"

The event will be held **Friday, November 30, 2018** from **5:30pm – 7:30pm** at **SVRC Tuscola Educational Center** (1000 Tuscola St Saginaw MI 48607; the old OIC building). Admission is free, light refreshments will be provided, and free HIV testing will be available.

Status Matters 2018 Saginaw World AIDS Day Poetry/Essay Contest

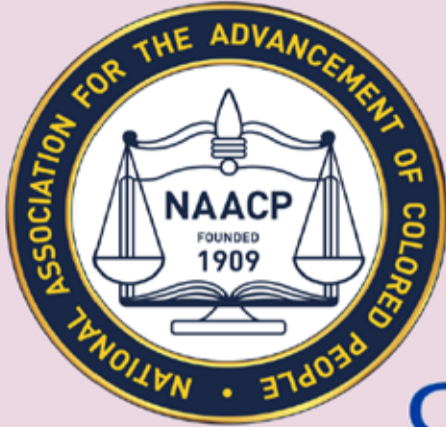
The Poetry/Essay Contest is open to Saginaw High and Arthur Hill High School students. Students must also be members of the School-Based Health Center to participate. Essay rules and information can be obtained in the School-Based Health Centers.

HIV Testing at St Paul's Episcopal Church Wednesday, November 28, 2017 free HIV testing will be available from Noon-2:00pm at 720 Tuscola St, Saginaw, MI 48607.

For more information contact Audra Wilson at the Hearth Home by phone at

989-753-9011 or by email at awilson@glbhealth.org

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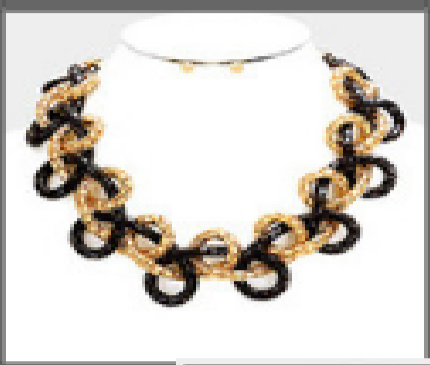
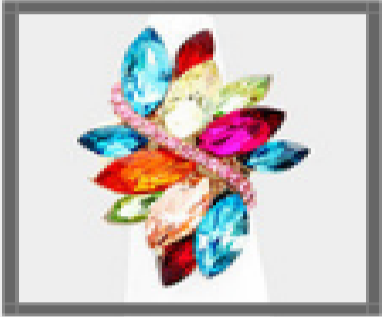

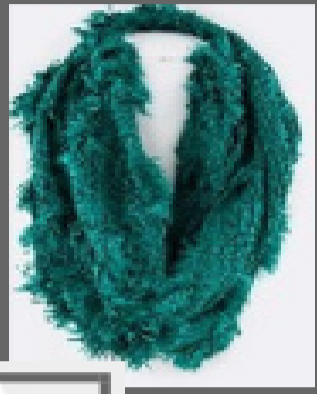




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How can you become a CASA?

CASA welcomes and encourages people from all cultures and professions, and of all ethnic and educational backgrounds. And unlike most volunteer agencies, CASA has no required special background or education because once you are accepted into the program, you will receive all necessary training in courtroom procedures, social services, the juvenile justice system and the special needs of abused and neglected children. The only requirements to become a volunteer are (1) you must be 21 years old, (2) you must be willing to complete necessary background checks, provide references and participate in an interview, (3) you must complete a minimum of 30 hours of pre-service training, (4) you need to be available for court appearances, with advance notice, and (5) you must be willing to commit to the CASA program until your first case is closed.

Why should you volunteer?

Becoming a CASA volunteer is an investment of time, energy and heart. Winston Churchill once said, "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." Just imagine the life you can make for yourself by volunteering your time to these children. Not only that—but imagine the life you can make for these children by volunteering your time. By opening your heart to these children and volunteering, you not only automatically achieved greatness by giving yourself to a cause for nothing in return, but you have succeeded in providing a sense of safety in the lives of abused and neglected children.



Read Dashun's CASA Story

"As a boy, my three sisters and I suffered just about every form of abuse you can imagine. When I was 13 years old, we were all removed from our home. After that, I bounced around, from a children's emergency shelter to an aunt's house, then back to the shelter. Without knowledge or the power to speak up, I felt like a victim.

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EDUCATION

SVSU Students Win 'Battle,' Raise \$36,000 for Suicide Awareness and Prevention



Saginaw Valley State University students Nolan Twardy and Caitlin Coulter raise “Victoria,” the traveling trophy that goes to the winner of the annual Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition between SVSU and Grand Valley State University. Twardy is a supply chain management major from Warren and speaker of the SVSU Student Association; Coulter is a biology major from Clio and president of the SVSU Student Association. SVSU students raised \$36,210 for the Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network during the 2018 Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition Oct. 21-26. GVSU students raised \$14,915 to support their on-campus food pantry. Photo credit: Michael Randolph, SVSU.

Saginaw Valley State University students continued to demonstrate their commitment to support community causes by raising \$36,210 in one week during the annual Battle of the Valleys fundraising competition.

The funds will help the Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network expand its evidence-based suicide awareness training sessions in the community and on college campuses, said the organization's executive director Barb Smith.

“The funds will allow our organization to grow and build our existing programs throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region and statewide that help to promote mental wellness, decrease the numbers of suicides and be here to support those who have lost someone to suicide,” Smith said.

The \$36,210 was raised during the annual fundraising competition between SVSU and Grand Valley State University. Each year, both institutions select a nonprofit partner,

then spend one week collecting donations for those respective organizations.

“It’s very heartwarming to see our student body come together and to spend their time and money to support this cause and to do it for nothing in return except helping others,” said Cheyenne Wilton, a creative writing major from Ortonville and this year’s Battle of the Valleys chairperson.

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“Personally, I worked on this for the past six months, so it’s very rewarding to see this level of generosity. It shows we care about what’s going on in our community.”

Craig Voorheis, president of the board of directors for the Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network, was impressed by the dedication of SVSU students.

“Not only is the money greatly appreciated, but the awareness and suicide education that took place this past week is monumental. You can’t put a price on that,” he said. “We look forward to working with SVSU to continue the awareness and education well beyond ‘battle’ week.”

This year’s Battle of the Valleys week began Sunday, Oct. 21 at SVSU with a kickoff celebration featuring food, music and games.

Throughout the week, fundraising activities

included a dodgeball tournament, an ice cream social and a bowling night at Stardust Lanes in Saginaw Township.

The winner of the competition was announced Saturday, Oct. 27 during halftime of the football game between SVSU and GVSU at SVSU’s Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium.

“The greatest moment came when I walked onto the SVSU football field with many of the SVSU students and fans that were supporting us,” Smith said. “It brought tears to my eyes to have the opportunity to experience their energy as they anticipated hearing the amount announced, as they had been working hard all week to win this competition for us.”

GVSU students collected \$14,915 for their Replenish Student Food Pantry fund, which provides food to their students facing food insecurity.

Between SVSU and GVSU, the universities

have raised a combined total of \$652,385 since the competition started in 2003. SVSU has contributed \$425,657 of that total.

The university raising the largest sum of money during each Battle of the Valleys competition claims ownership of a 3-foot-tall trophy known as “Victoria” until at least the next year’s rematch. Victoria has remained at SVSU since 2008. Of the 16 Battle of the Valleys competitions, SVSU students outraised GVSU during 13 of those years.

When looking back on the past week, Smith said she will be forever grateful that the Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network was chosen as this year’s beneficiary.

“This week definitely demonstrated SVSU is half the size but twice the heart,” Smith said. “I was not only proud, but honored to be with this next generation of young adults who represent our future.”

SVSU Cardinal Singers and Concert Choir To Perform in Concert



courtesy photo from a past joint concert of Saginaw Valley State University’s Cardinal Singers and Concert Choir

Saginaw Valley State University’s Cardinal Singers and Concert Choir will perform Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

The program includes a wide range of music, including renditions of Scott Tuttle’s “Red Blue and White,” Tomas Luis de Victoria’s “Graduale from Missa Pro Defunctis a 4,” and various other selections.

Kevin Simons, SVSU associate professor of music, will direct the vocal groups. Amanda Stamper will serve as the pianist. Combined, there will be 59 SVSU student vocalists coming together for this performance.

Simons also serves as the director of music and organist at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Saginaw. He is a board member for the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and a director for the Sewanee Church Music Conference.

Stamper is the accompanist for SVSU’s Cardinal Singers and Concert Choir. After completing her bachelor’s degree in music at SVSU in 2013, Stamper went on to earn a master’s degree in collaborative piano from Illinois State University.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the SVSU Department of Music at 989-964-4159.

Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Announces Samantha Jones as President/CEO



courtesy photo

Mid-Michigan Children's Museum has named a new executive leader, Samantha Jones, following the recent departure of former President & CEO Emily Yeager.

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Prior to leading Girls on the Run of Central Michigan, Jones worked for Isabella County Parks. Jones is a two-time graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelors of applied arts and master of arts in recreation and parks administration.

In her new role – which she will begin on November 1 – Jones will establish a vision for the future of the museum that is achieved through empowering creative and highly skilled leaders, staff, and volunteers.

"I am excited to begin this role with the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum," Jones said. "The museum is a vital community resource bringing families and friends together to nurture children through play. I look forward to working collaboratively with the board of directors, staff, partners, and the community to make the Great Lakes Bay Region the best place to live, work, and play."

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Governor Appoints Lindsay Eggers to SVSU Board of Control

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COMMUNITY

Artist Presenting Inflatable Art Exhibition, Lecture Featuring Local Wildlife at SVSU



Nicole Banowetz

Saginaw Valley State University is hosting an art gallery exhibition featuring sculptures based on wildlife in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Artist Nicole Banowetz will showcase works based off the organisms found in SVSU's Wetlands Preserve, such as wildflowers, plants, scrubs and trees. Her art will be on display in SVSU's University Art Gallery from Thursday, Nov. 8 through Friday, Dec. 14.

Nicole Banowetz, is also presenting a lecture on her artistic process Thursday, Nov. 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. in SVSU's

Arbury Fine Arts Center room 107 with a reception immediately following from 4 to 6 p.m.

The exhibition and lecture, both free and open to the public, are presented as part of SVSU's 2018-19 Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Series, along with support by the Saginaw Community Foundation.



courtesy photo

Banowetz currently resides in Denver, where she works professionally in sculpture, installation and education. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in sculpture from Colorado State University, and she has worked internationally in India, Italy, Ireland, England, Germany and Russia.

Banowetz specializes in sewn inflatable sculptures and delicate forms that address vulnerability and struggle. She recently created inflatable sculptures inspired by children's drawings of microorganisms for a residency program at the Denver Children's Museum. These statues were then displayed at the Amsterdam Light Festival for the 2016-17 exhibition year.

Along with her exhibition at SVSU, Banowetz is also installing a permanent inflatable sculpture at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum in Saginaw.



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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Why Vote? Here's Your Reason...

By Mike Thompson

As the Nov. 6 election approaches, African American elders are imploring younger folks, "Your ancestors died for your right to vote."

One of Saginaw's legendary leaders speaks from experience. He is the Reverend Roosevelt Austin Sr. of Saginaw's Zion Missionary Baptist Church, now Pastor Emeritus, still aware and sharp as a tack at age 92

An uncle to his wife, Nurame, named John Lester Mitchell, was one of the first voter-registration civil rights martyrs in the Deep South.

This was 1951. Lester Mitchell, a carpenter and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, was murdered by a law enforcement officer in Opelousas, Louisiana, the home seat of St. Landry Parish.

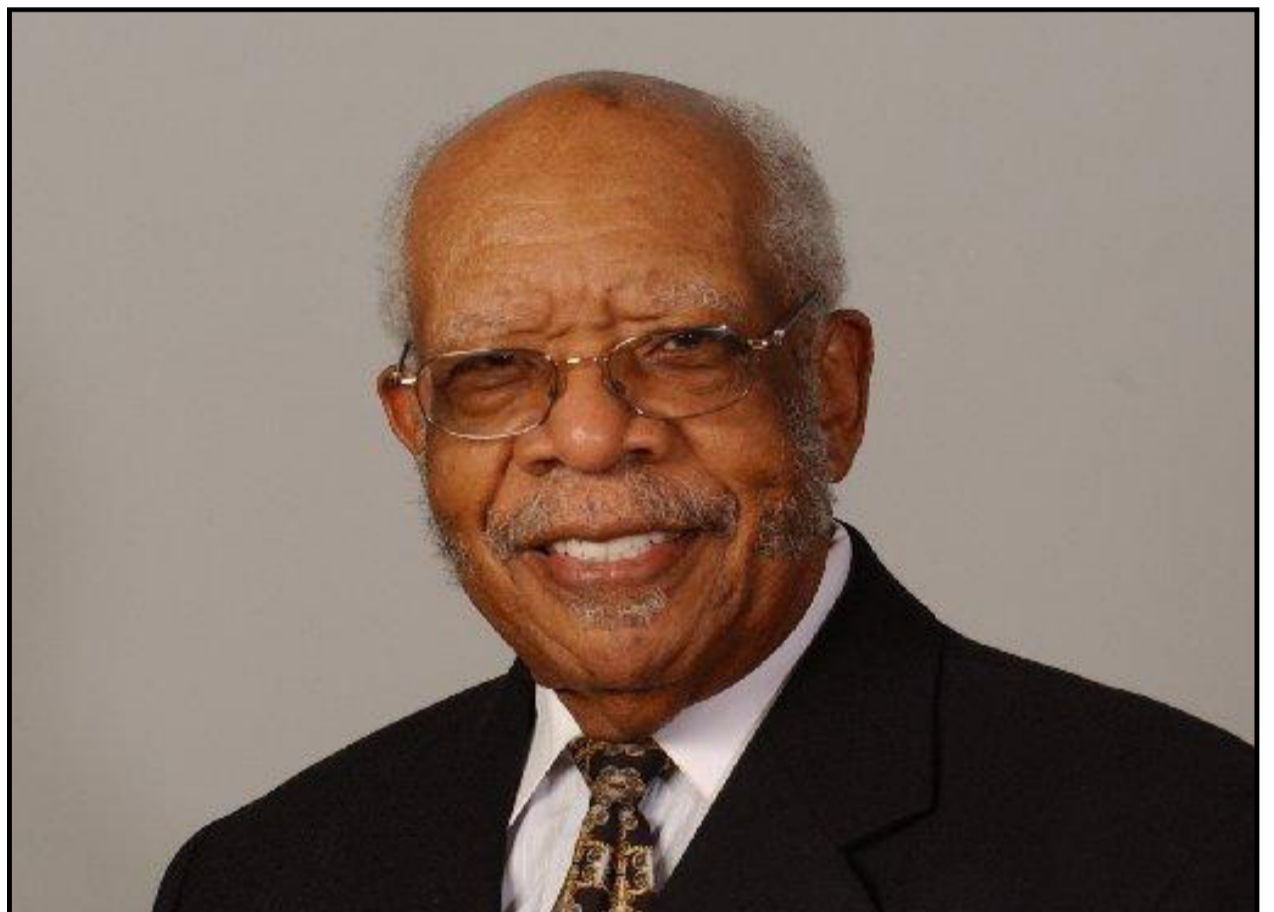
His crime? He was one of five men who filed a lawsuit earlier that year, after being denied the right to register to vote.

Pastor Austin was another member of the quintet, far ahead of his time during the early 1950s, while Martin Luther King Jr. still was immersed in divinity studies.

"It could have been me who was killed, but I was only threatened," he says, 67 years later. "That is why I become emotional when it comes to voting. Be active and make a statement. Don't just sit on the sidelines."

Indeed, the then-25-year-old Roosevelt Austin also was at risk of sacrificing his life for voting and for civil rights. He made his family's living as an insurance agent, which meant he sometimes was forced to commute after dark, a high risk for a young black man in his own automobile. And he was well-known to law enforcement because his photograph was prominent in the local newspaper as a result of his voting rights litigation and activism.

"The cops would stop me and interrogate me," he recalls. "Their lights would be flashing all around. They would demand that I open the trunk, but all they would find was insurance books and insurance cards. They would ask what I had been drinking. I would tell them, 'I don't drink,' but still they would insist that I must have been drinking.



Reverend Roosevelt Austin, Sr.

"They were trying to get me all riled up, so that they would have an excuse to kill me also."

Uncle Lester's saga is similar to accounts nowadays, as though things never change. The law enforcement officer emerged free of criminal charges, claiming he fired his police revolver in self-defense only after Lester had threatened him with a knife, although no such weapon was produced from the scene.

He had been a well-known community leader. The Boy Scouts still banned black youths at the time, so he formed his own group, known as the AF Cadets, with "AF" standing for All Fulfilled.

However, down in Opelousas in 1951, in the aftermath of the police killing of John Lester Mitchell, there were no subsequent Black Lives Matter-type protests or marches. That wasn't how society functioned -- South or North -- at that time in history.

In fact, blacks in St. Landry Parish still had not achieved voting rights when the 1952 presidential

election rolled around. It wasn't until 1954 that the John Lester Mitchell and Roosevelt Austin federal court action began to reap gradual, hard-won dividends.

"We came to Saginaw in 1953, so I never did vote in Opelousas," Pastor Austin recalls. "However, ever since we came up here, I've never missed an election. I've voted every year on everything."

He adds, with a chuckle, "It can be a rat race or a snail's race, and I'll be voting."

A perfect ironic reward is that despite never voting in his hometown, Roosevelt Austin emerged as a hero. When the community of 20,000 citizens transformed into black majority leadership, he was awarded a Key to the City in honor of the trails he had blazed.

He remains confounded that too many African Americans fail to fully recognize the importance of voting, or appreciate the history behind the No. 1 civil right of all civil rights. He hopes for a better result on Nov. 6.

"I was fighting for my rights," he says, "even if I had to risk dying in trying."

The following are statements from candidates who have emerged thus far. If any others begin active write-in campaigns, The Michigan Banner will inform readers in our Nov. 1 publication.



MICHAEL D. BALLS

I am seeking my second term on the City Council to continue the work that we already have started.

There is a big difference between 20 years ago and today. There was 100,000 living in the city, now there are 50,000. There were 25,000 - 30,000 auto workers 20 years ago, to about 6,000 today.

Less schools, less newspapers, everything has shrunk, including wages. We have the same operating tax income, \$30 mill for the last 40 years. All said, the city is reinventing itself with the help of the Shaheen family projects in the Great Lakes Bay Region. We really need to lift the tax cap so we can have a vibrant economy and parts division and the school system needs to turn out more skill trades candidates for our area.



BRENDA MOORE

In the past five years of being in office, I have become involved with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and have completed level three of the four levels of courses they offer in Education, Leadership and Governance. I will be completing the last course in March of 2019. I currently service as the Vice President to the MML Trustee Board, President of the Elected Officials Academy Board (EOA) and 2nd Vice President Michigan Black Caucus (MML). When I came to (MML) I knew nothing of what my duties were in being a good Councilmember but after my first class and going to the 1st Conference in Lansing meeting with other Elected Official I started to network and meet with some of the other Cities that we're going through some of the same issues we were.

Throughout my association with MML they have been a valuable asset and have given me ideals that I have shared with our City. I also service on several boards in the Community: Saginaw County Community Action Center (CAC) Board Chair, Saginaw County 911 Board and City/County/School Liaison Committee.

I was born in Saginaw and attended Saginaw Public Schools. I have always wanted to help make Saginaw a better place to live. During my five years serving on Council I have attended 94% of the meetings (124/132). The meeting which I missed were for work that had me out of the area, and caring for my Mother who has passed away in 2015. My role models were my Parents who taught me and my siblings to always do our best in whatever we did. My Mother had a chance to see me five years ago win my election and I know she is looking down and proud of what we have been able to accomplish as a community.

As a City of Saginaw Council Member, I will work diligently to assist Saginaw by continuing my commitment to the following:

- Breaking barriers and building a future
- Creating a customer friendly effective system to meet the needs of residents and visitors to the City of Saginaw
- Serving under the core competencies of the city to the greatest extent.

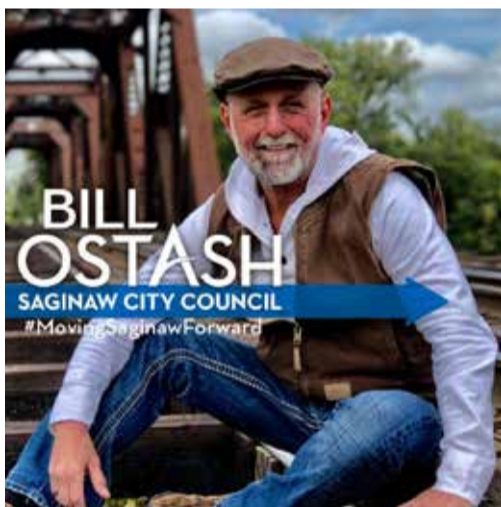
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AUTUMN SCHERZER

I desire to serve the residents of the City of Saginaw because I am invested in the growth of our community. I am the President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter, Chairman of The Diaper Alliance, member of the YWCA Advocacy and Racial Justice Committee, current member of the Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy and Board Member for the Saginaw Economic Development Corporation.

- I have gained more than 10 years of experience in leadership of diverse non-profit organizations.
 - I am interested in our community and in our citizens.
 - I stand proudly with our police and firefighters, and believe in promoting, supporting, and uplifting both departments in all ways possible as they continue to make our community safe.
 - I am passionate about workforce and economic development and believe it is vital to continue promoting growth, innovation and change in our city. I support local businesses and create partnerships/relationships with our local nonprofits and community organizations.
- I believe in transparency and accountability and am dedicated to making Saginaw a vibrant community for all to live, work, and serve in.
 - I have volunteered with such worthy causes as Hidden Harvest, Saginaw VA Hospital and the American Cancer Society.
 - My name is not on the ballot, and so please write in "Autumn Scherzer" below the listed names of Michael Balls, Brenda Moore and Bill Ostash, as your fourth selection for the four available City Council positions.



BILL OSTASH

I'm a lifelong resident of the Great Lakes Bay Region. I was born and raised in Bay City, where I graduated from T.L. Handy High School in 1983. I attended Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University, receiving my BS in Computer Science with a minor in Management.

I moved to Saginaw in 2004 living on the east side in the Cathedral District. I then purchased a home in the Covenant Neighborhood in 2005. But after 7 years I moved back to the Cathedral District in 2012 and currently live there with Kevin Rooker. Together we've completed restoring a Queen Ann Victorian built in 1893 by one of Saginaw's prominent families, the Wolfarths. Our historic homes history in on Facebook for those who would like to see the commitment to the restoration and history: <https://www.facebook.com/WolfarthHouse>.

I run Preservation Saginaw Facebook page. The mission is: (Advocate, Educate, Preserve) for the importance of historic Saginaw's Past and Future. My ultimate vision is to re-purpose, renovate, and save some of our last historic structures, giving a positive image of the city of Saginaw. I am doing this by working with developers, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) and other preservation entities in Saginaw.

Safety with regards to police and fire will be a high priority on my list for our city. With the constraints on the budget, we have to find ways to preserve what we have. Once a new Governor is elected after November 6th, I firmly believe they need to continue to keep the assisted State Police program in Saginaw put in place by Governor Snyder. Saginaw is not at a point yet to operate without this program.

I believe a strong urban city core, with a diverse citizen population, creates a strong community. Last my message: "Develop, Preserve, Safety and Always your Voice!"



LATRELL BAILEY

Saginaw is an amazing city with so much potential. And while we've made many strides, much remains to be achieved. It's time for certain barriers to be broken that will open the door to radical "CHANGE" in our city. I'm committed to building a safe and healthy community for our residents to not just survive, but thrive. And this requires new solutions and fresh ideas to progress Saginaw forward. I matriculated through Buena Vista Schools, and my mother was an educator and administrator in the school district for over 40 years. As a native of Saginaw, community advocate, community activist, community volunteer and clergy member, I understand the change we need in our neighborhoods. I served as a longtime member and President of the Board of Directors of Parishioner on Patrol of Saginaw. During that time, I found ways to improve our quality of life through partnerships, by breaking through barriers, and by connecting our community. For, a connected community is not only a safe community; it's a productive community that prospers beyond statistics and expectations. Yes, we should preserve our historic past. But, it's just as important for us to, actively, pursue new ideas to ensure a brighter future for us all. I'm running for Saginaw City Council to bring the creative, innovative, pragmatic and collaborative solutions

we need that will help make our city an even greater place to work, play, live AND prosper.

My priorities for our city are to Strengthen and Diversify Economic Development, Improve Public Safety, Increase Emphasis on Youth Development, Address Socio-Economic & Generational Divide, and Enhance Residents' Quality of Life.

I'm devoted to making our city a better place to live, and that's why I'm running to be your City Councilwoman. I'm asking for your vote so I can take my diverse and effective experience as a community leader to City Council and help find ways to create real, lasting, solutions to the problems facing us all on a day-to-day basis. To learn more about me and my vision for our city, or to contact my campaign, please visit Bailey4CityCouncil.com or email me at: LaTrell@Bailey4CityCouncil.com. Let's help Saginaw achieve its full potential... With my "Radical Heart for the City", your support, and us working collaboratively and collectively as one, we can create that radical "CHANGE" together! I am running as a write-in candidate; on November 6th, cast your vote!

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Saginaw Community Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

Saginaw, Mich. – Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) is now accepting scholarship applications. Each year, SCF awards hundreds of scholarships to post-secondary education students (community college, university, nontraditional and vocational students). Applications for 2019 scholarships are due Feb. 15, 2019.

To apply, students need only complete a single online application to be considered for one or more of the nearly 220 scholarships available, including the Saginaw Promise Zone scholarship. Many of the scholarships offered are awarded to multiple students and students can individually earn more than one award. Visit saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/ to review instructions, begin an application or review a directory of scholarship opportunities. Besides offering scholarships for residents of Saginaw County, SCF offers many opportunities for residents of Bay and Midland Counties as well.

“Education is vital to the growth and future of every community. Scholarships can help people in our region obtain a degree, certificate or other training that will help further their aspirations and goals,” said Reneé Johnston, president and CEO at the Foundation.

Earlier this year, a total of 328 high school, college and nontraditional students were awarded 464 scholarships at the Saginaw Community Foundation’s annual Excellence in Education event. A total of \$600,000 was awarded to recipients, with an average award of \$1,829 per student.

Since 1987, the foundation has awarded more than \$5.3 million to students to help them achieve their educational goals.

“People traditionally think scholarships are just for high school seniors,”

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About the Saginaw Community Foundation

Since 1984, the Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) has helped Saginaw County residents build a better community by linking donor interests with the community’s most pressing needs and promising opportunities. As a nonprofit corporation, SCF serves three important constituencies – its donors who want to make a difference; the nonprofit organizations that provide services and programs essential in the community; and the individual communities within Saginaw County. Learn more at saginawfoundation.org.



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State Police Seeks Participants for National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 29, 2018

LANSING, MICH. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Missing Persons Coordination Unit invites fifth grade students statewide to participate in the 2019 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. The annual contest creates an opportunity to promote child safety while discussing the issue of missing and/or exploited children. More than 1,000 children are reported missing each week in Michigan.

Michigan's winning artist will have a shot at the national contest, which includes a free trip to Washington D.C. and their artwork featured as the National Missing Children's Day poster. The 2018 national winner was a Michigan student from Clinton Township.

Contest rules are as follows:

- Applicants must be in the fifth grade.
- Original artwork should reflect the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home" and the phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.
- Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration.
- The finished poster must measure 8½ x 14 inches.

The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the artwork and a brief biography of the artist, either written or typed. Submissions are due by February 1, 2019, and must be mailed to:

Michigan State Police
Missing Children's Clearinghouse
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**State Police Encourage Michiganders to Make
Winter Emergency Preparedness a Priority**
Winter Hazards Awareness Week is Nov. 4-10

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

November 1, 2018

LANSING, MICH. With winter weather approaching, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is encouraging Michigan residents to make winter emergency preparedness a priority.

"Winter is well on its way here in Michigan and now is the time to prepare," said Capt. Emmitt McGowan, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. "By taking a few extra steps, you will ensure that you and your family are ready before winter weather strikes."

Severe winter weather poses health and safety concerns with cold temperatures, freezing pipes, potential propane shortages and power outages. Michiganders should consider the following actions to be prepared for the winter months.

To prepare your home for winter:

- Weatherproof your home by installing weather stripping and caulking and insulating walls, doors and windows.
- Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls, so pipes are less likely to freeze.
- Lock in a propane rate now and have a backup heating plan, such as a generator, wood stove or fireplace.
- Have gas or oil furnaces inspected by a qualified professional and change the air filter every two to four months.
- Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected. Contact your local fire department for a referral or look for a local inspector online.
- Install battery operated carbon monoxide (CO) detectors near sleeping areas. CO poisoning is more common in the winter months when furnaces are turned on and portable generators are often used for electricity during power outages.
- Clean gutters to prevent ice dams from forming. Roof ice dams can cause water to build up, leading to interior damage.
- Clear storm drains along the curb to enable water to drain. If plugged, water has the potential to go into low-lying areas and flood basements.
- Have an emergency preparedness kit stored safely in your house that includes: water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, extra batteries, a battery or hand-crank powered radio, emergency lighting or flashlights, extra blankets and warm clothing.

To prepare your vehicle for winter:

- Have your radiator system serviced, replace windshield wipers and refill wiper fluid.
- Replace any worn tires and check air pressure regularly.
- Have your brakes, brake fluid, oil, car battery, heater and exhaust checked to make sure everything is running efficiently.
- Keep an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle stocked with batteries, battery powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight, windshield scraper, jumper cables, mobile phone charger, shovel, blankets, first aid kit, non-perishable food and bottled water in the event you get stranded or stuck.

In support of statewide winter preparedness efforts, Gov. Rick Snyder has proclaimed Nov. 4-10 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week. For more tips, go to www.michigan.gov/miready or follow the MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at [@MichEMHS](https://twitter.com/MichEMHS).

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The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is responsible for coordinating state and federal resources to assist local government in response and relief activities in the event of an emergency or disaster, as well as coordinating homeland security initiatives and various federal grants.

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