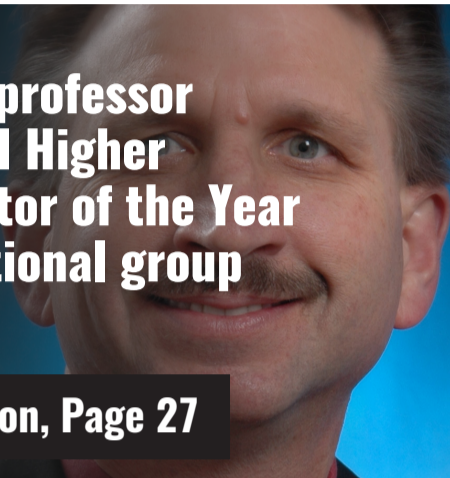



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## Bishop Hezekiah Walker and other national acts featured at this year's Gospel Fest



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For more information about Gospel Fest 2019 please visit [vickihillgospelfest.com](http://vickihillgospelfest.com).



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Jazz Band Way of Detroit

**SATURDAY:**  
Kuongana African  
Drum & Dance Co.  
DJ Ced

Pan Hellenic Old School  
Step Show  
Mama Sol and the Nuts  
Live Concert

DJ Ray  
Bethel AME

**SUNDAY:**  
Brandon Jones  
Sharie Williams  
Chet Allen

Chosen Sons & Daughters  
Sterling Brooks

## UMOJA TENT

Lecture: The Historic Roles  
of the Black Woman,  
Man & Child

**FRIDAY:**  
Workshop: Community  
Problem Solving

Lecture: Art and Culture  
Workshop: African  
Drum Circle

Workshop: Community  
Problem Solving

**SATURDAY:**  
Workshop: Self-Defense  
Martial Arts

Lecture: Art and Culture  
Open Mic Night

Workshop: Community  
Problem Solving

**SUNDAY:**  
Lecture: Black Origin  
of Meditation

Workshop: Learn to Meditate  
Lecture: Art and Culture

## CHILDREN'S TENT

Delta College STEM bus  
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Face painting

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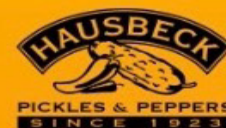
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**Seventeen years of successful publication in a rapidly changing media market is no small accomplishment.**

Now, perhaps more than ever, we need know more about the needs and good deeds of our friends and neighbors. The Banner fills an increasingly important role in helping our community be, in fact, a community. Congratulations to Jerome Buckley and his supporters for what they are doing to serve us all.

**Eric Gilbertson**  
**President Emeritus, SVSU**



**CONGRATULATIONS, Jerome Buckley and the Michigan Banner on your 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary.**

The local community and the Great Lakes Bay Region is fortunate to have the Michigan Banner to help lift and promote business, organizations, agencies, the clergy, and individuals. Thank You for all you do for Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region. Great Job!! Great Work!! We look forward in your continued success.

**Dwayne A. Parker**  
**Former Supervisor, BVCT**



## **Congratulations to The Michigan Banner!**

As retired educators, we have an increasing concern about a growing absence of what used to be a “newspaper.” Local, state, and national news that is honestly covered and communicated is being replaced with faster technologies that race to be first to report at the expense of depth and accuracy. The Michigan Banner is the

exception to that trend, and we appreciate your efforts to achieve deep and honest reporting.

**A standing ovation goes to you, Jerome Buckley!  
Be encouraged to keep up the terrific work!!!**

**Sincerely,  
Craig & Joan Douglas Carrollton**

# MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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Meet the  
Publisher



**My name is Andre Buckley Jr. and I look forward to being your Youth publisher for the Michigan Banner.**

I am a graduate of Dow high school in Midland Michigan. I served as a news columnist in our journalism class there. I have always been a go getter. I love serving others and making them happy. Youth can oftentimes be overlooked so I'm going to work to promote the youth in the Great Lakes Bay Area and beyond.



## Conspiracies behind Area 51

*Andre Buckley Jr.*

Recently there has been a lot for speculation surrounding America's most popular place that a very selective amount of people knows details about; Area 51. Area 51 is a secluded place in Rachel, Nevada which has a population of just over 50 people. The place has been accused of holding extraterrestrial life since the beginning of its time. Multiple sources say that a man by the name of Bob Lazar worked inside the grounds are stated that he saw the government examining recovered alien spacecraft. According to Britannica, since the employees of the so-called weapons testing site cannot drive to work, they have to be flown in by the same unmarked plane each day. The National Post states that Janet, sometimes called Janet Airlines, is the unofficial name given to a highly classified fleet of passenger aircraft operated for the United States Department of the Air Force as an employee shuttle to transport military and contractor employees. They do this to pick up the employees at their home airport and take them to their place of work. In the afternoon, they take the employees back to their airports close to their homes. The airline mainly serves the Nevada National Security Site (Area 51 and the Tonopah Test Range), from a private terminal at Las Vegas's McCarran International Airport. Many conspiracists have taken their suspicion to Facebook and started

an event to raid the land. I personally found that to very extreme and comical. I reckon I took it as a joke until I noticed that over one million people signed up to go to this event. Although I doubt this event will take place this brought more curiosity to my mind. Many questions came to my mind when I saw this. *Did the government expect over half a century to go by and hope that we would take any action on this? Why would over a million people agree to attend this event when the warning signs outside of the grounds says "use of deadly force authorized." What even is inside this place?* I was always taught that with whatever you do, make sure to be transparent. I don't know why this area of land is so confidential, but I too would like to know what is in it. According to Bloomberg, America spends approximately 16.89 billion dollars a year to store all of their "classified" information. Yes, I get it; we can't tell everyone everything because I believe no one should spill all of their business to everyone. Things to the nature of how to make chemical weapons should be kept from the public but as far as the information surrounding the facts about this facility known as Area 51 and Dreamland; we should at least be informed on what is held in the grounds there. The scheduled "raid" is in September of this year. I believe we will be in for a big surprise. Will this be a survival of the fittest type of raid or just a hoax? Only time will tell.

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## Indigenous People Demand an End to Detention on Stolen Lands

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## Dr Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for young Hispanic Leaders



Since 1982, USHLI has awarded over \$1.3 million in scholarships and internships to students from disenfranchised groups. Most notably, the Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for young Hispanic Leaders seeks to recognize Hispanic students who share Dr. Andrade's lifelong commitment to servant leadership. Application deadline November 30, 2019 at 11:59 PM CT.

### Recipients will receive two non-renewable scholarships:

- A conference scholarship to attend the 38th USHLI National Conference
- An academic scholarship (\$1,000 for a 4-year institution or \$500 for a 2-year institution) for undergraduate students.

### Scholarship Qualifications

Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as full-time undergraduate students, in an accredited four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories, and demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support. At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply (DACA or Undocumented). Recipients must also be available to attend the 38th USHLI National Conference in Chicago, IL from February 20-22, 2020.

### Scholarship Requirements

- Essay Questions
- Various Documents
- Letters of Recommendation





# Indigenous People Demand an End to Detention on Stolen Lands



Demonstrator holds a sign that reads, “No one is illegal on stolen land” at a protest near the U.S.-Mexico border. The protest organized by the Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas and Native Voice Network will take place Saturday, July 27, near a detention center in McAllen, Texas. | Photo by SOPA Images/Getty Images

Written by Guillermo Torres

Not far from a detention center in McAllen, Texas, Indigenous people will gather on Saturday for a demonstration, joining their voices to the ongoing chorus of protests over the detention of asylum-seekers along the U.S. southern border.

Taking a Stand on Our Stolen Land is organized by the Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas and Native Voice Network on traditional Esto’k Gna territory.

“As the original caretakers of these lands and territories, we have inherent authority over migration and demand an end to these barbaric acts,” they say in announcing the event. “We demand the administration immediately dismantle detention facilities and family separations and stop border wall construction.”

The demonstration planned for Los Encinos Park, not far from the McAllen Border Patrol Processing Center, is among several actions in recent weeks calling for the closure of

what many are calling concentration camps. But as Indigenous people, the Carrizo/Comecrudo people bring a unique voice to one question: Why are fellow Indigenous Americans being detained on their ancestral land?

“We the Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas are the First Peoples of this land,” they say. “We predate this country and are coming together to take a stand against the U.S. government’s response to the migration of our relatives from the south.”

The children and their parents being held at the McAllen facility and other detention centers along the southwest border won’t look very different from many of the tribal members who will be demonstrating outside. And in some ways, they won’t look much different from me, either, a Coahuiltecan-Comanche who is part Spanish.

Maybe from a tribe 1,000 miles away but separated by national borders, many of the detained asylum-seekers have native lineage in the Americas dating back 15,000 years.

Stretching from California to the tip of South Texas, the southern U.S. border didn’t magically separate Mexico and Central American from the Native Americans in the United States. The Miskito from Honduras or Rama of Nicaragua are not genetic strangers to the Sioux or Lakota or Diné of the U.S.

Rather, they are our primos, our cousins. Our border on the south doesn’t separate genetics; it doesn’t assign a different history or lineage.

Imagine, if you will, the Americas as a vast landscape of native people—from the southern tip of Argentina, where the penguins reign, to the tip of North America where the Arctic Circle begins.

This expanse was first populated by people crossing the Bering Strait from Asia and perhaps boat people from the Pacific. The people who made these crossings remain a part of the people we know today as Native Americans, despite the borders separating

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them.

They were the first immigrants. And really the first Americans who, because of borders, are being held in cages across the Southwest.

Saturday's event, Taking a Stand on Our Stolen Land, recognizes this great irony—that these asylum-seekers, whether political or economic, are being held prisoners on their ancestral lands.

Organizers say they are planning a peaceful gathering, "for ceremony, performances, and a rally; in the spirit of resistance and protection of our relatives."

This kind of resistance against the U.S. government isn't new to the Carrizo/ Comecrudo people, who earlier this year led a successful opposition to the Trump administration's plans for a 30-foot border wall that would have plowed through a 154-year-old cemetery.

Tribal members and their allies took up residence in a tent village adjacent to the cemetery in the Hidalgo County city of San Juan, just north of the Rio Grande. In June, the U.S. government issued a notice that it would reroute the wall to avoid disturbing the graves. But the tribal members remain in the village, monitoring wall construction and

keeping watch over the cemetery.

"Indigenous people on the American side of the border have been subject to policies that have resulted in family separation, internment camps, and detention at the hands of the Federal Government," the organizers of Saturday's event say. "We will not sit idly by and watch the replication of these injustices on our stolen lands and territories."

The action comes on the heels of two opposing rulings by federal judges regarding a Trump administration rule that was to have taken effect this week, barring asylum for anyone who passed through another country to get to the U.S.

Advocacy groups sought an injunction to block the measure, which would have affected the vast majority of Central Americans seeking asylum in the U.S.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Jon S. Tigar in California blocked the administration from implementing the new rule, hours after a federal judge in Washington, D.C., Timothy J. Kelly, refused to issue an injunction. The appellate courts will sort it all out.

This separation of people and land by borders set by the U.S. didn't happen overnight.

Beginning in 1836, when a Texas insurrection roiled the geographical landscape, the U.S. has steadily moved its borders south and west. In 1846, the U.S. declared war on Mexico. By the time it ended two years later, Mexico had lost nearly half its territory, including the present American Southwest from Texas to California. The Rio Grande became the new southern boundary of Texas.

Where once the Diné (Navajo) and Comanche and Apache people lived, the border separated families and tribes. The Indigenous here were segregated in reservations. The Indigenous across the border were simply called Mexican.

So, in 2019, we find ourselves, still, in the business of sequestration of Indigenous Americans. Since 2014, thousands of Central Americans have joined caravans of people making their way to the U.S. southern border, many in search of asylum. And Saturday's event in McAllen could signal the start of a new national conversation about the right of all Native Americans to make and stake a claim to these lands.

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## Quinceañeras Spend Over \$20,000 To Embrace Coming of Age Tradition



ANN ARBOR, Michigan, July 9, 2019 / PRNewswire-HISPANIC PR WIRE/ -- Mi Padrino®, the leading event-planning and crowd-gifting platform for quinceañeras and Hispanic weddings, released the results from their Mi Padrino Quinceañera Report

today, the first quinceañera study of its kind. Surveying thousands of quinceañeras from all around the country, Mi Padrino unveiled how the cost of quinceañeras continues to rise, as Hispanic families seek to provide increasingly unique experiences for their daughters' coming of age celebrations.

Over the past 12 months, the average cost of a quinceañera, of which there are over 525,000 in the US every year, was \$21,781. Hispanic families mentally start planning their daughters' quinceañeras from the day they are born and are not just emotionally, but financially, invested in turning their dreams into realities -- not just dinner and drinks, or the iconic ball gown, but finding a way to include all her friends and family in the big event.

There are plenty of families finding DIY ideas to work within smaller budgets, but many still can't hold back from pursuing lavish quinceañera cakes or new trends like La Hora Loca which feature everything from props to LED robots. "Quinceañeras today are more than just a small party with cake and balloons. Families start planning 12-18 months in advance, creating a fairytale-like night for their little girl to remember forever," said Kim Gamez, CEO, and founder of Mi Padrino. "Many quinces are still embracing their culture and having more traditional themes, but more than ever are using things like pop culture to create spectacular displays that are more so experiences than they are merely events. Each quinceañera is an individual story of a girl becoming a woman, so they each deserve to celebrate in their own way."

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**My sincere congratulations to Jerome Buckley and The Michigan Banner for 17 years of continually educating, connecting and informing several members of our community.**

Jerome's energy and commitment makes a difference and I admire his dedication to share the voice of all. I look forward to working with him in any way I can help.

**Terry Duperon  
Founder/Chairman of the Board ,  
Duperon Corporation**



**Congratulations on your 17 Anniversary!**

It's absolutely amazing that Michigan Banner has represented itself well. It has focused heavily on news applicable to the communities it serve. The story written in the Michigan Banner is critical to the African American's communities and It's messages permeate all cultures. Thanks for keeping your followers enlightened of relevance news in a modern day society.

**Billy J Strawter Sr.  
EnviCare Consulting Inc.**

## **Congratulations to Jerome Buckley and the Staff of The Michigan Banner on 17 years of successfully "Spreading the News"!**



My husband, Henry Marsh now deceased, and I have been encouragers and supporters of Jerome (our 'son' from another mother and father) and his wife, Rae Lynn for many years. Jerome went through a devastatingly 'rough patch' when Rae Lynn died in November 2015 but her spirit and their friends helped him continue to fulfill the dream that he and his helpmeet Rae Lynn had, to establish and publish a newspaper. Jerome has worked untiringly to keep their dream alive and I salute him for his effort and pray for his continued success in this endeavor.

**Congratulations again,  
Ruth Claytor Marsh**

# FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

## HBCU leadership – let’s move beyond the blame game Part two of a three part series

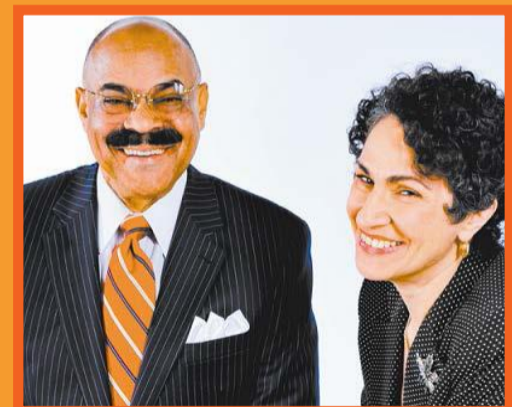
The turnover of top leadership at our historically Black colleges and universities is often “blamed” on the president. “They didn’t deliver,” is what we are asked to understand as the reason for early termination of a contract, or an unwillingness to renew a contract. The formal words may be different, but at the core the issue is often that the institution faces challenges and the board of trustees doesn’t believe the current president can solve them. But what one person could? The challenges facing our HBCUs are many and they require the engagement of many to resolve. In part one of this series we focused on the lack of resources at most HBCUs and changing leadership requirements. We continue the conversation with a highlight on the role of the board of trustees and the importance of niche.

1. Board of trustees. While business, nonprofit, and educational leaders are known to complain about “my board,” the challenges at an HBCU can be dire. It is the board of trustees who selects and evaluates the president, and that is the “make it or break it” decision for the college. First the institution has to attract a pool of qualified applicants. Believe it or not the composition of the board impacts whether or not top candidates will apply or accept an offer. Our experience has shown that challenges arise when the board lacks diversity: yes, that means including board members who are not African American and a healthy gender balance. It also means the board must include people of power, wealth and influence with diverse expertise, relationships, and resources. The board has to give financially in a meaningful way and open doors for the president. And, the board has to offer a competitive compensation package: if you are looking for top notch talent you have to pay for it. This is true not only of the president, but of academic leadership, faculty, research, administration, and staff compensation. As a board you cannot delegate financial responsibilities to the president and expect that person to wave a magic wand: the board has to be an integral part of all solutions.

2. Niche. Each institution needs to define its vision, mission and

uniqueness. Historical status is not enough in today’s competitive educational market. Top leadership has to know and communicate the institution’s niche internally across campus constituencies, and externally amongst stakeholders, funders, donors, and partners. Ideally the niche builds on current or historical strengths, addresses current and future needs at the local, national, and global levels, and meets a need in the educational marketplace/ecosystem. The institution’s uniqueness should be embraced by all stakeholders and should inform its business, strategic, and fundraising plans.

Part three will focus on questions that current and potential presidents should ask of themselves, and those that trustees should ask themselves.



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## HEALTH

# Michigan Health Insurance Companies Submit Plans for 2020 Open Enrollment



DIFS is seeking public comment on these proposed rate changes. Comments should be sent electronically to [HealthRateComments@michigan.gov](mailto:HealthRateComments@michigan.gov) and if submitted prior to July 26, 2019 will be considered in DIFS' review.

When reviewing the charts, it is important to note that:

- rate changes are an average percent change across all plans; some consumers will experience rate changes either greater or less than those in the chart;
- an increase or decrease does not reflect how a health insurer's premiums compare to plans offered by other insurers; and
- individuals who receive a tax credit that covers a portion of their premiums will experience rate changes that differ due to the tax credit calculation.

"DIFS welcomes public input and encourages anyone with comments to submit them electronically. DIFS is committed to providing transparency in the rate review process," added Fox.

Open enrollment for Michigan's federally-facilitated Health Insurance Marketplace will begin November 1, 2019 and close on December 15, 2019, with coverage effective January 1, 2020. Information about the Marketplace is available at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). Michigan residents with health insurance questions can also visit [www.michigan.gov/hicap](http://www.michigan.gov/hicap).

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(LANSING) The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) has received filings from nine health insurance companies to be included in the federally-facilitated Michigan Health Insurance Marketplace.

All the companies that offered plans last year have filed to offer Qualified Health Plans in the Michigan Health Insurance Marketplace:

- Blue Care Network
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- McLaren Health Plan Community
- Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Inc.
- Molina Healthcare of Michigan
- Oscar Insurance Company
- Physicians Health Plan
- Priority Health
- Total Health Care USA

"Michigan consumers have a strong lineup of insurers from which to choose when shopping for health insurance coverage," said DIFS Director Anita G. Fox. "We are entering the 10th year of the Affordable Care Act, the fact that we have nine companies continuing to offer plans shows that Michigan's Marketplace is continuing to thrive. Some states have as few as one or two options. A robust Marketplace is an important part of ensuring that more Michiganders are covered in 2020."

DIFS reports that the average filed rate change on a premium weighted basis ranges from a decrease of 8.8 percent to an increase of 8.3 percent for the individual market. The Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Request Charts are located on the DIFS website. Once DIFS has completed its review, approved rate changes will be posted.



# SVSU lands \$2.8M grant to tackle life-and-death health concerns in rural Michigan

Determined to be part of the solution for Michigan's opioid epidemic and other health problems plaguing rural Michigan, Saginaw Valley State University sought and secured a \$2.8 million federal grant to combat the most pressing health crises in some of the state's most under-served communities.

SVSU will empower a new generation of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners to serve on the front lines of patient care. It's an initiative that could prove transformative to rural communities in Michigan where thousands suffer from the opioid epidemic, SVSU leaders say.

"People are dying," said Kathleen Schachman, SVSU's Harvey Randall Wickes Endowed Chair in Nursing and one of the initiative's key leaders.

"Families and communities are being destroyed. Those in rural areas who are seeking care often have to travel up to 100 miles and wait two or three months to receive addictions treatment. Sadly, many die while they wait. This educational grant will target this significant treatment gap."

The four-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration - an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - will result in SVSU enrolling 25 nurse practitioners each year as students in the university's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate program. Eventually, SVSU expects 100 students to complete the program as a result of the grant.

Those who earn the certification will serve as the front-line health care responders to patients suffering from drug abuse. Considered one of the nation's hardest-hit states by the opioid epidemic, Michigan also happens to employ a dangerously-low number of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners trained to treat substance use disorders.

The \$2.8 million initiative at SVSU will aim to heal people in those ailing communities

by raising the number of professionals trained to treat individuals suffering from addiction. In Michigan's rural regions, both stigma and lack of access to treatment are significant barriers to care for those struggling with substance use disorders.

"Rural populations are disproportionately impacted by mental health conditions and substance use disorders," Schachman said. "Rates of drug overdose deaths are rising in rural areas, surpassing rates in urban areas. In particular, the opioid epidemic has had a compounding ripple effect throughout rural communities, affecting quality of life, economic opportunity, and rural prosperity."

Of the 4,391 nurse practitioners in Michigan, fewer than 3% are psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners. Schachman said increasing that percentage is especially important in Michigan, a state which ranks second in the nation in drug use, according to a 2019 study by the website Wallethub. The study was based on data analyzing metrics such as opioid prescriptions, arrest and overdose rates and meth-lab incidents per capita. Only Washington D.C. ranked higher than Michigan in the study.

"A quarter of the counties in Michigan don't even have a health care provider who can prescribe buprenorphine, a potentially life-saving medication for those with opioid addiction," Schachman said. "Every one of those counties are designated as rural, which illustrates the disparities in addictions care experienced by rural residents."

Schachman and her SVSU colleagues are familiar with how the problem has impacted Michigan and the Great Lakes Bay Region. She helps oversee the Bay Community Health Clinic, a Bay City-based medical facility operated jointly by SVSU, the Bay County Department of Health, and Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health. There, staff and student interns respond to local residents, including a growing number of individuals dealing with opioid addictions.

"Particularly in rural areas, nurse

practitioners are on the front lines in battling the opioid epidemic," Schachman said. "The educational and clinical training activities provided in the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program will better equip them to effectively treat patients with substance use disorders, and will bring needed resources to rural communities."

The \$2.8 million grant will afford SVSU funds necessary for a number of the program's goals.

In part, it will support stipends for the certification program's students, who typically are working as primary care nurse practitioners in some of the state's most under-served areas. The stipend will encourage people who might otherwise be unable to sacrifice work hours while pursuing such training, Schachman said.

"Traditionally, students work full-time while pursuing advanced nursing education," Schachman said. "This grant offers a significant stipend that offsets a substantial portion of their educational expenses. With this financial support, students may be able to reduce their work obligations to better balance their work, family and school roles."

The federal grant also will support a new clinical-academic partnership with Recovery Pathways, an interdisciplinary substance use and mental health disorder treatment center with clinics serving nine Michigan counties. Seven of those counties are considered rural. Students in SVSU's program will receive training and help treat patients served by Recovery Pathways. There, students will also learn about telehealth, a form of medical practice that in part utilizes telecommunication technology modified for health care-related response to patients in distant communities.

SVSU graduates – though nationally certified – have shown a commitment to remain in Michigan. Of the 171 SVSU family nurse practitioner graduates since 2010, 89% remain employed in the state, and of those, 62% practice in rural or under-served communities.



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# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## The Marketplace Apartments taking shape in downtown Flint



*courtesy photo*

Today, PK Companies and Uptown Reinvestment Corp. (URC) hosted a Hard Hat Tour for local dignitaries and media to provide a first-hand look at the redevelopment project underway on the site of the former YWCA building.

The Marketplace Apartment complex – bounded by east 3rd, Wallenberg, Stevens and east 4th streets – will be a four-story mixed-use apartment building on the north end of the block, townhomes on the southern end, and parking in the middle of the block. The apartment building will also feature three retail spaces (a total of 4,600 square feet) on the corner of Wallenberg and 3rd. The \$19.5-million project is slated for completion by January 2020.

Participants toured portions of the first- and second-floors of the north building as well as one of the townhouses.

“There has been a great deal of interest in this project and, now that it has really begun to take shape, we’re excited to provide an up-close look at our progress to-date,” said Chris Potterpin, vice president of PK Companies,

a family-owned real estate firm based in Okemos. “This was also an opportunity to publicly thank our project investors and partners for their engagement and support in transforming this site.”

The apartment building will include a mix of one- and two-bedroom units with modern amenities and fixtures, including central heat and air conditioning and in-unit laundry. The townhomes will have individual entrances and be a mix of two and three-bedrooms. The development will include a fitness room, community lounge, playground and a plaza in the center of the development with a pavilion and barbecue area.

The project will feature a total of 92 units, with half of the residences provided as an affordable living option to the community.

“Marketplace Apartments is part of a continual effort by Uptown Reinvestment to move economic development forward in downtown Flint,” said CFO Stephanie Fenton. “One of our goals is to increase the resident population by satisfying the growing demand for downtown living in Flint.”

The site is situated two blocks south of the Flint Farmers’ Market and catty-corner from the MTA transit center. It is also within a few blocks of the Capitol Theatre, the retail corridor on Saginaw Street and the University of Michigan-Flint campus.

The project is being financed with tax credits allocated by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), a Community Revitalization Program grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., foundation grants, a conventional mortgage and developer equity.

“This project is helping to revitalize downtown Flint, providing much-needed affordable living options while building a community,” said Mark McDaniel, Cinnaire president & CEO. “Marketplace Apartments is a model for community development, meeting a critical need to provide affordable housing with proximity to public transportation, healthy food options, green space and cultural opportunities. Cinnaire is grateful for the opportunity to have partnered with these mission-driven partners as an example of public-private partnerships helping make a positive impact in our communities.”

PK Companies creates and manages multifamily housing and commercial properties through community partnerships that enrich the lives of residents and neighborhoods. PK has been delivering high-quality developments for over 25 years and specializes in affordable housing using various government financing programs. PK has received six housing tax credit awards in Michigan over the last four application rounds.

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## Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting Celebrates 35 Years

Saginaw, MI: Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting, an affiliate of Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants, celebrates 35 years in information technology.

YYCC launched as a two-person division of Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants in 1984, incorporated in 1996 and has since grown to over 35 employees. YYCC currently supplies IT solutions to over 300 clients throughout Michigan from its office in Saginaw, Michigan.

President Jeff McCulloch said he is proud to be part of a business that has served its client base for three decades.

“It’s humbling to reach this milestone,” he said. “To make it this long in the IT industry, shows dedication and strong backing from our clients. It not only speaks for the services we provide for them, but it also shows that they have faith in the work we do. Having strong relationships with our clients is something we take seriously and have a lot of pride in.”

McCulloch added that YYCC’s dedicated staff is another reason for the company’s longevity. One-third of the employees have been with the company 10 years or more.

“Our staff is consistently learning new technologies and obtaining certifications to keep our business at the forefront of technology for our clients,” he said. “Careers in technology require skills and talent that push employees to their max. We are proud to have many talented individuals on our staff.”

As technology continues to advance, YYCC has positioned itself for the future. McCulloch said YYCC is ready for whatever changes may come in IT.

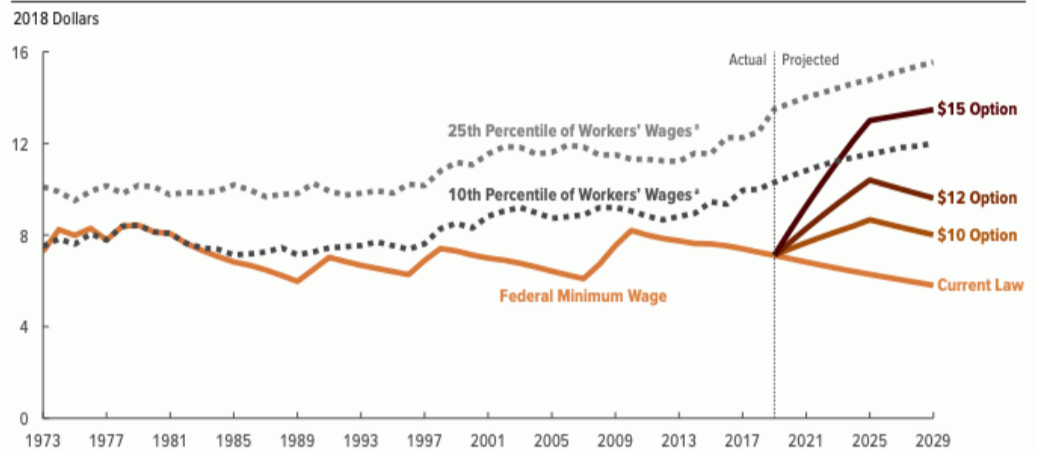
“We have to be open-minded,” he said. “What we are doing today is not what we are going to be doing in the coming years.”

“We have superb staff on top of some cutting-edge technologies. I am excited about what the future holds,” concludes McCulloch.



## U.S. House Passes \$15 Minimum Wage Hike Despite Concerns About Impact on Job Providers and Employees

Workers' Hourly Wages and the Federal Minimum Wage, 1973 to 2029



Source: Congressional Budget Office, using monthly data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey and data from the Department of Labor.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill a few weeks ago to more than double the federal minimum wage, taking it from \$7.25 to \$15 an hour by 2025 and then adjusting the rate annually moving forward.

Despite opposition and practical concerns raised by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Restaurant Association and other business groups, the House voted 231–199 in favor of H.R. 582. Most Democrats voted for the increase and most Republicans voted against it. The current minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour was set in 2009, and Democrats argued during the vote that an increase was “long overdue.”

Under the House-passed legislation, the federal minimum wage rate would increase from \$7.25 to \$8.55 an hour in 2020 (three months after enactment). From there, the minimum wage would increase to \$9.85 to \$11.15 to \$12.45 to \$13.75 to \$15.00 an hour annually in 2025. The bill would also increase the minimum wage for tipped employees, teenagers and employees with disabilities until they all equal the regular minimum wage rate.

It is important to note that, similar to 28 other states, Michigan’s minimum wage currently is well above the

federal minimum wage, or “federal floor.” Michigan’s current minimum wage rate is \$9.65 an hour and will gradually increase to \$12.05 an hour by 2030. As such, the U.S. House-passed proposal would not impact most Michigan employers and employees until 2022, when the federal minimum wage rate would surpass or trump the Michigan minimum wage rate.

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report has indicated that dramatic increase of the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$15 per hour would have disruptive impacts on employers, particularly small businesses, as well as negative effects on the job opportunities for first-time and lower-skilled workers. The report stated that, when fully implemented, a \$15 per hour minimum wage could result in as many as 3.7 million workers losing jobs and total real family income dropping by \$9 billion.

The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate where it is likely to face increased opposition. The Michigan Chamber will be closely monitoring this issue and will communicate any major developments. Please contact Wendy Block with any questions at [wblock@michamber.com](mailto:wblock@michamber.com).

# Duperon Corporation Honored with Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Distinguished Alumni Award - Most Engaged Workplace



*courtesy photos*

Saginaw, MI – March 18, 2019 -- Duperon Corporation has been recognized as the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Distinguished Alumni - Most Engaged Workplace, by Michigan Celebrates Small Business, an awards program honoring Michigan's successful growth companies.

Duperon will be honored at an awards ceremony during the fifteenth annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business gala event, May 8, 2019 in Lansing, Mich.

Established in 1985, Duperon Corporation has spent more than 30 years working in conjunction with municipalities, contractors, and engineers to provide simple mechanical solutions in maintaining water flow. The company's philosophy of "two parts is one part too many," has led to the development of technologies that lead the market in ease of maintenance and cost of ownership. They serve water utilities and industrial water treatment customers, inventing, designing, assembling, marketing, and selling patented liquids/solids separation equipment from their 70,000 square-foot facility in Saginaw.

"I'm honored to lead a team that is making a meaningful impact on the world," said Duperon Corporation President Mark Turpin. "This award is a reflection on our employees, who share their talents and hearts to lift up their communities through organizations like Water for People, Jammin' 4 Water, Child Abuse & Neglect (CAN) Council, YWCA, Girls on the Run, faith-based groups, and many others. Committed to providing Duperon employees the opportunity to engage in their communities, and setting a visible example themselves, founder Terry Duperon and CEO

Tammy Bernier have built a legacy of giving back, of being up to something bigger than ourselves."

The Michigan 50 Most Engaged Workplace Award recognizes a previous Michigan 50 Companies to Watch recipient for increased contributions to their community and fostering a creative, collaborative workplace culture. To be considered for this award, Duperon demonstrated an increase in full-time equivalent W2 employees since originally receiving the Michigan 50 award in 2006, obtained at least \$1.25 million in annual revenue or working capital from investors or grants, provided significant contributions to the community through volunteer hours, financial support to families in need or nonprofits, demonstrated a continued commitment to social responsibility and a track record of a creative, collaborative workplace culture.



Winners were selected by Michigan-based judges from the banking, economic development, entrepreneurship development, and venture capital communities.

The Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Alumni Awards are presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business. The program received over 600 award nominations in 2019.

Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) is a collaboration of trusted statewide founding organizations who offer resources for small businesses. Since 2005, Michigan Celebrates Small Business awards gala has placed a spotlight on how small businesses positively impact our communities and state. The MCSB organization is focused on supporting, promoting and celebrating small businesses in Michigan.

The Michigan Small Business Development Center is the managing partner of Michigan Celebrates Small Business in 2019. Michigan Celebrates Small Business was founded by the Michigan Small Business Development Center, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, U.S. Small Business Administration - Michigan, Edward Lowe Foundation, Michigan Business Network, and the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Founding sponsors are the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, PNC Bank, AF Group, and Dynamic Edge, Inc.

Information about Michigan Celebrates Small Business can be found at [www.MichiganCelebrates.org](http://www.MichiganCelebrates.org).





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# EDUCATION

## SVSU professor named Higher Educator of the Year by national group



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A Saginaw Valley State University professor's commitment to helping college students follow through on earning their academic degrees in turn earned him national recognition from his peers.

David Schneider, SVSU professor of communication, was recognized as the 2019 Higher Educator of the Year recipient by The National Education Association and the National Council of Higher Education earlier this month.

Outside of his work teaching in SVSU classrooms for the past 34 years, Schneider also serves as an educator for educators while hosting workshops across the nation for college faculty. The subject of those teachings: How to improve college retention

rates, which measure the number of students who follow through on graduating after enrolling as freshmen.

"Many people view student failure in college as something due to lack of academic ability, but the research shows that's a big misconception," Schneider said. "Most of our students are academically prepared but are struggling because of the way they're adjusting to the challenges of college."

There are several solutions to helping those wayward students find footing, he said. One of the most effective ways involves encouraging faculty members to connect their pupils with the outside-the-classroom support centers – such as tutoring services – available at many higher education institutions.

Often, when struggling students are introduced to such services, they discover their high-achieving peers already utilizing the resources to boost academic performance. This has the effect of eliminating the stigmas that sometimes repel people from seeking support, Schneider said.

It also connects students with their peers working in those centers, creating a connection that may help a struggling student find the sort of social support – whether it means making new friends or joining a student organization – that sometimes provides a sense of direction in college for students seeking a social

compass.

"Faculty have to make the students feel more connected," Schneider said.

SVSU's academic support services are well-equipped to make those connections for students, and the university's faculty are successful in directing students to those resources, he said. Schneider hopes to spread those conditions favorable to retention rates to higher education institutions across the U.S. by hosting his workshops.

In receiving the 2019 Higher Educator of the Year award, Schneider also was credited for his support of his industry's labor unions. He has served as president of SVSU's faculty union as well as president and board member of the Michigan Association of Higher Education.

"It's very moving, having been recognized in this manner by my peers," he said. "It's awe-striking."

Schneider credited his success in part to the support he receives from his colleagues in education across the nation.

"I'm a product of a larger team," he said.

Schneider was nominated for the award by one of those peers: Colleen Pilgrim, an associate professor of psychology at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



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## More than \$200,000 Awarded in Health Care Scholarships to Area Students



*courtesy photo*

MIDLAND, Mich. – Under the stewardship of the MidMichigan Health Foundation, \$200,850 has been awarded to 158 students for the 2019-2020 school year from The Bernard F. and Melissa Anne Bailey Family Fund.

More than \$2 million in total has been awarded in scholarship funds by the Bailey Family Fund to assist students as they pursue a career in health care since it began offering scholarships in 2005.

The following Saginaw students have received scholarships for the upcoming school year:

- Abigail Zielke
- Amy Nurnberg
- Catherine Nickell-Simpson
- Jessica Fodroczy
- Joy Schultz
- Kevin Gilbert
- Mackenzie Allen
- Marissa Strasel
- Martin Weaver
- Melissa Lee
- Stacey Wallace
- Taylor Herring

Examples of the health professions being pursued by these individuals include anesthesia, nursing, medicine, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy and speech therapy.

The Bernard F. and Melissa Anne

Bailey Family Fund was initiated through a \$3.3 million bequest left by Bernard Bailey to MidMichigan in 2004. Since Mr. Bailey's bequest was placed in an endowment, a portion of the income earned from the fund is awarded annually to qualified individuals. More than 1,000 students have benefits from their legacy gift.

As lifelong residents of Midland, Bernard and Melissa Anne Bailey's contributions in business, leadership and philanthropy have made a difference in the community for more than 50 years.

According to their nephew, William Bailey, "As their long and productive lives became more difficult in later years, their appreciation for those in the medical profession became the focal point of their legacy of giving. It was their sincere desire to recognize the contributions of all caregivers and to help those who have the passion to make caring for others their life's work."

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be accepted from Dec. 1, 2019, through March 1, 2020. Those interested in reviewing the eligibility guidelines, including a scholarship application, may visit [www.midmichigan.org/bailey](http://www.midmichigan.org/bailey), or call (989) 839-3638. Those interested in additional scholarship opportunities may visit [www.midmichigan.org/scholarships](http://www.midmichigan.org/scholarships).

## New Additions to Delta Sculpture Walk



*courtesy photo*

Recent additions to Delta's Sculpture Walk and the great summer weather make it a great time to visit campus for a leisurely stroll and a little art appreciation.

New to the walk in 2019, the sculptures "Shek Family Children" and "The Juggler of Notre Dame" were both created by Michigan sculpture Pamela Stump Walsh. They were donated in memory of Dr. John L. and Patricia T. Shek of Saginaw by their family.

The Delta Sculpture Walk was opened in 2011 as part of the College's 50th anniversary celebration. It is a free, outdoor sculpture exhibit featuring a wonderful combination of 22 traveling exhibits and permanent works held by Delta College.

The variety showcases multiple styles and media used by the artists and sculptors. The art pieces are placed within the beautifully landscaped grounds of Delta College and are intended to help broaden the community's view of the significant partnership between artistic expression and active learning.

"We invite the public to enjoy the Delta Sculpture Walk, which is outdoors and available 365 days a year," said Pam Clark, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. "It is the desire of the College to encourage discussion about art, showcase creativity and provide a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy."

The exhibit was commissioned by Delta College, with the generous support of the Anderson Family of Bay City, and continues to be funded through a combination of private donations to the Delta College Foundation.

For a map and information about each sculpture, visit [www.delta.edu/sculpturewalk](http://www.delta.edu/sculpturewalk).

# 172 students with disabilities to graduate from Michigan Career and Technical Institute during organization's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary



*courtesy photos*

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) – a school that promotes the integration of adults with disabilities into the workplace and society by providing vocational training – hosted a graduation ceremony for 172 students from across the state on Friday, July 19, at 12:30 p.m.

The event took place at the MCTI campus, 11611 W. Pine Lake Road in Plainwell.

This year's ceremony featured distinguished guest speakers who have benefitted from MCTI's training program as well as two student graduates. The graduation speaker is state Rep. Tommy Brann of Kent County, who has been a member of the Business Advisory Council for MCTI's culinary arts program and is owner of Brann's Steakhouse & Sports Grille, which has hired several MCTI students.

MCTI is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Operated by Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), MCTI provides vocational

training in 13 careers. It is the second largest rehabilitation training center in the country.

"MCTI puts Michiganders with disabilities on the road to opportunity by helping them maximize their talents," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Investing in skills training is vitally important to the state's economy and its residents."

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The graduates listed by county are:

Bay: Andrea Davidson – Certified Nursing Assistant.

Chippewa: Brendan Bradley – Weatherization, Donald Heyrman – Culinary Arts.

Genesee: Trace VanKuren – Cabinetmaking/Millwork, Malik Muhammad and Makayla Sheffield – Certified Nursing Assistant, Evalyn Mathenia and Patrick Uhrig – Culinary Arts, Madalynne Romankewiz – Custodial, Joaquin Sharpe, Jr. – Retail Marketing, Brandon Nierman – Weatherization.

Midland: Makayla Owens – Culinary Arts.

(List excludes the names of those who requested not to be listed in news release)



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

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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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

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**-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS**

# Saginaw Learn to Earn is Moving to a Four-Day School Week



*courtesy photos*

A proposal for a four-day school week for Saginaw Learn to Earn Academy was given a green light by the Department for Education.

Saginaw Learn to Earn Academy is an alternative public school that is open to all Saginaw County students. Learn to Earn serves students who need an alternative to traditional schools and serves students in grades 7-12, ages 12-26. The school submitted an application for the four day school week in May, and the application was approved at the end of June.

All students will be required to attend school Monday – Thursday. Students may also be required to attend on Fridays in order to participate in a Positive Alternative to Suspension program or to receive academic interventions. Students can also opt in for Fridays to make up work, receive tutoring, or participate in various activities. Their goal is to supports and interventions to students so that they are able to succeed in school.

The staff is excited to be able to offer this opportunity to have Fridays to work with students and develop individualized plans for

success for each of them.

Learn to Earn provides unique opportunities to students. The school currently provides a variety of supports for students, including a casual clothing closet, a Dress for Success clothing closet, free laundry facilities, food pantry, personal care items, baby boxes, and school supplies. Students are able to receive Job Skills training and every student participates in a career course, “English Applications from School to Work” in order to ensure that they are developing Job Readiness skills.



For additional information, visit Saginaw Learn to Earn Academy’s website at [www.the12ea.org](http://www.the12ea.org) or call the school at 989-399-8775.

# COMMUNITY

## Two New Exhibitions at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw



*courtesy photos*

Saginaw, Mich. – Two exhibitions that highlight art that was created out of war will be on view beginning Wednesday, July 10, at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum. One exhibition explores the phenomenon of soldier and civilian fold art known as “Trench Art” from World War II and will be displayed alongside photographic works that interpret children’s therapeutic drawings and offer a rare yet fascinating insight into the contemporary experiences of Palestinian and Israeli boys and girls. The exhibitions are free and open to the public.

“The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is excited to share these exhibitions with the community,” said museum director Megan McAdow. “Together they provide insight into war experiences of adults and children. Children often share their experiences and emotions through indirect

methods of communication, such as art and play. As a result, their personal accounts of war frequently go unseen and unheard by the international community. In WAR-TOYS: Israel, West Bank, and Gaza Strip, Brian McCarty’s photographic works interpret children’s therapeutic drawings and offer a rare yet fascinating insight into the contemporary experiences of Palestinian and Israeli boys and girls.”

From Swords to Plowshares offers a glimpse into the dazzling array of objects known as “trench art.” The term “trench art” applies to any item made by soldiers, prisoners of war, or civilians from war material or any other material associated with armed conflict. The functional and decorative objects included in this exhibition focus particularly on the metal art forms. Often a lost treasure hidden in attics and basements, trench art tells a story

of bravery, grief, patriotism and even comic relief in times of death and destruction.

Along with being a creative vehicle, trench art often commemorated a battle or served as a souvenir of a memory or experience. Engraved poems, monograms, and dedications to loved ones and family members also appear on decorated artillery shells. According to trench art expert and author Dr. Nicholas Saunders:

“Unlike commissioned paintings and war memorials, which represented war from a distance, trench art was made from the waste of war itself and utilized the vehicles of death and mutilation directly... Trench art was made for a variety of practical reasons- for sale, barter and personal use- but could also possess deeper spiritual meanings associated with religious belief, grief and mourning, and relief or guilt at surviving war when so many did not.”

The works on exhibit in From Swords to Plowshares are part of a collection assembled by Gary Hollingsworth, an art restorer based in Florida.

According to Hollingsworth, “Trench art is a testament to mankind’s indomitable creative spirit- that out of the scrap heaps of two world wars, military and civilian artists have created such wonderful objects of beauty.” From Swords to Plowshares introduces the public to these unique objects and demonstrates the rich variety of styles and techniques of decorative metalworking that were utilized during the Second World War. Trench art by makers from the following countries are featured: United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Japan and Hungary.

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WAR-TOYS artist McCarty is an internationally exhibited artist and toy industry veteran whose postmodern integration of concept and character has earned his photography a prominent position in the Art-Toy and Pop Surrealist movements. Since 2011, McCarty has worked with local humanitarian organizations in Israel and the Palestinian Territories, conducting art-based sessions with children who were severely affected by the conflict. With the help of specialized therapists and caregivers, questions were posed to understand the events the youth witnessed, and they were invited to create pictures of their lives and experiences.

Viewers of WAR-TOYS will see the children's drawings presented alongside McCarty's photographs. Featuring locally found toys placed and posed in the actual locations described by the children, the photographs recreate shared fears and witnessed events while also documenting the plastic playthings available to boys and girls in each area. In

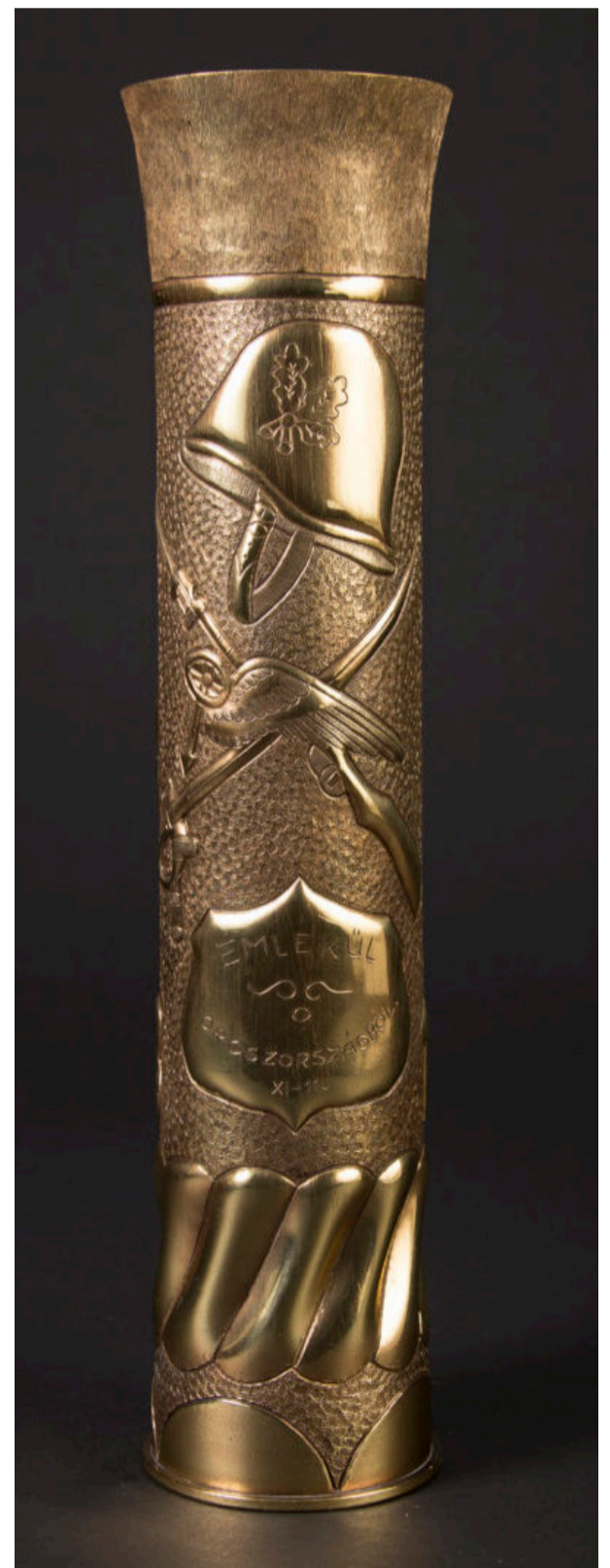
the art therapy sharing process, children would often reveal the details that were most important or impactful to them, but some elements were buried, as if to protect them. The viewers' eyes will move back and forth from McCarty's works to the children's drawings, recognizing the similarities and differences, but most importantly, reading between the lines. The exhibition also includes an immersive "safe room" experience inspired by the classrooms and bunkers McCarty visited in the region.

The museum will have a robust schedule of fun and engaging programs for the exhibition's run including Lunch & Learns and Create + Take drop-in art activities on select Saturdays. For more details please visit the Museum's website at MarshallFredericks.org or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

These exhibitions are made possible at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

with grant support from the Saginaw Community Foundation and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For photos or more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum's website at [www.marshallfredericks.org](http://www.marshallfredericks.org).



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# \$249,000 EGLE grant brings fresh food market to Vacant Saginaw area



*courtesy photos*

A contaminated property in Saginaw will be redeveloped as a Fleck's Fresh Mart with help from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The Saginaw Downtown Development Authority was awarded a \$249,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant to revitalize and safely reuse a vacant parcel at 2040 North Michigan Avenue.

The site has been vacant for 10 years. Old industrial and auto-related businesses with leaking underground storage tanks contaminated the property. The brownfield grant will be used to evaluate and manage contaminated soils, install barriers to control gasoline vapors that could remain in the soil or groundwater, and demolish old building foundations to ensure the safe

redevelopment of the property.

Wirt-Rivette Group and RPF Oil will redevelop the currently vacant parcel into a Fleck's Fresh Mart and gasoline station. The \$2,225,000 redevelopment will create eight full-time and part-time jobs. Fresh Mart will provide residents and commuters a healthier alternative to traditional convenience store foods.

EGLE partners with communities to protect public health and the environment and revitalize contaminated property. EGLE grants and loans pay for environmental investigation and cleanup on brownfields, which are vacant or abandoned properties with known or suspected environmental contamination.

More than half of EGLE's budget each year flows into Michigan communities in grants, loans and other spending; this supports local projects, protects public health and the environment, and creates economic growth and jobs for Michigan workers. Partnerships between EGLE and communities have created more than \$4.7 billion in private investment and 24,000 new jobs over the life of the Brownfield Redevelopment Program. Each brownfield grant and loan dollar invested by EGLE in 2018 to protect residents and the environment is expected to return an average of \$42 to the state's economy. When brownfields are redeveloped, property values increase both on the revitalized site and on other nearby properties. Learn more at [Michigan.gov/EGLEBrownfields](http://Michigan.gov/EGLEBrownfields).



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# Mission: READ Camp at Hartley Outdoor Education Center



*courtesy photos*

The READ Association of Saginaw County hosted the 9th Annual Mission: READ Camp at Hartley Outdoor Education Center from July 16-18. Twenty-four boys and girls from Saginaw Public Schools spent an adventurous three days of literacy and learning in the great outdoors. Students participated in reading activities; sessions focusing on building confidence, learning about Native American life and local coal mining history, and expanding S.T.E.M. experiences by creating and launching bottle rockets as well as protecting eggs for a 15-foot egg drop; and, individual reading time with the three free books each child received.

The READ Association received \$2,500 from the Nexteer Steering the Future

Fund Grant and \$1,000 from the Stark Foundation, both administered through the Saginaw Community Foundation, to assist with student tuition and books. Other sponsors included generous donations from the Walmart Community Fund Grant (\$1,000), the Hartley Foundation (\$500), and individual Facebook donors. The students also received toothbrushes and toothpaste from local dentist, Dr. Jack Nash; camp t-shirts were supplied through the Optimist Club of Saginaw; and transportation was provided through STARS (Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services).

One student reflected, "Thank you for helping me go to Hartley. My favorite part was when we got to pet the turtle, Bonnie.

She was the first turtle I have ever seen in my life." Another added, "I really enjoyed camp a lot. I really enjoyed when we got to make bottle rockets and I even made two new friends. I hope I can go next year!"

The READ Association is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to help students improve their reading skills and discover the joy of reading. For more information about the READ Association of Saginaw County, visit [www.readinsaginaw.org](http://www.readinsaginaw.org), follow READ on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, or call the READ Office at 989-755-8402. Please contact READ if you would like information on serving as a volunteer mentor or would like to support our programs.

# I Am a Writer!



*courtesy photo*



Jeri Darby's writing journey began over twenty years ago when the word of the Lord came to her with these instructions. "Purchase a computer and proclaim to others, "I am a writer!" The next day she encountered someone starting a local Christian publication in need of writing submissions.

"I am a writer", she announced. That was over 100 publishing credits and three self-published books ago, including two Spanish translations. Jeri is an author speaker and songwriter. Her articles, devotions and poems have appeared in print and online in international publications such as Decision Magazine, The Upper Room, Chicken Soup for the Nurses Soul, A Second Dose and others.

Jeri enjoys outreach and has ministered in jails, prisons, conferences, halfway houses and shelters over the years. Recently, the word of the Lord again came with these instructions. "Get off the sidelines of life, proclaim your age and encourage others to get back in the race!" Right away Jeri launched "Seasoned for this Season" on Facebook Live (Jeri Darby) Mondays at 2 PM EST. These weekly videos benefit not only God's seasoned people; but anyone desiring clarity, confidence and courage to step into their purpose. Jeri emphasizes the importance of recognizing and obeying the voice of God. By His grace she has hosted over 50 weekly sessions!

Jeri is also celebrating the release of her third book, "Seasoned for this Season,

Reflections for Seasoned Singles." The public is invited July 14, 2018 at 12:30 PM at Bread of Life Team Ministries, 3726 Fortune Blvd, Saginaw, MI 48603. Come hear Jeri impart words to inspire, instruct and infuse writers with renewed passion. She will share obstacles and identify strategies to maintain momentum and focus for those on the writing journey.

Jeri releases the resounding message that "No matter how old you are, you are seasoned for this season! Get back in the race, God has need of you!" If you would like Jeri to speak at your upcoming event email [araritypress@gmail.com](mailto:araritypress@gmail.com) or phone 989 717-1031.

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# Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC) brings free Chiropractic Community Day to Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum



SAGINAW, MI – July 19, 2019: Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC) will host Chiropractic Community Day at the Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2019. MAC is sponsoring museum admission for the entire community for the day’s interactive activities as well as gallery play.

“We are very excited for Chiropractic Community Day on August 10,” said Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum President & CEO Sam Jones. “Children will be able to enjoy free gallery play and can make a special

stop at the Insides Out gallery where they will discover a Chiropractor’s Office. They can play with a diagram of the spine and learn about advice given by chiropractors from the informational posters in the office. In addition to a fun day at the museum, MAC is also providing free scoliosis screenings, crafts and activities, like “Build a Spine.” After a fun day of learning and playing at the museum, children can grab a coloring book and popcorn on their way out. It will be a fun day of learning for the community.”

The Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum is the

only hands-on museum in our Great Lakes Bay Region created especially for children ages newborn through 10 years old. Each gallery was designed by children’s museum specialists and educators to ensure that children are educationally engaged as they play.

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## 2018 Heart of the City Award Recipient Richard Stringfield receives prestigious Governor's Service Award



*courtesy photo*

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Community Service Commission today announced the 43 winners of the 2019 Governor's Service Awards. The winners are individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations that were selected for their commitment to volunteerism, service or philanthropy.

“Our state is lucky to have such outstanding Michiganders who work hard every single day to build a home for opportunity for everyone. Whether it’s uplifting our neighborhoods or bringing communities together when tragedy strikes, they do this work even when nobody’s looking because they know that every contribution makes a huge impact,” Whitmer said. “I’m proud to present the Governor’s Service Awards to this year’s recipients as recognition of their sacrifice and dedication throughout our state.”

Richard Stringfield is one of four people in the state of Michigan to receive the Volunteer of the Year award.

Richard Stringfield is very active in the Saginaw community, bringing his love for science and engineering to local kids through his Students and Future Technology (SaFT) Program.

Richard Stringfield helped found SaFT to bring advanced STEM training to disadvantaged students in Saginaw County. To support this effort, Richard created a science technology library center and raised more than \$100,000 with grants and donations within five years. The library allows mentors to quickly access information for students based on technological knowledge and interest. As the program continues to expand, his main objective is to find the best mentors and technology resources available to enhance the training provided at the center. He recruits community members who

have personal experience with project-based learning tools to teach science and engineering practices that generate real-world skills. The program also integrates many aspects of science by implementing music synthesis and math into weekly sessions. Instead of just reading about science, Richard allows students to interact with objects and understand the science behind them. Richard has revolutionized the way students learn science and technology.

The Governor’s Service Awards winners will be honored during a special ceremony hosted by the Michigan Community Service Commission at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Detroit Opera House. Admission is free, but registration is required.

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# Community Welcomes New Bishop of Saginaw, Bishop Robert Gruss

## Installation Mass Broadcasted on National Television



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On Friday, July 26, Bishop Robert Gruss was installed as the seventh Bishop of Saginaw. Now installed, he will begin his ministry in the Diocese.

"The Lord has really called me into a mission in Saginaw. There's an excitement about this new adventure, this new mission, and I'm looking forward to it."

Bishop Gruss comes to Michigan from western South Dakota's Rapid City Diocese where he developed and implemented a diocesan pastoral priority plan. He opened an institute for catechists, and other lay people who want to learn more about the Faith, among many initiatives. He also worked on the Cause for Canonization of Nicholas Black Elk, an Oglala Lakota holy man who brought more than 400 Native Americans to Catholicism. During his time in the Rapid City Diocese, Bishop Gruss encouraged perpetual adoration and established a diocesan Year of the Eucharist. He was in the process of building a new Pastoral Center in downtown Rapid City.

Bishop Robert Gruss was born June 25, 1955. He worked as a corporate pilot before

entering seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood on July 2, 1994. In 2007, Pope Benedict named him a Chaplain of his Holiness, giving him the title of monsignor. He was appointed by Pope Benedict as

Bishop of Rapid City, and consecrated as a bishop on July 28, 2011. On May 24, Pope Francis announced that he selected Bishop Gruss as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw. The Eucharistic Liturgy of Installation was held on Friday, July 26 at Holy Spirit Church in Saginaw.

### About the Installation Mass

EWTN provided a live, national broadcast of the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy of Installation on Friday, July 26 at 2 p.m. EST from Holy Spirit Church in Saginaw.

The live stream included local audio commentary that was also available at [saginaw.org](http://saginaw.org) and the Diocese's Facebook page.

Additionally, Ave Maria Radio streamed live audio of the Installation Mass on local Catholic radio 1440 AM.

More information about Bishop Robert Gruss and the Installation Mass may be found at the Diocese website [saginaw.org](http://saginaw.org).



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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Congressman Dan Kildee votes to protect pensions Michigan workers



*courtesy photo*

On July 24, Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, applauded the U.S. House of Representatives for passing H.R. 397, the Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act, commonly known as “The Butch Lewis Act.” This legislation protects the hard-earned retirement benefits of workers by boosting financially-troubled multiemployer pension plans, including the Central State Pension Fund that largely covers Michigan workers, so they do not fail. Congressman Kildee was a co-sponsor of H.R. 397 and recently also voted in favor of passing the legislation out of the Ways and Means Committee.

Multiemployer pensions, plans in which workers have paid into throughout their employment, are in jeopardy unless Congress acts. Through no fault of workers,

a significant number of these plans have funding problems, and many of them are at great risk of becoming insolvent. It is estimated that 1.3 million retirees could face retirement benefits cuts by as much as 70 percent, impacting tens of thousands of workers in Michigan.

“Every American worker who works hard and plays by the rules deserves to retire with dignity. That includes having their pension protected that they paid into their entire life,” Congressman Kildee said. “I am pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives has acted to ensure workers can count on their pensions they have earned. I will continue to fight so that all Americans are able to retire with dignity.”

The Butch Lewis Act would create a new office within the U.S. Treasury

Department, called the Pension Rehabilitation Administration (PRA), that would allow for some multiemployer pension plans that are in danger of becoming insolvent to be given low-interest, 30-year loans to protect retiree benefits and allow trustees time to improve a pension’s financial security. These loans will allow multiemployer pension plans to remain solvent, grow their assets, and pay promised benefits. Ultimately, this bill ensures that workers across the country receive the pensions that have been promised to them.

Currently, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC)’s multiemployer pension program is on track to run out of money by FY 2025 and currently has a deficit of \$54 billion. This bill will protect the earned benefits of retirees, ensuring they do not see a benefit cut of up to 90 percent.

# SPORTS

## Flint City Bucks to host USL League Two national championship game



*courtesy photo*

FLINT -- The league announced the Flint City Bucks were successful in their bid to host the title game. The Bucks will be trying to win their fourth national championship.

The Bucks will face Reading United at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at Atwood Stadium.

Flint advanced to the championship game for the sixth time in franchise history by beating FC Golden State 1-0 while Reading beat South Georgia Tormenta 3-2 on Sunday night.

"You can't go anywhere in town without seeing or hearing about the Flint City Bucks. What Costa (Papista, Flint's team president) has done in this first year in Flint and Genesee County is one of the great success stories of our league. It didn't take our committee long to agree that we needed to showcase our premier match of the year from Kettering's historic Atwood Stadium," said league director Chris Madden.

"The Bucks organization has been one of our top clubs for over two decades, so we were

not surprised at the professionalism of the organization in staging a first-class event. We were very pleased to see a fantastic crowd of nearly 5,000 at the match and the overall support for the team everywhere we visited."

Tickets for the championship game will go on sale at 10:00 a.m. Monday on Ticketmaster.com or at the Ferris Wheel building, 615 S. Saginaw in downtown Flint. Tickets are \$15 for VIP reserved, \$10 for adults and \$5 for youngsters 12-and-under.

# 2019 Pistons Academy Summer Camp

Welcome to the 2019 Pistons Academy Summer Camp Tour! Our camps are loaded with instruction, games, fun and an element of Pistons entertainment that no other camp can match! Our format is designed to satisfy a wide range of skill levels. Whether your camper is a confident superstar, a shy beginner or somewhere in between, our coaches will provide the appropriate level of instruction.



Our Camp Directors, Geo Thomas, Bryan Bollin and Aaron Smith have a combined 60 years experience of directing camps and are prepared to deliver a fun and fast-paced agenda that will keep campers challenged and engaged. Along with fundamentals and the importance of team play, Pistons Academy Camps offer amenities that no other camps can match: Hooper (voted by our office as the #1 mascot in the NBA), live updates on our website and social media, appearances from Pistons players – both past and present, the Flight Crew and so much more\*! Check out our camp videos below or call 248-377-8653 if you have any questions. Thanks for considering our camps and we hope to see you on the court this summer!



## July 22-26: All-Girls Camp at Seaholm HS in Birmingham, MI

9am-3pm – Girls entering grades 4-10

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 14)



## July 22-26: High Velocity Sports in Canton

9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9

Format: All skill levels welcome

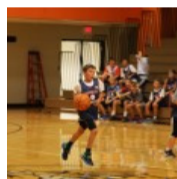
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 15)



## July 29-August 2: Pistons Elite Training Camp in Southfield at Franklin Athletic Club

9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 4-9

Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 21)



## August 5-9: Brighton High School

9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 28)



## August 5-8: Morey Courts in Mt. Pleasant

9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 28)



## August 10: Monroe Family YMCA

10am-2:30pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-8

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$50 (\$65 after July 12)



## August 12-15: Aim High in Lansing

9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$220 (\$260 after August 4)



## Aug. 12-16: ULTIMATE HOOPS WEEK in Bloomfield Hills

9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 4-10

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after August 4)

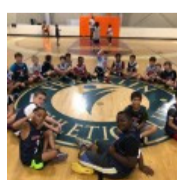


## August 17: Word In Action Christian Center in Detroit

10am-2:00pm – Boys and girls entering grades 2-9

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$35 (\$45 after August 3)



## Aug. 19-23: Franklin Athletic Club in Southfield

9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 4-10

Format: All skill levels welcome

Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after August 11)



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## PICS OF THE WEEK

"Brother Ray" teaches about the history of the Saginaw African Cultural Festival during the Saginaw Art Museum's second Walk and Talk of the Summer. Their final session will take place on August 13!





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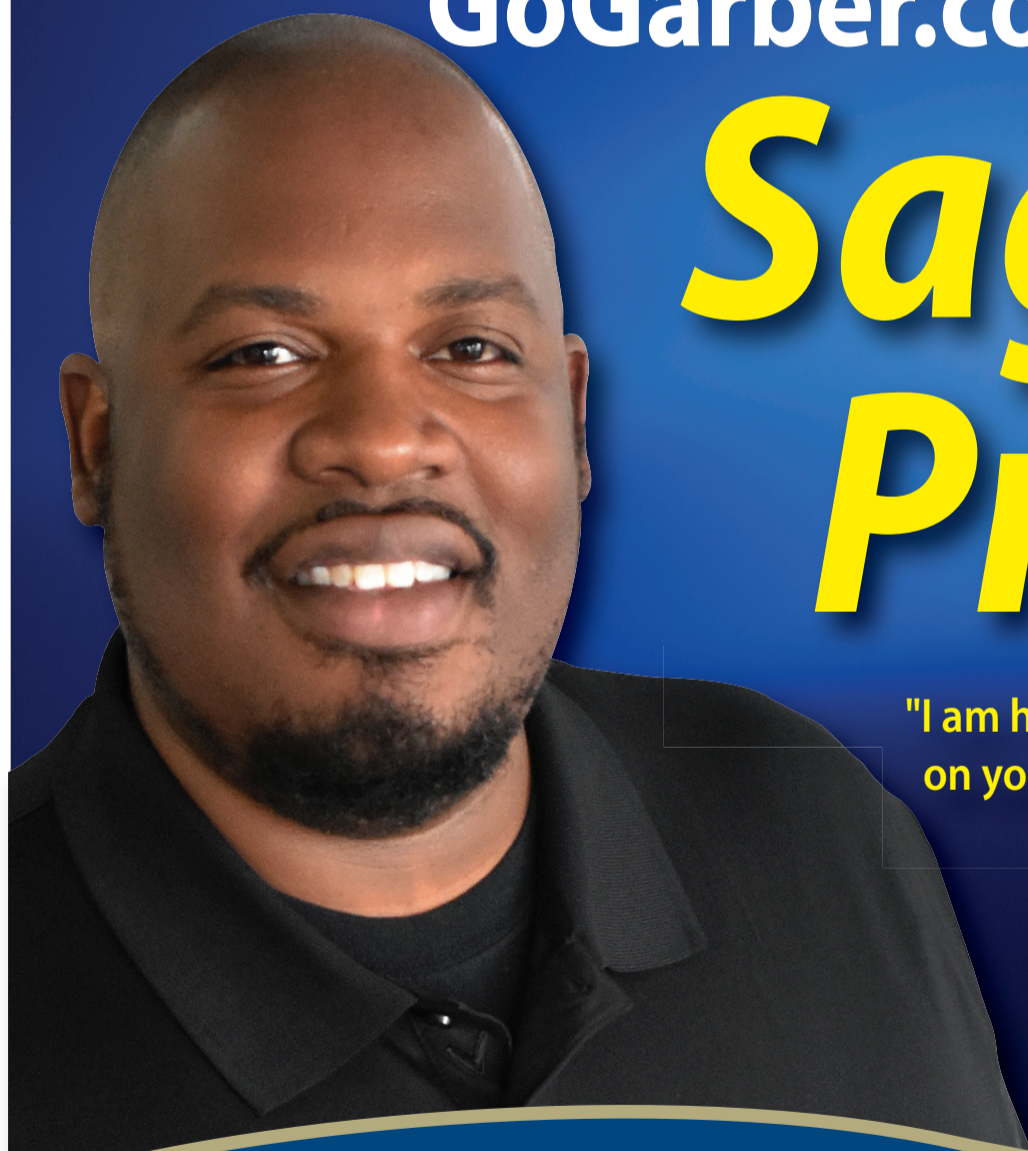
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