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Saginaw NAACP sets agenda

By Mike Thompson



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Don't wait until next year, says the new Saginaw NAACP branch president.

"It's not too early to prepare for 2020," says Terry Pruitt, who takes over for Leola Wilson at the helm, during the 2019 State of the Community event at Andersen Enrichment Center.

Pruitt was referring to the 2020 presidential election, in which Donald Trump aims to seek re-election.

NAACP groups, by non-profit charter, do not endorse candidates. Rather, the U.S.A.'s oldest civil right organization focuses on specific issues and concerns. Still, there can be no doubt that Trump is a person non grata.

Pruitt and Carl "Mac" Williams, Saginaw NAACP political action chair, mentioned a laundry list during their hour-long combined remarks to an audience of 40 civic leaders and news media:

-- Bias in criminal justice, including mass

incarceration and police misconduct in dealing with peoples of color.

-- Racial disparities in employment, wages, education, and overall quality of life.

-- Individual leaders and everyday people, such as Iowa Congressman Steve King, who advocate white supremacy and nationalism. During "these past few years," said Pruitt, "confusion and mistrust" have become predominant, adding "We can do much better."

Williams noted, "We have two worlds that we live in. When I walk out my front door ... things around me remind me that I'm black."

In some social circles, the Saginaw NAACP branch has gained a reputation as being "irrelevant," Williams acknowledged.

Therefore, leaders compiled a list of six "game-changers," including:

(1) Education. Demanding that the Saginaw

Board of Education be held more accountable in decisions such as the dismissal of Nate McClain, former superintendent. Pursue a social studies curriculum that more fully embraces racial relations and history. Monitor construction of Delta College's new Saginaw downtown center.

(2) Health care. More action to address HIV and opioid concerns.

(3) Civic engagement. Give priority to mid-term and local elections that do not include the quadrennial presidential ballots. Encourage voting rights and registration.

(4) Economic opportunity. Combat the disparities in white, black and Latino employment rates. Frustration was expressed with lack of minority hires for projects such as the Delta downtown center and the new county jail at the courthouse.

(5) Criminal justice. Increase minority employment in law enforcement, and find alternatives to mass incarceration.

(6) Environmental justice. Reduce pollution, often concentrated in minority neighborhoods, that contributes to climate change. Continue testing for lead poisoning.

Pruitt said top campaign issues in the 2020 campaign, which already has started in 2019, will include women's rights, public and children's health, U.S. Supreme Court membership, the federal social safety net, and health care. A statewide concern is car insurance rates. Locally, the Saginaw NAACP branch has joined other groups in exploring a possible removal referendum for a 40-year-old city property tax limit that restricts revenue for such needs as police officers, firefighters, and street cleaning and maintenance.

Pruitt and Williams praised Mrs. Wilson for her 20 years as local president and her prior service as vice-president with the late Bernice Barlow.

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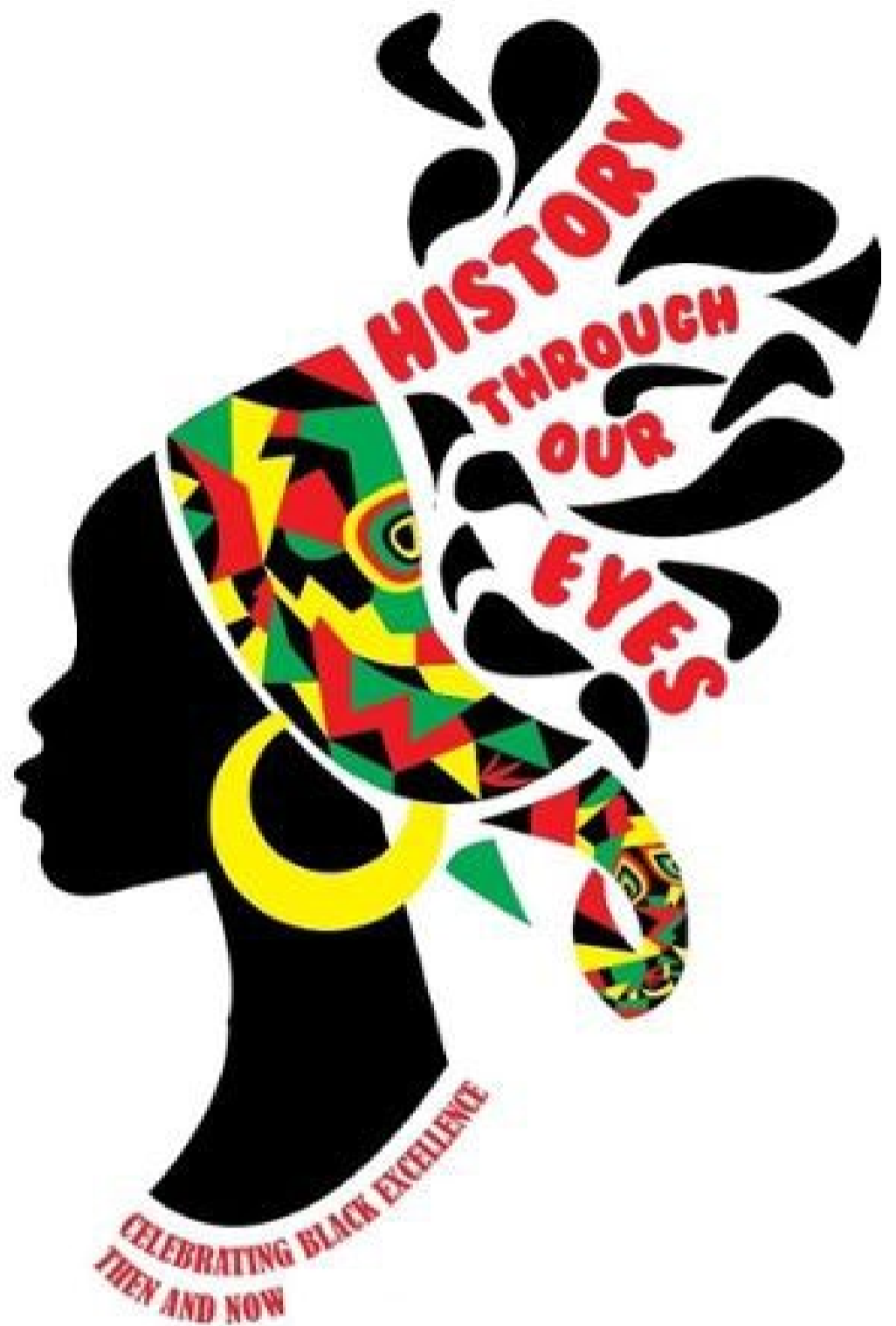
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African American Contributions in Military History

Major General (Ret) Adolph McQueen, United States Army



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Throughout our country's history, African Americans have made invaluable contributions to our Armed Forces and the security of our nation. February marked the month our nation honors the countless contributions made by African Americans.

Our armed Forces will also join in the celebration of recognizing the service and sacrifices of African Americans in service to our country. There are three important events that help to change the course of our nation.

- The Emancipation Proclamation
- Executive Order 9981 – abolishing military discrimination and the
- March on Washington for jobs and Freedom in 1963

On January 1, 1863 the Emancipation Proclamation set our nation on the path to end slavery. On July 26, 1948, Executive Order 9981 issued by President Harry S. Truman, abolished military discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin in the United States Armed Forces.

On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I have a Dream" speech after over 250,000 Americans of every creed, color and background joined in the march on Washington for jobs and freedom.

All three events are key, building blocks in the foundation of our nation's heritage. Our armed forces team is a strong part of the American legacy. Over the past 243 years, African

Americans have served in our military - armed forces. They have helped set an example that has encouraged generations of African American soldiers including myself, to serve in the military.

It is the individual diversities that makes our military team strong. In every conflict and in every war, generations of Americans of all races have stepped forward to fight for freedom and to defend this country. As we celebrate our rich military history, we all should remember Crispus Attucks, an escaped slave, who became the first man to die in the American Revolution and the Louisiana Free Men of Color who played a vital role in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812.

The soldiers of the Massachusetts 54th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, who were members of the first black regiment to fight in the Civil War. The two regiments of Negro Cavalry, the Ninth and Tenth, had served continuously on the western frontier. All four Colored Regiments, 9th and 10th cavalry, 24th and 25th (colored) infantry participated in the war with Spain.

Others who served with distinction include the "Harlem Hell Fighters" also known as the "Black Rattlers" of New York's 369th Infantry Regiment who, in World War I, fought side-by-side with the French Army. The 555th (triple nickle) Parachute Infantry Battalion. The Tuskegee Airman (Red Tails) of the 99th Pursuit Squadron. The "Black Panthers" of the 761st Tank Battalion who served with distinction in WWII.

Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis Sr. was the first African American general officer in the U.S. Army and in the U.S. Armed Forces. We celebrate our diversity and honor these men and women from our early history and those who fought in subsequent conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Somalia, The Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our American experience is intertwined with their fight against racism and serves as a testimony that our country's military can overcome all adversity. We cannot let ignorance or prejudice divide our ranks. We use our diversity to strengthen and unite us — for we are truly "One nation and One Army."

Today's military leaders reflect the diversity of our Armed Forces, which is accurately a blend of our nation. We must look back on the past and chart a path paved with the courage of those who raised their hands to serve this great nation.

Prove Them Wrong, And Then Do It Better

Chelly Shellman, Carlean Gill



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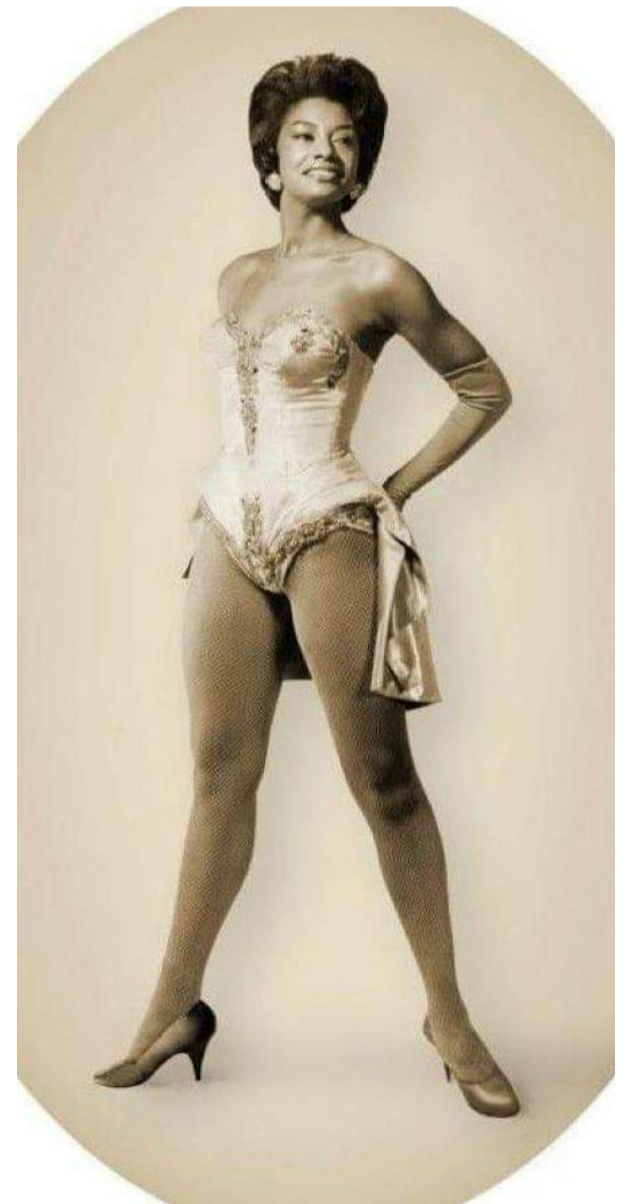
Many Black children grow up hearing various lectures from their parent's and mentors about the struggles of being black. We are taught that because of the color of our skin, we have to work twice as hard just to get a foot in the door, and being black and a woman triples your work load and still does not guarantee you success. Knowing this, black women have exceeded and excelled in all areas, knowing the difficulties that we'll face, knowing the challenges. In an Interview with Michelle Johnson, Carlean Gill reflects on her experience growing up as a young black woman entering adulthood.

Gill grew up in a time where segregation was as common as the morning news. She mentions having to walk a mile and a half to get to school, while white students were privileged with transportation. Her school counselor once told her that she would never get a good job like a book keeper or a typist; putting her in classes like cooking, sewing, and home economics. Typically, these are the duties of a house wife at the time. She was a young Black woman who wanted the most she could get out of life, but her teachers and

counselors tried to put her in a box. Even then, they were preparing her to be less than what she wanted to be. This idea that women should only be taught to love, clean, and nurture is in many ways belittling. It implies that women won't be successful outside of bearing children and building a family. It's a very toxic way of thinking, but Carlean Gill does not let that stop her.

Later in the interview Gill tells how she branched off from typical day jobs and became a dancer; something that people like her counselor did not see coming. She quotes her mother, saying "I trust you and I know you, and whatever you do you have to be the best.." This quote resonates with me, because I am a Black woman and my own parents have said similar words to me. My parents and my mentors weren't trying to pressure me or scare me, they were merely preparing me for the world I was going into. The product, as I've viewed it, has always been self-assurance. Carlean Gill came off as a confident woman, knowing from early on that she wanted fulfillment in life, and as a Black woman, that alone is a big dream.

To quote But Some of Us Are Brave, "Merely to use the term "Black Women's Studies" is an act charged with political significance. At very least, the combining of these words to name a discipline means taking the stance that Black women exist- and positively.." It speaks volumes on the importance of beginning to tell the stories of Black women. There are many stereotypes attached to the idea of Black women; loud, aggressive, prideful, but those are the products of the stories told by white men, white women, and black men about black women. It's important for stories like those of Carlean Gill to be heard, because even though time has passed, and things around us has changed, there are still Black girls and black women who are being that they will not amount to much because of their gender and the color of their skin. These stories make way for imagination, dreams , and hope for Black women. These stories prove that Black women can be anything they want to be.



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Creating your nonprofit business plan Part three of a three part series

Does a nonprofit need a business plan? The answer is “yes.” With this column we share guidance from Bridget Ciaramitaro, experienced nonprofit planner, so you can get to work planning for the business success of your nonprofit.

First, we asked Ciaramitaro, “what is a business plan for a nonprofit?”

“A business plan builds upon the strategic plan. In some ways, the business plan determines the feasibility of implementing the strategic plan. I’ve heard it said that a strategic plan is a wish list without a business plan. This plan includes the vision, mission and values of the organization, and the strategic goals and objectives. It includes the program model for the organization answering the question “why do we do what we do?” The program model aids in determining what needs to be done in order for the organization’s program(s) to be successful. This includes determining if all the program activities actually support the program model. This is an opportunity for the nonprofit to determine if there has been mission drift.

Questions to ask during this time include: “Are some programs or activities being offered simply because at one time there was a funding stream? Are programs really making a difference in the lives of the people being served?”

Ciaramitaro continued, “The business plan

addresses organizational needs for the next three to five years. Is there a facility need? Does the organization have debt that needs to be paid off? Has the organization been running a deficit? What needs to be funded in order to increase program effectiveness or serve more people? What is a unit of service for the organization? What is the cost of a unit of service now? How will that change future forward? With a three to five year planning budget in place, what are the sources of funds for making this budget doable? These and many other questions will lead the nonprofit in determining a business model and affirming a core business.”

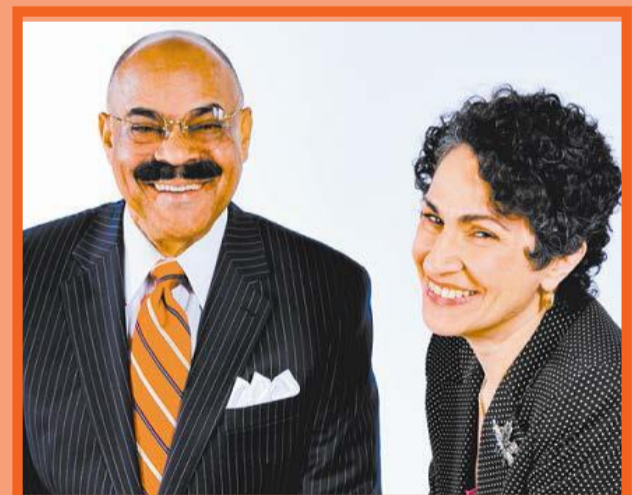
“A core business might be defined as the one thing the organization does that defines why they are needed. It is the reason for their existence. The business model determines how this core business will be funded thus the importance of researching, identifying and pursuing the source of funds needed to implement the budget.”

She asks the hard questions that require work to answer. Don’t be intimidated, just get to work.

Ciaramitaro explained that business planning requires an organization to know its

vision, mission and strategic goals and its current financial position well beyond the profit and loss statement. She encourages use of an outside consultant who is willing to ask hard questions to lead the process, but warns “the consultant cannot ‘write the plan’ for the organization. Strategic business planning is a process that involves the people served, the board, staff, and other stakeholders.”

Share these columns within your organization and get ready to plan. Bridget Ciaramitaro is the president of Ciaramitaro & Associates, LLC. Reach her at bridgetciaramitaro@att.net or via LinkedIn.



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HEALTH

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Flint public health leader has faced personal medical fears

Water crisis continues long after last replacement pipes are installed

Written by Mike Thompson



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This is 1990. She's a 19-year-old college freshman with a healthy lifestyle. Then suddenly she's in a hospital bed. Liver and kidney failure are among her overall ailments, and doctors can't figure out why. She fearfully wonders, is she going to die?

What could be the cause? Think of all those industrial smokestacks on her side of town, growing up on Saginaw's East Side. She can't be 100 percent sure, but she suspects that poison in the air is part of the reason.

Within months she recovers her health, as mysteriously as when she had become ill. She rededicates her chemical engineering studies to place stronger emphasis on the environmental impact, and on public health.

That's the background story for Pamela Pugh, Flint's chief municipal public health adviser, and that's why she says the impact of the city's infamous water crisis will linger long after the final replacement pipes are installed late this year.

Few with whom she interacts realize that her service is inspired by her nightmare episode three decades ago. She is working with various health professionals, scientists, environmental officers, local clergy and citizen leaders on recovery plans from a Vehicle City disaster, now in its fifth year, that has reaped statewide and national attention.

"We aim to restore public trust," she says, "and to ensure that residents' well-being never again are ignored. Public health must become a priority in all decision-making."

Mayor Karen Weaver hired Pugh to the new position in October 2016 to help lead the recovery and reform efforts that had started with the local election 11 months earlier.

Pugh describes her first reaction to her new job description.

"I felt as if I were looking in the mirror," she says. "Every experience, every twist and turn that had been in my path, was reflected in the needs of this role. My life story. This is where I was meant to be."

NO EASY ANSWERS

Pugh started when the Flint trauma was well into its second year. Details now are etched in history. In a money-saving misadventure under Republican Gov. Rick Snyder in 2014, state municipal takeover administrators pushed a temporary switch from Detroit-based Lake Huron water to the Flint River. Pollution controls were inadequate, and complaints from residents soon ensued. Pipes became corroded, causing the water supply to be laced with high levels of lead and iron, with pathogenic microbes such as legionella bacteria. Flint switched back to the Lake Huron source within 18 months, but the damage was done.

Long-term health effects, especially on young children and elders, may linger into the 2020's and even beyond. Information will be compiled and assessed through the Flint Registry, based on a model that monitored 9/11 World Trade Center survivors.

Pugh aims to ensure that Flint residents, moving forward, are prevented from encountering health mysteries similar to the episode that landed her in a hospital bed three decades ago.

"I will continue to work with research scientists, along with the medical and public health communities, to monitor the water system and the health trends. In this way, we will determine ongoing needs," says Pugh, who describes as "eternal" the need for a public health adviser.

For now, residents are encouraged to filter their tap water or use bottled water, even if they already have received new copper pipes to replace their former lead or iron outlets, because lead particles could continue to infect the total system until all the work is finished. So far, starting in 2015, crews have explored more than 20,000 properties,

replacing pipes at about 40 percent of them. Workers are on schedule to finish by the close of 2019.

Meanwhile, more than a dozen state and local water quality administrators and employees have lost their jobs. Criminal proceedings are underway in some cases for malfeasance or for coverups.

Most Flint water headlines during 2019 will stem from the ongoing infrastructure replacement and the court cases. On the more lower-profile and longer-term side, Pugh will continue along the third main aspect, public health.

FIRST, LEAD PAINT

After her illness, Pugh continued her studies at Delta College, the Saginaw area's main state ju-co. She moved ahead to Florida A&M University, where she completed her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

Her four-year diploma prepared her for a leadership post with the Saginaw County Department of Public Health, with a priority to combat child lead paint poisoning from loose chips in older properties. The effort's success, 1997 through 2011, has served as a model for similar outreach in communities across the state. Pugh worked with Lansing legislators to pass lead paint poisoning oversight and prevention provisions during the post-millennial decade, when Democrat Jennifer Granholm was governor. As Saginaw's state representative at the time, Carl Williams helped to pave the way.

All the while, Pugh was investing her scant free time in off-campus studies through the University of Michigan, gradually achieving a 2014 doctorate degree in public health. She hails from a politically involved family, active in the NAACP's Saginaw and state branches. This caused her to seek and win a Michigan State Board of Education seat in 2014, while at the same time serving as state NAACP health chair.

In her state board of ed role, she was visiting Flint city schools and she observed unplugged drinking fountains. Later that day, she encountered Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician whose research first revealed that the city's water source switchover had made the product become discolored and foul tasting.

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Far worse, the water -- even when clear -- was poisoned with lead, similar to the old-house paint chips, dust, and soil that too many of Saginaw's young children had ingested while innocently toddling and playing, prior to Pugh's public health efforts.

Dr. Hanna-Attisha was impressed with Pugh, sympathetic with her background story, and encouraged her to apply to become Weaver's new public health aide.

For her part, Mayor Weaver found an unexpected benefit in discovering an applicant who would go beyond being a science wonk. Pugh possesses experience not only in science and public health, but also in politics and communications. In addition to winning election as a Democrat to the state school board, Pugh had run for state representative as far back as 2006, and for years she has been outspoken as an environmental justice advocate, keynoting at forums and writing newspaper op-ed columns, including a Jan. 4 piece that appeared in the Detroit Free Press.

"With Pam's background, there could not have been a more perfect person," Hanna-Attisha says. "She was an ideal fit. She is an expert on the effects of lead, and she has been able to

communicate this with the public in layman's terms, while bringing the scientists and the community to the same table. Standing alongside Mayor Weaver, she serves as our voice of science and our voice of public health."

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

Pugh expresses, with modest humor, how her background prepared her for the position.

"Now I'm not telling anyone to go out and get an illness," she says, "but I encourage that we all soak up everything we can from our own experiences. This has definitely carried me a long way in serving this distressed community." The water crisis has compounded hardship in a Flint community already suffering from nearly a half-century of disinvestment, losing a huge portion of its manufacturing base along with family small business enterprises. The population, once 200,000, has eroded below 100,000.

Pugh already has honored requests to advise other cities, ranging from Detroit and Pittsburgh to East Chicago, Ind.

She says solutions will have to go beyond the Band-Aid of state bottled water assistance,

"although laudable and currently necessary," that incoming Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has pledged to restore as a starting point to an improved relationship, overturning Snyder's cancellation of the aid seven months ago. Whitmer has pledged to make Flint's water crisis, and statewide public health, a top priority.

Renewal of public confidence will be a main challenge, Pugh says, in a Flint community where some citizens feel so offended and "disposable" that they have vowed never to drink or use tap water ever again, no matter how their leaders may reassure them.

"If people don't trust and use the water system, then the water never moves," she says, with resulting contamination from the stagnant status. "I am not, at all, a long-term advocate of bottled water. Bottled water is not the solution."

She continues, "Flint has an opportunity. We're not the only ones who will encounter problems. We want to become the water research leader of the world so that this type of tragedy never happens again."



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Covenant Glen Announces New Memory Care Expansion



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Covenant Glen is proud to announce the completion of a new 25,000 square foot expansion to the assisted living and memory care community located in Frankenmuth, MI. Covenant Glen has served Frankenmuth and the surrounding communities since 2014, providing residents extraordinary care and life enrichment in a warm home environment. With the completion of the expansion, Covenant Glen will feature 77 private apartments, 35 dedicated to memory care and 42 to assisted living, allowing residents independence combined with the support services they need to lead a worry-free life.

Through its partnership with Covenant HealthCare, Covenant Glen of Frankenmuth is proud to be the region's leader in assisted living and memory care, providing superior clinical and care services and life enrichment to its residents. The new memory care addition and its care systems have been designed specifically for residents with forgetfulness, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias. Through weekly on-site physician visits, specially trained staff, unique life enrichment technology, and bright, open, and walkable spaces, Covenant Glen's memory care expansion will allow residents to continue leading engaged and enriching lives.

Covenant Glen of Frankenmuth would like to thank and recognize the design and construction team who made this project possible, especially TSSF Architects, Koester Builders, Gilmour Construction, BTE Electric, Graebner Excavating, Osmond Concrete, Quality Plumbing, and Darcy Rousseau Mechanical.

All are welcome to attend a ribbon-cutting of the new memory care expansion hosted at Covenant Glen on February 21st, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

Ascension Hospitals Implement Visitor Restrictions

With the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) classification of "widespread activity" of influenza across the state, and in an effort to protect our patients, families and associates, visitor restrictions at all Ascension Michigan hospitals across the state are now in effect.

Ascension Michigan hospitals are limiting visitors to those who are 14 years of age or older. Children are at the greatest risk of getting and spreading the flu. Visitors should be healthy – free from fever, cough, colds or stomach virus symptoms. If you are not well, please do not visit. No more

than two visitors will be allowed to visit with a patient at any one time. We are also asking visitors to remember to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before, during and after visiting.

Visitor restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. Ascension Michigan infection control specialists will continue to monitor influenza activity with MDHHS and will assess when restrictions can be lifted.

Ascension Michigan hospitals include:

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- Ascension Providence Hospital
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- Ascension River District Hospital
- Ascension St. John Hospital
- Ascension St. Mary's Hospital
- Ascension St. Joseph Hospital
- Ascension Standish Hospital

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Expands First Aid Training



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Saginaw County Community Mental Health (SCCMHA) is expanding the availability of training in the national Mental Health First Aid program in the Saginaw community assisted by a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation.

Mental Health First Aid training is a course supported and endorsed by the National Council for Behavioral Health and US Congress and is featured by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in their Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices. To date more than 1.4 million persons in the US have become Mental Health First Aid certified.

Mental Health First Aid is a 8-hour training certification course for adults from all walks of life. The course teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. Training participants receive instruction a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the individual. The certification program introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems and addiction problems,

builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. Through research evaluations in randomized controlled trials and a quantitative study, the CPR-like program has been proven to be effective in improving trainees' knowledge of mental disorders, reducing stigma and increasing the amount of help provided to others with mental illness and substance use disorders that they know or may experience in the community.

In its pilot year, the program was introduced nationally in nearly twenty states and more than 40 communities nationwide. Mental Health First Aid originated in 2001 in Australia under the direction of founders Betty Kitchener and Tony Jorm. To date, it has been replicated in twenty other countries worldwide, including the US Hong Kong, Scotland, England, Canada, Finland, and Singapore.

“We welcome SCCMHA’s involvement and enthusiasm in the Mental Health First Aid community,” says Linda Rosenberg, MSW, president and CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health, the organization who brought Mental Health First Aid to the United States in 2008. “We know they will have a great impact on the mental health

communities throughout the Saginaw, and will be key players in improving mental health literacy nationwide.”

The National Council certified the SCCMHA to provide the Mental Health First Aid program in October, 2014 through an instructor certification course in Omaha, Nebraska. Since that time SCCMHA has trained 1,700 persons in Mental Health First Aid. SCCMHA and all the sites across the nation that replicate this program maintain strict fidelity to the original, proven program. SCCMHA will utilize the grant funding from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, to purchase additional training materials and to prepare and certify four (4) additional trainers one of which will be a member of local law enforcement. The goal is to train an additional 1,000 Saginaw community members, to improve mental health literacy – helping them identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and addiction.

For more information or to participate in a Mental Health First Aid training in Saginaw, call Alecia Schabel, at (989)-797-3451.

BUSINESS & WEALTH

Dow Receives Three 2019 BIG Innovation Awards from the Business Intelligence Group



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MIDLAND, Mich. - February 05, 2019 - Two innovative technologies from Dow, the world's leading materials science company, as well as the company's Coating Materials research division have won BIG Innovation Awards presented by the Business Intelligence Group. The annual awards program recognizes the organizations, products and people that bring new ideas to life.

"Creating materials and solutions that exceed customer needs, transform our world and deliver shareholder value is why we innovate," said A.N. Sreeram, senior vice president, Research and Development, and chief technology officer for Dow. "We are grateful for this recognition from Business Intelligence Group of our talented Dow teams and breakthrough innovations."

Nominations are judged by a select group of business leaders and executives who volunteer their time and expertise to score submissions.

"This year's winners show just how deep a role innovation plays in nearly every aspect of business," said Maria Jimenez, chief operating

officer of the Business Intelligence Group. "We are thrilled to be honoring Dow as they are leading by example and making real progress on improving the daily lives of so many."

Learn more about the Dow 2019 BIG Innovation Award winners:

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Home Builders Announces 2019 Board of Directors

The Home Builders Association of Saginaw would like to formally announce their 2019 Board of Directors. The induction took place January 28th.

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Loan fund a resource for small businesses



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A little-known financial resource available to help entrepreneurs with the capital needs to support growing businesses has awarded loans to two Flint companies. BRP Northside Solutions, an upstart customer call center, and Dean's Auto Sales, a used automobile dealership, are the newest beneficiaries of the Small Business Revolving Loan Fund.

The fund, which is governed by the Genesee County Economic Development Corp. (EDC), seeks to create jobs in the community by helping to capitalize businesses. EDC loans can be used for most business purposes, including building improvements, equipment, inventory and working capital. The maximum loan amount is \$100,000 and may not be used to pay off existing debt.

It doesn't replace conventional business loans but can be used in places where conventional financing may be more challenging, said Tracy Joseph, business finance manager at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, which administers the fund. "There may be hurdles related to a borrower's creditworthiness, collateral or the venture is considered too risky," she said.

Joseph added the revolving loan fund was restructured post-recession to allow first-lien position financing for qualified applicants. Previously, the fund could only be accessed as gap financing.

The fund is governed by the Genesee County EDC whose nine-member board of trustees are appointed by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners to serve six-year terms. The EDC board is currently evaluating three additional applications from local businesses, said Joseph.

Loan requirements & limitations:

- Loan amount – up to \$100,000
- Interest rate – Prime plus 2 percent to 3 percent
- Term – up to 10 years
- Amortization – up to 25 years
- The business must create new jobs
- Owner must have at least 10-percent equity in the deal

For more information, contact Tracy Joseph at (810) 600-1406 or email tjoseph@flintandgenesee.org.

Local SERVPRO® Franchise Changes Ownership



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Midland, MI February, 2019-- Randy Miller and Mike Snyder, owners of SERVPRO® of Saginaw, SERVPRO® of Bay City, SERVPRO® of Romulus/Taylor, SERVPRO® of Downriver and SERVPRO® of Westland/West Garden City, have taken ownership of SERVPRO® of Midland / Gladwin Counties.

Starting in 1996, Randy Miller was an early pioneer to the mid-Michigan area SERVPRO® system. Since then, the franchise system has grown to over 1800 individually owned and operated franchises. Originally, Randy started in Genesee County and expanded into Saginaw in 1997. Mike Snyder joined the company in 2000. Together, Randy and Mike have grown, acquired, and sold multiple territories throughout Michigan. With their headquarters in Saginaw and an office in Romulus, they currently operate licenses in Saginaw, Bay City, Romulus, Taylor, Downriver, Westland, and now Midland / Gladwin counties.

Last June at SERVPRO's 49th Annual National Convention, held in Orlando, FL, the two earned top honors from the corporation. The pair were

awarded with the Icon Silver Award as the second largest volume franchise out of the 1,800 franchises across the nation.

Miller and Snyder, proud of what they have accomplished in the industry, recognize that these honors have not been earned by them alone. As they set focus to Midland and Gladwin Counties, Miller stated "We continue to grow and improve due to our team that consistently proves they are the best of the best." Snyder added "Our local community has also played a large roll in our accomplishments, without their trust in our services and brand we would not have earned this recognition."

The efforts of Miller and Snyder's franchises to go above and beyond does not only stand out in the SERVPRO Corporation, it is also reflected in their contributions to the communities that they serve. Both owners agree that it is important to support the communities that have given so much to them over the years. They show their appreciation by giving back through participation and sponsorships in community events.

When asked what's next for the franchise, Miller stated "Each year I assess, 'Is this the top for SERVPRO?', 'Where can we go from here?'" When I hear the plans and see the company's ambitious goals, I realize that the SERVPRO® Corporation is far from done on their journey to the top."

Miller and Snyder look forward to serving Midland and Gladwin Counties.



Wildfire Credit Union Announces Brian Pennington to Represent the Michigan Credit Union League



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Saginaw - Wildfire Credit Union is pleased to announce that Brian Pennington has been selected to attend Crash the GAC 2019 by The Cooperative Trust and Credit Union National Association to represent the Michigan Credit Union League!

Pennington commented, "I am excited to be able to Crash the GAC and represent Michigan and Wildfire Credit Union. I look forward to networking and advocating for credit unions and their members in Washington, DC. Our purpose is our members and I will be the voice for them this year".

Crash the GAC is a non-stop, career-changing program for credit union young professionals that allows them to participate in the industry's largest advocacy conference with complimentary registration, exclusive networking opportunities, leadership development tools, and mentoring sessions with industry leaders from organizations such as Filene Research Institute, CUNA, and National Credit Union Foundation (NCUF).

"The Crashers program is a great opportunity for young credit union professionals, the conference, and the entire movement at large," said CUNA CEO and President Jim Nussle. "Crashers at the GAC will have the opportunity to network and participate in the premier event of the credit union industry. We will all benefit greatly from their enthusiasm and fresh perspectives as the movement is invigorated by a new generation of advocates."

CUNA provides Crashers with a complimentary registration fee to attend the conference, and many state leagues and associations provide scholarships or other financial assistance. This year 100 Crashers will attend Crash the GAC representing every state in the nation for the Cooperative Trust's 10th Crash the GAC event ever.

Timothy W. Benecke, Wildfire Credit Union CEO, commented; "We are very pleased that Brian has been selected to represent Michigan at the Government Affairs Conference (GAC) in Washington DC. Only one representative is chosen from each state, and Wildfire has been fortunate to represent Michigan for the last several years".

"As the Cooperative Trust and Crash program grow and evolve, we continue to see positive impact on the careers of young professionals in the credit union space," says Lauren Culp, Manager of the Cooperative Trust. "As we know developing this next generation of credit union leaders is critical to our success as an industry, we're thrilled to work with CUNA to offer the opportunity to even more young professionals this year than ever before."

Crash the GAC and other Crash events throughout the year are designed to spark new ways of thinking and build lasting relationships for young professionals within the credit union industry. Crashers will leave the nation's capital with a new hunger to help strengthen their communities and organizations. This highly competitive opportunity is a launching pad for many young professionals' careers and gives them the confidence and insight to make a profound and lasting impact in the industry.

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Delta College Celebrates Black History Month



Delta College is celebrating Black History Month with a series of special events, highlighted by a panel discussion focusing on this year's theme, "Black Migration," on February 21 in the Delta Ricker Center Gym.

The Black Migration theme highlights the exodus of more than five million African Americans from rural southern states to urban areas in the north, including many cities in Michigan, between 1916 and 1970. The mass movement came out of a desire to escape oppressive economic conditions and the promise of greater prosperity in the north.

"Our goal with these events is to evolve, expose and engage our students about these migrations to places like Saginaw and other areas," says Carlos McMath, Delta Director of Diversity & Inclusion. "What were their trials and tribulations? How did they adjust to the

weather? The culture? In the end, everything traces to Africa and the Caribbean, and we want students to know they can always go back to that with pride."

Among the activities planned throughout February are:

Lift Every Voice & Sing, the second annual gospel concert filled with spiritual song and dance and featuring local talent on Friday, February 8 at 6pm at Mt. Olive Baptist Church located at 1114 N. 6th Ave. in Saginaw.

Black History Trivia, a fun and educational way to learn about black history and win prizes on Tuesday, February 12 at 12:30pm in the Lower West Commons.

Black Migrations, a panel discussion on African American migration from the south

to the Great Lakes Bay Region on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30pm in the Delta Ricker Center Gym.

Black Indians: An American Story, a lecture exploring issues of racial identity between the mixed-descent peoples of both Native American and African American heritage co-sponsored by the Gamma Alpha Zeta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. of Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday, February 26 at 6pm in the Delta College Lecture Theater, G160.

All events are free. For more information about these events or other diversity and inclusion activities at Delta, contact Carlos McMath at 989-686-9117 or carlosmcmath@delta.edu.

Career & Technical Education at Mott provides solutions to national employment issues



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Mott Community College will join the national celebration of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month by hosting multiple activities and events, culminating with “Women in Technology Day” Feb. 22.

The initiative is designed to bring awareness and information to students, families and the community about Career Technical Education. At a time when opportunity for employment is so critical, CTE programs

in every community are ensuring students are equipped with the skills to successfully enter the workforce.

Career and technical education is a term applied to schools, institutions, and educational programs that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies, and career preparation.

“CTE encompasses 94 percent of high

school students and 13 million postsecondary students in the United States and includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more,” said Dr. Madonna Jackson, Disadvantaged/LEP Coordinator in the Learning Center at MCC. “CTE is a major part of the solution to myriad national economic and workforce problems, such as high school dropout rates, a weakened economy, global competitiveness and massive layoffs.

Students and faculty at Mott Community College will join others across the nation during the month of February to celebrate national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month®. This year’s tagline is Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow! CTE Month provides CTE programs across the country an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE makes students college- and career-ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields. Among the special activities scheduled are:

- February 4-7--Awareness Hubs to let students know what occupational and career fields are available and what types of jobs a Mott degree can lead to.
- Pop-up event at the MCC branch centers in Clio, Lapeer, Fenton and Howell.
- Evening discussion with community partners to brainstorm ideas that may attract students of all ages to careers in CTE.
- February 22, 2018—Women in Technology Day followed by a free showing of the movie Hidden Figures, in MCC’s Regional Technology Center on the main campus in Flint at 6 p.m. The movie is free and open to the public.

“The activities planned over the month of February will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer our students,” said Jackson who works directly with CTE students to help them complete their degree and enter the workforce. “By partnering with the business community, CTE programs are investing in students and providing them with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees and future leaders.”



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Bishop Hurley Announces Welcome Scholarships for Catholic School Students



SAGINAW — More students will have access to a high-quality, faith-based Catholic school education because of a new scholarship program announced today by the Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley, Apostolic Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw.

The Welcome Scholarship fund is a new program open to any student not previously enrolled in a Catholic school of the Saginaw Diocese, regardless of religious affiliation or household income. The scholarship is being funded by a generous \$100,000 contribution from the Saginaw-based Wolohan Family Foundation, with a match by the Diocese.

“Catholic schools have a unique ability to set high academic standards, offer a robust sense of community and develop a strong foundation of Catholic faith,” Bishop Hurley said. “Because of the generous donation from the Wolohan Family Foundation, more students in our region will have access to all the benefits of a Catholic school education. I am extremely grateful for their partnership and long-time generosity, and thrilled the Diocese can match these funds.”

The Diocese will offer \$1,000 scholarships for high school students; \$750 for grades 1-8; and \$500 for kindergarten, and has pledged to provide additional funds to ensure every request is met.

The commitment comes in the midst of Catholic Schools Week, a nationwide celebration shared by nearly 2 million students across the country. The week-long observance of Catholic schools highlights the many contributions they make to the Church and greater community.

There are 13 Catholic schools in the 11-county Diocese, which this year are educating nearly 2,100 students. Nationally, Catholic school students have a 99-percent graduation rate and 94 percent pursue advanced degrees. As part of their well-rounded, faith-based education, students feed the poor, visit the elderly, raise awareness of important social issues, and serve at local charities.

For more information on this and other financial support for current Catholic school students, contact the Office of Catholic Schools at 989-797-6651. Those interested in applying for a new student scholarship may visit the Welcome Scholarship page of the diocesan website.



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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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More than \$101M reasons to Fire Up!

CMU exceeds goal of historic fundraising campaign – three years early



Central Michigan University leaders today announced the university has exceeded its goal of raising \$100 million through its Fire Up for Excellence campaign, the largest and most successful fundraising effort in CMU history.

At today's Board of Trustees meeting, Bob Martin, vice president for advancement, and Fire Up for Excellence chair Mike O'Donnell announced the big news: The campaign has raised nearly \$102 million, exceeding the goal more than three years ahead of schedule.

"We were convinced we would be successful from the very beginning. We have 225,000 alumni living and working around the world, many of whom had never been asked to give before. Our university has a great story of impact and success, and we just needed to invite alumni to be part of that success," O'Donnell said.

"We knew in our hearts that if we reached out to our friends and asked them for their support, they would respond. And they did," he said.

Emphasis on student success
Fire Up for Excellence's primary focus is student success, which resonates strongly with donors and alumni from around the state and around the world, Martin said.

Every gift will be used to support current and future CMU students, including with 82 new scholarships.

Students also will benefit from contributions to various academic program areas and colleges, and athletics. Key gifts supported initiatives such as:

- CMU's Sarah R. Opperman Leadership Institute.
- Park Library.
- Student Emergency Fund.
- Student Food Pantry.
- Chippewa Champions Alumni Center.
- The Baseball Performance Center.

Building a new culture of philanthropy
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Numbers that count

- \$101.6 million: dollars raised
- 59,756: donors participating
- 27,521: first-time donors
- 82: new scholarships
- 23: gifts of \$1 million or more

More successes to come

Martin said the campaign will continue through fall of 2019 and conclude with a celebration during CMU's homecoming festivities.

"We are thankful for what our donors and alumni have done and what others will do in the months to come," he said. "Fire Up Chips!"

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The annual Equity Within the Classroom Conference site is provided by a host institution during the Spring, generally in March or April. Conference information is available each Winter by the host institution and the KCP Initiative State Office. For more information, contact the State KCP Initiative Office at (517) 373-9700.

Keynote Speakers

Opening Keynote: Michael Eric Dyson
Best-Selling Author / Scholar / Cultural Critic



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a Georgetown University sociology professor, a New York Times contributing opinion writer, and a contributing editor of The New Republic, and of ESPN's

The Undeclared website. His rise from humble roots in Detroit to his present perch as a world class intellectual, noted author of 19 books, prominent leader and national media fixture testify to his extraordinary talent. Dyson has also taught at other elite universities like Brown University, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Columbia University and The University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Dyson has won many prestigious honors, including an American Book Award and two NAACP Image Awards. Ebony magazine cited him as one of the 100 most influential African Americans, and as one of the 150 most powerful blacks in the nation.

Dyson's influence has spread far beyond the academy in his roles of renowned orator, highly sought-after lecturer, and ordained Baptist minister. For the last quarter of a century, Dyson has also enlivened public debate across the media landscape on every major television and radio show in the country, from The Late Show with Stephen Colbert to Real Time with Bill Maher, from Good Morning America to The Today Show, from NPR's All Things Considered to its Talk of the Nation, from the Tavis Smiley Show to Def Poetry Jam, from This Week with George Stephanopoulos to Meet the Press, and Face the Nation -- and several programs on ESPN.

Dyson's pioneering scholarship has had a profound effect on American ideas. His 1994 book Making Malcolm: The Myth and Meaning of Malcolm X, was named one of the most important African American books of the 20th century and was also named a "Notable Book of the year" by the New York Times. According to book industry bible Publisher's Weekly, Dyson's 2001 book, Holler if You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur, helped

to make books on hip hop commercially viable.

And Dyson's 2005 New York Times bestseller Is Bill Cosby Right? Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind? helped to jump start a national conversation on the black poor. Dyson's book, the critically acclaimed New York Times bestseller The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the Politics of Race in America, has been described by The New York Times as "an interpretive miracle." It was a finalist for the prestigious 2016 Kirkus Prize. Dyson's recent book, the widely praised New York Times bestseller Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America, has been described by the New York Times as "One of the most frank and searing discussions on race ... a deeply serious, urgent book, which should take its place in the tradition of Baldwin's The Fire Next Time and King's Why We Can't Wait. Dyson's eloquent writing has inspired Vanity Fair magazine to describe him as "one of the most graceful and lucid intellectuals writing on race and politics today."

Dyson's latest book, What Truth Sounds Like: RFK, James Baldwin and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America, has been called by Kirkus "an incisive look at the roles of politicians, artists, intellectuals, and activists in confronting racial injustice and effecting change," and an "eloquent response to an urgent -- and still-unresolved -- dilemma."

Dyson's legendary ascent -- from welfare father to Princeton Ph.D., from church pastor to college professor, from a factory worker who didn't start college until he was 21 -- may help explain why writer Naomi Wolf terms him "the ideal public intellectual of our time."

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Closing Keynote: Christopher Howard
President of Robert Morris University



Dr. Chris Howard is the eighth president of Robert Morris University near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and earned a doctorate in politics

as a Rhodes Scholar from the University of Oxford. He also has an MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School, and in 2018 he received the school's Alumni Achievement Award. Dr. Howard's service to his country began as a helicopter pilot, then as an intelligence officer, where he was assigned to the elite Joint Special Operations Command. He served in Afghanistan in the Air Force Reserve and was awarded the

Bronze Star. He also served as the Reserve Air Attaché to Liberia.

Dr. Howard aims to make RMU the preferred strategic partner for corporations, organizations, professionals, and aspiring professionals in the Pittsburgh region and beyond. The university is nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report and is now undertaking a \$50 million capital project, the largest in its history, which will include the UPMC Events Center.

Before coming to RMU, Dr. Howard was President of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, and vice president for Leadership & Strategic Initiatives at the University of Oklahoma. Previously he worked in General Electric's Corporate Initiatives Group and Bristol-Myers Squibb's Corporate Associates Program. Dr. Howard has served on the National Security Education Board, appointed by President Barack Obama, and the MyVA Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Young Presidents Phi,

also known as the Boule, the oldest African-American fraternity in the United States Organization. He is a Henry Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute and a member of Sigma Pi.

Dr. Howard won the Campbell Trophy, the nation's highest academic award for a senior college football player. He is a member of the Verizon Academic All-American Hall of Fame and a winner of the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award. He also is a member of the National Football Foundation Awards Committee, the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, and the College Football Playoff Selection Committee.

Dr. Howard is the founder and a trustee of the Impact Young Lives Foundation, a nonprofit organization that brings South African college students of color to the U.S. for summer educational and cultural tours. His wife, Barbara Noble Howard, is the foundation's executive director and a native of South Africa. The Howards have two sons, Cohen and Joshua.

For more information on the Equity Conference visit <http://www.svsu.edu/equityconference>.

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Chippewa Nature Center to Host Coffee & Conversation Series

Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) will host a new Coffee & Conversation series on the second Wednesday of most months in 2019 from 9 to 10 am at its Visitor Center, located at 400 S Badour Rd in Midland. Admission is free. Visitors can spend an hour sipping coffee and learning more about the nature and history of Midland County.

2019 Schedule:

March 13 – Maple Stories: Come explore the sweet story of maple sugar. Listen to a maple sugar origin story, compare methods, examine tools and take home a few seasonal recipes to add to the family collection.

April 10 – Spring Wildflowers: Beautiful native wildflowers are important components of woodland habitats forming the basis of food webs and shelters for many animals. Learn to identify some spring wildflowers blooming March through May.

June 12 – Fiddleheads and Fronds: Come learn about ferns, beautiful and unique plants whose young fiddleheads and mature fronds are found nestled in shady moist forests and along stream banks.

July 10 – Looking at Lichens: Even in the summer splendor of wildflowers, little lichens put on a show of their own. Come discover the diversity and unique characteristics of this symbiotic relationship between fungi and algae.

Aug 14 – Summer Wildflowers: Summer blooming native wildflowers put on a show with a variety of colors, flower structures, heights and patterns. We will highlight commonly found species and discuss their ecosystem roles.

Sept 11 – Celebrating the Harvest: Fall is the perfect time to celebrate all that summer has brought us. Spend the hour with CNC's Historical Interpreter, Cathy Fitzpatrick, as she shares the story of harvests past and present.

Nov 13 – Winter Bird Feeding: Watching winter birds helps bring some life and color to our yards in the winter. Learn the best foods and methods for attracting a diversity of winter visitors.

Dec 11 – Artifact Discovery: Discover some treasures from CNC's historical artifact collection. Cathy Fitzpatrick, Historical Interpreter, will guide you as you work together to recreate pictures of the past using the artifacts left behind.

For more information, visit www.chippewanaturecenter.org or contact CNC at info@chippewanaturecenter.org or 989.631.0830.

2019 These Men Can Cook



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Get ready!! It is time to mark your calendar for the premier cooking event of the year.....These Men Can Cook! Due to some scheduling issues, we have had to change the date for this fun-filled event. Be sure to mark your calendar now and plan to participate. If you have participated in the past you already know what a great time everyone has. If you haven't, get prepared for fun in the kitchen and fun during the event. Now is the time to start planning your recipe, saving the date and telling your family and friends.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019

Place: Apple Mountain Conference Center

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cocktails and Conversation

6:00 p.m. Parade of Chefs

6:15 p.m. Food Tasting and Festivities

7:45 p.m. Announcement of 2019 Winners

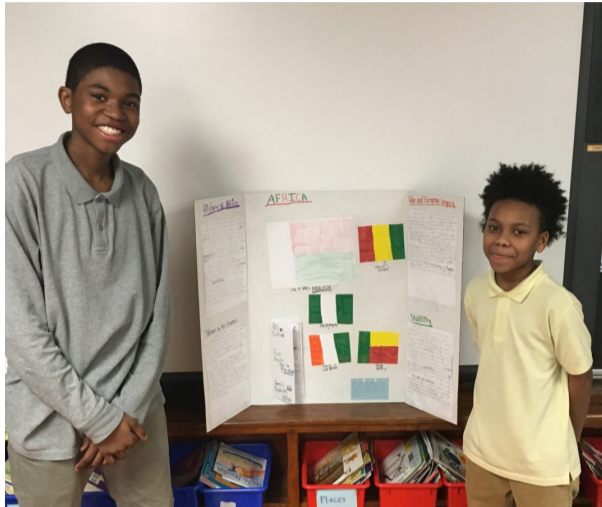
As one of our chefs, you prepare one of your favorite dishes and then share sample servings with the guests attending the event. We draw a large crowd, but you are only responsible for providing 30-40 sample size servings. All the chefs will have stations set-up in the main room and we encourage you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

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

If you are interested in being involved, simply fill out the form to register as a chef. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to:

Michelle LeBlanc, Chairperson at mleblanc@wildfirecu.org or call 989-249-8288 or Kayla Eisenlord, Co-Chair at marketing@saginawbayorchestra.com or call 989-755-6471

Black History Month: Exploring the Past, Present and Future



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Duke Ellington, Dr. Mae Jemison and Crispus Attucks are some of the “hidden figures” in black American history that students will be learning about with the February theme: Black History Month.

“By creating informational brochures, comic books or storyboards, students will have the opportunity to delve into the lives of these figures in black history,” says Cheryl Adkins, program director for YouthQuest. “Through these profiles, students will learn how black Americans impacted important fields such as medicine, engineering and aviation.”

Other lessons students will learn in the month of February include:

- Exploring diversity in science by having students share current news stories related to health, medicine, new technology and more.
- Creating a patchwork quilt while studying the significance of quilting in African American history.
- Making traditional soul food including cornbread and sweet potato biscuits.

To extend learning at home, parents can do the following:

- Ask their student, “What is Black History Month?” Discuss the importance of recognizing the significance of black Americans in the county’s history.
- Attend one of the Black History Month movies at the Flint Public Library.
- Visit the Flint Institute of Arts where two exhibitions focus on African and African American art or the Mott-Warsh Gallery, a private collection of fine art created by artists of the African diaspora.

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Saginaw Valley State University will host its Summer Job and Internship Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of SVSU's Curtiss Hall in the banquet and seminar rooms.

More than 100 employers will be looking to interview and potentially hire prospective workers. This event is free and open to the public.

The employment fair will offer opportunities to visit with representatives from companies and agencies based locally and across the nation. Dow Bay Area Family YMCA, Detroit Police Department, Auto-Owners Insurance, Bavarian Inn Lodge & Restaurant, Chippewa Nature Center, and Apple Mountain are among the wide range of employers expected to attend Tuesday.

Bill Stec, interim director of Career Services, advises that all who are seeking valuable work experience attend.

Stec also offered his best tips for those who want to make a good impression at the fair. Attendees should consider preparing for the event by doing the following:

- Researching the list of companies who will be in attendance by going to svsu.edu/careers and clicking on the events tab.
- Highlighting the top 15 companies you would like to network with at the fair
- Printing 15-20 copies of your resume
- Preparing questions to ask employers to show interest in their specific organization.

The Summer Job and Internship Fair was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

For more information about the Summer Job and Internship Fair, visit www.svsu.edu/careerservices.



Local Organizations Join Chix Who Mix Fundraising Event



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Saginaw's Chix Who Mix fundraising event benefiting four local arts organizations is back! This collaborative event hosts a collection of sponsored tables where fine feathered "chix" prepare and serve their favorite beverage concoctions to thirsty guests. This year's event will be held in the new SVRC Marketplace on February 19th from 5-7:30 pm.

It's a great time for all who attend, with food samples, mingling and, of course, mixing. So round up your flock, both men and women, for an evening of fun! More than 50 of the Great Lakes Bay area's hippest Chix will be showing off their skills and mixing up their signature cocktails.

Browse the Marketplace while you enjoy your sips, snacks, and sweets. Check out the many fabulous vendors SVRC has to offer and bring cash to tip your favorite Chix drink. At the end of the night, the table with the most tips will determine the winner for the coveted Pullet-zer People's Choice award! Other awards up for grabs: Judge's Choice and Best Dressed Chix. All tips donated and funds raised throughout the night help to support the Saginaw Children's Zoo, Pit & Balcony Community Theatre, Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission and the Saginaw Choral Society.

Marsha Braun, Director of Marketing for the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission says "This after-work event is an entertaining evening showcasing very creative and fun themed beverage concoctions by a great group of women, all in support of arts and culture in our community."

Tickets to this event are \$25 which includes 5 drink tickets and free samples from all participating SVRC food vendors. Tickets available at www.saginawzoo.com/events. For more information and updates on this event, follow "Chix Who Mix" on Facebook and Twitter.

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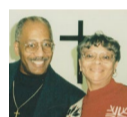
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Congressman Dan Kildee introduces bill to prevent government shutdowns



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Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, joined by Congressman Peter DeFazio (OR-04), introduced a bill to end the harmful practice of government shutdowns.

The Ensure Washington Funds Government Responsibly Act would make it so if Congress for any reason fails to fund the government on time, a short-term spending bill—commonly referred to as a continuing resolution—would automatically go into effect. In addition, paychecks issued during the shutdown for Members of Congress and the President would be withheld until both branches of government do their job and fund the government.

Congressman Kildee's legislation would ensure that essential government functions—including national security, defense and other critical agencies—are able to operate and are funded at spending levels enacted previously, accounting for inflation. His legislation would also ensure that if leaders fail to reach an agreement to fund government, essential

programs are protected and can continue at responsible levels. But by placing their pay in escrow, the bill also provides a mechanism to incentivize Congress and the President to work together quickly to do their job and pass a spending bill.

“The American people and our dedicated public servants should never be punished when Congress and the President fail to do their job and pass a spending bill,” Congressman Kildee said. “After the longest government shutdown in our nation's history, I have heard from my constituents loud and clear—we cannot allow another government shutdown to ever happen again. Failing to pass a bill and forcing a government shutdown to score political points is no way to run a corner grocery store, let alone the United States government.”

“The recent shutdown was the longest in our nation's history, and took a massive toll on American families and the economy. Congress needs to take action to prevent this from happening again,” said Congressman

DeFazio.

During this year's 35-day government shutdown, 800,000 federal workers did not receive two paychecks on-time. Additionally, 400,000 other federal workers—including border patrol officers, FBI agents, TSA agents and food safety inspectors—were forced to work without pay. More than 5,200 federal workers in Michigan were furloughed or working without pay during the recent government shutdown.

Last month, Congressman Kildee met with local-area air traffic controllers in Flint to hear first-hand how the recent government shutdown affected them and their families.

According to an analysis by S&P Global, this year's government shutdown cost the economy at least \$6 billion. The October 2013 shutdown cost the American people \$24 billion. The Council of Economic Advisers estimated that the 2013 shutdown resulted in 120,000 fewer private sector jobs created.

Gov. Whitmer Appoints Dan Scripps to Michigan Public Service Commission

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer today appointed Dan Scripps, of Northport, to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

“I have full confidence that Dan Scripps will ensure we have a reliable and affordable energy supply to keep our economy moving and keep families safe,” Whitmer said. “We need to continuously find innovative ways to keep the lights on and the heat flowing, and Dan is the right guy for the job.”

Dan Scripps currently serves as the Midwest policy program director for Energy Foundation. Mr. Scripps will succeed Rachael Eubanks who has resigned for a term expiring July 2, 2023 following her appointment as State Treasurer. Scripps’ appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Michigan Public Service was established in 1939 and is responsible for protecting the public by ensuring safe, reliable, and accessible energy and telecommunications services at reasonable

rates for Michigan's residents.

The Public Service Commission establishes fair and reasonable rates for regulated electric and natural gas providers; assures adequate and reliable supplies of utility services; regulates the safe and efficient production, distribution, and use of energy and telecommunications services; supports adoption of broadband; and promotes telecommunication competition.

Proposed Medical Marijuana Rule Changes Reduce Application Fee, Eliminate Other Fees



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The Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) announced the drafting of new administrative rules for the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMMA). The proposed rules will lower the registry card application fee by 33 percent while eliminating fees associated with processing, updating, and replacing marijuana registry identification cards.

“Our team has worked hard to streamline the process for medical marijuana cardholders in Michigan,” said LARA Director Orlene Hawks. “The proposed updated rules will dramatically lower the costs associated with medical marijuana registry cards for Michigan residents.”

The MMMA was passed by Michigan voters in 2008 and authorizes the medical use of

marijuana for qualifying patients and provides for the issuance of registry identification cards to qualifying patients and their caregivers, if applicable. A public hearing will be held in the next few months to receive public input on the proposed MMMA administrative rules. Highlights of the proposed rule changes are as follows:

- Reduce the patient application fee from \$60.00 to \$40.00.
- Eliminate the \$25.00 caregiver criminal background check processing fee.
- Eliminate the \$10.00 fee to update the name or address on a registry card or to add a caregiver or request a replacement card.

- Increase the renewal period for patients from 60 to 90 days.
- Include email as a method by which staff from the Michigan Medical Marijuana Program (MMMP) will contact a patient, caregiver, or physician to verify the information provided on an application or supporting documentation.
- Include a provision that authorizes patients to change the person designated to be in possession of the plants.

The proposed rule changes come shortly after Bureau of Marijuana Regulation expanded the MMMP online processes to include more services for Michigan’s medical marijuana patients. The following actions are now available online:

- Medical marijuana patients without a caregiver can apply for medical marijuana registry identification cards, can check the status of their applications, and can renew their medical marijuana registry identification cards. (These services are available for patients whose physician has registered for an online account.)
- Current patients without a caregiver can update their name and/or address, and request replacement cards.
- Current patients can remove their caregiver and/or withdraw from the MMMP.

SPORTS

Flint City Bucks: Playing into History



FLINT, MI — The Flint City Bucks of the USL League Two will take to the field at legendary Atwood Stadium for the 2019 season sporting a revamped name, team colors and crest. All aspects of the former Michigan Bucks soccer team branding – the result of a popular online contest – have links to the roots of the game and the proud history of the city it now calls home, including the citizens and fans who ultimately decided on its name.

More than 1,000 online entries were received in the franchise’s “Name the Team” contest. A list of the team’s top choices was then presented to Mindy Prusa, Director of Flint’s Whaley Children’s Center. Working with about 40 of the residents at the Center, Prusa worked with the excited children to decide on the winning entry. That winning combination came from the collaboration of the Whaley Children along with Flint resident and local freelance photographer, Kayce McClure, who tagged the new moniker.

“Our children were so honored and thrilled to be a part of this historic decision for Flint!” Prusa

said. “They took this very seriously and came to a group decision that we think reflects the proud history of both Flint and our new soccer team.”

The response to the contest showed the support the team has from the Flint community.

“We were overwhelmed with the amount of fans who participated in our contest,” said team Chairman Dan Duggan. “We had many entries that could have worked well for our team and the city. Kayce and the children at the Whaley Center had a tough job in deciding on a winner, but they came through with a great choice.”

The new name – Flint City Bucks – pulls from European convention using the name of the town followed by the word City. Considering the impact Flint has had on Michigan and U.S. history, it is prominent in the team’s name. The colors of the team – blue, red and gold – also pay homage to three distinct contributors to the team and its city.

Blue signifies the decades-long dominance of “blue collar” workers who are the backbone of Flint, its work ethic and economy. Blue also signifies the renaissance of the 142-mile Flint River, which was recently named one of the first State of Michigan Water Trails. The renovation and rebirth of Flint River’s pathway through the city – adding safe recreational activities and events – illustrates the exciting and changing vitality of Flint.

Red harkens to historic red brick-lined Saginaw Street, which winds through historic downtown Flint. The brick-lined streets have witnessed Billy Durant’s first meeting to invent General Motors at the Dresden Hotel as well as meetings held by David Buick, Walter Chrysler, Alfred Sloan and Albert Champion. They also served as a personal test track for Louis Chevrolet.

Gold nods to Kettering University, which took ownership and renovated historic Atwood Stadium where the Flint City Bucks will play all of their home matches.

The team’s new logo intertwines all of these aspects, including the arrowhead that has long symbolized other prominent Flint businesses, athletic teams, service organizations and even the Flint Police Department. The arrowhead can be documented as far back as the 1800s when the Chippewa Indians resided in the area. Woodward Movement Creative, a design, printing and branding agency, teamed up with local freelance designer, Jesse Augustine of Grand Blanc, MI to create the new revamped logo.

“It was important for us to immerse our team into the history of Flint,” said team President Costa Papista. “Retaining a part of the club’s former name was also important, to preserve the connection to a team that has been the most successful franchise in the history of the USL Two – formerly the Premier Development League. We are very grateful for Kayce’s choice, the Whaley Children and all of those who took an active role in helping us rebrand our team to fit in with the history of Flint and the sport of soccer. We would like to give a special shout out to Mindy Prusa for all of her help and the amazing work she does at Whaley’s.”

Contest co-winner, Kayce McClure will receive four VIP inaugural season tickets, two VIP parking passes and a team autographed jersey. The Whaley’s Children will have an open invitation to any game, anytime compliments of the team and its generous community sponsors.

The Flint City Bucks would like to encourage all Flint-area residents to learn more about the Whaley Children’s Center by going to www.whaleychildren.org and viewing the short video called ReMoved on the “Our Children” page to see the type of impact this organization has on the community’s at-risk children. You can also make a donation via the website to allow the Center to continue their vital work for these children.

Two SVSU club hockey players selected to represent U.S. at tournament in Russia



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Two Saginaw Valley State University club hockey players have been selected to serve as members of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division III Select Team.

Guy Soulliere, a graphic design major from

Gladwin, and Steven Roberts, a general business major from Beaverton, have made great impacts on SVSU's team and on the national stage, leading to them having the opportunity to compete at the international level.

"When I found out, I was ecstatic," Roberts said. "I went to Europe two years ago with the same team, and we traveled a lot. We got to play good hockey, and it was a great learning experience. I enjoyed traveling and learning about the different cultures over there."

As members of this team, they will travel to Albany, New York for team training camp from Aug. 30 to Sept. 4 to prepare for the Student Hockey Challenge in Krasnoyarsk, Russia from Sept. 28 to Oct. 8. They will play teams from both Europe and Russia.

Only 22 players were selected from the 158 Division III club hockey teams in the nation, with

SVSU being one of 14 colleges and universities represented this year.

"When I found out I was selected along with another team member, I was very excited," Soulliere said. "It's an experience only few get to have, and I am honored to be selected."

Both athletes are entering their fifth and final year of competition at SVSU. Last season, Roberts played center and was the scoring leader of the team. Soulliere was the overall point leader while he played forward and defense.

The two hockey players said they are eager to vie for a tournament championship across the world.

The teammates are eager to travel and compete, but Soulliere said that they will not be taking this opportunity for granted.

Brad Tammen Named President and General Manager of Great Lakes Loons



MIDLAND, Mich. - William Stavropoulos, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of the Great Lakes Loons and Michigan Baseball Foundation, announced today the hiring of Brad Tammen as President and General Manager of the Great Lakes Loons, Dow Diamond and ESPN 100.9-FM.

"Significant time and energy has been invested in a nation-wide search to ensure that the Loons franchise remains competitive, dynamic and synonymous with quality sports entertainment,"

Stavropoulos said. "Upon meeting Brad, it was evident that his passion for marketing and sports entertainment, coupled with his extensive minor league baseball experiences, make him the premier candidate for this role. We believe Brad will help us continually elevate the experiences we create, as we strive to be the premier sports entertainment venue in our region."

Tammen's expansive experience of 29 years in professional baseball and collegiate sales, marketing and promotions includes his present role as General Manager of Blue Raider Sports Properties for Learfield IMG College at Middle Tennessee State University.

His professional baseball career includes previous roles as Vice President and General Manager of the Nashville Sounds, (former Triple-A Affiliate, Milwaukee Brewers), Assistant General Manager of the Salt Lake Bees, (Triple-A Affiliate, Los

Angeles Angels), and Director of Sales and Marketing of the Oklahoma RedHawks, (former Triple-A Affiliate, Texas Rangers).

He is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's of science degree in business and marketing.

"While I've enjoyed each path along my career, my passion is baseball and I truly miss working in the game," Tammen said. "It is a privilege and honor to be selected to lead the Great Lakes Loons, Dow Diamond and ESPN 100.9-FM. The Loons have a talented leadership team in Scott Litle, Chris Mundhenk and Jana Chotivkova, and one of the best staffs in Minor League Baseball and sports radio. I look forward to working with them as we begin a new chapter of excitement, innovation and entertainment in the region."

Tammen will begin his role with the Great Lakes Loons effective early March 2019. He will be joined in Midland by his wife Tammy and their children Adalida, Camden, and Layla following the end of the 2019 school year.

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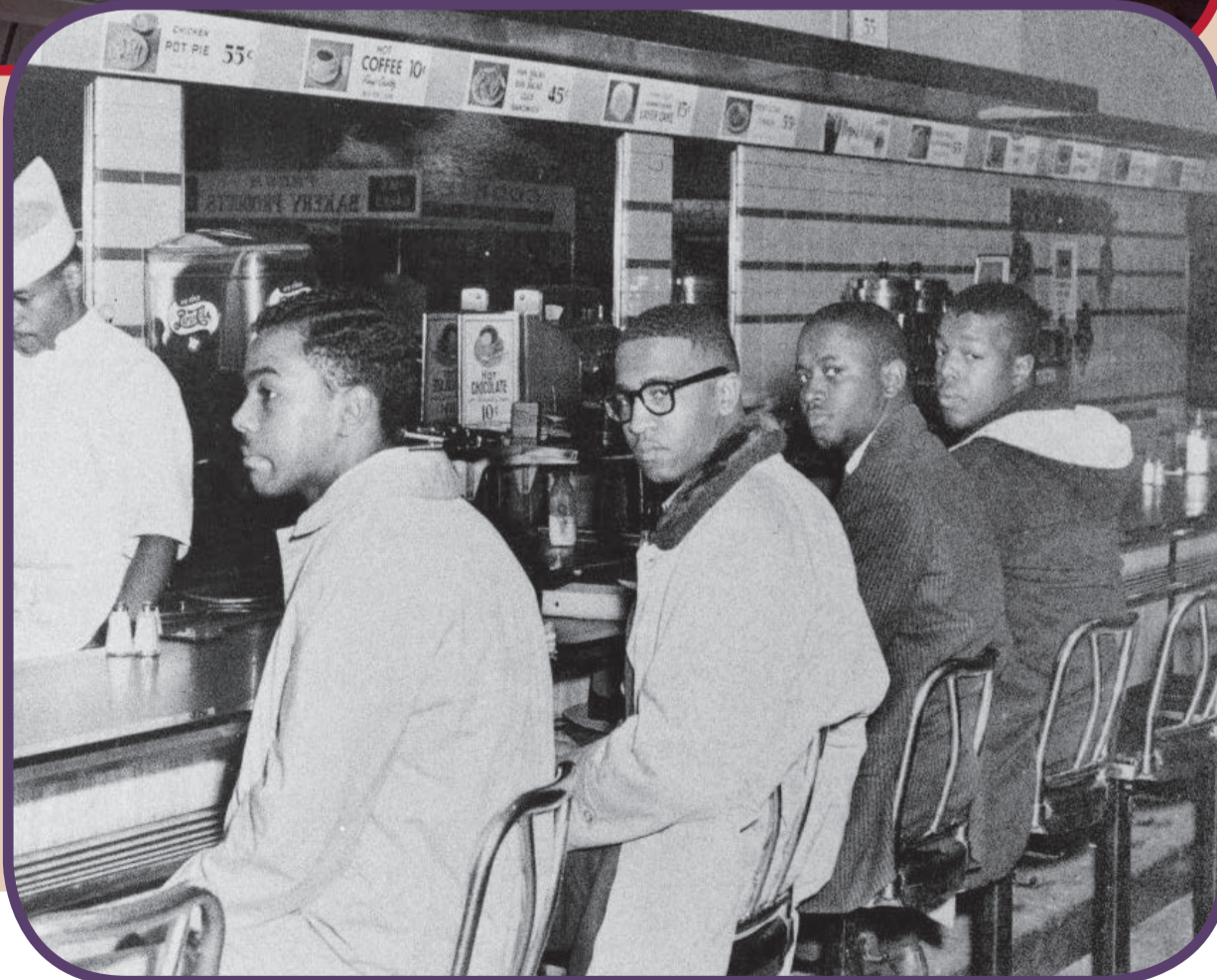
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BLACK HISTORY PICS OF THE WEEK

The four black men who were denied service at the Woolworth store in Greensboro, NC thirty years ago, take their places at the same lunch counter to recreate their sit-in on Thursday, February 2, 1990. The men are (from L): Joseph McNeil, Jibreah Khazan (formerly Ezell Blair, Jr.), Frankling McCain, and David Richmond. (AP Photo/Chuck Burton)





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