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Castle Museum Commemorates 100th Anniversary of Saginaw NAACP



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On Sunday, August 25, 2019, the Castle Museum held a formal ribbon cutting ceremony and press conference to launch the opening of a special exhibit commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the existence of the NAACP in the Saginaw community.

The Saginaw Branch has a rich legacy of leadership in challenging governmental leaders and organizational decision-makers in seeking equality and equity for everyone.

Saginaw's local story began in the turbulent

year of 1919. At this point Saginaw had made the complete transition from an economy largely based on the timber industry to a manufacturing hub.

During this period racial tension was high across the nation largely due to the start of the great migration of negroes from the south to escape the KKK and Jim Crow and to seek employment in the industrial north.

The exhibit will be on display through December.



Seen on the Scene: Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live, hosted by Positive Results Downtown Saginaw, took place every Friday from July 12 - August 16, 2019 and featured free musical entertainment, kid's games and food vendors.



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I offer my gratitude for The Banner, Publisher/Senior Editor-in-Chief, Jerome Buckley, and his staff for 17 years of continuous service to our Saginaw Community and beyond.

The Banner not only enlightens but also inspires us. Kudos to The Banner youth section that provides positive messages to adolescents. This innovative column written by high school graduate Andre Buckley, Jr. recently spoke of self-love, recognizing individual strengths, and living with purpose--messages our children need and deserve to hear. May The Banner continue to grow and inform our community in its positive and diverse style. Here's to 17 more years!

Judge Barbara L. Meter
Juvenile and Family Court Judge
Saginaw, Michigan



Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to the Michigan Banner! Thanks for 17 years of commitment to provide positive stories and messages across the Great Lakes Bay Region. Keep up the great work Jerome!!

The Saginaw Community Foundation is proud to partner with the Michigan Banner over the years. We can't thank Jerome and the Banner enough for working hard to make sure people recognize and are made aware of the amazing community we live in. Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region are fortunate to have access to this publication that helps promote what we have to offer. We should all take the messaging provided in the Michigan Banner and proudly share it with others.

"If it's great stuff, the people who consume it are nourished. It's a positive force."

Renee Johnston
President & CEO
Saginaw Community Foundation

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.

Navigating the Narrative, w/ Mr. Clark

Corey Pritchett MA, CPS (c) AKA Mr. Clark

Welcome to "Navigating the Narrative" where we will begin to examine variations of life and it's "Story" of our "Journey" as it pertains to youth development and the many factors thereof. Stories matter. The stories we tell ourselves, as well as the stories we are "told" about ourselves, matter. They make a difference in how we think about who we are and the way we structure our lives. They affect the paths we blaze and those we follow. Our stories pave the way for our future and present our past to those in the present. Rather it's perceived as a gift or not, well, I guess that would depend on the content in the "story." We are our stories, no doubt. In retrospect, if there is something about your "story" you don't like, the great thing is that, you have a God-given right and ability to "Change the Narrative" knowing that the story involves a journey in need of "Navigation" which at any moment can be shifted, changed, modified or redirected.

During the duration of this column, we will explore life situations, circumstances and possible conditions that our youth face on a daily basis. In addition to this examining and exploration, "along with your productive will, support and application" I will, as the author/writer, "strive" to provide statistics, data, knowledge, intelligence, instruction, advice, guidance, direction, counsel, enlightenment and insight; which will hopefully assist

"US" in being as effective as "WE" can in steering our youth in the right direction on this journey; as well as assisting them in ascertaining the necessary information needed to properly manage any position in their lives.

Due to this literary column being designed for youth development, "at-risk" or not, its leading is apropos to its effectiveness. "Navigating the Narrative" will be led by a portrayal of the character "Joe Clark" a.k.a "Mr. Clark", with a spin, of course. The character symbolizes strength, resilience, forgiveness, communication, growth, cultivation/relationship building, being an overcomer and going against all odds to do whatever is necessary to pursue betterment for the future of the community.

Here's a brief history of the character that will be symbolized. Principal Joe Clark came into the national spotlight in the late 1980s for his controversial methods of management at Eastside High, an inner-city school in Paterson, New Jersey. Clark's drastic methods won him the support and admiration of many students and teachers and the public praise of President Ronald Reagan, who said Clark represented the tough leadership necessary to manage inner-city schools in crisis.

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Numerous critics and educators, however, denounced Clark's autocratic hardline methods of dealing with students and questioned the real benefits of his law-and-order approach to education. Clark's struggle to restore order at Eastside became "a kind of allegory for all the tribulations, dangers and scattered triumphs of cities large and small, where public education is undergoing its most severe challenge," wrote Ezra Brown in a Timecover story on the celebrated principal. Clark was rough, yet had an undeniable compassion, combined with passion and love for the entire student body.

In relevance to "Navigating the Narrative w/Mr. Clark" as a Youth Development Specialist, I will symbolically serve as Saginaw's own tailor-made "Joe Clark." It's no secret that Saginaw's Community and its youth, behaviorally, are undergoing some of its most severe challenging years. I am extremely inspired to pursue variations of possible approaches to understanding and eventually eradicating the unhealthy & violent behaviors through the process of making/causing/impacting our community (youth and families) to become sound and healthy. In other words through the manifestation of healing.

Although not a principal, yet I am a multi-faceted Human Services professional with a broad transparent therapeutic-teaching skill set. With an authentic spirit and humbleness of mind, I "Navigating the Narrative, w/ Mr. Clark" believe I have demonstrated servanthood to the youth (and its families) of the inner city of Saginaw for over 13 years, with a specialized focus on those who are "at-risk" for a variation of psychosocio-emotional ill-wills. As a former Alternative High school graduate and a teenage father who sold and used illegal substances throughout late childhood & adolescence onto early adulthood, "Resilient Ready" has somewhat become my personal message of hope. I have excelled in academics earning Bachelors & Masters degrees, a long range/host of professional training certificates from within the human services profession and have served within public, charter and alternative schools. I share the personal

information not to boast, yet to draw a connection between the foundation of my narration and the targeted youth, which I am in pursuit of impacting.

Now that we have a foundation for the column, let us "begin" part 1 of an ever-prevalent youth development issue, of parental "substance abuse" and its impact on learning and behavior.

Today, more than ever, there is enormous pressure on schools and students to meet state and federal learning standards. To accomplish this arduous task, schools invest a great deal of time and money in curriculum development, staff development, policies, procedures, and testing. Despite these efforts to create an environment where students are "ready to learn," there are students who fail to meet the standards. For many, this failure has nothing to do with a lack of skills, intellectual capacity, teacher competency, or school environment. Rather, emotional turmoil, drug or alcohol use, living with drug or alcohol dependent parents, and other problems interfere with students' ability to learn, socialize, and interact with others in the classroom and extracurricular activities.

In truth, nearly every student is at risk at one time or another. Research reflects a myriad of concerns youth face day to day:

- 11% of children in the United States live with at least one parent who is in need of treatment for alcohol or drug dependency. One in four children under the age of 18 are living in a home where alcoholism or alcohol abuse is a fact of daily life. Countless others are exposed to illegal drug use in their families. (You Can Help, NCADI Publication No PHD878)

According to results from the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey:

- 35.9% of students had been in a physical fight one or more times during the 12 months preceding the survey and 6.5% of students had carried a weapon (e.g., a gun, knife, or club) on school property one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

- 74.3% of students had consumed at least one drink of alcohol in their lifetime.
- 43.3% of students had at least one drink of alcohol on the 30 days preceding the survey.

There are many things that cross my mind when reading these statistics. Such as whether or not the parental substance use or abuse were influential in the youth's behaviors (those mentioned in the statistics) OR rather, exactly to what degree the use/abuse impacted these behaviors. What are some of the things that crossed your mind? Was it your personal life and its connection to the statistics? A friend? If you're a parent, did a child of yours cross your mind? If you're a teacher, did one/some of your students cross your mind?

During part 2 of this article we will examine variations of answers that may be associated with the aforementioned questions as well as focus on the important goal of prevention and how to change the balance between "risk" and "protective" factors so that protective factors outweigh risk factors. NOTE: Protective Factors are factors that contribute to resiliency and reduce the "risks" of substance abuse.

Grace and peace be multiplied to the Community of Saginaw and its surrounding areas...



MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

Reflecting on 5th Grade

Amaria La'niya Tarver

Reminiscing on the past year of 5th grade I became very goal-oriented. One of my 5th grade goals was to keep a schedule. This goal was created because of my lack of sleep and time management skills. Another goal of mine was to read at least 30 books that year. I consistently went to the school library to check out books. I really wanted to improve my spelling skills. Last year was my time to achieve all of these goals and I have. I achieved every single goal on my list and that made me happy. I improved my study habits as well while working on my time management skills. I am very happy about my achievements.

For the new school year coming up I have given myself 5 new goals. I want to get better at clarinet. I want to make new friends and get to all my classes on time. This year I'm not going to try to impress anyone but my teachers and get good

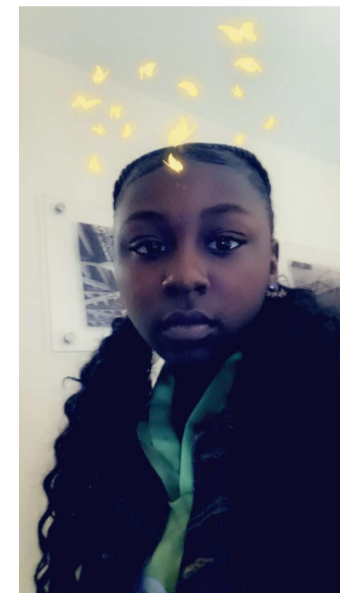
grades. I intend to complete all of these goals and add more to the list soon.

My last year at Handley my class took wonderful field trips and each time we went on one we all had a blast. I hope SASA has wonderful field trips as well. I am so excited for the new school year and I'm glad I'll have friends to go on the journey to change with. I want to engage with friends old and new. I am going to learn a lot and have so much fun at SASA for my 6th grade year!

This summer I visited Michigan Adventures with my family. We went on lots of crazy rides and roller coasters. We went on two of the oldest rides in the park. We went in the wave pool several times to see who could stand against the waves without being pushed down into the water. I had the best time at Michigan Adventures. During the summer I also went to summer school at Francis Reh. During the summer I read webtoons and

practiced my clarinet. Also I improved my drawing skills. I had a very chill summer. I love summer but I cannot wait for school to start!

I want to thank my Uncle Jerome for giving me an opportunity to share my 5th grade experience and summer endeavors with the Michigan Banner community. I look forward to sharing more as I progress as a 6th grader at SASA.



Draymond Green and partners at 100K Ventures invests in Flint entrepreneur's clothing line, pop-up shop



courtesy photo

100K Ventures, an early-stage company accelerator group that includes NBA star and Saginaw native Draymond Green, chose a Flint-based streetwear brand for its first investment.

Kalm Clothing LLC is celebrating the investment with its first pop-up, set for Aug. 9 at the Ferris Wheel entrepreneur hub in Flint where it is based, according to a news release.

Kalm founder Kiara Tyler moved back to Flint, her hometown, in 2014. In 2016,

she released a clothing line out of her apartment, first selling out of her trunk at various fairs, the release said. The 2014 graduate of Notre Dame College in Ohio used social media to get high-profile athletes and other influencers to don her garb: now Grammy-nominated rappers can be seen posting photos of themselves wearing the company's clothes.

Kalm's clothing sells for \$55-\$400, according to the release. It's only sold online, for now.

An investment figure was not disclosed.

"All I had to hear was Kiara's personal story about her upbringing in Flint and I immediately recognized we found a diamond in the rough," Green, a former Michigan State University and current Golden State Warriors player, said in the release. "Growing up in Michigan, I am especially inspired by Kiara, a true entrepreneur vying for an opportunity."

The for-profit 100K Ventures group

comprises business leaders, professional athletes, journalists and entrepreneurs. It announced its launch in December, spearheaded by 32 Ventures founder Robert Wolf, who teamed with Phil Hagerman, founder of Flint-based Skypoint Ventures and co-founder and former chairman and CEO of Flint-based Diplomat Pharmacy Inc. (NYSE: DPLO), a national provider of specialty pharmaceutical services. It said in December it would consider investments recommended through 100K Ideas, a Flint-based nonprofit dedicated to helping entrepreneurs take their businesses to the next level. Tyler of Kalm Clothing participated in 100K Ideas' business development program, Crain's previously reported.

Other founding members included journalist and executive producer Soledad O'Brien, former NFL star Victor Cruz, Girls Who Code founder Reshma Saujani and Christina Weiss Lurie, minority owner of the Philadelphia Eagles.

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When ICE Hit Mississippi, Its Citizens Showed Up for Immigrant Families

Adam Lynch



Photo by Adam Lynch | Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance is joined by the Mississippi Center for Justice, the Mississippi ACLU, the Mississippi NAACP branch, and others to protest recent ICE raids targeting immigrant workers

When federal agents engineered the nation’s largest single-state immigration raid at multiple chicken processing plants in Mississippi, a scrappy network of immigrant activists knew their work was about to get much harder.

Mississippi has never been a hotbed for immigration advocacy, despite a growing immigrant population working in its food processing and hospitality industries. The small band of migrant advocates in the state operate in hostile territory, and they are woefully underfinanced.

That changed last week after the Department of Homeland Security agents rounded up and detained almost 700 undocumented immigrants at seven chicken processing plants in central Mississippi.

The raids unleashed a national outrage that sent a legion of organizers, interpreters, attorneys, and others pouring into the state from across

the country. Defying state sanctuary laws, cities and churches set up collection centers to help those affected. And within 24 hours, monetary donations to one of the state’s primary immigrant organizations, the Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance, had reached six-figure status.

“There are so many people to thank who joined together with us so quickly to form a legal team and other teams to help,” says Patricia Ice, legal project director at the alliance. “Today we are not the only ones, and I appreciate you all.”

Help came from everywhere.

Jamie Beatty, director of the Morton United Methodist Church Children and Youth Ministries, within driving distance of one of the factories, was taking calls from as far away as California.

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LB Cover Story, ICE Hit Mississippi

She was barely able to talk between offers of financial donations and volunteer help after she had released her cellphone number publicly after the raid.

The public was responding.

“We’re trying to get prepared to help people with utility bills and rent because when people are out of work and that check doesn’t come, there are still bills to be paid, and we need to be in a place where we can respond,” she says. While some would miss last Friday’s paycheck, she said, the loss of wages for others would come next week. “We’re trying to be ready for them.”

Boxes of foodstuffs and supplies were continuing to grow at the church’s distribution center, she says, but so was the line of raid victims.

A lot of people need help, she says. “Family is at the core of our community, and when people are hurting, we really all just want to be together.”

The city of Jackson slyly thumbed its nose at federal officials, holding citywide collections and drives to support families affected by the raid, which occurred on the first day of school. It was joined by local churches.

Financial donations started rolling in the day of the raid, but then online fundraising organization, actblue.com, kicked things into gear, distributing donated funds among a number of local organizations, including the rights alliance and the ACLU of Mississippi.

Mississippians stepped up as well. Constance Slaughter-Harvey, who was the state’s first Black female judge, presides over the Legacy Education and Community Empowerment Foundation, which runs an in-school mentoring program for children living in the shadows of the chicken processing plants.

Slaughter-Harvey says several of the program’s students had parents who were swept up in ICE raids; one mother who was arrested is married to a member of her organization’s advisory board.

“This thing has affected us all,” Slaughter-Harvey says. “It’s touched countless lives. I was almost brought to tears to see the compassion last night at a meeting and the support from this community. It touched my heart. [The raid] was so arbitrary. I have to remain focused to keep from getting angry.”

She has put that focus to aiding the detained. She and her group of pro bono attorneys have been helping victims make bond, and providing them legal guidelines to follow, because most of them do not speak English.

She and allies have also been working to place the children of detained parents into the homes of trusted relatives, preferably within the same school system, to avoid the hassle of registering them in a new district.

“We’ve taken care of the babies, and now we’re helping the parents,” Slaughter-Harvey says. “Right now we have about 55 attorneys and organizations working with us, so we’ve got a big crew.”

This kind of compassionate response to the raid is a big change for local organizations like the rights alliance, though its executive director Bill Chandler doesn’t have time to revel in it. He’s just grateful that the nation’s eye—for a moment, at least—is trained upon a long-neglected wrong.

Chandler, 78, is a California native who’s has to contend with nativist Mississippi politicians for decades. He and his organization have been helping immigrants with housing, education, workplace issues, and citizenship applications, while lobbying an ever-shrinking support base in the Mississippi legislature.

The alliance was also organized hospitality employees on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and was working to unite laborers at the state’s chicken processing plants—while ignoring the smoldering gaze of politicians hostile to their work.

In 2010, for example, then-Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant accused the alliance of breaking the law for legally aiding immigrants with citizenship applications. Later, as governor, Bryant joined a majority of legislators to ban

so-called “sanctuary cities” in the state.

They also promoted bills requiring police to check the immigration status of people who are arrested, and supported other bills prohibiting state “business transactions,” with undocumented workers, including driver’s license or business license renewal. Conservative politicians here make space in every campaign platform to clamp down on “illegals.”

And then, just days after a white extremist gunman published a shrill, racist manifesto targeting Hispanics and later killed 22 people inside a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement joined forces with the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District to carry out the biggest raid the nation has ever seen.

As in previous raids in the state, they targeted businesses that Chandler and others had been working to unionize, inciting the kind of terror in families that is sure to last for years. Meanwhile, no employer in last week’s raid has yet been charged.

What’s happening now, Chandler says, is quite similar to when the U.S. passed the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 to ditch migrant workers who had slaved to connect the nation’s railroads.

Chandler has worked with unions in Mississippi and elsewhere, and says he’s personally witnessed abuse by U.S. border officers. “We have a long history of abuse in America,” he says. “Laws are passed to manipulate labor, not help immigrants. This is just who we are. It’s the essence of America.”

This past week, however, gave Chandler a glimpse into what can happen when the American public disagrees with its government and shows its humanity. For him, it’s a nice change.

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Seen on the Scene: **Hispanic Festival of Grand Rapids**

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BY JACQUELINE E. BATES
News Staff Writer

Some people need a wall for... from the dullness of ghetto... provide a refreshing, colorful... life." That's how David Torres... commercial artist, described... about wall murals he helped... Northeast Saginaw. He... community action effort... produced a number of murals... Funding for the project... Delta College and a special... program designated for... American cultural activities... director of the cultural program... Ramiro Gonzalez, admission... at Delta College! said the project... Summer in the City Mural Project...

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As you celebrate this significant milestone in your Publishing Career, it is with great pride for me personally to congratulate you for uplifting the Great Lakes Bay Area. You have helped make Region what is it today. Without your Newsletter, this region would never see the excellent information concerning the area as well as educating thousands of people nationally on multiple topics.

News and education are needed to keep everyone informed and your Newsletter does this with excellence. Your abilities and contributions are an important key to the success of the Region. As you reach this milestone in your publishing career and set your sights on future goals, take a moment to reflect upon your past accomplishments and take pride in knowing that you are an important resource for all.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and good wishes on the anniversary of The Michigan Banner and I hope to see the Michigan Banner at the forefront of Great Lake Bay region for decades to come.

With Respect,

Jack W. Nash, DDS
AGD-Fellow
Life Member-American Dental Association
Senior Consultant-Dental Advisor



We salute Mr. Jerome Buckley and the Michigan Banner staff for 17 years of commitment to informing and empowering Michigan residents.

The Michigan Banner has an admirable tenure of shining brightly as an educational pillar in our community, helping to strengthen families and businesses and spotlighting all of the wonderful positive happenings taking place around us.

Thank you for all that you do to encourage victorious living in our community.

Pastor Christopher V. Pryor & First Lady Kenyatta Pryor
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How to raise our children to become philanthropists Part two of a two part series

Giving is one aspect of philanthropy. Deciding how, where, and when to give is another aspect. You can support the young people in your life – and in your community – as they become philanthropists. You can help them grow from giving of their time, talent, and treasure and into thinking of themselves as strategic philanthropists.

There is much a child can learn and accomplish by starting their own philanthropy with a dollar, 100 dollars, or more. Their giving can go even further when they add their passion, time, creativity, smarts, and relationships to the mix. Developing a revenue-generating business or a fundraising campaign can turbo charge their philanthropy by providing a stream of funds that can be distributed.

Much as with growing young entrepreneurs, growing young philanthropists requires encouragement, exposure, and role models. Here are nine actions you can take.

1. Provide financial support
2. Offer to serve as an advisor
3. Arrange meetings with people who work at a foundation or an organization who makes grants so they can learn what people who work in organized philanthropy do, how they do it, and what the impact of their work is.
4. Expose children to recipients of philanthropic efforts so they can see how people benefit from a small local or large national philanthropic effort
5. Work with youth to create a list of philanthropic organizations in your

community

6. Encourage young philanthropists to subscribe to mailing lists for local, national, and international philanthropies to gain insights into what these organizations are doing. Read these updates together and discuss.
7. Help seek out volunteer or internship opportunities with philanthropic organizations so young people can gain exposure and grow their network.
8. Attend workshops offered by local philanthropic organizations that share information on giving, community need, programs, data, evaluation and more.
9. Pay attention to news stories related to the work of local or national philanthropy and share these with young philanthropists.

The benefits to our children are great. They can learn:

1. Giving is a business and an art
2. Confidence
3. Patience and understanding
4. Accountability and transparency
5. How to be a good manager of people, money and resources
6. Humility
7. An understanding of the needs in your community
8. Goal setting
9. Relationship skills
10. How to love and care for others
11. Leadership skills
12. Creativity and innovation
13. How to manage time and money
14. Record keeping
15. Partnership development

We hope that youth and adults will develop that encourage strategic giving by young Black people that benefits the Black community and the world. Whether it is a nonprofit, college or community organization we need to support philanthropy as part of youth development programming. Talk with people at your community foundation to learn if they offer a youth philanthropy forum.

We all have something to give, and Black youth need to be seen as more than recipients of philanthropy: they are also philanthropists. It is not the size of the philanthropy, but the size of your heart that makes a difference.

Black Philanthropy Month was founded by the Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network August 2011. Learn more at <http://www.blackphilanthropymonth.com>.



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HEALTH

MDHHS awarded \$1.66 million grant to transform health care for Michigan children with epilepsy



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LANSING, Mich. – Michigan children with epilepsy will see improved outcomes through expanded services funded by a \$1.66 million grant that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has received.

The 4-year-grant for \$416,000 annually from the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Maternal Child and Health Systems Branch will fund the Michigan Pediatric Epilepsy Project.

The focus of the grant is to improve health outcomes for children and youth with epilepsy, especially those in Michigan’s rural and medically underserved areas. This grant enables the Michigan Children’s

Special Health Care Services Division to expand upon current efforts to improve access to specialized pediatric epilepsy services.

“This new funding opportunity provides greater access to comprehensive services for children, youth and their families living with epilepsy,” said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. “By partnering with four of the major epilepsy centers in Michigan – Beaumont Children’s hospital, Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, and Mercy Health Hauenstein Neurosciences – epilepsy patients and their families will have better access to specialty care and more successful transitions to adult specialists to effectively

manage their epilepsy.”

More than 13,000 Michigan children up to 17 years old have active epilepsy, and approximately 25 percent of Michigan’s youth population resides in rural areas. Children in rural and underserved areas often have less access to pediatricians, pediatric sub-specialists and coordinated care. By increasing access to care, this funding will help positively impact the overall health and well-being of children with epilepsy.

During the next 4 years, strategies to improve health outcomes among Michigan’s children and youth with epilepsy will include widespread implementation of health care transition practices (transitioning from a pediatric to adult provider), adoption of practices to improve collaboration and communication between primary and specialty care providers, expansion of telemedicine, and integration of shared decision-making practices between patients and providers.

In addition to the epilepsy centers, other key partners in the project include the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs; Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan; the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Michigan Primary Care Association; Michigan Public Health Institute; Alcona Health Center; Michigan State University’s Child Health Care Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, and Neurology Clinic; Northpointe Pediatrics; the University of Michigan Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit; and the Upper Peninsula Health System Marquette Hospital Neurology Clinic.

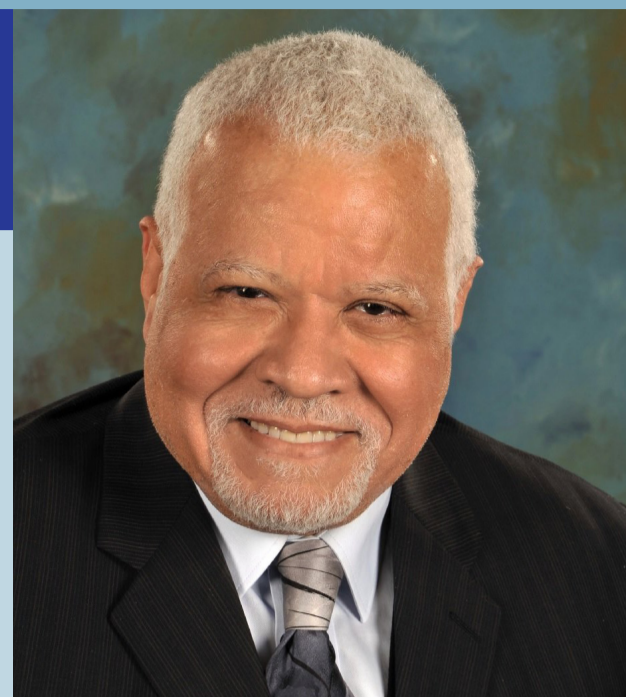
For more information about the Michigan Pediatric Epilepsy Project, visit www.michigan.gov/pediatricpilepsy.

Q&A ASK JACK

Dear Dr. Nash,

I have heard that a human bite is worse than a dog bite. Can you explain to me the truth about oral bacteria and the human mouth? Also, can you explain to me how I can control some of the bad bacteria in my mouth? I really want to keep my teeth because I know teeth are important to my overall health.

Samantha



JACK W. NASH, DDS

Samantha:

The human mouth has an estimated 800 to 1000 different kinds of bacteria. The bacteria can hide in the groves of the teeth, between the teeth, on the gums, on the tongue, the palate and many other hiding places in your mouth. The environment in the mouth is just a haven for bacterial growth. Some of the bacteria are necessary for digestion and some can just destroy the gums and teeth. If the bacteria are not removed around the teeth and gums it will form a film called plaque that if not removed it will cause tooth decay and gum disease which could result in major tooth loss as well as terrible bad breath.

The best way to remove the film is with brushing and flossing. But we have to remember that all toothpaste is not the same. The best type of toothpaste is not the toothpaste that contains fluoride but toothpaste that contains triclosan/copolymer! This type of toothpaste will kill much more of the bad bacteria than the fluoride only containing toothpaste. I would suggest manual brushing, flossing and using a good mouthwash in combination with the bacteria-killing toothpaste to keep the bad bacteria in check. The triclosan will help to kill bacteria and the copolymer will keep the bacteria-killing triclosan in the mouth for a longer period which will help to keep the bad bacteria away from teeth and gums.

Research has shown that the best way to help to keep your mouth healthy is to brush twice a day, floss once a day and rinse with a bacteria-killing mouthwash. The importance of keeping your mouth clean is the first step in combating the nasty bacteria that are lurking in your mouth. By brushing, flossing and rinsing you minimize the likelihood of tooth decay and gum disease as well as keeping your breath fresh.

Remember! "Only Brush The Teeth You Want to Keep".

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Volunteers Needed to “Cuddle” in the Covenant Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



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Covenant HealthCare is looking for volunteers interested in serving as baby “cuddlers” for 4 hour shifts between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Cuddlers assist with comfort, rocking and soothing of babies in the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (RNICU).

The volunteers who serve at Covenant HealthCare prove that anyone can be a hero just by giving a little bit of themselves to people in need. Volunteers help Covenant fulfill its mission to serve the individuals

and the community that depend on them. Just like its staff and patients, Covenant volunteers represent all ages, cultures and backgrounds.

Volunteers provide a dimension of care and service to patients as well as empathy for families and visitors – while supporting staff and physicians in an effort to provide quality care.

Covenant is looking for individuals who want to share their time and talent and help those in need. Covenant volunteers assist in providing a variety of services that benefit patients, family members, visitors, Covenant staff, and members of the medical staff.

*Volunteers must be able to provide a minimum of 4 hours on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. A minimum commitment of 40 hours is required.

Applications can be picked up at any Covenant Information Desk or by clicking the appropriate online volunteer application below. Please note that some volunteer positions (including Cuddlers) may have wait lists and others only recruit periodically, hosting informational events prior to training.

How to Apply

Applications for the High School Volunteer Program are accepted January 1 - March 31. Students who meet the criteria mentioned above may complete the online student application. Any questions can be directed to Volunteer Services via email or by contacting 989.583.6040.

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Great Lakes PACE is for those who are 55 or older and live in our service area. This includes Great Lakes Bay Region and parts of Gratiot, Tuscola, Shiawassee and Arenac counties (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services and meet the medical guidelines. A brief assessment by our PACE staff will determine if medical guidelines are met. For most people PACE services are fully covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare. For those not eligible for Medicaid; PACE is still an option when paying privately.

Great Lakes PACE has unique services and they are often misunderstood. PACE provides home care but it is not just a homecare

program. PACE is a managed care program and offers all the services provided by both Medicaid and Medicare. Our PACE Doctor completes a full exam and provides ongoing medical treatment with close supervision. Assessments are done 3378 Fashion Square Blvd. Saginaw MI 48603 by our team of PACE professionals to address any changing needs. Those enrolled in PACE will be responsible for cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE receives many positive reports from both enrollees and family. We hear accounts of pain reduction, reduced caregiver stress, improved mood and increased socialization. Our Adult Day Health program offers a social network for those with physical decline that has resulted in depression, isolation and loneliness. There is transportation to and from our PACE Center for Adult Day Health or medical appointments if needed. PACE uses a holistic approach as a choice to nursing home placement.

PACE is often misunderstood and others may

try to share with inaccurate details. Walk- in tours are welcome. Our Outreach Specialists are available to answer questions or provide informational sessions to your church or community group. A visit to our facility will add clarity to the scope of PACE services. We offer walk in or scheduled tours that may also include evening hours. You can also call 989 272-7610 and schedule a lunch tour. We will answer your questions over lunch following a tour for a group of any size. Call today and schedule a tour for your family, group or organization. Following a tour we often hear; "This sounds too good to be true;" Great Lakes PACE...It's good and it's true!

Great Lakes PACE services available in these Zip Codes:

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Tuscola

48415, 48435, 48701, 48723, 48733 48734, 48744, 48746, 48757, 48767, 48768

Midland County

48640, 48642, 48620

Arenac

48650

BUSINESS & WEALTH

Dow named to FORTUNE's 2019 "Change the World" list



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MIDLAND, Mich. - Dow has been included on FORTUNE's 2019 "Change the World" list, a ranking of 52 companies that have made an important social or environmental impact through their profit-making strategy and operations. Listed as number 26 in the ranking, Dow is recognized for its program to pilot the use of recycled plastics in roads as part of the company's long-standing commitment to reduce plastic waste and drive sustainability solutions.

"Dow is honored to be recognized by FORTUNE for advancing new applications and markets for recycled plastics," said Dow CEO Jim Fitterling. "By developing solutions such as this, we are demonstrating that plastics, from design to disposal, have tremendous value and can continue to benefit people and society in new ways."

Dow has collaborated with the value chain to build nearly 100 km of asphalt roads containing recycled plastic across Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America. The projects, some of which are enabled by Dow's ELVALOY™ RET asphalt modification technology, have diverted nearly 200 metric tons of plastic, equivalent to 50 million flexible pouches, from becoming litter or entering a landfill. The roads that are polymer-modified are often more resistant to corrosion from weather or vehicles than neat asphalt and can therefore reduce the number of dangerous potholes or traffic jams.

Dow believes that plastic waste has value and can be transformed into new products and energy. In addition to plastic roads, Dow is working with key partners in South America to use recycled plastics to

develop construction materials for schools in Colombia. Dow is also at the forefront of developing and scaling chemical recycling technology to take recycled plastic waste back to feedstock for the creation of new products. By reimagining new ways to reuse, recycle and repurpose plastic waste, Dow and its partners are leading the way in the development of innovative circular economy solutions.

FORTUNE's "Change the World" list ranks companies using factors including measurable social impact, business results, degree of innovation and corporate integration.

For additional information on Dow's work to keep plastic waste out of the environment, please visit <https://dont-waste.dow.com/en-us>



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Horizon Bank Consolidates Branches in Midland, Michigan



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Michigan City, IN — Horizon Bank announces the consolidation of services at their Midland, Michigan office located at 118 Ashman Street. At the end of business on September 6, 2019, the branch and ATM will be consolidating services at their Eastman area location.

The Midland Michigan offices were acquired by Horizon in 2017 as part of their partnership of Wolverine Bank. Since this time, they've been able to evaluate customer traffic and are confident they can conveniently serve everyone at one combined location at 5710 Eastman Avenue.

Horizon is committed to serving the Midland community. The Eastman office is only a few minutes from Ashman Street. Customers will enjoy conveniences such as ample parking, drive-up banking, a drive-up ATM, after hours night deposit drop, along with a large interior lobby providing private meeting spaces and plenty of teller stations. Also, the Eastman office has expanded hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and the drive up with hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

When you walk into the Eastman location, you'll still talk to a familiar face as Horizon retained all Midland branch personnel from the Ashman branch. The friendly bankers and their smiling faces were simply relocated to help with customer's banking needs.

Customers always have alternatives to visiting a branch, which may save them time and money. This includes online and mobile banking, using online bill pay, debit cards and Horizon's nationwide access to fee-free ATM's.

\$3.3 million in grants will help properties compete for business attraction projects

LANSING, Mich. — Forty-five industrial sites submitted by communities and local partners around Michigan have been awarded \$3.3 million in site readiness grants, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced today. Awarded through the new competitive Michigan Build Ready Sites program, the targeted grant program of the Site Readiness Improvement program, the grants are aimed at boosting Michigan's inventory of available properties ready to compete for business attraction projects.

"These site-ready projects underscore Michigan's continued commitment to working with our local partners and communities to foster business growth and developing our inventory of shovel ready sites across the state," said MEDC CEO Jeff Mason. "Our partners brought forth critical projects that will use innovative approaches and have meaningful impact on our business attraction efforts."

Announced in April, the Michigan Build Ready Sites program is intended to assist with the development or enhancement of industrial sites to help them get closer to having Vetted Site Standards and make them more competitive during the site selection process. Local and regional economic development or community partners had until June 1 to submit applications that demonstrated a plan and pathway to a vetted site. Grant funds under the program could be used for activities including site development studies or site material development, site implementation or land assembly activities, and more.

The Ecorse's Mill Street site is an example of the impact the grants will have. The vacant 58-acre site at the south border of the community was previously occupied by a steel mill. The city of Ecorse has made efforts to clear the site and make it viable for redevelopment for an industrial user, but the lack of a sufficient route for contemporary truck access has remained an issue. The \$100,000 Michigan Site Readiness grant awarded to the city will assist with identifying improvements that are needed to adequately meet the truck and traffic needs of the future site user(s).

Another project, the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport in Iosco County, will be able to take on the development of marketing strategies and incentives for business attraction; the evaluation of existing utilities' infrastructure to determine deficiencies and growth capacity; planning engineering services for layout designs; and cost estimates associated with extending utilities' infrastructure to additional site properties.

The Oscoda-Wurtsmith district has undergone a number of other redevelopment projects that have resulted in job creation and positive economic impact in the area. Today's \$100,000 Michigan Site Readiness grant will help support these continued efforts to make additional sites ready for development and attract additional business development.

"Both the Ecorse Mill Street site and Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport exemplify the type of project the Build Ready program is intended for – collaborative, thoughtful plans that identify a pathway to the redevelopment of sites, making them ready to compete for site selection projects," Mason said.

Grants were awarded for sites in 31 counties around the state including Saginaw.

Other recent initiatives highlighting site selection in Michigan include the launch of an updated, dedicated landing page for site selectors. This site serves as a one-stop-shop for any and all site selector needs from statistics demonstrating Michigan's strengths as a place to do business to Zoom Prospector data base access.

This announcement builds on MEDC's other business attraction tools including the Speculative Building program, which offers several incentives and financing programs to encourage the development of new speculative building projects in Michigan. The goal of the program is to further add to Michigan's inventory of high-quality, readily available space for growing companies.

How is the Economy Doing and Is a Recession around the Corner?

Christopher Douglas, Ph.D.



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There is a concern that the U.S. economy is slowing and heading into a recession. Part of this concern is due to President Trump's decision to escalate the trade dispute with China, a move that led to a triple-digit decline in the stock market. Another part of this concern is timing. On average, a recession has occurred once-every-seven years since the end of World War II. It has been ten years since the Great Recession ended in June, 2009. The current economic recovery is thus not only longer than average, it is the longest post-World War II recovery so far. The concern is that since the recovery has been so long, the U.S. is "due" for a recession, so one must be around the corner.

Just because the U.S. economy is in the midst of a record long recovery does not mean that a recession has to be around the corner. Recessions are always caused by some bad event, and it could just be a historical coincidence that these occur roughly every seven years. A sudden increase in the price of crude oil is the most common cause of a recession. In fact, all post-World War II recessions except one were preceded by a spike in the price of crude oil. Examples of this include the 1973-75 recession following the Middle East oil embargo, the 1980 recession following the Iranian Revolution, and the 1990 recession following Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait and subsequent withdrawal that saw numerous oil wells set on fire.

It is unlikely that an increase in the price of crude oil would cause a future recession for

two reasons. First, the U.S. economy is more energy efficient than in the past. It takes about 4,000 British Thermal Units (BTUs) of energy to produce one dollar of economic output today, compared to 12,000 BTUs in the mid-1970s. Second, the U.S. is much less dependent on imported crude oil now than in the past. In fact, the U.S. has been the largest crude oil producer in the world since September 2018, ahead of countries such as Russia and Saudi Arabia. Mitigating the impact of the price of crude oil on the economy mitigates a huge recession risk.

Other recessions are caused by other, less frequent, bad events. The recession in 1981 was caused by the Federal Reserve increasing interest rates to inflation under control. The 2001 recession was caused by the internet-fueled stock market rally ending coupled with a loss of consumer confidence due to accounting scandals at major corporations such as MCI. The Great Recession of 2008-09 was caused by the subprime mortgage market melting down, leading to contagion across the broader economy.

The escalation of the Chinese trade dispute has rattled the stock market, with the Dow losing 1,700 points since last month. This must be kept in perspective. The Dow is currently up over 16,000 points since the end of the Great Recession and is up over 8,000 points since Election Night 2016. People should not get too concerned with the stock market until there is a much more long-term, persistent decline.

Disruptions in trade with China by itself is unlikely to cause a recession. Trade itself is a small component of the U.S. economy, comprising about 12 percent of it. The U.S. economy is largely closed, meaning most of what is consumed by Americans is produced domestically by Americans. Trade with China, at approximately \$660 billion in 2018, represents only about 3 percent of the U.S. economy. Disruption in U.S.-Chinese trade relations might cause the economy to slow down in terms of causing the stock market and business investment in new capital goods to decline, things which have already happened. However, it is unlikely to lead to a full-blown recession.

The things to watch for are the quarterly growth rate in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is the value of all economic output being produced in the U.S., and the number of new jobs being created each month. Both have slowed a bit

from 2018, but both remain relatively strong. The U.S. economy has grown by an average of 2.6 percent in 2019, compared to about 3 percent in 2018. On average, 163,000 new jobs have been created each month in 2019, compared to 223,000 new jobs per month in 2018. Thus the U.S. economy has slowed a bit in 2019, compared to last year. Such a slowdown is not necessarily unexpected though as the U.S. moves a year deeper into the economic recovery and the effects of the 2018 tax cuts begin to wear off. However, 2.6 percent economic growth and 163,000 new jobs per month still represent a healthy economic and with any luck, the economy will continue to produce this growth and employment throughout 2019 and into 2020.

When should we be worried about a recession being around the corner? As I argued earlier, the most common historical cause of a recession (an increase in the price of crude oil), is unlikely to cause the next recession. Inflation has not been a problem in the U.S. economy since the 1970s, so it is unlikely the Federal Reserve will have to induce a recession to get inflation under control anytime soon. Some sort of financial market calamity is the most likely source of the next recession. Perhaps the U.S.-China trade dispute further escalates and has broader negative consequences across the financial markets. Or, perhaps the U.S. budget deficit finally becomes unsustainable. The deficit has recently hit \$1 trillion per year, meaning the government has to borrow \$1 trillion every year in order to pay for what it spends. If the government is ever unable to do this, perhaps because people start to question the government's ability to repay what it has borrowed, a massive recession would follow. There is always the possibility that something in the financial markets not yet on people's radar will cause the next recession. Prior to 2008, not many people were sounding the alarm about subprime mortgages and mortgage-backed securities.

Keep an eye on the U.S. economic growth rate and the rate of monthly job creation. If the economic growth rate ever dips below 1 percent for more than one quarter while job creation falls below 100,000 per month for more than one month, be alarmed. If economic growth turns negative for a quarter with job creation turning negative for more than one month, then a recession would be imminent. As it stands now, a recession does not appear to be around the corner.

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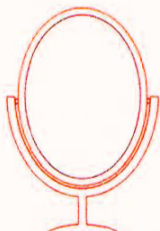
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EDUCATION

SVSU hires Midland law enforcement leader as new University Police chief



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Saginaw Valley State University has hired Cliff Block to serve as the school's next police chief, bringing aboard a highly-respected law enforcement leader to help maintain the campus' secure and friendly atmosphere. With more than a quarter-century of law enforcement experience — ranging from neighborhood patrol duties to statewide leadership positions — Block plans to strengthen the university's status as a safe campus with a close-knit community feel.

“It will be an honor to serve the students, administration, faculty, staff and officers as we work to provide a safe, secure and friendly environment, where the focus can be on higher learning,” said Block, an SVSU alumnus.

Block since 2012 served as police chief in Midland, where he first joined the force as a patrol officer in 1993. As the city's police chief, he oversaw a \$9 million-per-year, 52-member law enforcement agency tasked with keeping Midland a safe community.

There, he worked to create a culture of

professionalism and customer service excellence in policing through training, education and partnerships. Block implemented specialized groups within the police department including K-9, Honor Guard, Traffic Team as well as Sex Offender units. Block encouraged the implementation of community engagement and assistance programs including Hope Not Handcuffs, Handle with Care, Coffee with a Cop, and Cone with a Cop, among others.

He also oversaw the creation and development of programs focused on supporting victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. While developing these initiatives, he remained an active member of the Midland community, engaging with various associations, committees and events.

Block plans to bring a similar approach to SVSU, where he wants to work closely with the university's small-community environment to continue fortifying the campus' safe atmosphere.

“I am looking forward to working in a campus policing environment and bringing

with me a highly interactive community policing and outreach philosophy,” he said. “I look forward to working with the SVSU community, stakeholders and partners as we solve the future challenges and celebrate the future successes in store for us at SVSU.”

He also served in leadership positions for law enforcement organizations dedicated to safety across the state. Police chiefs from across the state 2017-18 selected Block as president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Earlier, he served as president of the Central Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police from 2013-16.

Law enforcement is in Block's DNA. His father served as a police officer and then dispatcher for the Fenton Police Department for more than 30 years.

Block earned a master's degree in leadership in public administration from SVSU in 2003. The Lake Fenton High School graduate received a bachelor's degree in computer science from University of Michigan-Flint in 1991.

His education as a law enforcement leader is extensive and full of merit. Block earned his Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards certification in 1992 from Oakland Police Academy, where he was elected president of his class. In 1995, he received an associate's degree in criminal justice from Delta College, where he was the recipient of the Midland Bar Association Law Enforcement Outstanding Graduate Award. He was ranked No. 1 academically in his class while participating in the Eastern Michigan School of Police Staff and Command from 2000-01.

Block succeeds Leo Mioduszewski, who retired in July. He served as SVSU's police chief since 2016.

Lennetta Coney honored with Women In Power Award



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Foundation for Mott Community College (FMCC) President Lennetta Coney was recognized with the Women In Power Award at the 5th Annual Women in Power (WIP) Summit presented by Pick a Place and Start (P.A.P.A.S.), a Flint-based community development organization Aug. 17.

Coney has worked as a Mott Community College (MCC) administrator for 32 years in various positions. She is currently serving as President of the Foundation for Mott Community College and Executive Director of College and Community Advancement, responsible for private gift fundraising, alumni affairs, special events and multicultural affairs at MCC.

As the chief development officer for FMCC, Coney has grown the Foundation from \$194,000 to roughly \$9 million, established an Alumni Association, a Women in Education program, as well as developed and implemented programs to uniquely link the

community to the college.

Coney's professional involvement includes: the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), CASE, The Links, Inc., Mott Children's Health Center Board of Directors, McFarlan Corporation Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Flint Program Chair, Board member for Flint Institute of Music, and New Paths, Inc., the American Association for Women in Community Colleges, co-chair of FIM's Black Classical Origins Committee. Previously, she served as a member of PEO Women's Club and the National Association of Career Women.

She is a recent recipient of the Don Riegle Award and past recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's Athena Award, YWCA's Nina Mills/Women of Achievement Award, and been denoted Community Leader of the Year and/or Woman of the Year for a host of community, professional and fraternal organizations.

STUDY ABROAD AT DELTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

Study abroad scholarships are available to help provide Delta College students with rewarding, life-changing educational experiences in other countries. Thanks to generous donors, the scholarships can make learning about people, their countries and their cultures around the world more affordable.

Two scholarships are available for enrolled students, the Lola Bishop Whitney Scholarship and the Preston and Dr. Betty B. Jones International Scholarship.

The application deadline for both is October 25 at midnight.

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- Have two references

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ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERIA

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- Complete a cost estimate form
- Complete an on-campus interview
- Write a thank you letter and follow-up summary

MORE INFORMATION

There is an extensive amount of time and research that students must invest in order to ensure that they will have a good plan in place to travel abroad. We encourage you to begin early and ask for help if you find that you have questions. For more help or information, call Michelle White at 989-686-9382 or visit www.delta.edu/scholarships to apply.

Delta College is helping teachers meet sustainability challenges



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Delta College is proud to be part of the Dow Innovation Teacher Fellowship, a partnership empowering area teachers and students to be change agents for sustainability issues.

Together with the University of Michigan's Center for Education Design, Evaluation and Research (CEDER) and with funding from Dow, Delta is supporting secondary teachers in designing and implementing a sustainability-focused unit using project-based and place-based learning approaches. Sustainability is an interdisciplinary topic that has clear connections to STEM, civics (policy), economics, communications, literature and other areas.

The first group of area teachers was selected in May to take part in the year-long experience and attended training at the Delta Planetarium in June. The teachers explored

issues related to the circular economy, plastics and water quality. The University of Michigan team recruited community partners to collaborate on a sustainability problem teachers and their classes will study.

Engaging with the Environment

The Dow Innovation Teacher Fellowship is open to middle and high school teachers of all disciplines at schools in Arenac, Bay, Midland, Saginaw, Gratiot and Isabella counties.

It was a unique experience for Katie Bryant who teaches Science, Design and Technology at White Pine Middle School in Saginaw Township. She is part of a participating White Pine team with Aimee Priem (English and Language Arts) and Tricia Benkert (Math).

"The students want to know what they can do to impact the future," she said. "So we have to catch them now while they have this desire to help the environment and this program is going to help us teach our students how to do that."

Luke Freeman, a teacher at AuGres-Sims High School, is excited about the impact the program can have not just locally, but globally.

"When this fellowship became a possibility I jumped on it as quick as I could," he said. "Because I knew that if universities and community partners showed some interest students would see that this isn't just an idea that their teacher came up with, this is something worldwide people are interested in; keeping our environment clean, keeping it safe and there is something we can do."



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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

SVSU rises toward the top nationally for ‘Best College Dorms’ ranking



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A warm and welcoming environment — along with first-rate residential facilities — helped Saginaw Valley State University continue to climb the rankings for a website grading the nation’s “best dorms” and campuses.

SVSU placed No. 4 overall in the nation and No. 1 among all U.S. public universities in the website Niche’s “2020 Best College Dorms” ranking, which uses a weighted formula where 70 percent of a school’s score comes from student satisfaction surveys.

This marks the second consecutive year SVSU’s score bested all other public universities. Its No. 4 overall ranking — which includes private institutions — represents a jump from No. 8 last year, SVSU’s previous best showing in the category. The university is the only higher education institution in the state to appear in the ranking’s top 60 this year. In total, 1,384 colleges and universities were included on the list.

Renee McKinnie, a rehabilitation medicine major at SVSU, said her tour of the campus’ housing facilities three years ago played a role in helping her decide to choose the university and move there from her hometown of Detroit.

“It felt like you were at home,” she said of that first impression. “Looking back, coming here was the best decision because I’ve had the best experience living on campus.”

McKinnie now works as a student resident assistant, putting her in a leadership role with her peers and neighbors living with her on campus. She said residing on SVSU’s campus provides an education outside of the classroom.

“We’re a small community but there’s so much diversity,” McKinnie said. “When you live here, you get to know people from different backgrounds and cultures. It’s a blessing to be around so many different types of people.”

The on-campus activities — including movie screenings, game nights, icebreaker events, and concerts, among other types of gatherings — provide opportunities for residents from different corners of the university’s housing complexes to gather for fun, she said.

“You become close to people in your building, but there are so many ways to bridge out and meet other people living here,” she said.

Michele Gunkelman, SVSU’s director of residential life and an alumna who once lived on campus, said both SVSU’s beautiful housing structures and its welcoming, tight-knit community atmosphere help the university’s residential life stand out at a national level.

“Living on campus is more than a place to hang your hat; it’s a place to connect, be successful, make an impact, and develop your passion,” Gunkelman said. “We pride ourselves on

creating a safe and secure living and learning environment for our students.”

Credit for that environment goes beyond the staff members who supervise the housing facilities and provide leadership, she said. Students also play a large role in creating a campus environment where they can thrive academically and socially.

“Students make SVSU a great place to live, especially the student leaders,” Gunkelman said. “From the desk staff who welcome residents, to the councils that plan events, to the student residential assistants who aid in students finding their place at SVSU: everyone is working together to create this community.”

That community will begin to gather and build for the next academic year this week. While some students already have moved into the residential housing for the 2019-20 academic year, the bulk of the on-campus population — freshmen — begin moving into their new homes Wednesday at 10 a.m. SVSU is expected to reach its housing capacity at 2,435 total students; of those, 1,050 will be freshmen.

To access the Niche “2020 Best College Dorms” rankings, go to www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-college-dorms/.

COMMUNITY

Saginaw Celebrates the Formalization of a Sister City Relationship Amanokrom, Ghana



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The City of Saginaw is pleased to announce the formalization of a sister city relationship with Amanokrom, Ghana. The City will be presented with the signed resolution from Amanokrom, Ghana on Wednesday, August 28 at 6 p.m. at First Ward Community Center, 1410 N 12th Street, Saginaw.

In August 2018, Chief Nana Osim Kwatia II, chief of Amanokrom and Gyasehene of Akuapem Traditional Area visited Saginaw as a part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Saginaw African Cultural Festival. He was well-received at the Saginaw African Cultural Festival for a Durbar, a celebration of community and culture. Chief Kwatia also participated in a business conference at Saginaw Valley State University and was hosted by the Saginaw City Council at City Hall.

In January of 2019, a series of meetings were held to discuss the development of a sister city relationship between the City of Saginaw and Amanokrom. Representatives from the Saginaw African Cultural Festival, SVSU and Saginaw City Council were present for these discussions. It was decided that this sister city relationship would have three components:

Culture, Education and Economic Development. In June 2019, the Saginaw City Council approved a resolution to create a sister city relationship with Amanokrom, Ghana. This signed resolution was then sent to Chief Kwatia for his signature.

Mrs. Akosua Yeboah, advisor to Chief Nana Osim Kwatia II, will present the signed resolution from Chief Kwatia to the City of Saginaw on Wednesday, August 28 at 6 p.m. at First Ward Community Center, 1410 N 12th St, Saginaw. The signing of this document by both parties cements the relationship between Saginaw and Amanokrom. This signed resolution will be received by Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Moore and Councilman Michael Balls.

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“We welcome all to witness the establishment of this sister city relationship. The development of this relationship promises to be a wonderful opportunity for the citizens of Amanokrom and Saginaw to learn more about each other. We are excited about the opportunity to take Saginaw residents to Ghana to visit our sister city,” said Dr. Dawn Hinton, president of the Saginaw African Cultural Festival.

For more information, please contact Dr. Dawn Hinton at (989) 906-1400 or drdawnhinton@gmail.com.





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Event attendees will then have the opportunity to interact with area non-profit organizations during the Expo portion of the event.

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Do Blacks Feel Comfortable in Dearborn?

by David “Hump The Grinder” Humphries, producer of Hair Wars



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States. Who could have ever imagined that? The reputation of police harassing blacks and other minorities for the most part appears to be over.

For the past 6 years, I've hosted my annual Detroit Hair Wars in the city of Dearborn: 2 years at the Adoba Hotel and the previous 4 years at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, which shares the parking lot with the Dearborn Police Headquarters. Our clientele spends money at the city's hotels, restaurants, bars and other businesses. And we've had zero incidents. Still, some of my 'Old School' fellow promoters who present events at the Performing Arts Center, refuse to put "Dearborn" on their flyers and social media posts. They simply say it's located at 15801 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield Rd. I guess they are afraid their older guests are still staying away from Dearborn.

I made an attempt to honor Dearborn's current mayor, John B. O'Reilly Jr. at a recent Hair Wars to show our appreciation for the city's efforts in moving forward. But my calls were not returned, and I ended up going online to fill out an 'appearance' form (which was several pages), hoping the Mayor would be available to attend.

I never received a response from the Mayor's Office. I'm sure that snub wasn't the Mayor's fault, but probably someone in his administration that's disregarding things of this nature. But it's a big deal to many of us. I'm not going to hold that against the city of Dearborn, because they have made tremendous progress in race relations.

So do most blacks generally feel comfortable in Dearborn in 2019? The answer is "yes." I can truly say that Dearborn has come a long way, baby.

The 2020 Detroit Hair Wars – "Hair Stars & Hot Cars" will be held on Sunday, May 17th at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.

Ironically, it will be inside the 'Hubbard Ballroom.'

You've got to be 'Old School' to remember that Virginia Slims cigarette ad slogan, 'You've Come A Long Way, Baby.' But if you grew in metro Detroit around the 1970's, you heard it then and you're hearing it again now.

Since Orville L. Hubbard became mayor of Dearborn, Michigan in 1942, until his final year in office (1977), he was determined to keep blacks out of 'his' city, which borders the predominately black city of Detroit. "He made no secret of his segregationist views. As the town's tough-talking Mayor for 36 years, he was proud that he kept Dearborn lily white," states a 1986 article in The New York Times."

I'm black and I grew up on Detroit's west side. During my high school days, my friends and I would stay away from Dearborn as much as possible. The police would constantly pull over blacks and there was actually a law barring non-residents of Dearborn from playing in the city's public parks. Blacks who were playing basketball or just having a picnic, would be asked to show their id's, while many whites who also were non-residents were not asked and allowed to stay.

The NAACP and the Detroit chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union were two of

the main organizations who led a successful boycott of Dearborn businesses, and challenged its constitutionality in the Wayne County Circuit Court. "If we can't play in their parks, we won't pay in their stores," said NAACP official Joseph Madison in a 1985 statement. The boycott, which was called off initially, but was reinstated when the Dearborn mayor at the time, Michael Guido, refused to sign the new agreement that would allow non-residents access to the city's public parks. Of course, Detroit's first black mayor, Coleman A. Young (who was in office from 1974-1994) had a real problem with this from the beginning.

When I turned 16 and bought my first 'hooptie,' I would tell my friends who lived in Inkster, I'm not driving down Michigan Ave. to visit you. I felt the Dearborn police were just waiting for me. There were lots of blacks living in Inkster and worked in nearby Dearborn. Mayor Hubbard said blacks were allowed to work at the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, he just didn't want them living there. So it was Ford's idea to build apartments in Inkster to accommodate the workers.

Fast forward to now, approaching 2020, and what has changed? A lot. Dearborn still hasn't had many blacks move in, but it's the largest Muslim community in the United



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Adult-Use Marijuana License Application to be Unveiled at Statewide Educational Sessions in September



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The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) announced today the dates, times, and locations of a series of educational sessions designed to familiarize potential adult-use marijuana applicants with the online application process.

MRA employees will be on hand during the sessions to demonstrate the online license application process to prospective applicants seeking to obtain a marijuana establishment license under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA) – the ballot proposal passed by Michigan voters in November 2018.

While applications will not be completed during these events, attendees will be able to familiarize themselves with the process – and what will be required – when the applications become available online on November 1, 2019.

Saginaw residents can attend an educational session on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at

2:00 P.M. at RC Zauel Memorial Library's Dr. Kurumety Meeting Room located at 3100 N. Center Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604. The Registration link can be found at <https://bit.ly/MRA-SAG>.

For those unable to attend in person, application instructions, checklists, and additional resources will be made available in the future and posted on the MRA website at www.michigan.gov/MRA.

There is no cost to attend the educational sessions but – due to space constraints – potential applicants and their representatives should register as soon as possible. Each presentation will last approximately three hours.

Existing licensees under the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) interested in obtaining licensure under MRTMA are encouraged to participate in customized demonstrations. Please call or email the MRA if you have

not yet received communication – including details and registration links – regarding these additional demonstrations.

These educational sessions are not public meetings and there will not be time set aside for public comment. The educational sessions will be informative presentations of processes that will be utilized by future applicants. Attendance at the educational sessions will not affect a potential applicant's application. All interested members of the public will be able to participate in future training opportunities whether they attend the educational sessions or not. Any information or feedback provided at the educational sessions is merely advisory.

Questions may be directed to the Adult-Use Licensing Section via email at MRA-Adult-Use-Marijuana@michigan.gov or via phone at 517-284-8599. Members of the media who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to David Harns via email at HarnsD1@michigan.gov.

Coty Kuschinsky Joins Jolt Credit Union Team as Community Affairs Specialist



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Jolt Credit Union is excited to announce that Coty Kuschinsky has joined the team as Community Affairs Specialist. In her role, Coty will implement, coordinate and actively participate in local events and activities that embrace the community we live and work in. She will champion Jolt's school branches to provide financial literacy and a financial roadmap for students.

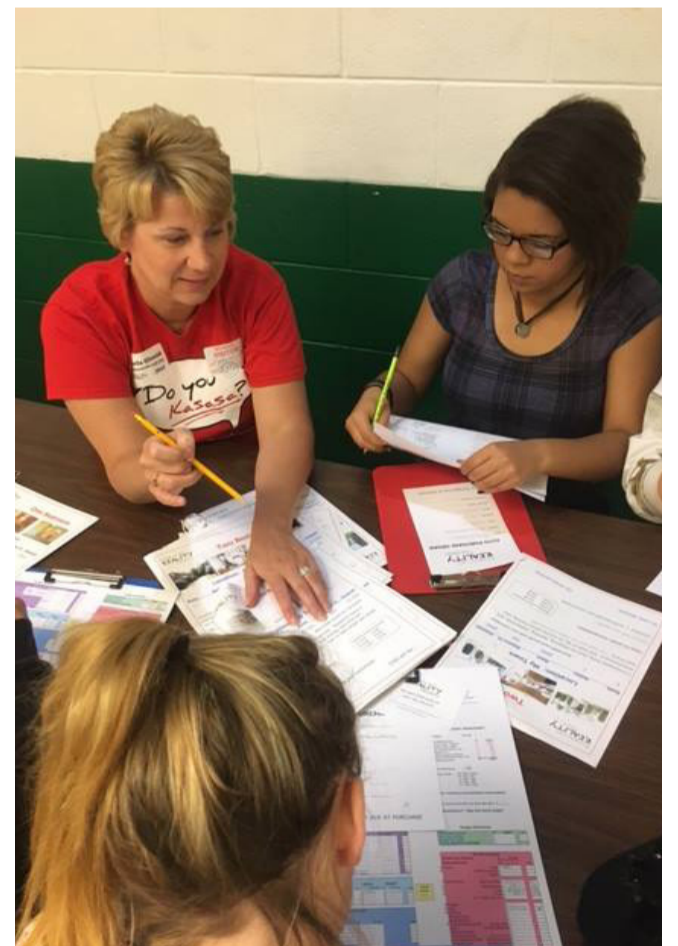
"We are so delighted to have Coty join our team," stated Bridget Staffileno, VP Community Affairs at Jolt. "Coty's first-hand experience of working out in our community coupled with her genuine affection for the Great Lakes Bay Region, is a win-win for everyone!"

Prior to joining the Jolt team, Coty was a news reporter and anchor for WNEM TV5. She has a Bachelor of Applied Arts from Central Michigan University.

Frankenmuth Credit Union Promotes Financial Literacy in the classroom



In 2018 Frankenmuth Credit Union has taken a focused approach to getting financial education into the classroom. The first is that we have found success in our sponsorship of the Banzai financial education program that was used in 10 local schools and gave teachers the tools to effectively teach financial education through an online platform. The second is in personal visits to the classroom with our own financial education presentation and also participating in Junior Achievement's financial literacy program which was presented to 120 high school students. The last is our Financial Reality Fair that gave over 300 - 8th grade students a chance to practice their financial skills in a real world simulation. All three of these programs have led to more exposure to financial education and showed the benefit credit unions give to our communities.



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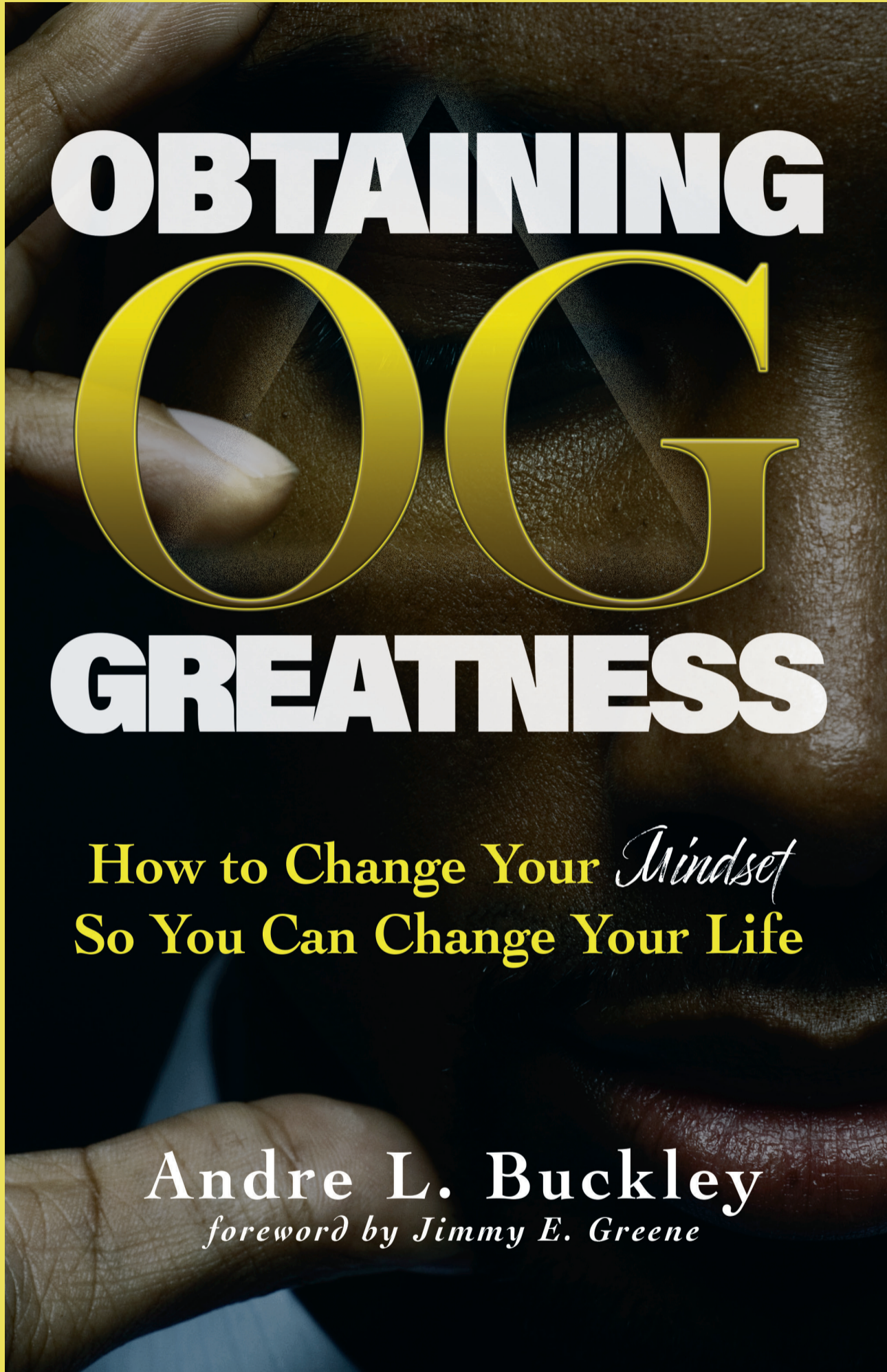
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Secretary of State Mobile Office to visit SVSU Sept. 11 and UM-Flint Sept. 12

Visitors can register to vote, renew plates and licenses



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FLINT – Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson today announced the Secretary of State Mobile Office will visit Saginaw Valley State University Wednesday, Sept. 11, and University of Michigan–Flint Thursday, Sept. 12, for voter registration and other services.

On Sept. 11, the Mobile Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the courtyard in the center of SVSU’s campus, and on Thursday, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in UM-Flint’s McKinnon Plaza, 303 E. Kearsley St.

The Mobile Office offers most services available at a regular office. Visitors can renew their license plate tabs and driver’s

licenses, register to vote, change their address and sign up on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Visitors also can learn more about REAL ID and apply for a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or state ID card. Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, you will need a REAL ID-compliant document to fly within the United States and enter certain federal facilities, military bases and nuclear power plants. To apply, bring the following:

- Your driver’s license or state ID card.
- Your certified birth certificate with a raised seal or stamp issued by a

governmental agency; valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. (Faxes and photocopies won’t be accepted.)

- If your name is different from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents, such as marriage licenses or court orders, for every time your name has changed.

Customers may call the Department of State Information Center to speak to a customer-service representative at 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).

Governor Whitmer Appoints Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea to the Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors



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LANSING, Mich. – Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea to the Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors.

“The Great Lakes Water Authority continues to work tirelessly to ensure that southeast Michigan is receiving the most reliable water and wastewater services,” said Whitmer. “Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea has wide-ranging

expertise and is a well-known presence in her community. Her professional and personal achievements make her the most qualified choice to serve on the Great Lakes Water Authority.”

Beverly Walker-Griffea, Ph.D., of Flint, has over 30 years of experience in higher education and is the current president of Mott Community College. Active in the Flint community, she is a member of the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors, McLaren Health Care of Flint Board of Trustees, the Metro Community Development Board of Directors, Carriage Town Ministries Board of Directors, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Ivy House, and is a member of the Flint Chapter of the NAACP. Dr. Walker-Griffea formerly served as a member of the Flint City Water Response Team.

Dr. Walker-Griffea earned her Bachelor of Science from Oklahoma State University in Broadcast Communications, Master of Education from Virginia State University, and Ph.D. in Child Development from Texas

Woman’s University. She is appointed to succeed Craig A. Hupy, whose term has expired, to represent a resident of an area served by the Authority outside of the city of Detroit and the counties of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb, for a term commencing September 2, 2019 and expiring December 12, 2022.

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) was formally approved on October 10, 2014. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the state of Michigan, city of Detroit, and the counties of Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne, creating the regional water authority designed to leverage the assets of the Detroit-owned water and sewerage system. The Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors is a six-person board comprised of one member appointed from each county, two members appointed from the city of Detroit, and one member appointed by the Governor.

This appointment is not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.



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SPORTS

Craig Goslin of Saginaw Spirit named Chairman of the OHL Board of Governors



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SAGINAW, MI – The Saginaw Spirit, members of the Ontario Hockey League, are proud to announce the appointment of President & Managing Partner Craig Goslin as Chairman of the OHL Board of Governors.

“The Ontario Hockey League is the best development league in the world,” said Goslin. “Our league is committed to the development of the fine young men on OHL rosters into future university graduates, tradesman, future stars of the National Hockey League and good people. It is an honor to serve the Owners in our league as their board chair. The Owners and Governors are all committed to the same cause of betterment for our student athletes, our

home town communities, and the in-seat fan experience. The league office, led by Commissioner Branch, has a very talented staff that continuously explores ways to make the OHL experience as good as it can be for the elite student athletes that make up the rosters of our 20 teams. I’m honored to work closely with them all.”

A former two-time OHL Executive of the Year in 2006 and 2007, Goslin has been a part of the Spirit franchise since its inception in 2002 and has been instrumental to the success and evolution of the club off the ice. He previously served on the Executive Council in the role of Vice-Chairman and is also a former Chairman of the OHL’s Business

Development Committee. Goslin has been a member of the OHL Executive Council since 2011.

“Craig has served on the OHL Executive Council for eight years now and has demonstrated tremendous leadership qualities throughout that time,” said Commissioner David Branch. “The key to being an Executive Council member is putting the league initiatives first and Craig has clearly demonstrated that from the outset of his time on the council. He has the respect of all his peers and he’ll undoubtedly prove to be an excellent leader and contributor for the benefit of the league as a whole in his role as Chairman of the Board.”

History Made with Record Crowd

6,671: Largest crowd to ever watch a Loons game at Dow Diamond



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MIDLAND, Mich. -- On Friday, August 23, history was made at Dow Diamond. While the West Michigan Whitecaps escaped with a 1-0 win over the Great Lakes Loons, it's the fact that a new single-game attendance record was set that everyone will be talking about.

Shattering the previous record 6,671 fans were in attendance for the finale of the seven-game homestand. It's a record that stood for a little over a year as 6,383 coincidentally witnessed a Loons vs. Whitecaps game on June 14, 2018. It also wraps up a three-game stretch that totaled 15,634 fans (avg. 5,211).

Just one run was scored in the game, and unfortunately for Jose Chacin (L, 11-7) it saddled him with the loss despite going 5.2 innings with 10 strikeouts. It's a season- and

career-high for the 22-year-old right-hander from Venezuela. Corey Joyce broke the scoreless deadlock in the top of the 6th with a ground ball single to left field.

Great Lakes (76-51) and West Michigan each managed five hits in the game. Chris Roller gave the Loons one their best chances at a run as a tripled with one out in the bottom of the 2nd inning. He tried to score on an infield groundball one batter later and was thrown out at home. The other came in the 4th when they loaded the bases with two outs before a strikeout to end the threat.

Mark Washington and Jasiel Alvino kept things close until the very end as they combined for 3.1 innings of hitless, shutout baseball allowing just two baserunners.

POSTSEASON HONORS FOR VARGAS, SHOE

Miguel Vargas and John Shoemaker were both named to the Midwest League Postseason All-Star roster on Friday.

Vargas became the first player to make the team since Alex Verdugo in 2015. The 19-year-old's .325 BA was the highest among any Loons players with at least 70 games played in franchise history. He becomes the 11th player to ever earn the honor.

Shoemaker becomes the second manager in team history to be named MWL Manager of the Year, joining 2010 manager Juan Bustabad.

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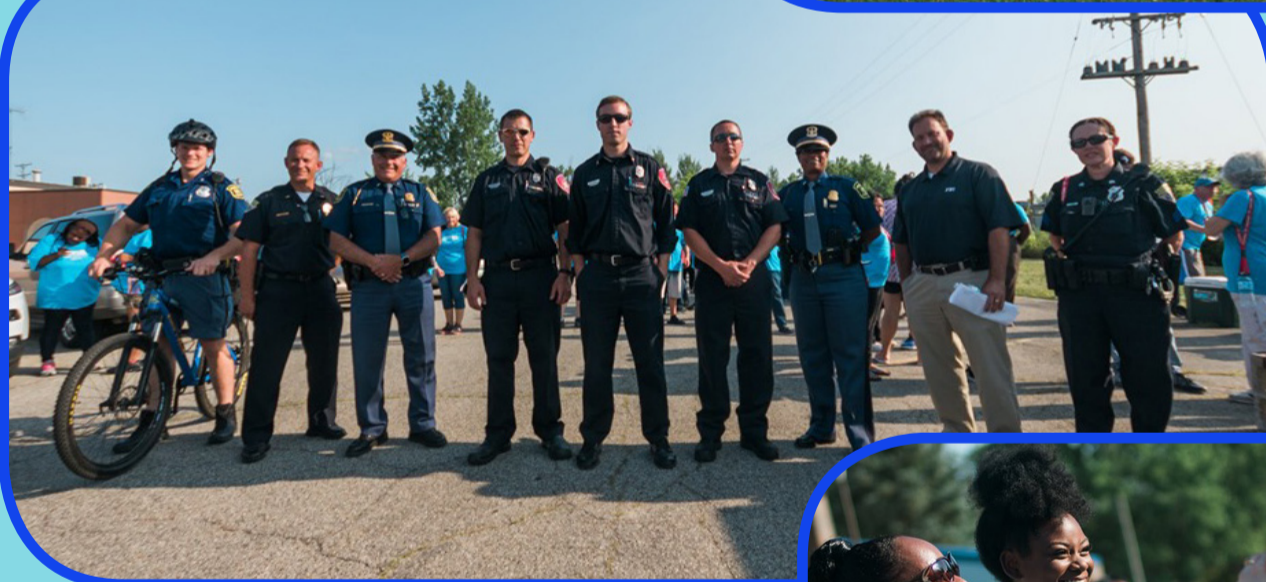
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PICS OF THE WEEK

Light Up the City Saginaw's 2019 season of events has come to a close. Pictured are highlights from this year's festivities!





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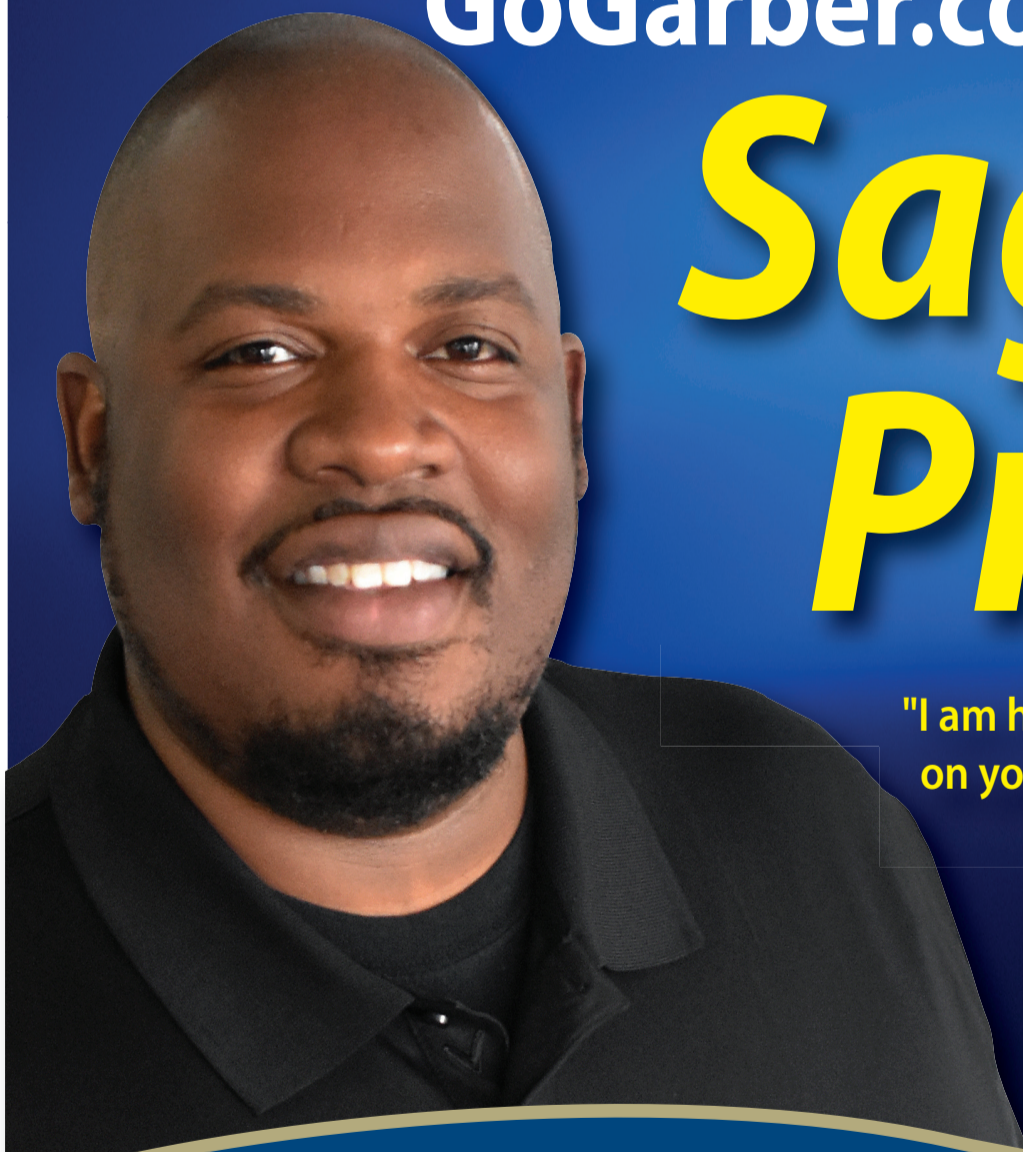
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