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Local teen entrepreneur to receive 'Rising Business Award' at 2022 Heart of the City Awards

On Thursday, June 9, the Michigan Banner will celebrate its 20-year Anniversary and the Heart of the City Community Awards program at Horizons Conference Center.

Awards will be presented to individuals and organizations in the Great Lakes Bay Region who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative. Among the awardees is Julian Morris, the 2022 Rising Business Award recipient.

Julian Morris, age 13, is a freshman at Heritage High School in Saginaw, Michigan. He is the son of Denita Dorsey and Nathaniel Morris, III.



JULIAN MORRIS

While in virtual school during the pandemic, Julian started his own business, S.W.A.G. Magazine. S.W.A.G., which stands for Students With a Gift, is a teen magazine delivering the latest in news and



entertainment from a teen's perspective. S.W.A.G. also focuses on the health and wellness of teens, in addition to financial literacy, money management tips and college tips.

At school, he is an athlete in basketball. In his downtime, he loves reading, music, monopoly and stocks and options. Now, he inspires and encourages other teen to find their purpose and use their gifts. Stepping out on faith to start his own business and speak his mind has encouraged his peers to do the same. S.W.A.G. has grown to include both middle and high school students as contributors to the magazine.

Julian is currently working on a news podcast that will be both informational and entertaining. His endless ambition and boundless potential have him pursuing a promising career in sports journalism.



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Remembering Michigan Banner's Co-Founder RAE LYNN TINSLEY-BUCKLEY

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Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley was born in Saginaw, Michigan on April 6, 1953. She graduated from St. Joseph High School (Class of 1971) and went on to attend Delta College and Saginaw Valley State University where she earned a Bachelor degree in Business Management.

On July 14, 1979, she married Jerome Buckley. The two of them would form a partnership in life and in business, opening Wonderland Beauty and Barber Supply and years later, The Michigan Banner Newspaper.

Rae Lynn had a strong passion for local journalism but she was even more passionate about the youth in her community. She merged both of her interests and established the Michigan Banner Outreach, a program that educates at-risk youth in media literacy.

In 2017, Jerome Buckley established The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship to honor Rae Lynn. The annual scholarship is awarded to high school students in the Great Lakes Bay Region who intend to pursue a degree in Journalism, Communications or a related field from an accredited Institution.

Rae Lynn was a woman of great intellect, dedication and creativity who contributed immensely in making The Michigan Banner what it is today. So as we approach our 20th Anniversary and think about our future, we do so while holding on to Rae Lynn's vision of educating and enlightening our community through positive, inspiring and informative stories.

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– Maya Angelou

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SUE GUEVARA

Saginaw's 'Coach G' makes women's hoops history

By MIKE THOMPSON

Just when Sue Guevara was near the finish of her basketball playing career at Saginaw Valley State College, in 1982, the school awarded its first women's athletic scholarship.

Does this mean Sue came along too soon? Whatever the case, things worked out. She had her first taste of coaching at then-SVSC, then at Ball State, then up to Michigan State, next U-M, then down south to Auburn, and finally at Central Michigan.

When she stepped down in 2019, she had posted a career record of 326-and-230, peaking in the win-loss column during her closing years at CMU. More importantly to Sue, she had influenced and touched the lives of countless young women.

Guevara issued and supervised scholarships, after she had earned her way into

Saginaw Valley State with several years of saved wages from Saginaw's former Eaton plant. She stayed active in city recreation league games.

"When I finally made it to Saginaw Valley, I was an older player, and so Marsha Reall (the head coach at the time) eventually had me serve as an assistant." Sue explains, recalling how she got started in a career that led to her Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame status.

She also coached her second love, softball, for five SVSC seasons, progressing to a point where she ultimately had to choose one or the other. Basketball won out with a one-year graduate assistant stint at The Ohio State University (boooo!) in 1984-85, where she completed her masters, a needed coaching qualification as girl's and women's sports were rapidly expanding.

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SUE GUEVARA

Go Green, Blue, Maroon!

She reached her remarkable "Big Three" stages:

- Assistant coach at Michigan State, 1987 to 1996.
- Head coach at University of Michigan, 1996 to 2003.
- Head coach at Central Michigan, 2007 to 2019.

Sue still keeps in touch with her successor, Heather Oesterle, who was a player for her at U-M and then became her long-time assistant coach. Oesterle has maintained the top standards that Guevara established at CMU.

Ralph Guevara was a standout local baseball player and Ann Guevara was a skater, and so Sue recalls spending childhood time with her parents at Vet's Park and Hoyt Park. In her neighborhood, girls joined boys not only in playground basketball, but in softball, tetherball, in all the sports, even football.

"My mom and dad let me pursue my passion for sports," she told the Saginaw audience at her Hall of Fame induction, "This was back when girls didn't do that."

In the first basketball game she recalls viewing, she was 10 years old when UCLA defeated Michigan and Cazzie Russell in the 1965 men's championship game. She remembers not so much the result, as the excitement of being allowed to stay up far past the usual bedtime.

It wasn't all lovey-dovey. Ralph took Sue and her younger sister, Julie, to a ball diamond strewn with pebbled and small

rocks. He smacked grounders to them that took all sorts of bad bounces. The bruises felt brutal, but when Sue tried to beg off, her father gave her a catcher's mask and sent her back out to shortstop.

"Saginaw taught me toughness," she says.

Back in the day

Her first years at the former St. Stephen's High, Class of 1972, state MHSAA rules were changed from the old-time three girls on one side of the center line and three on the other, which had been based on the forsaken theory that females lacked the physical traits to run the entire court. The rules changed during to men's and boy's style full court, giving Sue the chance to finally show what she could do while growing into a 5-foot-5 point guard.

"I took a little bit of a different path, because of how I started," Guevara says.

Very few coaches, college or pro, serve their entire careers with one team or school. Sue's time at U-M ended on less than amicable terms, even though she had lifted the program from the depths into an overall winner. Her best time was at CMU, especially when she took the 2018 team to the women's Sweet 16 and made some TV appearances, drawing Saginaw fans who never had seen her live in coaching action. The regional championship win, 95-78, took place over heavily favored Ohio State at her old stomping grounds in Columbus.

She recalls virtually every play from that contest, including a surge after half-time that put Central Michigan in charge.

"I learned to become a more balanced coach, to take some time for myself instead of being consumed by it all," she reflects. "To take the edge off, that's the key. That made me all the more ready to rock and roll when it was time."

Her suggestions for today's coaching prospects? "Work with different coaches and look for the good communicators, not only in your sport, but in all the different sports," Sue advises. "Teach life lessons for them to discover the 'why,' to become women with a purpose, women who are able to be contributors."

Tributes to Sue from family and friends:



Gilbert Guevara, or "Uncle Gar-ee," coached her in youth sports. "Sue grew up with a good background. Girls were not encour-

aged in sports at that time, but the entire family has supported her. She found an interest, and she developed the skills and the knowledge. She also learned a lot about strategy (from elders being involved in civil rights). She really knew what she was doing."



Jim Dwyer was a basketball team member for Saginaw Valley prior to Sue's arrival. His lifelong SVSU career has been in student admissions and

now alumni relations: "Sue was not the most talented, but she took what she had and made the most of it. This wasn't easy, and this carried over into her coaching, because she was able to relate to all the players. And as great as her success, she's even a better person."



Heather Oesterle played for Sue at U-M and was her long-time assistant coach before becoming her CMU successor: "Every

day I come to work I want to make Coach G proud. She has done so much for me as a player and a coach, and I appreciate her more than she will ever know. It's because she did everything she could to get me ready to lead my own program, that now it's my responsibility to give my assistants the same experience as she gave me."



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Seen on the Scene: Meet and greet listening session with Delta College President Dr. Michael Gavin with the Hispanic Community on issues of education





ANGELICA JOHNSON

Saginaw student connects with her heritage(s)

By MIKE THOMPSON

Angelica Johnson, in her senior year as a student and activist at Saginaw Valley State University, says she has learned in college life to embrace both her Latina and her African American status.

Her mother, Raquel Rocha, is married to Delmonte Johnson, but has maintained her maiden name.

Most of her childhood playmates were from black families, reflecting her dad's side, mainly because the population is far higher in Saginaw, and also because language differences and barriers still exist.

When speaking to campus and community groups, she outlines how she became involved in SVSU's Multi-Cultural Student Center, where she now is in her fourth year as the lead student coordinator, a role she considers as life-changing.

"I had no idea of what college life should be. I figured I would just drive out there, keep up with my classes, eventually get my degree in engineering, and go on to make lots of money," explains Angelica, an Arthur Hill High School grad who also attended Heritage High and White Pine Middle in Saginaw Township.

Then, as a sophomore, she was invited to a campus event that focused on Hispanic life.

"I started by simply observing," she

recalls, "and I thought to myself that my culture is important. What could I do to promote it?"

She also changed her major to social work, on target to graduate next spring.

"Because of my looks, a lot of people see me as African-American," she notes. "When I made my first presentation (at a campus event) I was nervous and scared. How would I express my African American side, and also my Hispanic side?"

Black/Hispanic a rare mix

Indeed, Angelica is a sort of super-minority. The Census Bureau reports 33 million citizens described themselves as biracial in 2020, three times higher than 2010, but these primarily involve members of the white majority crossing various ethnic lines and becoming parents. The black/Latino count is 2.4 million, and so Angelica's U.S.A. status is a fraction of 1 percent of the total 330 million population.

Saginaw Valley State's minority student counts are 8 percent black and 5 percent Hispanic.

Roberto Garcia, SVSU's multi-cultural affairs director, encouraged Angelica from the start to get involved. He was so impressed that he has included her into his foursome of work-study student coordina-

tors, which has allowed Angelica to help pay her way through school.

"In my view, I have been fortunate to watch Angelica grow into a true servant leader," Garcia says. "Wherever she is and whatever she does, it is always with care and the hope of impacting those around her in a positive way."

Angelica explains, "I've done more than 30 presentations. I started networking and organizing events to focus on perceptions, options and opportunities that engage Latinx students, and I go out into the community to be of service to other groups as well.

"The multi-cultural student center has pretty much become my home, where I spend most of my time."

To put programs together

Angelica has organized SVSU's Hispanic Heritage Month calendar of events for four years in a row, and Women's History Month three times. She has served an internship with Saginaw's CAN Council (Child Abuse and Neglect) and has started volunteering with MAC, the Mexican American Council. She has gained experience in grant-writing, via the United Way and related agencies. She also pays closer attention to politics and social issues as a self-described policy wonk.

She also has gained experience in home-based health care, based on family experience, and she still works and serves on occasion.

Through this busy schedule, Angelica has maintained inspiration from a great-grandmother, Alicia Mosqueda, who played a major role in her upbringing. Grandma Mosqueda achieved age 97 as a quiet Latino educator and civic leader until she passed away May 9, which fittingly was Mother's Day.

She is aware that during the 1960s civil rights era, long before she was born, blacks and Latinos were united in common cause, a connection that has diminished somewhat during the 21st century.

"A lot of people ask me questions, like whose side do you like better," Angelica says, "but we should advocate together to try to get better results."

(Any ideas for Angelica? Her SVSU office phone is 964-2612.)

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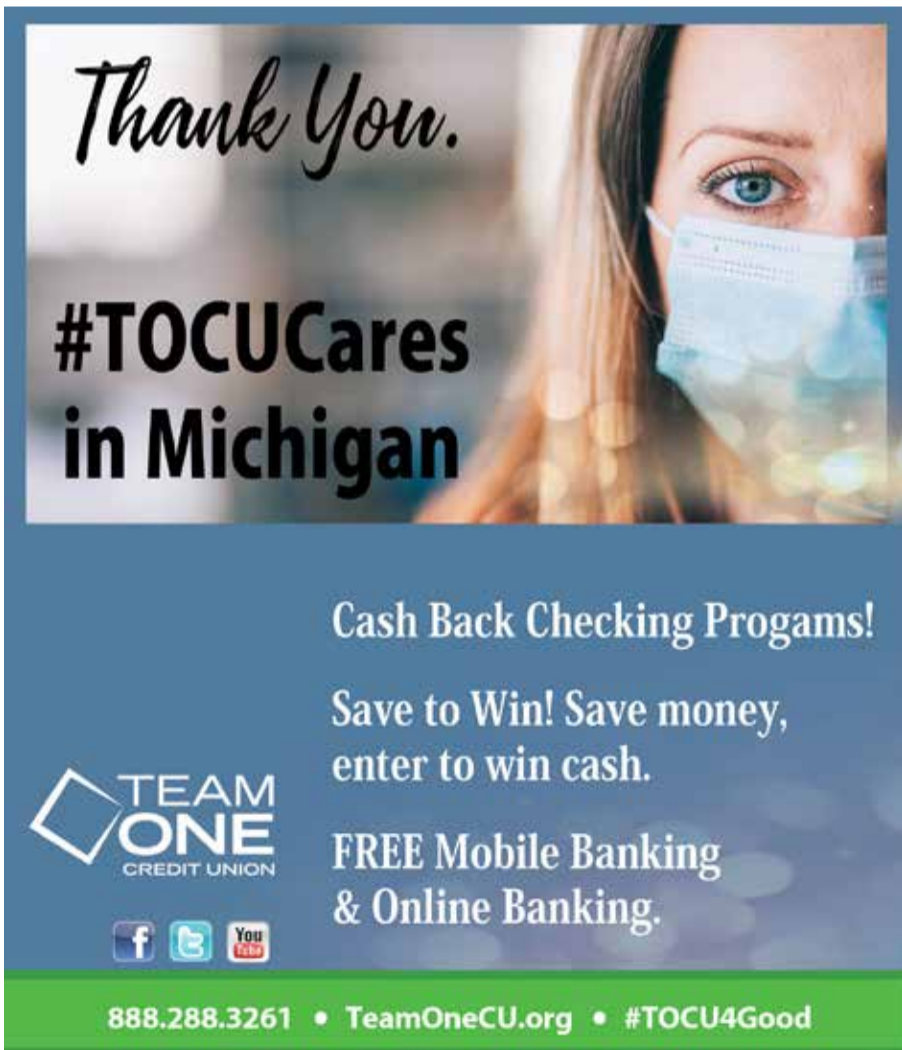


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The history of Holidays in the Heart of the City

By MIKE THOMPSON

We see no special need for long stories, so we will not interrupt our children and our grands by telling them how Holidays in the Heart of the City used to be little more than a Christmas parade on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

They are too busy enjoying the array of Friday sundown advance events, at first new and extra, but now established and traditional.

Maybe a chance to see holiday lights as they first are plugged in at City Hall and at the Waterworks.

Or a carousel ride at the Children's Zoo, a highlight of free admission.

Or a view of the cookie house entries, including possibly their own on display.

Or music emerging from the Borchard Park gazebo near the courthouse and from other stops, provided by the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra or the Concert Band or the Choral Society.

If the typeset on the calendar seems jam-packed, it's because so much is happening.

Chairwoman Kathy Reis recalls that in 1996, a committee was formed through PRIDE, Positive Results in Saginaw, Inc. to complement and add to the ongoing City Hall lighting celebration. Organizers aimed to add some sparkle and pizzazz, capitalizing on downtown landmarks such as the Castle Museum while also expanding through town, into the parks system and across the Court Street Bridge into the Old Town area.

The PRIDE volunteers found partners who were ready and willing, and Holidays in the Heart of the City was born.

"This has worked out really well. It has become quite a tradition," Kathy says. "We started out with parents bringing their kids, and now they are bringing their grandkids,"

She adds, "We became concerned about people feeling they were missing out on activities because they could not reach all of the stops, and so we condensed our area. Our focus is now from Old Town to Hoyt Park with fun for everyone along the way."



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Friday, November 19 - 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Holidays in the Heart of the City

- 5:45-6:00 **Lighting Ceremony** at the **Water Treatment Plant** begins at 5:45 pm with lights going on at 6:00 pm
- 5:30-8:30 **Food vendors offering hot dogs, popcorn, Mexican cuisine, coffee, hot chocolate and more**
- 5:30-8:30 Open house at **The Montague Inn** with a Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra pop-up performance at 6:30 p.m.
- 5:30-8:30 Open house at **Grove Dental Group/Robert Cady DDS**
- 5:30-8:30 Open house at the **Mexican-American Council** with singers and Mexican treats
- 5:30-8:30 **Free admission to the Saginaw Children's Zoo** (\$1.00 train and carousel rides / ZOOletide wreath raffle) / **The Morse Telegraph Club will be transmitting Santagrams to the North Pole**
- 5:30-8:30 **Andersen Enrichment Center** - **hap** / WSWG Cookie House Competition, Hoyt Library Story Time and READ Association book giveaway
- 5:30-8:30 **Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market "Holiday Market"** on the **Andersen Enrichment Center** lawn
- 5:30-8:30 **Borchard Park in Old Town Saginaw** - Santa, Reindeer, Castle Museum Cookie Hut and Free Pony Rides
- Special Events in **Old Town Saginaw** - Business Specials, Holiday Lights, Window Displays
- 5:30-8:30 **Holy Cross Lutheran Church** - Court St. - Music (on porch and indoors), free cookies and hot chocolate
- 5:30-8:15 **Free horse-drawn wagon rides on Ezra Rust** sponsored by Frank N. Andersen Foundation, board at Andersen Ctr.
- 5:30-8:30 **Complimentary transportation over the Court St. Bridge** provided by **First Student**
- 6:00-7:00 **Free Concert*** at **The Court Theatre** featuring the **Saginaw Area Concert Band** 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 7:15-8:15 **Free Christmas Concert*** at **Holy Family Church** featuring the Saginaw Choral Society 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm
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Holiday Bingo at Hoyt Library 2:00 to 3:00 pm

hap / WSWG Cookie House Competition continues at **Andersen Enrichment Center** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market Holiday Market at Andersen Enrichment Center 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Makers Market at the **SVRC Marketplace** Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Old Town Saginaw Business Open Houses until 5:00 pm



She is semi-retired from her employment at WTA Architects, formerly Wigen Tincknell Associates, but she isn't cutting back on her Holidays in the Heart involvement. The coming weekend will feel extra special, after the

covid-19 pandemic wiped out last year's activities.

"Last year was sad. It was crushing," Kathy says. "All we could do is say, we will be back. And now, here we are!"

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Councilwoman proposes new, or renewed, HRC

By MIKE THOMPSON

Even if the City of Saginaw did not have a former Human Relations Commission, Councilwoman Annie Boensch says she still would aim to create a new one.

Amid today's stormy political climate, she says grievances involving both race discrimination and gender bias are as widespread as ever.

"People need to know that they have a place to go," Boensch says, adding that she will respect and consider past HRC precedent while seeking for a new group to address today's issues and concerns.

She is submitting her plan with hopes of council action before the end of the year.



HENRY MARSH

Saginaw's original HRC was formed in 1958 under the leadership of local newcomer Henry Marsh, who became the inaugural chairman

three years prior to his 1961 election as the council's first black councilman, later to become mayor in 1967.

Marsh at the time joked that the 15-member advisory panel should be renamed the Bar Commission, because so many complaints came from blacks and

Latinos who were denied service at nightclubs (live bands were popular then) and at restaurants.

Employment discrimination became an early focal point, along with grievances regarding police conduct. A healthy city budget during General Motors' peak years provided funding for a staff, and Marjorie Connor was the longtime director.

During the 1980s and the 1990s, the HRC began conducting what members described as "workshops on racism." Some of the assertions generated controversy, such as defining racism as "prejudice plus power," and that therefore minority groups could not be racist because they lacked the majority power to enact their prejudices.

The commission eventually folded on its own early in the new millennium, without action by the City Council, on account of a gradual lack of meeting attendance. A final memory for citizens may be creation of "We Are Saginaw" bumper stickers, with five figurines representing unity in shades of black, brown, red, yellow and white.

Saginaw County's Bridge Center for Racial Harmony was viewed nearly 20 years ago as a replacement for the HRC. The Bridge Center remains officially in place, but with scant activity. Former Mayor Gary Loster used to sarcastically misstate the name as "Bridge Center for Racial Justice," on his principle that harmony could not happen until justice first transpired.

The 2012 police slaying of Milton Hall, a middle-aged and mentally ill African American homeless man, has been the foremost example of the lack of a human relations community group during a time of crisis. Citizen reaction without an existing HRC was generally disorganized and soon fizzled out.



ANNIE BOENSCH

Boensch is the council's most experienced member, first elected 10 years ago this month. In 2014, she introduced an ordinance to establish penalties for proven discrimination against LGBT citizens, but never has received the needed support

from at least four council peers. She says she considers that proposal a matter that is closed and in the past, but she is hopeful that a new or renewed HRC would address such matters.

She also took a leadership role last fall in an ordinance that established a new Citizens Police Advisory Commission, but CPAC has been barely active and has only met twice.

At the Michigan Banner, we will continue to report on creation of a new Human Relations Commission during the weeks ahead.

Learn to spell 'xylophone,' and then build one from scratch

By MIKE THOMPSON

Free musical instruments are available for Saginaw School District students.

They will be required to work for their prizes, but the work is intended to be fun.

"S.T.E.M Saturday: The Physics of Sound Design" is set for 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, SASA, 1903 North Niagara.

The gift is a xylophone, which students will construct with the guidance of teachers and volunteers who will adjust the project to all age groups, K-12.

Saginaw S.T.E.M. offers leadership for education in science, technology, engineering and math, preparing pupils

for the emerging employment market of the 21st century. Specifically, while building their own instruments, participants will aim to discover the "mechanics of sound" while learning about wavelengths, amplitude and pitch.

Curious parents and elders -- many of whom may know of Lionel Hampton's vibes -- are welcome to observe.

The event is an example of activities in the district's First Things First After School Enrichment Program, which reflects a priority to provide students with more activities in the wake of the past academic year's covid-19 shutdown.

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ARPA, ESSER plans remain on track

By MIKE THOMPSON

For a Rust Belt town like Saginaw, the arrival of the covid-19 outbreak was like poverty and hardship piled on top of poverty and hardship.

That is why Saginaw is among hard-pressed communities across the nation that are receiving major shares of federal recovery funding, mostly to cities through ARPA, the American Rescue Plan Act, and through ESSER, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief.

Total shares through ARPA are \$52 million for city government and \$37 million for county operations. ESSER is directing \$65 million to city schools.

Our suburbs and small towns also will receive grant funds, smaller amounts because they contain less poverty but still substantial boosts for their budgets.

These monies already are committed, not related to the current D.C. debates regarding infrastructure.

Governing units will reserve some of the windfall to restore and maintain basic services, but nonprofit groups may seek



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grants for their original ideas to help combat poverty, whether or not a situation is directly covid-related.

Local leaders had moved as a cautious pace, saying they wish to avoid any false promises or to begin any activities where the guidelines are in question. They have two years to begin investing the funds. Activists have pushed for more urgency.

At this point, nonprofits and neighborhood groups may simply submit general position papers that outline their ideas.

The more info the better, of course, but specific submission paperwork guidelines will emerge down the road. This process is designed to prevent anyone with worthy ideas from feeling intimidated. Even a group that lacks nonprofit 501(c)3 status may step forward, with possible arrangements to resolve any concern.

For more information, start by contacting an elected official within your area of interest.

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Barbara-Rose Collins, Michigan's first Black congresswoman, dies at 82

DETROIT – The first Black woman to represent Michigan in Congress Barbara Rose-Collins has passed away on November 4 at the age of 82 from COVID-19 complications.

Rose-Collins' family made the declaration Thursday according to media reports. Rose-Collins was vaccinated against coronavirus, however, due to advanced age and underlying health problems, she contracted the illness and passed, said her grandson Bruce Simpson.

"My grandmother was not only an inspiration to many, but a guiding light in my path to be of service to citizens in my community," says Simpson, who was appointed last year by the Detroit City Council to be the City of Detroit Ombudsman.

Former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young served as a mentor to Rose-Collins early in her political career when she was elected to the Detroit Board of Education. Three years later, Rose-Collins was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives serving three

terms before she was elected to the Detroit City Council in 1981.

In 1990, Rose-Collins made history being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, when Congressman George Crockett III, who she lost to in 1988, retired.

Alisha Bell, chair of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, told the Free Press that Rose-Collins was a role model for Black women "and for women in general in metro Detroit."

Christopher Collins, Rose-Collins' son, told the Detroit News throughout all her accomplishments, Rose-Collins remained the same woman she always was.

Funeral services for Barbara Rose-Collins was held on November 13 at the Charles H. Wright Museum, located at 315 E Warren Ave, Detroit, MI 48201. The funeral was livestreamed online and can be viewed at https://vimeo.com/644523993?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=112704063.



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Renewed review of Saginaw marijuana sale sites

By MIKE THOMPSON

Saginaw's two-year-old rules for placement of marijuana stores, known as dispensaries, will come under further review.

City Councilman Reggie Williams asked during the Nov. 8 meeting to take another look at the location limit of at least 100 feet from churches, saying the distance should increase.

He was responding to a complaint from a member of World Campus Outreach Church, 2405 Bay.

A leading cannabis franchiser, Sozo Health, has received a go-ahead to locate two blocks away on 2617 Bay at Weiss, across Bay from a former video rental shop that now houses a Dollar General store.

Pastor Hurley J. Coleman Jr. says he will speak at the council's next meeting, set for 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 22.

Meanwhile, Sozo's founding CEO, Aaron Rasty, said his first two dispensaries are in Cheboygan and Muskegon, with plans to gradually expand statewide.

In a Michigan Banner interview last summer, Rasty ensured security with guards on duty at all times and a well-lit parking area.

He added, "Beyond the tax revenues generated, we partner with local organizations to support many vital community activities, assisting with food, educational and housing security for the most vulnerable. We are very serious about being good neighbors."

A grand opening is slated at some point this coming winter.

Pay more attention

Council policy-making in 2020 followed statewide voter approval in 2018 for limited legalization of marijuana.

Decisions on location rules "kind of fell under the radar," said Councilman Williams, also Buena Vista's police chief, who

included himself for not looking more closely.

Everyone involved, he said, "has to do a better job in being involved in recognizing where these dispensaries are placed within our city, because of the optics. It doesn't look good for a dispensary to be (close to) a church. It's just not a good look at all."

Other minimum distances are at least 1,000 feet from schools, 500 feet from hospitals and 250 feet from parks.

Six council members, including Williams, were in office at the time the location standards were approved. The three November 2020 election newcomers who arrived a few months later are George Copeland, Michael Flores and Monique Lamar Silvia.

Christopher Williams, legal counsel for the Michigan Municipal League and no relation to Reggie, said communities may amend previous decisions if elected officials see fit.

Recreational cannabis dispensaries are new on the scene and so questions continue to arise, he said.

Churches, churches, churches

Saginaw planning staffers in 2020 said they tried to recommend a distance of more than 100 feet from churches, but locations are so numerous that they entirely would have zoned out the entire city from eligible sites.

Advocates of selling legalized recreational cannabis at local stores say they aim to undercut the illegal trade while promoting product testing for poisonous pesticides and other health risks. Some argue that peddling THC is no different than selling beer and booze. Others cite racial justice, noting that mass imprisonment for marijuana possession is more heavily enforced against people of color.

Opposition is based on moral principles against substance abuse.

Michigan is home to 528 cities, townships and villages. About 400 of them have decided not to allow marijuana shops. Many of them are smaller and more affluent, such as Frankenmuth and Saginaw Township. Sozo will be located on the township's border, providing the closest



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possible access for suburbanites, along with city dwellers along the outer west boundary.

Larger towns, including conservative Grand Rapids, all have given green lights to green buds. However, estimated tax revenues may have been overrated. The Michigan Department of Treasury estimated a \$31 million intake in 2020, a sum not to be dismissed but a small fraction of the \$1.18 billion reaped from the lottery.

Saginaw's rules place final say-so in the hands of the council-appointed City Planning Commission, which has rejected three protests so far. The first came from Saginaw High School parents, regarding a location at Sheridan and Webber. Next, neighbors protested a site across from the Court Theater. Most recently, residents near the abandoned fairgrounds objected to a nearby location.

At least two Saginaw stores have opened so far. They are Lume, 3446 State at Court, and Premier, 910 East Genesee at Janes.

Other approved city sites are at 700 Gratiot, 1014 Gratiot, 2030 North Mason, 1215 Court, 1321 Court, 2219 Webber, 2205 North Michigan, 2301 North Michigan, 1519 South Michigan, 2345 South Michigan, 3307 Davenport, and 2401 East Holland.

(For prior news reports, see Michigan Banner archives for March 16, July 1 and July 16.)

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QUIET TIMES IN DOWNTOWN SAGINAW AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

What happened to the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market?

By RUMI WILSON

People seem to love well-worn tropes and clichés like “If you build it, they will come”. Well, not always. Not necessarily.

Three years ago, in June of 2018, the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market relocated to its current space. The farmers market vacated its former site in an abandoned lot at the corner of South Washington and Thompson Street for brand new digs on Federal Avenue between Washington Avenue and Water Street. Steel fabricated structures replaced tent awnings. Cement pavements took the place of dirt and gravel. Architecturally designed and built new permanence superseded the quaint but temporary look of the old market.

But the newfangled awesomeness dressed up to impress appears to be fatigued. All those intended and expected droves of expanding sellers and buyers in the Farmers' Market are dwarfed by the market's current under-performance. If the past summer is measure, it is fair to ask, what happened to the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market?

Clearly the number of vendors is down. By various estimates, about half as many this summer of 2021, compared with three years ago. The numbers of shoppers are reduced. Even its continuing loyal supporters of the farmers market lament its waning vitality and energy.

Some explanations for why the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market isn't flourishing seem obvious. The Covid 19 Pandemic hurt business. Other competing area farmer markets are siphoning from Saginaw. Problems impacting individual market vendors cannot be controlled, such as aging, staffing, illnesses and deaths.

During late summer Fridays, especially, many Farmers' Market shoppers still delightfully inspect locally grown foodstuffs and products. People are happy to come here to sample the variety of local produce. (As a state, Michigan's agricultural diversity takes second place only to California.) Considering the harsh Michigan winters this diversity is remarkable and quite tasty.

Colorful displays upon vendor tables are echoed by the diversity of shoppers.

All ages, races, social classes mingle in the market. This diversity visible and palpable in the open air of downtown Saginaw symbolizes the potential its boosters have justifiably celebrated in championing the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market. Still, the diminishing returns beg the question, what has happened to the Farmers' Market?

James De Wyse and his family have been vendors for decades. Their family 40 acre produce farm on Greed Road in Portsmouth Township goes back to Mr. DeWyse's grandfather. Like his fellow vendors, James DeWyse rents his tables for the season at the rate of \$650 each for food he grows, \$1200 if he is reselling produce. . He still uses the same cash box since 1975. The wonderful interactions with people still motivate him to comeback. Yet, he has noticed how the new market is not as convenient for his older customers. He feels, justifiably, that his business is a vital part of the market going back to multiple loca-

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tions in downtown, across the river where the current SASA high school stands and even the former Saginaw Fairgrounds on East Genesee. But Mr. DeWyse doesn't know if he can keep it up and his coming back to downtown Saginaw next year is very much in question. It is taking too much effort, he says matter of factly. James DeWyse is looking at life, thinking he wants to spend more time with family and travel why he still can.

Multiple hat-wearing Shelly Timm is a vendor, with her husband and she serves as the Executive Director/ Market Manager of the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market. She and her husband are direct, friendly and down to earth. "We are really re-establishing a new market, and parking is a sore spot," Mrs. Timm admits. Three large lots sit empty across from the Farmers' Market stretching all the way to E. Genesee. They are owned by the city and private citizens. The Farmers' Market customers must compete for parking spaces in the existing lot across Water Street with owners, workers and visitors to the next door SVRC Marketplace establishments. Shelly Timm echoes the other vendors interviewed about how convenient the old market was for older or disabled customers who could drive right up to load their vehicles.

Shelly Timm is well aware of the flagging fortunes of the Farmers' Market, but she remains upbeat as she ticks off some other issues impacting it.

Food delivery services may be out competing the market. Mrs. Timm believes that a change in demographics of customers means that average shoppers (formerly



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ MARKET MANAGER AND VENDOR SHELLY TIMM

50-65 year-old females) who used to buy large amounts of produce to can and preserve summer crops are being replaced by younger buyers.(40-48 year-olds) more focused just on feeding themselves and their families. It could be making a difference.

Mrs. Timm thinks a big problem is that the new market does not span the block all the way from Water Street to South Washington the way the old market did. While running an errand, her husband Matt was startled to see how cars driving by on the busy thoroughfare of South Washington Avenue during primetime on open market days would not even notice it is there. Instead of the Farmers Market extending the full block as it once did, half of Federal Avenue is now a more or less unused space. For half a downtown block just an entryway to Bancroft building parking spaces next door to the market faces a dead area of yellow painted barrier columns and no parking signs.

Another familiar friendly vendor, Anna Garcia, who with her husband runs "Rafael's Produce" during the spring to fall season, points out the raised curbs every-

where, part of the award-winning design of the new market. "People trip and fall. It can be dangerous," Mrs. Garcia explains. Yellow marking paint is intended as precautionary. "Yes, it is still a problem. Also, the awning isn't waterproof. If it rains, it gets soaked underneath," she says shaking her head with an ironic smile as one of her loyal customers agrees. (His more derisive comments are not printable).

"The old tents were actually better," she says. Anna Garcia also agrees vendors and customers need more parking. "As long-time vendors we want the Farmers' Market to succeed. But it gets rough here. Small crowds. We're from the area and we want the market to keep going." Her voice trails off.

The question, what happened to the Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market begs the questions about what can happen with downtown Saginaw. The two fates are part of an intertwined dilemma facing those who envision a diverse, dynamic downtown Saginaw, Michigan.

In our next article, the Michigan Banner will delve further into concerns and potential solutions in the hope that a treasured resource remains a keepsake.



LONGTIME VENDOR MARILYN DAVIS



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MCAN hosts 10th annual conference, announces College Access Impact Awards—Joyce Seals receives the “Promise Keeper” Award

LANSING — Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) held its 10th annual conference in Lansing this week, including an acknowledgement of 13 outstanding post-secondary education practitioners and advocates from across the state at an awards dinner Tuesday night. The theme of this year’s conference was “Michigan’s Recovery: Equity, Education, and Economy” and explored how we can emerge from the pandemic with a greater focus on achieving educational equity and crafting an economy that gives everyone a chance to prosper. This is the seventh year MCAN has presented awards as part of the conference.

“The College Access Impact Awards honor the individuals and organizations who have made extraordinary efforts to improve postsecondary attainment in Michigan, especially among low income students, first-generation college-going students and students of color,” said Ryan Fewins-Bliss, MCAN executive director. “The award winners play a crucial role in helping us reach Sixty by 30 through their dedicated efforts to improve college readiness, participation and completion within their communities

and across the state. By working to build inclusive college-going cultures, these award winners are helping to create a brighter economic future for Michigan’s students.”

Since these awards began in 2015, 77 people and organizations have been recognized by MCAN. The 2021 College Access Impact Awards included the Promise Keeper Award; two honorees were recognized for the award; Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark and Joyce Seals.

THE PROMISE KEEPER AWARD: Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark and Joyce Seals

The Promise Keeper Award was created by the 13 Promise Zones that comprise the Michigan Promise Zones Association, which were formed through bipartisan legislation, first enacted in 2009 to impact their community’s economy and quality of life through promotion and support of postsecondary education. The Michigan Promise Zones Association presented the Promise Keeper Award to Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark, governing board chairperson of Newaygo County Area Promise, and Joyce Seals, governing

board chairperson of Saginaw Promise in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to community-based programs that are using Promise Scholarships to expand educational opportunity and promote economic development.

In nominating Joyce Seals for the award, Deborah Sanchez, Saginaw Promise Director, stated, “Joyce takes the role of Board Chairperson and her Saginaw Promise volunteer role seriously—and commits to do whatever she can to advance the work of the Saginaw Promise, as she understands the impact of this economic initiative to our community and its ability to provide hope for its children and their families. With hope comes change and Joyce understands the strength of education’s ability to be the “Change agent” for a community and lives.” In accepting the award, Seals stated that she was accepting the award on behalf of the Saginaw Promise board, staff person, donors, volunteers, and the Saginaw Community. 2021 marks the second year that the award has been awarded.

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Delta College to host political forum about the history of vaccination mandates

UNIVERSITY CENTER – The history of vaccination mandates in the U.S., and the public response to them, will be the topic of an event at Delta College.

The college’s Political Forum Committee will host a distinguished panel on November 18 for the free event, “Mandatory Vaccination and the Workplace: Legality, Labor and Liberty,” from 7-8:30pm on Zoom. Registration is required at delta.edu/workplacevaccine.

Lisa Lawrason, chair of the Political Forum Committee and professor of political science, said the purpose of the forum is to give the Delta community diverse perspectives on pressing issues that affect everyday lives.

“With the Biden administration’s vaccine requirements going into effect soon, people have a lot of questions about such mandates and how its implementation will impact area businesses,” Lawrason said. “Having perspective and depth on these issues will help us make decisions and contribute to our

democracy in the most productive way possible.”

Panelists include Lance Gable, professor of law for Wayne State University; James Hitt, professor of philosophy for Saginaw Valley State University; Beth Roszatycki, regional director of the Michigan Small Business Development Center; and Andrew Wehrman, professor of history for Central Michigan University. Audra Swarthout, professor of biology for Delta, will moderate the discussion.

The forum will explore the constitutionality of vaccine mandates, including the use of executive power to enact them and the practical impact of mandates on employers and the workforce. The panel will not address or debate the safety of vaccines.

Since 2007, Delta has hosted an annual political forum to engage the community in a dialogue about current events and issues.

To register or learn more, visit delta.edu/workplacevaccine.



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Will funding and supply issues bring fewer food packages in our future?



By **SAMANTHA MCKENZIE**
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People in need may discover that food distributions look a little different, as supplies from government-funded programs are scaling down for communities across America.

As the winter months approach and supply chain issues are front and center, our local agencies are working hard with volunteers to continue to make a difference for neighbors.

Families and senior citizens are facing higher costs for heating this winter and rising costs at the grocery store, leaving

many to wonder where they can turn for help. The emergency safety net of partners in our community is taking on these challenges and working to continue supplying relief. We will have similar amounts of food, as always, but product will vary based on what is coming to us.

No matter what the location, the prime food supplier for a majority of hunger relief programs usually is the Flint-based Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, which had used covid-aid funds and products, like the Farm to Family food boxes, to help fill large-scale, mobile pantry distributions. Unfortunately, many of these government-funded programs to help during the national health pandemic are ending, and other food donations and products must be secured.

This challenge is something the Food Bank team navigates daily with national food manufacturers, vendors and retail stores to leverage product for our region. Often product is donated, but the Food Bank also then has to pay third-party transportation carriers to bring the food

into Michigan. And when donated product is not available, the Food Bank uses donations from the community to purchase and procure food, made available for more than 700 hunger relief partners. Every dollar donated to the Food Bank equals six meals for families in need.

At Hidden Harvest, we have had our busiest year ever, but there very likely are more difficult times coming our way. We join all hunger relief agencies to encourage contributions that support local efforts, and we welcome volunteers to help rescue and distribute food that would otherwise be wasted. To learn more, please visit hiddenharvestshares.org to see how your support can help, by making a donation. There is so much that can be done together to leverage food for the region.

To add to the challenge, food prices are skyrocketing along with a national inflation wave, gasoline prices for transit are up and food import shipments are stalled at sea ports.

The Food Bank is among more than 200 partners in the nationwide Feeding America network, which will pursue solutions to at least ease the cutback pain. The 22-county territory extends as far north as Cheboygan and into the Thumb area, reaching 700 hunger relief partners. Efforts to help fight food insecurity include SNAP Outreach, mobile distributions, soup kitchens, pantries and shelters. Backpack Programs provide weekend meals for kids.

The most-recognized distribution vehicle is the Mobile Food Pantry, a semi or straight truck delivery that allows partner agencies to provide pallets of food at a location for drive-through distribution.

More than half of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2020 was fresh produce, proteins and dairy. Distribution soared from 30 million pounds to more than 51 million pounds of food, a 65 percent increase. During the response to the national health pandemic, partner agencies reported more than 40 percent of people they saw coming to the pantries were new to the emergency distributions.

Together, this amazing network is addressing the needs of neighbors daily in our community. The Food Bank's website is fbem.org.

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(Prov. 31:8-9)



By PASTOR RODRICK A. SMITH
ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST
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A godly mother is a well of wise counsel that never runs dry. King Lemuel's mother is an example of a wise woman who wants her son to avoid the pitfalls that monarchs often fall into. She also reminds him of his obligation to care for the least, the last, and the left out. Women and wine and other intoxicants can be the downfall of those who serve in leadership. One of the qualities of a good leader is moral purity. If he is to be focused on and concerned about those under his care, he must remain clear-headed and sober-minded. Indulging in the wrong activities can lead to addiction and clouded judgment. Rulers and political leaders should speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. They are called to be a voice for the voiceless. It is also their responsibility to advocate for those who are destitute of daily needs and the tools to insure a higher quality of life. They must judge righteously, thereby giving equal and fair treatment to the marginalized. Governance isn't just about politics, power, and policy; it's mainly about people. Take care of the people.

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Thanksgiving also means caregiving



By **CYNTHIA WEST-EDWARDS**

With the holidays fast approaching, it's hard to believe that we are in the season of Thanksgiving and soon Christmas giving. Many see Thanksgiving and can understand how it relates to caregiving. For those of us, including myself, with aging parents, we have been thrust into a new-age era, perhaps, one in which, we should have been better prepared. As with myself, your tradition or custom, may also be, looking forward to holiday visits. This meant family time together and enjoying your favorite meals prepared by your mom or in my case, your dad. Mom would always say, "Your dad is the cook of the family." As usual, Mom was right.

We enjoyed dad's meals and his desserts; his sweet potato pies were our favorite. Suddenly, it seems, the years went by, and we noticed changes. Dad wasn't cooking as much anymore, and I alongside my siblings were now preparing the favorite dishes. Then, we observed Mom's gait wasn't as steady. Both parents are now in need of assistance.

We ask ourselves, when did this happen? When did we become caregivers?

If you are in this new-age era of your life, as well, caregiving might be inevitable.

According to Webster's dictionary, Thanksgiving is, "an expression of thanks, especially to God; a public celebration in acknowledgment of divine favor or kindness."

An acknowledgment of kindness.... This brings me to the word caregiving.

The definition of caregiver is a "person who attends to the needs of a dependent child or adult."

Caregivers manage the physical, emotional, spiritual, and practical needs of another person, all while managing their

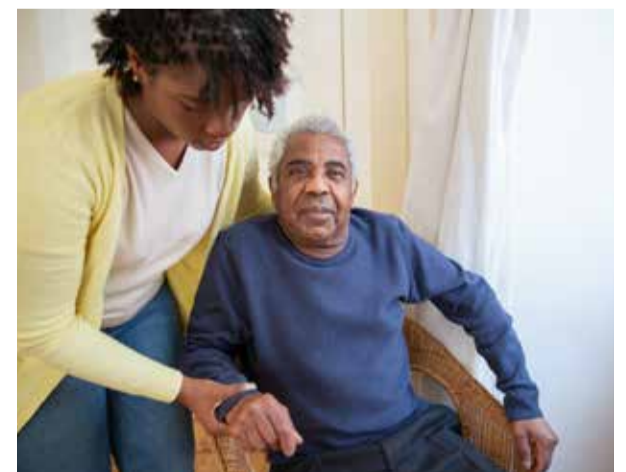
own life, needs, family, and career. In other words, it takes kindness.

So, how does Thanksgiving and caregiving go hand in hand? They are both an acknowledgment of kindness.

According to Forbes magazine, November is not just the month for Thanksgiving – it is also National Family Caregivers Month. More than 40 million people provide unpaid caregiving, and most of that care is to a family member (less than a quarter is to a neighbor or someone else). That care is critical to the elderly.

So, if you are fortunate enough to have one or both parents with you this holiday season, continue to cherish them, and let them know how much you love them. Also remember to show yourself a little kindness this Thanksgiving. Self-care is just as important.

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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

Travel is the best form of education



By **KEN H. SIMMONS, II**
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I started travelling at an early age. My first long distance trip was from California to New York when I was about 2 years old. My family was moving from Oakland to New York City for one year because of my father's career. I don't remember the trip itself but I do remember New York because we lived in an apartment building directly across the street from Central Park, 444 Central Park West. Two things I learned about myself, which I will never forget, were courage and blind trust.

At the age of 3, I used to go to Central Park with my father and climb on rocks. One time I climbed much higher than I thought I could and I was out of my father's reach. When I realized how high up I was I got scared and could not climb back down. My father, still wearing his trousers and dress shoes from the office, could not climb up to get me. I remember being on those rocks crying and looking down at my father on the pavement for more than an hour. At first he was trying to instruct me on how to climb down, but I would not budge. Then as the sun was starting to set, he started telling me that I had to jump and he would catch me. After convincing me that he would never let me get hurt, I closed my eyes and jumped off that rock right into his outstretched arms. That was one of the most courageous and trusting things I have ever done.

Chances are I would have learned those lessons at some point in my life, but the fact is I learned them when my family and I traveled to another state. After that year we moved

back to the Bay Area where I lived until the age of 30 and decided to immigrate to South Africa.

That whole experience as a child did two things for me, gave me the "travel bug" and showed me that travel is the best form of education. Before we examine more evidence about the educational benefits of travel, let me list the different styles of learning.

There is actually a diverse range of learning styles contrary to the traditional educational framework. Schools generally use linguistic or logical learning styles, but other styles may be more effective. There are seven learning styles that we use in society according to nationally-accredited educators Inspire Education in Australia. They are Visual (Spatial), Aural (Auditory-Musical), Verbal (Linguistic), Physical (Kinesthetic), Logical (Mathematical), Social (Interpersonal), and Solitary (Intrapersonal).

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, we were preconditioned to assume that getting an education could really only be done within the confines of a classroom. Since the pandemic, online and distance learning have exploded, but they still rely heavily on traditional styles of learning. Though figures may vary, approximately 70 to 80% of learning happens outside the classroom. Learning is a continuous process and everyone has a chance of learning something new as long as they have a desire to do so.

Traveling is among the most efficient ways of getting an education. It allows you to learn new things while hopefully having fun. Travel has even been known to affect career choices, as a study of hundreds of people by The Wagner Group, a market research firm in New York, revealed that travel impacted the decision of more than half of them. There are many reasons why traveling is the best form of education. Here are three reasons why I believe it is.

Learn History - While it may be exciting to discover new things about the origin of a place by reading, nothing beats getting a one on one experience. Take my first trip to Africa, which I wrote about in this column on 16 June 2021, as an example. What I learned and experienced at El Mina Castle in Ghana could not have been taught in a book or learned through a film. The way it has stuck with me is because I physically visited the place.

Understand Other Cultures – Traveling gives you exposure to other cultures and their way of life. I have traveled to more than a

dozen countries and scores of cities, and found that spending time with people from other cultures gave me a better understanding of their lifestyles and overall perspectives towards various issues. I learned more about the different cuisines and etiquettes. It isn't just about differences, you also get to identify the common ground of various cultures, and at the same time better understand and value your own culture, home, and lifestyle.

Teaches Independence – Traveling on your own can be a bit scary, but it can provide chances to develop your independence. As I said at the beginning of this article, I started traveling early in life, and that includes traveling alone at a young age as well. Growing up I used to spend some summers with my grandparents and extended family in Oklahoma. When I was 6, 7, and 8 years old my father would send me ahead of him by a week or so flying from Oakland to Tulsa on my own. I remember feeling a bit like a celebrity because all the flight attendants would dote over me and keep me safe until my uncle, aunt, and cousins met me at the arrival gate. It made me feel special and started teaching me independence.

When I immigrated to South Africa I traveled alone, and different scenarios required me to make random decisions and fast. I quickly acquired skills about how to keep myself safe and reach my final destination in a country where English is not the first language. Independence is a necessary skill to succeed in your education and survive in the outside world. According to statistics by ACIS, 94% of those interviewed acknowledged being more independent after traveling. As a matter of fact, I felt so independent and confident after immigrating that I even changed my career from architecture to entertainment and now project management across different sectors, but that is a story for another time.

Whether taking a road trip with friends or flying to another country, the world is your classroom. Traveling forces you out of your comfort zone, exposes you to different cuisines and cultures, teaches you history from a new perspective and can make you more independent. Travel is the epitome of experiential learning, making it one of the many reasons why it is the best form of education. What travels are you planning for during these upcoming holidays?

Retired Major General Adolph McQueen (U.S. Army) to be inducted in Michigan's 2021 Military and Veterans Hall of Honor



MAJOR GENERAL ADOLPH MCQUEEN

The Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor induction ceremony will be held November 19, 2021, 12:30 p.m.

Michigan's Hall of Honor recognizes Michigan's most distinguished service members and veterans through a Hall of Honor induction while creating a means

and location to educate future generations of Michigan's military legacy.

This year's 2021 military inductee includes Retired Major General Adolph McQueen, U.S. Army.

Adolph McQueen was born in Saginaw in 1950. He enlisted in the Marine Corps before joining the US Army Reserve as a commissioned officer. McQueen's military service spanned more than four decades and numerous Army Reserve units – in three states, and on three continents. He served in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq. McQueen served in a variety of administrative and command positions, in support, training, and military police units, leading to increasingly challenging tours, culminating as the Deputy Commanding General for Detention Operations and as the Provost Marshal General for United States Forces – Iraq. General McQueen's Army Reserve duty also allowed him to

serve in various civilian law enforcement capacities over 30 years, concluding with his final assignment as the Special Agent Supervisor with the Michigan Department of the Attorney General.



MAJOR GENERAL ADOLPH MCQUEEN



PICTURE THIS...



Gospel Announcer **Vicki Hill** and Women of Colors' President, **Evelyn McGovern** are pictured with "Santa" (**Hurley J. Coleman III**) on November 13 at Women of Colors' Warm a Child for Winter event.

Warm A Child For Winter is an annual event that distributes 400-500 free coats, hats, gloves and scarves to local children 16 years old and under in the Saginaw area.

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Jenny Geno named Manufacturing Talent Champion

SAGINAW COUNTY – Jenny Geno, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education for Saginaw Intermediate School District (SISD), is the recipient of this year's Manufacturing Talent Champion Award presented by the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA). This annual award is one of seven Manufacturing Excellence Awards presented in 2021 by the MMA, which honors individuals who bring awareness and focus to the critical need of attracting Michigan's next-generation workforce to the manufacturing industry.

With over 17 years of Career Technical Education (CTE) experience, Ms. Geno passionately works to transform Saginaw County into a premier location for talented workers with high skilled employment opportunities. Since joining the Saginaw ISD in 2017, Jenny has collaborated and partnered with regional leaders to: Establish a CTE department at Saginaw ISD; grow a county-wide career counselor's network to guide career awareness, and work-based learning opportunities; help pass a 10-year countywide CTE millage; receive over \$6.5 million dollars in CTE program grants; lead the Marshall Plan for Talent effort through the development of the M-46 Talent Consortium comprised of 74 partnering entities; develop several new CTE programs and career pathways at the Saginaw Career Complex; complete numerous infrastructure, renovation, and equipment upgrade projects at the Saginaw Career Complex; launch the Saginaw County Youth Ambassador Program, and; transform seven school districts into SME PRIME locations across Saginaw County as a pathway to manufacturing careers.

Ms. Geno has served on a variety of state and local boards throughout her career, including the Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan State Board and the Michigan Occupational Special Popula-



JENNY GENO

tions State Board. She is currently a board member on the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Career Education Advisory Council, the Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association, Partnershift, and Saginaw Future, Inc. Jenny serves as a legislative liaison and past president for Michigan's CEPD (Career Education Planning District) Council Executive Board, which represents CTE Directors from across the state. She also sits on the Perkins V Executive Board for Michigan, which oversees and provides direction for Career and Technical Education in Michigan. In 2020, Jenny was appointed to Michigan's Workforce Development Board and Michigan's Apprenticeship Advisory Board. Most recently, she accepted an appointment to the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a term beginning in January, 2022.

Ms. Geno completed her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Michigan State University with a focus on special education. She has since obtained her Master's Degree and Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership, both from Saginaw Valley State University, with additional credits in Career and Technical Education from Wayne State University. She is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in education from Central Michigan University. Jenny was a Gerstacker Fellow in 2016, studying different educational systems within high-performing nations, including a travel abroad enrichment trip to Japan. Further, Ms. Geno

was a participating member of both the Leadership Saginaw County 2019 Cohort and the 2020 Henry Marsh Institute for Public Policy Cohort. In 2020, Jenny was awarded Junior Achievement's Education Achievement Award and was inducted into their Hall of Fame.

In regard to the announcement of Ms. Geno's award recognition, Jeffrey Collier, Superintendent of Saginaw Intermediate School District, stated, "This is an excellent and deserving recognition of Ms. Geno's modeled leadership, passionate advocacy for student interests, and expansive partnership and program building for career pathways. She is a tireless champion of Career Technical Education and forms broad, positive relationships with stakeholders throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region and across the State of Michigan to extend opportunities for our students. The greater Saginaw region is a fortunate recipient of her servant leadership."

The MFG Excellence Awards, held in Lansing, Michigan, is the annual statewide celebration of the exceptional contributions that Michigan manufacturers make to their workforce, their communities, the economy, and the industry. The MMA honored each of the selected winners during their MFG Excellence Awards statewide celebration program on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Learn more about the MMA and MFG Excellence Awards by visiting www.mimfg.org.

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I'M JUST THINKING.....

By PASTOR HURLEY J. COLEMAN, JR., WORLD OUTREACH CAMPUS CHURCH

*Living in
a State of
Thanksgiving*

This month has an institutional celebration attached to it. It is a purely American celebration, and for many years an accepted tradition of giving thanks for things American. In the spirit of transparency, most of America believes that the holiday is set aside to recognize an agreement of terms between the indigenous people of this land and the settlers. The story was told to me in elementary school as an actual note of history. Almost all American cultures adopted the celebration, adding their own cultural filters for the menu and methods of the celebration.

In recent days, there has been much ado about an area of study at the graduate level for law students. It is called CRITICAL RACE THEORY, and its objective is the study of the institutions of law, education, industry, and so many other areas as it relates to the impact that race has had on the way that these institutions are influenced by it. In the interest of further transparency, I thought about this notion of honest appraisal of history in light of the Thanksgiving holiday.

I won't spend the time in this column to deal with the question of the truth of Thanksgiving, primarily because I think that the benefits of this is that many people would not take the time to offer thanks without some influence. This holiday offers that annual influence for many to take the time and give thanks for their lives, their families, their accomplishments, their blessings, and their freedoms. I can't express my appreciation enough for that, because there are some prayers prayed, words spoken, and family engagement that may not happen without this holiday celebration.

The Amplified Bible records the words of Apostle Paul to the Colossians in this way, *"Be persistent and devoted to prayer, being alert and focused in your prayer life with an attitude of thanksgiving."* (Colossians 4:2) This verse weighed heavily on my heart as I considered all that we are facing in our country. We are seeing things happen in the court systems that we never thought we would see, the political world is in a state of upheaval. Our institutions are all shaken and tottering, as if they may fall: education, justice, law enforcement, industry, the economy, politics, family, marriage, the church, and entertainment. Everything is experiencing the powerful impact of this pandemic.

We are in a place that most people living never experienced, and there is no normal, not even a new normal has been able to be established. Most people won't claim the same exact religious belief system, so this state of thanksgiving that I am encouraging is not religious. It is not connected to a particular church, denomination, or even religious doctrine. It is the simple attitude of being thankful, for everything that we have.

There is enough to mourn about. We have not experienced this much death, sickness, and trouble in our lifetimes. No one is exempt from the feelings of this time. There are no governmental, geographical, political, or social boundaries that prevent people from experiencing the pressure of this time of our lives. We can't find a political platform that everyone will agree with, and now that everything is becoming politicized, we are more exposed to the grief and terror of the atmosphere of fear than ever before.

This idea that personal freedoms is the most important issue of our lives is a great influence on the social atmosphere. The pressure is palpable, on the surface in the grocery stores, in the malls, in the restaurants, in our churches and schools. I noticed the concern recently in a public place when someone sneezed, and so many people immediately reacted to it. I want to encourage everyone to adopt an



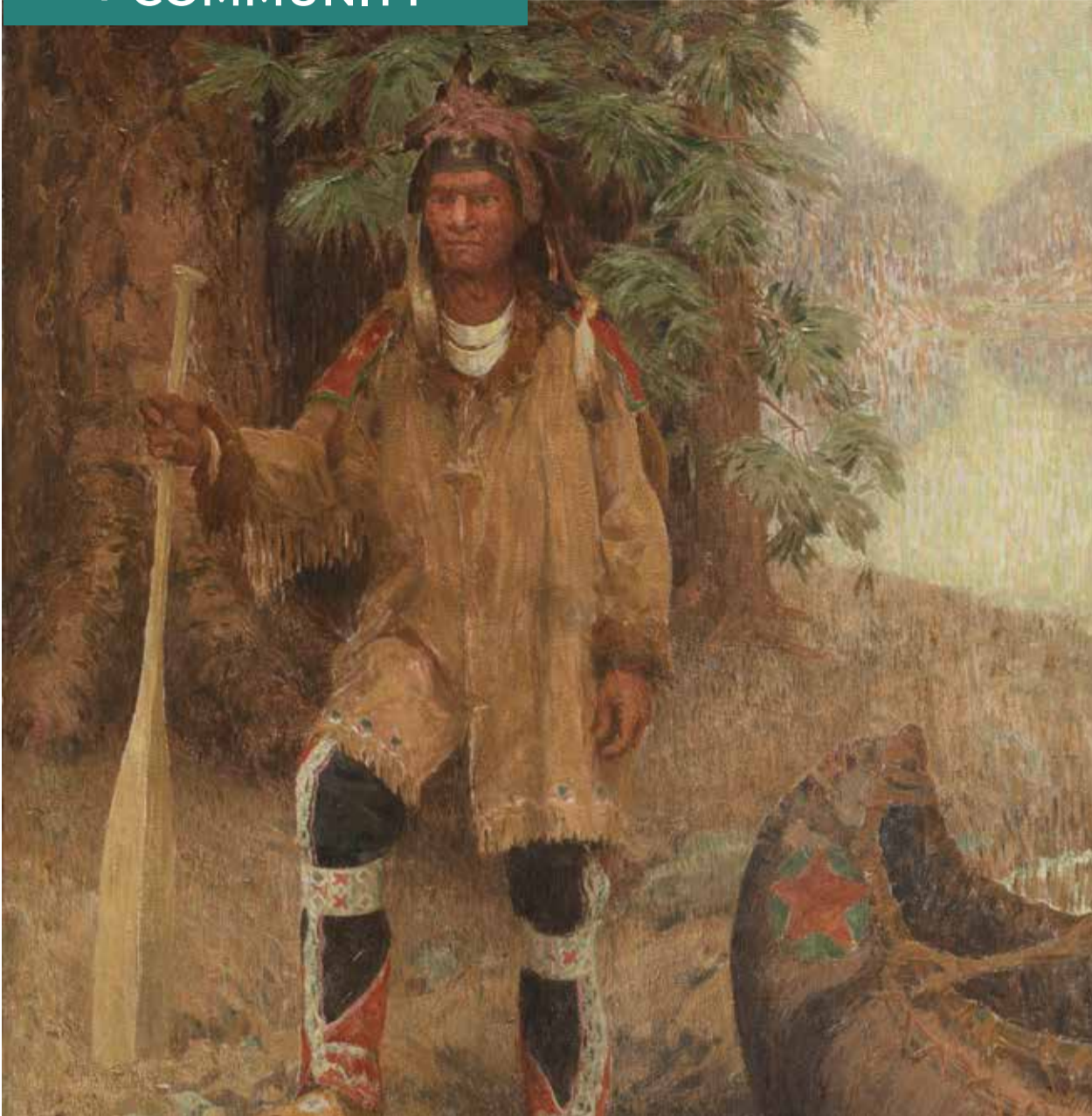
attitude of gratitude, a position of being positive, a state of thanksgiving.

Take some time today, and start listing all of the things that you have to be thankful for. I want to ask you to believe in the potential of goodness. I want you to expect a blessing, to look for great things, and to believe in the power of thanksgiving. I have found that giving thanks is contagious. If it happens enough, it will influence the environment and create a state of being.

What does it mean to be in a **State of Thanksgiving**? It means that the boundaries of that state will be welcoming to everyone that enters that state. It means that those who live in that state will have a joy that exceeds the difficulties of their circumstances. It means that those who live in that state will live with optimism, peace of mind, and joy of spirit.

Wouldn't it be wonderful for you to have a smile on your face and everyone that you come in contact with returns that smile with one of their own. I was thinking about my Mom, resting in peace; my Dad, resting in peace, my sister, my cousins, my uncles and aunts who have all gone into eternity before me. They are resting in peace, according to the promises of my faith. I want to honor their memory by giving thanks for their lives, and their investment in mine. I have friends that I'm thankful for, some living and some gone. I am thankful. It is an attitude of thanksgiving. I'm just thinking.....

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Local Couse masterpiece debuts in new Saginaw Art Museum gallery

SAGINAW – A recently-acquired masterwork by acclaimed Saginaw artist Eanger Irving (E.I.) Couse featuring Chippewa Chief David Shoppenagon makes its public debut on Saturday, November 20 at the Saginaw Art Museum.

The monumental portrait was painted by Couse and gifted to The Saginaw Club in 1911 where it hung above the fireplace for more than a century. The Saginaw Art Museum purchased the painting from the Club in 2020.

Since the acquisition, the work has been cleaned, conserved, and returned to its original state. It will take pride of place

in the museum's new E.I. Couse Gallery, which will contain an additional 13 works from the celebrated local artist.

"The Saginaw Art Museum is thrilled to be the permanent home for this historically and artistically important painting," said Michael Kolleth, executive director of the Saginaw Art Museum. "It is a work from the hand of Saginaw's most renowned painter of a truly significant person in our region's cultural history. It is in every sense a truly, 'Saginaw painting.'"

The museum's acquisition of the Couse painting has been characterized as a "win-win" for the region, according to Dr. Sam-

uel Shaheen, president of the TempleArts* executive committee.

"The museum provides the optimal environment for the preservation and broad public display of the Couse painting while the funds from the sale will be used to help sustain the Saginaw Club," Shaheen said. "We worked together effectively with the Club to ensure this important piece of our artistic heritage remains in our community. We could not have done this without the tremendous generosity of our donors and supporters across the region and beyond."

The gallery opens to the public on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Admission to the museum is free on that date.

The Museum is also featuring a new exhibition in conjunction with the University of Michigan Clements Library, *No, Not Even for a Picture: Re-examining the Native Midwest and Tribes' Relations to the History of Photography*.

Couse was born in Saginaw and spent his childhood years drawing members of a Chippewa tribe that lived nearby. He studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, the National Academy of Design in New York, and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris under William-Adolphe Bouguereau. He resided in the summer months for most of his life in Saginaw and winters in Taos, New Mexico. He gained fame for his paintings of the Native American tribes of the Southwest. The museum's Couse gallery features examples of his work from throughout his career.

Shoppenagon was born in Indianfields, a Chippewa Indian Village in the Saginaw River Valley. In 1795, his grandfather, also a Chippewa chief, was among the Indians who met with General Anthony Wayne at Fort Greenville, Ohio and signed a treaty that ended 40 years of warfare in the Ohio Valley. Shoppenagon arrived in the Grayling area from the Saginaw Valley during the early 1870s. He trapped, hunted, and worked as a guide for sportsmen throughout the northern Lower Peninsula.

For more information on the Saginaw Art Museum, including volunteer opportunities, please visit www.saginawartmuseum.org

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Children ages 5 to 11 now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), doctors and state public health leaders today urged Michigan parents to get their children ages 5 to 11 vaccinated with Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 pediatric vaccine, which received emergency use authorization for this age group from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and was recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on Nov. 2.

MDHHS is recommending providers begin vaccinating children ages 5 to 11 years as soon as possible.

"Being able to vaccinate children ages 5 to 11 with the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine brings us hope and also an additional opportunity to urge all eligible Michiganders to get vaccinated," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. "We know these vaccines work and protect our children and their families. Even healthy children can suffer serious affects from COVID-19. The vaccines remain our way out of the pandemic, and more than 825,000 children in our state are now eligible."

In Michigan, there have been more than 201,000 confirmed COVID cases in those age 19 and younger, and 20 deaths have been reported in ages 10 to 19 as of Nov. 2. More than 450 children under the age of 12 become infected with the virus each day.

"It is important to get children ages five and up vaccinated as quickly as possible to save even more lives and reduce serious illness," said MDHHS director Elizabeth Hertel. "Getting the safe and effective vaccines are an effort that every eligible Michigander can take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its variants, and to help end this pandemic. Working together we can help some of our youngest Michiganders get back to more normal activities with friends, sports teams, classmates and more."

Based on data provided by Pfizer, the vaccine was shown to be nearly 91% effective at preventing symptomatic disease from COVID-19 in this age group. The pediatric formulation of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, 21 days apart, at one-third the amount of the adult dosage. Clinical trial participants demonstrated a strong immune response one month after the second dose. The most commonly reported side effects, typically lasting one to three days, were pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, chills, muscle pain, fever and joint pain. With the exception of pain at the injection site, more children reported these side effects after the second dose than after the first dose.

More than 825,000 Michigan children will now be eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. With more than 4,000 vaccine providers across the state, including family physicians and pediatricians,

urgent cares, local health departments, federally qualified health centers and pharmacies, there are plenty of providers and vaccines available for eligible children. MDHHS has ordered 287,700 doses for the initial rollout, which is the full allocation provided by CDC for the launch of vaccination efforts. Vaccines will be available immediately beginning Nov. 3, and parents can find a vaccine by visiting [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or by calling 211.

"Vaccinating the children of Michigan against COVID will make it safer to continue in-person schooling, visit with family members, especially over the holidays, and will allow Michigan kids to resume normal activities they have missed during this pandemic," said Dr. Matthew Hornik, DO, FAAP, president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Children have struggled tremendously during this pandemic, the COVID vaccine is a game changer for 5 to 11 year olds. Pediatricians are available to answer any questions or concerns parents have regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and are gearing up to administer the vaccine to children as soon as it is approved by the CDC."

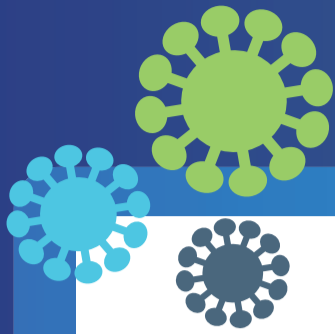
Vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19. To date, more than 42% of children ages 12 to 15 have received their first dose the safe and effective Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

Data from the FDA and CDC show that children 5 to 11 years of age account for approximately 9% of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. overall, and approximately 40% of pediatric cases. COVID-19 has infected 1.9 million children ages 5 to 11 nationwide and hospitalized 8,300. About one-third of hospitalized children required treatment in the ICU. 146 children have died, and over 5,000 have developed Multisystem Inflammatory Disorder (MIS-C).

From January to October, unvaccinated Michiganders accounted for 93.1% of COVID cases, 90.7% of hospitalizations and 90.5% of deaths.

Michigan residents seeking more information about the COVID-19 vaccine can visit Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.

For the latest information is available visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).



Great Lakes Bay Health Centers

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Great Lakes Bay Health Centers has touched more than **118,000 LIVES** during the COVID-19 crisis – in patient care and community outreach with testing and vaccines.

55,884
COVID-19 TESTS
ADMINISTERED
IN 2020-2021 (AS OF JUNE 3, 2021)

Great Lakes Bay Health Centers (GLBHC) began offering community COVID-19 testing in March 2020 outside centers in Saginaw, and expanded to Bay City and Bad Axe. During the summer and fall, we partnered with churches and other community partners to bring testing to neighborhoods with “popup” events. We shifted testing to drive-thru access and do not require a doctor’s note or symptoms. Staff supported this effort on every level, including making calls to share test results. GLBHC added free Influenza community clinics through the fall of 2020. Volunteers have supported testing and vaccines.

15,091
COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES*
ADMINISTERED
IN 2021 (AS OF JUNE 3, 2021)

The Moderna vaccine was first made available to GLBHC staff in January 2021. Through the winter, staff worked with local health departments to administer vaccines to school professionals. The centers started receiving direct shipments of vaccines in March 2021, and began offering appointments to patients. GLBHC also began planning pop-up events at churches and other locations to access hard-to-reach populations. By April, the vaccine team had set up drive-thru vaccine clinics in Saginaw and Bay City and weekly clinics at the UAW Hall in Saginaw. Soon the public could access the vaccines without an appointment. Outreach continues into the summer, with young adults and teens becoming a focus.
**individuals each receive two doses*

TOTAL GLBHC PATIENTS SERVED IN 2020:



50,270 PATIENTS

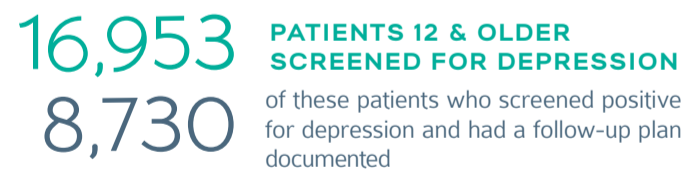
RECEIVING MEDICAL, DENTAL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE AND OTHER VISITS

The COVID-19 shutdowns required centers to limit in-person visits in March-May 2020, but we never closed. Within two weeks, GLBHC had telehealth visits operational to stay in touch with patients. Before 2020, there were no virtual visits offered.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

COVID increased stress and demand for behavioral health services in 2020. Staff reached out to schools and saw increased referrals for children and teens.



DENTAL CARE

GLBHC dental centers were some of the only dental clinics open during quarantine to emergency care for patients experiencing pain or infection.



CHRONIC HEALTH MONITORING = BETTER OUTCOMES

During quarantine, GLBHC used grant funds to provide at-home monitoring kits to patients with COVID symptoms. The kits included blood pressure monitors and pulse oximeters to track oxygen levels. Telehealth visits were a lifeline for care management nurses to keep in touch with patients with chronic health conditions. Pharmacy staff made medication deliveries. A new Respiratory Clinic allowed staff to safely care for patients with COVID symptoms in person.



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MDHHS and LARA remind Michiganders to check their carbon monoxide detectors as cold weather hits

LANSING – As the temperatures continue to drop, Michiganders are urged to take action to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a gas that forms whenever a fossil fuel is burned. You cannot see, taste or smell CO, but it can be deadly when you breathe it in. CO is dangerous because it blocks your body from taking in the oxygen it needs. CO can cause serious illness or death in just minutes.

"Taking small steps like making sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector can make a huge difference if you're unknowingly exposed," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services chief medical executive. "Symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure include flu-like symptoms - aches, dizziness, fatigue and nausea. If you think you have been exposed it is important to get into an area with fresh air immediately and seek medical attention."

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that each year, approximately 50,000 people across the country visit the emergency department for accidental carbon monoxide poisoning. In

2019, the latest year data were available from the MDHHS Michigan Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (MiTracking), there were 1,090 Michigan emergency department visits for carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Carbon monoxide is produced by many items people use daily," said State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier. "Furnaces, water heaters, dryers, lanterns, space heaters, fireplaces, chimneys and gas stoves all produce this colorless, odorless, tasteless and poisonous gas known as the 'Invisible Killer' which requires an electronic sensor to detect. Michigan residents should install an inexpensive CO detector on each level of your home and test them every month with your smoke alarm."

Hospitalizations for carbon monoxide poisoning are preventable when people are prepared.

To protect from carbon monoxide, follow these safety tips:

- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide detectors. Detectors on every level of your

home, including the basement, are strongly recommended. Detectors can be purchased at most hardware and big box stores. Daylight Saving Time is a good time each year to replace the batteries in your detector and push the "Test" button to be sure it's working properly. Replace your detector every five years or according to manufacturer's instructions. Use a battery-powered detector where you have fuel burning devices but no electric outlets, such as in tents, cabins, RVs and boats with enclosed cabins.

- Have your furnace or wood-burning stove inspected annually. Hire a professional to make sure it is functionally sound and vents properly outside the home.
- Never run a gasoline, kerosene or propane heater or a grill (gas or charcoal) inside your home or in an unventilated garage. Any heating system that burns fuel produces carbon monoxide.
- Generators should be run at a safe distance (at least 20 feet) from the home. Never run a generator in the home or garage or right next to windows or doors.
- Never run a car in an enclosed space. If a vehicle is running, you must have a garage door open to the outside.

Symptoms of overexposure to carbon monoxide include headache, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath, nausea and confusion. At high levels, carbon monoxide can cause death within minutes. If you suspect you may be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, or your detector sounds an alarm, head outside immediately for fresh air and call 911.

In addition, Michiganders are reminded to install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every floor in your home, push the button to test them regularly, change all alarm batteries every 6 months, and replace alarms after 10 years.

Visit Michigan.gov/MiTracking for more information about carbon monoxide poisoning.

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ANYWHERE
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Registered Nurse



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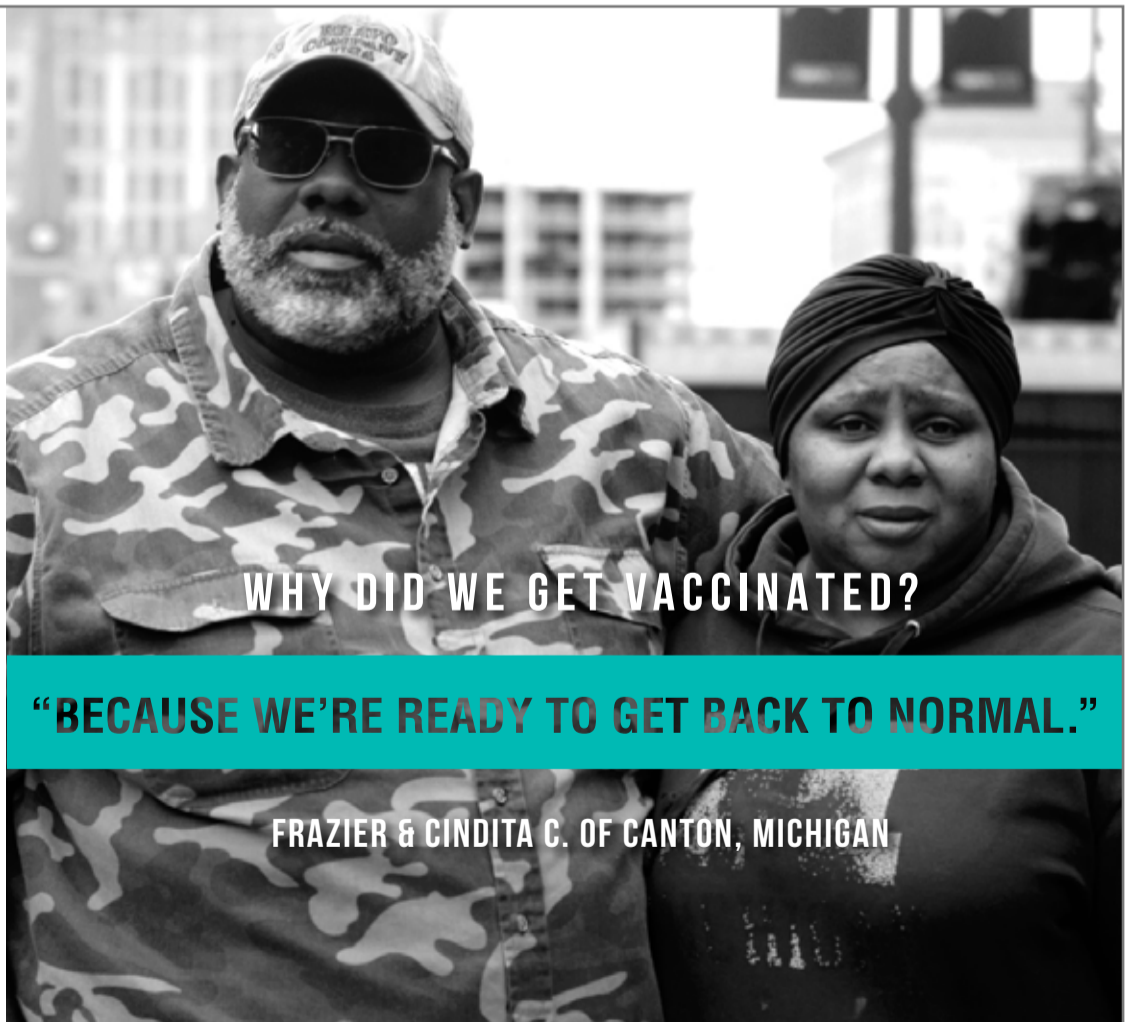


**The COVID-19 vaccine will help
us get beyond this pandemic.**

There are so many things Cindita and Frazier missed in the last year: celebrating big holidays, going to movies, being with friends and family. They hunkered down in the house, life just stopped. They saw firsthand how COVID took away strong, vibrant lives. Which is why they believed it was so important to get vaccinated to get back to normal.

The vaccines have been tested for safety and are trusted by doctors.

Find your vaccine at Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.
Call **211**, or text your zip code to **438829**.



WHY DID WE GET VACCINATED?

“BECAUSE WE’RE READY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL.”

FRAZIER & CINDITA C. OF CANTON, MICHIGAN

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CMU and Saginaw County Health Department affiliate to create academic health department

MOUNT PLEASANT – The Central Michigan University College of Medicine and the Saginaw County Health Department have formed an affiliation to address community health in a collaborative, coordinated approach through a new, five-year agreement that will expand public health offerings for CMU, the Health Department and the Saginaw community.

With CMU as an academic affiliate, the Health Department will be able to improve access to patient care, collaborate on research and seek external funding opportunities for joint programs and projects with CMU. Their combined efforts will address emerging health problems and chronic conditions in the region, including obesity, behavioral health, pediatric and maternal health, and COVID-19.

"As an 'academic health department,' we gain greater capacity to investigate and find answers to some of Saginaw's most pressing issues that impact public health," said Christina Harrington, health officer, Saginaw County Health Department. She

points to examples such as higher-than-average hospitalization rates for asthma, one of the state's highest infant mortality rates, and cancer clusters across the county's geography. "On a day-to-day basis, it's also a win-win. Health Department clients will benefit from access to CMU medical experts, while students gain an added clinical learning environment through the Health Department."

The formalized relationship is a continuation of collaborative efforts that strengthened during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both organizations are driven by a desire to conduct research and translate findings into practical applications for public health providers to utilize in public health and clinical care practices.

"This agreement bridges the gap between traditional medical care and public health and expands on our educational offerings in Saginaw," said Dr. George E. Kikano, CMU vice president for health affairs and dean of the CMU College of

Medicine. "Formalizing our working relationship with the Saginaw County Health Department firmly supports our mission of educating medical students to provide care to traditionally underserved communities, both rural and urban."

The Saginaw County Health Department leads the way in preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health in every corner of its service area, which is an 800-square-mile mix of urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods. In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic response, department staff continue to deliver immunizations; vision and hearing screenings; Women, Infants and Children services; communicable and sexually transmitted disease tracking and testing; environmental health services; restaurant inspections; soil/water/spore/lead testing; family planning services; Children's Special Health Care Services; and the Nurse Family Partnership.

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Addressing the teacher shortage critical to Michigan's public schools

LANSING – Addressing the state's teacher shortage is the most urgent challenge facing Michigan public schools and many schools across the nation, State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice told the State Board of Education.

Dr. Rice said that Michigan's schools and students require a significant investment to address the systemic challenges causing the teacher shortage. An investment of \$300 million to \$500 million over five years is the first step to recruiting and retaining sufficient numbers of high-quality educators.

While all eight goals of the state's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan are important, Dr. Rice said, addressing the teacher shortage has become the most urgent as districts across the state are experiencing critical staffing demands, exacerbated by the pandemic. Meeting the teacher shortage challenge and the other goals of the state's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan requires a collective effort and partnership of stakeholders across the state.

During his presentation, Dr. Rice said that there has been a rising bipartisan consciousness in Michigan regarding the importance of funding pre-school; funding and addressing children's mental health needs in schools; and beginning to address the persistent underfunding of Michigan public schools. There has also been a rising bipartisan consciousness regarding the acknowledgement of the teacher shortage in Michigan.

"With this raised consciousness needs to come a raised consciousness among state policymakers of the need to help fund efforts to recruit and retain teachers and address these issues," Dr. Rice said.

"We have begun to make progress with significant investments in early childhood learning, literacy, children's mental health, and school funding. That said, we need to work to fund major teacher recruitment and retention efforts," he said.

Dr. Rice outlined to the State Board of Education several initiatives on which local school districts and the state are working. At the same time, though, he indicated

that teacher recruitment and retention demanded a major investment by the state legislature at this time.

MDE has initiated the Welcome Back Proud Michigan Educator program to encourage former educators to come back to the profession-providing waivers to perceived obstacles to become re-certified as teachers.

In the spring, MDE sent tens of thousands of postcards to educators with expired certificates. More than 1,100 formerly certificated teachers have shared their contact information to be connected with interested school districts. Waiver applications have been submitted by 161 local school districts for 228 eligible educators.

In October, MDE sent over 35,000 letters to educators with valid certificates who are currently not teaching in a public school. Over 2,000 educators with valid certificates accessed the survey that was included in the letter and 1,111 have provided an email address to be contacted by districts.

MDE also approved two district-level alternative teacher certification programs to support aspiring teachers, including para-educators and other support staff members in earning initial teacher certification. There are a total of 68 new teacher candidates in the two programs that focus on developing teachers of other ethnicities.

The legislature and governor have worked together to fund an initial investment of \$1.67 million for local districts to begin Grow Your Own programs to encourage current school support staff and high school students to explore careers in teaching. Much more is required.

Other teacher shortage strategies that require consideration and support from the state legislature and executive office include:

- Tuition and other expense reimbursement for current college students who make a commitment to pursue teaching.
- Loan repayment for recent college graduates who commit to careers in education and for current teachers who

are working to pay off college loans.

- Scholarships for high school seniors who aspire to and commit to a career in teaching. States as close as Indiana have these sorts of programs.
- Reviving and strengthening the teacher preparation pipeline in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula where school districts face unique limitations to the preparation of teacher candidates.
- Supporting the mentoring of new teachers through grants to local school districts to provide release time and stipends to mentors, development of virtual curriculum and training, and regional technical assistance.
- Easing restrictions on accepting teacher licenses from other states to help recruit and retain quality teachers in Michigan. In 2019-20, Michigan certified 1,160 out-of-state candidates. More can be done legislatively to provide regulatory relief in this area.
- Supporting a return to the profession for individuals who completed preparation programs but did not obtain a credential.
- Expanding eligibility for child care to individuals enrolled in teacher preparation programs.
- Providing tuition reimbursement for the reading course requirement.
- Making available grants to districts to develop programs for recruiting students in grades 6-12 into teaching.
- Providing stipends to student teachers to relocate and pay for housing in high-needs school districts for up to one year.

Overall, Dr. Rice told the State Board of Education that the state has seen progress in early childhood education; social and emotional learning; children's mental health; secondary school programming, including career and technical education; graduation rate, and post-secondary attainment.

+ EDUCATION



THE 14 MEMBERS OF THE 15TH GERSTACKER FELLOWS COHORT ARE (FROM LEFT) JOHN FOLSOM, BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; STEPHANIE HAYWARD, REESE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; KELLY FRANK, IOSCO REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY; STACEY LUBERDA-CRINER, ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS; SARAH COOPER, MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS; NANCY MAHONEY, CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS; REBEKA D'HAENE, SAGINAW TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS; SEAN KELLY, OAK PARK SCHOOLS; AMANDA MURRAY, MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL PREP SCHOOL; JOSHUA WRINKLE, ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL; JULIE ALLEY, PORT HURON AREA SCHOOLS; LISA MORFORD, SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT; TIFFANY PETERSON, CARROLLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS; RACHEL REID, SAGINAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SVSU selects K-12 educators for Gerstacker leadership program

UNIVERSITY CENTER – With a keen awareness of the academic challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, a new group of K-12 education leaders will focus on professional growth as part of Saginaw Valley State University's Gerstacker Fellowship Program.

As part of the initiative, 14 teachers, principals and program administrators from across Michigan will receive concentrated leadership training over a 1-year period. The experience will include an international trip to the Netherlands and Germany in June.

"This work has become even more critical following the loss of classroom time during the pandemic. A focus on creating principles and tools for developing and facilitating collaborative groups is a priority as leaders are asked to create plans to respond to learning loss," said Mary Anne Ackerman, executive in residence at SVSU and co-director of the Gerstacker program.

The Gerstacker Fellowship Program was established in 2005 with a \$1.5 mil-

lion endowment from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation of Midland. Participants, known as Gerstacker Fellows, meet monthly. Experts instruct the group on subjects such as leadership practices, organizational leadership, communication, cognitive coaching, finance and education with a global perspective. This year's group is the 15th cohort.

"The Gerstacker Fellowship now includes over 160 people who have participated in the training," said Ackerman. "Together they support each other in the work of providing top-notch academic opportunities for our children."

The international trips are a vital component of the program. Gerstacker Fellows visit educational institutions to learn about international educational systems and corporate settings. There, they discover how leadership plays out in different cultural and economic settings. Previous overseas trips have included China, South Korea, Poland, Japan, Taiwan, Finland and Germany. The 14th Gerstacker Fel-

lows cohort traveled to Finland and Germany, where they visited K-12 schools, Helsinki University, Hochschule Ansbach, secondary German vocational schools and numerous cultural sites.

This year's Gerstacker Fellowship cohort includes:

- Julie Alley, an elementary principal in Port Huron Area Schools
- Sarah Cooper, an elementary teacher in Midland Public Schools
- Rebekah D'Haene, an elementary principal in Saginaw Township Schools
- John Folsom, assistant high school principal in Bay City Public Schools
- Kelly Frank, an instructor at the Teacher Prep Academy at Iosco Regional Education Service Agency's Career and Tech Center
- Stephanie Hayward, an elementary principal in Reese Public Schools
- Sean Kelly, high school teacher, Oak Park Schools
- Stacey Luberd-Criner, superintendent of Alma Public Schools
- Nancy Mahoney, assistant superintendent of Instructional Services, Clarkston Community Schools
- Lisa Morford, a literacy coach in the Saginaw Intermediate School District
- Amanda Murray, secondary interventionist at Michigan International Prep School
- Tiffany Peterson, high school principal with Carrollton Public Schools
- Rachel Reid, principal of Saginaw Arts and Science Academy in Saginaw Public Schools
- Joshua Wrinkle, principal of Rochester High School

For more information about the Gerstacker Fellowship at SVSU, visit <https://www.svsu.edu/collegeofeducation/gerstackerfellowshipprogram/>

+ EDUCATION



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Education shortages



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

Recently I touched upon the shortages of substitute teachers and other educational staff, appealing to those individuals who are able to join the workforce needed in our local schools. That appeal still stands because I am hearing about situations where secretaries and teacher aides are covering classrooms because substitutes could not be found. This seems to be a brewing problem with no end in sight.

I am coming back to the subject because these and other recent events have convinced me the depth of the shortages to work in schools is even greater than I imagined.

Consider busing. Please understand these are glimpses into the problem and do not reflect a particular region or district

badly. They are snapshots of the ripple effect of teaching and other staff shortages.

1) The text messages.

Imagine you are at work around 8 a.m. and your phone goes off. The bus your child is scheduled to ride will not be there today because there is no driver available to drive the bus. Find your way to school for your child or else miss a day of school.

2) The Lions club meeting.

The YMCA is launching a program to teach 3rd graders how to swim. The Lions club is approached to pitch in with some funding to help sponsor the program. A club member who works for the schools says that getting a bus, during the school day, for a field trip is out of the question because there are not enough bus drivers.

3) A district's decision.

On November 5th, the Reed City School District canceled transportation that day due to a shortage of bus drivers. That is correct: School was in session without buses running that day.

4) Another district's appeal.

On November 8th, the Hemlock School District held a recruitment rally for bus drivers. People were invited by the superintendent to "test drive" a school bus and to consider signing up for training to become licensed.

There are many more examples to point out that, if you have the time and patience, you could do a great service by becoming a school bus driver.

Basic requirements include obtaining a CDL (commercial driver's license) and completion of training that is offered through the transportation department of an Intermediate School District.

Resources:

https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-74638_38338---,00.html

https://www.cadillacnews.com/news/reed-city-area-schools-cancels-transportation-friday-due-to-lack-of-drivers/article_d1bf434e-3e6a-11ec-b5af-8bf47d6d12d7.html

<https://www.wkar.org/politics-government/2021-11-05/nov-5-2021-don-wotruba-off-the-record>



Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

About Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

Established in 1965, Head Start promotes school readiness for children, ages three to five, in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, social and other services.

Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Early Head Start, launched in 1995, provides support to low-income infants, toddlers,

pregnant women and their families.

EHS programs enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care; support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

Together Head Start and Early Head Start have served tens of millions of children and their families.

At Saginaw ISD Head Start our attentive staff is available Monday through Friday to answer all your questions and make every effort to ensure you are 100 percent satisfied.

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For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: www.saginawheadstart.org

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“Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to need special education, repeat a grade, or commit crimes in adolescence.”

Joe Baca, former Dem. California Congressman

“Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community.”
-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

+ BUSINESS



INDIA COLLINS



COURTESY PHOTOS

Traditional soul food with some optional twists at Mama Kay's

By MIKE THOMPSON

Ever since she graduated from Bridgeport High School in 2012, India Collins has aimed to go into business for herself.

She already has achieved success with Exotic Trap Boutique at 4625 Dixie near her home community, but she's not stopping there.

She has headed for Saginaw city for her new venture, Mama Kay's Restaurant at 2805 Perkins, a familiar commerce site across from the Saginaw County CAC.

"I was looking for a good place that was available," India says, explaining her move to a location 10 miles from Bridgeport.

India's menu choices indeed are old-school, with a youthful blend of original

ideas.

For example, your own mama or granny may have served you french toast -- but not with Oreo cookie chunks on top. Or maybe Fruity Pebbles cereal?

Or how about a burger basket that contains not only french fries, but also a pair of fried chicken wings?

Or a soul food place that also offers tacos and nachos, even coney dogs?

A main entree still is fried chicken, with or without waffles.

Catfish is an obvious item, salmon from time to time offers an alternative.

Fancy for a special occasion? Lamb chops.

The sides are traditional -- mac and cheese, yams, greens, dressing. You can

get them on your plate, or also stacked full in a Mason jar.

A best-seller is a breakfast sandwich that starts with steak slices instead of the usual ham, bacon or sausage. On a bagel, not an English muffin.

With all the variety, India says her goal remains basic -- home-style kitchen meals at affordable prices.

Mama Kay's is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed Mondays and Wednesdays. In-house dining and take-outs both are available, with speedy service for customers on shorter midday lunch breaks. The menu can be explored on the restaurant's Facebook page, and the phone number is (989) 759-9127.

+ BUSINESS

Community leaders, Business & hospitality professionals honored at the 7th annual Art of Achievement Awards

FLINT – On November 4, Flint & Genesee Group presented Art of Achievement Awards to 16 exemplary businesses, community leaders and hospitality professionals for their significant contributions to the region's success in 2021. The following businesses and individuals were honored:

Hotel of the Year – Hilton Garden Inn Flint Downtown

Frontline Ambassador of the Year Award – Antoinetta Green, of McFarlan Villages

Restaurants of the Year – Barley & Vine and The Laundry

Hotel Ambassador of the Year Award – Geri Geske, Hampton Inn & Suites Flint/Grand Blanc

Attraction of the Year Award – Flint Public Art Project

Gloria DeHart Community Champion Award – Jack Stock, Kettering University

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Champion – Clearview Building Maintenance

Business Impact Award – SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County & Fenton

Economic Development Project of the Year Award – Allegiant Air
Small Business Award – Great Harvest Bread Co.

Minority Owned Business Award – Breads & Threads Handmade

Nonprofit Impact Award – Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

Young Professional Leader Award – Tauzzari Robinson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Flint

Claire M. White Award – Reta Stanley, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flint & Genesee County

Art Hurand Award – Greg Viener, Huntington Bank Mid-Michigan Region

Charles Stewart Mott Award – Sister Carol Weber and Sister Judy Blake, St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center



DUPERON CORPORATION RECEIVES THE MFG INNOVATION EXCELLENCE AWARD. PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT, DUPERON FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TERRY DUPERON, PRESIDENT MARK TURPIN, AND CEO AND CO-OWNER TAMMY BERNIER.

Saginaw-based Duperon Corporation wins an MFG Excellence Award

SAGINAW – Saginaw's own Duperon Corporation received statewide recognition on Thursday, Nov. 4 as a recipient of the MFG Innovation Excellence award as part of the 2021 MFG Excellence Awards, hosted by the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA). The awards are held annually to celebrate the exceptional contributions that Michigan manufacturers make to their workforce, their communities, the economy and the industry.

"At the heart of the Duperon Corporation, we are a group of human beings who have decided to constitute ourselves as daring to make a difference for people, for water and for the planet," said Tammy Bernier, CEO and co-owner along with Terry Duperon. "We do that by employing people who care, and that's what makes our company such a wonderful place to work. We're all working to make a positive change and protect the environment for future generations."

For more than 35 years, Duperon Cor-

poration has remained a leader in preliminary liquid/solids separation systems. They provide simple yet innovative solutions for a variety of screening and solids handling applications in the water and wastewater industry. Duperon's business model revolves around creativity and open communication, empowering employees to take an inventive spirit in tackling some of the water industry's biggest challenges.

"We are not innovating for the sake of innovation," adds Mark Turpin, president of Duperon Corporation. "We innovate for a purpose – to solve a problem, make a difference, be in service and impact water quality. These are worthy causes that unite our team to bring a spirit of innovation to every endeavor."

Learn more about MMA and the MFG Excellence Awards at mimfg.org. For more information on Duperon Corporation, visit Duperon.com or contact them at 1-800-383-8479.

+ FUNDRAISING GOODTIMES

Where does the buck begin or stop?

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

We are in the middle of annual fundraising season. Everyone associated with nonprofits is working to identify potential supporters and encourage their giving.

For many this is both the time to focus on raising money and preparing for next year. You are looking at what is working now, recording your missteps, and taking note of opportunities you hadn't anticipated. At the end of it all will be an accounting and reckoning – everyone will want to know: did you make your goal? And they will want to know “who is responsible?” They will want to congratulate someone, or maybe they will seek to make someone a scapegoat. In all cases the question boils down to this: where does the buck start and where does it stop?

Let's begin with the question, “Where do you start?” Do you need to have a person dedicated to fundraising? Will that put you on the road to fundraising success? Will that person “solve all your problems” so the board and executive director can focus on the important work of the organization? Or does the answer lie with the executive director? Is it their responsibility to define the fundraising priorities and financial goals, tying these to your strategic plan? Will this make the money come in? Or is it the board who starts off your fund-

raising? Are you looking to them to give to your nonprofit, to demonstrate their commitment and to ask others to do the same? Will that make a difference? Or should the board focus on oversight, policy, and governance and ask for reports with projections and actuals every week?

Maybe you believe you need volunteer leadership before you can fundraise. Other organizations have a visible spokesperson, so you need one too. If you had a highly visible person out there in front of people, then others would give, and hopefully give big. Or you might be focusing on bringing together a team of volunteers who will work their networks on behalf of your nonprofit. If you are a college or a regional/national nonprofit, maybe you will activate alumni through regional leadership groups who each have fundraising goals.

All these individuals and groups have an important role to play in fundraising. The question is this: who should take the lead? Here are our recommendations, the executive director should set the vision, mission, and fundraising priorities. These should be approved (or modified and then approved) by the board. The board should give and raise 20% of your fundraising goal, with everyone participating as a donor. Your fundraising staff should develop



a plan for ensuring the goal is met – a plan that asks everyone to take on a role. Finally, your volunteer leaders should provide visibility for your fundraising and raise a mutually agreed upon amount of money from specific people or sources.

Consider how these roles fit with your nonprofit, and then work together in a way that is true to your culture and the knowledge and abilities that reside across the organization.



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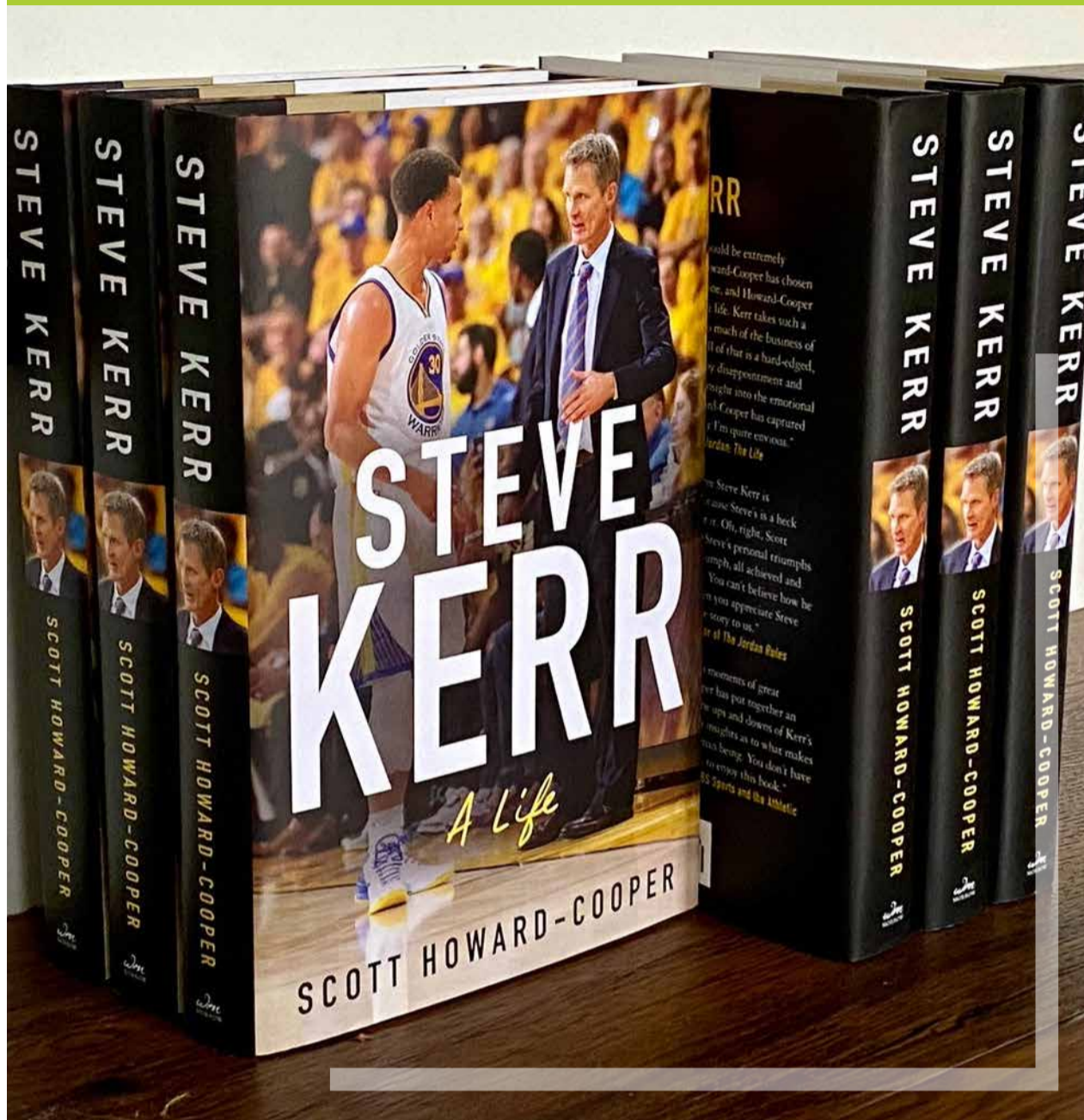
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+ SPORTS

BOOK REVIEW



STEVE KERR: A LIFE

More than Draymond's coach

By MIKE THOMPSON

Will admit I grabbed "Steve Kerr: A Life" from the library shelf for the wrong reason.

My reaction was, "Let's see what he says about our favorite Golden State NBA teams, especially regarding our own Draymond Green."

Indeed, the index indicates a dozen Day vs. Day references. But they all are packed in the final 50 pages.

This raised a reader's dilemma: Should

we simply skip to that rear section, or give the entire book a read?

We chose the longer path.

From Page 1 onward, Steve Kerr himself is an interesting person. Shy, and a basketball overachiever whose sole outstanding skill was long-range shooting. His playing career was highlighted by his Finals-clinching shot for the Bulls on an assist from Michael Jordan, the same Mike who had punched him in the mouth

during one of their first practices together, feeling Steve was overly aggressive in his hawk-style defense.

And from one-dimensional player to multi-dimensional coach, with the best pass-and-cut scheme, Steve Kerr has become a lockdown Hall of Fame name.

Kerr himself seems like, and really is, a cool guy, especially with his consistent statements and actions on civil rights. He also is someone with a short fuse who can become as fighting-mad competitive as anyone. But in the end, big picture, he's filled with patience and acceptance.

Imagine if your father is an ambassador and educator in the Middle East, and he is assassinated by terrorists from the Palestine Liberation Organization. You are at the University of Arizona at the time, and your family encourages you to continue with basketball, because that's what your dad would have wanted. Your next game is at Arizona State, where you encounter a rival student section with some "politically aware" idiots chanting, "PLO, PLO, PLO." If you can cope with that, you can handle anything.

Unfortunately, to me, the closing portion where Kerr is coaching the W's is the portion that falls short. Steph Curry and Draymond, in their own ways, are two of the most unique players in hoops history, and author Scott Howard-Cooper (a beat writer) doesn't delve deep into Kerr's role and viewpoint. Also, the author seems wrong on some of the details of Day vs. Bron (2016) and Day vs. K.D. after they became teammates. For example, the locker-room tiff was not about Durant's level of effort. Far more severe, it was that K.D. was a freeloader on a team that already was winning.

The final reference to our hometown Saginawian is Kerr griping, "I'm so sick of (expletive) Draymond!" Without explaining why.

But the book is about Steve Kerr, and the Warriors are only a chapter. It's worth a read, maybe during all the timeouts at the close of a typical NBA contest. LOL, that was when I turned the pages.

+ SPORTS



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Applications available on MHSAA website for 2021-22 Scholar-Athlete Awards

SAGINAW – One of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's most popular programs, the Scholar-Athlete Award, will again with Farm Bureau Insurance present 32 \$2,000 scholarships to top student-athletes at member high schools during the 2021-22 school year.

The MHSAA-Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award highlights the value extracurricular activities play in the total education of high school students, often improving their academic achievements in the process. The Scholar-Athlete Award is in its 33rd year. Since the award's inception in 1988-89, Farm Bureau Insurance has presented \$896,000 in scholarships through this program.

The first 30 scholarships will be presented on a graduated basis across the MHSAA's traditional class structure. From Class A schools, six boys and six girls will receive scholarships; from Class B schools, four boys and four girls; from Class C schools, three boys and three girls; and from Class D schools, two boys and two girls will be honored. The final two scholarships will be awarded at-large to minori-

ty recipients, regardless of school size. The scholarships may be used at the institution of higher learning the recipients attend during the first year at those colleges.

Applications from individual schools will be limited to the number of available scholarships in their enrollment class. Class A schools may submit the names of six boys and six girls, Class B schools may submit four boys and four girls, Class C may submit three boys and three girls and Class D may submit two boys and two girls.

Students applying for Scholar-Athlete Awards must be graduating during the 2021-22 school year, be carrying an unrounded 3.5 (on a 4.0) grade-point average and have won a varsity letter in a sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament: baseball, girls and boys basketball, girls and boys bowling, girls competitive cheer, girls and boys cross country, football, girls and boys golf, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, girls and boys lacrosse, girls and boys skiing, girls and boys soccer, softball, girls and boys swimming & diving, girls and boys tennis, girls and boys track & field, girls volleyball and wrestling.

Applicants will be required to show involvement in other school and community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Information – including answers to a number of frequently asked questions – is available online on the Scholar-Athlete Award page of the MHSAA Website at <https://www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Students/Scholar-Athlete-Award>. Applications are available in digital format only, either via the Scholar-Athlete Award page or directly at <https://www.mhsaa.com/scholarship>. All applications must be submitted online by 4 p.m. Dec. 3.

A committee composed of school administrators from across the state will select finalists and winners in late January, with the winners to be announced throughout February. All applicants, finalists and scholarship recipients will be announced on the MHSAA Website. The 32 scholarship recipients will be recognized during the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

+ SPORTS

SVSU men's basketball launches Christopher Jacobi Roundball Club



CHRISTOPHER JACOBI

UNIVERSITY CENTER – The Saginaw Valley State Men's Basketball program has announced the re-naming of their Roundball Club for Christopher Jacobi, who started at point guard for the Cardinals in 1990-1994. Chris, 49, passed away early in the morning on September 5th, 2021. He leaves behind his wife, Morgan, and their four children, Titus, Lucy, Livie, and Jack. Chris

was not only a talented player on the court – finishing in the record books for career assists, career made 3's, and career steals – but a standout person off of it.

The program is proud to officially launch the Christopher Jacobi Roundball Club, which will serve as the support group for SVSU Men's Basketball. The funds generated through the Christopher Jacobi Roundball Club are vital in developing the type of quality program that the Cardinal Basketball Family – which includes alumni, parents, friends, and fans – will feel proud to support and that the student-athletes deserve.

The Men's Basketball program is focused on consistently competing for GLIAC championships. In order to be a perennial contender for banners and rings, the resources and funds must be there. The Christopher Jacobi Roundball Club is essential to helping the program reach its maximum potential. The coaching staff and student-athletes ask you to please consider making a donation to help push the program to new heights.

To learn more about the Christopher Jacobi Roundball Club, the various membership levels, and to make a donation, head to <https://svsucardinals.com/sports/mbkb/2021-22/roundball>



2021-2022 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
NOVEMBER			
Sunday	Nov. 7..	Rochester University (Exhibition)	4:00
Friday	Nov. 12	Hillsdale	7:00
Saturday	Nov. 13	Malone	3:00
Wednesday	Nov. 17	Olivet	7:00
Thursday	Nov. 18	at Western Michigan	7:00
Sunday	Nov. 21	at Gannon	3:00
Sunday	Nov. 28	Great Lakes Christian	5:00
Tuesday	Nov. 30	at Butler (Exhibition)	5:00
DECEMBER			
Thursday	Dec. 2.....	at Grand Valley State	8:00
Saturday	Dec. 4.....	at Davenport	5:00
Thursday	Dec. 9.....	Northwood	8:00
Sunday	Dec. 12	Grace Christian	3:00
Saturday	Dec. 18	at Wayne State	3:00
JANUARY			
Sunday	Jan. 2	Indiana University-Northwest	3:00
Thursday	Jan. 6	at Lake Superior State	7:30
Saturday	Jan. 8	at Ferris State	3:00
Thursday	Jan. 13.....	Northern Michigan	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 15.....	Michigan Tech	3:00
Thursday	Jan. 20.....	at Purdue Northwest	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 22.....	at Wisconsin-Parkside	4:00
Thursday	Jan. 27	Ferris State	8:00
Saturday	Jan. 29	Lake Superior State	3:00
FEBRUARY			
Thursday	Feb. 3.....	Wayne State	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 5	at Northwood	TBA
Thursday	Feb. 10	Purdue Northwest	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 12.....	Wisconsin-Parkside	3:00
Thursday	Feb. 17	at Michigan Tech	7:30
Saturday	Feb. 19.....	at Northern Michigan	3:15
Thursday	Feb. 24	Davenport	8:00
Saturday	Feb. 26	Grand Valley State	3:00
MARCH			
March 1-6	GLIAC Tournament		
March 11-15	NCAA Round 1		
March 23-26	Elite 8		

For more information on the 2021-2022 men's basketball schedule, visit svsucardinals.com/sports/mbkb

MICHIGAN YOUTH BANNER

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Junior Achievement & EY offer two initiatives to teach teens about entrepreneurship during National Entrepreneurship Month



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COLORADO SPRINGS – For the fifth year in a row, Junior Achievement and Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) will connect entrepreneurs with high school students across the country during November, National Entrepreneurship Month, to share their experience with teens and to encourage them to consider business ownership as a career option. The initiative, known as JA Launch Lesson, has traditionally involved entrepreneurs acting as mentors in the classroom. But given the "new normal" this school year, JA is offering virtual and remote options. Over the past five years, JA and EY US have reached more than 210,000 high school students with this learning experience.

Additionally, JA and EY US have teamed up for JA Connect Entrepreneurship, a new and engaging online experience that helps teens gain an understanding of what it takes to start and successfully run a business. The site uses bite-sized content that is easily relatable to today's teens and helps them start the journey to becoming tomorrow's successful business owners. JA Connect Entrepreneurship is available at www.connect.JA.org.

"Small business continues to play a critical role in the economic well-being of communities," said Jack E. Kosakowski, President and CEO of Junior Achievement USA. "The earlier young people are provided access to entrepreneurial experiences, the more likely they are to consider careers in entrepreneurship as adults. We greatly appreciate EY for their vision and support of these two important initiatives."

"EY has a long heritage of empowering the next generation of entrepreneurship and we've loved exposing JA students directly to entrepreneurs accordingly," said Marna Ricker, EY Americas Vice Chair – Tax Services. "Junior Achievement's latest initiatives, specifically focused on teens and business ownership, will help young minds thrive in their entrepreneurial journey as they look to make an impact in their communities and in building a better working world."

JA Launch Lesson is a 50-minute educational experience built around the theme of entrepreneurship that creates a point-of-entry for students, volunteers, and educators. It is delivered locally by entrepreneurs virtually, in classrooms, and in other

student venues around the United States during National Entrepreneurship Month. Entrepreneurs are provided with a guide by JA that gives them the opportunity to connect with students, offer relevant information about their company and entrepreneurial journey, and share advice and next steps for students who are interested in starting their own business.

JA Connect Entrepreneurship provides self-guided, on-demand learning experiences and resources to high school students interested in entrepreneurship. The site's content and resources are designed to offer different learning experiences: augment and extend JA Entrepreneurship Pathway programs, explore entrepreneurial ideas independently and guide JA students in the next steps of their entrepreneurial journeys (planning, incubating and launching their own startups).



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PIC OF THE WEEK

Jason Vaughn, Saginaw's Youth of the Year is pictured with Saginaw's Mayor Brenda Moore (top) and his mother, Shamorrow Amos and MI State Rep. Amos O'Neal (bottom)



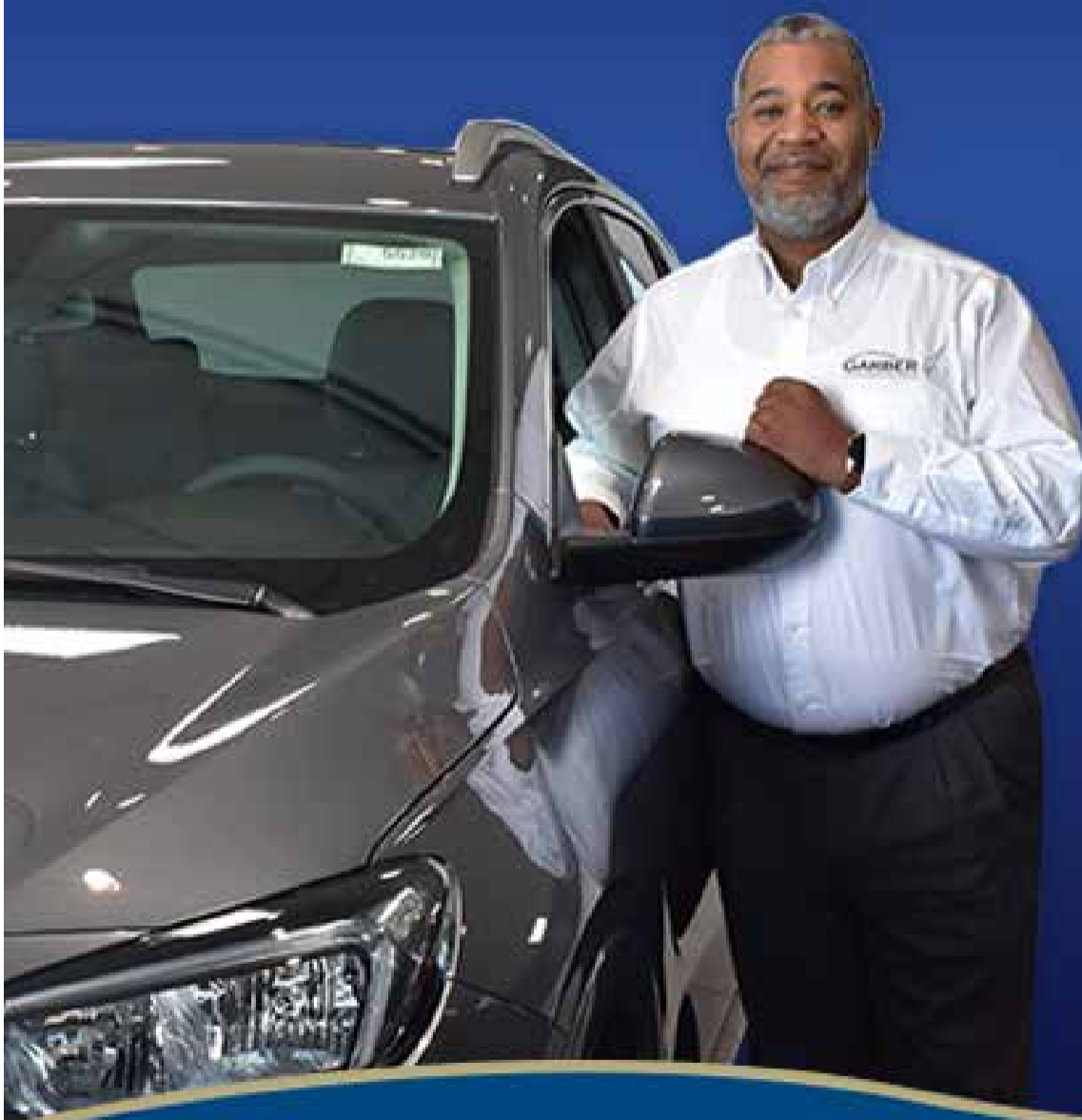
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Since age 11, India Pernell has had a passion for expressing herself through writing. Yet, when she first enrolled in college, choosing a major proved to be elusive for the Oak Park native. "I was 'major hopping' until it finally occurred to me that I always enjoyed writing and that I was good at it." Now a published author, Pernell has her sights on a career in grant writing, publishing or the film industry. In fact, she has nearly completed writing a movie script. **Her confidence is nurtured by her positive attitude and accomplishments at SVSU.**



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