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Friday Night Live celebrates 24 yrs

Once again, Morley Plaza in Downtown Saginaw, is the site of 2022 Friday Night Live series that takes place every Friday night, July 15th-August 19th from 5:30 to 9 p.m. This FREE concert series features entertainment, food vendors and fun children's activities. Title Sponsors are Team One Credit Union, Covenant HealthCare, and WNEM TV5. Friday Night Live is also supported with a grant from Michigan Arts and Culture Council.



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Rollin' on the River kicks off the summer series on July 15th featuring a Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band called Bayou County: The Music is Creedence. We are also featuring some of our very own talent with opening acts Loud Thoughts and Major Chords for Minors. This night is sponsored by a grant from Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission and WHEELZ 104.5

Downtown Hoedown will be July 22nd and will have a special salute to our veterans. Gunnar & The Grizzly Boys will be our headliner with a full repertoire of great country music. Getting the evening going will be opening act The Swift Brothers. The salute to our veterans is sponsored by the Saginaw Area YMCA and the event night sponsors are The State Bank and WKCQ.

Fiesta Grande is set for July 29th. This night is always a crowd favorite! This year we will feature Rey Reyna and our headliner and Motivo will open the evening. Sponsors are Delta College and WIOG.

Rocket Man Night is August 5th and you guessed it.....It is an Elton John tribute featur-

ing Captain Fantastic Detroit as our headliner and Saginaw's own Haley & the Sound Poets as our opening performers. Garber Automotive Group and 97.3 Joe FM are our sponsors.

Riverfront Blues Fest is August 12th and brings back to Friday Night Live one of our fan favorites Larry McCray. But wait, it gets even better! Opening our Riverfront Blues Fest is another one of our very own local favorites, Sharrie Williams. Sponsors are Ascension St. Mary's and WSGW.

Motown Music Fest wraps up the season on August 19th with an all-star line-up featuring The Sounds of the Vandellas, Jr. Walker's All Star Band, and Bernard Gibson's Temptations Revue. Sponsors are Wildfire Credit Union and Kiss 107.1.

Helping make this event possible are: Saginaw DDA, Hemlock Semiconductor and Saginaw Celebrates Summer, Morley Family Foundation, Network Services Group, Huntington Bank, Ruth Ann Knapp, Frankenmuth Credit Union and the School District of the City of Saginaw. For more information, contact (989) 753-9168.



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Seen on the Scene: 2022 "Heart of Gold" Recipient

On Thursday, June 9, The Michigan Banner Newspaper celebrated its 20th year Anniversary with the 4th Annual Heart of the City Community Awards Banquet. Jacqueline Hall accepted the "Heart of Gold" award on behalf of herself and her husband, General David M. Hall (June 21, 1928 - March 21, 2020).



Jacqueline Hall is an active community volunteer who has served on the Board of the Saginaw Art Museum. Mrs. Hall has been honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Hall established the scholarship fund in 2001 to provide additional opportunities for students who are pursuing majors in the College of Business and Management.

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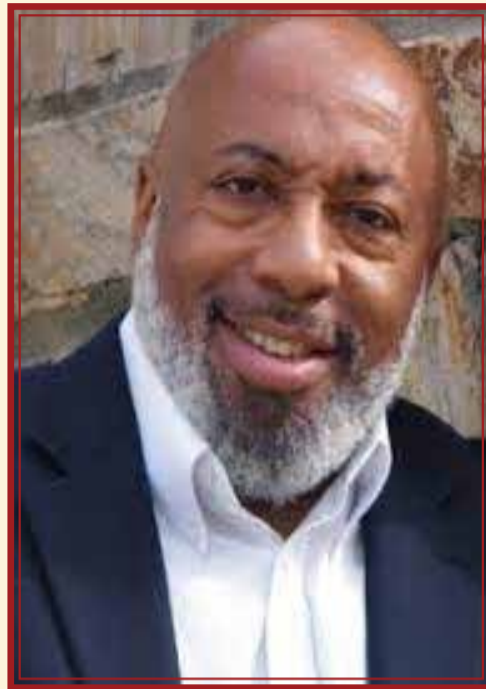
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“As we celebrate this 4th of July, the 246th birthday of America’s promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, I offer this reminder.

One of the worst things a successful black person (or any American) can do, is to think the results of his or her self determination and right choices is also a guarantee for the success of everyone else. On the whole - self determination does have great merits. But it is not an absolute answer to the gauntlet of obstacles facing the people. To allow one’s success to make you

indifferent to the suffering of your community is not the example set for us by leaders like Frederick Douglass, Madam C.J. Walker and W. E. Dubois. The instruction to the “talented tenth” was not to establish a bourgeoisie class. It was to go back and help float the boat for those still drowning!

The Greek philosophers Aristotle and Plato established the concept of the “common good.” That idea was adopted by our founding fathers and has been promoted as one of the virtues of American democracy. Until recently we encouraged it as a practice in our economic, political and social action. Now it appears individualism has trumped the common good and our Democracy is in trouble. So starting this July 4th let us renew our efforts to achieve a more perfect union. Let us resist becoming a nation of have and have nots. Let us count our successes as blessings not benefits. Let the prevailing sentiment in our hearts toward the misfortunes of those who haven’t achieved the American Dream always be - “There but for the Grace of God go I.”

Nathan M. Richardson,
Poet, Author and Frederick Douglass Historian

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SVSU supports rural students' college success and career preparation with \$1.2 million federal grant



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Saginaw Valley State University has received a major federal grant that will enable the institution to broaden the scope of services it offers rural students and prepare them for careers in Michigan.

The \$1.2 million “Pathways for Rural Student Success at SVSU” grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development Program, will allow for both the expansion of existing programs and the development of new programs related to college readiness and access, student retention and success, and employability. The grant, which will be funded from October 2022 through August 2025, will provide resources to implement the “Pathways” program.

“Student success is a high priority at SVSU, and we have many programs in place to support students and help them overcome obstacles that might interfere with their education,” said Donald Bachand, SVSU president. “With this funding, we can do even more, not only for rural students, but for all students.”

About 70% of SVSU’s students come from rural communities, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Ivy Braden, a 2018 SVSU graduate with a degree in communication, considers herself an anomaly among her high school classmates. The Nashville native attended Maple Valley schools, roughly midway between Lansing, Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. She said she was always encouraged to attend college, but she wasn’t well prepared to navigate the college search and application process, especially completing the FAFSA – the free application for federal student aid. Braden didn’t know many people who could provide practical assistance.

“In my community, there weren’t many people with four-year college degrees, so college wasn’t strongly encouraged and people weren’t familiar with the steps needed to apply to college,” Braden said. “My class was able to attend only one college fair, and even that was intimidating.”

Braden – who now works in SVSU’s

Alumni Relations office – added that college may introduce students to career opportunities beyond what they see in their hometowns.

“Rural communities don’t have a wide range of businesses that expose you to different careers,” she said, “and our high school wasn’t able to offer the same kind of career exploration that many of my SVSU classmates had. We took a career interest assessment, but we weren’t provided with the information on what we needed to do to attain those careers.”

Through the “Pathways” program, SVSU intends to provide personnel and structures to bridge these – and other – gaps.

SVSU’s financial aid and scholarship opportunities, small class sizes, and caring campus culture are often appealing to students.

Jayson Tunstall, an accounting major who graduated from New Lothrop High School, said he and his classmates found SVSU to be a welcoming environment.

“A good 40% of my graduating class was coming here out of high school. They discussed how nice the school was and how they felt at home on their tour,” he said.

With funding from the grant, SVSU intends to build on this welcoming culture, developing and enhancing services to students before, during and even after their college years.

Brian Thomas, SVSU’s associate vice president for academic affairs, said SVSU will direct resources to:

- improve rates of postsecondary enrollment
- support students to stay in school and complete degrees
- develop pathways that lead to high-quality careers, especially those aligned with Michigan’s talent needs.

DARE TO DREAM

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ABOUT

In 2021, Duperon Education launched an exciting new program: Dare to Dream with Terry Duperon! We partnered with Kids Rule Now to create an opportunity for young local entrepreneurs to share their dream, get entrepreneurial coaching, present to a team of innovators, and the chance to win a **\$1,000 cash prize** to help them with the next step towards their dream!

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

To participate in the 2022 Dare to Dream competition, you must be 12 to 16 years old and live within the Great Lakes Bay Region. You will also need to be able to submit a video about a new idea you have, a business you want to start or a new idea for an already existing business!

- JUNE 13, 2022** *Application open*
- JULY 1, 2022** *Application closed*
- JULY 13, 2022** *Top 5 dreamers announced*
- JULY 23, 2022** *The Boss Factor coaching*
- AUGUST 2, 2022** *Present to Team of Innovators*

For more information please check out our website and Facebook page!



Freedom Speech



By Doniqua Sovia

Ladies and Gentlemen of the United States of America. Today, tomorrow, and the next week, since 1776, we've enjoyed our freedoms. It's been formed in the intense heat of battles, and wars. It's been The Great Debate, amongst many of the most elite leaders this country has had the honor and privilege to have.

It didn't come easy. It wasn't promised as a one battle, wins all. It was in fact understood and conveyed that this thing called freedom, will forever be an ongoing fight. It was entrusted from one generation, to the next generation, with the hope that it's preservation, by any means necessary will prevail time and time again.

Should we lose hope and grow faint, let us turn our attention to the blueprint set before us, and the many reminders in the form of speeches to light our matches of passion and ignite freedom once again. For the moment we let freedom go, is the moment we forfeit our lives as we know it, and disband one of the greatest countries to ever be formed.

If not for ourselves, then for our children and our children's children, and for many legacies to come should we defend, protect, and uphold our freedoms with full honors, so that to not disregard our Forefathers dignity, but most importantly so that we may be able to continue to say with pride in our hearts and victory in our souls; God Bless America.

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VAMOS ADELANTE



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Cruz Thru celebrates grand opening

By MIKE THOMPSON

After a grand opening on June 26, Cruz Thru is open for takeouts at 2525 East Genesee, bringing new life to a former Tony's location near the fairgrounds.

Michael Cruz has assisted his parents, Santos and Gloria Cruz, in operating Cruz Kitchen on Martha Street, which remains open near the former Central Middle School. Now he has his own place, along with cousin aRaquel Rocha.

An advertisement states, "Life's too short for boring food, so come Cruz Thru! We are home of the famous menudo, award-winning tamales, and mouth-watering beef-and-cheese burritos."

Looking back on his parents' influence,

Michael says, "I was 12 years old when I began working, and as a family member I received no special treatment. It was get out the soap, get out the mop, and clean up. On a Wednesday night, when the trucks came in, we might be stocking the shelves until 4 o'clock in the morning. And then on Thursday, it was still get up at 8 o'clock. It was what it was. But it taught me a lot, how to be accountable for myself, how to always be on time."

Cruz Thru's number for takeout orders is (989) 401-1882. Ala carte individual tacos, tamales and cheese-and-onion enchiladas are \$1.89 and a deluxe diced beef burrito goes for \$3.30. Dinners are in the \$8 to \$10 range.

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6TH GRADE STUDENT RUDY LOPEZ SHOWS HIS PAINTING TO SAGINAW ARTIST LUKA DZIUBYNA

his native Poland for a refugee camp in Austria, eventually immigrating to the U.S.A. His wide-ranging mural showcases the joy of musical mariachi performers, for example, balanced by a coffin and other symbols of oppressive gun violence, both in Saginaw and in Uvalde.

"When you have experienced oppression, you see things that others may not see," Dziubyna said.

Of his mentoring, he modestly added, "The most important aspect is that they have fun. It's

not about giving them all the answers. It's about providing the opportunity for them to express themselves."

Luka's teammate in the mentoring was Andrea Ondish, the Fredericks Museum's curator of education, with a full career of classroom experience. She said the MAC Center tutoring provides the youngsters with guidance toward possible careers not only as artists, but as art teachers (there's a current shortage), and also in high-tech fields such as graphic design.

The museum's director, Megan McAdow, said funding for the yearlong project comes from the National Endowment for the Arts and its "Big Read: Great Lakes Bay Region," along with the Hemlock Semiconductor Community and Regional Empowerment Fund and Community Foundations in Saginaw, Bay and Midland counties. Bay and Midland are undertaking their own ventures. Support also comes from the Saginaw Art Museum,

A basis is a book, "The House on Mango Street," by prominent author Sandra Cisneros, formerly of San Antonio but no relation to Henry Cisneros. Her 1983 story emphasizes the importance of neighbor and community relations.

To learn more, readers may visit marshallfredericks.net/bigread.

SVSU prof visits young MAC Center artists

By MIKE THOMPSON

Sixth-grader Rudy Lopez is one of the students when Alberto Jimenez volunteers to conduct art classes for Saginaw's Mexican American Council.

He learned some lessons on the MAC Center's breezy front porch, across from Hoyt Park, from a special guest professor, Saginaw Valley State University's Luka Dziubyna.

"He showed me how to paint the water with a deep end and a shallow end, and how to combine different colors," said the Kempton Elementary School student, of his acrylic landscape scene on canvas.

Then, with wisdom beyond his years, he added, "Art is relaxing. It helps me to take my mind off of other stuff."

He joined older siblings Jeremiah, Ava and Pedro Gallardo in previous classes overseen by Jimenez, including clay sculptures.

Professor Dziubyna's visit was organized through SVSU's Marshall Fredericks



ALBERTO JIMENEZ

Museum, which is parlaying grant funds for community connections in each of the tri-counties. He is part of the faculty for the school's College of Creative Studies.

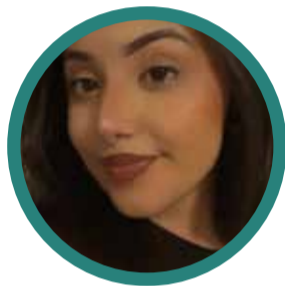
His main purpose is to produce a mural of Hispanic history that will go on display on the same porch where he took personal time with Alberto's pupils.

He says he feels a cultural connection because he also has experienced hardship. He was 6 years old when his family fled

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"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24



By **MICAELA DELGADO**
NEW BEGINNINGS
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In my opinion, summer days are some of the most beautiful days we can stand to witness. There's a specific technicolor that the season of summer brings that also carries a nostalgic feel.

One of my most favorite parts of a summer day is watching as the sun sets. The illuminating sky with purple and orange hues creates such a heavenly picture that perfectly captures the natural beauty of this world.

While we're enjoying summer this year, be in the moment. Don't let these lovely days pass you by. We've been inside for too long these past years to let the sunshine go to waste.

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 7 pm - 7:30 pm DJ Dwayne Medel
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 7 pm - 7:30 pm DJ Dwayne Medel
 7:30 pm - 9 pm Grupo Dezeo

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 11:30 am - 12 pm Al Garcia - Piano
 12:30 pm - 1 pm Samson
 1 pm Pastor Augustine Delgado
 2 pm Bobby Barrera
 3 pm Gill Guevara - Poetry
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ACT-SO winners head for nationals

By MIKE THOMPSON

Some poets create verses for others to read aloud.

Shelby Vaughn prefers to orate her own work.

She will do both as one of four Saginaw representatives at the national ACT-SO competition, set for July 14-17 in Jersey City, NJ.

The Arthur Hill High School grad achieved a trio of local gold medals in poetry -- writing, reciting, and social media -- to qualify for the trip to the East Coast. Saginaw's delegation also includes Heritage High pupils Jordan Simpson, Karleigh Anderson and Julian Morris.

One of Vaughn's spoken-word poems is "Note to Self," addressing teen concerns.

"It's a coming-of-age piece that explores how emotions such as depression may affect someone's mental health," says Shelby, who also studied theater for three years at SASA, the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, and is involved with Pit & Balcony Theater productions. "My goal is to write poems that others can relate to, to give a better understanding of how the mind works."

ACT-SO stands for Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olym-

pics, with the finals serving as a highlight of the NAACP annual convention.

Saginaw students through the years have more than held their own among entrants from the major cities, guided mainly by John Pugh and his daughter, Canika.

Meanwhile, Jordan and Julian will team up with Karleigh in a "case study" to create a hypothetical marketing plan for Delta Airlines.

Karleigh pays the Delta critics no mind because her role is to be positive and professional. She says, "It's a very, very nice airline company. They know how to take care of their customers and are professional in what they do,"

She is a staff writer for SWAG Magazine with Julian, the founding editor and publisher. He is a Saginaw ACT-SO double gold medalist who also will compete in Jersey City as an individual qualifier in the entrepreneurs category, marking yet another occasion to pitch SWAG's clothing line along with the monthly publication.

Follow The Michigan Banner for follow up reports from the NAACP conference and the ACT-SO events.

Shelby Vaughn's winning ACT-SO poems

Note to self

Just to let you know self love isn't selfish
It isn't rebellious
Self love isn't narcissism
Or a defense mechanism
Self love isn't abstract expressionism
or some kind of uncertain fanaticism
Self love isn't negligence to the people of your audience?
Or what people would call "conceited"
Self love is a cross section to the direction you need to be in connection with
And although we may have imperfections it's okay because it is a reflection of who you are, human
Self love... is loving the authentic you
Such fondness for yourself can be interpreted in different ways
For me it might be dancing in the mirror unapologetically
For you it might be wearing something that makes you feel fearless, gallant
You see self love is personal
It's a journey that you and only you can take with yourself
And on the way you might run into bumps called insecurity and hopelessness down the road
And maybe even potholes titled depression and loneliness
But yet it is an experience.
A voyage to better days
An awakening of confidence you haven't quite unlocked yet
But I promise,
When you get to the end of your destination you will find that
The love has always been there, you just needed time to see it
Self love is
Self love is like a flower in the rain
Or a needle in a haystack
Sometimes it's hard to find at first
But once found very rewarding to see
The thing about self love is, once you obtain it, just a small piece of it. It grows forever in your heart.
Once you start healing those aching wounds of neglect, misery, and rejection, you will soon bloom into the human you've once always wanted to be.
Self love is loving yourself
Loving your body and soul and spirit
And hey, maybe even your hair
Self love is ultimately the best love.
Self love is, well... I'll leave that up to you

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'Family Court' judge election



By **MIKE THOMPSON**

In the Aug. 2 election, Saginaw County voters will select a successor to 10th Circuit "Family Court" Judge James T. Borchard, who is retiring. Candidates are Andrew D. Concannon, Megan Cottingham-Heath, Brittany Dicken, Debra S. Kauten, and Janey Lamar.

Following is the official definition of the duties:

"The Juvenile and Family Division of the Circuit Court, located at 3360 Hospital Rd. in Saginaw, has exclusive jurisdiction over matters such as adoptions, juvenile delinquency proceedings, protective proceedings involving child abuse and neglect, juvenile traffic offenses, emancipation of minors, juvenile guardianships, and other legal matters of children under the age of 18. The court is required to make findings of guilt or innocence in delinquency cases, decide disposition, and assume temporary and permanent wardship in delinquency and neglect/abuse cases. The Juvenile and Family Division also exercises administrative control of the Saginaw County Youth Detention Center."

At The Michigan Banner, we offered

each candidate free-of-charge news space to submit written statements. We repeated this invitation four times. Following are the responses we received.

Andrew D. Concannon



The Saginaw County Circuit Court is a court with jurisdiction over many areas, including civil matters with over \$25,000 in dispute, felony criminal matters, mat-

ters involving declaratory and injunctive relief, constitutional issues and issues involving disputes over statutes and their implications. Of the five candidates, I am the only one to have extensive and long-term experience handling those matters. I have earned a reputation for skill in the courtroom as well as out of the court room and I am the only candidate in the race to carry an "AV" rating (Preeminent) by Martindale-Hubbell.

My qualifications include:

- 28 years of experience, 25 of those in Saginaw.
- Litigation attorney with over 2 dozen jury trials and a dozen or more bench trials which is more than my opponents combined by a significant margin.
- Varied practice representing businesses, farmers, individuals and municipalities.
- Litigated in over 40 Michigan

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counties representing clients throughout Michigan.

- Represented litigants in over 50 appeals in the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court.
- Have conducted several high stakes commercial arbitrations and federal matters and have handled several federal appeals including one in the United States Supreme Court.

Education

- Troy Athens High School, 1985
- Michigan State University, 1990 BA
- University of Detroit School of Law 1993 Juris Doctor

Megan Cottingham-Heath



MEGAN COTTINGHAM-HEATH

Twenty-nine years ago, I was a child in the middle of a heartbreaking divorce. My brother and I lived through a very painful time, and I've wanted better for other families ever since. Unfortunately, the system is still set up to do more harm than good. Now, a married mother of three, I know we must do better for families. The judiciary needs to lessen the adversarial nature of divorce and help find peace for the cases

before them.

The seat I am running for is a designated Family Law Court. My 12-year career has been devoted to family law and helping families. I am trauma trained and a mediator. In 2019, I opened my own practice. That same year, I won the Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award from the Saginaw County Bar and Legal Services.

My decision to run came from knowing I am the most qualified, both personally (as an aching twelve-year-old girl) and professionally (as an experienced, trauma trained attorney) to make a difference in the lives of many other families. I am the candidate who will make change happen.

Thank you reader, and I would be honored to have your vote.

Education

- Bavarian International School, Eching Germany 1998-2001
- Madison High School, Adrian, 2001-2002 with honors
- Central Michigan University, BA Political Science
- Michigan State University College of Law, (transferred from Thomas M. Cooley Law School)
- Domestic and Civil Mediator
- COPAA Special Education Law Training
- NITA: Deposition to Trial Training
- Licensed attorney in Michigan and Illinois

Employment

- Judicial Law Clerk and Bailiff for Circuit Judge Janelle A. Lawless in Lansing
- Consultant, Murer Consultants, Inc. in Joliet, Ill.
- Independent Legal Researcher, Cottingham & Heath Law in Saginaw
- Associate Attorney with Valerie Kutz-Otway in Saginaw
- Associate Attorney with Chalgian

and Tripp in Saginaw

- Independent Contractor for Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
- Attorney/Owner of Cottingham-Heath Law

Brittany Dicken



BRITTANY DICKEN

Former Friend of the Court Director, Brittany Dicken, is a fair, kind, and dedicated public servant who is an expert in the area of family law. Brittany served Saginaw County for nine years handling thousands of family law cases and is running for this family court position because she cares about this community and helping people.

As FOC Director, Brittany managed over 26,000 cases and implemented changes to improve accessibility to the Courts. Brittany also served the County as a Circuit Court Referee, Staff Attorney, and Law Clerk. Brittany is the most experienced candidate in family law and the only candidate to have heard and ruled on family cases in a quasi-judicial capacity.

Brittany has represented Saginaw County statewide as a Director and re-

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ceived national recognition for her ingenuity in family law. As a result of her exemplary work, Brittany earned endorsements from five Saginaw County judges, Sheriff William Federspiel, POAM, and Dick Garber, among others. Brittany has proven her dedication to this community and plans to utilize her extensive knowledge in family law to improve court services and resolve cases expeditiously and amicably. Brittany is a Saginaw Township resident where she lives with her husband, Chase, and daughter, Charlotte.

Education

- Bloomfield Hills Andover High School
- Central Michigan University, Bachelor of Applied Arts
- Charlotte School of Law, Charlotte, NC, Juris Doctorate
- Wayne State University, Guest Law Student, Juris Doctorate

Employment

- McGraw Morris, P.C., Associate Attorney (specializing in employment law and municipality defense)
- Friend of the Court Director
- Circuit Court Referee
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Advance sales of festival t-shirts are at sacfitemorder.com.

Saginaw gears up for 4th of July celebrations

The City of Saginaw is ready for another fabulous 4th of July celebration and we want to ensure it is a safe and entertaining day for all. We'd like to remind Saginaw residents of the activities they can enjoy this weekend and a few other guidelines to make the holiday safe and enjoyable!

- **Flag Raising:** Saginaw Area Fireworks will be raising its 80' x 50' flag again this year on Monday, July 4 at the Andersen / Court Street Bridge at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers who would like to assist with this massive display of patriotism should be at the bridge at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers will also be needed at 4:00 p.m. to lower the flag.
- **Saginaw Area Fireworks.** End the day with a Saginaw tradition as the night sky fills with spectacular colors during the Saginaw Area Fireworks at Ojibway Island. The show, beginning at approximately 10:15 p.m., will ignite the sky over the Saginaw River and Ojibway Island. Visit <https://saginawareafireworks.com/> for more information.

If your 4th of July plans include a celebration at home, the City of Saginaw reminds residents to be safe and use good judgment when handling fireworks, including ground and handheld sparkling devices. Fire Marshal Derron Suchodolski cautions residents, "Be safe and avoid fire related injuries and fire-related destruction of property. Even sparklers should be

used with caution, as the average temperature may exceed 1,200 degrees. Have a back-up plan with a



charged water hose or bucket of water in case of an emergency. Let's make this 4th of July a fun and safe holiday. Remember, alcohol and fireworks do not mix."

Residents are also reminded of the City's revised Pyrotechnics and Consumer Fireworks Ordinance which only allows for the use of consumer fireworks during the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. June 29 through Monday, July 4. The City of Saginaw Fireworks Ordinance prohibits the use of any consumer fireworks or pyrotechnics with the exception of the following: flare guns; low-impact fireworks, including ground and handheld sparkling devices; and novelties, to include cap guns, flutter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter. Violators are subject to a \$1,000 fine.

For more information on fireworks guidelines in Michigan, download the flier provided by the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services at <https://bit.ly/2MsLfm2> or contact the Saginaw Fire Department at (989) 759-1393.

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First Ward zoning opposition continues

By MIKE THOMPSON

Opponents of rezoning a border section of Saginaw's First Ward for "light industrial" use say they know they must do more than simply continue saying "no."

They intend to say "yes" by creating an alternative land-use plan for the first city neighborhood to become ethnically integrated, taking root nearly a century ago.

A core group of a dozen concerned citizens gathered June 24 at Pastor Kareem Bowen's church, The Potter's Touch Ministries at Sixth and Myrtle, which is in the middle of the city staff's proposed rezone strip that bends along North Washington Avenue, roughly from the Potter Station railroad tracks to First Ward Community Center.

"We want to have something to present to them -- a counter plan," said Jeffrey

Bulls, founding organizer of Community Alliance for the People.

Initial ideas that came forth include old-time basics like corner stores, barber shops and beauty salons, combined with new-age needs such as technology education and subsidized housing. A followup session is slated for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7.

When the first meeting commenced in March, snow still was melting from the massive plots of abandoned lots. Most, as usual, are growing knee high by the Fourth of July. Isolated exceptions are plots where neighboring property owners have taken it upon their volunteer shoulders to mow, mow and remove. Pastor Bowen and his congregants, for example, have adopted Myrtle Street between Sixth and Eighth.

The protests caused City Council members to delay a decision, probably until

some time near Labor Day.

City Manager Tim Morales and his staff have said "light industrial" would open the door only for small operations, not for major plants similar to GM Powertrain, formerly Grey Iron, across Washington Avenue from First Ward CC.

They further assert that the City Council, along with the Planning Commission, would maintain power to block any undesirable investment plans in spite of the rezoning. Bulls disputes this notion, citing challenges in other communities as nearby as Flint.

New businesses would be required to establish buffers, such as fencing and/or landscaping, but this standard offers scant satisfaction to Fenobia Dallas, Planning Commission chairwoman and the only member to vote against recommending the new zoning.

"Light industrial should not be allowed in a residential area," she told the Potter's Touch participants, suggesting the impact of the strip between Washington and Farwell would extend deeper toward the railroad yard.

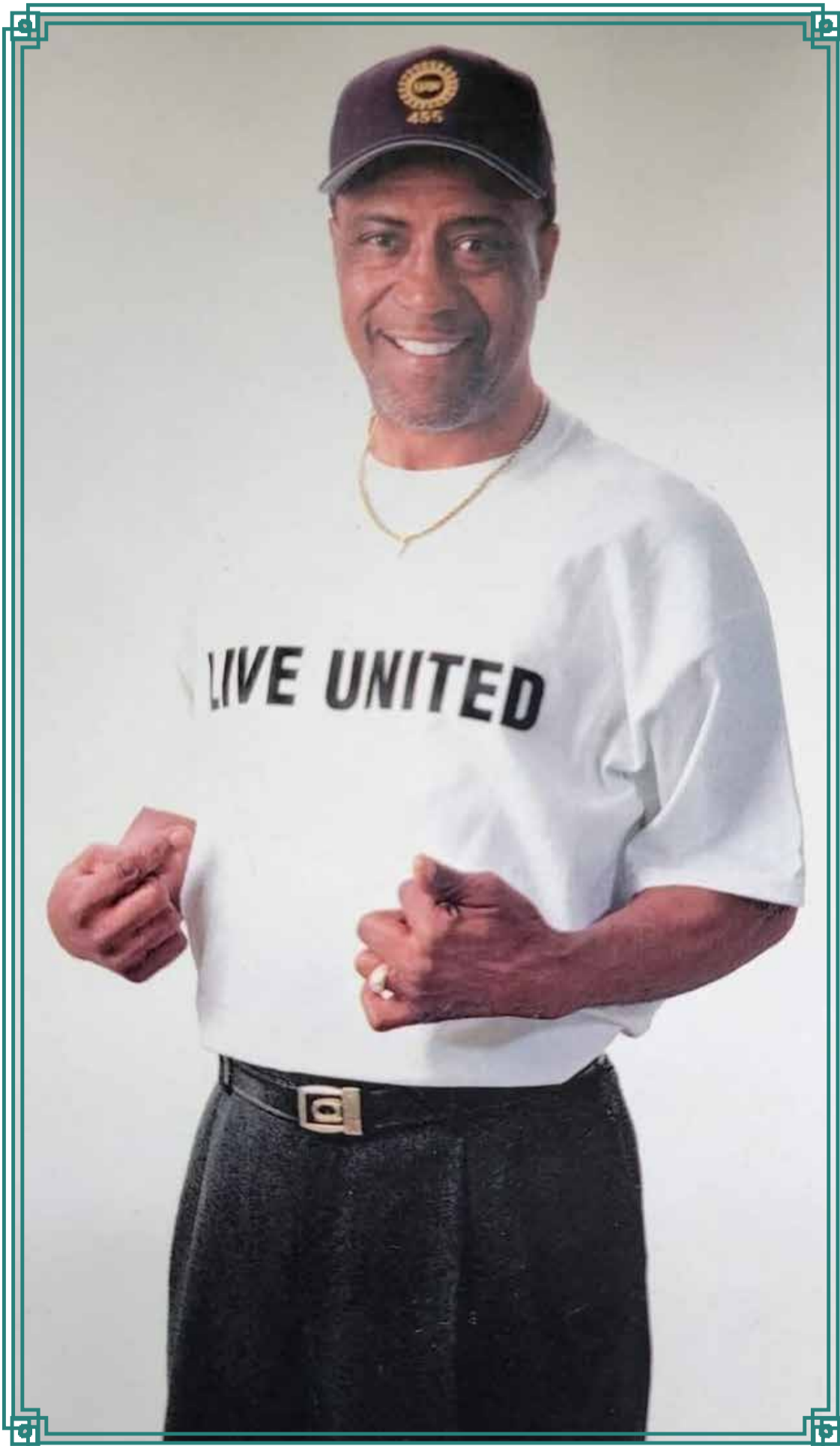
City planners have reported that the First Ward residential area has lost 78 percent of its residents, and that the proposed rezoning potentially could enable a rebirth that would create incentives for people to return.

Seeds for the current dispute were planted shortly after the turn of the millennium, when past city leaders designated the First Ward as a "Green Zone." This was based on a premise that the area is "too far gone" and that special-use monies such as block grants should go to other neighborhoods with more potential for recovery.

In 2013, Mayor Brenda Moore based much of her initial City Council campaign on opposing Green Zone status, and she supports the rezoning as a path toward doing something instead of nothing.

Bulls summarizes his outlook: "We need to reset the whole conversation."

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REMEMBERING
TONY E. SAUNDERS

God stretched his hand to reclaim his angel our beloved father, brother, uncle and grandfather, Tony Edward Saunders on June 17, 2022 at his residence at the age of 67 years. Tony was born to Velvet Bigbee and Sam Carver on June 26, 1954 in Switchback, West Virginia.

Tony worked at the Malleable Iron Plant GM for 30 plus years and was a member of UAW Local 455. He belonged to several organizations such as United Way, NAACP, was part owner of Wonderland Beauty Supply and a board member for Healthformation 4U (a community-based organization dedicated to raising awareness for health and medical issues impacting our community). Tony loved music, dancing, concerts and spending time with family including friends that loved him.

He leaves to cherish many memories, one son, Aaron (Faten) Latimer, Sr.; three sisters, Shirley Taylor, Brenda (David, a special brother-in-law) and Berta Ford; grandchildren; several nieces, Ivey Atkinson, Mia Taylor, Taylor Winters; several nephews, Jamiece Taylor, Tim Terrentine, David Jr., Brandon and Joshua Moore; special cousin, Bertha Bell; special brothers/friends, Emanuel McGlothlin, Lamar Kimble, Angelous Guillory (AKA the five Heartbeats), Willie Reed, Jerome Buckley and Maurice Jackson; other relatives and friends.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Velvet Bigbee and Sam Carver; grandparents, Thomas Edward Saunders, Elihue and Berta Myers; a brother, James Taylor; one aunt, Selma Grays; two uncles, Alphonso and Ronald Jamison; special cousins, Carolyn Seay, Byron Montrel and Arianna Box.

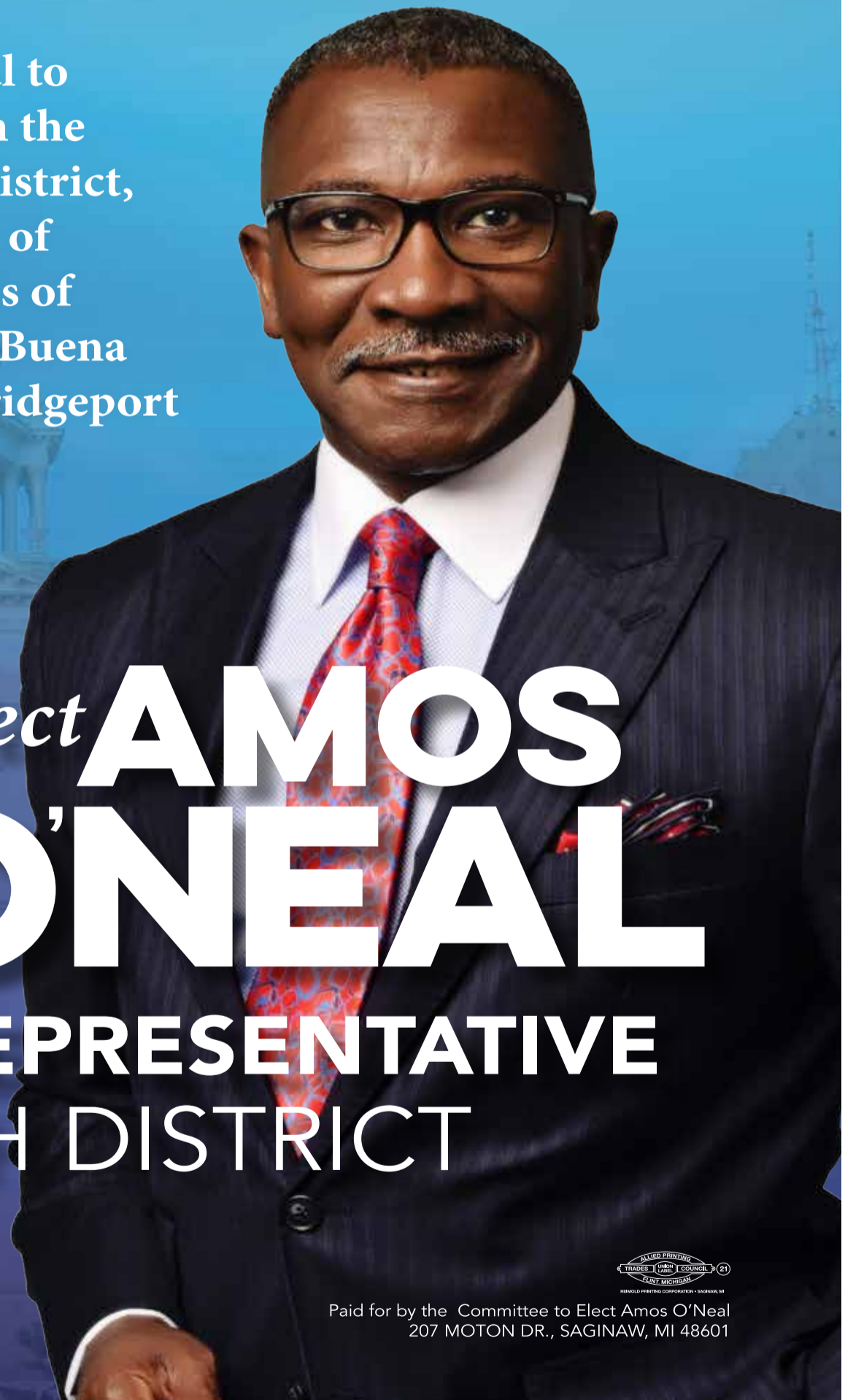
The family would like to thank everyone for all the love that has been shown. God bless each and every one of you.

Memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor James Snead will officiate.

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Volunteers combat poverty with Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.)

Bustling around a two-story Saginaw home, volunteers worked to not only beautify the home, but also made practical repairs and improvements.

One group of youth volunteered at a soup kitchen. In the evenings, they prayed together and learned about Catholic social teaching. Throughout the day, they are challenged to consider how poverty affects those in their own communities.

This is Youth Encounter Service, or Y.E.S., a weeklong immersion service experience sponsored by the Diocese of Saginaw. During Y.E.S., high school-aged youth and adult volunteers learn about and combat poverty by volunteering at outreach organizations and by working on the exterior of the home of a low-income individual.

More than just new paint

The home that the youth worked on benefitted from more than just new paint. By scraping away the old paint and apply-

ing a new, quality paint to the wooden exterior, they protected the siding from rot. They also caulked and glazed windows and replaced insulation plugs to reduce drafts and made the home more energy-efficient. Safety is also an important consideration, said Nikki Bakos, Y.E.S. director. The Y.E.S. team ensures all porch lights and locks work, as well as replace house numbers with reflective ones.

The homeowner stated that he wants to “age in place,” that is, remain in his home as long as he is able. Therefore, volunteers also built safe porch steps, sealed the lumber and added treads and handrails. The homeowner, in his 80s, can no longer clean out his gutters, so they also put gutter guards on his house.

“If we’re going to do a job, we’re going to do it right. We don’t cut corners,” Nikki said. “Anything we do is not a bandaid.”

The Y.E.S. staff, which includes experienced adults and a former home inspector, examined the house closely for any potential issues as well, such as insect holes in the siding, to be repaired.

“It’s looking at the little things that can become big things,” Nikki said.

Community outreach and Catholic social teaching

Youth also volunteered at community outreach organizations, including Mustard Seed Shelter, Eastside Soup Kitchen and the Partnership Center, where they cleaned, performed yard work and distributed food. This year, Saginaw District Court Judge Elian Fichtner invited the youth into her courtroom to observe and explain how the criminal justice system tries to keep the community safe while ensuring those accused of a crime receive due process, a fair trial and the resources they may need.

Education about poverty and Catholic social teaching is also integral to the week. On Tuesday, youth packed their usual lunch, but were later told they would be participating in a “hunger awareness meal,” nicknamed H.A.M.

Each team is allotted \$1.52 per person (the average SNAP allotment) to purchase a balanced meal. As families may not always have the inexpensive means to get to the best places to shop for groceries, teams were to purchase their meals at a local convenience store. They also had very limited cooking supplies with which to prepare their meal.

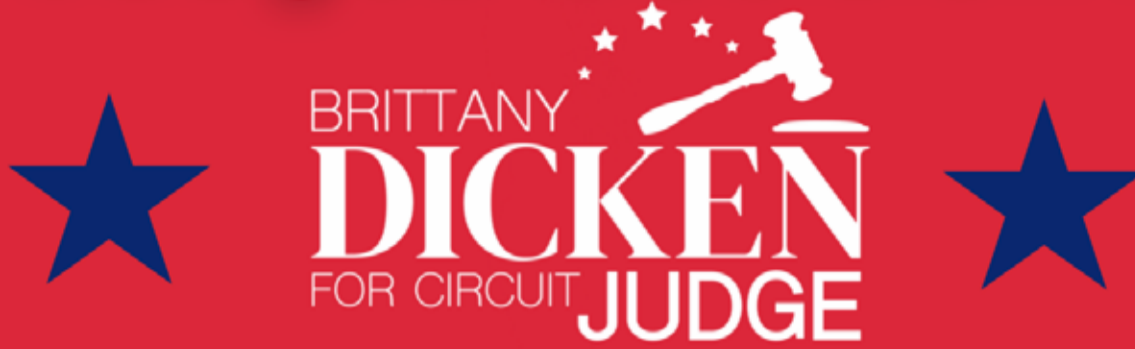
Nikki said the group of youth are excited to learn how to do the tasks at hand and learn about Catholic social teaching, a beautiful but lesser-known aspect of the Faith.

“My staff live our Catholic social teaching. This is the ultimate experience of it and sharing of it,” she said.

Following a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Nikki is glad that Y.E.S. is back and impacting homeowners, agencies and youth participants.

“The summer doesn’t feel complete if this doesn’t happen,” she said.

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What's for dinner today, Della?

By Dolores Grant-Fall, former Neighborhood House cook

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Fried Bread

Ingredients

- 2 and 3/4 cups of flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- Optional pinches of orange zest and nutmeg



Instructions

Mix all dry ingredients together. Beat egg, vanilla, and milk, with a wooden spoon. Form into a dough and roll out quarter-inch-thick. Cut into any shapes you like. Deep fry brown on both sides in 325° oil. Cool on paper towels. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar.

When finish cooking put on paper towel to get excess oil out sprinkle with powdered sugar or cinnamon sugar enjoy with a cup of coffee tea pop whatever you want to.

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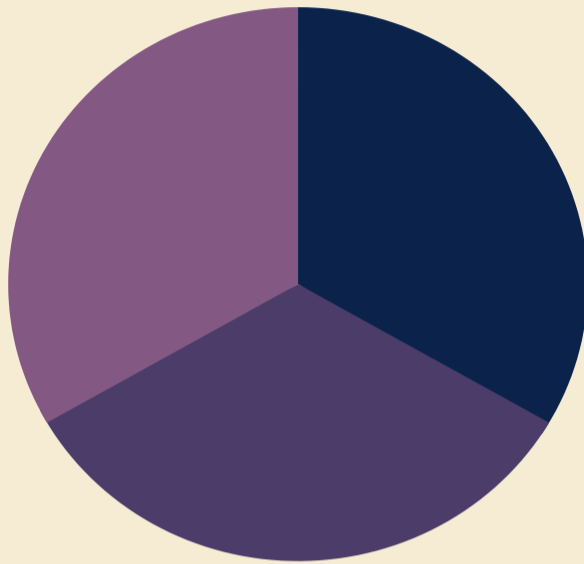
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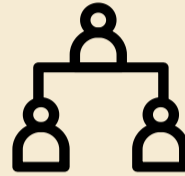


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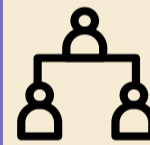


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Anniversaries are worth celebrating



BY KEN H. SIMMONS, II
MANAGING DIRECTOR, KENZO
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As obvious as it might sound, anniversaries are worth celebrating. Just like every year, there will always be an anniversary somewhere for something,

and 2022 is no exception. Earlier this year, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms, and the Commonwealth. That is more than an anniversary, it's history in the making. But my inspiration for writing this article is much closer to home. June marked my first anniversary as a guest columnist here at The Michigan Banner. More importantly, 2022 marks the 20th Anniversary of this very publication, and on 09 June this major milestone was celebrated at the Annual Heart of

the City Community Awards Banquet where stalwarts were recognized for their community service.

All of these celebrations have surely put anniversaries in our collective consciousness. Whether we are aware of it or not, some people do not believe in celebrating anniversaries for lifestyle or religious reasons, and for a few, it means of any kind (i.e. birthdays, weddings, and annual holidays).

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One celebrity that has been open with the media about her and her husband's decision not to celebrate birthdays is award-winning tennis champion, Serena Williams. She is quoted saying, "Olympia doesn't celebrate birthdays. We're Jehovah's Witnesses so we don't do that", as reported by *essence.com* two years ago. Williams was speaking about her newborn daughter, and also stated that her husband, "Alexis didn't grow up going to any church, but he's really receptive and even takes the lead. He puts my needs first." According to the official website for the religion, *jw.org*, Jehovah's Witnesses do not celebrate birthdays because they believe "that such celebrations displease God". They acknowledge that the Bible does not explicitly forbid birthday celebrations, but use scripture to help them understand God's view.

The origin of birthday celebrations is widely believed to have pagan roots, but birthdays couldn't start until calendars were created. The world's oldest calendar was created by hunter-gatherers around 8,000 BC, according to the British University of Birmingham archeology experts that discovered it. With this new system of tracking time came the ability to celebrate birthdays and other significant events each year, in other words, anniversaries. Some Bible scholars say that the earliest mention of a birthday was circa 3,000 B.C. in reference to an Egyptian pharaoh's birthday. However, it was not their birth into the world, but their "birth" as a god that was celebrated. When pharaohs were crowned in ancient Egypt, they were believed to have transformed into gods, and that historic event became more important than their physical birth.

In ancient Greece, birthday celebrations started as a form of protection for regular people or citizens. Apparently, the ancient Greeks lit candles, and friends and family would gather around the birthday person, express good cheers, thoughts, and wishes, give gifts, and use noisemakers all to ward off evil

spirits. In early Christianity, birthday celebrations were considered evil because the practice was tied to pagan gods. Christians abandoned that way of thinking in the 4th century A.D. when they started celebrating the birth of Jesus, commonly known as Christmas. Ironically, celebrating Jesus' birth was partly enacted to recruit those who already celebrated Saturnalia, the Roman pagan festival honoring the agricultural god, Saturn.

Many couples choose not to celebrate their anniversaries, and one of the most famous is Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Will and Jada that is). They have been married for 25 years and even though they used to celebrate their anniversary big time, apparently that is no longer the case. In 2019, the *Huffington Post* reported in an article, entitled "Meet The Couples Who Don't Celebrate Their Anniversaries. Ever", that the Smiths famously admitted that their anniversary no longer meant anything to them as a couple. Jada said, "We don't really celebrate that day anymore in that sense, because the context of our union is totally different. Our marriage is more of a life partnership."

Anniversaries are an important part of life because they remind us of both personal and culturally important events. Whether it's a birthday, wedding, death of a loved one, founding a company, or a momentous national or international event, they are celebrated because they give us a chance to reflect on something that matters to us. Remembering the past is an important part of understanding who we are and what we want in the future as long as we don't dwell on it or let it rule us.

Life itself is a gift and every human on earth has been given a chance to fulfill their unique purpose during their lifetime. A birthday is an important and momentous occasion to give thanks for being alive, to reflect on achievements, on what you have overcome, and look to the future. For children, celebrating birthdays can improve self-esteem

and identity, help develop social skills, strengthen family bonds, teach them about the passage of time, create positive memories, and make them happy.

After being born, one of the most important days in life is the day you get married. Whether you are married for one year, ten years, or fifty years, every anniversary presents an opportunity to reflect on the journey you have walked with your spouse, gain a deeper understanding of your relationship, and celebrate your love. Even if the past year has been a struggle, an anniversary can be an excellent time to heal wounds between you and your partner.

Anniversaries are more than opportunities to recognize significant milestones. In a company, if properly taken advantage of, anniversaries can provide a time for all employees, executives, and shareholders to pause and recall the meaningful history of the organization and appreciate their role in it. Companies can use anniversary celebrations to recognize employee efforts and express gratitude to clients, suppliers, and partners.

For individuals, couples, companies, and countries anniversaries allow culture and values to be reinforced. As we are just a few days away from our national anniversary as Americans, I would like to wish you a Happy Independence Day. The 4th of July also happens to be my wife's birthday, so Happy Birthday to my soul mate, Sanele, in advance. Thank you to the publisher, Jerome Buckley, for allowing me to express my humble opinion to you for one full year now, and hopefully, I have helped to reinforce the publication's culture of diversity and values of educating, informing, and enlightening the community. Happy 20th Anniversary and God bless the Michigan Banner more and more!



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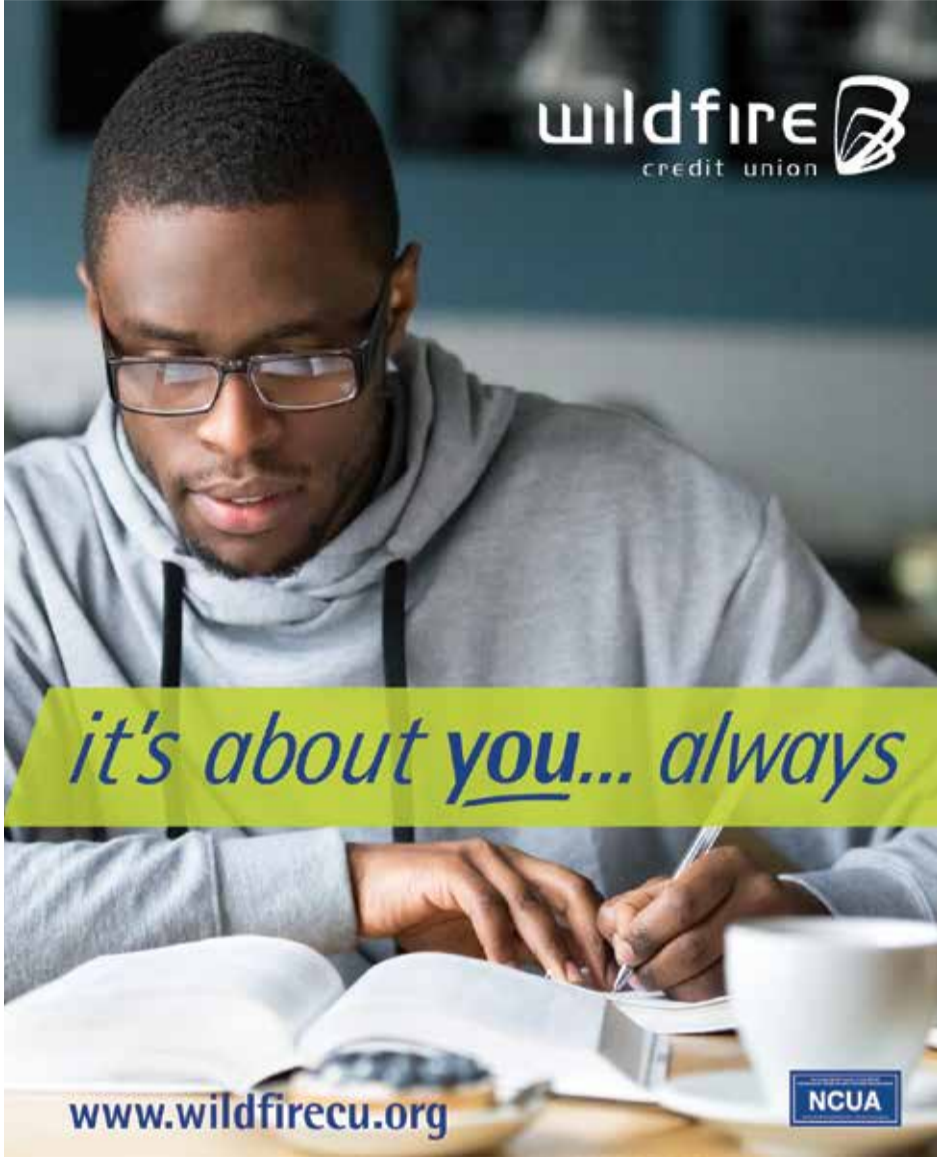


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SVSU Board approves re-naming of Health & Human Services Building to Bachand Hall

The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control approved honoring Donald Bachand's dedicated service to the university by re-naming SVSU's Health and Human Services as "Bachand Hall."

The announcement came during the Board's regular meeting Monday, June 20. Currently serving as SVSU president, Bachand previously announced his intent to retire from that role in November 2021.

"The Board is immensely appreciative of Don's extraordinary commitment to SVSU over the past 44 years," said Vicki Rupp, chair of the SVSU Board of Control. "For someone to grow their career from assistant professor to dean to provost to president at the same institution is utterly remarkable and deserving of recognition."

"There is much I could say about Don's many accomplishments during his 8 years as president, but his leadership during the pandemic really stands out to me. Not only did SVSU open its classrooms and residence halls in August 2020 to serve students, it rallied the university community to offer COVID-19 vaccination events on campus, saving many lives in the process."

A former Detroit police officer,

Bachand joined SVSU in 1978 as one of its founding criminal justice professors, later earning the Landee Award for Teaching Excellence, SVSU's most prestigious academic honor. He advanced through the ranks and was named SVSU's fourth president in February 2014.

"Don's emphasis on building relationships with students and preparing them for successful lives and careers is an enduring piece of his legacy," Rupp added. "He and Liana have done so much to create stronger ties between SVSU and organizations throughout Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region and far beyond. We would all do well to learn from their example."

The Board also approved a resolution of appreciation for Don's wife, Liana Bachand, for demonstrating "an extraordinary commitment to promoting student success and spreading the SVSU story throughout the region and across the globe," among other things.

Liana played a key leadership role in building a health clinic adjacent to the Royal Seed Home orphanage in Ghana, West Africa. The Bachands have personally supported the project financially. SVSU

has a close relationship with neighboring Pentecost University College in Ghana.

As a long-serving faculty member and administrator, President Bachand emphasized a healthy and effective workplace, leading to SVSU receiving national recognition as a "Great College to Work For" for six consecutive years.

Bachand also increased private giving to support key initiatives. The number of private scholarships awarded to students more than doubled from 729 to more than 1,700 by 2021. He led a fundraising campaign that resulted in more than \$15 million in private gifts and nearly \$10 million in state funding to construct a building addition for the Scott L. Carmona College of Business, which opened in 2020.

SVSU is actively conducting a presidential search, and the Board is expected to select SVSU's fifth president this summer. Bachand is expected to complete his service as president by year's end. A formal building-naming ceremony will be announced at a later date.

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SAGINAW
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUGUST 2, 2022 SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE ELECTION



The August 2, 2022 Special Education Election affects all students in all Saginaw County public school districts and public school academies.



1. When is the election?

The election will be held in every local school district served by the Saginaw Intermediate School District on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available after June 23rd, and can be cast through Election Day.

2. What is on the ballot?

Registered voters residing in school districts served by Saginaw ISD will vote on a 10-year Special Education Millage Proposal that calls for a 1.5583 mill tax increase.

3. What is the primary purpose of the election?

Special education services that are required by law have not been fully funded by the State of Michigan. Hence, this year Saginaw ISD will be forced to make-up the \$8.1 million special education funding shortages by invoicing local school districts for unfunded special education services. Local school districts will pay the \$8.1 million from their general operating budgets, reducing the amount of revenue available to pay for programs and services provided to all 26,140 students in Saginaw County.

The Special Education Millage Proposal will greatly reduce the special education funding shortages, providing Saginaw County's twelve local school districts and six public school academies with annual relief to their operating budgets.

4. What school districts are served by Saginaw ISD and are affected by this election?

This election will affect Saginaw County's twelve school districts and six Public School Academies listed below:

School Districts

- Birch Run Area Schools
- Bridgeport-Spaulling Community Schools
- Carrollton Public Schools
- Chesaning Union Schools
- Frankenmuth School District
- Freeland Community School District
- Hemlock Public Schools
- Merrill Community Schools
- Saginaw City School District
- Saginaw Township Community Schools
- St. Charles Community Schools
- Swan Valley School District

Public School Academies

- Covenant Academy
- Francis Reh
- International Academy
- North Saginaw Charter
- Saginaw Prep Academy
- Saginaw STEM Academy of Excellence

Registered voters who live in Saginaw County can vote on the Special Education Millage Proposal by absentee ballot after June 23rd, or at the polls on August 2nd.



5. How much money will each local school district receive if the Special Education Millage Proposal is approved by voters?

The approximate amount of revenue that will be returned to local school district and public school academy operating budgets is based on the number of special education students residing in the school district.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	APPROXIMATE REVENUE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE
Birch Run Area Schools	\$ 323,000
Bridgeport-Spaulling Community Schools	\$ 484,000
Carrollton Public Schools	\$ 546,000
Chesaning Union Schools	\$ 497,000
Frankenmuth School District	\$ 283,000
Freeland Community School District	\$ 467,000
Hemlock Public Schools	\$ 323,000
Merrill Community Schools	\$ 237,000
Saginaw City School District	\$1,100,000
Saginaw Township Community Schools	\$1,300,000
St. Charles Community Schools	\$ 210,000
Swan Valley School District	\$ 516,000
LOCAL ACADEMIES	
Covenant Academy	\$ -0-
Francis Reh	\$ 13,000
International Academy	\$ 48,000
North Saginaw Charter	\$ 92,000
Saginaw Prep Academy	\$ 44,000
Saginaw STEM Academy of Excellence	\$ 76,000

6. How will the revenue from the Special Education Millage Proposal be used?

Each local school district will determine how the revenue returned to its general operating budget will be used. All districts are committed to using the revenue to enhance educational programs and services for all of their students.

Revenue from this election will benefit 26,140 students served by local school districts and public school academies in Saginaw County.

7. How much revenue from this election will go to local school districts and public school academies?

If voters approve the Special Education Millage Proposal, all revenue will be distributed to Saginaw County's twelve local school districts and six public school academies.

8. How much revenue from this election will go to Saginaw ISD?

None, all revenue will be pro-rata to Saginaw County's twelve local school districts and six public school academies.

9. How are the revenue distributions to local districts determined?

The distribution of millage revenue to local school districts is consistent with the special education funding priorities jointly established by local school district superintendents and Saginaw ISD in 2017.

The distribution formula is part of Saginaw ISD's Special Education Plan approved by local school district superintendents and submitted to and approved by the Michigan Department of Education.

10. What will the Special Education Millage Proposal cost?

The 1.5583 mill proposal will cost the average Saginaw County homeowner (living in a \$100,000 home) \$6.49 per month or about 21 cents per day. Some Saginaw County homeowners will pay more, but most will pay less.

To calculate your exact cost, multiply the assessed value of your home by 0.0015583. The assessed value of your home is a maximum of one-half its market value. So, if you live in a home with a \$100,000 market value, the maximum assessed value will be one-half that... or \$50,000. Multiply \$50,000 by 0.0015583 to get your annual cost (\$50,000 X 0.0015583 = \$77.92 per year)... or about 21 cents per day.

11. Will homeowner property values be affected if voters approve the Special Education Millage Proposal?

Research indicates that real estate values tend to be higher in communities with school districts that offer students a quality educational program. Voter approval of the Special Education Millage Proposal will enhance educational programs in all local school districts and are likely to reflect positively on homeowner property values and each local school district's reputation.



12. What special education programs/services are provided for students in Saginaw County?

Michigan law requires school districts to provide special education services to individuals with disabilities from birth through age 26 or upon graduation from high school. Students are eligible for services under one of 13 disability areas, including...

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Early Childhood Developmental Delay
- Emotional Impairment
- Cognitive Impairment
- Severe Multiple Impairment
- Physical Impairment
- Otherwise Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech and Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

The Saginaw ISD Special Education Department in combination with providers in our local districts, provides programs and services that support the academic and functional achievement of over 4,600 students with disabilities. These students comprise approximately 15 percent of Saginaw County's student population.

Over 370 special education staff members from the Saginaw ISD serve students across all twelve local school districts, six public school academies, and numerous parochial schools. These individuals provide a variety of supports and services to meet students' individual academic needs. In order to support the diverse needs of our students, Saginaw ISD also operates four center-based programs which service low-incidence disabilities. These programs include the Millet Learning Center, Transitions Center School, Saginaw Therapeutic Education Program, and Early On.

In addition, Saginaw ISD provides county-wide special education transportation services to ensure equitable access to a variety of special education programs across Saginaw County.

13. A YES vote typically means that a voter supports a proposal. Is that the case in this election?

Yes. Voters who support the Special Education Millage Proposal should vote YES. Voters who oppose it should vote NO.



14. What will happen if voters do not approve the August 2nd Special Education Millage Proposal?

Saginaw ISD will be required to continue invoicing its twelve local school districts and six public school academies over eight million dollars annually for unfunded special education costs. This will negatively affect educational funding for all students in all Saginaw County public schools.



15. Who can vote in this election?

Saginaw County residents who are 18 years of age or older and are registered to vote can vote in this election.



16. Where can I get information about voting (such as how to register, where to vote, and absentee voting)?

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website (www.michigan.gov/vote) or call the Clerk's Office where you reside.

17. Do I need to update my voter registration?

Registered voters need to update their voter registration if they have changed their name or address since the last time they voted. You can do this at any Secretary of State Office or at the Clerk's Office where you reside.

18. Can registered voters vote by absentee ballot?

Yes. Any registered voter can request an absentee voter application from their local clerk or online at www.michigan.gov/vote. After June 23rd, absentee ballots will be mailed to registered voters who have submitted an absentee voter application. Absentee ballots can be cast through 8 p.m. on Election Day, August 2nd.

19. How will the August 2nd ballot be worded?

The exact ballot wording appears below:

**SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special education millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the 1.9417 mills limitation (\$1.9417 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Saginaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of students with a disability be increased by 1.5583 mills (\$1.5583 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2022 to 2031, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately \$8,638,119 from local property taxes authorized herein?

YES
NO

For more information:

- Go to www.sisd.cc and click on *Special Education Millage Election*
- Contact Erin Senkowski, Executive Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8708 | email senkowskie@sisd.cc)
- Contact David Krantz, Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8754 | email dkrantz@sisd.cc)
- Contact your local school district superintendent for additional details

Share your thoughts about Saginaw ISD's Special Education Millage Election.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION
MILLAGE ELECTION
AUGUST 2, 2022**

...an election to benefit Saginaw County's twelve public school districts and six public school academies.

What is on the ballot?

A 10-year Special Education Millage Proposal that calls for a 1.5583 mill tax increase. If approved by voters, most Saginaw County voters will pay 21¢ per day or less.

Why is this on the ballot?

Special education services that are required by law have not been fully funded. This year Saginaw ISD will be forced to make up the \$8.1 million shortage by invoicing local school districts and public school academies for unfunded special education services. They will pay for the \$8.1 million shortage from their general operating budgets, reducing the amount of revenue available to pay for programs and services provided to all 25,653 students in Saginaw County.

Will all twelve school districts and six public school academies in Saginaw County benefit if this special education millage is approved?

Yes. Students in all twelve school districts and six public school academies in Saginaw County will benefit if this millage is approved. Revenue from this millage will be used to pay for services mandated for special education services in Birch Run Area Schools, Bridgeport-Spaulling Community Schools, Carrollton Public Schools, Chesaning Union Schools, Frankenmuth School District, Freeland Community School District, Hemlock Public Schools, Merrill Community Schools, Saginaw City School District, Saginaw Township Community Schools, St. Charles Community Schools, and Swan Valley School District. In addition, revenue will be available to Saginaw County's six public school academies.

Share your thoughts about the millage proposal with us!
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**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
SAGINAW ISD'S SPECIAL
EDUCATION ELECTION**

What if this millage is not approved?

Over \$8 million will not be available to support the education of the 25,653 students in Saginaw County's twelve public school districts and six public school academies. Public school districts and academies will continue to fund the special education funding shortage out of their general fund.

Why is this a Saginaw Intermediate School District millage proposal?

Saginaw ISD is the only educational entity in Saginaw County that can place this proposal on the ballot.

Saginaw ISD has placed this proposal on the ballot on behalf of the twelve local school districts and six public school academies that it serves. Saginaw ISD is committed to using the increase of revenue to directly support special education services.

Who can vote in this election?

Registered voters residing in Saginaw County's twelve school districts can vote in this election at the polls on August 2nd or by absentee ballot from June 23rd through Election Day.

To register to vote, locate your voting precinct, or apply for an absentee ballot, go to www.michigan.gov/vote or call your local Clerk's Office.

Where can I get more information or ask questions about the election?

- Go to www.sisd.org and click on Special Education Millage Election
- Call or email Erin Senkowski, Saginaw ISD's Executive Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8708 | email senkowskie@sisd.cc) or David Krantz, Saginaw ISD's Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8754 | email dkrantz@sisd.cc)
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SVSU supports rural students' college success and career preparation with \$1.2 million federal grant

Saginaw Valley State University has received a major federal grant that will enable the institution to broaden the scope of services it offers rural students and prepare them for careers in Michigan.

The \$1.2 million "Pathways for Rural Student Success at SVSU" grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education's Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development Program, will allow for both the expansion of existing programs and the development of new programs related to college readiness and access, student retention and success, and employability. The grant, which will be funded from October 2022 through August 2025, will provide resources to implement the "Pathways" program.

"Student success is a high priority at SVSU, and we have many programs in place to support students and help them overcome obstacles that might interfere with their education," said Donald Bachand, SVSU president. "With this funding, we can do even more, not only for rural students, but for all students."

About 70% of SVSU's students come from rural communities, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Ivy Braden, a 2018 SVSU graduate with a degree in communication, considers herself an anomaly among her high school classmates. The Nashville native attended Maple Valley schools, roughly midway between Lansing, Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. She said she was always encouraged to attend college, but she wasn't well prepared to navigate the col-

lege search and application process, especially completing the FAFSA – the free application for federal student aid. Braden didn't know many people who could provide practical assistance.

"In my community, there weren't many people with four-year college degrees, so college wasn't strongly encouraged and people weren't familiar with the steps needed to apply to college," Braden said. "My class was able to attend only one college fair, and even that was intimidating."

Braden – who now works in SVSU's Alumni Relations office – added that college may introduce students to career opportunities beyond what they see in their hometowns.

"Rural communities don't have a wide range of businesses that expose you to different careers," she said, "and our high school wasn't able to offer the same kind of career exploration that many of my SVSU classmates had. We took a career interest assessment, but we weren't provided with the information on what we needed to do to attain those careers."

Through the "Pathways" program, SVSU intends to provide personnel and structures to bridge these – and other – gaps.

SVSU's financial aid and scholarship opportunities, small class sizes, and caring campus culture are often appealing to students.

Jayson Tunstall, an accounting major who graduated from New Lothrop High School, said he and his classmates found SVSU to be a welcoming environment.

"A good 40% of my graduating class was coming here out of high school. They discussed how nice the school was and how they felt at home on their tour," he said.

With funding from the grant, SVSU intends to build on this welcoming culture, developing and enhancing services to students before, during and even after their college years.

Brian Thomas, SVSU's associate vice president for academic affairs, said SVSU will direct resources to:

- improve rates of postsecondary enrollment
- support students to stay in school and complete degrees
- develop pathways that lead to high-quality careers, especially those aligned with Michigan's talent needs.

While the grant period is for three years, SVSU is committed to continuing its "Pathways" program long into the future, building upon prior work.

"SVSU previously was selected for the Higher Learning Commission's Student Success Academy, so we have been completing a comprehensive student success plan," Thomas said. "While the grant is targeted to students from rural communities, we will be better positioned to serve our students from urban communities and other backgrounds too. Students face many common barriers, regardless of where they come from."

Delta College expands online degree offerings

In response to a growing interest in the flexibility and convenience of online classes, Delta College is working to expand its online degree and certificate programs.

Delta currently offers 17 fully online programs and hundreds of online classes, so students can learn when and where they want. Delta's online options are designed to be accessible, convenient and easy to fit into a busy schedule.

Eduardo Suniga, dean of Career Education and Learning Partnerships for Delta, said some students prefer online learning for a variety of reasons, including affordability, flexibility and accessibility.

"Online learning is essential to today's education," said Suniga. "It has grown significantly over the last decade, and since the pan-

demic, it has grown exponentially. Our online programs are designed for individuals who are self-motivated, self-disciplined, and committed to learning, and we make sure students receive the same personal attention and quality education that Delta is known for providing."

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With the fall semester at Delta College set to begin August 27, new and current students are encouraged to plan ahead now by enrolling or registering for classes. Get started at delta.edu/register.



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Major challenges facing Public Schools



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

As one school year ends, plans for the next year accelerate. It is a good time for all of us to reflect upon where things stand and to pose a rhetorical question, what are some of the challenges ahead for education?

Here are three of the long lists that one could consider. They may or may not “top” a list you or others might have, but this list serves as a starting point.

- **Staffing shortages, especially teaching candidates.**

We are now seeing with increasing frequency some challenges such as...

Bus routes canceled due to driver shortages;

Classrooms being “covered” by other teaching colleagues (pulling them from libraries, gymnasiums, or “other” specialized areas);

Substitute teachers who may or may not be experienced or credentialed.

- **Public support for local schools.**

School boards have been under fire for issues related to schooling (e.g., curriculum), health (e.g., facemasks), and funding. Public sentiment has always been a part of school governance; however, instances of harsh and unruly behaviors have been strong disincentives to serve on school boards.

Added to this are frequent harsh directives from state level authorities make local decisions restrictive. Local innovation is traded for conformity.

- **Family and community challenges.**

The fallout from COVID 19 continues for families everywhere.

School safety is a priority in every school building of every size.

The impact of inflation on every family and every school system is ever-present and will last indefinitely.

These are some of the pressing issues that I am seeing in our region. It is up to all of us to stay connected with our schools and the educators who operate within them.

Resource: <https://www.publicschoolreview.com/blog/10-major-challenges-facing-public-schools>

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What is GSRP?

GSRP is Michigan's state funded Pre-K program. It serves children who meet income and/or other criteria in the year before they are eligible for Kindergarten. All classrooms use an approved research-based curriculum and comprehensive child assessment tool. Each classroom has a lead and associate teacher who meet credentials specified in the State School Aid Act. Parents are involved in the program in multiple ways. The program operates in part and school-day options. More can be learned about program requirements at: www.michigan.gov/gsrp.

Who can be a GSRP provider?

GSRP is provided in sites licensed as child care centers. They may have either a regular license or a provisional license as a new or relocated center. Those with one of these types of provisional license

must agree to submit a Self-Assessment Survey in the Great Start to Quality (GSQ) system as soon as the regular license is issued. Centers with licenses that have been modified to provisional status are not eligible. All centers that have eligible licenses must also have at least a three star rating in GSQ.

Would I have to meet all program requirements to be chosen as a GSRP provider?

No, but if funded, you will be expected to hire qualified staff and have staff trained in the curriculum and assessment tools. You will have to operate in compliance with child care licensing rules and GSRP statute, policies and procedures. You would also have the support of a Saginaw Intermediate School District Early Childhood Specialist to implement a program that meets requirements.

Are there any other criteria and what do I have to do to apply?

Once additional funds are identified, you will receive an application to be completed.

If I want my center to be considered in the future what can I do?

Complete the GSQ Self-Assessment Survey to be star rated. Take advantage of all opportunities and support that the local GSQ Resource Center has to offer (contact Julie Bash at bashj@sisd.cc). Join the Great Start Collaborative (contact Julie Kozan at jkozan@sisd.cc). Let your SISD Early Childhood Contact, Ericka M. Taylor (etaylor@sisd.cc) know of your ongoing interest. There may be professional development that you can take part in as you prep for next year's application process.

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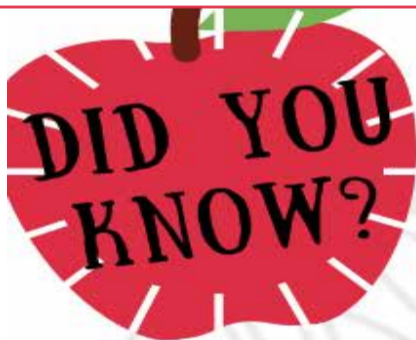
will be accepting enrollment applications

March 14 through September 2, 2022

Applications for enrollment can be obtained from the building you want your child to attend.

A detailed list of openings for the 2022-23 school year are available at all Saginaw Public Schools and at www.spsd.net

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GUIDELINES

What are the guiding principles for the MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot program?

The following principles will consistently be used in decision making around the implementation of the MI Tri-Share pilot program:

- Choice of provider(s) will be made by the employee.
- Limit the burden to employers and providers in determining employee eligibility by requiring hubs to determine eligibility.
- Help ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) eliminate barriers to employment.

Who is responsible to pay for child care using the MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot model?

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program, in its pilot phase, is an innovative approach to increasing access to high quality, affordable child care for working families, with the cost of child care shared by an employer, the employee and the State of Michigan. In all cases, child care costs must be divided equally between the employer, employee and the State.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. What are the employee eligibility requirements?

Employee eligibility will be determined based on the employee's family size and household income. Employees must have a household income between 186%-285% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Employees must not be eligible for the Development and Care Program (commonly referred to as child care subsidy). Once an employee is deemed eligible, they are eligible for the entire year of the pilot.

2. How is eligibility determined?

Hubs will gather income data and determine final eligibility of employee.

3. Are employees eligible if they have seasonal work?

Seasonal income is considered contractual income if it is income meant to cover the other six months when not working. In this instance, you would take the income for six months and determine monthly income based on the year.

4. What is the process for determining which employees are eligible for child care slots?

Employers have flexibility in deciding which

family will receive a child care slot. Possible ways to make this determination include:

- First come, first serve process
- Employee lottery/random selection
- Employee needs (i.e., closest to 186% FPL)
- Each family receives one child care slot/
Family receives multiple child care slots

5. How many child care slots are employees eligible for?

Employers have flexibility in deciding how many child care slots should be offered to participating employees and their families. Possible ways to make this determination include:

- Each participating family receives one slots
- Participating families receive multiple slots based on how many children need care
- Participating families receive one or multiple slots based on greatest need

6. Can child care providers and employees outside the designated regions participate in the Tri-Share program?

Eligible employees may reside outside the designated region of the hub.

7. Do employees choose their own child care provider?

Employees are encouraged to select a licensed child care provider that meets their needs, this includes an existing child care provider (so long as they are currently licensed). Employees may utilize before and after care for schoolagers, summer care for schoolagers, and part-time and full-time child care for their children.

8. Can children be placed at multiple child care providers, if the employer has more than one child care spot given to their family?

Families do not have to have the same provider for all children to participate in the Tri-Share program. Family choice of care is a guiding principle in this pilot.

9. Are there additional responsibilities of the employees enrolled in the MI Tri-Share program?

Eligible employees must complete a survey providing information around their children and child care. The information gathered through this survey will be used in informing future policies related to the work of this pilot. Personal information (like names or child names) will not be shared with any person outside the work of the project. Employees also must sign and follow any type of MOU or contract put forth by the participating hub.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Is there flexibility for providers to increase rates based on their participation in the program?

No, child care providers will not increase rates for families because they are participating in the MI Tri-Share pilot. This does not include when child care rates for all families increase (based on annual tuition increase, cost of living, etc.).

2. Can child care providers outside the designated regions participate in the MI Tri-Share program?

Eligible child care providers may reside outside the designated region of the hub.

3. What type of child care facilities are eligible to participate in the pilot?

All participating child care providers must be licensed by the state of Michigan. Before and after school care, summer care, and part or full time care are acceptable forms of child care for this pilot.

4. Can a child care provider who offers free child care to staff (as part of a benefit package) participate as an employer in this pilot?

In all cases, the cost of child care must be divided equally between the employer, employee and the State of Michigan. If an employee does not contribute to the costs of child care, then the employer (in this case the child care provider) would not be eligible to participate in the pilot.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Are there additional responsibilities of employers when they are enrolled in the MI Tri Share program?

Employees must sign and adhere to any type of MOU or contract put forth by the participating hub. Employers will be asked to participate in data collection processes implemented by the evaluation team. These may include, but are not limited to, focus groups, surveys, interviews etc. Employers should be willing to actively participate in gathering this information, to the best of their ability.

2. Can tax deductions be used by participating employers?

There may be possible deductions for employers, please always consult with your tax professional/advisor if you have questions related to tax deductions.



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.

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pregnant women and their families.

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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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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

“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.”
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Are you a donor cultivator or a donor chaser?

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

Some professional fundraisers love “the chase.” Others pride themselves on their skill at developing longstanding relationships with donors who stay with the organization and grow their giving over time. We refer to these two types of fundraisers as “chasers” and “cultivators.” Similarly, some organizations need money now, from wherever they can get it. Others are busy fundraising in advance of their need, proactively sharing their vision and securing resources. Again, we use the terms “chasers” and “cultivators.” Is one type better than the other? We think it depends on your situation. What’s important is to know the differences in individual and organizational style so you can build a team that meets the needs of your organization now and in the future. Take a close look at your staff and volunteer fundraisers to see if you can identify which have the characteristics of a “cultivator” and which more closely resemble “chasers.”

Chasers love the hunt. They want to bring in big gifts and make a big impact. They like instant reactions and are not afraid of cold calling, believing that “if you don’t ask, they won’t give.” They are fearless and creative,

looking under every rock for an opportunity. Some cultivators become chasers in a crisis. Others are “forced” into chasing by a boss who says, “so and so gave to the organization up the street, call them up and get a gift.” Chasers delight in instant opportunity and are not adverse to “twisting” the organization’s programs and priorities to meet those of a donor or funder. People can become chasers when there is a high need for funding, very little staff, limited infrastructure, and/or low volunteer support. When you chase, the costs can be low, but the risk of alienating potential funders can be high. This type of fundraising is often transactional with low transparency and accountability within the nonprofit. The fundraiser’s rationale is this: if it works that’s great; if not, we will keep moving. They feel pressured to pull a rabbit from the hat and save the day.

Cultivators pay attention to data management, recording interactions with donors and volunteers, and looking at giving trends. They plan their

solicitations, conducting formal and informal research prior to asking. They work with a pool of qualified prospective donors and have determined an ask amount for each, along with the appropriate solicitation method. They believe that creating awareness for the organization is as important as asking, knowing that if people don’t “know” the organization their interest in giving can be limited. They focus on communicating how the organization meets a need, and they share the tangible and intangible benefits of giving, stressing the development of a mutually beneficial relationship.

Our question is this: how will you sustain and grow? For those who look at development and fundraising with an eye to balancing the short-term and long-term, you need to know where to put your resources when. Sometimes you need to chase; we believe that all times you must also cultivate.



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ELVIS MACHUL (R) PICTURED WITH DRAYMOND GREEN (L)

Saginaw fan gladly got more than he bargained for

By MIKE THOMPSON

A big night for Draymond Green.
Also for Elvis Machul.

The pair of Saginawians embraced after Draymond's Golden State Warriors clinched their fourth NBA crown on the Boston Celtics' home court.

We all know how Draymond got there. But Elvis?

The quick summary is he hopped a plane to Beantown, made a pregame deal with a ticket scalper and then impersonated being a TV reporter (sort of) to gain brief access to the postgame partying on the Garden's historic parquet floor.

And when he shouted "Saginaw Pride," Day Day spotted Elvis for a celebratory man hug.

"Amazing, amazing, amazing," he says, still pinching himself two weeks afterward. "Who would believe it? What are the odds?"

Many in Saginaw will recognize Elvis Machul, now a Finance Director and community engagement manager with Serra Automotive who also prides himself on "being one of the best in nation" at his profession and the young man who helped them arrive at their latest car purchase. He's also noted for his civic involvement, for example as chairman of the annual Christmas with Angels children's gift-giving project.

He was a basketball standout at Carrollton High School and his son, Elvis Jr., is an Arthur Hill High product and school Valedictorian, now heading for Saginaw Valley State University to continue his

studies and to extend his own hoops career.

The younger Machul aims to enter sports media, and for a Boston moment his dad was mistaken for an ESPN reporter. But that doesn't happen until the end of the story.

We begin two days prior. Elvis and his pal, Charlie Haddad, are chatting on the chances of the "Road Warriors" to achieve an underdog win in Game 6 in Boston to clinch the crown. And Charlie spontaneously asks, "Why are we talking about this? Why don't we just fly out there?"

A flight is booked, a ticket scalper is found and the TD Garden seats are several rows behind the courtside news media section.

Boston fans are notably hostile, especially toward Draymond with his infamous in-your-face persona. Elvis hears the insults but he need not say much, because Day and Steph Curry and all the Golden Staters are making a statement with their dominant performances.

"I love the way they play as a team, all working together," he notes. "And with Draymond, people are always questioning him and some people don't support him in the way that they should. But I love Saginaw, and I know he does, too."

Down the fourth-quarter stretch, Elvis is so deep into sharing highlights on Facebook that his phone goes dead. He approaches the media section and modestly asks if it maybe would be okay to plug in for a quick recharge.

"Sure, no problem, go ahead," he is told by Lisa Salters, ESPN's main sideline reporter.

Golden State is applying the finishing touches. When the final buzzer sounds. Lisa and the media masses head for the floor. And so Elvis figures, since he already is with them, why not join them?

On one hand, he wishes he had his phone because these missed photos of

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Steph and Klay and Dray would have been beyond belief. On the other hand, if the hand-held had not gone dead, he would not have had the accidental good fortune to be out on the floor in the first place.

Another of the revelers volunteers to snap his photo with Draymond. Then, when he returns to the sideline to retain his now-charged phone, security takes note and the gig is up. At least he still has the images that he clicked earlier before and during the historic championship game.

"It's something I'll never, ever forget," Elvis Machul says.

Basketball footnotes:

- On the floor, the first nearby Warrior was role player Gary Payton Jr. Elvis excitedly informed Dray's young teammate that one of his favorite players was "The Glove," the legendary Gary Payton Sr., named for his smothering defense. To possess this knowledge proved instant credentials.
- Earlier that afternoon, Elvis made the most of his time on the Hub's streets in search of a "resold ticket," a.k.a. a scalp. He found himself on one of those ESPN sets with a live audience. As if his good luck had not extended far enough already, he found himself with a studio mic in hand, so he predicted to a national audience that Draymond would achieve one of his trademark triple doubles. (Nicknamed "Swiss Army Knife" for being multi-purpose, he was razor close with 12 points, 12 rebounds and 8 assists.)

2022-23 SCHEDULE

HOME (Red) **AWAY** (Blue)

BAR - BARRE COLTS
ER - ERIE OTTERS
FLN - FLINT FRIEDBARS
GUE - GUELPH STORM
HAM - HAMILTON WILDDOGS
KIN - KINGSTON FRONTENACS
KIT - KITCHENER RANGERS

LON - LONDON KNIGHTS
MID - MISSISSAUGA STEELHEADS
NIA - NIAGARA ICEBOYS
NB - NORTH BAY BATTLEJON
OSH - OSHAWA SENRALS
OTT - OTTAWA 67's
OS - OWEN SOUND ATTACK

PGO - PETERBOROUGH PETES
SAR - SARNIA STING
SOO - SOO GRAYHOUNDS
WYR - WINDSOR WOLVES
WOR - WINDSOR SPIRITFERS

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Spirit announce 2022-23 regular season schedule

The Saginaw Spirit, in conjunction with the Ontario Hockey League, announced Thursday the regular season schedule for the 2022-23 OHL season.

"With the release of our 2022-2023 game schedule, many exciting months coming up for the Saginaw Spirit players, staff and fans," said Spirit President and Managing Partner Craig Goslin. "Mark your calendars for the home opener at the Dow on Saturday, October 1st and be the first to see this exciting, young, and talented hockey team begin to compete for another run at a West Division title and beyond. With 18 Saturday night home games, this season's schedule was constructed with Spirit fans in mind. We also have seven Sunday home games where we plan to build out a promotional calendar that makes the Sunday home games another attractive option for families that wish to bring their kids, family and friends to a Spirit game at The Dow. Soon, we will release our promotional calendar so fans can synchronize their plans with the Saginaw Spirit 2022-2023 schedule of events."

Schedule Breakdown

Saginaw will play 68-regular season games during the 2022-23 OHL season, 34 at

home and 34 on the road. 30 of those games will be challenges from within the West Division, 15 at home and 15 on the road. Saginaw plays Flint, Sault Ste. Marie, and Windsor eight times and the Sarnia Sting six times. The Spirit complete their Western Conference portion of the schedule with 18 games against opponents in the Midwest Division, 9 home and 9 on the road. They play the Erie Otters, London Knights, Kitchener Rangers, and Guelph Storm four times, while facing the Owen Sound Attack two times. Saginaw completes their schedule with 20 games against Eastern Conference opponents playing each team twice, once at home and once on the road.

Spirit Saturday's

The Spirit will play 18 times at home on Saturday evening this season, making that night the busiest of their 68-game schedule. The Spirit will play a total of 23 Saturday games throughout the season.

Friday's in the fast lane

Saginaw will play 14 Friday road games this season, by far their busiest traveling night of the campaign. 17 games of their 68-game schedule will be played on Friday night.



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DARVIN HAM

Salutes to Saginaw's hoops high-achievers

At The Michigan Banner, we asked former and current basketball legends to offer insights into the achievements of a pair of Saginaw High alumni, Darvin Ham, new Lakers coach, and Draymond Green, four-time champ. We begin with a budding local author.

Dave Slaggert

Retired Arthur Hill Coach



varsity basketball player in the 1990-91 season, his only year on the Trojan vari-

ty. He was, by all accounts, a classic late bloomer but had an outstanding senior year for the "Sweet, Sweet Black and Gold." In research for my upcoming book, "Remember The Trojans & Lumberjacks (Michigan's Greatest High School Hoops Rivalry)," I couldn't overlook the amazing story of Darvin Ham. Darvin was a Saginaw High

ty. He was, by all accounts, a classic late bloomer but had an outstanding senior year for the "Sweet, Sweet Black and Gold."

After high school he received a basketball scholarship from Otero Junior College in Colorado and played in the 1992-93 season. The next part of his basketball journey was transferring to Texas Tech, where he played from 1993-95.

He made nationwide news during a 1995 NCAA tournament victory over North Carolina when he shattered a backboard in a dunk attempt. This was a game-changing moment, catapulting the Red Raiders into the Sweet 16. Darvin and his memorable dunk became iconic, making Sports Illustrated's cover. After his senior year he won the NCAA Slam Dunk Contest. He even became known as "Dunkin Darvin," and "Ham Sandwich," for his dunking exploits.

Following Darvin's senior year, he entered the NBA draft, but was undrafted. He did, however, sign on as a free agent with the Denver Nuggets for the 1995-96 season. This was the start of a nine-year NBA career. After Denver he had stops with the Indiana Pacers, Washington Wizards, Milwaukee Bucks and Detroit Pistons, where

he won an NBA Championship in 2004!

Darvin got into coaching as an assistant with the Albuquerque Thunderbirds. He next became an assistant coach with the Lakers, followed by a stint as an assistant coach with the Atlanta Hawks.

In 2021 he won another NBA Championship, this time as the Lead Assistant Coach of the Milwaukee Bucks. Darvin's star continued to rise and on May 27, he was named Head Coach of the Los Angeles Lakers!

Darvin Ham wasn't a superstar basketball player in high school, recruited by big colleges or drafted into the NBA, but he found his own way to major success. He's a great example of an overachiever who just keeps achieving. Go Lakers!

Draymond makes history

No other Saginaw High or Arthur Hill basketball player has achieved more success and accolades in his sport than Trojan Draymond Green. As a matter of fact no other basketball player in the entire State of Michigan has achieved more!

Draymond has had an incredible stellar, Hall of Fame (at all levels) career... And he's not done. At the age of 32 and with the core of NBA champion brothers returning, including Steph Curry and Klay Thompson, Draymond (Day Day) Green and his Golden State Warriors have an excellent chance for more NBA Titles as well as more individual accolades.

What Draymond has accomplished is off the charts. Sometimes I think people take for granted all the crazy amazing things he's done! How's this for a resume?

- Two-Time Saginaw High state champ 2007, 2008
- Runner-up Mr. Basketball 2008
- Two-Time Final Four, MSU (Captain)
- Second-round pick, NBA, Golden State
- Four-Time NBA champion
- Four-Time NBA All-Star
- Six-Time All NBA Defense

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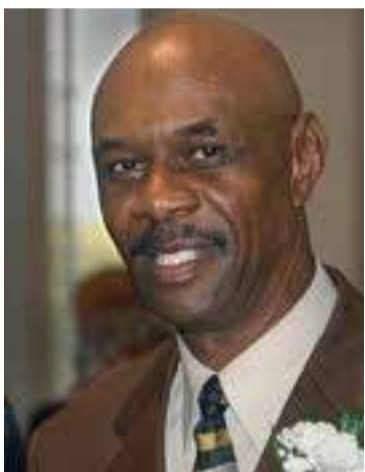
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- 2017 Defensive Player Of The Year
- Two-Time Olympic Gold Medal winner

So in the span of less than a month: May 27th to June 16th, we had two of our "Favorite Sons" Darvin Ham and Draymond Green, from the great city of Saginaw, literally on top of the NBA World. Very Proud!!

Ernie Thompson
Saginaw High great



I first saw Darvin play for the Pistons and it was clear to see that he was a gritty, hard-working player, and these qualities also are true in his coaching.

He played the game the way it is supposed to be played. He wasn't the tallest player on the floor, but he played bigger than his height. It may seem odd to think of Darvin Ham as "undersized," but in the world of pro basketball he actually was (at 6-foot-6).

The first time I had a chance to meet Draymond, he was still a junior at Saginaw High and Coach (Lou) Dawkins invited me to come up from Detroit and speak to the team during a practice.

I noticed not only how intense he was, but also his degree of interest in the details. He came to work, even during practice, and even at that early point you could begin to see his instincts in moving the ball and passing it. He is undersized like Darvin, but he can defend the bigger opponents. He plays with power but he also has really quick feet.

He came off the bench during his first two years at Michigan State, but that only gave him the drive and the impetus to play even harder. He needed that time to grow and to mature into the great athlete that he is today.

Marshall Thomas
Retired Saginaw High coach and A.D.



At the time we would have as many as 200 try-outs for the team, and we only can keep 15, and so there would be some really good players who didn't quite make the cut. Darvin didn't make the team until he was a senior, after he went through a growth spurt, and even then he didn't play much until the middle of the season, but he was a willing learner and he made the most when he had his opportunities.

One of the opposing coaches who noticed was Stan Gooch at Flint Central. He called late one night to let me know that a junior college coach from Colorado (Otera J.C.) was signing two of his players and still was looking for a big man, and Stan suggested Darvin. He otherwise was thinking of enlisting in the (military) service.

The rest was up to Darvin. Not everyone takes advantage of opportunities, but Darvin did, and all of his accomplishments are because of his effort and dedication.

I knew Draymond was different when he first came to Saginaw High as a freshman. He was the biggest guy on the floor, but he would bring the ball up the floor and pass it around. Some of our fans didn't understand at first, and they would be like, 'Get your butt under the basket, where you are supposed to be.'

This criticism didn't phase him at all. Draymond was always highly respectful of adults. That's the way his mother (Mary Babers) brought him up, and she would always take the coach's side, at least in front of her son. But just because an adult would tell him something, including me, didn't mean he automatically would accept it. He would question things. He already was becoming a student of the game.

Draymond has always been an independent thinker, as we see now.

Julian Taylor
Saginaw High coach



Darvin is a workhorse, and he is in this position because he has worked for all that he has achieved, first at Saginaw High and then at Texas Tech, and then playing in the pros and then coaching. He literally started from the bottom, and now this! He is the coach of the premier franchise in the NBA.

When we were teammates (at Saginaw High), Darvin didn't play much. We both were 6-foot-2, and then before our senior year all of a sudden he's 6-5 and I'm still 6-2. Then he started to play really hard, and we all started to realize he had a shot to make it at a higher level.

You might not think of it from the way he played and the way he now coaches, but Darvin has a great sense of humor. One time in the summer league, he got his fingers all stuck in the net after a block. The rest of us were running down the court on a break, and he's back there with his hand stuck. He looked at all of us and just started laughing. Everyone was laughing.

Draymond's fourth ring is special because nobody expected the Warriors to win this year, and so this shows all the willingness and the heart of Draymond. He's always been so consistent, but then he had a couple of bad games in the Finals. Still, he came through when it counted. He kept that chip on his shoulder and just played. He has proved that any kid who works hard and plays hard can make it out of Saginaw. Whatever he chooses to do after basketball, he's going to be great at that, too.

When I started as an assistant coach, I didn't really realize how good Draymond could be, but then he started to help coach the team. He even helped me get started. He knew all the plays, not only for himself but for all the other positions, and he was explaining all this to me, and I'm supposed to be the one coaching!

He is always totally positive. Whatever he may choose to do after basketball, he's going to be great at that, also.



PICS OF THE WEEK

Volunteers with Saginaw's One Week One Street project celebrated their 10th anniversary of intensive cleanup projects in the Saginaw High School neighborhood. During the week of June 21-25, more than 120 adults and young people volunteered to tackle chores on Lynnwood street between Webber and Hess.



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Kevin Finley admits that hard work and persistence has helped him achieve many of his goals. "In life, you need the support of others to become successful. SVSU has a strong community focus that I really appreciate. I signed up for many high-profile positions as an SVSU student — from working as a resident assistant and a campus tour guide to being an orientation leader. Through these experiences I learned how much I enjoyed helping other students become acclimated at SVSU." A 2017 SVSU grad, Kevin is now working as an accountant for The Dow Chemical Company.



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