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PICTURED FROM L TO R: MYA JARVIS AND KELCEI SCHULTZ, KELCEI SCHULTZ HOLDS AWARD

## Carrollton High School's Saginaw County Youth Ambassadors honored for their accomplishments

On June 2, Saginaw County Youth Ambassador's Mya Jarvis and Kelcei Schultz, sophomores at Carrollton High School, were celebrated at the Saginaw ISD for their accomplishments made this past year as 1st year Saginaw County Youth Ambassadors who have completed the Youth Ambassador Dale Carnegie Course.

Both girls spoke in front of a group of 100 peers and adults about one valuable tool they are taking

away from the training, how it impacted their daily lives, and how they anticipate this will impact their leadership influence going forward.. These young ladies did an amazing job and represented our district well.

Kelcei earned the "Highest Award for Achievement". It was voted on by the ambassadors for the person who is always prepared and always approaches tasks with enthusiasm.



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- JULY 23, 2022**     *The Boss Factor coaching*
- AUGUST 2, 2022**     *Present to Team of Innovators*

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## What's A Man?



By Doniqua Sovia

What's to be said of a Man? What makes his characteristics? Is it his gentleness and charm? Or maybe, his courage? What's to be said of a Father? What makes him worthy of the title? Is it taking care of his own? Or is it him being a father figure?

What man is deserving of a child, be it little, or be it grown? I'd say it takes someone special, to take on one, and consider them his own. He's not the definition of perfection. He doesn't know it all, but if God is in his heart, then he has a heart of gold. His children, are ordered after him, and his voice they do follow, for a Godly man, can withstand and his children are in no harm.

What's to be said of Man? The answer is in who he follows. For if it's God, then his legacy will go on, for many a tomorrow.



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# Latino Banner

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**VAMOS ADELANTE**



## Second-hand store is a first responder

**LB PG 2**



## Student gains confidence from competition

**LB PG 3**

On **pg 11** of this edition of The Michigan Banner you will find a report on a new coalition that blends local Black and Latino groups in a merged effort to combat homicides and violence, both in Saginaw and nationally.

The following statement has been issued by Deacon Librado Gayton of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, director of multicultural services:

This is very important work! While we are called to know God and to love God, we also are called to serve God. Faith must be followed by action. What are we being called to do to transform our society for the common good?

Can you say you are Catholic, you are Christian, if you believe that the right to bear arms without any restrictions whatsoever is more important than human life? We all have a moral duty, elected officials included, to protect each other, especially innocent children.

- **United States Catholic Conference of Bishops:**

"Each of us needs to search our souls for ways that we can do more to understand this epidemic of evil and violence and implore our elected officials to help us take action."

- **Brownsville Texas Bishop Daniel Flores:**

"Don't tell me guns aren't the problem, people are. I'm sick of hearing it. The darkness first takes our children who then kill our children, using guns that are easier to obtain than aspirin."

- **San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siler:**

"When will these insane acts of violence end? The Catholic Church consistently calls for the protection of all life; and these mass shootings are a most pressing life issue on which all society must act -- elected leaders and citizens alike."

- **Diocese of El Paso statement:**

"A course of action from the Catholic Church could come from, "finding ways to more effectively identify people at risk of such behavior and to push for reasonable limits to the proliferation of firearms." (In addition to buying assault rifles, the Uvalde shooter had also purchased 60 magazines of ammunition, almost 1700 rounds, more than USA soldiers carry into war zones, which usually is 210.)"

- **Pope Francis:**

"It's time to say enough to the indiscriminate trade of weapons, so that tragedies like this cannot occur again."



DEACON LIBRADO GAYTON

- **Our own**

**Diocese of Saginaw, Bishop Robert Gruss:**

"My heart aches for the parents and families of the 19 children and two teachers who tragically lost their lives in the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. As the U.S. Bishops shared in their statement, 'There have been too many school shootings, too much killing of the innocent.'"

- **Chicago Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich:**

"The right to life trumps the right to have weapons, the Second Amendment did not come down from Sinai. The right to bear arms will never be more important than human life. Our children have rights too. And our elected officials have a moral duty to protect them."

- **Some closing comments of my own:**

"We must remember that using God's name to rationalize or tolerate gun violence, is using God's name in vain. The word "vain" is the Hebrew word that describes something unreal. It includes the idea of using God's name in any inappropriate manner or with irreverence. This type of sinful behavior may be an obstacle to your eternal spiritual life, a life in which many of us believe in.

Finally, we need to hold those accountable for the racist rhetoric and disinformation that allows people to become radicalized into violence against the innocent."

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"HELPING OTHERS" THRIFT STORE LOCATED AT 1500 GRATIOT (SAGINAW)

## Second-hand store is a first responder

By MIKE THOMPSON

Like any other entrepreneur, Jamie Nerio would like to make a profit from her thrift store and resale consignment shop. That's why she took business classes at Delta College after she graduated from Carrollton High School.

At the same time, the name she chose is "Helping Others," which reflects that her mission is about far more than money.

She opened two years ago at 1500 Gratiot at Elm, down the street from the former South School and kitty-corner from the Saginaw Geriatrics care home, at the same time as the national COVID-19 outbreak.

She knew from the start that the pandemic would prove harmful to her new en-

terprise, but she has pushed forward.

"God, yeah, I'm struggling," Nerio says, "but when we are helping others there always is a positive side."

Jamie's advertising budget was scant from the start, and nowadays she is relying on word-of-mouth to spread the word that she aims to serve as a partner in Saginaw's social aid network.

Customers and visitors will feel they are entering a rummage sale or a mini flea market, sources where she obtained much of her inventory. Clothing for all ages is the main feature, but gift-buyers who seek an affordable and original item may select a decorative flower, for example, and place the stem in an elongated Coke bottle of blown glass.

Her household items and clothing contain price tags, but unlike other thrift stores that strive to maintain employee salaries, she is able to accept a minimum fee, and even to offer giveaways amid the gravest situations of hardship.

She says her efforts are based on strong religious faith. She attends a variety of churches and her daughter Justina, is enlisted in the U.S. Army with a goal of serving as a missionary and a medical doctor to combat poverty in a hard-pressed Third World nation.

Jamie understands that other providers of aid are available, including Old Town Christian Outreach at 600 Gratiot, a short mile from her Helping Others shop.

Major sources of assistance "are all aware of me," she says, and they reach out to clients in need of more help than she alone may offer from her tiny outpost.

Individuals offering donations or seeking help may stop by during regular business hours, daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., but Jamie says she can be better prepared if they schedule appointments in advance. Her phone number is (989) 493-1869 and her email is emilynerio77@gmail.com.



JAMIE NERIO AND THE EASTER BUNNY FOR A SPRING PROMOTION



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***“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.”***

*Psalm 32:7*



By **MICAELA DELGADO**  
NEW BEGINNINGS  
MINISTRIES

## Your safe place

With the recent events that have taken place throughout our country, it's not uncommon to be moved with an unknown spirit of doubt, fear, or panic. As the years go on, we're being exposed to more and more of what's happening in the world, in real time, which can be very overwhelming for many.

During a season such as this it's significant that we stay rooted in our faith. Not only is it important for us to be individually active in our spiritual walk but for us to also remain unified as a community and do our part in supporting one another during tough times like these.

My heart and prayers go out to anyone who was affected by any of the tragedies that have occurred within the last month, whether it be in Uvalde, Texas or right here in Saginaw, Michigan. We must pray for a change and for peace throughout our nation.

*(Micaela is the daughter of Pastors Augustine and Claudia Delgado. She graduated from Saginaw Valley State University, and she aims for a career in communications and media.)*



NATHALIA OLIVAREZ

## Student gains confidence from competition

By **MIKE THOMPSON**

If you're a teenager who aims for a career in computer science, what better way to prepare than by entering a Mobile Application Design competition through Business Professionals of America.

If you're Nathalia Olivarez, your success is measured with a first-place prize from the state competition in Grand Rapids, followed by fifth at the national conference in Dallas.

She will begin her senior year this fall at Carrollton High School and at the Saginaw Career Complex, aiming to advance to Delta College and then Michigan Technological University.

Her choice of an app design for the contest was "teen interests" in such categories as shopping, food, travel and social activism. She remains modestly surprised at her high scores with the judges.

"I never thought I would have placed

because my app wasn't even finished when I submitted it," Nathalia says. "I had to learn a whole new program just to start creating my app."

At the Saginaw Career Complex, her teacher and coach is Joshua Fabera as she studies information technology and cybersecurity.

He says, "Over the course of this year, I've been honored to instruct Nathalia. She has shown such initiative, innovation, and humor throughout all of the challenges she has faced in competitions and the classroom. No matter the challenge, Nathalia found a way to creatively face it. I'm excited to see her come back and compete next year."

In a way, her experience playing first base for Carrollton High's varsity softball team came in handy.

"In both (sports and sciences), you have to adjust to whatever situation you are placed in," Nathalia says, in summary.



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## New coalition forms for unity against gun violence

By MIKE THOMPSON

Bonds between Blacks and Latinos, most agree, are not as strong as during the peak years of the 1960s and '70s.

Outbreaks of gun violence, both locally and across the nation, have led to an effort for re-unification in Saginaw.

Leaders of the Saginaw African American Pastors group, along with Latino clergy and civic leaders, outlined an action plan today, just as the Michigan/Latino Banner went online with the June 16 edition.

They agreed that one goal is to support proposed federal reforms for higher legal age limits on assault weapons, along with more funding for mental health programs and school safety. Another goal is prayerful local action to erode any cultures of violence.



BISHOP LARRY CAMEL

"For Black, for Brown and for White, we need to be united," said Bishop Larry Camel of New Birth Missionary Baptist Cathedral,

which hosted the announcement. "We have agreed to work together on issues of violence, in particular gun violence."

Deacon Librado Gayton, the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw's director of multicultural ministry, joined in expressing an urgency to act.

"People of color are being killed at higher rates than people of other persuasions," Gayton noted.

The two clergy represent a partnership that took root after the Uvalde mass shooting, when Bishop Camel accepted an invitation to a Union Civica/Mexican American Council meeting.

They sat side-by-side at that evening's conference table, and within days both of them encountered more examples of heartbreak, except this time at the local level. Camel conducted the funeral service and eulogy for 18-year-old Izaiah Danks, and Gayton was with family members of



DEACON LIBRADO GAYTON

victims of the June 9 shooting spree at a Latino household that killed three and wounded two others.

"Both of us minister to people when there is tragedy," Deacon Gayton said. "We are called to minister and pray with those suffering as they gather at the hospital. Seeing them suffering from needless violence, it's so horrible that it just tears you up. These all are our fellow brothers and sisters, human beings."

In 2007, Camel joined state Rep. Amos O'Neal, then a City Councilman, to form Parishioners on Patrol. He is co-chairman of ALPACT, Advocates and Leaders for Police And Community Trust, with Police Chief Robert Ruth. O'Neal, Ruth and County Undersheriff Mike Gomez joined the post-Uvalde summit, along with 20 other civic leaders.

Bishop Camel has conducted a number of marches for peace during the past 15 years, and he has an answer for skeptics.

"Marches are intended to bring attention to problems, not to solve problems," he said. "The purpose is for all of us to come together."



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## Juneteenth in Saginaw: A full weekend to celebrate

By **MIKE THOMPSON**

Renee Hawkins-Morris, Buena Vista High School Class of 1976, recalls taking part in student sit-ins for civil rights.

Her social activism has continued into her adult years, and the latest chapter is as chairperson of the Saginaw Juneteenth Celebration 2022.

A pageant, a parade, a Fathers Day gathering and a movie are highlights of the weekend schedule.

"I was one of the first two Black cheerleaders" at BV High, she recalls, and later she grew a friendship with Lula Briggs Galloway (1945 to 2008), who established the Juneteenth Cultural Center in a former credit union at Fifth and Farwell, along with a marker that honors Stevie Wonder's early childhood home.

She is the founding owner of COSBE Inc., Chamber Of Successful Black Entrepreneurs, through which she first encountered Mrs. Galloway.

June 19, 1865, marks the day when slaves in Texas finally learned that the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation had set them free, at least under the law. Of course,

hardship and oppression have remained.

"Through our struggles, we have always been a praying people," says Renee, a devoted congregant at Greater Williams COGIC, explaining that faith is her main motivation in locally honoring Juneteenth, a new national holiday.

The Celebration 2022 schedule includes:

- Friday, June 17, 5 p.m., the inaugural Miss Juneteenth Pageant at Horizons Conference Center.
- Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m., the Juneteenth Freedom Parade assembles at Janes and Water streets and proceeds along South Washington to Hoyt Park and the Veterans Plaza, identical to the Memorial Day route. The grand marshal will be Carlean Gill, pioneering local businesswoman and beautician, returning home from the Dallas area.
- Sunday, June 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Juneteenth Father's Day Festival at Morley Plaza, beginning with an outdoor morning by Pastor Kareem Bowen of The Potters Touch Ministries. Highlights will include

topical speakers, local entertainers and artists, food vendors and children's activities, including Macker-style outdoor children's basketball and a bicycle giveaway.. Saginaw NAACP President Terry Pruitt is scheduled for double duty, recruiting members while leading a barbeque cookoff competition.

- Sunday, June 19, twilight. North Hamilton Street in the Old Town west side business district, "The Wiz" (1978, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross) is featured as the kickoff for the annual Lawn Chair Film Festival series.

Pageant dinner tickets and parade entry fees are \$25.

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## Other towns have water towers. Why not Saginaw?

By MIKE THOMPSON

Saginaw never has featured a landmark water tower, but all of that may change by the end of next year.

City Council members on June 6 approved plans to erect a 160-foot-tall edifice, roughly the same height as downtown's 12-story Huntington Bank building, along South Washington between Webber and Cambrey.

City Hall will seek a \$15 million low-interest state loan, with a Lansing decision due in 2023. Households would pay an added \$3 to \$5 on monthly bills.

When the Lake Huron pipeline opened in 1949, municipal leaders boasted that "the world's finest water" was arriving at household faucets, and the majestic treatment plant south of Hoyt Park has been known as the "waterworks" for nearly a century. The water tower site is about a quarter-mile away, on the nearest available city-owned property.

"We are not certain why a water tower has never been constructed, however, it has been considered for a number of years," said Paul Reinsch, director of water and wastewater treatment services. "We historically have had redundant backup power generators and a stable power supply from the power supplier. We have been

able to rely on power quality, other than that due to storm events. As mentioned (to the council), I do not believe we can count on this approach moving forward."



PAUL REINSCH

Reasons include aging generators, along with gradual elimination of coal-fired power plants..

So-called green energy will benefit the environment, Reinsch said, but, "The issue is that the base load power plants have power sources that can be controlled and managed, whereas the sun and wind cannot be. This leaves us in a situation where power may not be adequate to meet demand."

Planners have yet to determine a color scheme for the tower, but instead of common block lettering, it likely would feature the scripted Saginaw logo that first emerged on lapel pins during the 1980s.

Households north of Jessie Rouse Elementary School would endure the usual construction drawbacks of noise, dust and traffic interruptions, both for building the tower and installing an underground con-

nection pipeline to the waterworks. City Hall has sent notices to site neighbors, and Mayor Brenda Moore says she has eased and addressed the concerns of a nearby church pastor.

The waterworks contains a capacity of 52 million gallons for a supply that arrives from an intake facility near Tawas. The tower would hold 3 million more gallons to help maintain gravity pressure during any power outage. Other surplus raw water is contained in Lake Linton, adjacent to the treatment plant, along with a reservoir located in Kochville Township.

Suburbs and outlying small towns pay bulk rates for "city water" and then send bills to their own residents but state law prohibits the city from seeking profits to maintain other services, an avenue that cash-strapped municipal leaders pursued 20 years ago with no results. These arrangements mostly are rooted in the 1950s and 1960s. The City of Midland, in contrast, required border communities to annex themselves into the tax base to receive water from the same Lake Huron pipeline. Local scholars and analysts have said this was an historic mistake on Saginaw's part, leading to gradual erosion of the city's property tax base while the suburbs prospered

Water-sewer bills are monthly in the city, but quarterly in many outlying communities. The sewer portion often exceeds the water cost. In fact, federal mandates for expanded sewage retention basins have exceeded \$100 million, a far higher burden than the new water tower would create.

The water tower project has no relation to the 20-year plan to replace old household water lines, part of a statewide mandate that followed the Flint water crisis, although Flint's troubles were mostly rooted in improper source treatment, not the aging pipes found in virtually all long-standing communities.

Meanwhile, city officials on July 18 will resume water shutoffs in cases of major unpaid bills. To appeal for assistance and/or to arrange a payment plan, call (989) 759-1540.



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SERMONETTE SERIES

*Come, bless the Lord,  
all you servants of the  
Lord; may the Lord  
bless you*

*Psalms 134*



By **PASTOR RODRICK A. SMITH**  
ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
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This psalm contains a "call to worship" and a "benediction." In the beginning of the worship experience, the people are called upon to bless the Lord. At the end of the worship experience, the Lord is called upon to bless His people. Some scholars suggest that the verb "bless" derives from the noun "knee" and may imply the bending of the knee in blessing. I believe that as the saints come into the presence of God for worship, they should literally and/or figuratively bend the knee. If nothing else, in a figurative sense, the saints should bend the knee in humility, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God. The saints are sometimes called upon to worship and bow down before the Lord as a way of rendering reverence and respect to Him. Also in a figurative sense, the Lord bends the knee when He blesses us with daily provisions, answered prayers, and all that we receive from Him. It is said that He bends His ear when He listens to our prayers. In bending the knee, He is not paying homage to us, but simply meeting us where we are. For He is the Most High God, Maker of heaven and earth. Because heaven is His throne and the earth is His footstool, the Lord daily stoops to bless His people. This is why the saints bow down to bless Him. Bless Him for His manifold blessings.

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# Courthouse gathering renews pleas for violence to end

By MIKE THOMPSON

One more tragic story.

This time, Stacy Washington was on the gazebo stage at Borchard Park, north of the courthouse, on June 11 for the second annual Safe Summer Saginaw rally. Three months earlier, her daughter Beannita Jenkins, a 26-year-old mother of three, was the victim of a murder/suicide.

"Tamara reached out to me, and she was the first person I had thought of," Stacy said.

Tamara Tucker, who lost her daughter in 2019 and then formed the Saginaw chapter of Parents of Murdered Children.

Beannita was a victim of domestic violence and was seeking counsel from the Underground Railroad shelter.

"There is help, whether the abuse is physical or mental," her mother told an audience of 60 on a cool, breezy Saturday, while shelter staffers passed out info from a folding card table.

Stacy emphasized that families and

friends suffer, and so does the community as a whole, which is why she has enlisted with the do-something protests..

The price of ongoing violence "really doesn't hit home until it happens to you," she summarized. "We need to do something."

Tamara's child, MoeNeisha MoeNay Simmons-Ross, also was 26 and the victim of a domestic slaying. With all the national focus on mass shootings such as in Uvalde and Buffalo, the vast majority of gun attacks in the U.S. continue to involve individuals who know one another, including all the gunshots within Saginaw's early-June outbreak.

Tamara hugged Stacy on the stage and then required a moment to gather herself.

"How many children have to die?" she asked. "How many families have to suffer?"

She recalled a life filled with slayings of family members, going all the way back to her 1970s childhood, and noted that MoeNeisha had been 18 weeks into a pregnancy.

Tamara concluded, "And guess what? You still have to carry on, but you don't get over it."

Both women spoke of every-day reminders that are close to home. Stacy is a neighbor of the family of Izaiah Danks, who was slain in April. Tamara's home is two blocks from the party store at West Holland and Bond where a fatal shooting on June 9 led to a major social media outbreak, warning that a random in-progress shooter was on the loose. This false account gained traction mainly because the Saginaw scenario has been so severe.

A co-organizer of the Borchard Park event, Jeffrey Bulls, asserted that "with every event we put on, every program we put on, every (solidarity) shirt that we wear," the goal will be a higher level of community awareness and prevention.

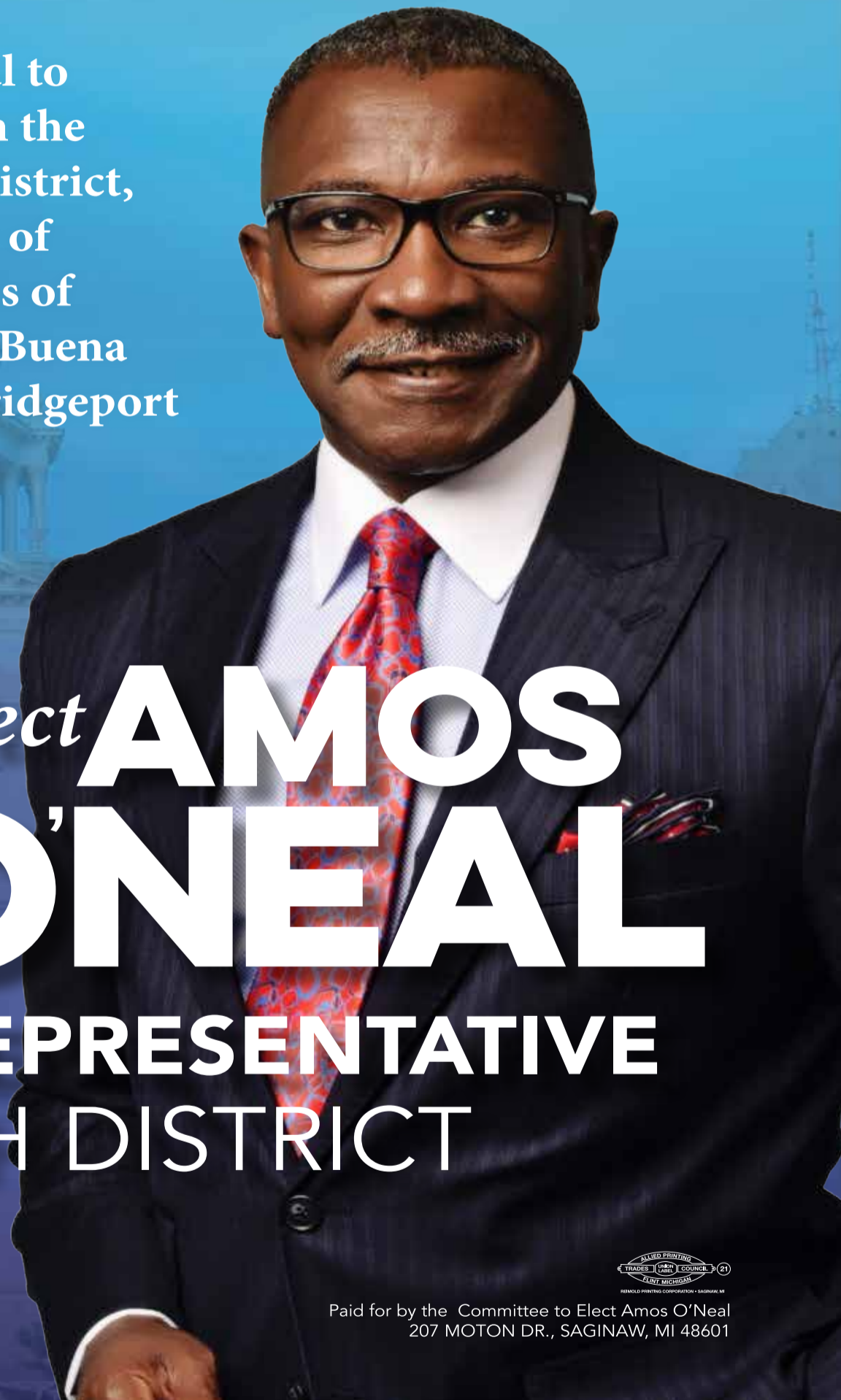
He added, "This isn't a situation that we are helpless in."



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# Public Libraries of Saginaw expand Wi-fi access

All four branches of the Public Libraries of Saginaw have now expanded their public Wi-Fi signals to allow users to access the Internet from outside library buildings, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock Street, and Wickes Library, 1713 Hess Street, both recently installed new Wi-Fi access points that extend wireless Internet service beyond library walls.

The project was paid for by a CARES Act grant that the Public Libraries of Saginaw received for digital inclusion.

Hoyt Library, 505 Janes Avenue, and Zauel Library, 3100 N. Center in Saginaw Township, had their access points upgraded by the same grant in 2020 and 2021.

Public Libraries of Saginaw cardholders in good standing are also able to check out Chromebook laptops and iPad tablets due to a grant from the Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Connectivity Fund.

The devices include a power cord and case. Like books, they have a three-week checkout period and may be renewed up to two times.

Unlike other circulating library materials, Chromebooks and iPads may not be



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reserved or put on hold for patrons.

Borrowers must sign a Borrowing Agreement at every checkout and only one device may be checked out on a card at a time.

The borrower is responsible for costs associated with the damage, loss or non-return of the devices or any of their components.

The devices must not be returned to book drops for any reason.

The Chromebooks and iPads will be disabled and wiped after their due dates. Patrons are responsible for saving files to their own storage if they require access to them after their checkout period.

Visit [www.saginawlibrary.org/services/computers](http://www.saginawlibrary.org/services/computers) or contact any branch for more information.

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# BV center hosts summer outreach for girls

By MIKE THOMPSON

DaJanea Tyler, Arthur Hill High School Class of 2017, encountered the daily challenges that are part of growing up.

She hasn't forgotten.

Tyler is the founder of the nonprofit "Women Who Blossom," joined by Marissa Cardinalli as vice-president, Patrice Henderson as secretary and Takeisha Price as treasurer.

They are volunteering their time, effort and expenses to operate a free six-week summer program for girls ages 6 to 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 20 at the Buena Vista Community Center and concluding Thursday, Aug 12.

"I want the girls to understand that your mind, body and soul are most important," DeJanea says, "because growing up, this is something I lacked. I want them to have a positive sisterhood."

Registration is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, June 17, during BV's Light Up the City movie night at the site of the former Fort Saginaw Mall.

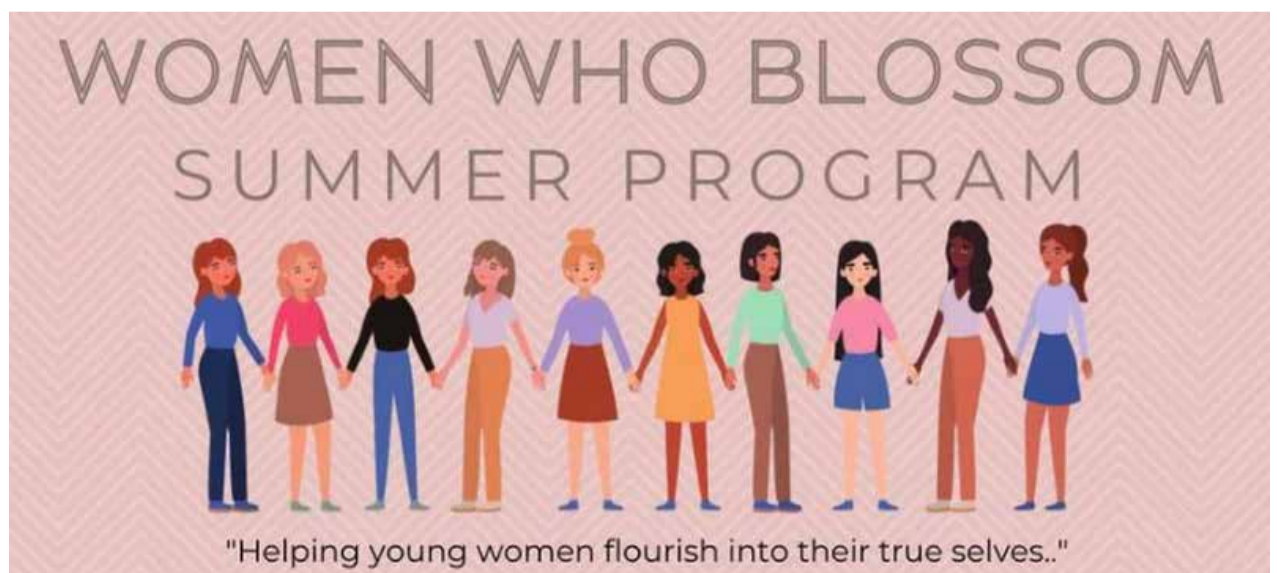
Participants in age groups will explore careers on Mondays, etiquette on Tuesdays, life skills on Wednesdays and health/wellness each Thursday. School-meal type breakfasts and lunches are offered, with daily dismissals at 2:30 p.m.

Young people may attend and receive meals on any day, but DaJanea encourages consistent participation in order to receive maximum benefits and to qualify for a certificate of completion and an end-of-summer banquet. She aims to expand year-round in the near future.

To become involved as a volunteer, donor or sponsor, call (989) 522-0480 or send a note to [womenwhoblossom@gmail.com](mailto:womenwhoblossom@gmail.com). Women Who Blossom also features a Facebook page.



DAJANEA TYLER., FOUNDER OF WOMEN WHO BLOSSOM



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REMEMBERING  
DR. PRESTON JOHN PHILLIPS

DR. PRESTON JOHN PHILLIPS

Dr. Preston John Phillips was born September 11, 1962, to Rev. Paul and Eloise Phillips in Saginaw, Michigan, the 6th of 9 children. Coming from humble beginnings, his work ethic kicked in early with his first job delivering newspapers at the age of 8. Throughout his adolescence, he found many ways to make an honest dollar, from shining shoes to gathering shopping carts at the local department store.

He was caring and selfless even as a child. When the family dog was hit by a car, Preston used all his savings to pay veterinary fees to mend his dog's leg.

As a teenager, Preston moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he completed his secondary education at Fredrick Douglas High School. While in high school, his love for medicine was solidified with an invaluable summer internship shadowing Dr. Sam O. Atkins, a local urologist. Returning to finish up his senior year of high school, he quit the football team to focus on his studies in preparation for one day entering medical school.

Preston began his post-secondary studies at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned 3 degrees in 4 years. Having been raised by a pastor, he had a love for scripture and enrolled in several religious studies courses. He also had a keen mind for math and science and decided to pursue a degree in chemistry. He excelled, of course, and was able to enter the organic chemistry master's program while still in college. Four years later, he graduated with bachelor's degrees in Religion and Chemistry and a master's degree in Organic Chemistry.

In 1990, he graduated cum laude from

Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. While there, he completed research and thesis work in the study of heart disease.

After medical school, he began a General Surgery residency at Yale University School of Medicine, Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. After his rotation in Orthopedic Surgery, he was smitten. Fellow residents sold him on the idea that "orthopods" were the carpenters of medicine and got to use tools such as hammers, saws and nails to mend bones in the human body. He was indeed sold and was willing to extend his residency into an additional year after switching to Orthopedic surgery.

With a heart for service, Preston founded the Yale Minority Medical Association during his residency. He was concerned about the status of minorities as patients and as clinicians. The organization focused on minority recruitment, mentorship and retention, hosted annual community health fairs, symposiums and a monthly lecture series for its members.

After residency he was selected as the Daniel E. Hogan Spine Fellow at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School specializing in spinal surgery under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Augustus White. With large hands and a determined spirit, he set out to learn the intricate skill of executing surgery on the human spine.

He began his formal career in 1997 as an Associate at Seattle Orthopedic Fracture & Clinic/Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, WA. In 2005, Preston relocated his family and practice to Tulsa, Oklahoma, accepting a position with Warren Orthopedic Clinic/Saint Francis Health System.

His relationship with his patients over many years and many miles remained consistent. A true servant of God, he did not take his role lightly. He was thoughtful, patient, caring and kind. He invested all his being into every single patient. Each were treated with dignity, respect and as everyone soon learned, appointments were seldom rushed.



Near and dear to his heart was his 47' Bayliner Motor yacht, Almost Perfect II, currently docked in Edmond, Washington. He enjoyed time spent on his boat with family and especially during his annual brothers' trip where there was fishing, crabbing and cruising on the Seattle/Northwest Pacific waters.

He was a jazz aficionado and even performed as saxophonist with adult bands as a teen (with his mom's permission). He also founded a small jazz band during his early college years, before the load of earning 3 degrees kicked in.

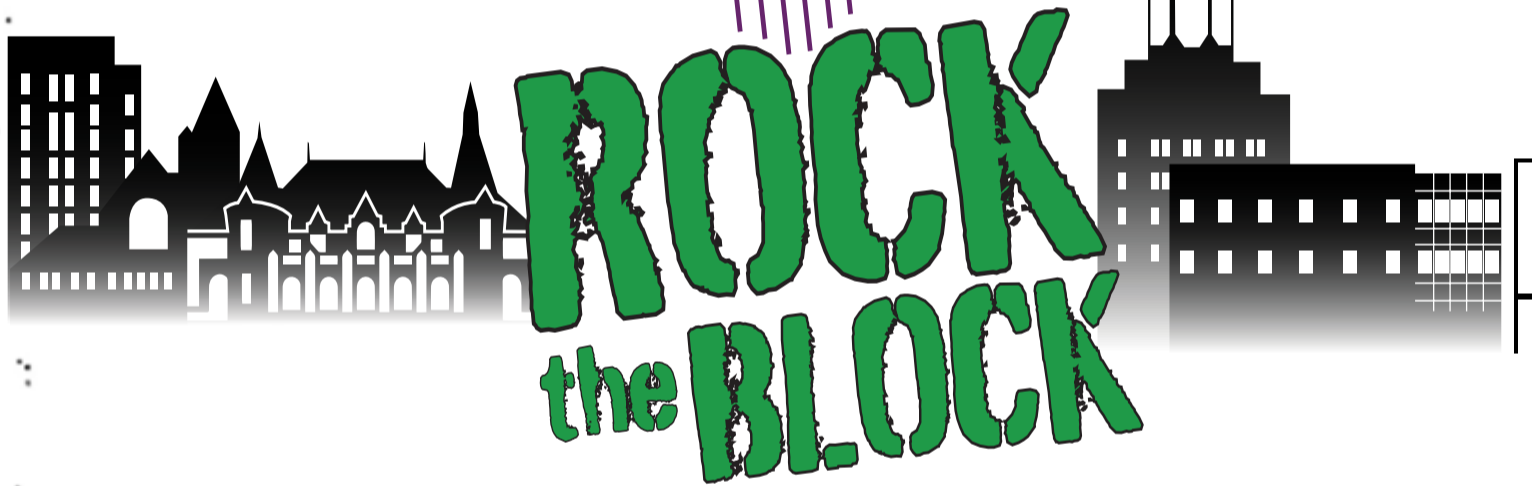
A fierce competitor, Preston enjoyed playing tennis and managed to win a few USTA area championships over time. During his rare downtime, he enjoyed playing games and engaging in friendly banter over games like Dominoes or Bid Whist.

To know Preston was to love him. Everyone he encountered was met with open arms and a warm heart. He was indeed the true definition of a gentleman. To quote another, "He was kind, patient and very attentive. He was a mentor, an educator, a leader, a healer with a loving, compassionate and protective soul. Many would refer to him as a gentle giant with an infectious smile that would brighten anyone's day."

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 34 years Melody (Davenport), son Jarrett Thurman of Austin, Texas, two daughters, Erin Caimille of Tampa, Florida and Elise Victoria of Washington D.C., Siblings Parris (Sandra) Phillips of Conyers, Georgia, Patrick Phillips of Saginaw, Michigan, Pamela (William) Carey of Saginaw, Michigan, Paul Phillips of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Paula (Russell) Terrell of Saginaw, Michigan, Piper Phillips of Las Vegas, Nevada, Phyllis Phillips of Saginaw, Michigan and Philip (Mattie) Phillips of Clarkston, Michigan and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Preston was predeceased in death by his parents, Rev. Paul and Eloise Phillips.





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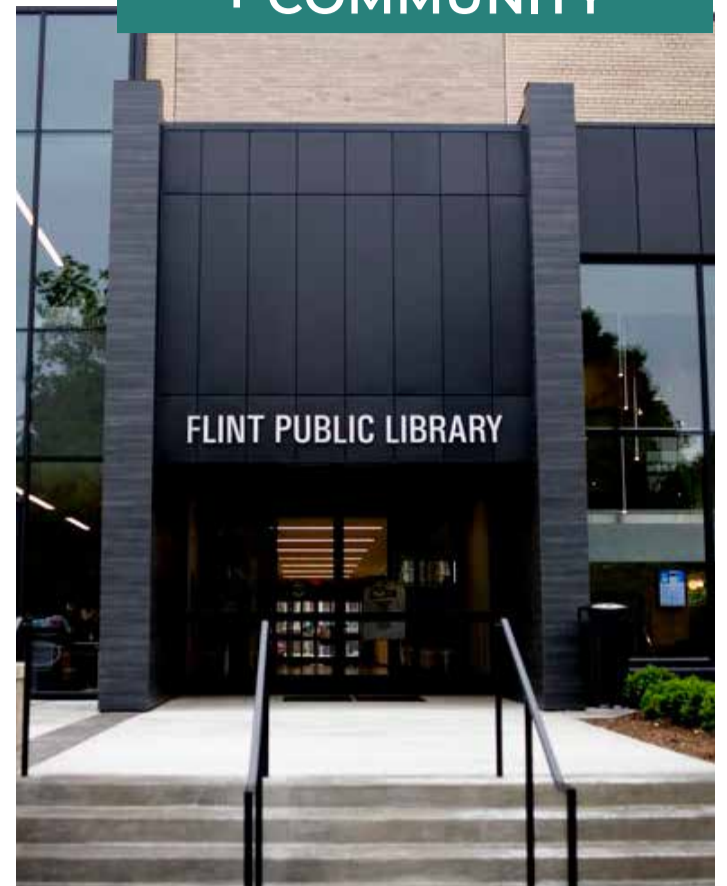
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# The new Flint Public Library reopens with a fresh new look



By **CYNTHIA WEST-EDWARDS**

Flint Public Library, Transformed! Ready to Write a New Chapter, captures the essence of the \$30 million renovation for the library that began in March 2020. After two years, the library reopened to the public on Thursday, May 19, 2022. According to a recent press release, the entire interior of the library has been renovated. In addition to the significant structural work that was done to upgrade building systems, the new layout features twice as much children's learning space, a beautiful community room with outdoor terrace, a conference center, a large digital learning space, dedicated space for valuable historical and genealogical documents, and much more. When you step through the doors, you are greeted with a bright and airy dé-

cor. There's a beautiful mural that can be seen from the inside windows.

Kay Schwartz Library Director stated, "The entire building was redesigned with the needs of the Flint community in mind." "This grand re-opening is the culmination of strategic planning that began in 2014, as we sought community input to inform our future. That plan led to a clear understanding of our service priorities, and those ultimately helped us envision a 21st century library that would fulfill them."

Funding for this work was secured after Flint residents approved a \$12.6 million bond in November 2019. That "Yes" vote subsequently led to grants from the local philanthropic community, including the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Ruth Mott Foundation and the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. Generous donors provided the remainder of what was needed to complete the project. "We are so grateful to the entire community, both Flint residents and donors, for their support," Schwartz continues. "When we started this project, the \$30 million price tag looked and felt daunting. It be-

came even more challenging when COVID struck, slowing down our construction process and creating significant supply chain challenges. It took tremendous effort on the part of so many people, but we are honored to report that the entire project is complete, and the cost is fully covered through donor commitments and the public bonds. We reopened our doors having achieved our fundraising goal."

The library celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 19, followed by self-guided tours. The library formally opened to the public on Friday, May 20, with all services available.

"Our entire staff was so excited to open our doors once again and welcome the public to their transformed Flint Public Library!" "We invite all communities to visit and use the resources available to everyone." For more information on the resources available and a calendar of events, visit the library online at [www.fpl.info](http://www.fpl.info).



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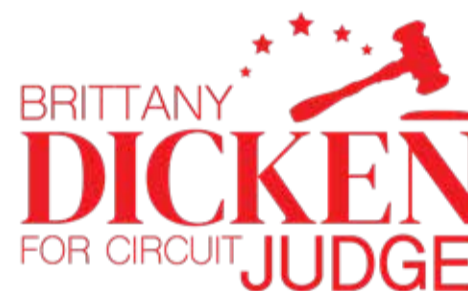


# BRITTANY DICKEN

is Qualified and has Deep Roots in the Community She Serves

Brittany (Dougherty) Dicken lives in Saginaw with her husband, Chase, daughter, Charlotte, and their beloved dog, Rosie. Chase is a Saginaw native, graduate of Valley Lutheran High School and partner in the Garber Organization. Brittany and Chase are committed to the Saginaw Community and raising their family here.

- Graduate of Central Michigan University and the Charlotte School of Law in North Carolina where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with Pro Bono Honors and fourth in her class.
- Law Clerk for the Honorable Fred L. Borchard, working on criminal, civil, and family law cases.
- Staff Attorney for the Friend of the Court for four years working on 6500 family law cases.
- Appointed by Chief Judge McGraw as a Circuit Court Referee to hear custody, parenting time and child support cases in a quasi-judicial capacity with a case load of 14000 active cases.
- Director of the Saginaw County Friend of the Court where she managed a public service office of 40+ employees and oversaw 26,000 family law cases for three years.
- Regional Director for the Friend of the Court Association.
- Associate Attorney, McGraw Morris, P.C. since 2021



### INNOVATIONS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC

Brittany implemented 24/7 access to child support cases through MiChildSupport, two-way communication through a chat function and Facebook messaging, opened phone lines to speak to a child support specialist anytime during normal business hours and brought investigations for custody and parenting time in house to reduce the cost of services to the public.

Brittany implemented a bench warrant amnesty day to assist payers of support in becoming compliant with their child support orders and created a position at the Friend of the Court to expand services to answer custody and parenting time questions by phone, email, and walk-in.

### OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Jaycees of Saginaw
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- Mustard Seed Shelter
- Junior League of Saginaw
- Saginaw County Bar Association
- Attorney Advisor for Party on McCarty





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# What's for dinner today, Della?

By Dolores Grant-Fall, former Neighborhood House cook

Now that summer is around the corner, we can concentrate on some treats that will be easy to make for kids without running to the store and buying ice cream, etc.

## Custard block squares

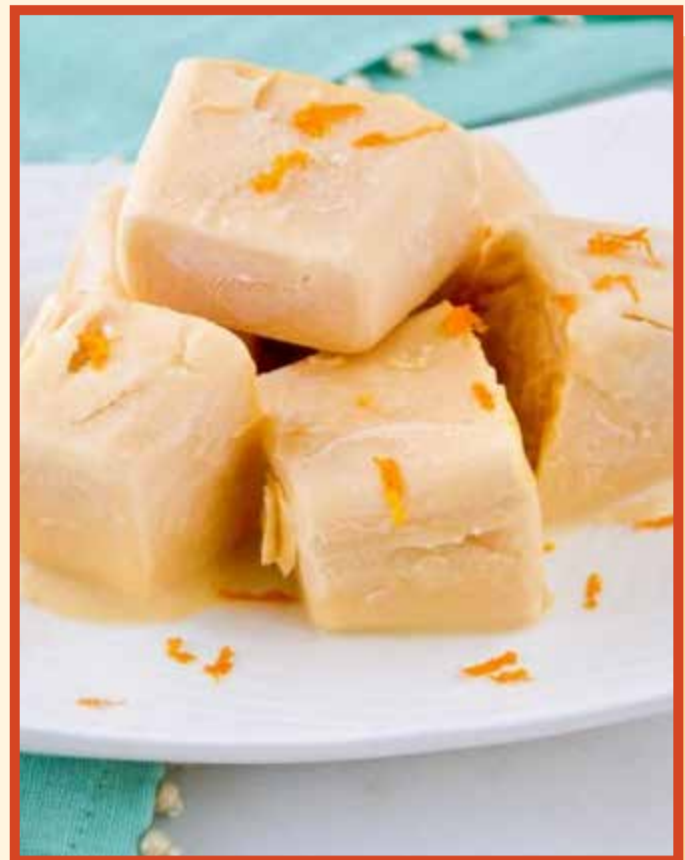
### Ingredients

- 1 can condensed milk
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 cup of water
- 2 tablespoons custard powder
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla or almond extra

### Instructions

Combine water and the two cans of milk in a saucepan and put on stove to warm. Dissolve custard powder in the warm milk. Add nutmeg and extract. Stir and cool. This will be enough for two or three ice trays. Pour and freeze for about six hours. Place the cubes in a dish to enjoy.

Kids and even adults love this treat on a warm day or in the evening, sitting around on the porch.



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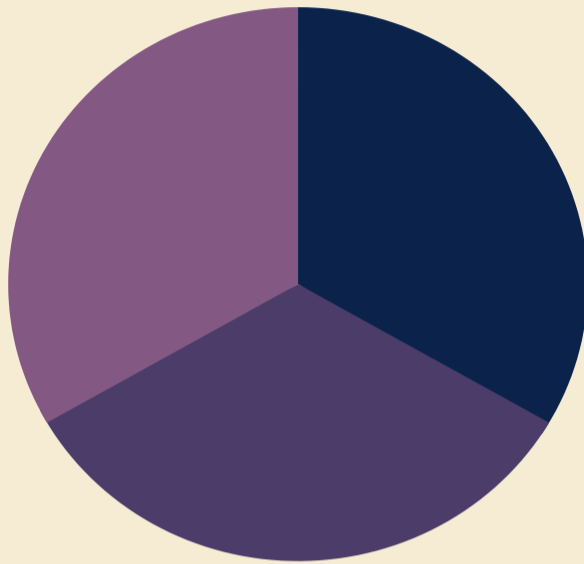
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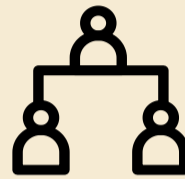


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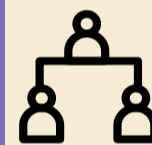


*The MI Tri-Share Pilot (Tri-Share) is an innovative public/private partnership that shares the cost of child care equally between employers, employees, and the state of Michigan.*

## Overview

- **Tri-Share aims to:** (1) make child care affordable and accessible for working parents; (2) help employers retain and attract employees; and (3) help child care providers secure slots.
- Facilitator Hubs coordinate and administer the program in three regions currently representing the **Great Lakes Bay region, Northwest lower peninsula and Muskegon County.**
- Hubs serve as a **central liaison to facilitate connections** between employers, employees and providers.
- Eligible employees are those who are **Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE)** to alleviate one financial burden and remove a barrier to work.

## Benefits



**For employers,** Tri-Share hopes to aid employers recruit and retain talent, and remove barriers to employment



**For working parents,** this will reduce the out-of-pocket cost of child care, and alleviate the burden of finding child care



**For providers,** this pilot will secure slots for reliable payments of child care, as well as help with recruitment.

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## + HEALTH

# Ascension St. Mary's warns extreme heat can cause heat-related illness

Summer weather is upon us with higher temperatures and increased humidity. According to the CDC, every year, more than 600 people in the U.S. die of heat-related illness and many others experience hospitalization. It's crucial that people take precautions against prolonged or intense exposure to hot temperatures that can cause heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke.

The body has several ways to deal with excess heat. The first way is through the skin by releasing internal heat to the surface. The second way is through breathing, where body-temperature air is exhaled and replaced by cooler, inhaled air. The third, and most important, is sweating. Water in sweat evaporates, taking heat with it and cooling the skin. When the body can't shed enough heat, its core temperature starts to rise and serious danger can follow.

"Individuals most prone to heat illness include young athletes, elderly people and people with chronic health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer," says Steven McLean, MD, emergency medicine physician at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital. "Symptoms can range from headache, dizziness, cramps and nausea to confusion, heavy sweating, difficulty breathing, weak pulse and passing out."

The most serious of heat-related illnesses is heat stroke, where the body's cooling systems become overwhelmed. The body temperature rises, individuals experience a rapid heart rate, shallow breathing and significant mental status changes occur. Immediate medical treatment is needed to prevent any permanent brain and organ injury, coma and death.

"Extreme heat is especially dangerous in humid climates when sweat evaporates very slowly, losing much of its cooling effect," explains Dr. McLean. "Added to this, dehydration will occur when we don't replace fluids we have lost and cool our bodies down, leading to increased heat illness."

The best way to avoid heat illness is

through prevention with these tips:

### Stay in air conditioning

When possible, stay in air conditioning on hot days. If you don't have air conditioning, head to a library, shopping mall, and other public spaces to keep cool.

### Check on loved ones

Extreme heat can affect anyone of any age, including youth and adults. Be sure to check on older friends and neighbors who live alone and don't have air conditioning.

### Avoid the hottest part of the day

If you have to be outside, stick to the cooler morning and evening hours. Wear light, loose clothing and take frequent, air-conditioned breaks.

### Beware of hot cars

Never leave a person or a pet in a parked car, even for a short time. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

### Stay hydrated

Drink plenty of water on hot days. Avoid alcohol and heavy meals. If you must be outdoors, drink a quart of fluid every hour or so. You can alternate water with a sports-type drink. Skip the caffeine and alcohol since they increase urination and dehydration.

### Stay informed

Watch your local weather forecasts so you can plan outdoor activities safely. Pay attention to any extreme heat alerts.

If you start feeling overheated, weak, dizzy, nauseated or have muscle cramps, you could be experiencing heat illness. Move to air conditioning, drink water, get under a fan, and put on cool washcloths. If symptoms worsen or don't improve, seek medical treatment at the emergency room. Ascension St. Mary's has two emergency care centers in Saginaw. For any concern about heat stroke, call 911 immediately.



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## MDHHS awards \$300,000 to expand, improve sickle cell clinics

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced the awardees of the Sickle Cell Clinic Expansion and Enhancement Program grants.

The purpose of the program is to offer new resources to providers that help increase patient access to quality multidisciplinary health care and improve care coordination, as well as establish preferred provider networks that focus on sickle cell disease. The three awardees, with each receiving \$100,000, are:

**Henry Ford Health**, which will focus on assuring a smooth transition of sickle cell disease patients from pediatric to adult care, as well as to improve access to other specialty and treatment management services, such as orthopedics, pain management and allied services.

**Michigan State University**, which will work to establish a lifespan sickle

cell center in Lansing within its Inherited Blood Disorder Service. This clinic will be staffed by a multi-disciplinary team and be available to both pediatric and adult sickle cell disease patients.

**University of Michigan**, which will work to ensure health care providers follow national guidelines and patients and caregivers practice preventative care, including keeping appointments and following disease-altering treatments and medication recommendations.

“We are excited to see work begin on these projects,” said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. “We look forward to seeing how they will evolve and the impact they will have on our priorities of making sure patients take the medication they need and receive preventative care, as well as assuring more equitable access to care for those with sickle cell disease.”

The clinic award period ends Sept. 30,

2022. Successful applicants may be awarded continuing funding annually through Sept. 30, 2024, based upon funding availability and their performance. Funding for the new clinic programs was included in the fiscal year 2022 budget signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer as part of the expansion of the Children’s Special Health Care Services program to cover adults with sickle cell disease.

Anyone who wants more information on the new clinic services can email [genetics@michigan.gov](mailto:genetics@michigan.gov). Anyone who wants more information about the Children’s Special Health Care Services program or its enrollment process can contact their local health department or call the Children’s Special Health Care Services Family Phone line, 1-800-359-3722.



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## + EDUCATION



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# What parents might say to their child about school shootings



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**  
RETIRED EDUCATOR

The tragic events of May 24th school shootings in Uvalde, Texas have been difficult to process. Then to have several more shootings, seemingly all over the nation and in all types of settings makes watching the news unsettling for all of us.

One of the biggest challenges for all parents, grandparents, and caregivers for children of all ages has been, what do you say to your children?

Many reports have touched upon this extremely difficult situation. This article will highlight three themes that rise to the topic of a long list for us to consider.

**First, initiate the conversation.** Most likely we do not want to talk about such an awful event like a school shooting. This goes for children, too. They likely may not initiate a conversation, so as caregivers, we need to do so. You should start a conversation with the goal of opening lines of communication.

**Second, listen.** Your child will have comments & questions. Listen carefully and try to be as positive and supportive as you can be. This is not easy; you will be challenged to temper your own doubts and fears in an effort to hear your child's. The act of listening in itself is an important demonstration of love, care, and concern.

**Third, check back in.** Frequent conversations that are relatively short in length may be preferable to just one long one. The truth is, just like us adults, kids will have waves of sorrow and doubt. Watch closely for cues that may reveal a child that is worried or fretful.

Help offset these times by checking in, and during these times offer ideas of what they can do to help. Are there school or

church activities that can be initiated in some community service? For example, a visit to a senior citizen complex to drop off personalized cards with hopeful and supportive messages can provide a feeling that something is being done that is "good" that runs counter to all the "bad" that seems to sweep us up when the nightly news is aired.

The idea that actions speak louder than words help beat back the flames of worry and doubt that arise from the Uvalde tragedy. Ongoing conversations with feelings of love are the best strategies parents can employ.

Resources:

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/what-parents-can-say-to-their-children-about-school-shootings>

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/25/1101071658/what-we-know-about-uvalde-shooting>



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# 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
<b>LOCAL ACADEMIES</b>	
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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:senkowskie@sisd.cc))
- Contact David Krantz, Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8754 | email [dkrantz@sisd.cc](mailto: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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AUGUST 2, 2022**

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

**What is on the ballot?**

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**Why is this on the ballot?**

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**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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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](http://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](http://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](mailto:senkowskie@sisd.cc)) or David Krantz, Saginaw ISD's Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8754 | email [dkrantz@sisd.cc](mailto:dkrantz@sisd.cc))
- You may also contact your local school district superintendent for additional details





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## Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) initial information for potential community partners

### 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](http://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](mailto:bashj@sisd.cc)). Join the Great Start Collaborative (contact Julie Kozan at [jkozan@sisd.cc](mailto:jkozan@sisd.cc)). Let your SISD Early Childhood Contact, Ericka M. Taylor ([etaylor@sisd.cc](mailto: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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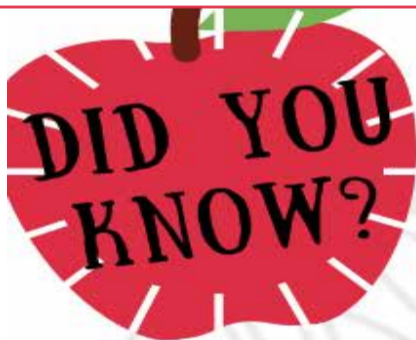
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Applications for enrollment can be obtained from the building you want your child to attend.

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# Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) initial information for potential community partners

## 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.





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## + BUSINESS



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# After 85 years, Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union to become Dow Credit Union

Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union ([dcecu.org](http://dcecu.org)) has announced plans to simplify its name to Dow Credit Union.

After its founding in 1937, DCECU initially only served employees of Dow and Dow Corning. Then, over the years, membership eligibility evolved to include many other companies' employees and retirees and their family members, as well as members of other organizations.

"Simplifying and streamlining our name to Dow Credit Union makes sense for us as we celebrate our heritage and ongoing service to Dow while recognizing the broader base of our membership and our growing role in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan," said DCECU Chief Executive Officer Michael Goad. "We look forward to using this name change and brand refresh as an opportunity to reintroduce ourselves to the members and communities we serve."

DCECU has been a perennial national leader in financial rewards for members, and the expanded membership base has helped fuel that continued performance. The credit union paid Member Giveback rebates and rewards totaling more than \$13 million for 2021 and has returned more than \$261 million to its members since 1980. In early 2022, Credit Union National Association (CUNA) once again named DCECU as one of the top credit unions in the country for delivering member value.

"When we began discussing the possibility of a name change, one thing was clear: We wanted that name to celebrate our history and ties to the community while simultaneously clarifying that membership is open to a broader population than it was back in 1937," said DCECU Board of Directors Chair Perry Holmon. "Ultimately, we determined that simplifying our longstanding name would accom-

plish both goals and help bring a new energy as we serve our existing members and welcome new ones."

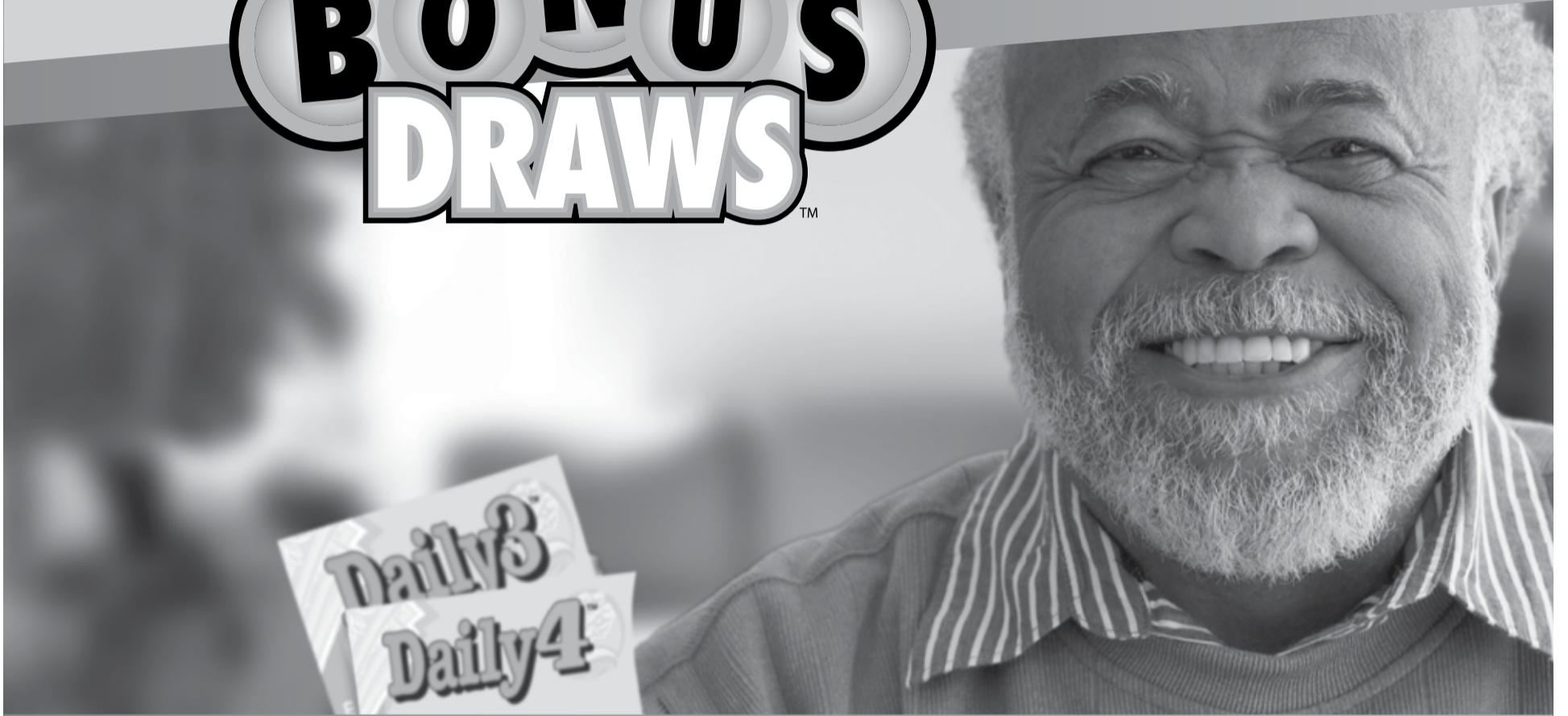
DCECU Board of Directors member and past chair Mark Bachman noted that the name change comes as both Dow and the credit union celebrate notable milestones.

"It is a significant anniversary year for both Dow and DCECU: Dow is marking 125 years in business in 2022, and DCECU is celebrating 85 years of service to member-owners," he said. "This is a great time to reveal a new name, new logo and refreshed look for the credit union."

For more information about the shift from Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union to Dow Credit Union, visit [dcecu.org/newname](http://dcecu.org/newname).



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**+ BUSINESS**

# Gov. Whitmer's State of Small Business Summit underscores continued focus on supporting small businesses across Michigan

On June 6, Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II joined the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) at the Governor's State of Small Business Summit, which brought together business support organizations, economic development partners, advocates, and lenders as part of a statewide effort to inform a comprehensive strategy for microenterprise and small business investment in Michigan.

"Our economic development stakeholders play a vital role on Team Michigan, serving as the voice of entrepreneurs and small businesses in the state, as well as deploying resources through inclusive efforts and a desire to support a robust small business ecosystem," said Lt. Governor Gilchrist. "We remain laser-focused on ensuring we work hand-in-hand with our ecosystem partners to continue driving meaningful conversations around programming that will impact microenterprises and small businesses across Michigan."

The event featured informative presentations from state leaders, including Lt. Governor Gilchrist, and experts sharing the latest in Michigan's economic opportunity and small business recovery trends. Attendees also heard about strides MEDC has taken to elevate small business as a strategic focus area and updates on the U.S. Department of Treasury's State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) lending and technical assistance programs. Additionally, participants broke into small groups for discussion on technical assistance design, deployment, outcomes, and other relevant topics.

Today's summit builds on last month's news that Michigan was approved for up to \$236,990,950 through the first group of plans announced under SSBCI. Michigan was one of only five states to be approved for funding through this round of awards, which are intended to increase access to capital and promote entrepreneurship, especially in traditionally underserved com-

munities as they emerge from the pandemic.

The Michigan Strategic Fund is expected to receive the first round of the SSBCI funding – approximately \$72 million – in the next 30 to 60 days. Lenders interested in supporting borrowers through the collateral support and loan participation program may begin contacting MEDC Capital Access immediately related to those programs at [businessloans@michigan.org](mailto:businessloans@michigan.org).

"Michigan is committed to leading the way in efforts that help all small businesses, the communities they serve and the people they employ to thrive," said Susan Corbin, Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. "This summit is another example of how government and small business stakeholders can come together to develop strategic partnerships and deliver innovative solutions that create significant, lasting impacts."

Newly-released small business data underscores Michigan's continued economic growth. According to Opportunity Insight's Track the Recovery, January 2022 saw small business revenue in Michigan increase by 24 percent compared to January 2020, while the nation experienced a 6.9 percent increase over the same period. According to the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, Michigan ranks 10th in small business revenue growth over the last two years.

This latest positive data closely follows

the recent announcement that Michigan had the fastest small business job growth in 23 years and that 150,000 new small business applications were filed in 2021, 59% more than in 2019.

A White House report released in April found that more Americans are starting new businesses than ever before. In 2021, Americans applied to start 5.4 million new businesses – 20% more than any other year on record. It also found that small businesses are creating more jobs than ever before, with businesses with fewer than 50 workers creating 1.9 million jobs in the first three quarters of 2021 – the highest rate of small business job creation ever recorded in a single year.

"Our small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy, and here in Michigan, we're committed to doing all we can to provide the support, resources and opportunities they need to grow and thrive," said Quentin L. Messer, Jr., CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "We're grateful to Gov. Whitmer, Lt. Gov. Gilchrist, the legislature and our partners who work tirelessly to champion our small businesses. No business is small to the risk-taking owners who sacrifice to employ neighbors and friends. We look forward to building on this progress over the coming year as we continue to elevate small businesses throughout Michigan."

Over 900,000 small businesses employ 1.9 million people. COVID-19 impacted small businesses nationally and here in Michigan. Governor Whitmer, through her MI New Economy plan is setting a bold goal for Michigan's small businesses to build on this momentum and have Top 10 growth during the next five years.



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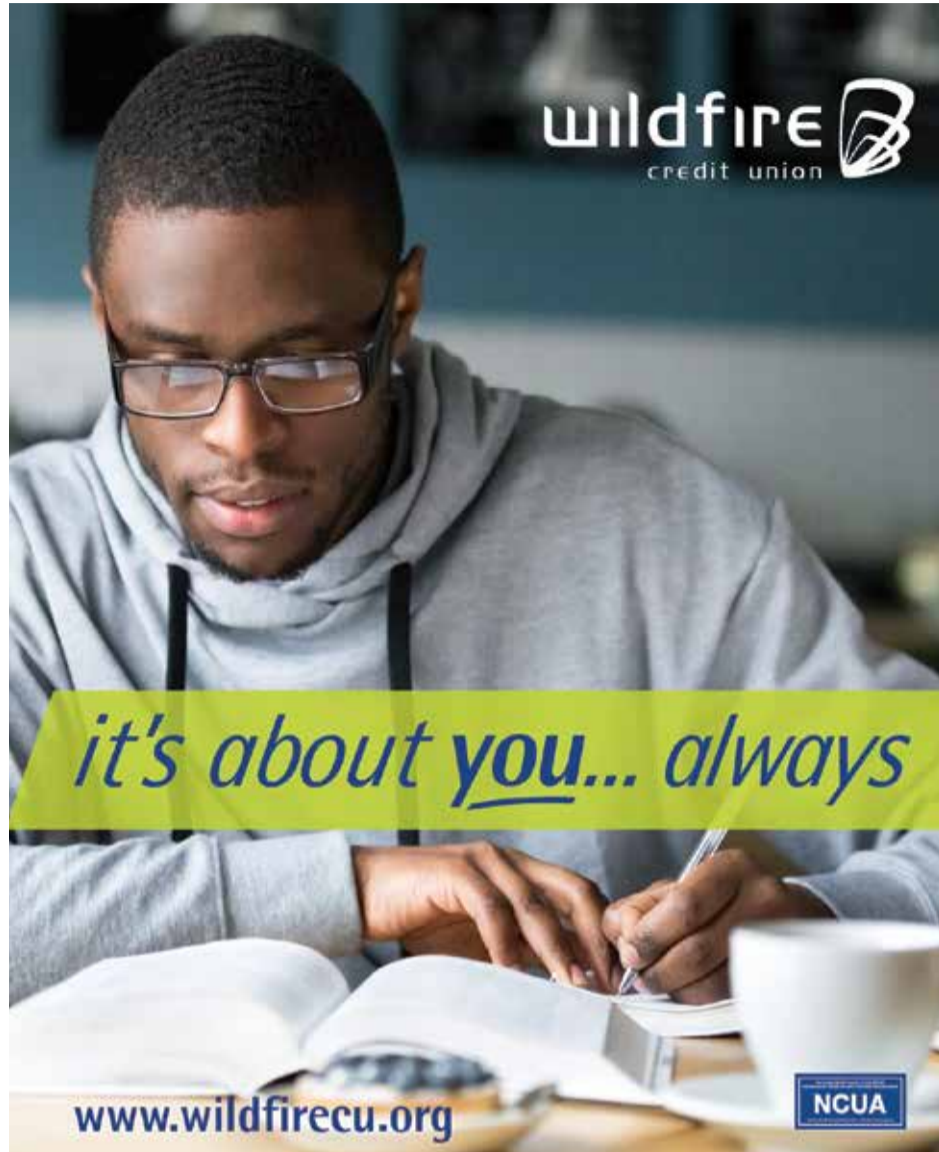
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## + FUNDRAISING GOODTIMES

# 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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## + SPORTS

# SVSU Director of Athletics John Decker announces retirement

Saginaw Valley State University Director of Athletics John Decker has announced his retirement effective Friday, Aug. 12. Decker joined SVSU as Associate Vice President and General Counsel in 2014 and assumed responsibility for SVSU Athletics in 2018.

"It truly has been an honor to be affiliated with the student-athletes at SVSU," Decker said. "They reflect the highest ideals of NCAA athletics in their balancing of academics, athletics, and community engagement, and it is extremely gratifying to see college athletes whose primary incentive for competing is simply because they love the sport they play."

Angela Pohl, SVSU Deputy Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator, will take over leadership of the department as the Interim Director of Athletics.

Decker's final year at the helm saw SVSU Athletics attain its highest finish in the past 35 years in the GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) President's Cup standings, placing second behind Grand Valley State University. In 2022 SVSU Athletics also received the two largest alumni donations dedicated to providing scholarships and Student-Athlete support in the history of the Department.

Decker also guided the Department while managing various NCAA and Title IX gender equity issues, along with navigating SVSU Athletics through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Without question, the pandemic was the most challenging part of my time as AD," Decker said. "The decisions that were made may not have always been popular, but at all times they were driven completely by what was determined by our health-care experts to be in the best interests of the health and welfare of our Student-Athletes."

The establishment of a third-party billing process to generate financial resources for athletic training and strength and con-



JOHN DECKER

ditioning is also now underway at SVSU.

"I would like to thank John Decker for his leadership of SVSU Athletics during a very challenging period of time," said Donald Bachand, SVSU president. "Our athletic programs are competing at a high level, not only within the GLIAC, but nationally. John also has built important relationships to further advance opportunities for SVSU student-athletes."

"I wish John and his wife Sally, SVSU professor of nursing, a well-earned retirement. I appreciate Angela Pohl's dedication to SVSU Athletics and she will have my full support as she takes on her added responsibilities."

During Decker's tenure, SVSU hired nine new head coaches. The search for a head coach of the recently added 20th varsity sport, women's lacrosse, is currently underway.

Athletic facilities at SVSU have seen numerous upgrades throughout Decker's tenure, including the new video scoreboard at Wickes Stadium that debuted in the fall of 2021. SVSU Athletics is currently overseeing numerous enhancements tak-

ing place this summer, including the addition of artificial turf to the soccer/lacrosse field, replacement of the football field turf, the addition of new scoreboards for the soccer/lacrosse field and the indoor field-house, resurfacing of the outdoor tennis courts, and replacement of flooring in the basketball and volleyball arenas. Funding is in place to revamp the Cardinal Athletics Hall of Fame display area in the Ryder Center later this year.

Heading into the 2022 SVSU football season, Decker will be completing a collaboration with Bowie State University Athletics to celebrate the HBCU experience, which will include a number of educational and cultural events surrounding the Cardinal football game with the Bulldogs on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Wickes Stadium.

"None of our recent accomplishments would have been possible without an exceptional administrative team. Angela Pohl has been a tremendous and valuable teammate and I am confident that SVSU Athletics will continue to grow and prosper during the interim period under her leadership," Decker said.

A Saginaw native, Decker obtained his bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska, where he also was a member of the Cornhuskers' 1970 National Championship football team. He earned a law degree at Duke University in 1974. Prior to joining SVSU, he was a partner at the Saginaw law firm Braun Kendrick, which included serving for 12 years as the firm's managing partner.

Decker and his wife, Dr. Sally Decker, who will be retiring as a professor of nursing at SVSU at the end of June, have two children and four grandchildren.



## Saginaw Spirit host Guelph Storm on October 1 to open 2022-23 regular season

The Saginaw Spirit announced their home opening game of the 2022-23 season will take place Saturday, October 1, 2022 with the Spirit hosting the Midwest Division's Guelph Storm at The Dow Event Center at 7:05 p.m.

This is the third time in the history of the Spirit will open their home docket with an engagement with the Storm. In the home opener of the 2016-17 season, the Storm were led by a 40-save performance from Liam Herbst, edging the Spirit, 2-1. Back in 2006, the Storm received another strong goaltending performance to upend the Spirit. Despite a three-point night from former Detroit Red Wings draft pick Tyler Haskins, Guelph cashed in on a second period, natural hat trick from Mike McLean. Storm netminder Jason Guy made 42-saves en route to a 4-2 final.

All-time, the Spirit are 8-10-1-0 in their home opening game and 3-6-0-0 when their home opener is the first game of the regular season.

This marks the first time that the Spirit have started a regular season schedule at home in back-to-back seasons since the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

For more information regarding season tickets for the 2022-23 season, please visit Saginaw Spirit 2022-2023 Season Tickets – Saginaw Spirit



## Tigers celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> annual Negro Leagues weekend

The Detroit Tigers are proud to host the 20th annual Negro Leagues Weekend, presented by Comerica Bank, from June 17-19, when the Texas Rangers visit Comerica Park. This annual tradition marks the longest-running weekend celebration of its kind in Major League Baseball. Tickets for all three games during Negro Leagues Weekend are currently available at [tigers.com/tickets](https://tigers.com/tickets).

Negro Leagues Weekend will be highlighted by the 26th annual Negro Leagues Tribute Game on Saturday, June 19. The Tigers will hold a pregame ceremony to raise the "Detroit Stars" flag in center field in honor of the Detroit Stars, who became charter members of the Negro National League in 1920. Several former Negro Leagues players will also be honored during the ceremony.

The legendary Cecil Fielder will be returning to Detroit, and interact with Tigers fans on Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19, when he will also be presented the Willie Horton African American Legacy Award. In the 1990 season for Detroit, Fielder became the first player to reach the 50-home run mark since 1977, and the first American League player to accomplish the feat since Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris hit 54 and 61 home runs, respectively, in 1961.

The Tigers will distribute 2,000 complimentary game tickets to local organizations as part of the Negro Leagues Weekend Celebration.

"We're looking forward to continuing the tradition of celebrating Negro Leagues Weekend with Tigers fans, our current players and within the community," said Chris McGowan, President and CEO, Ilitch Sports + Entertainment. "The tremendous impact of the Negro Leagues is deeply-rooted in

the city of Detroit, and it's a privilege to pay homage to the Detroit Stars and former Negro Leagues players who represented our city. We are honored to fly the Detroit Stars flag in center field at Comerica Park, recognizing the great Stars players and their significant contributions to baseball. And with Tigers great Cecil Fielder also returning to Detroit, it's going to be a fantastic weekend at the ballpark."

"Highlighting the many African American trailblazers who have impacted both the game and our community, Negro Leagues Weekend always delivers on a wonderful celebration of baseball's past, present, and future," said Linda Nosegbe, Comerica Bank Vice President and Southeast External Affairs Market Manager. "Each year the Detroit Tigers present many memorable moments, and this week will be no different. For 20 years now, Negro Leagues Weekend has been special to Comerica, and we appreciate the opportunity to once again partner on this weekend of great festivities."

Fans are encouraged to arrive at Comerica Park early to enjoy the many activities that are planned throughout Negro Leagues Weekend. DJ Mo Beatz – Big Sean's official DJ – will spin on the Pepsi Porch prior to all three games, and a "Walk of Stars," similar to the Hollywood Walk of Fame, will be set up to highlight the achievements of former Detroit Stars players. Burt's Marketplace, a black-owned restaurant located in Eastern Market, will be hosting a barbeque takeover in the Brushfire Grill all weekend.



+ SPORTS

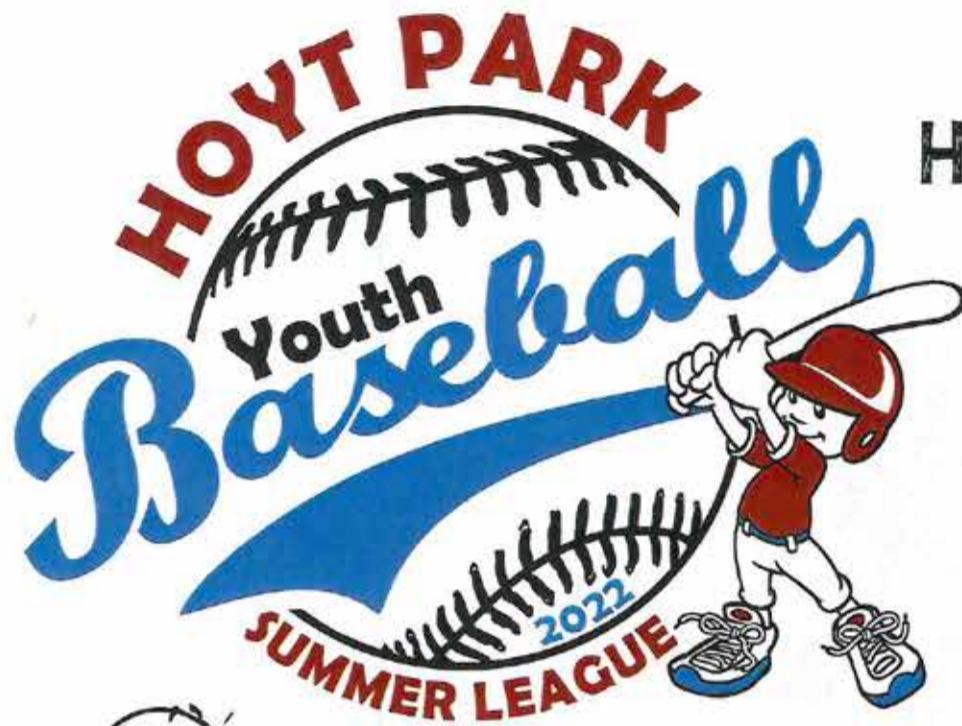
## Seen on the Scene: Saginaw United Football Team

On June 3, The Saginaw United Football team received \$24,000 from the Detroit Lions Foundation to purchase sporting equipment and \$2,000 for UDIM chocolate milk.



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# Hey Batter Batter!

## WHO:

All Saginaw County  
**BOYS & GIRLS**

Age 5-6 (T-ball)

Age 7-8 (Coach Pitch)

Division teams:  
10U & 12U

## WHEN:

10 Game Season  
July 5th - Aug 4, 2022  
Tuesday & Thursday  
Evenings

## WHERE:

Hoyt Park  
1574 S. Washington Ave  
Saginaw, MI



## REGISTRATION:

[www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com](http://www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com)  
to register and pay online.

## Registration Deadline June 17, 2022

\*League registration reserves a free spot in the  
Sugar Beets Baseball/Softball Camp at Hoyt Park  
June 14-15th (12-3 pm)

## COST:

**\$20 per player**

\* \$3 additional fee charged on registration site

### NEED A TEAM?

T-Ball & Coach Pitch teams will be formed by  
the League. Division Players needing a team  
may sign up and will be placed on the waitlist.

All registered players & coaches  
will receive a free Loons tickets at  
the end of the Hoyt Season



Division Teams (10U & 12U)  
require a team sponsor. Please  
send \$300 sponsorship fee to:  
Saginaw County Parks  
111. S. Michigan LL 012  
Saginaw, MI 48602.  
Questions? 989-790-5283

Division players are still required to  
register and pay online to be qualified  
to play in the league.







## PICS OF THE WEEK

On June 10, the Urban Racquet Sports Foundation celebrates the official grand opening of the new Garber Courts located at 1760 Fordney St in Saginaw.



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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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