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Women's History Month

"Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories"



Theodore Roethke

Poetry & Arts Festival

March 17-22, 2023

Poetry Slam

Friday, March 17 • 6:30-9 p.m.

Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum (SVSU)

Roethke Home Tours and Poetry Reading

Saturday, March 18 • 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Theodore Roethke Home Museum (1805 Gratiot, Saginaw)

Ted (Roethke) Talk and Brew

Sunday, March 19 • 6-8 p.m.

Oracle Brewing (122 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw)

Concert Band Tribute to Roethke

Monday, March 20 • 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church (805 Center Ave., Bay City)

Jazz and Poetry at Live Oak

Wednesday, March 22 • 7-9 p.m.

Live Oak Coffeehouse (711 Ashman Street, Midland)

Additional Events

The Melvin J. Zahnow Library (SVSU) will feature a Roethke display in the Roberta Allen Reading Room, on the fourth floor of the Library, during the month of March.

SVSU's Writing Programs will hold a "Write Like Roethke" poetry contest for area high school students. For contest guidelines, visit svsu.edu/Roethke.

THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Theodore Roethke
MEMORIAL POETRY PRIZE

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 • 7-8:30 P.M.
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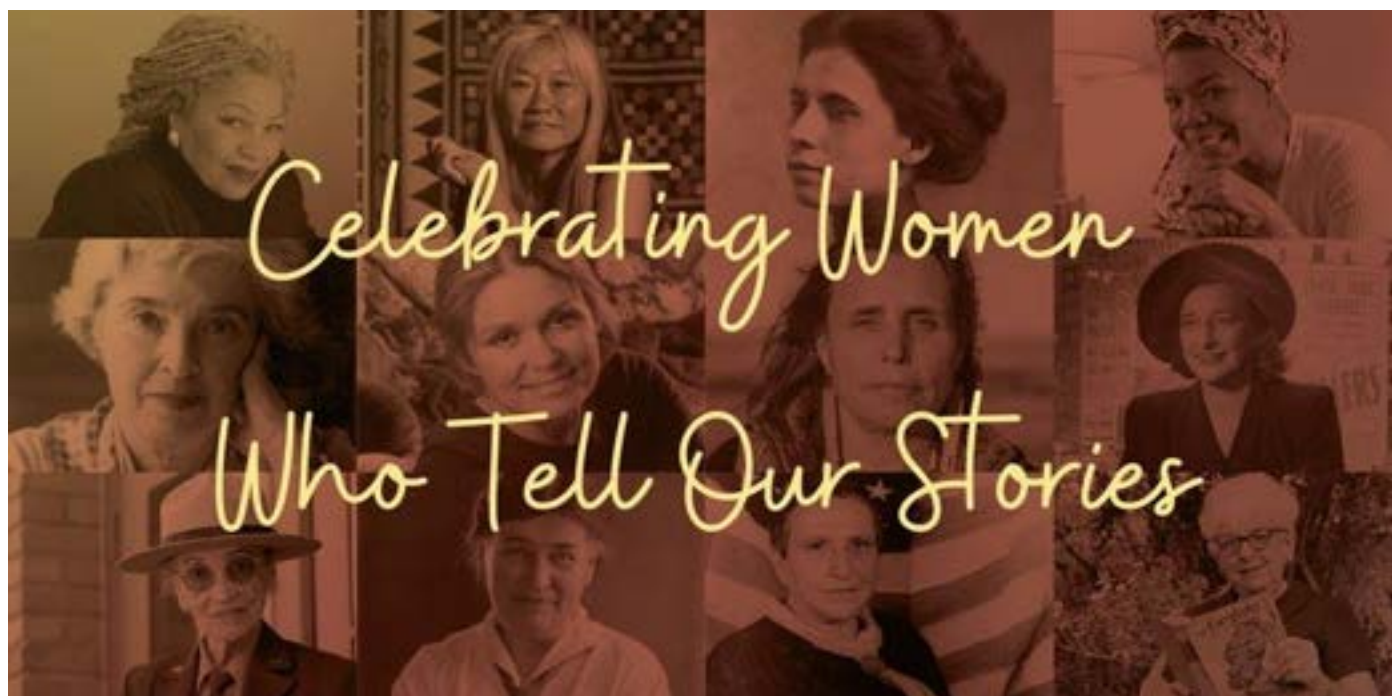
Join us in honoring Patricia Jabbeh Wesley, the 2022 winner of the Roethke Memorial Prize for Poetry, for her book of collected poems *Praise Song for My Children: New and Collected Poems*. Named for the late Saginaw poet who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1954, this distinguished prize has been awarded since 1968. A poetry reading and book signing will follow this event.



The Theodore Roethke Poetry & Arts Festival is made possible in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.svsu.edu/roethke

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National Women's History Month

March is and a time to celebrate and educate. When the U.S. was first established a woman was considered a man's property. She was silenced, discriminated against and deprived of her civil rights. It took decades of persistent work and sacrifice by women's rights activists to change that.

It's a reminder that we've made tremendous progress, but that there's still distance to go!

Why Do We Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

What is National women's day celebrating?

U.S. International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating **the historical, cultural, and political achievements of women**. The day also observed in support of taking action against gender inequality around the world.

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023

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WOMEN OF COLORS

Evelyn McGovern

Co-founder Women of Colors (WOC)



Evelyn McGovern has received numerous awards for her contribution to the growth and well-being of the Saginaw community, including the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Spirit Award and the Dr. MLK Jr. Unity Award.

In 1993, Evelyn co-founded Women of Colors (WOC) and has served as the (acting) president since 1997.

WOC is a grassroots nonprofit organization with a mission to promote diversity, equity, and inclusiveness for the empowerment of families by providing services to strengthen communities and enhance community relations in the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond. She has devoted countless hours to volunteerism and service to enrich the culture that makes the Saginaw community an excellent place for individuals and families to work, have fun, and live.

Membership affiliations include the Behavior Health Action Group, Health & Equity Task Force, Saginaw Alignment, and the Saginaw County Prevention Coalition. She also serves on the STARS Board of Directors and the Saginaw Police Advisory Commission.

Evelyn helped launch WOC TV Network, Stronger Together Chapter in the local City of Saginaw.

Evelyn developed the WOC Prevention Team to provide evidence-based programs including substance abuse prevention, and life skills training for children and adults. Helped develop WOC's community forums, and the annual "Warm A Child For Winter" programs.

She is author of Amazon best seller book "The Mother You Know" to help mothers and children heal from their past and present struggles.

In 2022, Evelyn helped WOC secure the \$200,000 Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant for the Racial Disparities in Behavior Health Follow Up Care to manage a collaborative community-based participatory discovery project to learn about barriers that impede African American equal access to behavior health care services in Saginaw County.

Evelyn believes in strengthening our community, and in doing so, people of all colors must work together, embrace diversity, and serve in any way possible.

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WOC Members:

Dr. Kai Anderson

Dr. Kai Anderson is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Central Michigan University. She is an Associate Psychiatry Residency Program Director, Director of Psychotherapy Training and developed the program's Social Justice, Antiracism, and Equity Curriculum. Her areas of interest include child abuse and neglect, public health, sociocultural determinants of health, anti-racism education, and forensic psychiatry. She is committed to ensuring that every individual is provided access to quality, clinically sound, culturally sensitive health care.



Nitisha Atkins

Nitisha Atkins, is an experienced Accountant with expertise in nonprofit accounting as well as income tax preparation. She has over 10 years of experience and is highly knowledgeable with GAAP principles, budgeting, financial statement preparation, and tax planning. She sits as the current Treasurer of the Women of Colors Board and the Accounting Supervisor to Women of Colors financial staff.



Jewery Curry

Jewery Curry is a member of Word of Faith International Ministries and Women of Colors for over 10 years. She was born in Bastrop, Louisiana and raised in Monroe, Louisiana... moving to Saginaw in 1973.



She is a graduate of Richman High school and BMS Business School. Jewery is currently retired from careers ranging from caregivers to property manager. She is the mother of five children, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren plus one grand-dog and two grand-cats and one great grand-dog.

Jewery Passions are her church Word of Faith International Ministries, Women of Colors, and showing love to her family and friends. Her motto is, Love out loud.

Patricia Fairris

Patricia Fairris is a retired Saginaw Public School teacher with a Bachelor and two master's degrees from the University of Michigan and Saginaw Valley State University. She is currently an Independent Jewelry consultant of 12 years. Patricia is a member of the Saginaw Branch NAACP and recently received several certifications in Life Coaching. She is a volunteer at Saginaw East Side Soup kitchen. Patricia is a member of New Life Ministries, Dr. Pastor Craig Tatum where



she sings in the choir and chair Member Month. Favorite scripture: Philipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me the strength."

Amanda Forsmark

Amanda loves being part of the Saginaw community! Born and raised in the Flint area, she came to Saginaw 12 years ago to work in the school-based health centers at Saginaw High and Arthur Hill.



During the height of the pandemic in 2020, Amanda left the school clinics to find something that allowed her flexibility to care for her young children and still support community endeavors, so she joined the team at Molina Healthcare. She has worked with WOC for years prior to joining and has always admired the great work they do in the community. She is proud to be part of the WOC Board of Directors!

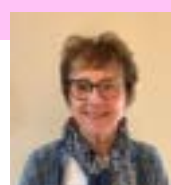
Arletta French

Arletta French is a retired psychiatric and rehabilitation social worker. She was on the board and volunteered at Community Prescription Support program. She also counseled at Cathedral Mental Health. Arletta continues to serve on the SCCMHA Citizens Advisory Council.



Linda Grindahl

Linda Grindahl has been a member of Women of Colors for almost one year. She's also active in the Saginaw Stronger Together Chapter. Participated in Our Saviour Lutheran Quilt Auction for over 15 years, in which they have raised over \$150,000 and volunteered for the Community Subscription program.



Vicki Hill

Ms. Vicki Hill is a radio gospel announcer at KISS 107.1 WTLZ for 28 years, thousands of people have invited Ms. Hill into their homes every Sunday to listen to her words of encouragement, and special music arrangements of contemporary Christian to Traditional gospel music. Ms. Hill showcases national and local artists, and even gives artist who are not signed to a major label an opportunity by giving them a start on her show.



Ms. Hill has been the Branch Manager at the Jolt Credit Union in Bay City Michigan for 28 years and has enjoyed her career in the financial field for over 30 years, in 2010 at the Grand Ole Opry Ms.

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Hill was presented with a Stellar Reach Award. She is the Vice Chair of Women of Colors.

Mary Joyce Givan Lewis

Mary J. has been a WOC member of five years, was born in Alabama and moved to Michigan in her early years. During her time as a student in the Saginaw Public School system, Mary J became a young mother at the age of 16. Dedicated to her studies, Mary J went on to finish school and even completed a year of college before working for Saginaw Public Schools for over 35 years. Mary J channeled her motherly love through her work in food service, ensuring students had meals they may not have had at home.



Allie Martinez

Allie Martinez is a lifelong resident of Saginaw, currently residing in Carrollton with her husband and two young sons. She is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University, and recently accepted a position at Delta College after working for several years at Underground Railroad, Inc. She is passionate about prevention and strengthening her community, which initially drew her to Women of Colors. She is also a longtime member of Reach Community Church.



Dr. Pamela Ross McClain, Ph.D.

Dr. Ross McClain is the Chief Officer of Culture Belonging and Community Building at Delta College. She is a native of Saginaw, Michigan. She earned her Ph.D. from Michigan State University and also holds degrees from Cornell University and the University of Michigan. Dr. Ross McClain has enjoyed 20+ years of experience as professional educator in urban communities where she has served as a middle school teacher, youth program director, central office administrator, and a university faculty member.



Dr. Ross McClain is a grassroots community engagement advocate. She is interested in community-engaged research that centers issues of race, culture, diversity, and inequality in educational systems. She characterizes herself as a servant leader and public scholar who is committed to improving the quality of teaching and learning for underrepresented students at all levels of education.

Kimberly A. Napoleon

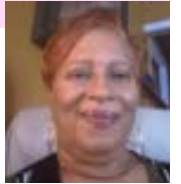
Kimberly A. Napoleon, U S Army retired served during two conflicts; Operation Just Cause and The Gulf War. She's a Bronze Star recipient. Currently, Kimberly serves as The Department of Michigan Jr. Vice Commander and she is the first female in 104 years elected to this position.



Kimberly is a founding member of Impact100 Global Veterans Inc., a philanthropic organization dedicated to awarding grants to veteran centered organizations. Kimberly is a 10-year member of WOC.

Annie Packard

Annie Packard is the Ancillary Specialist for Gateway Financial. She has an Associate Degree in Business Management. She has worked as a volunteer for non-profit organizations for 10 years and an active member of Women of Colors.



Kristi Phillips

Kristi Phillips is married to her supportive husband William, and together they have 9 children. Kristi began her employment at WOC in February 2021 and was quickly promoted to her current position as the Program Coordinator. Kristi is also a Prevention Specialist, earning certifications in Botvin and Prime For Life. She loves her job and the work WOC does in the community. Relaxation time is when the weather permits riding her Motorcycle.



Crystal Sanders

Crystal Sanders is the Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator with Underground Railroad. She attended a Women of Colors information open house at the Andersen Enrichment Center, learned about all the programs and services the organization offers the community, met the warm and welcoming members and chose to join. This was over 10 years ago.



Lula Woodard

Lula Woodard better known as 'GG' by her great-grandchildren, "Rock her World."

She is passionate about the field of Education, a retired school teacher, adjunct English Professor at Delta College. She is also a 20+ year member of Women of Colors and currently a Prevention Specialist, Certified Recovery Coach, Community Organizer on many social and mental issues.



"She is a trailblazer of Light and Peace for these times and a active member of Victorious Believers Ministries under the leadership of Pastor Christopher V. Pryor."

Members not shown: Denise Doster, Dr. Fenobia Dallas, and Kendra Hayes.

WOMEN OF COLORS

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023

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The month of March means the start of spring, tricky weather, St. Patrick's Day, and daylight savings time, etc. It also kicks off Women's History Month, an annual month-long celebration of the influence and contributions of women to society, the character, courage, and commitment of women now and throughout history. The important role women have played

in shaping our nation and the world can often be overlooked, whether in the fields of science, politics, environment, legal, the arts, and more. Though your name may not be mentioned in this month's publication, we honor you and offer a special thank you to all women.

This month I'd like to share a brief history of D&M Marketing and Publishing, Inc., and WORD UP Community Magazine, Inc.

In 1979 I began a career in radio as an office assistant, later moving on to traffic manager, general manager, and marketing. In 1997 my late husband (Mitchell L. Nickleberry) and I established D&M Marketing and Publishing. At that time, he published a direct mailer, quarterly publication called "The Vineyard Directory," which offered special coupons and display ads. In 2002 my career changed and I began assisting him full time. We incorporated D&M Marketing and Publishing. D&M Marketing and Publishing, Inc. offers marketing consulting for radio, print, billboards, and special events, etc.

WORD UP Community Magazine, Inc. was established in 2003. This is how it began; I was sitting in my home office one day watching the local evening news. I pondered in my mind thinking, here we go again... a lot of negative news! "People were also saying to me that Saginaw was going to be a ghost town, everyone is leaving and there is nothing good happening in this city." I said to myself I am tired of hearing these negative comments, etc. "I then heard in my spirit, why



don't you do something about it." I meditated on it and the same message came to me again, "why don't you do something about it." So, I prayed about it for two weeks and the message that I received in prayer, was to ask my husband and ask him if I could place positive and inspirational articles in "The Vineyard Directory." He said yes.

To make a long story short the positive community articles became very popular. One night God gave me in a dream to create a name and format for a new publication. I contacted our graphic designer who created a cover template for the new publication, "The Saginaw Community Voice." However, due to conflicts we changed the name to **WORD UP Community Magazine. Thus, our motto, "Empowering our Community by Focusing on the Positive Aspects of our Area."** We began with a web print format, hiring local displaced workers to distribute 10,000 copies of the magazines each month door-to-door, business-to-business, and magazine stands in the Great Lakes Bay Region and Flint, as well as subscribers and online. Later we began publishing the magazines in a full gloss format.

My late husband and I continued to be community involved, he and I offered an outreach ministry, he was also the interim president and president of the Saginaw African American Minority Business Association (SAAMBA), and I was his assistant (a member of the board of directors).

I offer a special thank you to our readers, advertisers, and contributors for your continued support!

Dorothy J. Nickleberry,
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New DIFS Bulletin Ensures That Eligible Michiganders Can Get Auto Insurance Regardless of Vehicle Make or Model

In response to recent national trends, the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) has issued a bulletin to remind insurers that they must offer auto insurance to all eligible Michiganders regardless of vehicle make or model, except in certain circumstances as defined under the law.



"Theft trends nationwide show that some types of vehicles, including certain Kia and Hyundai models, may face an increased vulnerability to theft," **said DIFS Director Anita Fox.** "In other states, some insurers have attempted to deny or limit auto coverage for these vehicles. Our new bulletin clearly states that such actions are not allowed in Michigan. DIFS will continue to ensure that every eligible Michigan driver can get the auto insurance they need to legally drive on Michigan roads."

Under the Michigan Insurance Code, insurers in Michigan are only allowed to deny insurance coverage, refuse to continue that coverage, or limit the coverage available for certain types of vehicles under defined circumstances. If an insurer fails to follow the law, DIFS may take regulatory action to ensure Michigan consumers are fully protected.

Consumers who believe they have been denied auto insurance or had their options limited because of their vehicle's make or model should contact DIFS' Office of Consumer Services at 877-999-6442, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or via email at DIFSComplaints@michigan.gov. For more information on auto insurance in Michigan, visit Michigan.gov/AutoInsurance.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), drivers who own certain Kia and Hyundai models may qualify for a free software upgrade to limit their vehicle's vulnerability to theft. Consumers should visit the NHTSA website for more information.



First Road to Restoration driver's license clinic of 2023 serves nearly 300 residents in Saginaw

The Michigan Department of State (MDOS) with state and community partners hosted the first driver's license clinic of the 2023 Road to Restoration program in Saginaw. Approximately 300 area residents with suspended licenses attended the clinic to take steps to safely restore their driving privileges.

This is the second year of the successful public-private partnership that served more than 4,000 Michiganders at 18 Road to Restoration clinics in 11 cities in 2022. In 2021, new state laws lifted suspensions for drivers who failed to pay tickets or court fines, or failed to appear in court, for certain non-moving and other violations. While the new laws removed suspensions for more than 150,000 Michiganders, many must still take further action before their license is restored. At each clinic, residents meet one-on-one with expert staff to learn what they need to do to get back behind the wheel and complete as many steps as possible on site. A Road to Restoration clinic was previously held in Saginaw in September 2022.

The Road to Restoration program is made possible by numerous partner organizations including the Michigan Department of the Attorney General, DTE Energy, Miller Canfield, the Detroit Justice Center, the Michigan Association of United Ways, and Michigan 2-1-1. Yesterday's clinic in Saginaw was hosted at SVRC Marketplace in partnership with United Way of Saginaw County, the Saginaw County Bar Association, and the 70th District Court.

The next Road to Restoration clinic will be March 22 in Grand Rapids. Additional clinics are scheduled for Lansing, Kalamazoo, Detroit, Downriver, Mt. Pleasant, Alpena, and the Upper Peninsula.

- For more information about the program, to find a clinic near you, or to sign up for an upcoming clinic, visit Michigan.gov/RoadtoRestoration or dial 2-1-1. Space may be limited and **pre-registration is strongly recommended.**
- The clinics **do not provide DUI expungement services** and license reinstatement is not guaranteed.

Governor Whitmer Announces 71 New Jobs Coming to Frankenmuth

Bavarian Inn Lodge expansion will help drive tourism, bring additional tax revenue to community



Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to announce funding approval for an expansion project by the Bavarian Inn Lodge that will bring an indoor waterpark and visitors to downtown Frankenmuth with support from the Michigan Strategic Fund. The project is expected to generate a total capital investment of \$80 million and create 71 jobs, supported by a \$750,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant.

"The expansion of the Bavarian Inn Lodge will bring a new waterpark, create good-paying jobs, and build on the vibrancy and amenities that already exist in downtown Frankenmuth," said Governor Whitmer. "This project is a great example of how we are working together to grow our economy and build vibrant communities for people to live, work, and play. Let's keep investing in regional economic development and build a strong foundation for long-term opportunity in Michigan."

The Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge, Inc. first opened in 1986 and today has 360 rooms with 35,000 square feet of family entertainment center space. The lodge is an attraction destination for visitors from neighboring states including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Canada. The resort currently employs more than 300 Michiganders.

The resort continues to experience high customer demand and plans to expand its facilities in Frankenmuth. The expansion will include a new building with indoor waterpark and family entertainment space. When completed, the 140,000-square-foot waterpark and family entertainment center will be the largest in the state of Michigan.

"We are truly raising the bar on fun at the Lodge with this next phase of development focused on creating unique attractions and new types of experiences for all ages within our resort," said Michael Keller Zehnder, President of the Bavarian Inn Lodge. "We are reimagining family fun and see this as an exciting project for all of Frankenmuth. We appreciate the support of Michigan Economic Development Corporation and look forward to future partnerships."

The project supports Michigan's travel and tourism industry and MEDC's efforts to market the state as a world-class business location and travel location. The Bavarian Inn Lodge believes in promoting its employees from within and provides extensive training to help employees develop skills to further their careers. The project will bring immediate jobs to the area and will help drive additional tourism to Frankenmuth.

Saginaw Future Inc. assisted the company with securing the MBDP grant. For information on careers with the Bavarian Inn Lodge, visit <https://www.bavarianinn.com/jobs/>.

"Saginaw Future has been pleased and proud to have worked side by side with the Bavarian Inn Zehnder family and City of Frankenmuth on this significant development, said JoAnn Cray, president of Saginaw Future Inc. "This investment will result in a destination that provides the largest indoor waterpark in Michigan."

The city of Frankenmuth, known as Michigan's Little Bavaria for the city's German heritage and German architecture, is one of the top tourist attractions in Michigan. Local businesses work together, and the additional waterpark will help drive additional tourism, bringing new jobs and additional tax revenue

to the community. Frankenmuth's two largest industries are retail and accommodation and food services.

"The city of Frankenmuth is one of Michigan's most popular destinations, and the Bavarian Inn is one of the top attractions in Frankenmuth," said Dave Lorenz, Vice President of Travel Michigan, part of MEDC. "We look forward to seeing this exciting new waterpark come to life and further boost Michigan's reputation as a top destination to live, work, and play."

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Saginaw Future 31ST ANNUAL AWARDS Luncheon

Saginaw Future Honored 35 Projects & Contractor of the Year

Saginaw Future held its 31st ANNUAL AWARDS Luncheon on, March 6, 2023, at Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn, 1 Covered Bridge Ln, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

Saginaw Future honored 35 projects from 2022 valued at more than \$577 million. More than 1,800 jobs were created and retained. The Saginaw Future APEX Accelerator, formerly the Procurement Technical Assistance Center, also awarded the Contractor of the Year. These projects represent significant development in cutting-edge technology in the City of Saginaw, along with growth in several



communities across Saginaw County.

The featured speaker was Michael Keller Zehnder, President of the Bavarian Inn Lodge. There were more than 400 attendees.

Established in 1992, **Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI)** is a public-private alliance of local businesses, the County of Saginaw, City of Saginaw, 16 local municipalities and the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. SFI's strategic partners also include education, labor and government. Since its beginning, SFI has remained dedicated to fostering quality job creation through expansion of local industry and attraction of new business projects to the community. www.SaginawFuture.com.



"Peaceful Tranquility" Works in Acrylic and Oil by Nancy Farley



"Peaceful Tranquility": Works in Acrylic and Oil by Nancy Farley – part of Art @ the Andersen - is on display now through May 2023 at the Andersen Enrichment Center, 120 Ezra Rust, across from Ojibway Island in Saginaw. Hours are from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Farley is both an entrepreneur and artist based in the mid-Michigan town of Freeland. Her work reflects a wide array of lake and beachscapes, rustic barns set against all four seasons, and various personal paintings as requested by her customers. After studying art at both the high school and collegiate levels, Nancy continues honing her craft and developing her own style of art

sculpting. Buoyed by her years of self-teaching, she has successfully shown others the world as she envisions it.

Over the past 20 years, Farley has distributed her work throughout Michigan and the United States. In

addition to being the featured artist at Brewtopia Coffee House in Bay City, she has also been a curated artist at Arts in the Park, an event which draws artists to mid-Michigan from around the state. Her work is currently on display at The Bear Den in Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Art @ the Andersen is made possible with the support of the Maxwell K. Pribil Memorial Trust, Jury Foundation, Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, and the Michigan Arts & Culture Council. This project has been established by the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission to give artists in the Great Lakes Bay Region an opportunity to exhibit and sell their work. For more information call the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission at 989.759.1362.



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For the first few months of 2023, nothing about your curbside services will change. However, starting in late spring, these communities will begin transitioning from manual service to cart service. Each household will have two (2) 96-gallon carts delivered at no cost to the resident; one for trash and one for your recyclables. Once your carts arrive you can begin using

them on the next service day.

Carts have two wheels for easy maneuvering and a lid to keep recyclables and trash from becoming litter. The transition to carts is also going to make it easier for residents to recycle by providing more space to recycle more – a true win for residents.

As 2023 unfolds there will be much more information provided to residents regarding cart delivery. In the meantime, you can check your community's page on MMWA's website for our initial FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions).

For best results residents should have all properly prepared materials at the curb no later than 7:00 am. Remember, you have a service day not a collection time, routes run until finished. For any service issues always call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 within one business day of your service day.

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By Sherry Draine Hannah



Time waits for no one.

As we age, we should begin to think about our legacy. One of the worst things we can do is not prepare our families for our death.

The family can decide on their own who gets your clothes and jewelry. Your home is a legal affair if your name is the only name on the deed. The state loves homeowners that do not make plans because it is a good chance that the home will go to the state. Homeowners should decide on who gets your home

when you are gone. Perhaps you have drawn up a will and you think that all your affairs are in order. First, your will must go to probate court. Depending on your family finances, they may or may not have money for a lawyer. Instead, just add their name on the deed. Plain and simple. This is great until the person who has joint ownership dies before you. Then you are right back where you started from. Another problem with this strategy is that the joint owner's half is now part of the deceased estate. This could get messy. A safe way is to put your home in a trust. There are two types of ownership. The first is legal ownership where you own 100% of the property, free and clear. The second type is beneficial ownership where you and the mortgage company both own a part of the home. This means that when you die the mortgage company has a claim to their portion of the property. You can put your beneficial interest into a trust. A great thing is that you don't have to keep adjusting your trust as you pay the mortgage down. It will automatically make the adjustments. Another thing for you to consider is a reversible mortgage. This is good if you do not have anyone to leave the property to. You can enjoy the value of your home while you are still living. Whoever said "You can't take it with you" never heard of a reversible mortgage.

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WHY EASTER CHANGES DATES EVERY YEAR



This year Easter—a Christian celebration of Jesus Christ rising from the dead—will be held on Sunday, April 9 (for western Christians) and on Sunday, April 16 (for eastern orthodox Christians).

You've probably wondered why the dates of Easter change every year. After all, Christmas is always on December 25. So why does the date of Easter change? It's all down to the orbit of the Moon, which plays havoc with our calendars down on Earth, and the tilted axis of our planet.

Here's how it works.

The first thing to understand is that the Moon has a different calendar year to the Earth. While Earth takes 364.25 days to orbit

the Sun, the Moon takes 29.5 days to orbit the Earth. So a lunar year is 354.3 days. There's a 10 or 11-day lag between the two.

How the exact date of Western Easter is calculated:

Easter is celebrated by Christians in the west on the first Sunday after the first full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox as determined by the Gregorian calendar.

Since the vernal equinox will this year occur on Monday, March 20, 2023 and the following full "Pink Moon" will rise on Thursday, April 6, 2023 the date of Easter Sunday is Sunday, April 9, 2023.

The Pink Moon is, simply put, the full moon of spring. The name itself first came to the public in the 1930s when the Maine Farmer's Almanac published the Native American names of the Moon for each month.

Pink Moon specifically referred to the full moon in April.



SVSU earns Silver status as a 2023-2024 Military Friendly® School



Thanks to its commitment to and support of military-affiliated students, Saginaw Valley State University has earned Silver status as a Military Friendly® School for the 2023-2024 cycle. This is the 12th time the university has earned this distinction. Of the 1,800-plus schools participating in the 2023-2024 survey, only 530

received the Military Friendly® designation.

SVSU meets all the standards for being a Military Friendly® School, which include culture and commitment, financial aid, graduation and military student support and retention. The university's Military Student Affairs Office is an integral part of this culture.

"I would say SVSU offers a great campus community and a great military community," said Brianna DeMeyers, a sociology major and Army reservist from Silverwood, in Michigan's Thumb. "I have a couple friends in my reserve unit who went to other universities and struggled for a long time getting their benefits. SVSU has a great military student affairs staff and they do amazing work getting you set up with those benefits."

The Military Friendly® ratings system was established in 2003 and is the standard that measures an organization's commitment, effort and success in creating sustainable and meaningful benefit for the military community. The Military Friendly® designation – which is applied to employers, brands and schools – creates better outcomes for veterans. SVSU will be included in the April Guide to Military Friendly® Schools from VIQTORY.

SVSU has received numerous recognitions at both the state

and national level for being a military- and veteran-friendly institution for its procedures and policies that benefit military-connected students. The Military Student Affairs Office at SVSU provides resources and support to military-affiliated students, such as:

- Admission counseling
- Academic advising
- Department of Defense and VA benefit advising and certification
- Transition assistance
- Peer support group
- Veterans resource referrals

DeMeyers credits Bethany Alford, SVSU's director of Military Student Affairs and special assistant to the associate provost/dean of students, and Kelli Wenzel, the university's school certifying official, with leading the charge to help military-affiliated students succeed at SVSU.

"Both Beth and Kelli do a great job making sure that military-affiliated students, veterans, reservists and dependents get all the resources they need to be successful on campus," DeMeyers said. "When I walked in the office for the first time, I had no idea what benefits I was eligible for and how I was to get them. Kelli and Beth both helped me apply for my benefits and they made sure I understood what was happening throughout the whole process."



MICHIGAN CREAM AND SUGAR REOPENS UPTOWN BAY CITY ICE CREAM SHOP FOR 2023 SEASON

Region's only from-scratch, small-batch ice cream maker celebrates Michigan's agricultural diversity and supports local farm families

March 8th marked the 2023 season reopening of Michigan Cream and Sugar Ice Cream Company, located at 160 Uptown Drive in Bay City. Doors opened at 2:00 p.m. Michigan Cream and Sugar is the region's only ice cream maker that produces its ice cream completely from scratch with milk, cream and sugar from Michigan.

"After a long winter, nothing quite says 'spring' like ice cream," said Tim Mangan, Michigan Cream and Sugar's general manager and chief ice cream maker. "It's been fun to see all of the excitement from our Facebook and Instagram followers, many sharing their favorite flavors with us. We hand-craft all of our ice cream in small batches here in our Bay City shop with milk and cream from Michigan cows. And everything we make includes all-natural Pioneer® Sugar made by Michigan Sugar Company. Every single scoop supports Michigan farm families."

Flavors That Celebrate Michigan's Agricultural Diversity

In addition to 12 "signature" flavors available year-round, such as Uptown Funk, LegenDairy Vanilla and Strawberry Fields Forever, Michigan Cream and Sugar offers a rotating selection of fresh, innovative and largely Michigan-inspired flavors. Here's a taste of the limited edition flavors included in the starting lineup:

Peach Cobbler (brand new in 2023). Creamy and sweet peach custard-style ice cream with peaches sourced through Michigan Farm to Freezer and housemade pastry crumble.

Honey Lavender. The perfect blend of custard, local honey (from T.M. Klein & Sons in St. Charles), lavender and housemade lemon shortbread cookies.

Lemon Blueberry. Zesty lemon custard-style ice cream mixed with blueberries from Michigan Farm to Freezer and housemade oatmeal cookie crunch.

View the full current flavor list at creamsugarbaycity.com/flavors.



Bubble Cones, Flights and More

Michigan Cream and Sugar customers can choose from generously sized single, double or triple scoops served in a cup or cone (the warm and crispy bubble cone is a truly unique fan favorite). Also on the menu are "flights" of three sample-size scoops, sundaes, fresh-baked cookies and ice cream sandwiches, plus pints and quarts to enjoy at home.

Spring Scooping Schedule

Michigan Cream and Sugar is located at 160 Uptown Drive in Bay City. Hours of operation are Wednesday and Thursday 2-9 p.m.; Friday 2-10 p.m.; Saturday 12-10 p.m. and Sunday 12-9 p.m.

Michigan Cream and Sugar Ice Cream Company is a collaboration of HORIZONS Conference Center, Michigan Sugar Company and the Michigan Milk Producers Association. Established in 2019, Cream and Sugar's scoop shop in Uptown Bay City serves up hand-crafted ice cream featuring the freshest and highest-quality locally sourced ingredients available – and every scoop of ice cream benefits Michigan farm families. As a business of HORIZONS, Michigan Cream and Sugar is committed to delivering exceptional service, superior presentation and outstanding quality. For full menu, online ordering, catering information and more, visit creamandsugarbaycity.com.

Pit & Balcony Community Theatre Presents Pulitzer Prize Winning Play, Sweat

Pit & Balcony's 91st season continues March 17th with Sweat which will run two weekends through March 26th.

Lynn Nottage's 2017 Pulitzer Prize-winning play is filled with warm humor and tremendous heart. It tells the story of a group of friends who have spent their lives sharing drinks, secrets, and laughs while working together on the factory floor. When layoffs and picket lines begin to chip away at their trust, the friends find themselves pitted against each other in a heart-wrenching fight to stay afloat.

"I am so proud to present this story in Saginaw. The themes resonate and the cast is truly reflective of our community," says Amy Spadafore, Managing Director of Pit & Balcony. "This show will make you laugh, cry, and leave the theatre thinking deeply. It really is Pit & Balcony's bread and butter."

Saginaw saw a professional performance of Sweat in 2018 when the Public Theater of New York City brought it on tour. Saginaw was one of three Michigan stops and Pit & Balcony partnered with SVSU and many local artists to develop collaborative events surrounding the performance.

Six of the nine cast members are new to the Pit & Balcony stage, including Katrina Hill, Lyndzi Sakowski, Adam Williams, Edward Walker, Amor Watson, and Matthew Turner. The cast is rounded out by Nathan Hanley, Richard Gomez, and Annie Gower.

"Despite the heavy weight of the narrative, there are also comedic parts and the play is crafted so well [...] it's a powerful play," says Director Michael Wisniewski. "Because its set in 2000 and 2008, this is one of the first socio-political plays of the new millennium, with characters based upon real individuals and what happens to relationships when choices are made. When you see the last scene it's like a punch in the gut."

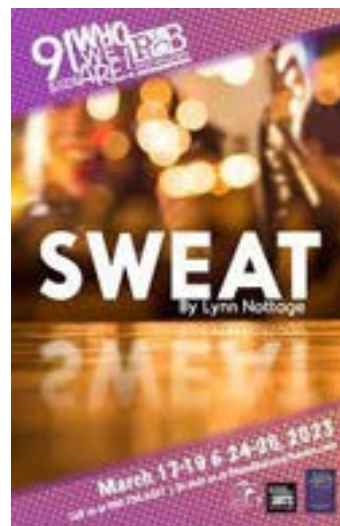
Performances of Sweat run March 17-19 and 24-26. Friday and

Saturday showings will begin at 7:30pm and Sunday's performances will begin at 3:00pm. This production includes potentially offensive language, violence, and adult situations.

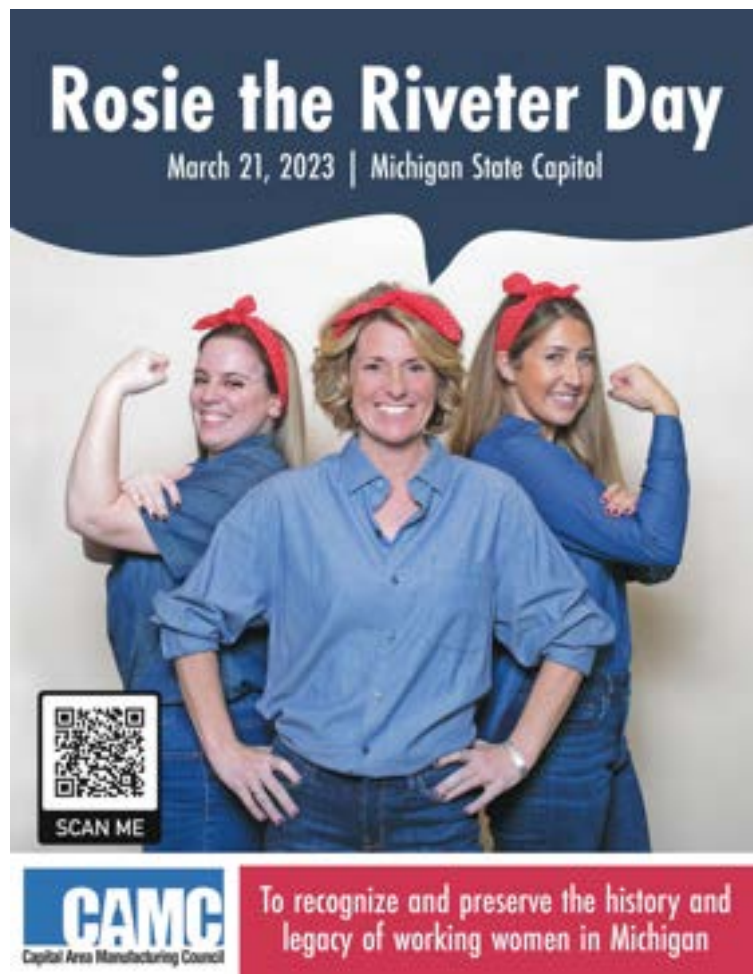
Sweat is presented in partnership with IBEW Local 557 and the Mid-Michigan Labor Council. Ticket information can be found at www.PitAndBalconyTheatre.com or by calling (989)754-6587.

Pit & Balcony's mission is to create a dynamic community theatre that engages audiences and artists in enriching performing arts experiences. We are committed to providing a nurturing atmosphere in which to share stories & experiences and an inclusive and welcoming environment to all members of our community.

Pit & Balcony Theatre's office hours are 12noon to 5pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, and phones are answered Mondays from 10:30am to 3:30pm. Next up on stage is Sweat by Lynn Nottage on March 17, 18, & 19 and 24, 25 & 26, 2023. Tickets are available online at www.pitandbalconytheatre.com 24 hours a day, or in person or by phone (989.754.6587) during office hours of 12noon to 5pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Michigan Women in Manufacturing Will Gather at State Capitol To Celebrate National Rosie the Riveter Day



Six Michigan Manufacturing Councils have partnered with the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) to host a National Rosie the Riveter Day event on March 21st at the State Capitol. Historical presentations, Capitol tours, and refreshments will take place in Heritage Hall, followed by a rally and photo of attendees dressed as Rosie on the Capitol steps. Several original Rosies from WWII will be in attendance.

Hundreds of women from across the state have already sent their RSVP, including Gina Thorsen, CEO of Stormy Kromer. "Manufacturing in the UP is thriving," she said. "It's a long trip to Lansing, but I am proud to represent the 50 women working in manufacturing at Stormy Kromer in Ironwood."

"We are excited to honor the hard work and dedication of women in our industry while paying tribute to those who came before us," said Cindy Kangas, Executive Director of Capital Area Manufacturing Council. "It will be lovely to celebrate with multiple generations, including K12 students considering STEM careers."

"Our living Rosies are heroes," said Jeannette Gutierrez, President of Michigan Willow Run Chapter of American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA). "They helped win the war

and in so doing, opened doors for women. These ladies are around 100 years old. It's important we thank them in person while we can and preserve their stories and experiences to inspire future generations."

"Women in factories evolved during WWII. As males joined the military, the production of wartime products became necessary. Michigan women entered the workforce to run drill presses, weld, operate cranes and handle metalworking equipment," Tanya Blehm, Manager of Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association, added. "Rosies are leaders and innovators who should be celebrated with today's women in manufacturing."

PNC Bank is underwriting the event. Capital Area Manufacturing Council, Jackson Area Manufacturers Association, Great Lakes Bay Manufacturers Association, Michigan Manufacturers Association, Grand Traverse Area Manufacturing Council, and Central Michigan Manufacturers Association have found several sponsors to ensure the event is free and open to the public.

To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rosie-day-tickets-444138057887>.

HISTORY OF NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY

National Rosie the Riveter Day is a fitting recognition of the legacy of working women in America, and the contribution of women during the Second World War. Being a total war, when every able-bodied man was sent to fight for the Allies, the nation's manufacturing leg came to a halt. From heavy machinery to steel mills and freight ports, every male-dominated industry came short of personnel

due to abrupt drafting.

Hence, the federal government issued propaganda to encourage women to join the industrial workforce as a patriotic duty. The iconic poster with a woman in a red bandana raising her fist was used to recruit women. The total number of female industrial workers went from 27% to 37% in the years between 1940 and 1945. More than 19 million women held jobs outside of the traditional women's workforce for the first time ever. Soon enough, Rosie became a cultural icon. Hollywood immortalized Rosie the Riveter in 1944's critically acclaimed movie of the same title.

The campaign proved to be a social reckoning that changed the nature of women's involvement in the workforce forever. Riding on the hot wave of the suffragette movement, the U.S. government inadvertently became responsible for the second wave of feminism in the west. In 2017, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution to mark March 21st as National Rosie the Riveter Day, a day in Women's History Month. The movement had lasting effects on the collective American psyche, and the resolution acknowledges this vital role played by women during the Second World War.

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