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A professional headshot of Pamela Pugh Smith, a Black woman with shoulder-length dark hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a white collared shirt. She is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera against a blue background with a soft light flare on the left.

PAMELA PUGH SMITH
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Pamela Pugh Smith
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The National Dairy Council promotes its 3-a-day program to encourage Americans to reduce risks of osteoporosis, high blood pressure, obesity, and colon cancer through consumption of dairy foods. It is estimated that most Americans are not getting enough calcium from their diets, and are thus not benefiting from optimal calcium absorption and nutrition. The Midwest Dairy Association raises public awareness on behalf of dairy farmers, dairy producers, and the dairy industry in the media.

June Dairy Month first became part of American culture in 1937. It started as National Milk Month, and many chain stores sponsored events to promote drinking milk. The programs were a success, and likely contributed to American's habit today of drinking milk. The National Dairy Council first began these promotions with businesses in mind, and stores quickly ran offers and highlighted their dairy sales during this time. In 1939, the campaign increased to promoting all dairy products, not just milk. This slowly increased the promotion and sales of butter, cheese, yogurt, and ice cream. However, the war era quickly reduced the publicity efforts.

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PAMELA PUGH SMITH WINS CAUCUS FOR SUPPORT IN STATE REPRESENTATIVE RACE

On May 1, 2010, a Caucus was held for Democratic candidates running for the 95th District State Representative. The Caucus was highly advertised and well planned. Candidates for the 95th District State Representative answered questions prepared by the Caucus committee and from the people attending the Caucus.

After the candidates answered questions and made closing statements, the audience met in different groups to discuss the candidates based on which would best represent the people of the 95th District. Pamela Pugh Smith won the majority of the Caucus Votes. According to the people attending, Pamela Pugh Smith was the candidate who will best represent the interests and needs of the community and the candidate selected as the Democrat to run for the 95th District State Representative.

After the Caucus, Pamela Pugh Smith stated, "I would like to thank the people who attended the caucus for having the confidence to select me as the candidate who should run for the 95th District State Representative. I will work hard to win the position; and as State Representative, I will immediately go to work on creating good paying jobs for local residents and getting our economy back on track. A large

number of our families in our communities are hurting and struggling. We need to find new ways to deal with the future."

Pamela Pugh Smith is a member of Greater Coleman Temple Church of God in Christ, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Saginaw Branch of the NAACP. She is a long time card carrying Democrat. She is a member of the United Automobile-Agriculture Implement Workers of America (UAW) Local 455, was elected to the Saginaw City Charter Review Commission, the former Director of the Saginaw County Young Democrats and was selected as a Democrat National Convention Delegate for the Democrat Convention in Boston.

Introduced to politics by her father, John Pugh, Pamela has worked on numerous political campaigns on the local, state, and national level for over two decades. She has been appointed by the governor and state department heads to serve on various policy review and drafting workgroups. You can vote to elect Pamela Pugh Smith as your State Representative by voting in the City of Saginaw or the townships of Buena Vista, Bridgeport or Spaulding Democratic Primary on August 3, 2010.

Paid for by Committee To Elect Pamela Pugh Smith, P.O. Box 3626, Saginaw 48605, www.PamelaPughSmith.com; Treasurer Deborah Sutton.

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Notre Dame's first black valedictorian

Katie Washington



History was made at the University of Notre Dame this spring.

In the 161 years the University of Notre Dame has been awarding degrees, never had there been an African-American as valedictorian; until this year.

She's Katie Washington of Gary, Indiana. She carries a 4.0 GPA majoring in biology with a minor in Catholic social teaching.

Washington plans to continue her studies at Johns Hopkins University and follow in her father's footsteps into medicine.

Katie Washington, a biological sciences major from Gary, Ind., was named valedictorian of the 2010 University of Notre Dame graduating class and presented the valedictory address during Commencement exercises, May 16 (Sunday) in Notre Dame stadium.

Washington, who earned a 4.0 grade point average, has a minor in Catholic Social Teaching. She has conducted research on lung cancer at the Cold Spring Harbor labs and performed genetic studies in the University's Eck Institute for Global Health on the mosquito that carries dengue and yellow fever. She is the co-author of a research paper with David Severson, professor of biological sciences.

Washington directs the Voices of Faith Gospel Choir at Notre Dame, is a mentor/tutor for the Sister-to-Sister program at South Bend's Washington High School and serves as the student coordinator of the Center for Social Concerns' "Lives in the Balance: Youth Violence and Society Seminar."

Upon graduation, Washington plans to pursue a joint M.D. /PhD program at Johns Hopkins University.

Summer Fun at the Library



Children can enjoy magic shows, movies, bingo, and other fun activities during special programs sponsored by the Public Libraries of Saginaw this summer. All library programs are free, and children of all ages are invited to participate. To find out more information, call 755-9826. The programs are designed especially for children ages preschool through 12 and will be held at the Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock, the Hoyt Main Library, 505 Janes, the Claytor Library, 1410 N. 12th (in the lower level of the First Ward Community Center), the Wickes Library, 1713 Hess, and the Zauel Memorial Library, 3100 N. Center.

The activities are held in connection with the 2010 Summer Reading Program at the Public Libraries of Saginaw. Children are invited to participate in the Summer Reading Program but do not need to be a participant in order to attend the programs. All library programs are free and families are welcome.

2010 Summer Reading Program



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Monday, June 14 ♦ 7:00 p.m. ♦ Butman-Fish Library

Tuesday, June 15 ♦ 1:00 p.m. ♦ Claytor Library

Tuesday, June 15 ♦ 4:00 p.m. ♦ Wickes Library

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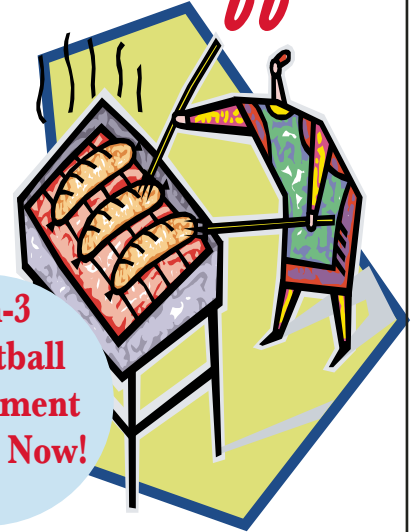


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9:00am – 3:00pm



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Aim High Basketball Camp

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New Saginaw Future Procurement Technician



Marcelle T. Smith has been hired as the new Procurement Technician for the Saginaw Future Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).

Smith is a recent graduate of Florida A&M University with a Master Degree in Business Administration. He was a member of numerous academic organizations including the Presidential Scholars Association and White & Gold Honor Society.

Smith will assist and educate businesses in government procurement processes, in such areas as market research, marketing, bid proposal and quote preparation, and contract management and administration.

The position was made possible through a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The funding is part of an aggressive program by the MEDC and the State of Michigan to increase the number of government contracts won by Michigan businesses.

Smith has held a number of business and sports related positions previous to being hired by the Saginaw Future PTAC. He worked for the Florida A&M University Athletic Department, was a Business Operation Intern with the Great Lakes Loons, and Summer interned with The Dow Chemical Company and Delphi Corporation (now Nexteer Automotive).

A Saginaw native, he has volunteered with the East Side Soup Kitchen, Restoration Outreach Center, and was a Math Tutor at Mt. Olive Institutional Baptist Church.

Established in 1992, Saginaw Future (SF) 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. SF's strategic partners also include education, labor and government. Since its beginning, SF has remained dedicated to fostering quality job creation through expansion of local industry and attraction of new business projects to the community.

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Explosion 2010: The Movement is On!



Explosion Committee Members & Participants with Pastor E. W. Bothuel; Rachele McKissick not photographed.

The Agape Love Explosion was founded August 2006 to help combat the onslaught of violence among Saginaw's youth through the teaching of leadership skills, positive decision making, and the unfailing love of Jesus Christ. It targets at-risk youth, ages 13-24 in the Saginaw Community and provides a 3-day spirit-filled, fun, and educational intervention for the community's younger generation.

This year the 5th Annual Agape Love Explosion will take place, August 9 thru 11, 2010 at the Horizons Conference Center and the Ramada Inn. The early registration fee for the first 100 registrants is \$10 until June 10. After June 10, the registration fee is \$50. The fee covers each registrant's food, lodging, activities, and materials for the entire 3-day/2 night event. Financial assistance is available for any youth interested in attending with a financial need.

Guest Gospel music artists at this year's event include Gospel Rap Artist Sean Little from Evansville, Indiana; True from Jackson, MS; National Recording Artist Prayz1 from Philadelphia, PA; and Christian Contemporary Group Modern Day Cure from Saginaw. Guest speakers for this year's conference include Dr. Desmond Daniels, Elder Luwanna Pruitt, and Rev. Erinna

McKissick-Johnson, along with other anointed vessels of God. Among the many activities, six Educational Scholarships will be awarded that weekend to Saginaw's youth.

To help meet the Explosion's \$15,000 financial goal, a benefit production is being held at Pit & Balcony Community Theater, 805 N. Hamilton in Old Town Saginaw on June 26. Show times are at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saginaw's youth will be performing a raw and original play entitled "Just A Little Faith", highlighting social issues that

youth today are facing, such as depression, domestic violence, single parenting, self-esteem, & many others. Admission is free and the general public is invited. Donations will be collected, so come ready to give! We need 192 Saginaw residents to invest a one-time donation of \$50 into the mission of this conference and the lives of Saginaw's most priceless commodity... our children. Together we can make a difference. See more information at www.agapeloveexplosion.com or call 989-493-9171.

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How many persons are receiving MPRI services?

The number of parolees who are referred for MPRI service, and the number who receive services changes on a monthly basis. For the fiscal year that ended September 2009, the Tri-County MPRI program served a total of 366 individuals with various referrals, services and supports. The numbers served by the MPRI programs in Michigan is expected to continue to expand.

Does every parolee receive MPRI services?

No, only those persons who are referred at the time of release from prison and in need of these services are served. When the programs were initiated in Michigan they were not expected to serve all parolees, however, it is likely that the numbers of persons served will continue to rise to better meet the needs of more parolees in their returning communities.

Why is the MPRI program successful?

The Michigan MPRI model is based on research of the effective practices which result in positive outcomes for parolees to be successful in their communities. The MPRI program provides key supports that are often critical, including: assistance with obtaining proper identification; dental, medical, and prescription assistance; mental health or substance abuse treatment; transitional housing supports; and GED assistance. These enhanced services and monitoring to support community re-entry challenges and barriers for each person, are what make the program so unique. Another key reason for the success of the MPRI programs in Michigan is the cooperation of key public and private organizations working together to oversee both the comprehensive local program plans and service delivery to parolees.

What can I do to get involved?

There are many ways that citizens may become involved to support the success of the local MPRI program. Review MPRI information, educate yourself and help educate others about the facts about MPRI. Participate in opportunities for community input. Volunteer to be a mentor and work with a parolee if you are interested.

For more information, visit the website at www.tricountympri.org.



12th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Saginaw CAN (Child Abuse and Neglect) Council of Saginaw is hosting its 12th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 18, 2010 at Swan Valley Golf Club. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The \$100 fee covers 18 holes with a cart, lunch at the turn, steak dinner and goody bag. There will also be door prizes, skills contests and an auction. Reservations to attend the dinner and auction, without golfing, are \$20 per person. Reservations can be made for individual or teams of 4 golfers. Limited sponsorships are still available. To register and for more information, please contact Bonnie Skornia at 989-752-7226, email bskornia@cancouncil.org or visit the CAN Council website (www.cancouncil.org).



About the CAN Council Saginaw County

The CAN Council is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Saginaw dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through education, awareness, intervention and advocacy. It is the only nonprofit organization in Saginaw County devoted to this cause. Founded in 1979, the CAN Council has consistently grown over the past 30 years to meet the needs of the community's children and families. For more information, visit CANCouncil.org or call (989) 752-7226.

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The Spirit of Giving

Philanthropy is a cornerstone of American culture. The reasons for giving are as diverse as the organizations to which donations can be made, but the one common motivator among philanthropists is a strong spirit of altruism.

It is this selfless, individual generosity that keeps charities thriving. Even during these difficult economic times, Americans continue to give. According to the Giving USA 2009 Annual Report, Americans contributed more than \$300 billion to charity in 2008, with 75 percent coming from individuals. These donations help provide care and services to millions of people every year. Without them, the government would have to finance these services through tax money or they would disappear entirely.

The Government Says Thank You

Recognizing that every dollar donated by an individual is a dollar less that the government needs to kick in, tax breaks are offered for those who give. This incentive should not be the main reason for benefaction, but it shouldn't be ignored either. Making every dollar work hard – both for the charity and donor – is a smart part of an overall financial plan.

More Than One Way to Give

Supporting a charitable organization is as important as choosing the best vehicle for your generosity. Depending on

the size of your gift and how its conveyance fits into your financial big picture, there are a variety of ways to make charitable donations. Cash contributions and outright gifts are popular ways to donate. But, there are ways to structure gifts which may make it possible for you to give even more, and leave behind a legacy. For example:

- Modest gifts of cash or property can be converted into a meaningful endowment by purchasing life insurance
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- Appreciated property can be sold and used to provide donations
- Qualified plan accounts and IRAs can be used to make testamentary gifts

Whether it's social responsibility, family tradition, or in response to an event or illness that has had a profound, personal impact, Americans are spreading the wealth through charitable giving. No matter why we give, often we give the same thing: cash. Most of the time, charities prefer that form of giving. But, there are additional strategies to consider. As with all important financial decisions, speak to your financial professional, tax and legal advisors to determine how planned giving may fit into your overall financial strategy.

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Free Drop-Off Event for Household Special Waste

It's time to clean out the garage, basement or storage shed of unwanted lawn and garden chemicals, paint thinner, stains and other problematic materials. Saginaw County residents can drop off a variety of items at the Household Special Waste Drop-off day sponsored by Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) on Saturday, June 26 from 9am to 1pm at the North parking lot of Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw.

Many common products used in and around the home contain ingredients that can cause harm to humans and the environment. On average, poison centers handle one poison exposure every 14 seconds. Most poisonings in young children involve everyday household items such as cleaning supplies, cosmetics and personal care items. The majority of pollution problems associated with landfills are caused by household special waste that is trashed by residents.

Protect the area's health by properly disposing of unwanted household chemical products at this one-day event on Saturday, June 26 from 9am to 1pm at the North parking lot of Arthur Hill High School, Saginaw. The event is free and open to residents of Saginaw County, Village of Breckenridge, Bethany and Wheeler Townships only. Business wastes, explosives, ammunition, tires and asbestos will not be accepted.

"Because of the health, safety and environmental concerns posed by many household chemicals, MMWA encourages residents to properly handle these at a household special waste collection event," stated MMWA General Manager Monica Duebber.

Residents are asked to handle special waste products with care when preparing them for transport to the drop-off event. Keep products in the original container and do NOT mix products together.

Be sure all containers are tightly sealed, packed in a box in an upright position and placed in the trunk or on the floor of your vehicle. Never transport any leaking or open containers. Containers up to 5-gallons will be accepted and containers will not be returned.

Keep your family safe and pollutants from impacting the environment by properly disposing of your hazardous special waste products. Mark Saturday, June 26 on your calendar for the free MMWA Household Special Waste drop-off day at Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw from 9am to 1pm. Program information is available on the MMWA website at www.recyclemotion.org or by calling 989-781-9555.

The Mid Michigan Waste Authority is a government entity providing comprehensive residential solid waste services to over 74,000 households in 35 communities across the Saginaw Valley area.

2010 Household Special Waste Drop-Off Day

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Two problems immediately come to light from this type of thinking. First, not all black men are bad. There are many black men who well-represent a pillar of strength. They provide for their families, protect their loved ones and graciously accept the responsibilities that are before them. These men do not seek validation because they do what they do because they are men of honor, integrity and dignity. Their good should not be overshadowed by the actions of others. Generalizations about some within our racial group unfairly minimize the wonderful things many others are doing.

Secondly, by putting the emphasis on those who fail to live up to a better standard we inadvertently pull resources from those who are truly working at being something more. We have concentrated our energy and efforts at the lowest of our race, and we fail to encourage and reinvest in those who are on their game. The message is often communicated about what's wrong with the black man. What messages are we sending that help to afford him the opportunity to do better? Sometimes we support him more in the courtroom, but will not sit in a classroom to help



FAMILY STIMULUS PACKAGE

By Conley Gibbs, Jr.

Building Up or Tearing Down?

him learn. Sometimes we can support his athletic abilities, but will not give the same recognition to a black with academic honors. Why is it that so many intelligent and talented black women are bored with the nice guy and devoted to the no good guy?

We can say a lot about what others may have done to our men, but what are we doing to build them up? Let's not highlight the negative and tear down our men. Life, society and racial realities will do that. We need to build them up.

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Celebrating National Black Music Month

"Music soothes the savage beast."

And so it did the souls of the earliest Africans in this land, who were savagely exploited in the beastly institution of

American chattel enslavement.

In a continuation of the African oral tradition, the enslaved Africans would belt out syncopated field hollers and work songs, as well as moan melodically--and methodically--as they toiled from can't-see-in-the-morning until can't-see-at-night.

As the late Black musicologist and Harvard educator Eileen Southern pointed out in *The Music of Black Americans*, "the single most important element of slave music" was the singing style which derived from their African homeland.

Constantly improvising, their African voices became musical instruments--and their bodies, the drums that were banned by their enslavers.

After "freedom broke," in the face of Jim Crow and systemic racial discrimination, the formerly enslaved Africans continued to pour the very fiber

of their being into the music, aptly called, what else, Soul music.

It is worth nothing that this music, with its emotive and cathartic elements, also flows like a river through the African American literary landscape, particularly in--but not limited to--the works of the great writers Toni Morrison, Ralph Ellison, Langston Hughes, Gloria Naylor, James Baldwin, Amiri Baraka, and Richard Wright.

Indeed, as a way of coping with the monstrosity of a daily existence that would have broken a lesser people, the so-called American Negro, captive in a hostile, far-flung land, created America's most enduring and recognizable art forms: the Blues, Jazz, Negro Spirituals, American Gospel, Rhythm & Blues, and Hip-Hop.

In 2000, President Clinton invited Williams into the Oval Office in recognition of the African American Music Bill--along with the Isley Brothers (Ronald and Ernie), Angela Winbush, Hiram Hicks, then president of Island Records and IAAAM co-founder, Shelia Eldridge.

President Obama issued a proclamation recognizing "African American Music Appreciation Month" on June 2, 2010.

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Saginaw: City of Great Fathers

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There are many great fathers in the city of Saginaw. The more of them that we have in

Saginaw, the more our city will change for the better. Statistics show that youth whose fathers are actively engaged in their lives do significantly better academically and have greater economic and educational attainment. Mothers in two-parent households report fewer behavior problems among children with involved fathers compared to children with detached fathers. These statistics prove that a group of passionate and committed fathers could change the face of a city economically, politically and academically, not to mention the effects on crime and violence. It sounds like what we need is a city of great fathers.

We would love to have your input on the following questions:

1. Do you believe that Saginaw is the city of great fathers? Yes or No? Why?
2. What do you feel would have to happen in order for Saginaw to truly be a city of great fathers?

Please go to our website located at www.powerofdad.org and give us your thoughts.

We will use your feedback to put together a game plan in which we will implement at the Power of Dad – Saginaw, City of Great Fathers Campaign.

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Brett Mitchell Appointed Music Director of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra

The Saginaw Bay Symphony Association is proud to announce the appointment of Brett Mitchell as Music Director of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Mitchell was announced to SBSO season ticket holders, donors and sponsors recently at the Maestro Masquerade held at the Temple Theatre. Mr. Mitchell was in attendance and toasted the SBSO attendees to the continued success and bright future of the SBSO.

Mr. Mitchell is one of America's most exciting and promising young conductors. He is described by the Austin Chronicle as, "A bright young hope for classical music." He will begin his contract with the SBSO in July and kick off his tenure with the 2010-2011, 75th Anniversary Season. He will conduct the orchestra's complete subscription series of four classical concerts and one holiday concert during his first season in Saginaw.

Mr. Mitchell is currently the Assistant Conductor of the Houston Symphony and serves as a regular cover conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra.

The search was narrowed down by a 15 member search committee comprised of SBSO musicians, board members and community leaders; Mr. Mitchell won his position with the SBSO besting five other finalists and 160 candidates overall. He was also unanimously approved by the SBSO's Board of Directors. Mr. Mitchell precedes beloved Conductor Patrick Flynn who passed away in September 2008.

"Brett will bring additional vibrancy and excitement to the Orchestra that I really feel will help catapult us up to the next level," said Dan McGee, Executive Director of the SBSO. "The GLB Region residents are in for a real treat in the coming seasons!"

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“Berried Treasure” 37th Annual Strawberry Festival

WHO: Community Village
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WHAT: 37th Annual Strawberry Festival

WHEN: Tuesday, June 22 - 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: 3200 Hospital Rd
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WHY: To give Community Village residents a social life to enjoy outside of “the village.” Proceeds from the festival, allows seniors to attend such activities as; bowling, picnics, restaurants, “Christmas gifts” and other necessities.

HOW: ADMISSION IS FREE!! A \$5.00 donation covers homemade shortcake, vanilla ice cream and fresh strawberries. There will be live entertainment and fun for the entire family with food, games, prizes, a youth bike giveaway, baked goods, and fresh strawberries. For tickets or more information, contact Community Village at (989) 792-5442.



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Zonta Club of Saginaw



Carolyn Maksimowicz and her husband Carl

CAROLYN MAKSIMOWICZ WAS NAMED "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

Carolyn Maksimowicz was named "Woman of the Year" by the Zonta Club of Saginaw. This honor recognizes Carolyn's persistent and outstanding contributions to the community for her efforts

to raise the fund to build a \$150,000 Resource Center at Emmaus House. The mission of Emmaus House is to provide a home for women, especially women coming from jail, prison, or rehab. The Zonta Club is an international community service organization for women in business and the professions.



Left to right, Julia Lowe and Sarah Williams

LOIS HERBAGE YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD RECIPIENT

The Zonta Club of Saginaw recently honored Sarah Williams also of Saginaw as this year's recipient of the "Lois Herbage Young Women in Public Affairs" award. Sarah's exemplary community service and

volunteerism made her a standout among other applicants. Her efforts include, travelling to Alaska to teach Vacation Bible School to impoverished communities, environmental clean-up projects, and helping at the East Side Soup Kitchen. Sarah is currently studying the fine arts at Delta College. Sarah was awarded \$500.

The Zonta Club is an international community service organization for women in business and the professions. For more information about the Zonta Club, contact Amy Churchill at 989-799-2771 and see our web site at <http://www.zonta15.org/saginaw/index.html>.

Parenting with Principles



PARENTING THE SPECIAL CHILD

All children are special to God and their parents. All children need love, acceptance, expectations, time, attention, instruction, correction, and boundaries.

There are some children who require Early Intervention Services, because they are either

delayed in their development or impaired in one or more of the six developmental areas such as Speech and Language, Fine motor, Gross Motor, Self-Help, Social-Emotional or Cognitive.

This article is a SHOUT OUT to parents of Special Needs Children. I celebrate their love, determination, patience, flexibility, attention to detail, and zeal to desire the best services, doctors, therapist and programming for their children.

I applaud you parents, because you understand how important Early Intervention Services are to a child that is delayed or impaired. I was talking to a mother that I admire which has a special needs child; she shared that thinking the problems are going to go away, will not make them go away. The longer you wait the more severe the problem can become. Early Intervention is the key. "My hat goes off to you my friend."

I celebrate those parents who have come to a place in their life where acceptance guided by love is strengthening them. They could have remained in Denial-Anxiety-Fear-Guilt-Depression or Anger; which are the stages of grief that a person experiences following loss. For parents of children with special needs, grief is on-going and it is very common for parents to re-experience various feelings at many points throughout their child's development. (Kristen Reinsberg 2010).

As professionals we want to support you by always taking the time to sit with you, to ask how you are doing, to inquire what we may do for you. Comfort and strength comes from being in the company of caring people who are not afraid of feelings. (EduGuide 2010)

Parents take time for yourself; express and share your feeling of grief; seek out parent and support groups. (EduGuide 2010). One parent shared that she uses humor to keep her grounded. "Laughter doeth the heart good like a medicine." (Proverbs 17:22)

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Qiana Dawson

THE BODY Magic vs. the Body Fashion


Hello, Readers! Let me apologize to anyone that contacted me during late April and early May. I store all information in

my phone when you request catalogs and packages and set dates to send them out. I lost just about all of my information (voicemail and addresses) after a glitch with my phone. Sprint was kind enough to send me a new phone, but I have no way of finding the people whose information was lost. So, PLEASE do not think I chose not to call you back or send packages. I am asking that if you did contact me and did not hear back from me, please do so again, so I can take care of you. I will NEVER rule out using paper and pen ever again in life. Thank you!

Okay, let's talk about the Body Fashion. By now, most of you know what the Body Magic is. You have read how I advertise helping women drop 2-3 dress sizes in 10 minutes. The garment is perfect for any season, but women find it most versatile during the winter and fall months. We know how it is when it gets hot outside – we want spaghetti straps, no straps, or even one shoulder garments. Well, ladies I have what you need if you want to bring that midsection in 2-3 inches, lift up the buttocks, slim the hips and smooth out the back – without the straps.

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Celebrating Black Music Month

ALI OLLIE WOODSON FORMER LEAD
SINGER OF THE TEMPTATIONS.

Ali-Ollie Woodson, led the legendary Motown quintet The Temptations in the 1980s and '90s and helped restore them to their hit-making glory with songs including "Treat Her Like A Lady," has died, a friend said. He was 58.

Woodson was not an original member of the group, which had several lineup changes since it started in the 1960s. But he played an integral part in keeping the Temptations from becoming just nostalgia act.



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By the early 1980s, the Temptations were no longer posting hit after hit like they did in the 1960s and '70s with classics such as "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," "My Girl," and "I Wish It Would Rain."

The group had lost original members, and Woodson was charged with replacing Dennis Edwards, whose passionate voice defined the group during the 1970s.

Woodson's voice, though similar to Edwards' with its fiery tone, was distinct in itself, and helped the group notch the R&B hits "Treat Her Like A Lady," "Sail Away," and "Lady Soul," from 1984 to 1986.

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