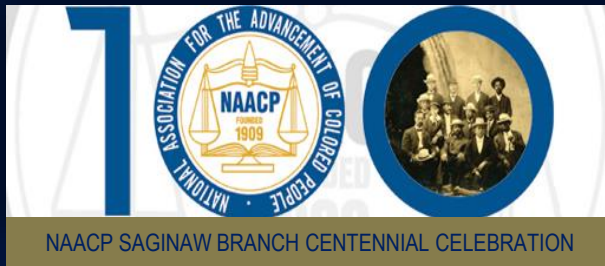


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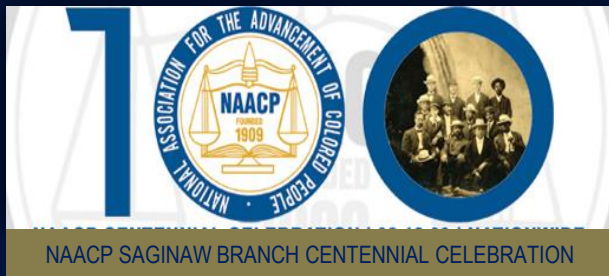
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SAGINAW AREA AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS



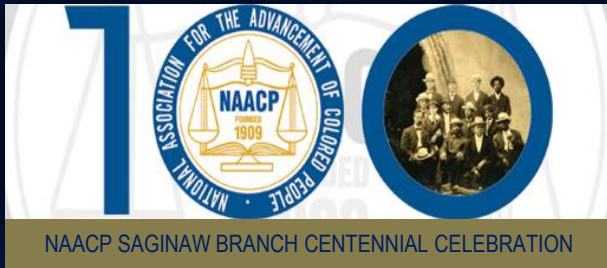
SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS

2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the NAACP Saginaw Branch. In commemoration of this significant milestone the Saginaw Branch extends recognition to Area African-Americans whose accomplishments represent significant historical firsts for this community.



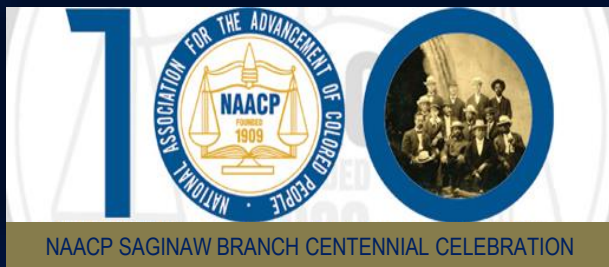
SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS FIELD OF EDUCATION

- ***Lady Margaret Haithco Groves*** Teacher for the Saginaw Public Schools 1946
- ***Frances E. Carter*** 1st Principal in the Saginaw Public Schools 1965
- ***Ruben Daniels*** Saginaw Board of Education Trustee 1967-1993
- ***Dr. Gerald D. Dawkins*** Superintendent Saginaw Public Schools 2001-2008
- ***Charles Coles*** Varsity Head Coach Saginaw Public Schools 1972-1982
- ***Jacqueline Creed-Bowman*** Homecoming Queen Saginaw High School 1965
- ***Marva McCray-Gordon*** Homecoming Queen Buena Vista High School 1965
- ***Dr. Kayte Fearn*** 1st Principal Saginaw High School 1971
- ***Pamela Stuckey*** Homecoming Queen Arthur Hill High School 1985
- ***Nathaniel McClain*** 1st Principal Arthur Hill High School 2008
- ***Leola Wilson*** Female to serve on Saginaw Intermediate School Board 1977-Pres
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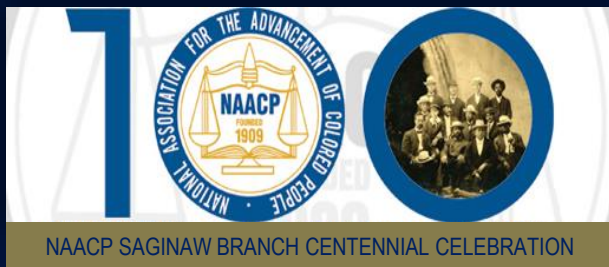
- ***Sylvester Stephens*** Male serve on Delta College Board of Trustee 1971-72
- ***Marcia Marsh-Goffney*** Female serve on Delta College Board of Trustees 1997-2001
- ***Wade McCree, Jr.*** Male to serve on SVSU Board of Trustees 1966-67
- ***Lucille Turnstall*** First female faculty member at SVSU 1965-67
- ***Dr. Guy Lee, Jr.*** First male faculty, administrator & Dean at SVSU 1970-1995
- ***Paul Leek*** First to achieve tenure & Full Professor at Delta College 1970
- ***John A. Wagner*** First faculty member at Delta College 1961
- ***Joseph Powe*** Male to serve on Saginaw Intermediate School Board 1985-Pres
- ***Adelaide Robinson*** First graduate from Saginaw High School 1898
- ***Vivian Keys-Brown*** Female to serve as Superintendent Buena of Vista Schools 1996-2001
- ***Dr. James B. Smith*** First African American Superintendent in Saginaw County
Male to serve as Superintendent of Buena Vista Schools 1978-1986



SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: RUBEN DANIELS

- **Born October 17, 1917 in Oklahoma he migrated to Saginaw in 1929 and became the first black elected to the Saginaw Board of Education in 1967 where he served for more than 25 years and was enshrined in the Michigan Association of School Boards Hall of Fame in 1992**
- **He was the first African-American to serve as President of the Saginaw Board of Education from 1971-73**
- **He graduated from Saginaw High School in 1939 and also attended Central Junior High School**
- **He served as Director of First Ward Community Center for more than two decades where he touched thousands of lives and became a major civic leader in the Saginaw Community**
- **Ruben Daniels became Saginaw's second black police officer in 1947.**
- **Mr. Daniels received numerous awards including the naming of the Daniel Heights housing projects in 1968 in his honor, the Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center in 1982 and the re-naming of Central Middle School (to Ruben Daniels Middle School) in 2009.**
- **He died in 1993.**

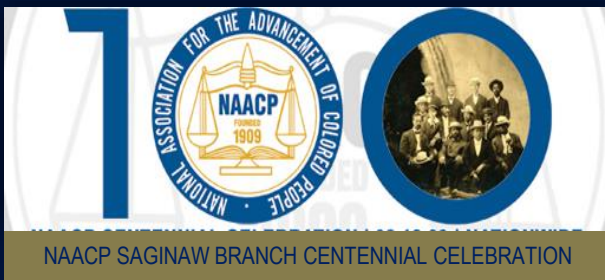




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: FRANCES M. CARTER

- In 1965 Mrs. Carter became the first African-American Principal for the Saginaw School District at the Potter Elementary School
- Born September 13, 1928, Mrs. Carter is a native of Saginaw
- Mrs. Carter joined the school district in 1951 and taught at Potter and Edith Baillie Elementary Schools
- She served as a reading teacher at Saginaw High School and also served as a lead reading teacher for the district
- She also served as Principal of Stone Elementary School
- She has received various community awards and served in various leadership posts including President of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

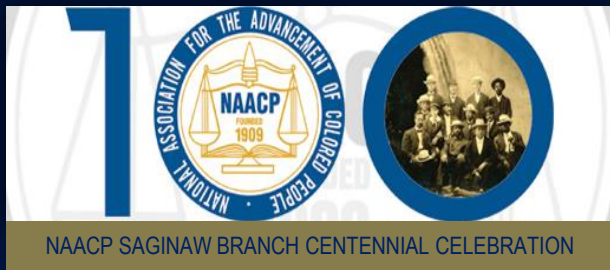




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: CHARLES COLES

- **Charlie Coles became the first African-American varsity head coach for the Saginaw School District where coached the Saginaw High School Trojans from 1972-82**
- **He was named Three-Times Michigan High School Coach of the Year**
- **Coles was born February 6, 1942 in Springfield, Ohio and attended Miami where he played basketball for his alma mater from 1963–65 and was subsequently inducted into Miami's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990.**
- **He served as head men's basketball coach at Miami University from 1996 to 2012 where he has compiled a record of 224-168 to become the University's all-time winning basketball coach including a NCAA sweet sixteen appearance in 1999.**
- **He also served as Assistant Coach at the University of Detroit from 1982-85 and was the head men's basketball coach at Central Michigan University from 1986–1991. He compiled a 92–84 mark in his six seasons with the Chippewas, including a 22–8 mark in 1986–87. Coles was named MAC Coach of the Year that season after leading CMU to the MAC regular-season and tournament championships and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.**

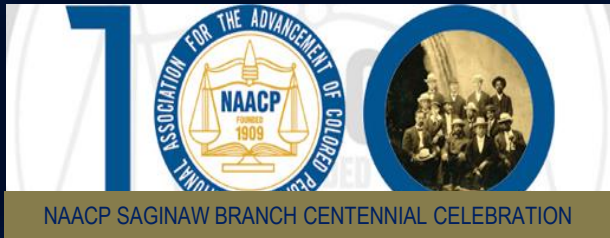




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: LUCILLE TURNSTALL

- The students of Saginaw Valley State University have been enriched by a diverse faculty, comprised of many nationalities and ethnic groups, since its early days. One such faculty person was Lucille Turnstall, who was the first black faculty member, of what then was Saginaw Valley College.
- She was also the very first instructor of biology at the school
- She taught at SVC from 1965 to 1967 prior to there being a formal Biology department.
- Mrs. Turnstall was successful in encouraging one of her students, John Pfenninger to attend medical school and become a physician. Today he is a prominent physician in Midland, Michigan and is the owner and head physician for the Medical Procedures Center.

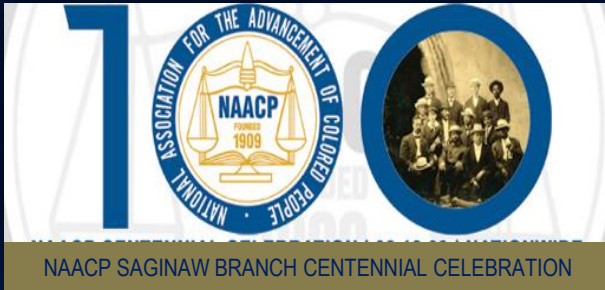




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: GUY M. LEE, JR.

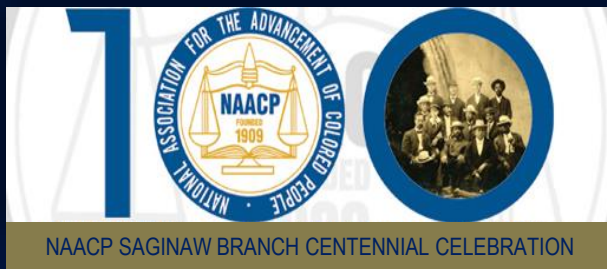
- Dr. Guy M. Lee, Jr. served with dedication and distinction at Saginaw Valley State University for 25 years as a faculty member and administrator before his retirement in May 1995.
- Dr. Lee joined SVSU in 1970 with a dual appointment as a faculty member and Director of Student Teaching.
- During his tenure, he served as professor of Education, Dean of the College of Education, Special Assistant to the President, Affirmative Action Officer, Acting Director of Personnel, and Associate Dean.
- Dr. Lee was recognized for his extensive involvement with SVSU's Educational Resource Center and the College of Education's graduate program at Macomb.
- He earned Professor Emeritus status in 1995.





SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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| • <i>Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.</i> | National Historically Black Sorority | 1963 |
| • <i>Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.</i> | National Historically Black Fraternity | 1971 |
| • <i>Reverend Peter S. Marks</i> | President Saginaw Branch NAACP | 1919 |
| • <i>Bethel AME Church</i> | First church to organize in Saginaw | 1867 |
| • <i>Craig Chancellor</i> | CEO Saginaw County United Way | 1988-1994 |



HISTORY OF SAGINAW NAACP BRANCH

- **Saginaw Branch was chartered on July 29, 1919 and celebrates a 100-year history**
- **Reverend Peter S. Marks of Bethel AME Church served as first Branch President**
- **Bernice Barlow, Saginaw Public School Teacher, served from 1968 until 1998 (30 Years) as Branch President**
- **Leola Wilson served as Branch President from 1998 to 2018.**

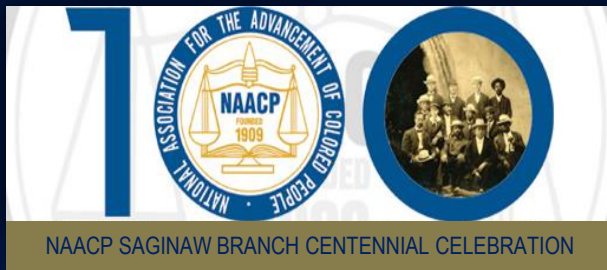


History of Bethel AME Church The first African-American Area Church



**Richard Allen
Founder**

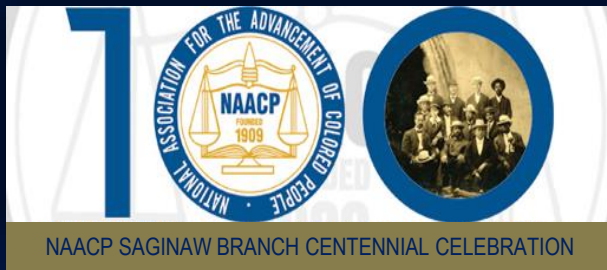
- **Founded in 1867 by six individuals**
- **Initial services were held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Allen Ford on North Fourth Street**
- **The membership increased significantly requiring the purchase of three different structures to house the burgeoning congregation**
- **The Reverend Isaiah Snelling was assigned to the pastorate in March of 1954 and form the vision and led the effort to construct Phase I of the facility now located on Cathay Street**
- **Phase II & III of the facility plan were completed in 1970 & 1978 respectively under the the leadership of Rev. Harold C. Huggins**
- **June of 1987 Phase IV of plan was completed under Pastor Clarence G. Robinson**
- **Under the leadership of Rev. Delano Bowman construction was completed on the \$1.6 million-dollar educational center and dedicated the structure on August 27, 1989**



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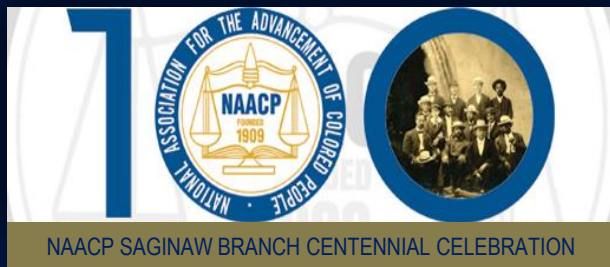
Political, Legal, Government & Civic

- ***Henry G. Marsh*** Elected to Saginaw City Council 1961-1963
- ***Henry G. Marsh*** Male to serve as Mayor of City of Saginaw 1967-1969
- ***Dr. Joy Hargrove*** Female elected to Saginaw City Council 1979-1986
- ***Wilmer-Jones Ham*** Female to serve as Mayor of City of Saginaw 2001-2005
- ***Harry W. Browne*** Male elected Saginaw County Board Commissioners 1951
- ***Marie Davis*** Female elected Saginaw County Board Commissioners 1968-1972
1974-1990
- ***Al Holiday*** Male serve as Chair of County Board Commissioners 1989-1990
- ***Brigette Braddock*** Female serve Chair of County Board of Commissioners 2009



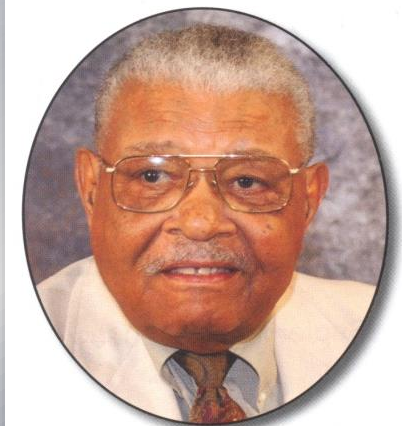
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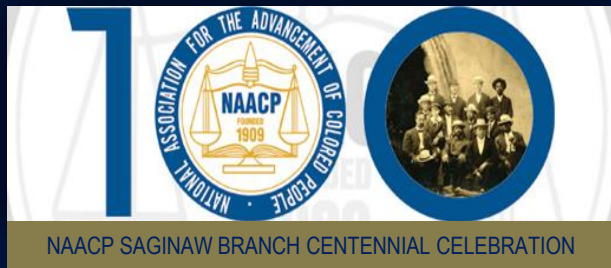
- ***Carl Williams*** 95th MI State House of Representatives 2001-2007
- ***Terry L. Clark*** Saginaw County District Court Judge 1990-Pres
- ***Darnell Jackson*** Saginaw County Circuit Court Judge 2006-Pres
- ***Michael Finney*** Interim City Manager City of Saginaw 1986-1987
- ***Preston Wiley*** City Department Head – Model Cities Department 1974-1975
- ***James Golden*** Chief of Police City of Saginaw 1996-2000
- ***Warren S. Hurt*** Fireman & Fire Marshall City of Saginaw 1947-1977
- ***Cal Nicholson*** First Police Officer & Detective City of Saginaw 1934
- ***Lee Martin*** First County Department Head – Mental Health
- ***Ebony Rascoe*** Female command officer Saginaw County Sheriff Dept. 2017-pres



SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: Henry G. Marsh

- **Attorney Henry G. Marsh was born October 11, 1921 in Knoxville, Tennessee**
- **Received Law Degree from Knoxville College**
- **Migrated to Saginaw in 1954**
- **Founding Chair of Saginaw Human Relations Commission in 1958**
- **In 1961 first African-American elected to the Saginaw City Council**
- **In 1967 he became Saginaw's first African-American Mayor**
- **He was instrumental in securing a fair housing ordinance for the City of Saginaw**
- **For five decades he was viewed as a key player in the Saginaw Community serving on various boards and special committees including the Saginaw Charter Advisory Commission, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, First Ward Community Center, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Rotary, Frontiers International, Downtown Optimists and several Governor's Commissions**
- **The Interstate 675 Bridge is named in his honor**
- **He died in May of 2011**

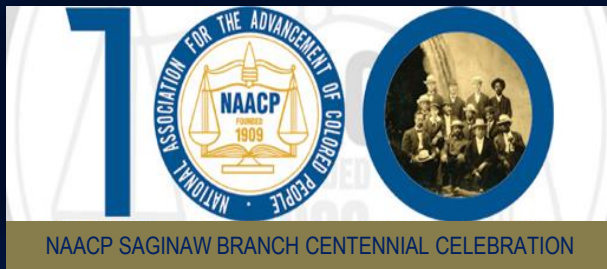




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: WILMER JONES HAM-MCZEE

- **Wilmer Jones Ham McZee was sworn in November 12, 2001 as Saginaw's first female Mayor after having served on the Saginaw City Council since February 1994.**
- **Mrs. Ham is a devoted member of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as the Minister of Music. She is a graduate of the Saginaw Public Schools, Delta College with an Associates Degree in Arts, Saginaw Valley State University earning a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Supervision and Administration.**
- **She was employed with the Saginaw Public Schools as a teacher from 1980-2007**
- **The former Mayor Ham has served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Club, SIGMA, St. John Trinity, MBS International Airport, MERS Pension Board, Police & Fire Pension Board, Downtown Development Authority, and was the 2004 Honorary Chair of Habitat for Humanity. She is also a past board member of RCO and New Perspectives. She is the founder of the Saginaw Soul Children, the Mayor's Ball and Scholarship Foundation, the Saginaw Interdenominational Ministry, Saginaw International Mahogany Models, Women and Men in Praise and the 100 Voice Boys Choir. Her other affiliations include the NAACP since 1957 and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.**
- **Wilmer Jones-Ham is the mother of three - DeRonnie, DeToya, and former NBA player Darwin Ham and she also the grandmother of six.**

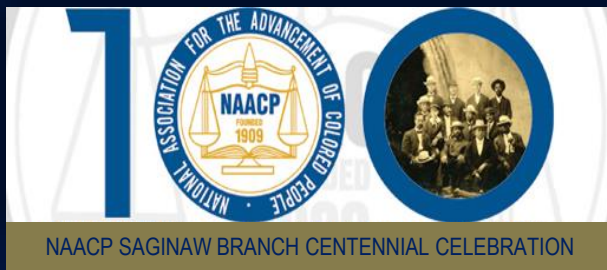




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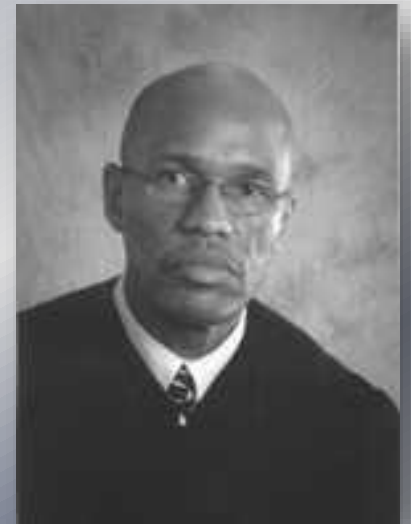
- Born Jan. 12, 1908, in London, W.Va., he became the first black president of United Auto Workers Local 668 and the Saginaw Chapter of the Congress of Industrial Organizations
- The first black member of the Saginaw County Board of Supervisors where served 23 years and was the first black in the nation to chair a local United Way fundraising drive
- The first black to serve on the Tri-City Airport Commission where he served for 15 years
- Founded Browne's Mortuary in 1945 at 400 Potter Street
- It was a bigoted professor at Michigan State University who asked the young electrical engineering major, "Hey, Browne, what are you going to do -- open a shoeshine stand and run it electrically?" that spurred him to social activism
- A 1925 graduate of Saginaw High School, he returned home to a job as a core-maker at the then-Chevrolet Grey Iron Plant in Saginaw. People remembered him for quietly picking up the tab for funerals and bail and organizing drives to register voters and teaching English to newcomers. He was also the first black Council Candidate
- He died Sept. 4, 1990.

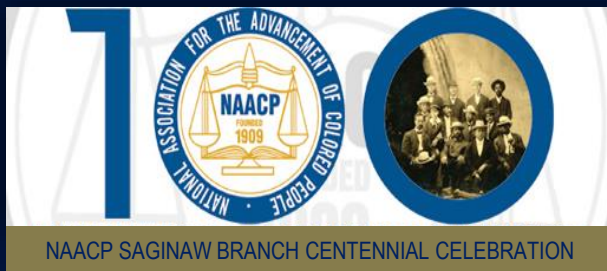




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: TERRY L. CLARK

- On August 10, 1990 he was elected first African-American Judge in Saginaw County
- One of ten siblings he is a 1973 graduate of Buena Vista High School, University of Michigan and the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law.
- Served as Chief District Court Judge for the 70th Judicial District Court in Saginaw County.
- Former partner in the law firm of Jensen, Smith and Clark
- Former Assistant Saginaw County Prosecutor
- The Honorable Judge Clark is a life member of the NAACP, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Board of Directors of the Saginaw Community Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Saginaw, Saginaw County United Way, Good Neighbors Mission, and Director and President of READ Association.

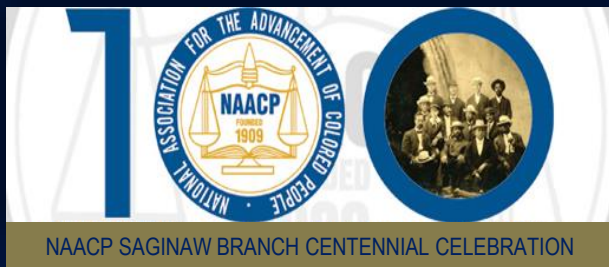




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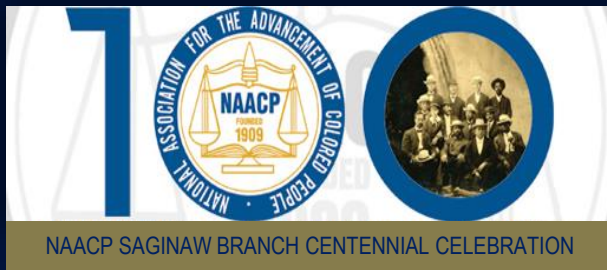
- Elected to the MI State House of Representatives, 95th District for three terms (2001-2007)
- Served on the Saginaw City Council from 1991-2000
- Served as Mayor Pro-tem for two years
- Candidate for the MI State Senate 32nd District Seat in 2006 and narrowly defeated by Dr. Roger Kahn. In the closest Michigan senate race of 2006, Kahn won by only 450 votes , or 0.48% of the vote, and only after a recount.
- As a member of the State House, Mr. Williams served on the Appropriations Committee, State Police/Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality and School Aid and Department of Education.
- Prior to his election to public office, he was employed by Delphi Steering Systems in Saginaw as an Employee Assistance Coordinator and manufacturing supervisor.
- After leaving public office he served in Governor Jennifer Granholm's administration as Manager of the Office of Public Affairs, Planning & Community Development Administration for the MI Department of Corrections
- Currently serves on the Saginaw NAACP Executive Committee as Chair of Political Action Committee



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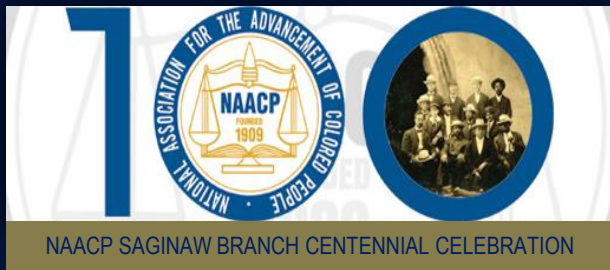
Business & Entertainment

- ***Rosena Moton Ford*** **1st Registered Nurse** **1946**
- ***William Atwood*** **Business owner – Real Estate & Sawmill** **1861**
- ***Ruben Daniels*** **Serve on Bank Board of Directors – Michigan National** **1974-1993**
- ***Laval Perry*** **Owner of New Car Dealership – All American Ford** **1988**
- ***Thornton H. Westbrook*** **Operated funeral home (later became Elsie Black's)** **1929**
- ***Thelma Poston*** **Female to operate real estate firm in Saginaw** **1973**
- ***French Morgan*** **Attorney to practice law in Saginaw** **1878**
- ***Sam Jones*** **GM Plant Manager** **1981-1994**
 GM Site Manager **1994-1995**
 GM Director of Manufacturing Asia Region **1996-1999**
- ***Jim Ellis*** **MSU College All-American & Professional Athlete** **1951**



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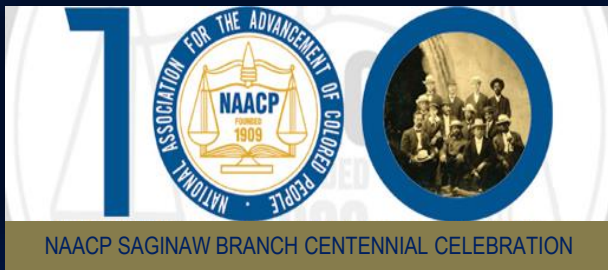
- ***Lemuel Tucker*** Television network reporter 1965
- ***Charles Dunn*** 1st Black foreman & supervisor U.S. Post Office 1948-1986
- ***Dorothy N. Allen*** Director of Saginaw Co. Child Receiving Home 1979-1996
- ***Shirley Barry-Ward*** First cashier hired by A & P Grocery 1962
- ***Lavinia M. Saunders*** Medical secretary at Veterans Administration Hospital 1953-55
EEO Representative for State of Michigan & Ohio 1955
- ***Horace Davis*** Became Michigan's first black general manager of
an all-white Bay City Country Club 1969-1992



SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: LEMUEL TUCKER

- American journalist born May 26, 1938 in Saginaw, MI, graduated from Central Michigan University in 1960
- Lem Tucker was one the first African-American to work as a television network reporter. He began his career at NBC in 1965 as a general assignment news correspondent, and served as news director at WOR-TV in New York City from 1970-71. He moved to ABC in 1972 and to CBS in 1977
- Mr. Tucker two Emmy Awards, the first in 1979 for his coverage of black America and his second in 1983 for a series about hunger in America
- While working for the networks, he covered numerous major news events, including the Vietnam War, the Kent State University shootings and the Iran hostage crisis.
- He was the first African-American elected to the position of student body president at CMU. While at Central, Tucker was considered one of the University's top forensic students. He served as a chapter president of Pi Kappa Delta, a national speech honorary fraternity

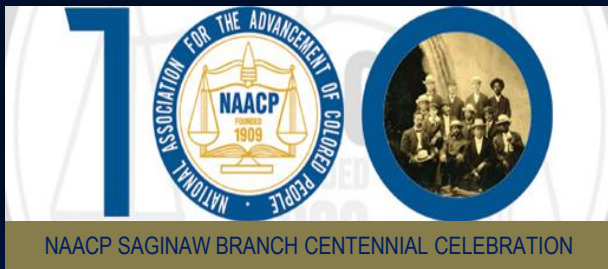




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: William Atwood

- One of Saginaw's most successful first African American business owners in the late 1800's. He was born into slavery and became a lumber baron.
- Born in 1839 on Shell Creek Plantation in Alabama he was given his freedom and moved to Ohio in 1853. He was active in the Underground Railroad and first visited Saginaw in 1857. He moved to California with his brother, John in 1859 and invested in gold, silver, horses and operated a restaurant.
- Permanently moved to Saginaw in 1863, purchased land and sold it for a \$4,000 profit. He established a real estate office in 1868. He operated the Atwood Sawmill from 1874-88.
- Mr. Atwood received limited schooling but became a self-taught scholar. He became a skilled speaker and member of the Colored Debating Society.
- Atwood served as a three-time Michigan Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888, 1892, and 1896.
- He was worth nearly \$2 million (in 2009 dollars) at the time of his death in 1910. He along with his wife Charlotte raised five children and his buried in Saginaw's Forest Lawn Cemetery.

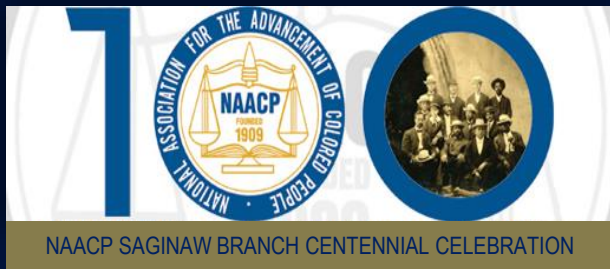




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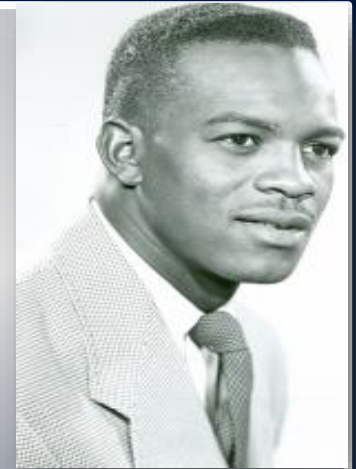
- In 1978, he became the 1st African American Plant Manager at Delco Remy (Indiana) and only the second in all General Motors and was promoted to General Director of Human Resources in 1986.
- Served as Indiana's NAACP Local and State President and was a member of the National NAACP Board of Directors from 1980-1983.
- 1st African American Director of Manufacturing Operations (Delphi: 1993-1996)
- 1st African American General Manager, Global Manufacturing Operations (Delphi: 1996-1999)
- 1st African American Business Line Executive-Halfshafts (Delphi: 2000-Retirement)
- Has extensive experience in overseas business in India, China, Brazil, Poland, Mexico and Italy.
- Retired from Delphi in 2002 after 37 years of service.
- Served as the Director of Development for the City of Saginaw, Michigan from 2005 til 2012.

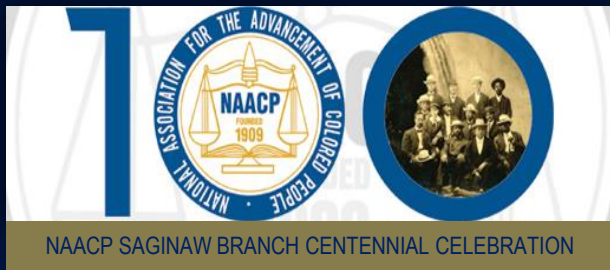




SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS PROFILE: Jim Ellis

- **Jimmy Ellis was the first College All-American athlete and professional athlete from Saginaw.**
- **He transferred to Saginaw High School as junior in 1947 from Chicago. He graduated from Saginaw High in 1948 where he played football and ran track for the Trojans He was named to the Class A all-state football team in 1947 and won the state title in the 400**
- **He attended Michigan State University and became the first Spartan to receive All-America honors in consecutive years (1951-52)**
- **Captain of the 1953 Big Ten and 1954 Rose Bowl Championship team Ranks among MSU's all-time and season leaders in punt return yards**
- **After his college career Jimmy went into the military for two years and then returned to have a short stint with the Cleveland Browns. He then pursued a career in Canada to play in the Canadian Football League for two years with the Toronto Argonauts**
- **Ellis taught for 15 years in the Chicago system and then pursued a career as a businessman as well as being involved with amateur football and softball in the throughout the Chicago area**





SAGINAW AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIRSTS

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