

Welcome to

May/June 2024

Original

Home of the Spirit
And 2024 Memorial Cup



CASTLE COURIER



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The Artifact

Aftermath of a Late Winter Storm

"[P]art of the roof was torn off the Vincent school, Saginaw township, and the school's chimney was flung through the roof of the one-story part of the building."

-*The Saginaw Daily News*, March 7, 1929, p.2.

Three photographs in the Museum's collection document the aftermath of a late winter storm on Saginaw Township's Vincent school. *The Saginaw Daily News*, reported that the storm impacted the entire state. While Saginaw was spared the worst, Vincent School was not the only structure damaged. Throughout the community, roofs were damaged, and chimneys were toppled. The doors of the airplane hangar at the Saginaw airport [Now Saginaw County H.W. Browne Airport] were forced in by the wind and caused damage to the airplanes inside.

"Lives of the occupants of houseboats in unsheltered spots along the east bank of the river were endangered for a time as the ice broke up and big cakes piled themselves up on the floats and against the sides of the flimsy structures. One houseboat family, moored at the foot of Webber street, was imprisoned in its floating home as ice was swept up on the float [sic] and against the only door of the houseboat. Occupants of a neighboring houseboat called for police aid to rescue the family, but by the time officers arrived with ropes, axes and the like, volunteers had succeeded in battering their way through the ice, opening the door, and releasing the prisoners." (*The Saginaw Daily News*, March 7.)

As March 7, 1929, was a Saturday, school was, fortunately, not in session at Vincent School when the damage occurred. It was soon repaired, and Vincent School operated until 1956. Westdale School on South Center Road replaced it.

The paper recounted the history of the school's name:

"The rural school of district No. 6, Saginaw township, just outside the southwestern city limits, will be known from now on as the Vincent school, named after the street on which is located. This school was rated state rural school inspectors as one of the best rural schools in the state, during their visit to



the school when it was built a little more than a year ago." *The Saginaw Courier Herald*, December 15, 1921.

A major addition was added to the building in 1924. Located near an industrial area, it served students in the adjoining neighborhoods that included Golfside.



Celebrating Juneteenth

A Saginaw Story

In honor of the upcoming Juneteenth holiday, the museum has created a special feature exhibit on the founder of Juneteenth celebrations in Saginaw, Lula Briggs Galloway.

The exhibit, which will be highlighted in a museum lobby case, will feature reproductions from Galloway's book, *Ring the Bell of Freedom*, along with detailed information on Galloway as well.

After moving to Saginaw in 1990, Lula Briggs Galloway worked as a paralegal. She saw that there was a lack of understanding about the Juneteenth holiday--which she sought to change and did, leading to Saginaw's first Juneteenth celebration.

Galloway founded and served as president of the National Association of Juneteenth Lineage, headquartered in Saginaw. It acted as an umbrella organization to support and unify national efforts related to Juneteenth, including lobbying for national recognition.

The exhibit in honor of Galloway will run from mid-June until September.



Lunch
& LEARN



2ND & 4TH
TUESDAYS

@Noon

Bring Your Lunch
or Just Yourself!



EVENTS AT THE CASTLE

May & June 2024

MAY 14

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Gary Flinn, Kewpee Burger History

MAY 15

MIDWEEK MATINEE

1 PM-2 PM

Breached! The Tittabawassee River Disaster pt. 1
Delta Public Media

MAY 16

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

5:30 PM

"Invented Realities: How Scientific Models
Changed Our Meaning of 'Real'" with Dr. Matthew
Vannette

MAY 21

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*

12:00 PM

Chevy in the Hole: A Novel by Kelsey Ronan

MAY 24-JUNE 2

MEMORIAL CUP IN SAGINAW

Saginaw Hockey History Exhibit &
Spicer Slide & Glide Sock Skating Rink

JUNE 11

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Linda Thayer, Thomas Township Nature Center

JUNE 12

MIDWEEK MATINEE

1 PM-2 PM

Breached! The Tittabawassee River Disaster pt. 2
Delta Public Media

JUNE 15

SUMMER KICKOFF

10 AM-1 PM

Touch-a-Truck & Kids' Activities

JUNE 18

PAGES OF HISTORY BOOK CLUB*

12:00 PM

The Shocking Story of Helmuth Schmidt by Tobin
T. Buhk

JUNE 20

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

11 a.m.

A Camping We Must Go!

HISTORY AFTER HOURS

5:30 PM

"Archaeological Discoveries at a Tittabawassee
Boom Company Boarding House Site" with Jeff
Sommer

JUNE 25

LUNCH & LEARN

12:00 PM

Snacks & Artifacts: Something Borrowed,
Something Blue: Wedding Dresses

*In collaboration with Hoyt Library



PROGRAMS

Summer FUN

JUNE

15 - Summer Kickoff with the Delta College Learning Channel & Saginaw Public Libraries-Hoyt Branch

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

15 - Community Heroes Touch-a-Truck Event

10a.m.-1 p.m.

19 - Ecstatic about STEM presented by Delta College Learning Channel

11 a.m.-Noon

20 - Preschool Story Time: A Camping We Must Go!

11 a.m.-Noon

26 - Geology Fun presented by Saginaw Public Libraries-Hoyt Branch

1-2 p.m.

JULY

3 - Construction with Marshmallows presented by Bay County Historical Society

Noon-1 p.m.

10 - Mosquito Fun presented by Saginaw Mosquito Control

11 a.m.-Noon

11 - Preschool Story Time: Bubble Fun
11 a.m.-Noon

24 - Paint the BEANS bunny presented by The Castle Museum

(Spaces limited. RSVP required at (989) 752-2861)

25 - Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Harry Potter Summer Camp

(Register with MMCM at (989) 399-6626)

31 - Rising Rockets presented by The Michigan Heroes Museum

11 a.m.-Noon

AUGUST

7 - Ecstatic about STEM presented by Delta College Learning Channel

11 a.m.-Noon

8 - Preschool Story Time: Wonderful Water
11 a.m.-Noon

14 - Junior Archaeology presented by The Castle Museum

Noon-1 p.m.

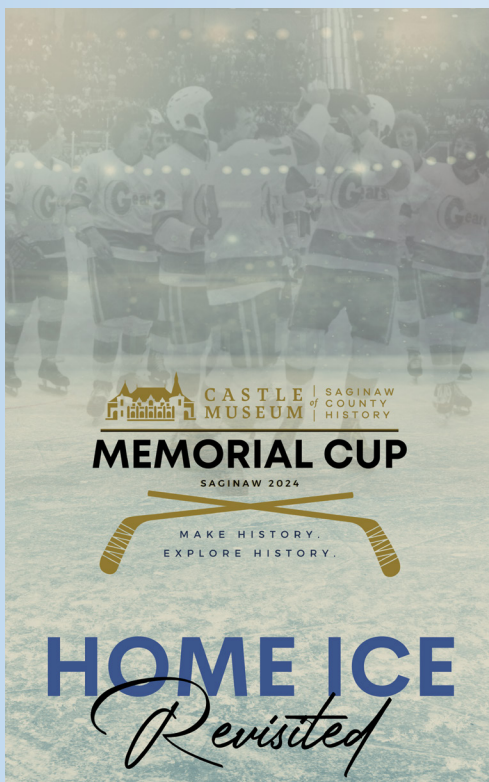


The Home of Hockey History 2024 Memorial Cup at the Castle

The Memorial Cup competition is coming to Saginaw's Dow Event Center from May 24-June 2! The Memorial Cup is the national championship of the Canadian Hockey League (made up of the Ontario Hockey League, Quebec Maritimes Junior Hockey League, and the Western Hockey League). As the host city, it will include the Saginaw Spirit as one of the competitors.

The Memorial Cup was originally created to honor young Canadian hockey players turned soldiers who had perished in World War I. 2024 is the first time that the competition will be hosted in Michigan, and only the fourth time that a US city has had the honor.

The Castle Museum is the home of Saginaw's hockey history, as demonstrated through our collection of photographs, information, and objects from local hockey teams including high school players through the Saginaw Gears to the Spirit. As our part in this unique opportunity to showcase the City of Saginaw, the museum will be offering a special temporary exhibit as well as some fun activities for families visiting the area for the competition.



Home Ice Revisited-Temporary Exhibit

The museum will transform the Morley Room into a temporary exhibit focused on Saginaw's hockey history and the history of the Saginaw Civic Center arena from Mid-May through early June. This exhibit will feature a paired down version of our Home Ice Exhibit from 2022 highlighting the building of the arena in downtown Saginaw and the introduction of hockey to the area with the Saginaw Gears in 1972. A look at the growth of hockey in the region up through today's Saginaw Spirit team will cover the remainder of the room. An additional lobby case has been set up already to feature the original mascot uniforms of Gearilla, Steagle Colbeagle, and Sammy Spirit.

Spicer Slide & Glide-Sock Skating Rink

Thanks to a generous donation from Spicer Group Inc., the Morley Room will also be featuring an indoor "sock skating" rink for kids--and kids at heart. Skaters will set their shoes aside and use their socks to slide across smooth interlocking tiles made for practicing your hockey moves anytime. Referees will monitor the fun to keep the crowds under control--but we hope this will be a great chance for families to learn about our community's sports history while having fun in the same space.

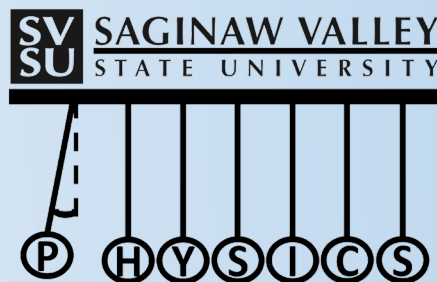


Mugshots with the Mascots--Selfie Station

Inside the museum we'll have our lifesize cardboard mascots setup for the perfect selfie opportunity. Show your Saginaw spirit with a photo with Gearilla or Steagle Colbeagle the Eagle and then see the real deal inside our lobby display.

Pop-Up Hockey STEM Activities with SVSU Physics

Throughout the Memorial Cup festivities we will also be featuring pop-up STEM activities hosted by SVSU Physics inside the Castle Museum and focused on hockey. Participants will get a chance to learn about friction, stick and puck composition, velocity and more--so you'll be ready to understand the game before the teams even take to the ice. Keep an eye on our social media for more details on these pop-up events.



For updated details, follow our socials @TheCastleMuseum or visit our website at castlemuseum.org



Gifts & Memorials

Memorials in honor of Les Tinknell

Marilyn Ludgin

Della Wilder





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FREE
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**SUMMER
FUN
KICKOFF!**

**15TH
JUNE**

SCHOOL BUS

Touch-A-Truck

Vendors

STEM Activities

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES
500 Federal Avenue Block



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