



CASTLE MUSEUM  
of  
SAGINAW COUNTY HISTORY

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Discover What's *Inside!*



The Castle Museum boasts a beautiful collection of over 100,000 artifacts.



*On This Day in History...*  
Facebook post featuring Aleda E. Lutz reached more than 3,000 people.



July 3, 2018 will mark the 120th anniversary of the original Castle Building.

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## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



DISCOVER. LEARN. HISTORY. FUN.  
SAGINAW STARTS HERE AT THE  
CASTLE MUSEUM

Dear Friends,

*Discover What's Inside* the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History. Whether it's exploring the galleries of our beautiful historic building, visiting our *History on the Move* mobile museum and classroom, or helping us uncover a fascinating story from your own neighborhood, there is something for everyone to discover.

The hard work of our dedicated staff and astute guidance from the Board of Directors propelled us to a successful year in 2017. The HSSC added nearly \$90,000 to its bottom line through cost reduction and revenue increases. Last year, 10 temporary exhibits were displayed, attracting more than 18,000 visitors inside the museum. *History on the Move* welcomed its 50,000th visitor since its inception in April 2010, and renovation is underway of our signature exhibition, *Lumbering in Saginaw County*. Set to debut in July, this exhibit will feature a complete interactive experience.

All this and much more makes the Castle Museum an essential part of the downtown area and Saginaw County region.

I want to thank you for the kindness and support you showed me in my first year as President/CEO of this wonderful organization. None of this would be possible without you. In this year ahead, after careful consideration, we are asking Saginaw County voters in August to approve a slight millage increase that will continue to support the Castle Museum's efforts, along with the historical societies of Frankenmuth, Bridgeport, Chesaning, and St. Charles. We need you more than ever as we continue to connect with our community in exciting ways.

Warmest Regards,

Jonathan T. Webb

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

When I was a little girl, I would visit the Castle Museum and dream of living there. The spiral staircase was a delightful part of my childhood fairytale. As chairwoman of this fine institution, I now have the joy of visiting this building and its exhibits regularly.

But whereas once it was the artifacts and architecture that captivated me, today I am more enchanted by the magic that goes on behind the scenes—by the heart and soul of this building, the people who work to make visiting the Castle an enriching and engaging experience.

Jon, Tom, Ashley, Sandy, the Jeff's (there are three but only one with a G), Alex, Sheila, Barb, Dick, Ed, Barry, John, Jon and the Ron's are some of the most dedicated employees I've had the pleasure to serve with. They are committed to the mission of the Historical Society of Saginaw County to bring alive our historical and cultural heritage. In the past year, they have brought us dynamic exhibits on our community's past and continue to educate and inspire us. They are talented visionaries.

It is with pride that I lead the HSSC's fine Board of Directors. Bob, Ken, Gerry, Margaret, the Bill's, David, Fred, Chip, the Larry's, Maliha, Cheryl, and Bryan are dedicated to the HSSC's vision to become the leading cultural organization in the Saginaw region. They recognize the duties presented to us in regards to governance and our fiduciary responsibility and continually meet them. The year 2018 will present opportunities and challenges for all the staff, directors, and HSSC members, but I have confidence that we will all take advantage of the opportunities that come our way and rise to meet the challenges.

As you can see, I may not physically live at the Castle, but I'm definitely living the dream. I'm surrounded by gifted, devoted, and bright individuals who share my passion for history, education, and Saginaw...and I can float down that staircase any time the museum is open!

Amy French, Ph.D.  
Chair, Board of Directors



DISCOVER



## EXHIBITIONS

### BECOMING MODERN

*Becoming Modern: Saginaw Architects Reshape Their Community* explored buildings designed by Saginaw architectural firms in the years following World War II.



### PIGSKIN PEANUTS

This summer attraction showcased 50 Sunday and daily strips that demonstrated the fun Charles M. Schulz had with football.



### UNIFORMITY

Over the years, the Castle Museum has collected a wide assortment of uniforms worn by area residents. This clothing tells a story that connects them to professions, schools, activities and organizations throughout Saginaw County.



### CATHEDRAL OF MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Built from 1901 to 1903, to serve as a worship space, this parish had the makings of a cathedral from its very foundation.



### BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Blue Star Mothers of America celebrated 75 years of providing support to the military and their families.



### INSPIRED BY BRICKS

Creator Scot Thompson's fourth installment of Inspired by Bricks, showcased buildings on South Washington Avenue in Saginaw.



### CAMP TIMBERS

This exhibition celebrated a golden anniversary of the Saginaw YMCA Camp Timbers opening in 1967.



### DELTA SIGMA THETA

The Saginaw Alumnae Chapter was chartered on Oct. 28, 1967 with 12 sorors. In 2017, this 59-member chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary.



### ESKWIN CHAIR

This exhibit featured the ergonomical chair produced by Saginaw inventor Edwin O. Klemm. It provided a close up of Klemm and his unique devices.



### WORK, FIGHT, GIVE

*Work, Fight, Give: American Relief Posters of WWII* focused on those who gave of their artistic talents to design posters aimed at the heart of Americans.



## DISCOVERY

In 2017, 10 Castle Museum volunteers spent nearly 700 hours scouring fields, riverbanks, and front yards for traces of Saginaw Valley residents of generations past. Mud, sunburns, and blisters notwithstanding, it was a great year!

Activities ranged from monitoring sites in the Shiawassee National Wildlife refuge, where we salvaged samples from an eroding hearth/trash pit dating from the Late Prehistoric period (ca. AD 1400-1650), and conducting surface survey in Swan Creek Township, to continuing our excavations at the Steltzriede Farm site in Saginaw Township.



Nick labeling an artifact bag during the Swan Creek survey.

In the Swan Creek area, we found prehistoric artifacts dating from ca. 4500-6200 years ago, ca. 3000-4000 years ago, and 1000-400 years ago as well as historic period material from the mid-late 19th century.



Prehistoric stone tools from the Swan Creek survey.



19th century artifacts from the Swan Creek survey.



Roxanne screening at the Steltzriede Farm site.



Nick excavating a cow skull at the Steltzriede Farm site.



Cow skull in the midden area of the Steltzriede Farm site.

At the Steltzriede Farm site we revealed more about a cellar associated with the original 1838 cabin, including an estimate of the overall size of the cellar and some details of how it may have been constructed. We also found a nice assortment of artifacts and food remains which provided a glimpse into the day-to-day lives of the Steltzriede family – 19th century settlers who helped grow the Saginaw community into what it is today.





ENGAGEMENT



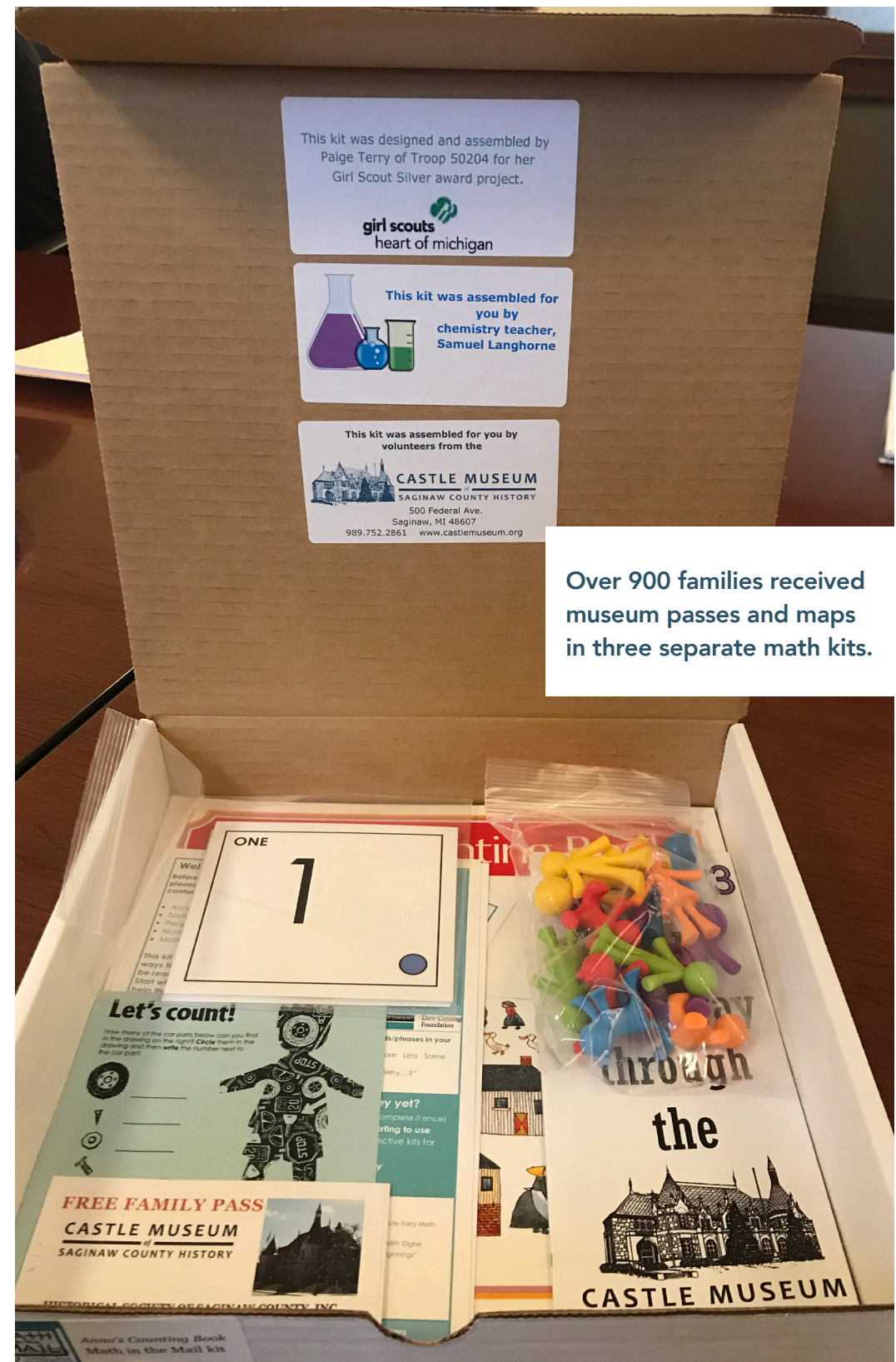
## EDUCATION



### MUSEUM PARTNERS WITH MATH IN THE MAIL

Math in the Mail is part of a region-wide focus on preparing students for science, technology, engineering and math experiences and STEM careers. It targets 3-year-old children from Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties. Families enrolled in the program receive a free kit in the mail, six times per year, which contains materials, resources and instructions for several age-appropriate math activities.

To enroll, families should visit [www.mathinthemail.org](http://www.mathinthemail.org).





## EDUCATION



"We are proud to offer such an ideal educational experience focused on Saginaw County's history for local students and adults as well as people who may not be from this region," said Education Coordinator Sheila Hempsted.

### HISTORY ON THE MOVE WELCOMES 50,000TH VISITOR SINCE 2010

History on the Move (HOM), the Castle Museum's award-winning mobile museum and classroom, welcomed its 50,000th guest, since its inception in 2010, during Jazz on Jefferson.

This educational program is geared for students in second through fifth grades, and all Saginaw County public, charter and private schools are eligible to host the mobile museum free of charge.

HOM debuted April 23, 2010.



## 2017 BREAKDOWN

### SCHOOLS

Zion Lutheran School	12 Schools
Christ Lutheran	60 Sessions
St. John	70 Classrooms
Merrill Park Elementary	1,186 Students
Shields Elementary	133 Adults
Havens Elementary	<b>=1,319 Total</b>
List Elementary	
St. Lorenz Lutheran	
Hemmeter S.P.A.R.K.	
Faith Lutheran	
Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Rural Education Day	
K.C. Ling Elementary	

### EVENTS

Cinco de Mayo Parade	15 Events
Great Start to Quality	3,299 Youth
Jazz on Jefferson	4,081 Adults
Bavarian Festival	<b>=7,380 Total</b>
KCQ Country Festival	
D.E.A.R. @ the Zoo	
India Association of East Central Michigan	
Saginaw County Fair	
Bridgeport Historical Village	
Saginaw B.A.S.H	
Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Days	
First United Methodist Church	
Victorious Believers Back to School Rally	
Hemlock Sawdust Days	
Johnson's Giant Pumpkin Farm	
Positive Results Downtown Parade	

**GRAND TOTAL = 8,699**



## ENGAGEMENT

### SUMMER CULTURAL CELEBRATION

The Castle Museum was a fun destination for families over the summer. Visitors experienced music, dance and food through five presentations highlighting various cultures.

The summer performance series included:

- El Ballet Folklórico Estudiantil
- Saginaw Ukulele Gurus and Rookies (SUGAR)
- Da Frankenmuda Fratz'n
- Afternoon Tea
- The Shannon Irish Dance Academy

**"With the support of Saginaw Celebrates Summer and Hemlock Semiconductor, we are extremely proud to be in our seventh year of coordinating the cultural celebration program,"** said Marketing and Events Coordinator Alexandria Jones. **"Our focus remains to expose and educate visitors to the diverse cultures of the Saginaw region."**

This five-week series attracted 294 visitors.



## LUNCH & LEARN

The goal of our weekly Lunch & Learn program is to shine a light on history, foster learning, provide inspiration and provoke conversations.



The museum hosted **33** engaging programs with speakers from various backgrounds including college professors, marketing specialists, authors and filmmakers.

**ATTENDANCE GRAND TOTAL = \*1,367**

*\*Includes audience and speaker(s)*

Visitors say, "Every week I learn something new ..."

## ENGAGEMENT



### JAZZ ON JEFFERSON CELEBRATES 14TH ANNUAL

Attracting 3,000 visitors and counting each summer, Jazz on Jefferson showcases the vitality of the neighborhood and institutions located along the historic South Jefferson Avenue.

This one-night celebration kicked off with a performance by the Saginaw High Drumline.

Festivalgoers also enjoyed an array of activities such as food from local vendors, horse drawn carriages and a classic car and motorcycle show.

The evening ended with a free concert by Monique Ella Rose at First Congregational Church.

Jazz on Jefferson is a cooperative project of the Jefferson Avenue institutions coordinated by the Castle Museum. Saginaw Celebrates Summer, sponsored by the Hemlock Semiconductor Group and coordinated by the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission also supported this event.

*The 15th Annual Jazz on Jefferson is scheduled for June 6, 2018.*





## VOYAGEURS

They eat, dress, travel and sleep just as the voyageurs of the 18th and 19th centuries did.

Their summer 2017 stops included: Caseville Launch, Sleeper State Park in Caseville, Bird Creek Park in Port Austin, Lighthouse Park in Port Hope and Lincoln Memorial Park in Harbor Beach.



### NAVIGATING THE WATERS

The Saginaw Voyageurs paddled around the Upper Thumb in 2017.

The Saginaw Voyageurs are a reenactment group of the Castle Museum. Members participate in a journey each summer tracing the routes of the original Voyageurs and fur traders of the Great Lakes.



The Voyageurs use a fiberglass replica of the birch bark Montreal Canoe. It weighs more than 600 pounds, and is 34 feet long and 5 feet wide.

# What Makes the Castle Museum Great?

**29,725**  
People Served

**606**  
Members

**180**  
Volunteers

**18,746**  
Visitors to the  
Castle Museum

**9,586**  
History on the Move

**1,393**  
Off-Site

**3,374 Likes**  
**186 Followers**  
**28 Followers**

Social media  
grew more than  
30%.



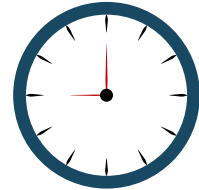
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Passes Used



**Over 180**  
Research questions  
processed



Received more  
than **\$35,000**  
in gifts & grants.



**7,835.15**  
Number of hours  
volunteers served at  
the Castle Museum



**144 Donors**  
gave 529 Artifacts

**4,116**  
Artifacts entered  
into PastPerfect





SUPPORT



## SUPPORT

### ALL CONNECTED

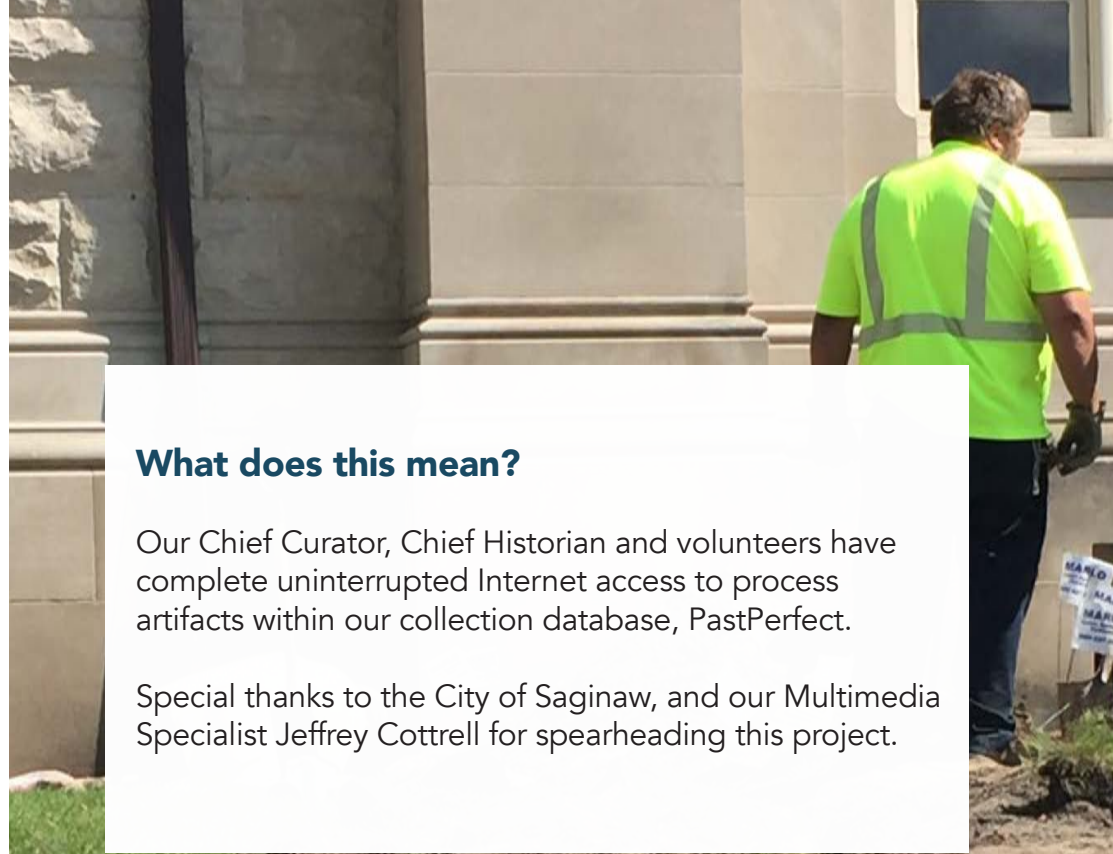
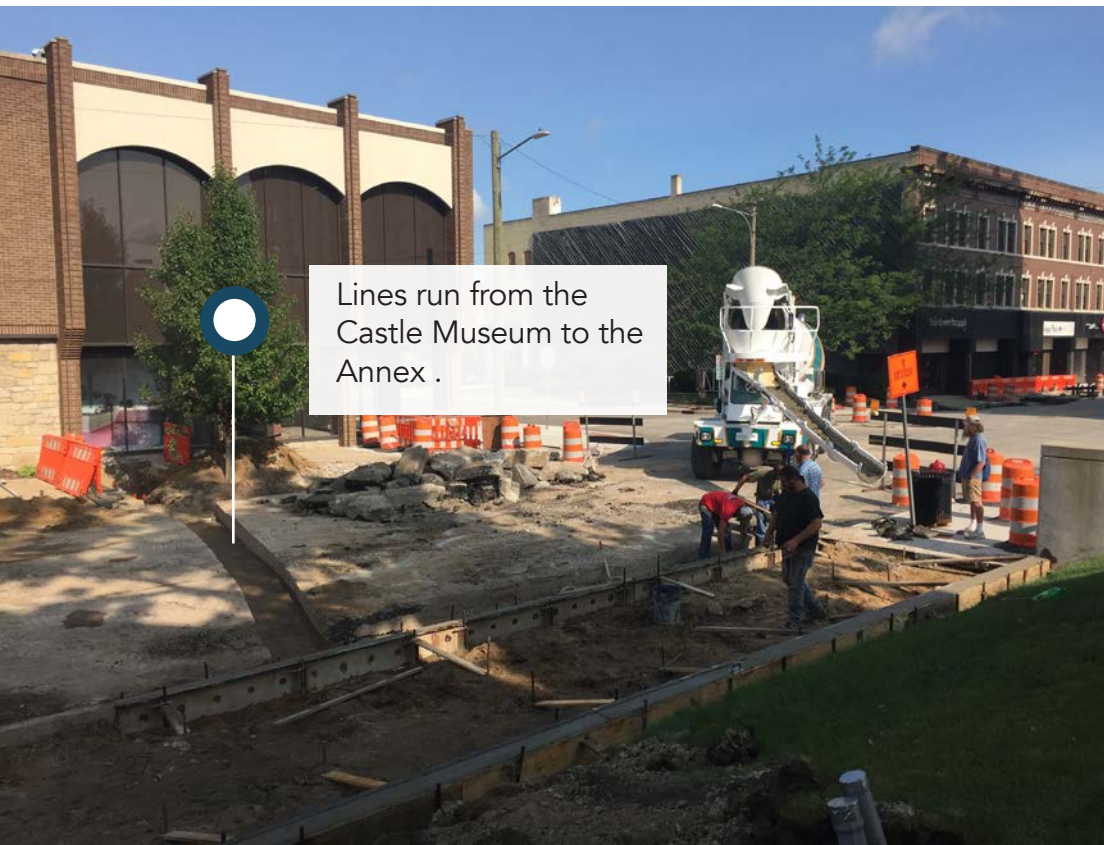
For the past decade, museum staff considered configuring a shared computer network and Internet connection between the museum and the Castle Annex.

In 2017, when the City of Saginaw began construction on Jefferson Avenue, it was the perfect opportunity to move forward with this technological venture. Two underground pipes now contain lines that hardwire the buildings together.

### What does this mean?

Our Chief Curator, Chief Historian and volunteers have complete uninterrupted Internet access to process artifacts within our collection database, PastPerfect.

Special thanks to the City of Saginaw, and our Multimedia Specialist Jeffrey Cottrell for spearheading this project.





## FINANCIAL

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Contract Revenue	927,865.00	945,268.05
Membership	33,000.00	28,017.96
Gifts and Grants	36,500.00	35,893.78
Admissions	8,200.00	8,094.02
Miscellaneous	9,200.00	14,294.68
Interest Income	2,600.00	7,770.48
Museum Store	11,000.00	9,419.94
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,028,365.00</b>	<b>1,048,758.91</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Personnel	657,896.00	655,498.55
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,885.01
Castle Building Operation	94,401.00	78,521.31
Museum & Society Operation	93,573.00	92,233.42
Grants to Out County Museums	92,787.00	92,787.00
Annex Location	26,500.00	27,032.03
Collections/Exhibits/Education	31,200.00	23,684.43
Museum Store Operations	9,400.00	8,126.40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,005,757.00</b>	<b>980,768.15</b>

*\*Subject to Audit*

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- Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment of Arts
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- Saginaw Celebrates Summer
- Hemlock Semiconductor Group
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“The Castle Museum is right in the heart of an exciting rebirth in Saginaw’s downtown, and these funds will allow us to maintain our wonderful building and continue providing the quality programming the residents of Saginaw County have come to expect from us.”

*Jonathan T. Webb, President and CEO*

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Rebecca McGrath and Sam McGrath,  
 the great-granddaughter and great-great-  
 grandson of J.P Beck donated a c. 1901  
 advertising piece from the carriage maker.



HSSC staff stands in front of the Oscar  
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