



# SFI Good News Snapshot

## Highlighting Good News in Saginaw County

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### BV Industrial Park to Add More Water

Buena Vista Charter Township's 80.7-acre industrial park will have an extra flow of water as a result of a \$142,900 state grant for a second water main.

The Buena Vista Commerce Centre Industrial Park is located one-quarter of a mile east of the I-75 and M-81 interchange. The project will cost the township \$35,725 and will help prepare the park for further expansion.

Township Supervisor Dwayne A. Parker said Buena Vista hopes to expand the park into a transportation hub.

The park, established 10-years ago, is home to Fed Ex, Means Industries Inc. and a number of businesses.

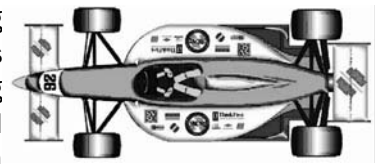
Phase III of the park was completed in 2003 and resulted in the development of approximately 24 acres. The total investment for Phase III was \$700,000.

The township installed curb and gutter, extended water and sewer lines, and completed a storm water retention pond. Buried electrical lines and all-season roads are also in place.

The 40,000 sq. ft. Saginaw Valley Industrial Building, located in the park, is available for lease or purchase. The building has all utilities available and much more.

### SVCAR Joins with Andretti Green Racing, Klein Tools

Saginaw Valley Community Auto Racing (SVCAR) has taken a step forward toward its goal of placing a team in the Indy Racing League's Indy Pro Series. SVCAR has formed an association with two major names in motorsports: Andretti Green Racing and Klein Tools.



Under the arrangement, Saginaw Valley State University students will receive educational opportunities by working with a professional racing team. The members of SVCAR will generate sponsorships with the support of Klein Tools, and Andretti Green will race the cars.

"I am thrilled for SVCAR, SVSU and the Saginaw Valley community that an elite team in Indy racing and a top flight international/national manufacturer have chosen to invest time and effort in this region by helping to educate SVSU students," said Brooks Byam, president/CEO of SVCAR and SVSU associate professor of mechanical engineering.

Founded in 2002, Andretti Green Racing (AGR) is based in Indianapolis and is owned and operated by partners Michael Andretti, Kim Green and Kevin Savoree. The trio bring more than a half century of racing and motorsports business experience, including 1995 and 2005 Indianapolis 500 wins.

A family-owned and operated company based in Chicago since 1857, Klein Tools designs, develops, produces and markets worldwide professional quality hand tools and protective equipment to trade professionals. The company employs approximately 1,000 people nationwide.

### STARS Unveils New Transfer Plaza

The Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services (STARS) completed a \$900,000 renovation of its waiting area and plaza outside of its Johnson Street bus garage.



A 780 sq. ft. indoor waiting area with rest rooms and a sidewalk snowmelt system was officially named the Rosa Parks Transfer Plaza. The facility features two rest rooms, security cameras, vending machines and an outdoor route monitor similar to an airport's video screens that show arrivals and departures.

The majority of the project was paid for by federal grants with state grants contributing about 20% of the total. None of the funding came from the local operational budget for STARS.

The waiting area features bench seating for 22 and space for up to 35 people. Wobig Construction Co., a Saginaw contractor, came in under budget by approximately \$70,000.

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