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WOW! 14 years of service with the newspaper and other media outreaches! We congratulate you on this special 14th anniversary!

Through the years we have appreciated the fair and accurate reporting provided by this newspaper to help the people of this city to be informed. The Banner has been a wonderful source of accurate reporting to provide updated and informed news and happenings in our city, also providing key issues facing our nation.

Jerome and Staff, again congratulations for being our excellent source for viable news to our community. Keep up the good work and continued growth and success.

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Congratulations on your 14th anniversary. All the best in all of your future endeavors.

**David M. Hall, Ph.D
Retired U.S. Air Force Brigadier General**



Congratulations to the Michigan Banner on your 13th anniversary. The Banner has been a valuable information resource for the citizens of MidMichigan for all of these years, with its in-depth coverage of local events and local citizens. Keep up the excellent

work, Jerome. I look forward to many more years of success in the future, as you continue your mission.

Michael T. Marsh, Attorney

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State Employees raise more than \$11,000 for Flint kids, Special Olympics with annual 5K

Third annual Relentless Positive Traction race promotes health and wellness among state employees and their families



Courtesy Photo

Lansing, Mich. – State employees spent their Thursday night making a difference for Flint kids and Special Olympics while making health and wellness a priority, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said.

The 3rd annual Relentless Positive Traction 5K was held on September 8 at the state Capitol. The annual fun run and walk coordinated by Calley and the Michigan Fitness Foundation, brought out 875 state employees and their families from 25 different departments, to promote health and wellness while raising money for charity.

“The State Employee 5K is a great opportunity for state employees to come together as a community, be active and make a difference at the same time,” said Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. “State employees are extremely generous and with their participation and donations we are able to donate more than \$11,000 between the Flint Child Health and Development Fund and Special Olympics Michigan.”

All proceeds from the event benefit the Flint Child Health and Development Fund and the Special Olympics Michigan. When registering, participants were able to choose which organization their registration fee would benefit.

The registration fees, combined with additional donations from state employees resulted in a donation of \$5,500 to Flint Child Health and Development and \$5,800 to Special Olympics Michigan.

Jackson National Life was the title sponsor of this year’s race. Sponsorships cover the cost of race expenses, no taxpayer dollars are used.

For more information about the race visit: <http://michiganfitness.org/relentlesspositivetracktion>



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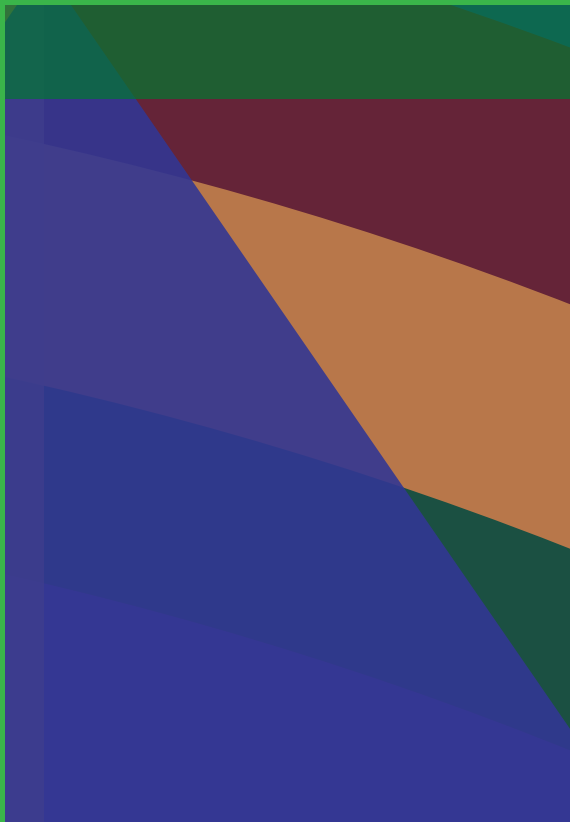
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HEALTH

First Lady Sue Snyder encourages parents, caregivers to help prevent infant deaths caused by unsafe sleeping environments



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LANSING, Mich. – In observance of September being Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month, First Lady Sue Snyder is encouraging all parents and caregivers to implement safe sleep practices to help eliminate sleep-related infant deaths in Michigan.

“Too many babies in Michigan die every year because of unsafe sleeping environments, and as a parent, I can’t imagine what it’s like to experience this type of tragedy,” Sue Snyder said. “I am committed to promoting heightened awareness and ongoing progress in educating parents, caregivers and health professionals on how to reduce preventable infant deaths caused by unsafe sleep environments.”

More than 140 Michigan babies die every year due to unsafe sleep. Infants can suffocate quickly and quietly if they are in an unsafe sleep environment – such as sleeping with parents or siblings or with pillows, blankets or stuffed animals. Unfortunately, some parents and caregivers find out too late.

“Far too many Michigan babies die because they are sleeping in unsafe environments,” said Nick Lyon, Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. “One hundred

percent of these deaths can be prevented.”

To prevent this kind of tragedy from happening to your family, follow the below guidelines to protect babies during nightly sleep and naps:

Always place baby on the back for every sleep time.

Use a firm mattress, covered with a fitted sheet, in a crib, bassinet or pack-n-play – nothing added between the sheet and mattress.

Keep soft objects and bedding out of the crib – no pillows, comforters, blankets, stuffed toys, bumper pads, or other objects.

Baby should sleep in his or her own crib, bassinet or pack-n-play. It’s OK to share a room with baby, but it is not safe to share a bed with baby.

If baby falls asleep any place other than a crib, bassinet or pack-n-play, including after feeding, move him or her to a safe sleep space.

Keep baby’s space smoke-free.

Make sure everyone caring

for baby knows how to keep baby safe while sleeping, including babysitters, friends and family members

“We are strongly encouraging mothers, fathers, grandparents and others who care for infants to follow these guidelines so we can keep all Michigan babies healthy and safe,” Lyon said.”

Visit www.michigan.gov/safesleep for more information.

Click here to read the official proclamation: www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_59874-392932--,00.html

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SEPTEMBER'S OBJECTIVE:

RECOVERING FROM A DISASTER

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When disaster strikes, it is easier to cope when you are prepared. Get Ready! Saginaw County recommends having a basic understanding of post-disaster recovery steps.

What Should You Do Within 48 Hours After a Disaster?

- Find your family. The American Red Cross maintains a disaster-based database called the "Safe and Well List" to help find loved ones. Go to www.disastersafe.redcross.org for more information.
- Get food and water. Volunteer agencies will set up stations in and around the disaster area.
- Find a place to stay. Contact friends or relatives outside the area, as well as the Red Cross.
- Take precautions should you want to return home. Heed the warnings of local officials if the area is still too dangerous for traveling.

How Do You Find a Place To Stay?

- The American Red Cross and other volunteer agencies will set up shelters for people that cannot return home. Go to www.redcross-saginaw.org/ or call 1-800-482-2411 for shelter information.
- Remember – pets are often not permitted in public emergency shelters for health and space reasons. Contact the Saginaw County Animal Care Center 989-797-4500 to find out what locations are sheltering pets.

What Type of Assistance is Available?

- For longer-term housing needs FEMA may have services to assist you. To be eligible, your primary residence must have been destroyed or become uninhabitable as a result of the disaster.
- Please note that these programs are usually in the form of low interest loans and must be repaid. It is wiser to update your homeowner's insurance to more adequately cover potential losses.
- For detailed information contact FEMA at 1-800-621-3362, or go to their web site www.fema.gov.

How Can You Best Cope With Disaster-Related Stress?

- Disasters affect people in different ways. It is very normal to feel anxious, or have profound sadness, grief or anger after a disaster.
- Accept help from volunteer agencies. Do not feel compelled to handle things alone if help is available. The local Red Cross can connect you with the appropriate agencies. (1-800-482-2411).
- Get as much food, water, exercise and rest as possible.
- Spend time with family and participate in memorials, religious services, and other fellowship activities.

Tips for success...

- Help others. Assist your community in their efforts toward recovery. This will benefit others and may reduce your own post-disaster anxiety.



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Alfonso's Story

Dear reader,

When i was nine, my mother decided to give me something she had never enjoyed- an education. Even since then , I have been able to appreciate the value of reading and lifelong learning.

This story is my personal contribution to developing and strengthening a culture both of learning and reading in Burundi.

It is a shortened Vision and dreams of my Biography. But it is not just my story. It is the story of all of us and our struggle to long walk to success. I hope you will enjoy reading it.

Kavumu is a tiny city in kamenge where the disaster of 1993 was much worse and left a thousand of people homeless, orphans, widows and widowers. The city is sleep and peaceful place where nothing much has changed for hundreds of years. It was here that I was born on March 25, 1988.

My father, Alphonse BYAMUNGU (It means God's belongings) he did not have the chance to see what would come out of his wife's womb. He died three mouth before I was born. After three mouths my father died, my mother gave birth to the twins. That was my sister and myself. It was a big joy in the family as well as in the society because twins mean something great in African culture.

When I was born my mother named me BUTOYI and my sister BUKURU because it was she who came out before me. My mother could not know what lay ahead of me. My mother Bernadette NDAYISABA (means I shall beg him), stayed faithful to her late husband, she did not marry another man. My sister and I made our family rich the number of five children, four boys and one girl. I was the youngest of the family. When I was still the baby, my mother suffered a great hardship which was to change our lives forever.

Both my parents we religious, but in different ways. My father believed in Kiranga, the God of his father and the great spirits of Barundi people. My mother, on the other hand, become a Christian and baptized me into the protestant church and I got the surname of Alphonseas my late father.

In 1993, the first democratically elected President was assassinated. The whole country filled in with the violence.

I was five years old. We could run and walk day and night might fleeing to RDC. I can not tell you how difficult it was to my mother to carry her twins on the back. After a year being in RDC, my mother found the life difficult there. She decided to come back in her home country Burundi. She had to come with her twins for we were still babies and needs the love and care of our mother. Our three brother were mature enough they stay in exile so we fell apart.

In 1995, we settled in Gatumba village. It is the village that is a border to DR Congo on banks of Rusizi river and Tanganyika lake. It has never known war here. From an early age, I spent most of the time in the veld with other boys of the village.

I learned how to shoot birds out of the sky with a slingshot, together wild honey and fruit, to drink warm milk straight from the cow and catch fish with sharpened bits of wire. After the dinner, my mother often told us wonderful stories. These were more than just stories_ they carried with them important lessons. She once told us the story of a traveller who met an old woman who could not see because she had cataracts growing over her eyes. The woman asked the traveller for help, but the man turned away. Another traveller came along and once again, the old woman asked for help. This man was kind he gently wiped her eyes clean. Suddenly, the old woman turned into a beautiful young woman. They married and became healthy, wealthy and happy. It is a simple

story, but with a strong message: If you are good and kind, you will be rewarded In ways that you can never know.

Every day at six o'clock, I used to watch TV at our chief village's home. I loved the series of Cartoon in spite I under stood nothing.

I was just nine years old when Mr NGABO (the name of our chief village) visited my mother and said to her," Your son is a clever young fellow. He should go to school." My mother kept quiet. No one in our family had ever gone to school before. At night, my mother called me and asked me to sit between her legs then she said this to me," You are going to school." I can not tell you how happy I felt the school house was a single with a tin roof. It stood on the other side of RUKOKO s far from ho, I had to walk about two miles. On my first day of school, my mother took a pair of my late father's trousers and cut them at the knee. She told me to put them on and tied a piece of string around the waist. I must have looked very funny in my late father's trousers, but I could not have been more proud. My mother escorted me up to school showing me different pathways, my mother turned back leaving me with these simple words of advice" Kora!"("Brace yourself my boy!") education is the key.

In all honesty, I was not sad when my mother left instead, I was filled with excitement. I was in a new world that offered me many new experiences and pleasures. In my primary school life, I was always the first in the class. I liked listening to the radio and also reading books. My favorite game was: sport and music.

After my primary school studies I was sent to Gatumba Boarding school to continue with my secondary school Studies but It did not happen. It was on Sunday morning 21 July 2005 by nearly six; the day that I shall never forget in my life. I was doing the sport with other two friends of mine when a group of armed people came across to us



and opened fire on us. The two guys died at the same time but the bullets got me on the thigh in which it is still till now and the other parts of the body got wounded seriously. I got unconscious. 2 days later, I got conscious and found myself lying in the hospital bed. The first person I could see when I opened my eyes was my mother looking at me desperately .

After four months being in the hospital, I recovered from injuries and I was discharged from hospital. That year I did not go to school. After a couple of days ago, I separated with my mother and my sister and joined my three brothers who left earlier DRC to live in their home land.

I took, the journey back to the place where I was born and joined my brothers. As I looked around my home city, I noticed a lot had changed but much stayed the same. Most people still lived in huts with dirt floors, with no electricity. When the school year began, they found me a school and I resumed my studies. We were badly taught English Course in the class, nevertheless, I liked it so much.

In the National test which allows student to choose the section the want to follow in the

senior studies I was the only one who succeeded it among 120 students. I was sent to Municipal Lycee of Ngagara in Bujumbura town to continue my studies. I chose the Arts as a section because I felt it.

I started to form a group of young people in the city and teach them English for free of charge. The number of members would increase day after day.

In 2009, we created an open English Club that gave the opportunity to everyone who wanted to improve their English skills. I have been thinking for long time how to get to the radio station. One day I received the invitation from the National Radio; it asked me to be their special guest in their English programs. I could not believe it I informed all my English Club member about it, without forgetting my mother.

The day to get in the studio has come, for the first time I found myself behind the microphone after a long dream. The theme was about: "What youths think about the integration of Burundi in east Africa Community and what have they already done to be integrated?" Thousands of people around the world were listening to me and

they could hear me at the same time so I spoke all about my feelings . At the end the emission, I received more than hundreds of text messages giving me their appreciations. The following day I went to see my mother she was very excited when she saw me. Although she understood nothing I was talking about when I was on air she told me this," my son; you did it I hope you become a journalist one day."

From that day on, I visited different radios and I participated in different English competition and won. My dream was becoming in realization but my vision is to be the great journalist so that I can be the voice of the voiceless. It's not yet the end of the road. Where there is a will there is a way. "Education is our passport to the future for the future belongs to the people who prepare it to day"

I thank my mother to the love and care she did for me and giving me something she had never enjoyed an education

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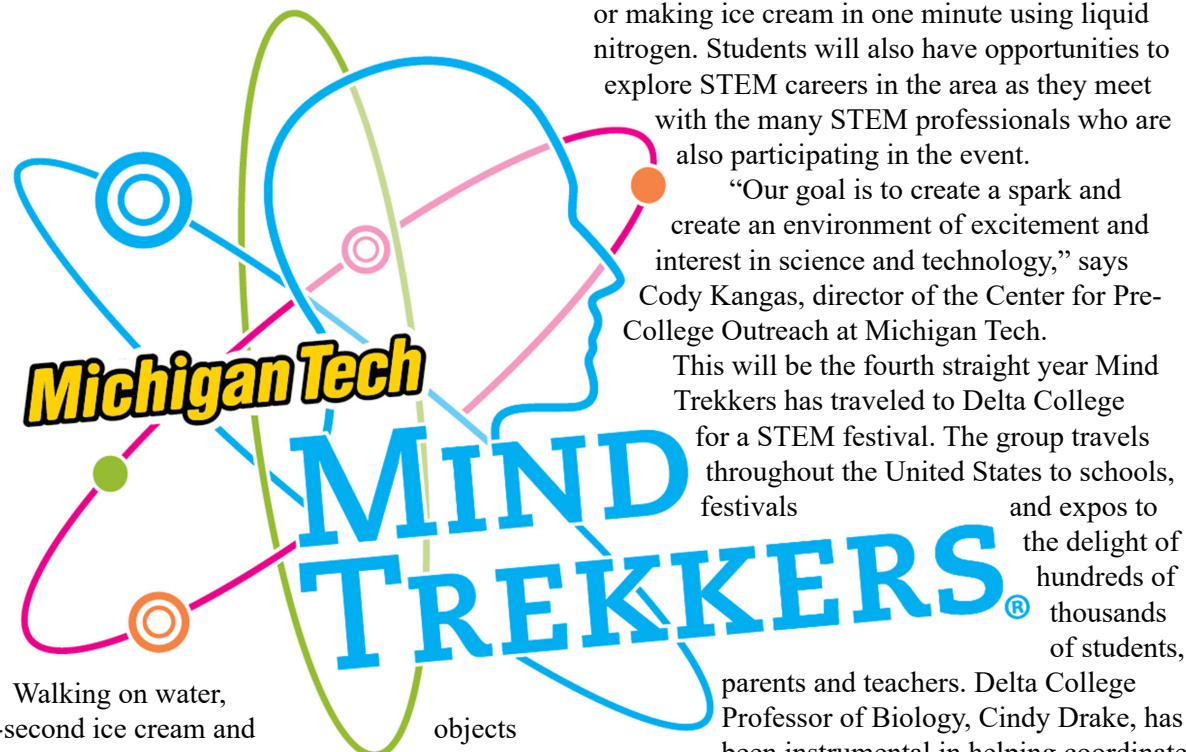
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INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS & WEALTH**Dow Collaborates with Mind Trekkers and Delta College for 4th Annual STEM Festival**

Walking on water, 60-second ice cream and floating in mid-air are just some of the marvels of science that will be seen at the 4th annual Dow Great Lakes Bay STEM Festival powered by the nationally-known Mind Trekkers of Michigan Technological University. The Dow Chemical Company and Delta College are teaming up again with Mind Trekkers to present the STEM Festival at Delta College on Sept. 23-24.

Mind Trekkers—a traveling, hands-on science and engineering show from Michigan Technological University’s Center for Pre-College Outreach, and Delta College faculty, staff and volunteers are working with over 29 STEM partners to bring more than 150 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities to the festival. Mind Trekkers has gained national acclaim for its high-energy demos of the science behind what looks like magic, like turning a few drops of liquid into huge foam gnomes

or making ice cream in one minute using liquid nitrogen. Students will also have opportunities to explore STEM careers in the area as they meet with the many STEM professionals who are also participating in the event.

“Our goal is to create a spark and create an environment of excitement and interest in science and technology,” says Cody Kangas, director of the Center for Pre-College Outreach at Michigan Tech.

This will be the fourth straight year Mind Trekkers has traveled to Delta College for a STEM festival. The group travels throughout the United States to schools, festivals and expos to the delight of hundreds of thousands of students,

parents and teachers. Delta College Professor of Biology, Cindy Drake, has been instrumental in helping coordinate the Mind Trekkers visits to Delta College.

“STEM Festivals are an excellent opportunity for families to explore the worlds of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an engaging, exciting and informal environment. Students of all ages can experience the “WOW” of STEM through fun hands-on activities while also learning more about the many profitable STEM careers available in our area,” says Drake. “Statistics show that fewer students are continuing to study STEM fields past middle school, while at the same time STEM careers are growing, causing a deficit of skilled workers in these areas. This event is an opportunity for students to re-engage in fields that have excellent forecasts for future growth and to see how much fun they can have while learning. They will have opportunities to see how STEM is a part of the Arts as well. Over 8,000 middle school students and their

families attended the last three festivals we held, and we are excited to welcome many more this September!”

Like the past two years, the first day of the festival will host middle school students during morning and afternoon sessions. Festival organizers expect over 3,000 middle school students to attend on Friday. On Saturday, the second day of the event, the festival will be FREE and open to the public for visitors of all ages to come and experience the “WOW” of STEM.

This year’s STEM Festival premier sponsor is once again The Dow Chemical Company. Dow’s educational mission is to build the workforce of tomorrow by supporting educational leaders, motivating student achievement, developing careers, and collaborating with communities to transform education into a driver for innovation, manufacturing, and economic prosperity.

“Events like the STEM Festival provide a perfect opportunity for students to learn more about science, technology, engineering and math while also fostering participation through hands on experiences,” said Rich Wells, vice president of Operations, Canada and USA North and site director for Michigan Operations. “We support events like this to create an interest in and love for science that develops into great careers for these bright minds.”

Midland Area Community Foundation, Saginaw Community Foundation, Bay Area Community Foundation, MDOT, and SC Johnson, are also proud sponsors of the festival.



You can check out photos from last year’s event at <http://www.delta.edu/science/sciencefestival>.

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Event Description: Mix and mingle with other YP's in a casual setting. Drink specials and appetizers provide by Buffalo Wild Wings. Free to YPN members. No RSVP required. Guests welcome!

YPN After 5: Bridging the Generational Gap: Future Leader and Experienced Leaders

10/27/2016 • 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Saginaw Club
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Phone: 989-717-4046

Event Description: In place of the October After 5 the YPN is hosting "Bridging the Generational Gap: Future Leader and Experienced Leaders," at the Saginaw Club from 5-7 p.m. on October 27th.

This event will provide young professionals in the Great Lakes Bay Region a chance to bridge the gap with about 10 area business leaders to accelerate their careers to the next level.

Beverages, include beer and wine along with hors d'oeuvres will be served. A short program with begin at 5 p.m. to introduce the local leaders before networking begins!

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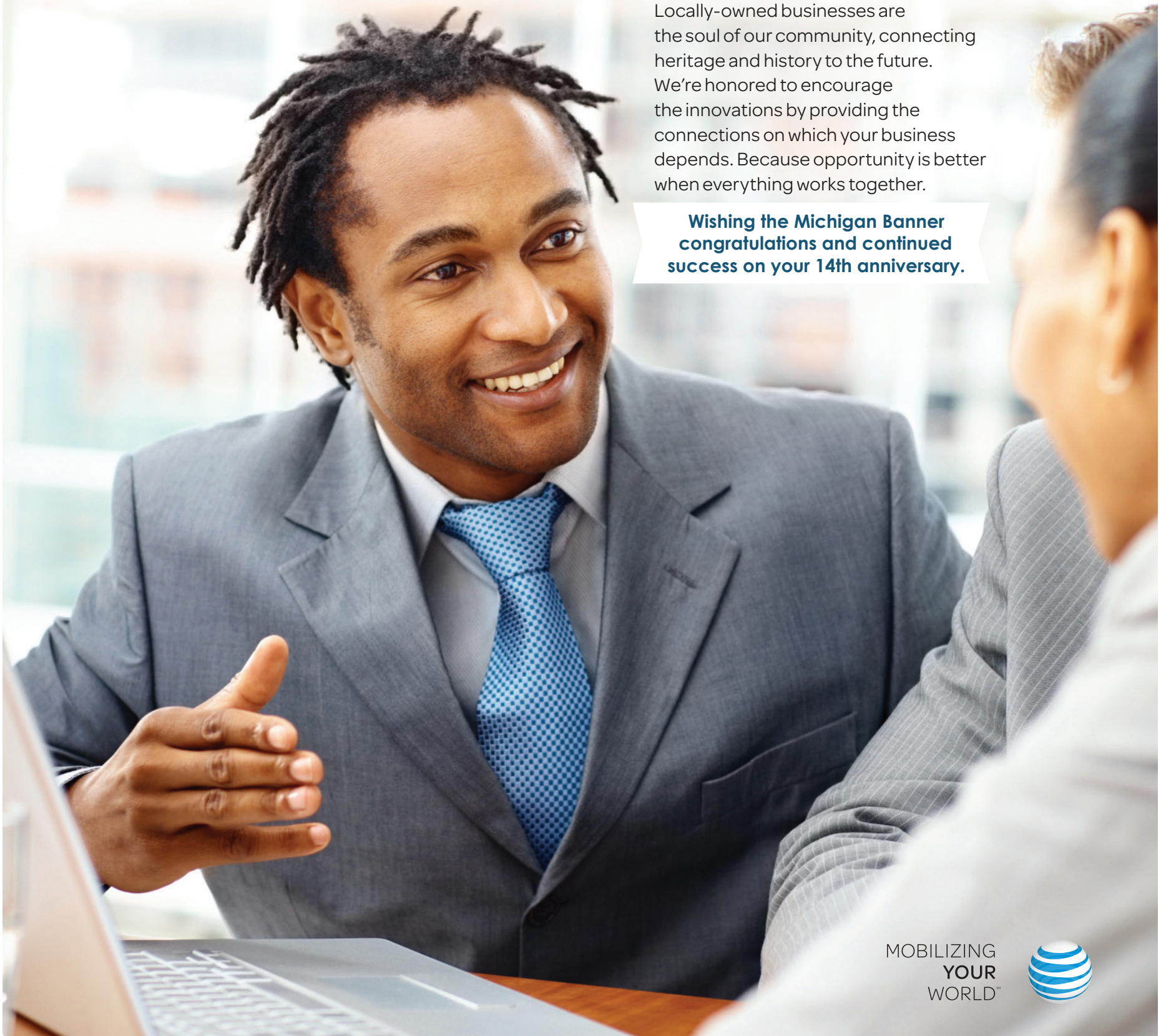
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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES**Five Guidelines for Managing Non-Profit Funds****Part two of a two part series: An interview with Leland Faust**

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been nationally recognized four times by Barron's as one of the country's top 100 independent advisors. He is also the author of the forthcoming book *A Capitalist's Lament: How Wall Street Is Fleecing You and Ruining America*.

We asked Faust to share the five most important things nonprofit boards and CEOs should be aware of as it relates to management of funds in general, and investment of endowment or reserve fund in particular. Here's what he shared with us.

"There are, of course, many important factors in managing endowment funds.

First and foremost: the manager must be a fiduciary. That is, the manager must be required by law to put the client's interest ahead of its own. This is really the golden rule: client first, no excuses."

"Don't pay layer upon layer of fees. Are you paying a consultant, and an investment advisor, and a fund of fund manager, and a private equity manager? If you are, you can easily be paying 4% annual fees plus as much as 25% of profits. If a conservative and uncomplicated investment program would yield 5%, a complicated structure subject to all these fees would have to earn over 11% to have the same performance. Over time that's essentially impossible if the investments are

all equally risky."

"Don't invest in hedge funds, options, or derivatives, and don't engage in short sales. Nonprofits should invest for the long term and not participate in gambling disguised as investing."

"Investing with the previous few years' top-performing managers usually results in poorer performance going forward. Study after study has shown that on average the recent winners are more likely to be the losers later."

"If anyone claims they have proprietary information or skills that no one else does, head for the doors."

We asked Faust what he has learned through his work as a nonprofit board member. Here are his words of wisdom. "Board members should be wary of slick presentations. Also, don't hire those who claim to know all the answers and predict the future. Strange but true, the more certain the prediction, the more likely there will be error. A celebrity advisor guarantees nothing, and the fact that a firm is large, well-established and respected is no guarantee either."

You can preorder *A Capitalist's Lament: How Wall Street Is Fleecing You and Ruining America* at Amazon.com. It publishes October 11, 2016 and is written for readers who want to know how to protect themselves – and the nonprofits they work with – from "business as usual."

What would you do if you were responsible for reviewing financial management policies for your nonprofit? What would you do if asked to vote on a change of investment firms? What questions would you ask?

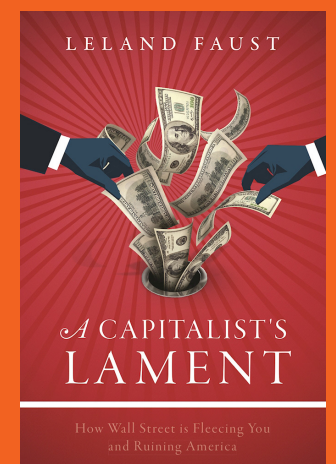
These are issues nonprofits grapple with all the time. Some of us have experience in the realm of investment selection and fund management. Most of us do not. One person who is experienced as both a nonprofit board member and an investment advisor is Leland Faust. Faust has



Faust's new forthcoming book
A Capitalist's Lament: How Wall Street Is Fleecing You and Ruining America shares
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EDUCATION

Saginaw County teachers and staff encouraged to dream big

Individual project mini-grants for up to \$2,500 are available

Saginaw, Mich. – Saginaw Community Foundation encourages Saginaw County teachers and instructional staff to dream big. Grants for Excellence, a competitive mini-grant program, will award individual projects up to \$2,500 this school year. The program is designed to enhance student experiences and curriculum activities, develop projects to facilitate different learning styles, motivate student curiosity and learning, supplement additional funding sources, purchase educational materials and/or bring non-traditional resources to the classroom, develop and share innovative methods and tools for teaching and inspire professional growth.

“We recognize the tremendous effect teachers can have on the lives of young children. We also recognize that many demands and requirements are placed on teachers today,” said LeeAnn Martuch, program officer. “These mini-grants provide an opportunity to reward outstanding teachers in Saginaw County for taking the extra effort in the classroom.”

All Saginaw County Pre-K–12 teachers and instructional staff are eligible to apply. While more than one application may be submitted, only one grant will be awarded per individual, per year. The project must be implemented between January 1 and June 30, 2017.

Applications are reviewed anonymously on

a competitive basis by an advisory committee consisting of civic and community volunteers and educators. Individual proposals are evaluated based on:

- **Impact:** Potential to improve student achievement, potential for continuation and/or replication, potential to enhance instructional skills.
- **Innovation:** Creativity of project, innovative approach, academic objective within curriculum context.
- **Planning:** Clear plan for project implementation, teacher capability, cost effectiveness and realistic budget.
- **Existing resources:** Grant funding will not supplant existing funding (in other words, project cannot be achieved with existing school budget).

Finalists will be expected to deliver a 5-minute presentation about your project followed by a brief question and answer session.

Funds cannot be used for the following:

- Facilities renovation
- Religious activities or teachings
- Equipment that is not an integral part of the project
- Non-academic projects
- Trips out of this region
- Tuition for special classes

- “Bag of Books” projects
- Accelerated reading and math programs
- Sound systems or interactive whiteboards

Although equipment such as digital cameras, iPads/iPods and calculators, or field trips can be part of the proposal, the focus should be on the project itself and the impact it will have on students.

The deadline to apply for Grants for Excellence Mini-Grants is November 1 and recipients will be notified by mid-December. For more information regarding the Grants for Excellence teacher mini-grant program, contact LeeAnn Martuch at (989) 755-0545 or leeann@saginawfoundation.org. Additional information is available at saginawfoundation.org/site/grants/grant-programs/grants-for-excellence/.

Created in 1991, Saginaw Community Foundation’s Grants for Excellence mini-grant program was established by and initially funded by the King Family Fund and the Wickson-Link Foundation. This mini-grant program provides a source of funding for unique, creative educational initiatives and projects not currently supported by schools’ budgets for schools located in Saginaw County. Over the past 25 years, a variety of funding sources, including the initial funders, have provided support for this initiative. A total of \$230,115.84 has been granted.



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SVSU earns top certification from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency



Saginaw Valley State University recently earned certification as a Veteran-Friendly School from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

The “gold”-level Veteran-Friendly School status demonstrates SVSU’s commitment to offer supportive services to those affiliated with the military, said Denise Berry, director of the university’s Military Student Affairs office.

“This is the top certification you can earn in the state,” said Berry, a retired U.S. Army officer. “This says that we’re obviously doing things right.”

SVSU received the same status last year, when the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency first offered certification to higher education institutions.

Berry said SVSU’s Military Student Affairs has grown since that initial certification. Much of that growth is physical. The office’s suite tripled in size, and the number of visits increased from 1,525 during the 2014-15 academic year to 2,640 in 2015-16.

“There’s just so much more space to meet and do group work,” she said. “This location truly achieves our goal of having a one-stop shop for veterans on campus.”

SVSU’s Military Student Affairs benefits military service members, veterans and the dependents of service members and veterans. The office offers space where military-affiliated students can go for admissions, advising and orientation, to name just a few of the services.

“We help with just about everything they need,” Berry said. “If my team can’t provide a solution, we find the person on campus that can.”

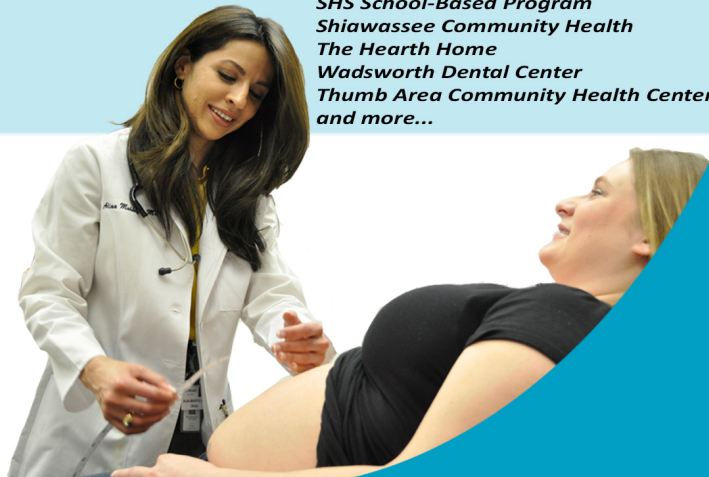
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Like most of the animals in the Forgotten Forest, Sammy was rescued from the wild. She was considered a "pest," as she would beg humans for food in and around campsites. Rescue groups did their best to catch her up and release her in other locations, but she always returned. With

little to no fear of people, this was a dangerous situation for her, and it was only a matter of time before she was hurt or killed.

The situation Sammy found herself in is one of the reasons why it is important to never feed wildlife your snacks. Help us #KeepWildlifeWild -- promise to keep your tasty human food to yourself.

The old bobcat exhibit is great for Sammy, as it provides room for her to fly! The red-tailed hawk and the barred owl, who also live in the Forgotten Forest, are both unable to fly due to permanent wing injuries, and require smaller exhibits to keep them safe. Sammy, on the other hand, will be able to show off her GIANT wingspan as she flies from perch to perch. Come see Sammy today!



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Presented by: Sandee Koski, Michigan Alliance for Families

This workshop will introduce Positive Behavior Supports (PBS). Many children have behaviors that are part of their disability. These behaviors may make it difficult to learn, cause harm, or isolate a child from his or her peers. It is important for parents to understand that behavior is communication.

We will explain what a Functional Behavior Analysis (FBA) is, and how a FBA leads to the development of a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) that utilizes Positive Behavior Supports (PBS).

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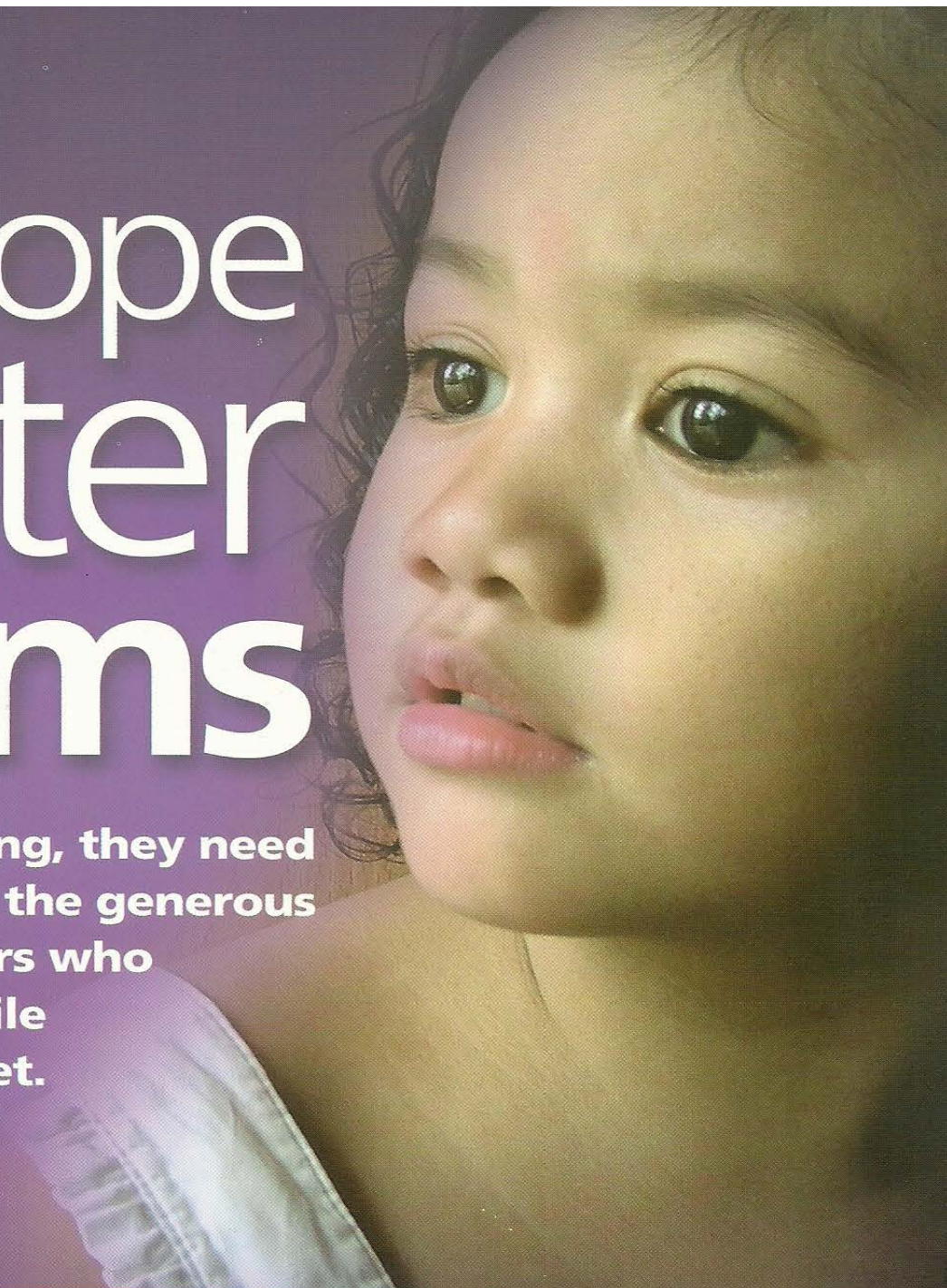
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce supports Autonomous Vehicle Senate Legislative Package

Saginaw, Mich – On Wednesday, August 31, 2016, the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Saginaw Future Inc., attended a public hearing at Nexteer to support a Senate legislative package with the potential to transform the economic landscape of Saginaw County and put Michigan at the forefront of the next major transition in the automotive industry.

The Michigan Autonomous Vehicle (AV) legislation includes Senate Bills 997-998 and is sponsored by members of the Michigan Senate Economic Development & International Investment Committee including Senator Mike Kowall (R), Primary, Senator Ken Horn (R), and Senator Rebekah Warren (D). The groundbreaking bills create the regulatory approach and tools needed to introduce autonomous vehicles and technologies in a safe and publicly accepted manner and could serve as a national model for other states. In a race to capture the development market against high-tech companies, including those in Silicon Valley, the legislation helps cement the State of Michigan, the birthplace of the automotive industry, as THE American automotive leader.

According to Chamber President Bob VanDeventer, “Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region are uniquely positioned to play an important role in the future of transportation. The automobile is an integral part of our history and also of our future. In supporting this legislation, our goal is to position Saginaw as a lead source for technological innovation in the emerging autonomous vehicle industry.”

The four bills that make up the proposed regulatory package each addresses a slightly different focus:

- SB 995 would amend the current law to allow the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles in the state.
- SB 996 authorizes “Safe Autonomous

Vehicle” or “SAVE” projects. This bill would authorize and support the type of testing and operation that would help autonomous vehicles become a reality sooner and in a safe and timely manner. With protections in place, AVs could safely be rolled out in Saginaw or Detroit.

- SB 997 establishes a grant-eligible AV Mobility Research Center at Willow Run in Ypsilanti Township.
- SB 998 relates to liability protection for repair facilities and protects mechanics working on AVs.

SAVE Act safety provisions include the following:

- AV projects would take place in a geographically bounded area.
- Defined geographic areas would allow individuals to experience AV technologies in a safe and controlled manner while also developing data for further policy developments.
- Only vehicles manufactured to meet federal and state safety requirements would be allowed to participate and must operate in compliance with federal, state, and local laws.
- A participating automobile manufacturer would be responsible for integrating automated driving technology into the

vehicles and for the safe operation of the projects.

- The participating automobile manufacturer would be responsible for the safe operation of the automated driving system.
- Vehicles would be equipped with event data recorders and be capable of providing automatic crash notification to emergency responders.

Governor Rick Snyder stated “Michigan has always been a leader in the automotive industry, and we need to be ahead of the curve on mobility as the transportation industry evolves in order to continue our success. Connected and autonomous vehicles are the future of the automotive industry, and we are positioning Michigan to be the global leader in this innovation.”

The Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce supports passage of the Senate AV bill package and in the potential for economic development the new autonomous vehicle technology presents for the residents, workforce and businesses of Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce is a coalition of nearly 1000 area businesses. It is the Chamber's mission to support local small business success in pursuit of their vision for a strong and healthy community.



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Resource Parent Training is a curriculum that was developed out of the work of the National Children's Traumatic Stress Network. It is an 8-module training format that is led by a parent and clinician.

This Training was initially developed for foster parents; however, it has since been adapted to train all forms of caregivers, including the community at large as well as system partners.

This program is presented in cooperation with Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, Saginaw MAX System of Care, and parent partners.

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