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## Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter Celebrates 50th Anniversary Celebration



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On Saturday, April 8, the Women of Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. celebrated their annual Finer Womanhood Celebration and 50th Chapter Anniversary. Sheryl Underwood, co-host of CBS's The Talk and 23rd international president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was the special guest and keynote speaker.

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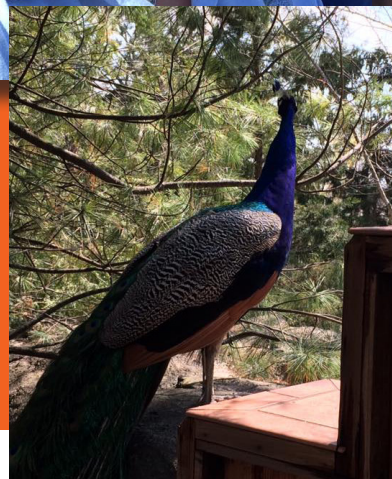
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# Ecology Scholar and International Biodiversity Expert, Giselle Tamayo-Castillo to Speak at SVSU



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**Saginaw Valley State University will host renowned scholar and preservationist Giselle Tamayo-Castillo for a public lecture Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.**

A professor of chemistry at the University of Costa Rica, Tamayo-Castillo will discuss the creation of the National Institute of Biodiversity, its successes and failures, and her personal involvement with this private, not-for-profit organization.

Also the president of the National Council for Science and Technology, Tamayo-Castillo has published more than 50 articles on biodiversity and, as a scholar, is particularly interested in the ecology of the Central American rainforests. Her

research has focused on both natural products that may have therapeutic value as well as complex microbial ecosystems.

Costa Rica possesses only 4 percent of the world's biodiversity, yet by square mile, is one of the most diverse countries on the planet. Efforts to preserve this biodiversity date back to Costa Rica's earliest days as an independent nation and were strengthened under various administrations in the late twentieth century. Despite these efforts, by the 1980s, industrial and agricultural expansion had begun to threaten pristine areas.

Tamayo-Castillo received her doctorate in natural sciences from the Technical University of Berlin in Germany and has held numerous leadership positions in national and international academies of science.

The SVSU event is open to the public and free of charge. Tamayo-Castillo is visiting through the Dow Visiting Scholars & Artists program at SVSU, which was established through an endowment from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation to enrich our region's cultural and intellectual opportunities.

**For more information on Giselle Tamayo-Castillo and her work in academia, please visit <http://ucr.academia.edu/GiselleTamayoCastillo>.**



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## In honor of Women's History Month, who has been the biggest female role model in your life and why?

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The most influential person in my life is my mother. She is strong and works so hard to achieve her dreams. She is a role model for the kind of person I hope to be as I grow and create a life for myself.

Kolby Holden  
Community Member

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My biggest female role models have been my mom and my aunt. They are both strong women who have modeled for me what it means to be a good person and go after my dreams. Without their love and support, I wouldn't be the person that I am today.

Melissa Lee  
SCCMHA Marketing



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The two most influential women in my life have been my mother and my wife. My mother raised me to be the honest, hardworking man that I am today. And my wife inspires me every day with her strength and passion for life and our family. They give me a strength I didn't know I had.

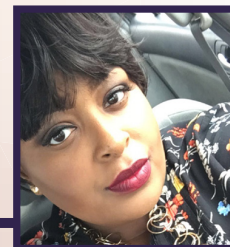
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The most influential woman in my life is my step-mom Cathy Williams. She is my best friend and we talk about everything. She encourages me to move forward when I've lost my way, and she reminds me to be myself and embrace who I am, telling me often, "Just be you!"

Bria Smith  
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## HEALTH

# Saginaw County Department of Public Health Recognizes STD Awareness Month

April is Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Awareness Month, a time to get yourself tested for STDs and raise awareness of the importance of protection. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is dedicating all of the STD Awareness Month to syphilis prevention. According to the CDC, syphilis is now on the rise again and has reached a critical high: the current number and rate of cases is higher than it's been in more than 20 years. In 2015, there were close to 24,000 cases of syphilis reported in the U.S. - that was almost a 20% overall increase since 2014 alone.

The rise in syphilis infections makes syphilis a renewed health threat for many. Left untreated, syphilis can cause severe health problems affecting the brain, eyes, heart and other organs. Syphilis can also increase a person's risk for getting HIV. The good news is that syphilis is simple to cure with the right treatment.



**The only way to avoid syphilis and other STDs is to not have vaginal, anal, or oral sex. However if you are sexually active, you can do the following things to lower your chances of getting syphilis:**

- Be in a long-term, monogamous relationship with a partner who's tested negative for syphilis and other STDs.
- Use latex condoms every time you have sex.
- Talk openly and honestly with your healthcare provider and ask what tests may be right for you. If you test positive for syphilis, get treated right away and be sure your sexual partner is treated as well to reduce the risk of re-infection.

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health offers testing for syphilis and other STDs. Call (989) 758-3880 for an appointment or for information, or visit our website at [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org). Be Wise. Be Well.

# How To Find A Gym And Start Exercising

Mike Brooks

There is hardly a week that passes without an article or study touting the benefits of exercise. Exercise to cure cancer, exercise to lose weight, feel better, livelonger, and stop dementia, the list appears endless. The benefits of exercise sound fantastic but there is just one problem. You have to exercise to gain the benefits! For many, this is a big problem.

So, what can you do to get yourself motivated to join the wonderful world of exercising? A great solution is to join a gym where you are in the company of like-minded people. Joining a gym for the first time or after a period of inactivity can be a little scary. I hope this article will make your fitness journey a little easier.

## Aren't all gyms pretty much the same?

The short answer would be. .... NO. Every gym has it's own personality both in the equipment and the type of people it attracts. Some gyms cater to weight lifters with lots of free weights and little else, while other facilities might cater to working women and offer activities such as yoga, spinning or aerobics. There are locally owned gyms and nationwide chains. Small gyms as well as mega fitness centers. There is a gym for everybody but it will take a little footwork to find your perfect fit.

## What's the most important feature when looking for a gym?

In my opinion, location must be considered before anything else. Absence will not make the heart grow fonder. A gym more than 10 minutes from your home or office will end up not getting used. If you like to work out in the morning you might want to stick with gyms close to home. If you're a lunchtime sweat maven then a gym near work could be a better option. Some of the larger chains may have facilities by both work and home. In addition, if you travel, gyms with multiple locations may let you work out for FREE, or at a discount, if they have a facility at your travel destination.

## Other Features to Consider

**Membership Clientele** – Check out the other patrons in the gym you are considering. Each gym has it's own personality. Is it mostly women or men? Is everybody wearing fashionable workout gear or is it a shorts and t-shirt crowd? Does it cater to families or is it an adult's only gym?

**Equipment** - The quality and variety of equipment is very important if you plan on starting a comprehensive fitness program. Is the equipment well maintained? Check to see how many machines are "out of order". Check to see if free weights are offered as well as machines. Is there an adequate cardio section with plenty of bikes, climbers and treadmills? These tend to be high use pieces of equipment so it is important that the facility have several.

**Hours** - Everybody has different times for his or her workouts. Make sure the gym you choose will accommodate your schedule. If you are an early bird and your gym opens at 10:00 a.m. then you are probably going to end up not using it despite the other features you find appealing.

**Price** - Don't get fooled by a low-ball price. Make sure the membership includes the use of everything of interest to you. Some gyms have a low membership fee and then charge extra for using the tennis courts, pool, classes etc. Read the fine print. Also, there are all-inclusive low priced gyms that are in the business of selling memberships and don't really care what happens after you sign up. You may find that half your town has a membership and you have to wait in line to use the equipment.

**Management** - Is there an active owner or manager on the premises? What is their policy regarding restacking your weights and the playing of loud music? In some gyms, anything goes and you may hear 3 or 4 different stereos playing at the same time, weights are thrown around and you can never find the equipment you would like to use.

This is a sign of poor and inattentive management and should probably be removed from consideration.

Everybody is different and there is not a single solution for picking the ideal gym. The key is to find a place that you feel comfortable and that you will use on a regular basis. Working out is a habit that takes time to form. Don't make an impulsive decision that will cause you to lose your desire to get in shape.

Before making a commitment, visit and workout at a few gyms that you are considering. Most facilities will let you try them out for a few days. Make sure you go at the times you would if you were to join. This will give you a feel for how crowded the equipment is at that time. NowHealth Fitness Articles, the only thing left to do is just go out and GET STARTED!!

Here is a list of several local gyms. These will offer a good starting point on your quest for the perfect gym.

### **Planet Fitness**

Green Acres Plaza, 4572 State St, Saginaw, MI 48603

### **Saginaw Health & Fitness**

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### **Survival Fitness**

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### **YMCA of Saginaw**

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# Entrepreneurial Hub Coming to Downtown Flint

“Flint’s entrepreneurial spirit is flourishing due in large part to visionary companies like SkyPoint that are helping to foster growth across the region and creating more jobs and opportunities for local residents,” said Gov. Rick Snyder.

Featuring 46,000 square feet, the highlight of the renovated Ferris Building will be the introduction of 100K Ideas at the Ferris Wheel, the first innovation platform of its kind in the region. The brainchild of David Ollila, president and chief innovation officer at Skypoint, 100K Ideas is modeled after its successful counterpart in Marquette, Invent@NMU, also founded by Ollila. The hub will put a new spin on the way innovators approach the startup process by offering a “one-stop-shop” to support them from concept to commercialization.

“Not only will this project redevelop a seven-story vacant building in downtown Flint, but the business climate and entrepreneurial hub will add vibrancy, people on the street, and a viable way forward for many Flint residents well into the future,” said Steve Arwood, CEO of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the state’s business marketing and attraction arm that administers and performs due diligence on economic programs on behalf of MSF.

“Our hope is that entrepreneurial businesses graduating from the space will continue to thrive in downtown Flint, locating their businesses to surrounding buildings and commercial spaces,” said Arwood.

Offering a full spectrum of services to all individuals and companies with a product, software, service or social venture at any stage in the business cycle, 100K Ideas support will include idea validation, concept ideation, product development, prototyping, capitalization, market development, operations management and business formation.

“The most innovative aspect of 100K Ideas at the Ferris Wheel is how it incorporates so many aspects



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of the community,” said Phil Hagerman, CEO of Skypoint Ventures.

“From local university students gaining real job experience in their field by assisting inventors with bringing products from concept to market, to providing aspiring entrepreneurs in the community with access to workshops, competitions, boot camps and demo days through our partnership with U of M Flint,” said Hagerman. “With the success David achieved at Invent@NMU, we are eager to see the impact the Ferris Wheel will have across Flint.”

Located at 615 South Saginaw Street, the newly dedicated Ferris Building will be comprised of co-working space, a conference center and retail service area to meet the needs of entrepreneurs at all levels.

The investment by the MSF allocates \$1.5 million to the establishment of the Ferris Wheel Innovation Center Business Incubator Grant and \$1 million

through the Michigan Community Revitalization Program to assist the redevelopment of the Ferris Building where the innovation center is housed. It is the latest in a series of efforts to foster long-term economic growth across in Flint.

Earlier this month, MSF approved a \$450,000 performance-based grant to support an investment by Huntington Bank to create 60 new jobs and invest nearly \$5.4 million in downtown. Huntington’s venture includes renovation to accommodate a call center at the former headquarters of First Merit, which the bank acquired in 2016. The building is located on Saginaw Street across from University of Michigan-Flint campus.

Today’s approved initiative is supported by MEDC’s entrepreneur and innovation division, which is committed to making Michigan an ideal place to launch and grow a business by building and supporting a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem across the state.

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SAGINAW, Mich., April 12, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Helping inspire students to become interested in and pursue future high-demand science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers, Consumers Energy is again sponsoring the FIRST in Michigan robotics state championship being held at Saginaw State University's Ryder Center today through Saturday, April 15.

"At Consumers Energy we know how important STEM careers are, because this talent powers many areas of our company, and the future looks even brighter for these types of jobs. We want to help nurture students to develop their innovation, engineering, decision-making and team-building talents. Many of our recent STEM hires have prior robotics experience, so we know our support of this competition provides an excellent opportunity to inspire the next generation of Michigan leaders," said Patti Poppe, Consumers Energy's president and chief executive officer.

In 2016, Consumers Energy and the Consumers Energy Foundation contributed over \$200,000 to support robotics teams and programs at elementary, middle and high schools throughout the state.

"Consumers Energy's support is about our mission to helping create sustainable FIRST Robotics teams at every school in Michigan. We want every interested school and student to be represented, from the largest to smallest schools, to those in rural areas and those that are under-resourced. We believe our commitment to STEM and robotics is making a difference for students, our state and company, now and in the future," Poppe said.

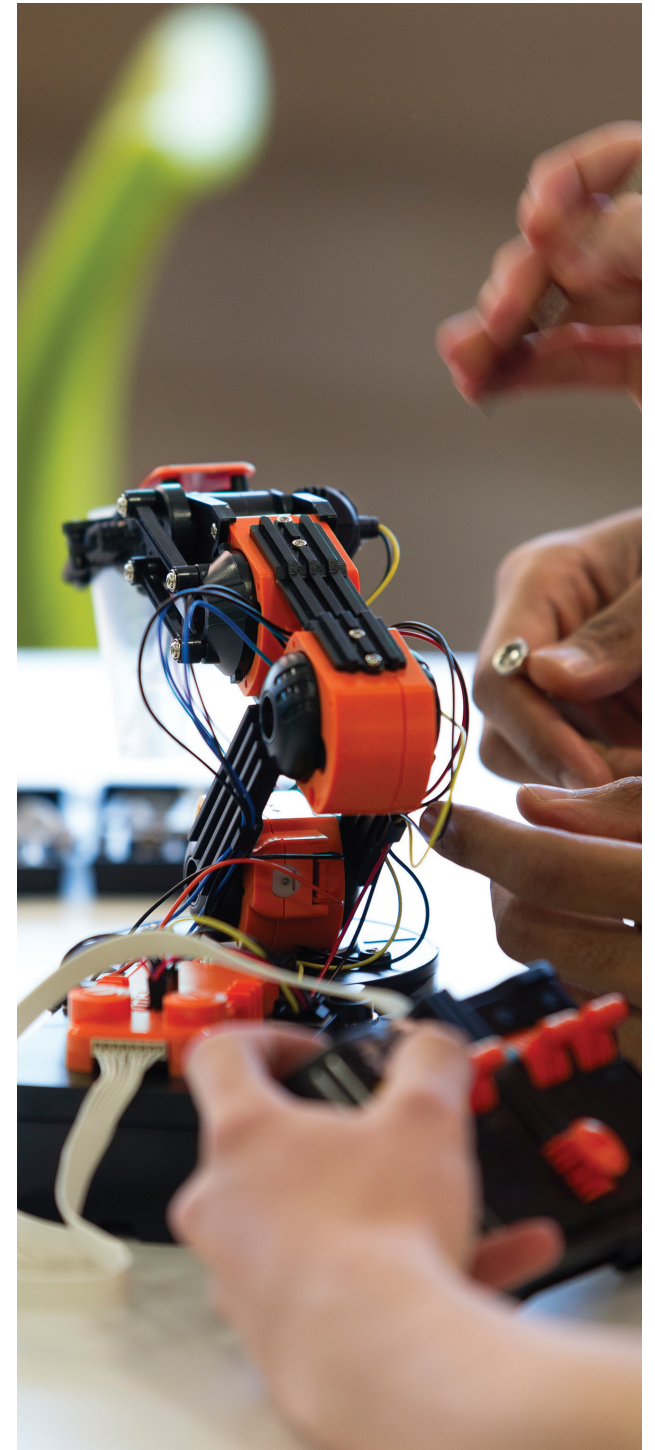
A total of 160 robotics teams from throughout Michigan will compete in Saginaw for a coveted spot at the FIRST Robotics world competition being held in St. Louis, MO April 26-29.

## Highlights of the four-day event include:

- Team competitions Wednesday-Saturday within the Ryder Center
- A Dean's List reception on Friday evening. Hosted by Consumers Energy with remarks by Poppe, where 125 robotics students will be recognized at this event named after Dean Kamen, founder of FIRST.
- A \$5,000 World Class Performance from a Hometown Team Award given to the East Jackson Blue Ops robotics team by Consumers Energy. Also, two Super Team Awards sponsored by Consumers Energy in a collaborative effort to promote the Energy Industry in Michigan.
- Saturday opening ceremonies featuring remarks by Gov. Rick Snyder and Consumers Energy Senior Vice President Garrick Rochow. Other state legislators are also scheduled to visit teams throughout the day.

Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest utility, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and electricity to 6.7 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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## FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

# 5 Ways to de-energize your board

*There is an ideal board in the consciousness of many nonprofit leaders. It often involves members who are engaged in governance and fundraising; who advocate for the organization; and serve as community ambassadors building relationships and partnerships. These ideal board members are well connected with time to spare. They magically appear, need no support or attention, and easily attract others of like-mind.*

In reality, too many nonprofit boards are far from this ideal. The directors who report to these boards are pulled in many directions, forced to “wear many hats,” and struggling with too much to do and too few resources. Building and sustaining an engaged board is another item on a never-ending to-do list. It’s one of many items that are moved to “next week.”

The dream of an ideal board co-exists with actions that will eventually de-energize even the most engaged board. While energizing your board will require time and attention, we can offer an easier alternative: five ways to de-energize your board. As you can imagine, many of these are easy to implement.

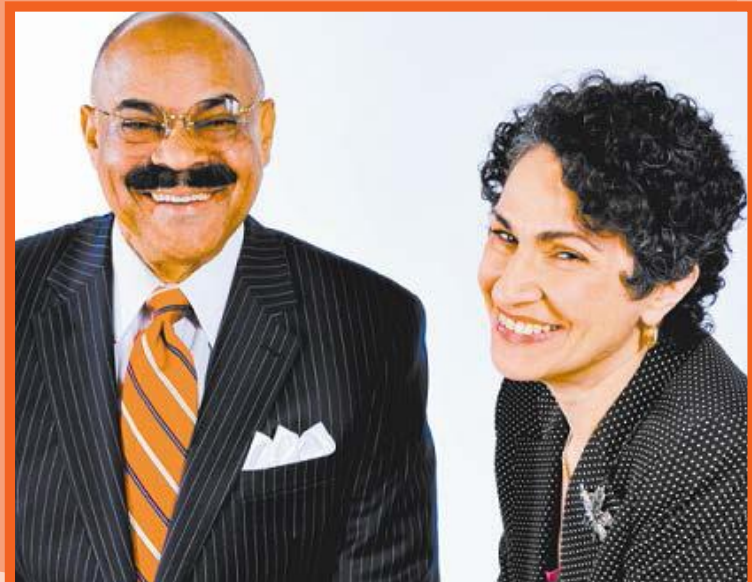


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1. **Fail to communicate.** There are many ways to accomplish this. These include changing the date and time of the board meeting, and changing it often, with little notice. Present inaccurate data with information that is confusing with internal inconsistencies. Send materials to board members at the last minute. Send them by email with 10 different attachments that need to be opened individually.
2. **Fail to resolve issues as they arise.** Continue discussion on low-priority items for several months. Contribute to ongoing “issues” by being evasive and inaccessible. Don’t worry about distributing minutes and reports in a timely manner. Don’t proofread materials.
3. **Ignore suggestions and offers of assistance provided by board members.** Let them bring up their ideas meeting after meeting. Eventually they will stop. Prohibit staff from following up with board members, and actively discourage initiatives that board members want to organize independently.
4. **Use the same agenda for each meeting: keep it full of reports from staff.** Don’t allow time for board members to engage and provide input. Don’t let the board chair create the agenda, set meeting dates, or set goals for board involvement. Don’t meet with the chair in-between meetings.
5. **Recruit community leaders and then ignore their capabilities and connections.** Stay busy so you don’t have time to learn the resources and funding that board members can give, raise or attract. Fail to plan and then ask for help at the last minute when the timeframe is unrealistic and the chances of success are slim. Increase the likelihood of disillusionment by failing to define goals, roles and responsibilities. And when you do define these, do it on your own without consulting the board. Don’t collaborate.

These are five ways to ensure poor attendance, boring meetings, and a de-energized board. It doesn’t have to be this way, but you will have to do something to change the situation. Ideally you will take action with your board. Together you can reenergize.



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## EDUCATION

# FIRST Robotics Student Enjoys Competition at SVSU, Her Future College Home

More than two hours away from her house, Alina DeVoogd feels completely at “home.”

The Algonac High School senior is among the nearly 5,000 high school students attending the statewide FIRST Robotics competition hosted by Saginaw Valley State University this week. From Thursday to Saturday, April 13-15, 160 teams from Michigan — from Adrian to Zeeland — are competing against each other using autonomous and remote-controlled robots piloted by students.

The occasion converged two of the things DeVoogd has “fallen in love with”: the high school robotics competition that has captured her imagination and attention for two years, and the university she plans to attend in the fall.

“I was so excited when I heard SVSU would be hosting FIRST for the first time this year,” she said.

“I thought that was the perfect combination. The environments for both have a lot in common: There’s real energy and both have such caring people. They both make you feel like you’re at home.”

DeVoogd’s excitement for the team-up was strong enough that she attended the Thursday-through-Sunday competition despite the fact her team, Algonac High School’s Full Metal Muskrats, did not advance beyond the regional tournaments that preceded the SVSU-hosted contest.

“I couldn’t miss this,” she said.

DeVoogd first fell for FIRST Robotics when her high school created the Muskrats team two years ago. She signed up as part of the group’s marketing team, charged with promoting the team and seeking funds. The fit was perfect for the future marketing major at SVSU.



*Courtesy Photo*

“It was a great opportunity I couldn’t pass up,” she said.

This year, DeVoogd helped the Muskrats secure sponsorships from NASA, Ford Motor Co., Lowe’s Home Improvement, and a few local businesses from her hometown, she said.

“Building the robots is very expensive, so every bit helps,” she said.

One sponsor donated a 3-D printer for the team’s purposes.

“I fell in love with the FIRST Robotics community and environment,” she said. “The constant kindness you find on these FIRST teams is incredible.”

DeVoogd said she expects to remain involved in FIRST Robotics as a mentor after she graduates from high school.

“It makes me happy to help others,” she said.

That same characteristic was partly what attracted her to SVSU. She was familiar with the university because of a friend who attended the institution. After participating in a campus tour, DeVoogd was sold that SVSU was a perfect fit for her.

“I really loved the feel of the environment,” said DeVoogd, who earned the university’s President’s Scholarship and plans to live on campus. “It was a place where I could tell the faculty really cared about the students. It felt comfortable.”

DeVoogd said she hopes the high school students attending this week’s competition are inspired by the shared values of FIRST Robotics and SVSU.

“I hope they fall in love with both too,” she said. “I hope they feel like this isn’t someplace that you go to just walk through: It’s like home.”

# Delta College Commits to Improving the Success of College Men of Color



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Delta College has joined the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) National Consortium on College Men of Color (NCCMC). Participation in the NCCMC will enhance our commitment to improving the success of historically underrepresented and underserved students, including men of color.

Despite programs designed to enhance outcomes for men of color, in the United States only 17% and 15% of Black and Latino men, respectively, earn a certificate, degree, or transfer from a community college to a four-year institution in six years. Figures for men from other ethnic groups (e.g., Native American, Southeast Asian) also indicate an insurmountable need for improvement.

To combat this achievement gap, the NCCMC facilitates an exchange of ideas between community colleges across the nation on how best to serve men of color in our educational institutions. Community colleges convene to share their efforts and learn about new strategies for enhancing the success of men of color.

“Delta College’s engagement in the NCCMC will enhance professional development for faculty and staff, enable informed interventions for our current programs serving men of color and inspire new initiatives addressing challenges facing these men,” said Carlos McMath, Coordinator of Delta College Diversity Services.

“This innovative group of college leaders will be instrumental in implementing cutting-edge practices and policies to address the achievement gap facing underrepresented men,” said Dr. J. Luke Wood, co-director of CCEAL.

Launched in February 2015, the CCEAL has already seen much success in information-sharing between community colleges. An average of more than 1,000 consortium members participates in each webinar.

“It is inspiring to see educators collaborate and openly share innovative ideas for serving men of color,” said Frank Harris III, co-director of CCEAL. “We look forward to the future of CCEAL and the future success of men of color.”

**As a NCCMC member, Delta College will receive these benefits:**

- Access to monthly webinars
- Participation in information sharing sessions
- Discounted rate to participate in the annual working group meeting
- Free access to assessment tools (Male Program Assessment for College Excellence, Community College Student Success Inventory)
- Discounted rate for CCEAL's flagship institutional assessment package (Community College Success Measure, Community College Instructional Development Inventory, and Community College Staff Development Inventory)

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#### Thursday, April 27

11:30 a.m. – Plated Lunch – Served at Table  
1:00 p.m. – 90-minute concert featuring:  
Bob Seeley, Dave Majchrzak & Bob Milne  
\$39.00 per person, complete

7:00 p.m. – Vaudeville Night (concert 7 – 9:30 p.m. with intermission)  
Featuring: Jeff Barnhart, Fred "Mickey" Finn & Cathy Reilly, & Bob Milne  
\$25.00 per person

#### Friday, April 28

11:30 a.m. – Lunch Served Family Style at Table  
1:00 p.m. – 90-minute concert featuring:  
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\$39.00 per person, complete

6:30 p.m. – Friday Night Picnic (Very Casual with Picnic Food Stations)  
Music by: Fred "Mickey" Finn & Cathy Reilly, Bob Milne & Jeff Barnhart and new for 2017 "Amateur Showcase"  
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#### Saturday, April 29

11:30 a.m. – Lunch Served Family Style at Table  
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## Public Invited to ‘Meet the Masters’ During 2017 ArtQuest Exhibition

(FLINT, Mich., April 10, 2017) – Jackson Pollock, Pablo Picasso and Dale Chihuly are just some of the master artists that YouthQuest students have been studying in preparation for ArtQuest, an annual art exhibition hosted by the afterschool and summer enrichment program.

As part of this year’s theme, “Meet the Masters,” YouthQuest students have learned about the history of a different artist each month, and then applied that artist’s techniques to projects of their own. More than 1,000 of the resulting pieces will be on display during ArtQuest, which will be held at Diplomat’s Corporate Headquarters, at 4100 Saginaw St., Flint.

“If we want to foster creativity, critical thinking and inventiveness among our children and teens, then teaching the arts is a must,” said LaKeitha Givens, Program Director for YouthQuest, which serves more than 2,000 students in Flint and Genesee County each year. “Considering the important role art has on a child’s development, we are committed to providing students with quality, hands-on art projects, music lessons and clubs that promote dance and other enrichment activities.”

In addition to art and enrichment activities, YouthQuest also places emphasis on academic support, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), physical fitness, nutrition, youth development and leadership, and family and community engagement.

Over the course of ArtQuest, more than 1,500 students will visit Diplomat to see their art on display. They will also participate in a variety of make-and-take activities and watch and/or perform in live performances of African drumming, violin and more.



*Courtesy Photo*

“ArtQuest presents a great opportunity for students to engage and connect with the community as they show off their hard work,” said Rhetta Hunyady, Vice President of Education & Training at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, which manages YouthQuest. “We encourage the public to ask questions like, ‘Who was your favorite artist to learn about, and why?’”

The exhibition will be open to the public from 4-6 p.m. each day. Admission is free. For more information about YouthQuest, visit [www.yquest.org](http://www.yquest.org).





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“Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to need special education, repeat a grade, or commit crimes in adolescence.”  
*Joe Baca, former Dem. Calif. Congrsmn., Dist. 43.*

**“Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community.”**  
**-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS**

# Looking for a Job? Don't Miss this Opportunity!

On Friday, April 28, the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce will host a free job and resource fair for adults ages 18 and older.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Baker College of Flint, and is open to the general public.

Up to 25 employers seeking to fill entry-level positions will be on-site. Confirmed employers include:

- AFLAC
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- Greater Flint Health Coalition
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- MPowering My Success (University of Michigan-Flint)
- Park Place Hair Studio
- Secretary of State
- State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Resources

**Interested in attending? Be sure to dress professionally and bring multiple copies of your resume.**

Job seekers are encouraged to pre-register for the job fair by Friday, April 21, 2017. To do this, fill out the form located at [www.flintandgenesee.org/education-training/job-fair/](http://www.flintandgenesee.org/education-training/job-fair/)



# Saginaw County Community Action Committee (CAC) Holds 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Warmth

The Saginaw County Community Action Committee (CAC) held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Warmth on FEBRUARY 18, 2017. The event focused on raising awareness and proceeds toward emergency heating assistance for elderly and low-income Saginaw county residents.

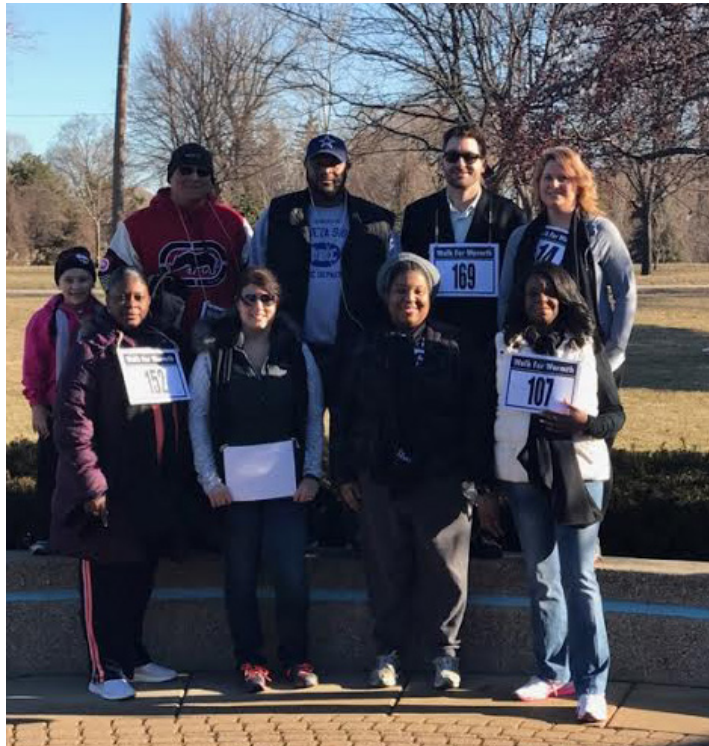
More than 150 walkers came out in support of the event and \$11,000 was raised! Brenda F. Moore said “It was a fun, family event and a wonderful way for the community to help with an important cause affecting Saginaw County residents” She is the Board Chair of the Saginaw County Community Action Committee.

Walkers were challenged to form teams to raise money for the walk. We recognize first and second place teams. Our two teams were: Full Gospel Holy Temple – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; and STARS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

Among the sponsors for the event this year were: the Garber Management Group, Isabella Bank, Consumers Energy Co., Molina Health Care, STARS, Catholic Federal Credit Union and United Financial Credit Union. Food and miscellaneous sponsors included McDonald’s Restaurant-South Michigan, Kroger’s-Gratiot, Walmart-Brockway, Dr. Delicia Pruitt, Jonnie-on-the-Spot and All Events Tents.

Donations are still accepted online at [www.saginawcac.org](http://www.saginawcac.org). Big or small, each donation helps! Planning is in motion for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk scheduled February 17, 2018. Volunteers are welcome to join us. Save the date!

The Saginaw County Community Action Committee, located at 2824 Perkins Street in Saginaw improves lives by breaking the cycle of poverty and allowing individuals to lead sustainable and productive lives. We offer a wide array of services and programs. More information can be found at [Saginawcac.org](http://Saginawcac.org) or by contacting CAC at (989) 753-7741.



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# Congressman Dan Kildee Announces 2017 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) announced today that the 2017 Congressional Art Competition has begun, encouraging all high school students (grades 9-12) who live in the Fifth Congressional District to submit artwork for the competition.

“I am happy to announce this year’s Congressional Art Competition in Michigan’s Fifth District. The competition provides an opportunity for student’s across the country to showcase their artistic expression and bring their talent to the nation’s capital,” Congressman Kildee said. “Our community is diverse and creative, and it’s important to provide opportunities for young people to express themselves. We are fortunate to have great art institutions and museums in our district, and I’m excited to have a piece of Michigan artwork in Washington, D.C.”

The first place winner will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting and winners reception in Washington in June. The student artwork will be on display for one year in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol along with the winners from other congressional districts across the country.

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Art Caucus. The contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation and in the Fifth Congressional District. An online gallery of last year’s artwork can be found here. Last year’s winner was Pinconning Area High School senior Dedrianna Goretcki. The winning piece was a mixed media portrait entitled “Best Friends Eye.” A high resolution photo of Goretcki’s artwork can be viewed at [http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art\\_competition](http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition).

The artwork must be two-dimensional and can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide and 4 inches deep, including the frame. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds. Along with the artwork, each entrant must securely attach a Student Information and Release Form to the back of the artwork. More information can be viewed <http://dankildee.house.gov/services/art-competition>.

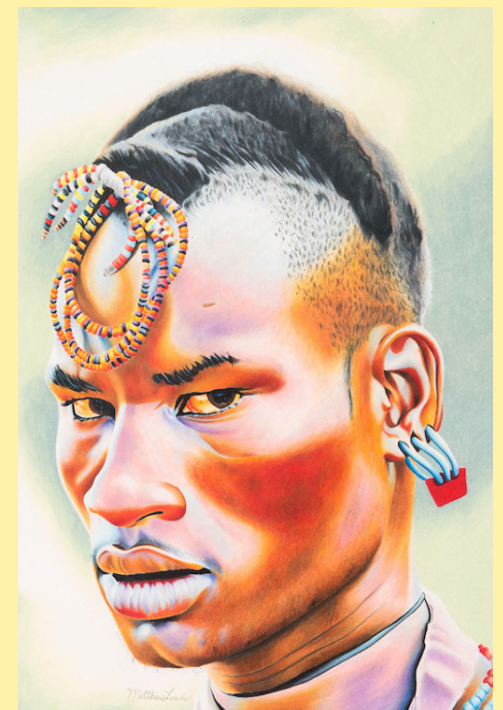
All art submissions must follow the art competition guidelines and be submitted no later than Monday, May 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. ET. Art can be dropped off at Congressman Kildee’s district office at 111 S. Saginaw St., #3B, in Flint. Students can also call Congressman Kildee’s office at (810) 238-8627 to schedule a time for entries to be delivered to staff during mobile office hours in Bay, Saginaw, Arenac or Iosco Counties.

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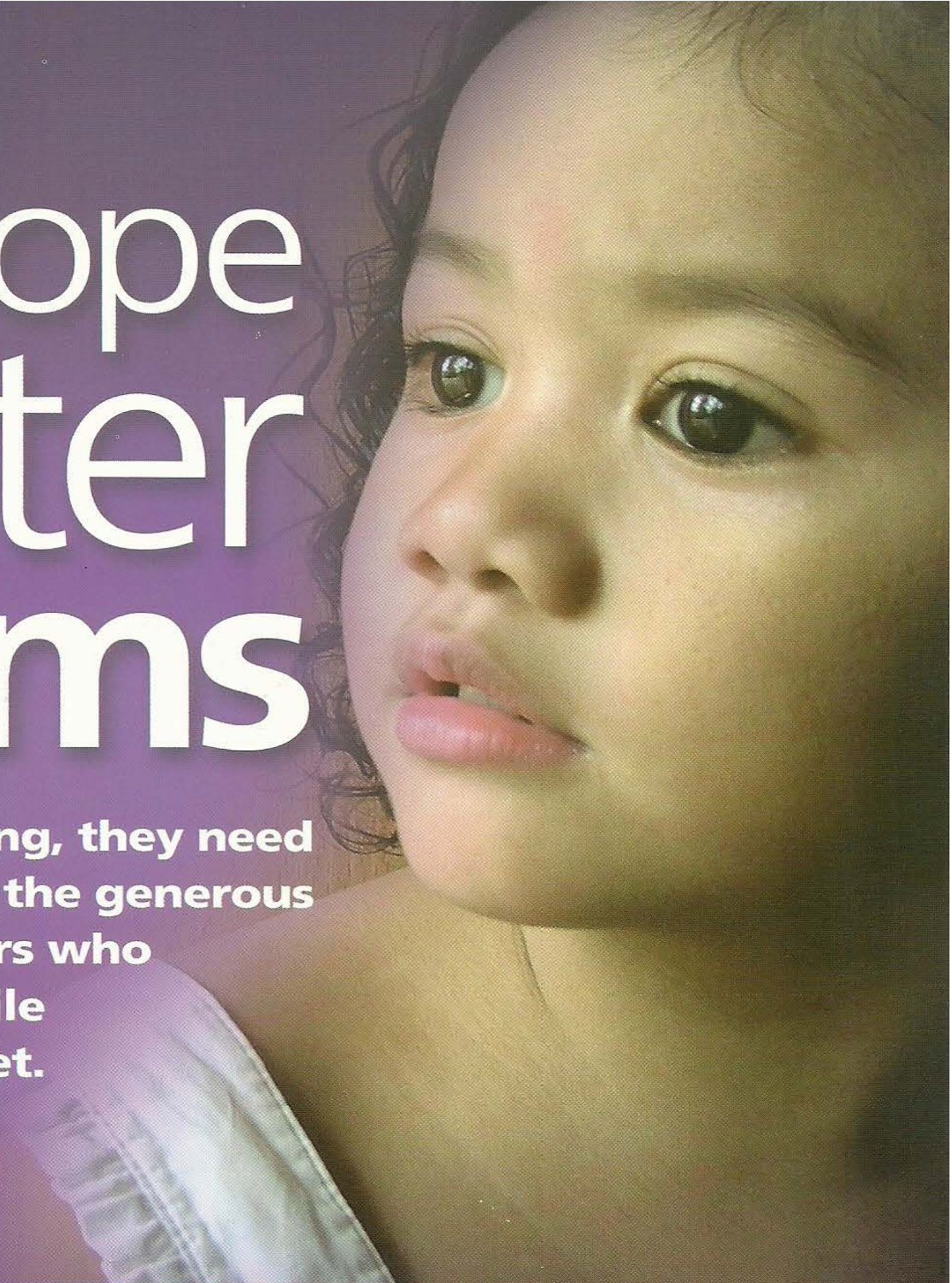
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## POLITICS &amp; PUBLIC POLICY

# Congressman Dan Kildee: State of Michigan Should Reject Nestlé Water Withdrawal Permit

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) today expressed his “strong opposition” to Nestlé North America’s (Nestlé) request for a permit to dramatically increase its groundwater withdrawals in Ewart Township, Mich. In a letter sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Congressman Kildee urged the state to reject the permit application because, according to scientific experts, “it would have damaging and negative impacts to the environment and wildlife in Michigan.”

“I support Nestlé’s desire to create jobs in Michigan, but not at the cost of damaging our environment and depleting our state’s water resources,” Congressman Kildee said.

“In Michigan, tourism, hunting and fishing generate billions in annual economic activity and support hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs in Michigan. Thus, putting our freshwater resources at jeopardy threatens our economy and way of life.”

On Wednesday, hundreds of people attended a public hearing in Big Rapids, where most voiced their opposition to Nestlé’s plan. Nestlé is seeking a state permit to increase the amount of water it takes out of the ground from 250 gallons per minute to 400 gallons per minute. According to Nestlé’s own studies, the proposed water withdrawal will have a direct impact on surface wetlands due to the local geology.

“I am concerned that Nestlé is seeking to rush this proposal through without much public input. It is unfortunate that Nestlé is more concerned with corporate profits over protecting natural resources that support our state’s economy, jobs and way of life,” Congressman Kildee continued.

**A full copy of Congressman Kildee’s letter can be viewed at <http://dankildee.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/4-13-17-Comments-to-MDEQ-on-Nestle-Water-Feighner.pdf>**

## Congressman Dan Kildee to Host Coffee Hours in Iosco County



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Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) will host coffee hours in Iosco County to meet with constituents directly.

The coffee hour event is free and open to the public. Local residents are encouraged to attend and discuss their opinions face-to-face with Congressman Kildee.

**WHO:** Congressman Dan Kildee  
**WHAT:** Coffee hour with constituents  
**WHERE:** G’s Pizza, 5266 South US 23  
Oscoda Township 48750  
**WHEN:** April 20, 2017  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. ET

## Public Notice Buena Vista Charter Township

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 2, 2017 Special Election has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Buena Vista Twp. Clerk's Office**  
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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

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## SPORTS

# First Win for Loons at Home

## Rincon now leading the MWL in both major power categories



Courtesy Photo: Loons outfielder Carlos Rincon smashes his 5th home run of the season. He now leads the MWL in both HR and RBI (11). (Alex Seder)

MIDLAND, Mich. - On an afternoon where the temperatures warmed into the mid-70's, the bats for the Great Lakes Loons followed suit as the hosts cruised to a 7-1 win over the Dayton Dragons on Saturday at Dow Diamond. For the Loons (3-7), who had four players with multi-hit games, it was the first win at home in the 2017 season.

Brendon Davis and Mitchell Hansen each had three hits, including a triple for both, while Davis continued his hot start to the new campaign as his batting average has now risen to .444 (12-for-27). The young shortstop's average ranks 13th in Minor League Baseball, while he leads the MiLB in on-base percentage at .595.

Already leading the Midwest League in home runs entering play today, Carlos Rincon rocketed another ball out of the ballpark in the 1st inning for his fifth long ball of the season. Rincon now also leads the league with 11 runs batted in. The Central Michigan University product Zach McKinstry scored three runs as he went 2-for-3 with a home run and two walks.

A.J. Alexy, despite being on a strict pitch count, dazzled in 2.2 innings of work striking out five batters while allowing one run on two hits in his first start for the Loons. Drafted in the 11th round by the Los Angeles Dodgers last year, the righty has been solid in his two outings despite his youth (18 years old). Willian Soto (W, 2-0), Lenix Osuna and Jose

testSantos kept Dayton off the board over the final 6.1 innings out of the bullpen.

The 13 hits for the Loons were the most in a game this season, along with the 11 combined strikeouts from the pitching staff.

James Vasquez was the lone Dragons player with a multi-hit game going 2-for-4, while Andrew Jordan (L, 1-1) was saddled with allowing four runs on six hits over three innings in his start for Dayton (7-3).

All 16 teams in the MWL will observe the first official off day of the season on Easter Sunday. The Loons head to Indiana on Monday for a three-game series with South Bend Cubs. Each game will begin at 7:05 p.m. and carried live on ESPN 100.9-FM with Chris Vosters and Brad Tunney. The Loons return to Dow Diamond on Thursday when they begin a seven-game homestand. The Fort Wayne TinCaps and Lake County Captains will make their first trips of the season to Midland.

The 2016 Midwest League Champions and hosts of the 2017 MWL All-Star Game presented by GoGreat.com have been a Single-A partner of the Los Angeles Dodgers since the team's inception in 2007. For tickets and more information about the Great Lakes Loons, call 989-837-BALL or visit Loons.com.

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# Five Ways to Enjoy Michigan Golf This summer

## 1. Tee-it-up where the professionals play.

It's not very often that golfers can play the same golf courses that the pros play, but at Harbor Shores Golf Club, site of the recent Sr. PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid, you can drive the same fairways and hit the same shots into the greens on this public Jack Nicklaus designed layout. Also checkout the new Inn at Harbor Shores and make it a golf package.

## 2. Play a golf course forwards and then backwards in reverse.

Inspired by the Old Course at St. Andrews, where more than 200-years ago the course was designed to be played in reverse during the winter to help with maintenance, world-renowned golf course architect, Tom Doak, has designed the first reversible golf course of its kind in the U.S. The Loop at Forest Dunes in Roscommon is a reversible routing that will alternate directions on a daily basis allowing golfers to play it clockwise (Black) one day, then counter-clockwise (Red) the next day. Combine the original Forest Dunes course and this will be a one of a kind 54-hole golf package experience.

## 3. Play nine holes or a short course

With golf looking for ways to grow the game and get more people to participate, playing nine-holes or shorter courses has become a popular thing to do. Below are ten fun 9-hole and shorter courses around Michigan to experience.

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*World-renowned golf course architect Tom Doak designed The Loop, a reversible course*

## 4. Take a lesson or visit a golf school.

Golfers looking to improve their game have plenty of options for golf instruction in Michigan. Golfers in metro Detroit, make sure to check out Carl's Golf and its Performance Center for both lessons and club-fitting. Golfers will find a similar experience in Ann Arbor at Miles of Golf. Other top instructors and academy's in southern Michigan include Jason Guss at Hawk Hollow, one of Golf Digest's Best Young Teachers and the Rick Smith Golf Academy at Oakland University.

Golfers looking to combine some golf instruction with a golf trip can check out some of the resorts in northern Michigan like the Dave Pelz Short Game School at the Homestead, Crystal Mountain Golf Academy, Boyne Golf Academy, as well as the golf schools at Grand Traverse Resort and Treetops. Rick Smith has also opened a new academy at Forest Dunes.

## 5. Make golf part of your family vacation this summer.

Golf is a great family activity to get outside and do together and there are some great resorts that offer great family golf experiences. Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville offers family golf scramble events this summer and Boyne Mountain provides special pricing for junior golfers, as does Treetops with juniors playing free on overnight golf packages.

# Nine Spirit Prospects Named to OHL Gold Cup Rosters



KITCHENER, Ont. – One hundred sixty players have been selected to represent eight teams at the upcoming 2017 OHL Gold Cup May 3-7 in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

Of the players selected were nine prospects from the Saginaw Spirit's 2017 OHL Priority Selection Draft. With four of their 17 drafts pick ineligible, the Spirit has nine of a possible 13 prospects taking part in the five-day tournament. Only the Guelph Storm, who chose second overall in the 2017 Priority Selection Draft, is sending more prospects to the OHL Gold Cup than the Spirit (11).

## Spirit Prospects participating in 2017 OHL Gold Cup:

### Team ALLIANCE:

Aidan Preuter, London Jr. Knights, 2nd round, 24th overall

Mason Millman, London Jr. Knights, 7th round, 124th overall

Stephane Crevier, Sun County Panthers, 10th round, 188th overall

### GTHL Blue:

Nicholas Porco, Vaughan Kings, 1st round, 4th overall

Duncan Penman, Mississauga Rebels, 2nd round, 25th overall

Joe Kennedy, Toronto Red Wings, 4th round, 64th overall

### NOHA:

Camaryn Baber, Soo Greyhounds Midget, 3rd round, 57th overall

### TEAM OHA (White):

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Dalton Bancroft, Quinte Red Devils, 11th round, 204th overall

The OHL Gold Cup serves as a platform for 16 year-old players to showcase their talents to Hockey Canada in hopes for an invitation to Team Canada's Under-17 Selection Camp in July.

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# Bay City Native, Jeff Ligney Announced as Commissioner for Capital Athletic Conference

YORK, Pa. - The Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Board of Directors announced this week Jeff Ligney as its new commissioner following the departure of Tom Byrnes, who stepped down after nine years in January. Ligney will begin his term as commissioner on July 1.

Tuajuanda C. Jordan, chair of the CAC board of directors and president of St. Mary's College of Maryland, made the announcement on behalf of the Board. "Filling Tom's role may be a daunting task, but I have every confidence Jeff Ligney will utilize his more than 20 years of extensive intercollegiate experience. He shows a confidence and a willingness to work with CAC membership, has the skills to implement effective strategies, and will surely grow the CAC in new and exciting directions."

Rahsaan Carlton, director of athletics at Penn State Harrisburg and co-chair of the search committee said, "Ligney's extensive experience in a conference office setting has well prepared him for this opportunity. The one thing that became very evident as we moved further along in the hiring process is that he is very highly regarded and respected in the realm of intercollegiate athletics. I'm very confident that Jeff will do great things here at the CAC."



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Ligney most recently served as interim commissioner for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in Bay City Michigan. Prior to that role, he served at GLIAC in various capacities including director of media relations, associate commissioner for external relations and associate commissioner for internal relations.

Formed in 1989, the CAC is a 10-member coalition of four-year, co-educational institutions that promote intercollegiate athletic competition among schools located in close geographic proximity that have similar educational and athletic philosophies.

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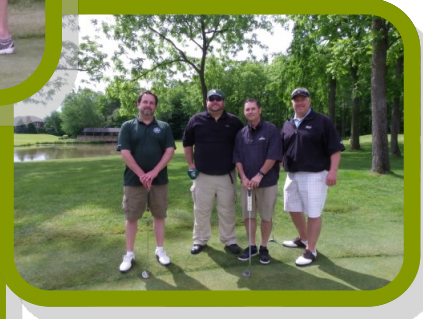
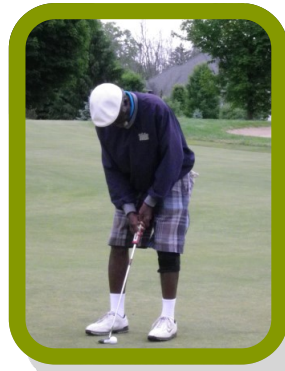
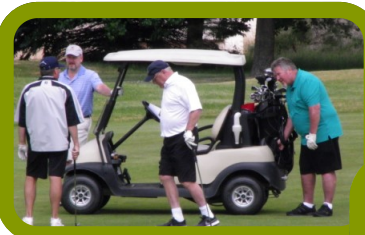
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