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FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE FIRST 500 Kids

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KIDS FEST

WHEN: AUG. 26.17 1-5 PM

WHERE: 220 E. GENESEE AVE SAGINAW MI

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On Saturday, August 26, 2017, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, KMS Creative Group will host the 3rd Annual Great Lakes Bay Kids Fest. This year's festivities will take place in the large empty lot across the street from TV5 and Michigan Works.

KMS has hosted this free, family event since 2015 and has distributed over 900 backpacks and school supplies to local kids. This year, the event will distribute free school supplies to the first 500 kids in attendance.

"We decided to distribute only school supplies this year and focus more on the event festivities. This is more than just a giveaway," says Michelle McCoy, event coordinator and co-owner of KMS Creative Group. "This is a time for the community to come together for a free, positive event."

During the event the kids will have an opportunity to participate in STEM and other educational activities, make crafts with the new Miss Saginaw County - Shelby Saint Souver, play games, win prizes, and eat free hot dogs and popcorn.

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There will also be inflatables, a DJ and community vendors at the event.

Last year, despite the rain, the event still drew over 1000 people. They are looking to double that amount this year. In the event it should rain, the Kids Fest will be postponed.

"We had to cancel a lot of the activities that we had planned last year due to the weather so this year we will definitely have a rain date," says Michelle. "We are looking forward to good weather, good food and good time! We have received a lot support from different organizations. We don't want this to be something that we do for a few years and just stop. With the continued support from this community we are excited to see what it can grow into."

2017 GLB KIDS FEST



Would you or your organization like to set up a table at the Great Lakes Bay Kids Fest? Registration is FREE.

Contact Michelle McCoy at 989.513.2768

MORE INFO // GREATLAKESBAYKIDSFEST.COM

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It is with great honor and pleasure that the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and its nearly 1000 Members, offers our heartiest congratulations to Owner, Publisher, Editor, Manager of Circulations and Manager of Marketing & Sales, Jerome Buckley in celebrating the Michigan Banner's 15 years in business!

It is a rare accomplishment for a business to hit such a milestone and is a testament of the hard work of Jerome Buckley and his staff at the Banner.

The Michigan Banner provides local and state news and highlights events, business and news in the community not always covered by other media. The community benefits from The Michigan Banner and we all look forward to each publication.

We honor the hard work and professionalism of Jerome Buckley and his staff and offer our most sincere congratulations on achieving 15 years of operations. We wish them many more years of service to this region!

Sincerely,



Bob Van Deventer

Bob Van Deventer, President & CEO
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce



Veronica L. Horn

Veronica L. Horn, Executive Vice President
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Looking for a bargain? Move to Saginaw

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It now has a thriving downtown arts scene that includes a Japanese cultural center, tea house, and garden. Those seeking a bit more of an escape can explore the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and participate in the many 5,000-meter runs held there.

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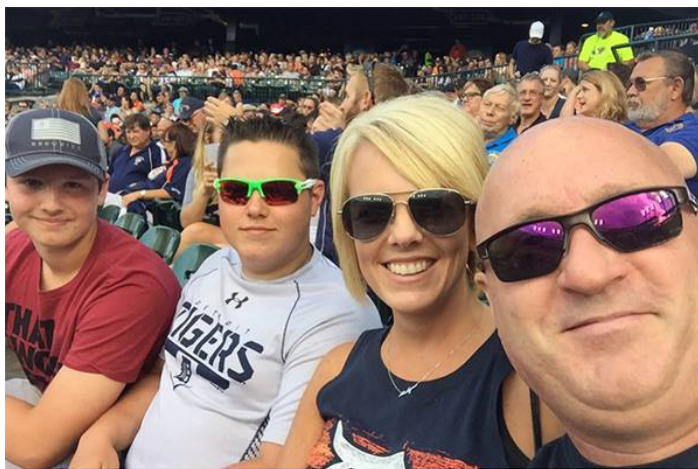
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On Saturday, August 12, 2017, the Detroit Tigers hosted their annual ¡Fiesta Tigres! Celebration, sponsored by Miller Lite, to recognize and honor the contributions of Hispanic and Latino players to the game of baseball.

The live music complemented the décor of flags from Spanish-speaking countries adorning the park along with photos of past and present

Hispanic and Latino Tigers players. In addition, current Tigers players with Hispanic or Latino heritage were honored during an on-field, pregame ceremony.

The night concluded with a special postgame fireworks show and ¡Fiesta Tigres! mugs were given to the first 10,000 fans 21+ (presented by Miller Coors) upon exiting the ballpark.



Seen On the Scene...



Dow Chemical Credit Union employees and their families enjoyed a day at the park for Fiesta Tigres day and a Detroit Tigers win over the Minnesota Twins!

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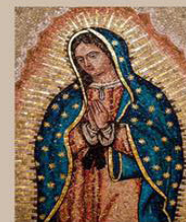


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Misa Hispana - Hispanic Mass Saturday, September 30, 2017

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Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption



4:00 P.M. Mass

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The Most Reverend Joseph R. Cistone, D.D., Bishop of Saginaw, invites you to participate in a Spanish Mass that will celebrate the rich traditions of the Hispanic Community.

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For more information, call the Office of Hispanic Ministries
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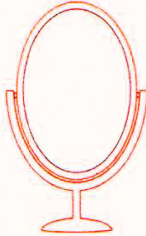
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HEALTH

Great Lakes Bay Health Centers awarded Best Achievement in Viral Load Suppression at Annual HIV and STD Conference



The Great Lakes Bay Health Centers received a Best Achievement Award in Viral Load Suppression at the State of Michigan HIV and STD Conference on August 8-9, 2017. Great Lakes Bay Health Centers posted the following message in a Facebook post on August 9th: *Very proud of our Great Lakes Bay Health Centers Special Immunology Medical Services staff for the hard work and dedication to excellence in the delivery of HIV medical care. We also could not do this without our community partners, and collaboration with internal and external support services. Viral suppression is used as a measure of successful treatment when treating HIV. It is one of the national goals in the HIV Care Continuum. Our staff goes above and beyond to deliver top notch medical care, which results in ranking in top in state of Michigan. Congratulations for a job well done.*

GLBHC, established in 1969, is a non-profit group of federally qualified community health centers serving the Great Lakes Bay Region. With multiple locations and extended hours at some sites, they make accessing quality and affordable health care easy.



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Saginaw County Department of Public Health Recognizes National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month and to recognize this important observance, the Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) is reminding parents why it's important to breastfeed. Research shows that breastfed babies have fewer colds and ear infections. The nutrients in breast milk help build the baby's brain and immune system. Unlike formula, breast milk is always the

right temperature and ready to serve. Breastfeeding builds a close bond between mother, father and baby. Breastfeeding also develops baby's hand-eye coordination.

In support of breastfeeding awareness, the SCDPH WIC Program will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for WIC breastfeeding moms and their families on

August 17, 2017, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at 1600 N. Michigan Avenue (SCDPH's main building).

For more information on breastfeeding services available through the WIC Program at the SCDPH or to register for this event, please contact the WIC Program at 989-758-3733 or visit saginawpublichealth.org.

Flint Health Events Happening in August

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The next Greater Flint Community Advocate Resource Empowerment (C.A.R.E.) Summit will be held on August 30th at Foss Avenue Baptist Church (1159 E. Foss Ave.) from 8:30-3:30pm. All Community Workers are invited to attend this FREE event focused on empowering individuals who engage with the community. The event will feature well known community partners. To register, contact Janée at jtyus@flint.org.

Family Fun Day

Join the Genesee Community Health Center (GCHC) to celebrate National Health Center Week (NHCW). The national campaign runs August 13th-19th with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers over the course of more than five decades. The theme of this year's campaign is Celebrating America's Health Centers: the Key to Healthier Communities. GCHC will host 2 Family Fun Days, one at the Center City Location (Mason Street between 4th & 5th Avenue) and one at the Atherton Location (3109 Kleinpell).

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INTERSECTION OF BUSINESS & WEALTH

Yeo & Yeo Relocates its Saginaw Headquarters to Accommodate Growth



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Yeo & Yeo, a leading Michigan accounting firm, has completed the move of its Saginaw office (headquarters) to 5300 Bay Road in Saginaw. The move includes relocation of Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants Saginaw office and affiliates Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting, Yeo & Yeo Medical Billing & Consulting, and Yeo & Yeo Financial Services.

“Yeo & Yeo’s new headquarters reflects our desire to bring our affiliates together under one roof in a modern environment that fosters greater cross-discipline collaboration and innovation, while further strengthening our ability to attract the best and brightest professionals. The result will be a stronger, more responsive, more efficient and forward-thinking firm,” said Thomas Hollerback, president & chief executive officer of Yeo & Yeo.

Yeo & Yeo purchased the former Davenport University building in April 2016, having reached capacity at its Saginaw location on Davenport Avenue. The Bay Road building offered 30,000 square feet of space; another 14,000 square feet was added to accommodate all affiliates and allow for future growth of up to 160 professionals.

Jeff McCulloch, president of Yeo & Yeo Computer

Consulting, said, “We were simply out of space, so this move will allow us to keep pace with our clients’ growing needs. The technology advances and open-concept office spaces in the new building create greater efficiency to be recognized by our employees and clients.”

The newly renovated, energy-efficient and technology-driven space, currently housing more than 120 Saginaw office employees, reinforces the firm’s mission of delivering outstanding business solutions:

- State-of-the-art conferencing capabilities allow effective communication with their clients and colleagues, who span locations throughout Michigan and beyond
- Flexible collaborative spaces foster a team-driven atmosphere and promote interaction
- Large, open spaces with ample natural light provide a bright, energizing environment
- Ergonomic and efficient work spaces create better workflow and support well-being

“A commitment to the communities we live and work in has been a long-standing part of Yeo & Yeo’s culture – we are committed to keeping our headquarters rooted in the Saginaw community,”

said David W. Schaeffer, managing principal of Yeo & Yeo’s Saginaw office. “We have served our clients from the Davenport location for more than 40 years. Moving to the new location is a milestone for the firm, and demonstrates our commitment to serving our community, maintaining a motivating environment for staff and providing top-notch support for our clients – both locally and globally.”

Yeo & Yeo’s new Saginaw office (headquarters) is located at the corner of Bay Road and Trautner Drive, next to Garber Bay Road, and offers convenient access for our clients and professionals in and around the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Yeo & Yeo employs nearly 220 professionals and has nine offices throughout Michigan. During the last three years, Yeo & Yeo’s Ann Arbor and Lansing offices also relocated within their communities to accommodate growth and offer a contemporary work environment for employees.



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To learn more about Yeo and Yeo's new move visit: www.yeoandyeo.com/firm/our-new-headquarters



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Job Fair in Flint to Connect Job Seekers to Employers, Community Resources



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(FLINT, Mich. – Aug. 11, 2017) More than 20 employers looking to fill entry-level positions will meet with job seekers during the Flint & Genesee Job & Resource Fair, to be held Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Baker College of Flint.

“This is a great opportunity for local job seekers to connect with local businesses,” said Rhett Hunyady, Vice President of Education & Training at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. “We encourage attendees to dress professionally and bring multiple copies of their resumes. There’s a good chance they will be participating in on-the-spot interviews during the event.”

Confirmed employers who will be attending the job fair thus far include:

- AFLAC
- AmeriCorps (Crim Fitness Foundation)
- Bavarian Inn Lodge
- Belle Tire
- Comfort Keepers
- Diplomat
- Fireside Coffee Co.
- Flint Area Schools Employees Credit Union
- Kroger
- Landaal Packaging
- Mass Transportation Authority
- Niles Plant Services LLC
- PMC (Placement Management Center)
- Qualified Staffing
- Randy Wise Automotive
- Sentech Services Inc.
- Speedway
- Teachout Security
- TIDI Products
- Trillium Staffing
- YouthQuest (Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce)

The job and resource fair – open to adults 18 and older – will also be attended by a variety of agencies providing career preparation, financial, and health services.

For example, Michigan Secretary of State will provide information about securing a state-issued ID card, change-of-address forms and more. Additionally, barbers and stylists from Park Place Studio in Flint will provide on-site haircuts and other hair services to job applicants. Other participating organizations include:

- The Disability Network
- Flint/Saginaw Electrical JATC
- Genesee County Health Department
- Genesee County Prevention Coalition
- GST Michigan Works
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Michigan Rehabilitation Services
- Molina Healthcare
- Mpowering My Success (University of Michigan – Flint)
- U.S. Truck Driver Training School

Walk-ins are welcome, although applicants are encouraged to register by Friday, Aug. 16 at www.flintandgenesee.org/jobfair. Check-in will be located at the student center. Individuals who would like to attend pre-employment training prior to the job fair are encouraged to check out Career Edge. The free workshop series will be held Aug. 14-17 at Carriage Town Mission and GST Michigan Works. For more information, visit www.flintandgenesee.org/career-edge.



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Wishing the Michigan Banner congratulations and continued success on your 15th anniversary.

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Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce to launch bimonthly business magazine

AND

Covering Business in Flint & Genesee

Sept/Oct 2017

Next month, the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce will launch a bimonthly business magazine for local business and community leaders, and entrepreneurs.

AND will cover issues, such as economic development, talent, commercial and residential real estate, education, travel and tourism, and other business topics. In addition to in-depth business features, **AND** will include recurring sections on chamber members, milestones, economic updates,

and personnel moves. **AND** will serve as an important medium for sharing the story of Flint & Genesee's forward progress across the region and beyond.

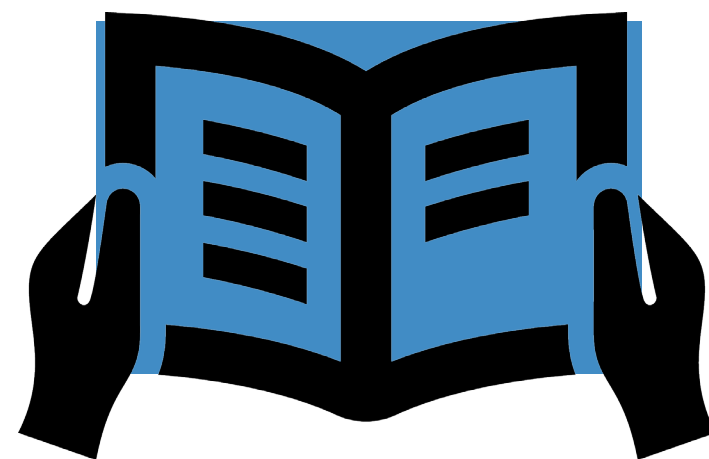
The cover story of the inaugural edition will explore the role of Flint & Genesee's higher education institutions in economic development.

Why **AND**?

Well, in the words of Eric J. McNulty, director of

research at the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative at Harvard: "And is one small word that can make a big difference in the way you think and lead."

Members are encouraged to send news about their business—staff changes, relocations or expansions—for publication in Members on the Move. Send submissions and ideas to: bcampbell@flintandgenesee.org.



Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union donates \$1,511.00 to the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center

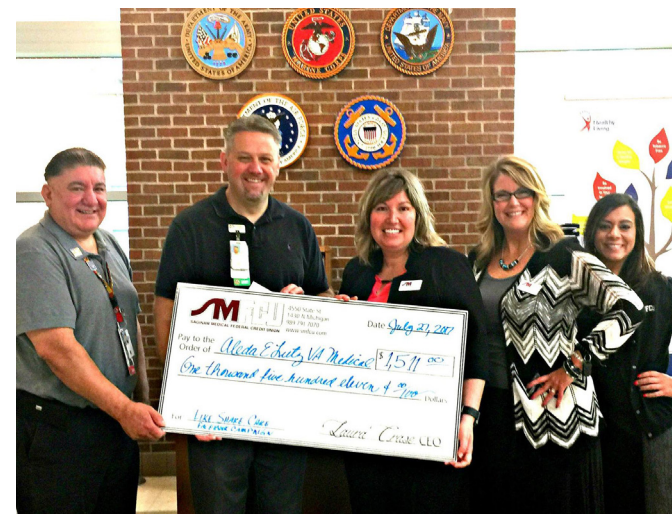
Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union donated \$1,511.00 to the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, which will directly benefit veterans. The donation was made possible through Saginaw Medical's Like, Share, Care Facebook campaign, which promised a dollar donation for every "like" and "share" their post received. The ten day campaign, July 1 through July 10, 2017, concluded with 385 "likes" and 1,126 "shares."

"We are extremely proud to help support our local veterans and the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center," said Laura Crase, President/CEO of SMFCU.

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Radical thoughts about nonprofit boards

“How many of your current board members are actually worth paying? If you had to pay your members what board positions would you fund?” These questions caught our eye as we read a promotional piece for a book about philanthropy.

The author, Jimmy LaRose poses provocative ideas in *Re-Imagining Philanthropy*. He promotes the idea that boards are not about governance, visioning, policy-making, volunteerism, or management. He believes these roles should be filled by a strong CEO. He advocates for a board of six experts who cover the areas of law, communications and marketing, entrepreneurship and accounting. They should be joined by an individual with expertise in your area of programming and a nonprofit expert. That’s it! Their role – in LaRose’s opinion – is to fulfill obligations related to IRS compliance. The remaining roles attributed to board members – he believes – can be filled by advisors.

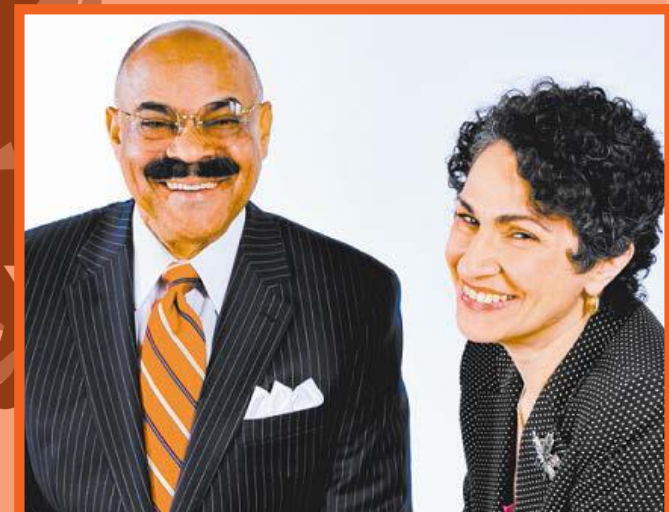
Reading the promo piece triggered a major question for us: how would an executive director and staff prepare for a board meeting knowing that board members were being \$1,000/day plus travel expenses (LaRose’s idea). How would the board chair and the board members prepare? Would the level of preparation required by all parties increase? What items would be on the agenda? How would the time be used during the meeting, and what type of follow up would occur?

Would you pay your board members to attend a board meeting? Would you pay them to participate in a teleconference? What would you expect in return? Are your expectations tied to compensating board members for their time? Are you uncomfortable asking board members to

bring their expertise to the table without pay? If yes, why do you feel that way? If you are a board member, do you treat your board responsibilities differently from your professional obligations? Do you bring your “A game” to board meetings?

Here are a few other questions. Do you believe the board should determine the vision, or should that be decided by the executive? In general terms, do you operate with a strong executive or a strong board? Who is setting direction for your organization? Does it make a difference? Finally, we know many small colleges and emerging nonprofits struggle with who is actually responsible for ensuring sustainability, responsiveness and innovation. Is it the board? The executive? What are your thoughts? What is the way forward?

Disclaimer: we haven’t read Re-Imagining Philanthropy and are not endorsing it.



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EDUCATION

SVSU students to help homeless women and children through 2017 Battle of the Valleys



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Saginaw Valley State University students will direct their passion for supporting the community by raising funds for an organization that helps homeless women with children during the 15th annual “Battle of the Valleys” fundraising competition. SVSU students will raise funds for The Mustard Seed when they compete against their rivals from Grand Valley State University during the week-long challenge this coming fall.

The SVSU Student Association received more than 50 applications from various charitable organizations, which is believed to be a record number.

The Mustard Seed shelter is located on Saginaw’s east side; it provides the basics such as shelter, food and a caring home environment as it helps homeless women with children move from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

The shelter enjoys a strong relationship with SVSU’s social work department, including hosting students for field placements. Caitlin Coulter, a pre-medicine major from Clio and 2017 Battle of the Valleys chair, said that was “a very important factor” in the decision-making process, as was their desire to be an active charity partner.

“We chose Mustard Seed due to their passion of helping those in need, and their excitement for working with Student Association and SVSU in the entire sequence of events for ‘Battle of the Valleys,’” she said. “We love to see organizations that have a connection to the surrounding region, and that want to benefit more than monetarily from this university-wide initiative.”

In 2016, SVSU students raised \$26,000 for Hidden Harvest, an organization that works to alleviate hunger and end food waste in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

“Battle of the Valleys” began in 2003 to capitalize upon the schools’ football rivalry by raising funds for deserving non-profits. Over the past 14 years, the competition has generated \$552,150 in charitable donations between the two schools. SVSU students have raised a total of \$357,329 during that time, winning 11 of the 14 annual competitions.

The 2017 “Battle of the Valleys” fundraising campaign will be held September 24-29, and the winner will be announced at the football game between SVSU and GVSU Saturday, Sept. 30.

New child care scholarship for water crisis victims at MCC

Mott Community College (MCC) student parents have access to a new child care scholarship beginning with the Fall semester 2017. The new MCC Family Early Literacy Partnership (FELP) child care scholarship applications are available to currently enrolled MCC students who are eligible for Pell funds, and who have a child aged 2 ½ to 4 years old, who was exposed to Flint water at home, at childcare, at a relative’s house or at school any time since April of 2014.

“Priority for scholarships will be given to MCC student-parents (in college credit programs) with children exposed to Flint water who have previously been enrolled at the Early Childhood Learning Center in order to support the completion of parents’ educational goals,” said Susan Lechota, Director of the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) at MCC.

Pell-eligible MCC Workforce Development students enrolled in a certificate program (non-credit) with children ages 2 ½ to 4 who have been affected by the Flint Water Crisis are also eligible to apply for the MCC ECLC child care scholarship/subsidy.

“In addition to free and reduced cost, high-quality child care, recipients of the scholarship will have many special opportunities to participate in fun, hands-on learning literacy activities with their children and will receive lots of free materials throughout the school year to use at home,” added Lechota.

The FELP scholarship is funded through a \$39,865 grant from the Community Impact Fund of the United Way of Genesee County, and a \$224,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint – Flint Child Health & Development Fund.

New Delta College Downtown Saginaw Center Moves Forward, Scheduled to open Fall of 2019

Delta College will soon have a new home in downtown Saginaw as plans move forward for a 35,000 square foot learning center building.

Delta College received construction authorization in the 2018 fiscal year budget for the State of Michigan, signed in July by Governor Snyder. The total Saginaw Center project budget is \$12.7 million with a 50/50 funding split between the State of Michigan and Delta.

The site location is in the 300 block of East Genesee Avenue (at Franklin, Tuscola and Baum) to serve the educational needs of students from the city and surrounding Saginaw County.

The Saginaw Center is expected to open in August 2019. It will replace Delta's Ricker Center in Buena Vista Township which will remain open until that time.

Currently, Delta College offers close-to-home educational classes at three off-campus centers - Saginaw Ricker Center, Midland Center and Bay City Planetarium and Learning Center - for many students making their first strides into post-secondary education. In the learning center environment, many first generation students find success, which can lead to a continuing cycle of education and employment opportunities.

"This investment in current and future students living and working in Saginaw County will increase their level of access to higher education," said Dr. Jean Goodnow, Delta College President. "The new Saginaw Center will create a pathway for more residents to enter the career pipeline."

"Delta College would like to thank all Saginaw business and government leaders including Tim Morales, Saginaw City Manager, as well as state



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leaders Senator Ken Horn and Representative Vanessa Guerra for their support and assistance with this project," added Goodnow.

The proposed Saginaw Center will include state-of-the-art technology, special use training rooms and science labs to strengthen Delta's ability to deliver the highest caliber of college instruction and workforce training.

Collaboration is an important element in this project. For that reason, Delta College is planning meetings this fall to update the community and offer an opportunity for further input.

"Since 1961 when we opened, Delta's Board of

Trustees have always been committed to providing local citizens with a college education that's affordable, top-quality and easy to access. I believe this downtown Saginaw Center will continue to make good on that pledge," said the Rev. Dr. Bob Emich, Delta College Board Chair.

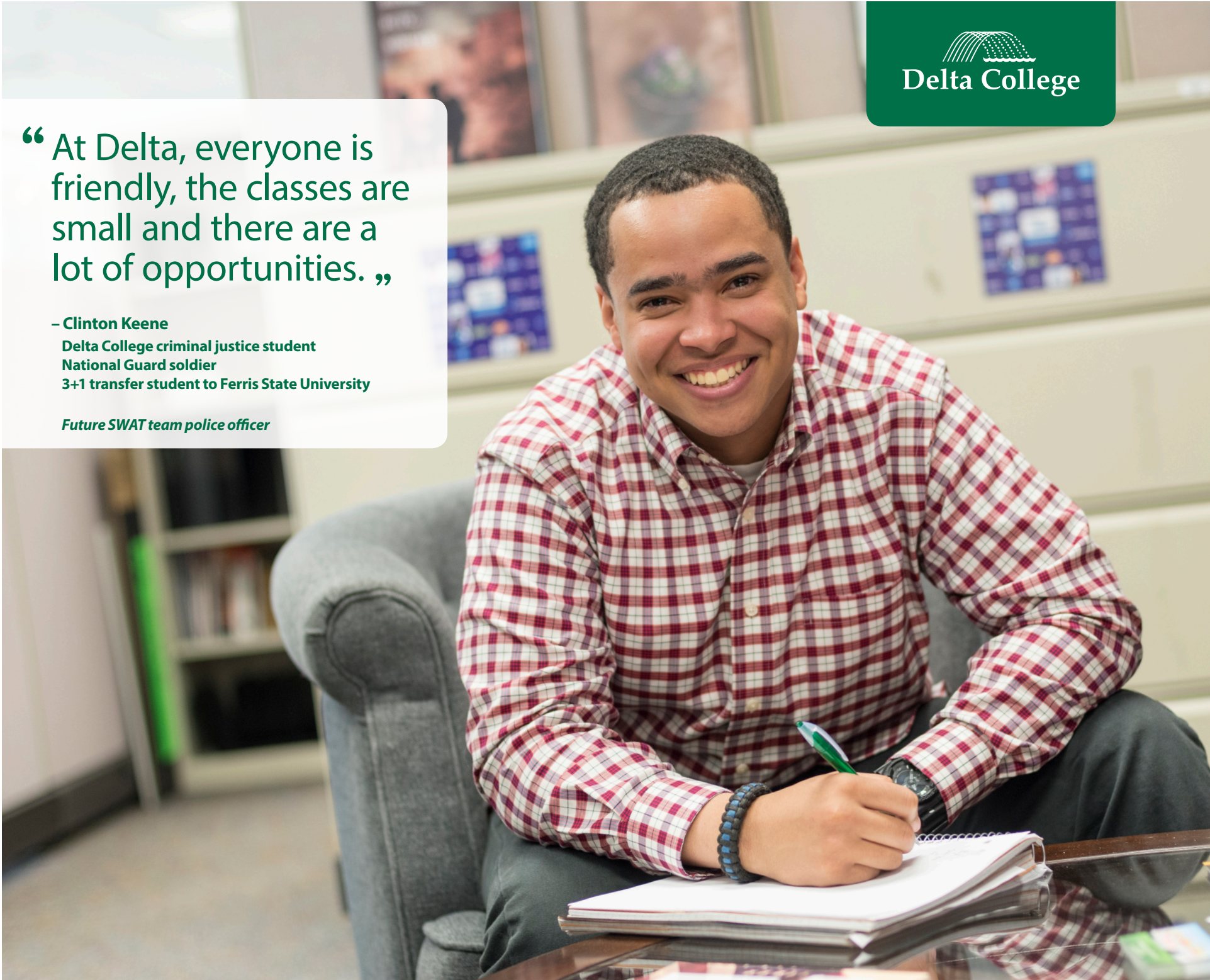
Students can get started now. Delta is offering courses that will lead to degrees in business management, criminal justice loss prevention and social work. Students can begin those programs at the Saginaw Ricker Center and transition to the new center when it opens. Dual enrollment and additional career and transfer options are anticipated to be offered as well when the center opens.



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Clinton Keene, Delta College criminal justice student, Public Safety officer and soldier in the National Guard, is excited about his future in law enforcement.

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Flint kids to benefit from \$3 million grant for afterschool programs

(FLINT, Mich., Aug. 3, 2017) — As families around the country face the potential loss of local afterschool programs, children in Flint will have continued access to afterschool and summer learning opportunities over the coming year, thanks to a \$3 million grant announced today by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

The grant provides support for YouthQuest, a comprehensive afterschool and summer program delivering educational, enrichment and physical fitness opportunities to more than 2,000 students in grades K-12 annually. It is offered free of charge at all schools in the Flint Community Schools (FCS) district, as well as International Academy of Flint and Dye and Randels elementary schools in the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools district.

The announcement comes on the heels of a federal budget proposal that would eliminate funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) initiative. In the late 1990s, Mott partnered with the federal government to test and expand the initiative, which is now a vital source of support for afterschool programs serving 1.6 million children around the country.

The proposed federal cuts would create a funding gap that no other sector, including philanthropy, could fill for our nation's children, said Ridgway White, president of the Mott Foundation.

"In communities around the country, the available 21st CCLC funding hasn't kept pace with the need for high quality afterschool programs," said White. "Through our support for YouthQuest, we've sought to ensure that all Flint kids and families have continued access to such opportunities.

"That being said, any cuts to 21st CCLC would inevitably impact Flint, where we would likely see a reduction in available services and perhaps in the number of program sites. As we wait with the community and the nation to see how policymakers

respond to the proposed cuts, I want to reassure Flint families that they will still have access over the coming year to the great services and support YouthQuest provides."

Linking students to quality learning opportunities is central to the YouthQuest model, says Tim Herman, CEO of the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. The program, which is administered by the Genesee Area Focus Fund, a supporting organization of the Chamber, offers research-based afterschool and summer activities that reinforce academic learning, including science, technology, engineering, the arts and math (STEAM), as well as activities that promote physical fitness and youth leadership.

"YouthQuest benefits Flint youth and their families in so many ways," said Herman. "And that's never been more true than in the wake of the Flint water crisis."

Thanks to specialized training, staff are helping to identify possible health, development and behavioral issues related to lead exposure, and the program is connecting families with information and services intended to mitigate the effects of that exposure. Students also participate in community service, volunteering at local nonprofit agencies responding to the disaster, and they have helped launch neighborhood recycling programs to dispose of plastic water bottles distributed throughout the community during the crisis.

With two of her children enrolled in the program, Flint resident Kimberly Richmond says YouthQuest demonstrates the value afterschool programs offer to children and families.

"YouthQuest has been such a great experience for my kids," said Richmond. "They're always going on field trips and learning something new. Their father and I both work 8 to 5, so we appreciate that they have a safe place to go, where they can work on



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homework and just have fun."

According to FCS superintendent Bilal Tawwab, keeping kids safe, busy and engaged in learning during the afterschool hours is a key part of Flint's approach to community education.

"We're so happy to partner with YouthQuest," said Tawwab. "Thanks to the Mott Foundation and the Chamber, this program is provided for free to all K-12 students in Flint Community Schools to help them succeed in their classrooms, communities and careers.

"Strong community partnerships are what makes community education great."

Current FCS, IAF, Dye and Randels students can register online to participate in YouthQuest. In-school registration kicks off August 7 for students enrolled at Freeman Elementary and will be available later in the month at other participating schools. More information is available at www.yquest.org.



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Midland Families Enjoy Cones with a Cop at The Cottage Creamery

On Thursday, August 3rd, officers from the Midland Police Department and community members came together for a fun filled event called “Cone with a Cop”. This event is the second “Cone with a Cop” event of the summer and was created to help build relationships between local officers and community members.



courtesy photos

FEMA Opens Disaster Recovery Center in Midland County



FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open a Disaster Recovery Center today, Wednesday, August 9, at noon to assist June 2017 flood victims with the registration process for federal disaster assistance.

Representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be at the center to answer questions about disaster assistance as well as provide information on low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses.

The Disaster Recovery Center is located at Carpenter Street School, 1407 W. Carpenter Street in Midland. Parking is located at the rear of the building and is accessible from Hines Street. The center's operating hours after today will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday until further notice. The center will be closed on Sundays.

It is not necessary to visit the center to register for and receive federal disaster assistance. If possible, residents affected by the flood should register with FEMA before visiting a recovery center.

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State Funding of Private Training Program for Skilled Trade OK'd

Midland, Michigan – A recent decision by Michigan Department of Education that supports the collaboration of school districts with private training academies will help improve Michigan's workforce education gap, says Greater Michigan Construction Academy (GMCA).

"We appreciate the MDE's review of the academy's funding in order to ensure that state money is appropriately used," Jimmy Greene, GMCA CEO/President said. "We encourage other school districts interested in our training programs to explore partnering with us now that the funding issue has been resolved and it has been reaffirmed that the programs meet the state's criteria."

In order to help fill thousands of current and future construction jobs, GMCA is serving more than 15 school districts to offer a nationally certified curriculum approved by the Department of Labor. GMCA partnered with corporations and school districts to craft a pre-apprenticeship program for high school juniors and seniors interested in skilled trades jobs.

GMCA, along with employers such as Dow Chemical and other regional builders and contractors, partnered with the Midland ESA and its five high schools to create the program to help funnel students into available jobs.

"Right now across the state, construction employers are searching for more than 5,000 qualified people to fill positions," Greene explains. "We can't train people quickly enough to fill the jobs that employers have open."

"We applaud the efforts of Brian Whiston, MDE superintendent, for quickly addressing the confusion that was created when the funding of academy programs was questioned," says Greene. "The dual enrollment issue was clarified along with the fact that no pupil stipends are paid to GMCA. We look forward to working with other school districts that want to offer access and opportunities for their students who want to take advantage of high paying job opportunities."

A federally accredited institute, GMCA has been a state proprietary school since 1980. Students get training in electrical, heating/ventilation/air conditioning, welding, carpentry and plumbing. Most students train in their home districts and within their own schools. Often, current teachers at the schools attain certifications to teach the curriculum.

GMCA is an academy of the Greater Michigan Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan, a membership association of about 1,000 builders and contractors across the state, dedicated to the merit shop philosophy and the betterment of the communities in which they work.

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Seen on the Scene: Women of Colors Showcase STEM Program at First Ward end of Summer event

On Friday, August 11, Richard Stringfield, Wanda Stringfield and Michelle McCoy, mentors from Women of Colors' Science and Future Technology Program (SaFT) provided guests with hands-on demonstrations at First Ward's end of the Summer celebration.



Students and Future Technology (SaFT), is a Women of Colors science education program taught in collaboration with First Ward Community Center, Saginaw Learn to Earn Academy and Saginaw Valley State University. The goal of the SaFT program is to bring advanced Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) training to disadvantaged students in the Saginaw area. **For more information on SaFT, please call 989.737.9286**



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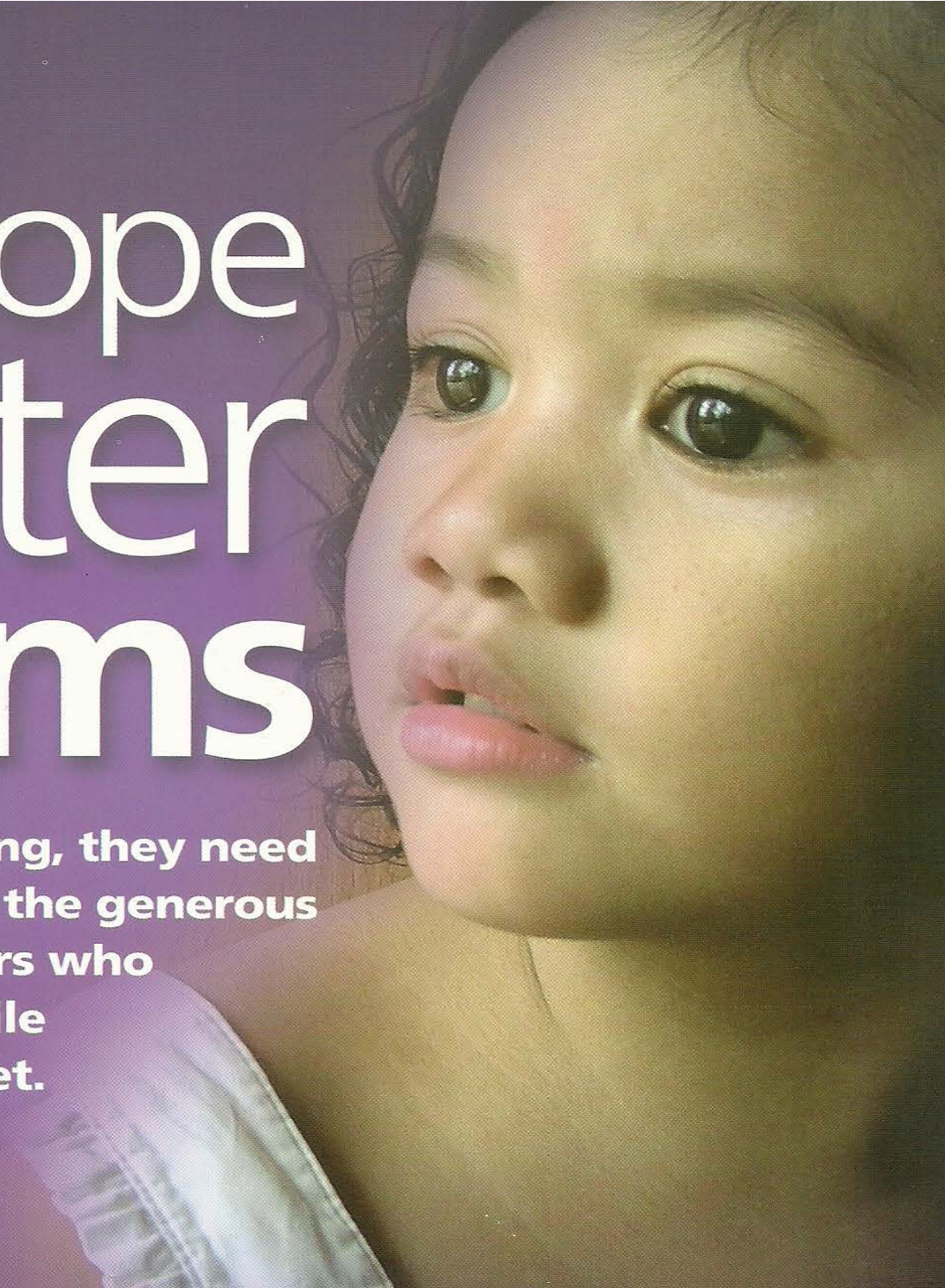
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

President Trump Approves Gov. Snyder's Request for Disaster Declaration due to Mid-Michigan Flooding

LANSING, Mich.- Gov. Rick Snyder today announced President Donald Trump has declared a major disaster area for four counties in mid-Michigan due to severe storms on June 22-23 that resulted in severe flood damage. The affected counties include: Bay, Gladwin, Isabella and Midland, as well as the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe within Isabella County.

“The losses sustained by these communities have been severe due to the magnitude of the flash flooding,” Snyder said. “This presidential declaration is an important step in our continuing efforts to provide assistance and help Michigan families and businesses recover from the effects of this disaster.”

With this declaration, communities statewide are now also eligible to participate in the hazard mitigation assistance program that can help reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards. Mitigation measures reduce personal loss, save lives and lessen the cost of responding to and recovering from future disasters.

“I strongly encourage communities to seize the opportunity for hazard mitigation assistance to enhance the safety of Michigan’s residents,” said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, commander of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD). “With federal aid, our communities can initiate projects to save lives and protect public property and health.”

In addition to the presidential declaration for individual assistance and hazard mitigation assistance, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has made low-interest disaster loans available to residents and businesses in Bay, Gladwin, Isabella and Midland counties. Additional information about the SBA disaster assistance program is available at www.sba.gov.

The presidential declaration does not include assistance for costs incurred by state and local governments due to damage to public facilities and infrastructures because those costs did not meet the federal threshold for assistance. However, Gov. Snyder has opened the state’s Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund, which allows eligible local governments affected by the flooding to apply for assistance grants for up to \$100,000 or 10 percent of the previous year’s operating budget, whichever is less.



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Presidential Disaster Declaration Timeline

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley declared a “state of disaster” for Isabella and Midland counties on June 23. On June 28, Gov. Rick Snyder instructed the Michigan State Police to amend the “state of disaster” declaration to include Bay and Gladwin counties.

By declaring a “state of disaster,” the State of Michigan made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area, as outlined in the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.

Based on information provided by the MSP/EMHSD, state leaders requested a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) with federal and local leaders to review and validate the most severely damaged homes, businesses and public facilities across mid-Michigan.

The teams conducted their assessments from July 6 to July 9. State officials assessed the results and determined the extent of damage reached the level for receiving federal assistance.

On July 21, Governor Snyder requested that President Trump declare a major disaster as a result of the flooding damage in Bay, Isabella, Gladwin and Midland counties.



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Bay City, Saginaw and Flint among nineteen cities across Michigan to receive funding for residential and commercial blight elimination projects

LANSING, Mich. – Nineteen cities across Michigan will receive funding for residential and commercial blight elimination projects using more than \$3.6 million in grants from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Executive Director Earl Poleski announced today.

“An investment in blight elimination is an investment in the future of our great state,” Poleski said. “These blight grants will trigger economic growth and improve public safety in towns and neighborhoods from the U.P. to southeastern Michigan.”

County land banks and local units of government were invited to submit eligible projects for a MSHDA-funded blight elimination grant opportunity by late June. The call for applications asked for project proposals that would lead to improved public safety, stabilized or increased property values and/or support efforts that were currently in progress.

All structures targeted for demolition are vacant, publicly-owned and meet specific blight criteria including being deemed a public nuisance, identified as dangerous to public safety or have had critical internal systems disconnected or rendered ineffective.

The maximum award amount was set at \$25,000 per residential structure, or \$100,000 per commercial structure. Residential proposals had to prove that the building’s last use was as a multi- or single-family residential structure and commercial projects had to be part of development plans with existing funding commitments and required a local match of at least 10 percent.

Thirty-six applications came in from all over the state, totaling nearly \$6.2 million in requests for funding.

City of Bay City Grant amount: \$250,000

The funding will be utilized in Bay City to demolish 22 tax-foreclosed structures identified in Bay City’s Housing Improvement Strategy or that fall within areas that have been targeted as having highly clustered low state equalized value in the city. Of the 22 structures, three lie outside of target areas, but removal will have a significant impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

City of Saginaw Grant amount: \$500,000

The funding will be utilized in Saginaw to demolish 67 land bank-owned blighted residential structures. Demolition of blighted housing in the area will promote safety and raise property values in neighborhoods. Empty lots allow for businesses to expand, new businesses to grow and new residents to move in.

Genesee County Land Bank Authority Grant amount: \$500,000

The funding will be utilized in Flint to tear down seven blighted commercial properties that are located in key nodes within Flint's Innovation District. The demolition projects will take place in collaboration with public and private sector partners, including the City of Flint, the Flint and Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Genesee Metropolitan Planning Commission, and private developers.

SPORTS

Saginaw Spirit name Troy Smith Head Coach

SAGINAW, Mich. – General Manager Dave Drinkill announced Monday the Saginaw Spirit have hired Troy Smith as the team's eighth Head Coach in franchise history.

“We are very pleased to announce that Troy Smith will be taking over as the next Head Coach of the Saginaw Spirit,” said Drinkill. “When looking for a new coach we had criteria we wanted our new coach to meet and Troy checked off all the boxes. He is a person of high character, is an excellent communicator, and is extremely detailed, prepared, and hardworking. The players and the city of Saginaw will benefit with the addition of him as the Head Coach of the Spirit on and off the ice”

Smith, 39, comes to the Spirit from the Hamilton Bulldogs in the OHL, where he spent the last two seasons as their Associate Coach and Assistant General Manager. Previous to his coaching experience with the Bulldogs, Smith spent nine seasons with the Kitchener Rangers in multiple roles. From 2006-2013, Smith was an Assistant Coach under current San Jose Sharks Head Coach Peter DeBoer and Assistant Coach Steve Spott. After winning the J. Ross Robertson Cup as league champions in 2008, the Rangers were finalist MasterCard Memorial Cup that same year. Smith was a part of Kitchener Rangers teams that appeared in the Western Conference Final in 2010 and again in 2012.

Heading into the 2013-14 season, Smith was promoted to Head Coach of the Rangers. Inheriting a young team, Smith saw a 25-point improvement during the 2014-15 season.

Smith also has coaching experience at the international level, coaching in Hockey Canada's Under-17 program from 2009-2013. As an Assistant, Team Ontario won two gold medals in three years. Smith was promoted to Head Coach of Team Ontario in 2012, where they won a Bronze Medal.

“I would like to thank Dick Garber, Craig Goslin, and Dave Drinkill for this wonderful opportunity to be the head coach of an excellent organization,” said



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the incoming, Troy Smith. “I am excited to work with Chris Lazary and our staff. Dave Drinkill has put together an exciting group of prospects. I am looking forward to helping them grow individually and most importantly, as a team.

Smith also enjoyed a successful playing career that began in 1995 when he was drafted by the Detroit Jr. Red Wings in the 4th round of the OHL Priority Selection. Smith played four seasons for the Detroit Jr. Whalers/Plymouth Whalers, coached by his future boss Peter DeBoer. Smith was extended invites to NHL camps in Colorado in 1996 and Carolina in 1998. After playing four years in the OHL, Smith put his education package to use and went to play hockey at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. The X-Men were National Finalist in 2001 and 2003, before winning the National Championship in 2004. After graduating a champion, Smith played two seasons of Professional hockey from 2004-2006 with time spent in the United Hockey League, Elite Ice Hockey League (United Kingdom), and the ECHL.

“Troy's experience as a player and a coach in the OHL and with Hockey Canada set him apart from the rest of the candidates,” said Spirit GM Dave Drinkill. “He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our staff, and the young group of

talented players we have assembled the past few seasons. I am excited to work with Troy as we continue to build and develop through the draft and stay focused on our current path.”

Spirit President and Managing Partner Craig Goslin added: “On behalf of our owner Dick Garber, along with partners Brandon Bordeaux, Jim Devellano, and Chris Osgood, we welcome Troy Smith to the Saginaw Spirit family.”

“Troy comes to us highly recommended by several well-respected coaches and executives in the OHL and NHL. He also brings a unique resume of OHL head coaching experience, a background in teaching and developing, strong work ethic, and the experience of playing for a U.S. based OHL team in Plymouth for Peter DeBoer and Steve Spott. We also recognized Troy's experience of playing University hockey in Canada at St Francis Xavier as a strong benefit to his resume and a valuable asset to relate and advise major junior-aged players.”

Smith will meet his charges in Saginaw on Monday, August 28th when the players begin Training Camp at The Dow Event Center.

Smith's hire is pending based on approval of immigration paperwork.

SVSU Women's Basketball to hold open tryouts



The Saginaw Valley State University Women's Basketball Team will hold open tryouts on Friday, September 1, 2017 from 1:00-3:00pm. Tryouts will take place inside the James E. O'Neill Jr. Arena on SVSU's campus.

Interested participants must be full-time SVSU students (currently taking at least 12 credit hours) and be in good academic standing. In addition, those interested need to have a completed health physical current within the last six months.

Paperwork from the health physical and ALL "Tryout Package" forms must be submitted to the Women's Basketball Office by 5:00pm on Thursday, August 31, 2017. If documentation is missing, interested participants will NOT be allowed to attend the tryout. The "Tryout Package" can be found at http://www.svsucardinals.com/information/Athletic_Training/PDFS/2015/Tryout_Packet_2015.pdf

For more information about the open tryout, contact assistant coach Ryan Trevithick at (989) 964-7302 or via email at rdtrevit@svsu.edu.

Nicknames, bright gear part of Tigers Players Weekend

New event to take place during all games from Aug. 25-27

DETROIT -- The Tigers have long been known for their iconic Old English D, but their star players have garnered some attention in recent years for their unique looks, from Miguel Cabrera's bright footwear to Victor Martinez's big orange compression sleeve on the road. Later this month, their individual looks will be in the spotlight thanks to a Major League Baseball promotion.

MLB and the MLB Players Association are presenting the inaugural Players Weekend on Aug. 25-27, when all players will wear colorful, non-traditional uniforms featuring alternate designs as well as specially designed caps and socks. Players can put a nickname on the back of their jersey, rather than their last name, and wear uniquely colored spikes, batting gloves, wristbands, sleeves and catching masks.

A preview of the promotion will take place on Sunday, Aug. 20, when the Pirates and Cardinals don alternate uniforms for the first MLB Little League Classic in Williamsport, Pa. The Tigers will get their chance the following weekend in Chicago, where they'll face the White Sox in a three-game series at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The Tigers have been bouncing ideas and requests off each other and off clubhouse manager Jim Schminkel for a while.

"I know everybody's having fun talking about what guys are doing on the back of their jerseys," Michael Fulmer said. "Whether or not some of it goes down, I don't know. But it'll be a good time. It's something different. I don't think it'll be a bad thing."

It'll also go for a good cause: Game-worn jerseys will be auctioned at mlb.com/auctions, with all of the net proceeds donated to the MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation, a collaboration between the MLB and MLB Players Association focused on improving the caliber, effectiveness and availability of amateur baseball and softball programs across the U.S. and Canada.



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Toward that end, each jersey will include a sleeve patch, where each individual player will mark the name of a person he wishes to thank for helping to advance his career. It could be a family member, or a coach, or a friend.

"Any time we can raise some money for charity for the future of the kids, it's a blessing for us," Fulmer said. "It's going to be their world in the future anyways."

Some nicknames are familiar. Cabrera will go with "Miggy" on his jersey, Justin Upton will go with "J-Up," Anibal Sanchez with "Sanchie," and Justin Verlander with simply "JV."

Others take some explanation. Ian Kinsler's nickname of "Bootsie" goes back a decade to his early years in Texas; he spent a month on the disabled list in 2007 with a stress fracture in his left foot.

"That was the nickname [former Rangers manager] Ron Washington gave me," Kinsler said. "He called

me that through my career in Texas, and then when I got here, we got David Price, and then he started calling me that. I don't know how he found out about it. And then [Tigers hitting coach Lloyd] McClendon and Wash are really good friends, so McClendon started calling me that."

Fulmer's nickname of "Fulm Piece" goes back to high school.

"I don't really have a nickname. It's kind of like high school days," Fulmer said. "I didn't know what else to resort to."

Some ideas didn't make the cut. Alex Wilson and Justin Wilson were going to go with "Dale" and "Brennan" in honor of the main characters in the Will Ferrell movie "Step Brothers," but Justin Wilson's trade to the Cubs last week left Alex Wilson on his own. He's still working on an alternative.

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