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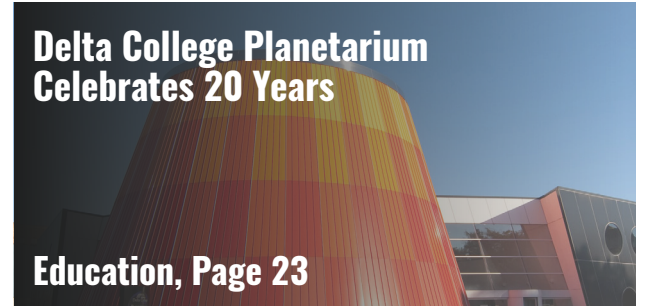
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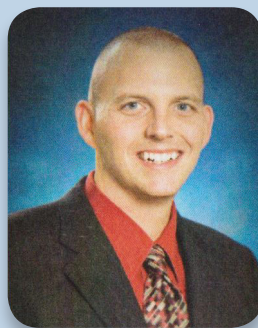


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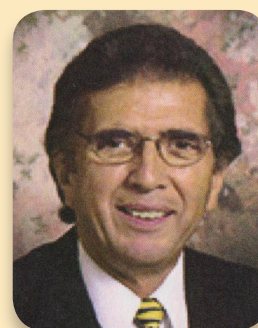
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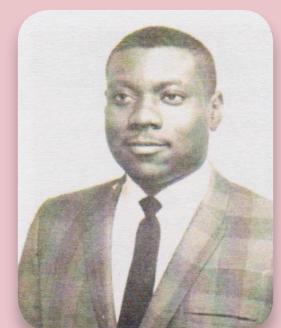
Lieutenant Commander Mike Major

Mike Major, a native of Michigan, earned Bachelors of Arts, Master of Education, and Master of Arts degrees from SVSU. He serves as a Special Projects Officer with Bureau on Naval Personnel in Tennessee and Officer-in-Charge of Operational Support Unit in Saginaw.



David R. Gamez

David Gamez earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from CMU. Gamez is a member of SVSU's Board of Control serving as Vice-Chair. He retired as President and CEO of Health Delivery, Inc. and is a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.



Retired Sergeant George Peebles

George Peebles attended Saginaw High and completed courses at Delta College before enlisting in the US Navy. He later attended MSU and became a member of the Saginaw Police Department where he became Police Detective and later Sergeant.



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Trying to Be a Proud Latina When People Prefer Whiteness—Even in My Mother's Homeland

Stephanie Jimenez

In 1990, I was born with what took 20 years for my Colombian-born mother to attain—U.S. citizenship. But in my predominantly Latino neighborhood in Queens, New York, where Calle Colombia, or Colombia Street, was just a few blocks away from my house and where I ate pan de queso instead of bagels for breakfast, I didn't know I was an American. When people asked where I was from, I'd say Colombia even though I'd never been to the country. Some pitied me when they learned this, as if it were a shame the only impression I had of Colombia was my neighborhood storefronts draped in banderas and smelling like cilantro and beans. I wondered if what I knew of Colombia was as limited a representation of the country as the New York, New York Hotel in Las Vegas is of New York City—in other words, a spectacle.

I applied for a Fulbright teaching position in Colombia my senior year in college, and when I received the email announcing my acceptance, I was so excited that I cried. However, I became disappointed when I saw the names of the other accepted students. There were 30 names on the list, and from what I could tell I was the only Latinx person. My previous study abroad experience with white people, when I was a junior in college, was not ideal. I traveled to South Africa with girls who, before they got off the plane, announced they were looking for “black boyfriends” and sported blond cornrows our second week in Cape Town.

I was pleasantly surprised, initially, when I arrived in Medellín, Colombia, and met the other Fulbrights. In the three days of orientation, I didn't hear jokes about Colombia's reputation for drug trafficking or comments about Latina women as “hot and spicy.” I might have been the only Latinx student in the program, but at that moment I appreciated that my white peers weren't displaying bigoted attitudes and behaviors. Still, I was less interested in making friends with them. Six months into my Fulbright grant, I made a solid group of friends from Medellín, people who graciously took me into their homes, served me meals, taught me to speak better Spanish, and provided real friendship on days that otherwise would have been intolerably lonely.

But none of my new friends had the time or interest to take the touristy, backpacking trips I wanted to do. A few months before my grant ended, I resorted to contacting two other Fulbright students. After months of thinking in Spanish, I was relieved to meet up with them and finally laugh again at English jokes. Although the more time I spent around them, the more annoyed I became, especially because everyone was so nice and welcoming to them, almost as if they were famous.

First, there were the complaints, which I ignored. For example, when Colombian folk songs (called vallenatos) played on the radio, one person commented, “Vallenatos suck.”

Jump to LB4, Proud Latina

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If there were only beans to eat for a meal, they would say “Colombian food is the worst.” Then the stereotypes began. When the van that took us on rafting trips arrived late, they remarked, “Tipica Colombianos”—typical Colombians. I was blown away when one of my travel companions, Eric, called Colombian women “vain” and “brainless.”

I couldn’t join in on the Colombia-bashing, especially because so much of it felt like home. Vallenatos reminded me of my grandfather. Eating beans made me think of my mom’s dinners. Because I was so far away from the people I loved, these things filled me with nostalgia, not loathing.

After a few weeks of traveling together, we departed to our assigned cities but remained in touch. Eventually, we returned to the States. Shortly after, Eric contacted me to say he was visiting New York City for the first time, and asked if he could stay with me. I was still living with my parents, and even though I was hesitant, I felt obligated to say yes—after all, since I never confronted him about his offensive comments, we hadn’t left off on bad terms. But when the time came to pick him up from the airport, it dawned on me that Eric would be meeting my family—a Colombian family that did “typical” Colombian things.

On the night Eric arrived, my parents were having a party. He was met with Spanglish praise when he used my family’s native tongue. “He speaks Spanish perfectly,” my mother commented three times. “It’s amazing he chose to live in Colombia for a year!” my cousin exclaimed. Someone asked him, for the fourth time, how he learned Spanish so well. And just like in Colombia, Eric became the blue-eyed, blond-haired celebrity gringo all over again. I was livid; they didn’t know what he really thought about them.

When I told my mother the next morning that he’d referred to Colombian women as brainless, she laughingly responded, “He seems nice to me.”

After Eric left, I tried to figure out why my parents’ warm embrace of him had made me so

angry. They had never taught me Spanish because they feared it would put me at risk of being ostracized, the same way they had been ostracized for being unable to speak English as children. This meant that like Eric, I struggled to learn Spanish and make friends in a country I’d never been to. But it was Eric who impressed them, not me. In Eric’s presence, it was as if my parents became children again, longing for acceptance from white schoolmates who teased them for having unpronounceable Latino names. Finally, they seemed to think, a white person was able to pronounce all the words of their first language the right way.

But for me, a first-generation Latina who has been to parties where frat boys dressed in sombreros and others in Border Patrol outfits, I am more discerning than my parents are of white people my age, who may not be as overtly racist as the people my parents remember during the 1960s and ’70s. I had heard the nasty things Eric said about Colombia and the people who lived there. I couldn’t help but think that what Eric was doing to my parents was “Hispandering”—a tactic that includes speaking Spanish to win over Latino voters, and used by everyone from George W. Bush to, more recently, Tim Kaine. These important white men, our representatives, rely on the assumption that Latinos will construe speaking their language as caring about them, but, of course, it isn’t that simple.

Even though I am a citizen of only the United States, I’ve spent my whole life identifying as Colombian American, and I always check the “Hispanic” or “Latina” box on forms with ethnic inquiries. When I showed my college professor my Fulbright application, he dissuaded me from mentioning my ethnicity. I was baffled at the time, but it makes sense to me now. For people like Eric, speaking Spanish is seen as a virtue; but for Latinos, it’s seen as proof that we don’t belong in the U.S. and might not deserve to be here.

At the time I was applying for my Fulbright, there was a debate in Arizona about teaching Mexican culture in schools with predominantly Mexican



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American students; white legislators had deemed the classes “anti-American.” How could I be a Fulbright ambassador for the U.S. if being pro-Colombian made me anti-American?

In order for people of color to exist in this country—and to be seen as fully American—we are often forced to denounce parts of our identities. That might explain why my mother hadn’t been back to Colombia in 42 years. When I refused to come home for Christmas during my Fulbright, I knew I was giving her no other choice but to return. Since then, she’s visited the country three times, and I don’t think her becoming a prouder Colombian has made her any less of a proud American. When I ask her where she would rather live, she still says, “Here in New York! Are you crazy?”

I would imagine many, if not most, immigrants feel the same as my mother—that the U.S. cities where they live are the only places they call home. Some assimilate by distancing themselves from their countries of birth, changing their names, or giving up their languages out of fear of stigmatization. At a time when hostility toward immigrants is rampant, it’s up to my generation to reject the concept of the authentic American as someone who looks and sounds white. The U.S. is not one homogeneous identity—it’s a place of our making. It’s a place we can make better for everyone, if we are free to embrace all aspects of our identities and live authentically as ourselves.

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Kolby Holden
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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.

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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.

Dakota Averill
Community Member

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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
Community Member

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HEALTH

Saginaw County Department of Mental Health Honors Employees During National Public Health Week



Pictured left to right: Spirit Awardees Judith Lincoln, Christina Vasquez, Gabriel McGiveron, Sharise Steele-Phillips, Leslie Davenport. (Not pictured: Nathaniel Still)



Pictured left to right: Longevity Awardees Patricia Ritter, Susan Wagner, Connie Brown, Jeremy Maxson, Deborah Rhodes, Judith Lincoln (Not pictured: Lupe Warsin)

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) honored its outstanding employees Friday, April 7, 2017, at the 35th annual V.K. Volk Memorial Lecture. The event is held each year in recognition of National Public Health Week.

The 2017 Employee of the Year was awarded to Steven Ellis for exemplary performance and accomplishment on the job and in the community. Steve has been with the Department for the past 14 years holding various positions and currently serves as Senior Environmental Health Specialist for the Food Service Program. His work involves overseeing activities and inspection schedules in the Environmental Health Food Program, while also performing inspections and plan reviews for food service establishments and body art facilities.

SCDPH annually awards the Richard Calley Distinguished Service Award in recognition of

an individual, organization, or business that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of public health in Saginaw County. This year's honoree is Henry Moon, M.D., a contract physician for the SCDPH Family Planning Program. Dr. Moon is a collaborator, with the intention of providing the best care possible for his clients.

The 2017 Spirit of Public Health Award recipients are Leslie Davenport, Gabriel McGiveron, Christina Vasquez, Nathaniel Still, and Sharise Steele-Phillips. This award is given to those SCDPH employees who embody the spirit of public service and go the extra mile in the performance of job duties and customer service.

SCDPH also annually recognizes staff employment milestones for years of dedicated service to the Department. This year's 2017 Longevity Awards were presented to: Connie Brown, WIC Nutritionist

II for 10 years of service; Deborah Rhodes, Public Health Nurse, Jeremy Maxson, Environmental Health Specialist, Mary Mikulich, Public Health Nurse, and Lupe Warsin, Clerk Interviewer/ Receptionist for 15 years of service; Susan Wagner, Hearing Technician for 20 years of service; and Patricia Ritter, Environmental Health Office Manager for 40 years of service.



Henry Moon pictured with Judith Lincoln, Saginaw County Board of Public Health Chair

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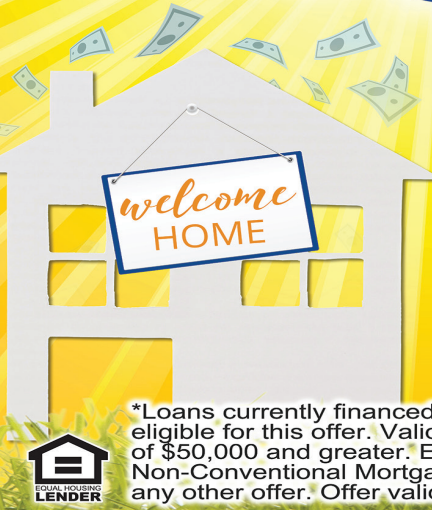


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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

Choosing and Using a Donor Management System

The complaints associated with using technology to support fundraising are many and varied. Unfortunately the “human factor” plays a large role in how well a specific database or tool performs. We touched on a few of these in part one of this series. These include taking the time to evaluate your organization’s technology needs, evaluating how a system integrates with existing hardware; data security; support costs; and correctly estimating start-up, conversion, maintenance, training and staff-related costs.

It is easier to blame technology than to assess human capacity. As with many aspects of infrastructure, the wish is for the challenge to be addressed quickly, inexpensively, and “once and for all.” But that is not always a good long-term perspective. Here’s an alternative: consider the following guidance from Ashley Harper. We asked her a few questions that can help you improve your “human factor.”

Saad&Shaw: What are the dos and don’ts when it comes to managing a donor management system?

Harper: As with any important institutional knowledge, more than one person should understand how to use the system, and processes should be standardized, documented, and adopted by all who use the system. One development professional told me that his boss used to say, “If you don’t document a conversation with a donor in the system, it didn’t happen.” If a donor management system has been working well, think twice about letting a new staff person talk you into converting to a system they prefer or are familiar with. However, an investment in proper training for staff will almost always be worth the cost.

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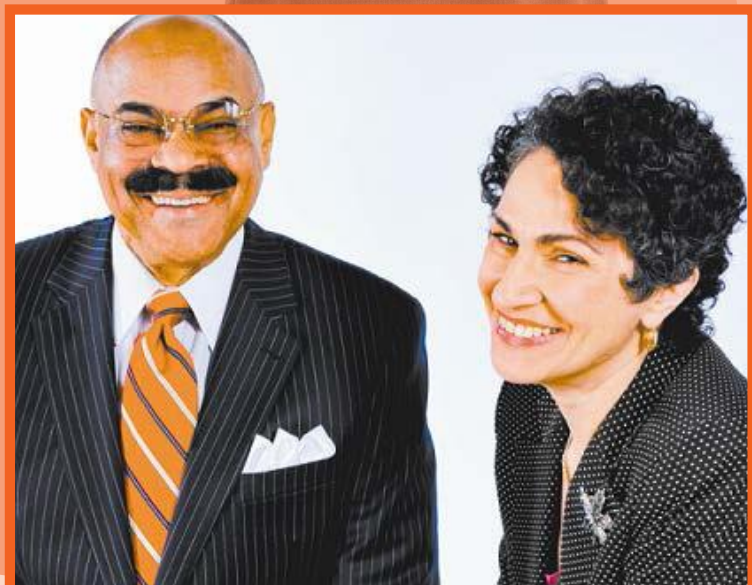
Mel and Pearl Shaw are authors of four books on fundraising available on Amazon.com. For help growing your fundraising visit www.saadandshaw.com or call (901) 522-8727.

Saad&Shaw: What do you consider the “average life” of a donor management system to be? (time period of usefulness before needing to upgrade or buy a new one)

Harper: On average nonprofits are assessing their database systems every two to three years, but that doesn’t necessarily mean they are making a change that often. Unless there are significant needs that the current system cannot meet or vendor support issues, there is no reason to go through a database conversion.

Saad&Shaw: Who are the people within a nonprofit who should have input into the decision of which system to purchase?

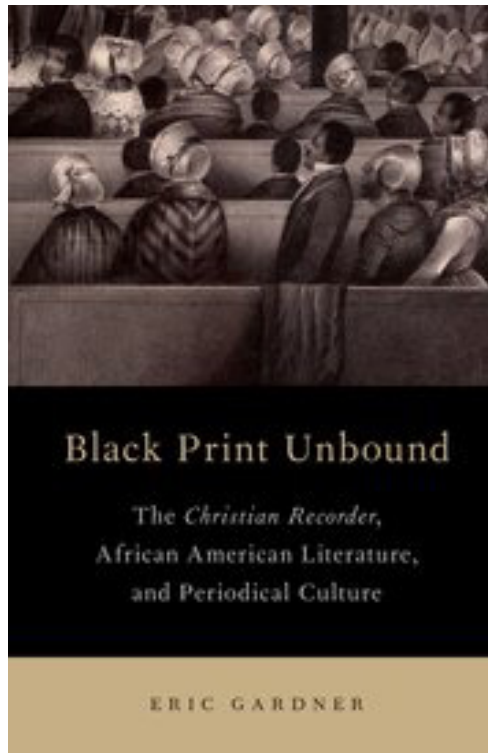
Harper: Ideally, everyone that interacts with the database will have some say in the decision. The buy-in this creates will help when it comes to staff training and use of the new product. Ideally, a team should be assembled with one person leading the team and being the main liaison with the consultant and/or vendor. The team could include one representative from each department that will use the system, with the director of development being the team leader. The complexity and depth of the system will indicate the members needed. For example, if volunteers will be included in the system along with donors, staff members who enter volunteer data should be represented on the team.



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EDUCATION

SVSU Professor Wins National Award for Book on Post-Civil War Black Print



Courtesy Photos

Eric Gardner, professor of English at Saginaw Valley State University, has won his second Book Prize from the Research Society of American Periodicals. The prize awards the best scholarly book on American periodicals published in 2015 and 2016.

Gardner received the honor for his community-minded scholarly work “Black Print Unbound: The Christian Recorder, African American Literature, and Periodical Culture.”

“Black Print Unbound” chronicles the development of the African Methodist Episcopal Church’s newspaper, “The Christian Recorder,” during and just after the Civil War. The book was one of the first full-length studies of an early black newspaper.

As an exploration of a periodical created by African

Americans for African Americans, Gardner’s book details the newspaper’s history, composition, publication, distribution, reception and place in American literary history. Gardner drafted the book with the support of a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.

A panel of three scholars chosen by the Research Society judged the books eligible for the prize. The prize committee said “Black Print Unbound” offers “magisterial vision and imaginative force that will set new standards for periodical scholarship.”

Gardner received the same award in 2010 for “Unexpected Places: Relocating Nineteenth Century African American Literature.” He will formally receive this year’s award at a ceremony at the American Literature Association’s annual conference in May in Boston.

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Celebrate 20 years of star gazing with the Delta College Planetarium & Learning Center at our open house on Saturday, May 13 from 11am – 4pm. Enjoy a day of snacks, prizes and cosmic fun for the entire family.

With its central location in the heart of downtown Bay City, the Delta College Planetarium & Learning Center has been a go-to location for education, business events, celebrations and family-focused activities since opening its doors in 1997.

FUN activities are planned for the entire day. We hope to see you there!

Dr. Slime presentations

11:15am – The Cold of Space an exploration of what atoms and molecules do when they get cold. Do they expand, contract, or explode?

12:15pm – Fun with Chemistry features acids and bases, the mystery of goblins' brew and the disembodied hand from space.

1:15pm – Chemical Collisions will present how atoms and molecules interact to form bonds, break bonds, polymers and explosive decompositions of complex molecules to form simpler molecules.

2:15pm – Illusion Show teaches kids how sound waves travel, demonstrates how to use the scientific method to make observations, and study illusions created by our own minds.

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Photos with Curious George

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COMMUNITY

Underground Railroad, Inc. Celebrates 40th Anniversary

For decades Underground Railroad, Inc. has been dedicated to providing shelter and services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking in Saginaw County. Friday, May 5th marks the 40th anniversary of the organization which opened in 1977 and became the first free-standing shelter for battered women in the State of Michigan.

Founded by a group of local women called Feminists for Social Equality, and backed by funds from The Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church, Underground Railroad opened its first shelter in a house at 528 South Warren Street in Saginaw. During the first two years of operation 750 women and 1300 children were housed in the 4 bedroom, one bathroom house.

As the need for space increased, the group purchased the house next door for \$1 in 1980. It became the new emergency shelter with 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and communal living spaces.

“The name Underground Railroad is not a coincidence,” says Valerie Hoffman, Executive Director. “In the 1970s, spousal abuse was not a crime. Abused women needed help to live a life of freedom from their batterers, and often times that escape was done in secret.”

Since then, Underground Railroad’s presence has become much more public, and they consistently work to educate community members on the dynamics of abuse. The emergency shelter has grown to a 46-bed, 19 bedroom-facility that annually provides over 14,000 nights of safety.

Their services now include a 24/7 helpline, 24-hour emergency response, advocacy and counseling, housing programs, court support and more. In 2008, they opened Underground Railroad Resale store which sells surplus donations to help fund programs for survivors.



Courtesy Photo - Original building located at 528 S Washington

“Forty years later, Underground Railroad is **celebrating a legacy of hope, strength, and change**,” says Hoffman. “Our services are here to help strengthen survivors, but the truth is their successes make us stronger - as an agency and as a community. Their stories are the real inspiration, and we’re honored to be just one stop on their journey.”



Courtesy Photo - 1980 Emergency Shelter Building

All Area Arts Awards Announces 2017 Nominees

Each May, Saginaw's arts community, business and civic leaders gather at the annual gala awards ceremony and reception to celebrate the importance of arts and culture to Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region, and to acknowledge the people and organizations which make it all possible. This year, nine people and three organizations are nominees for the 28th Annual All Area Arts Awards, sponsored by the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission. The awards banquet and announcement of the winner(s) from the nominees will take place from 6-9pm Wednesday, May 3, in The Red Room at The Dow Event Center, 303 Johnson. The event is open to the public and tickets are on sale for \$40 per person by calling 989-759-1363 ext. 223.



Bill Brinker

After a long career in advertising as a designer and illustrator, Brinker focused on his fine art, developing his watercolor, oil and pencil techniques in the process. He teaches watercolor classes from his home studio and at Studio 23/The Arts Center in Bay City.



Kujuanna A. Ray

Ray used her entrepreneurial creative ability to launch U Me Paint in Old Town Saginaw, an upscale environment that allows everyone regardless of age to unleash their inner artistic ability.



Donna Branch-Cottrell and Larsen Cottrell

Donna and Larsen recently opened Gingerblue Gallery in Old Town Saginaw's historic Graebner building. Their mission is to create an art space for all visual artists -- not only local artists, but national and international ones as well.



Patricia Yockey

Yockey has made a life-long commitment to the arts by painting, singing and writing poetry. Her artwork has been on exhibit at numerous locations throughout the region and she is now Superintendent of Art and Photography for the Saginaw County Fair, where she has volunteered for 45 years.



Mary and Jim Fives

Mary is an art instructor and head of the award-winning art program at the SISD Transitions Center, giving students with disabilities a voice through art. Jim operates an art and sign studio in Saginaw and for more than 30 years has created mural and sign work.



GDX Quality Theatre: Ballet and Opera in Theatre

Thanks to the commitment of Michigan-based Goodrich Quality Theaters, audiences in Saginaw and the surrounding communities have access to the best live in HD cultural entertainment from the stages of two world-class performing groups: the Bolshoi Ballet and the Metropolitan Opera.



Desmond Q Laury

An underground Saginaw rapper better known as Dizzy Bates, Laury has made a commitment to underprivileged youth with the creation of the "Saginaw Dance Show."



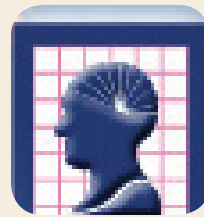
Great Lakes Bay En Plein Air Festival

Sponsored by the Saginaw Art Museum, the June festival attracts visitors and artists to the Great Lakes Bay Region to view and participate in a week of en plein air (outdoor) painting.



Ann Russell-Lutenske

A Saginaw native and one-time theater professional with no formal music or acting degree, Russell-Lutenske has been an integral presence in the regional theater and music scene for more than four decades.



Field Neurosciences Institute

Each fall, FNI hosts a "Field of Hope" gala fundraiser at the historic Temple Theatre. The event headlines local entertainers such as Mike Brush and the Bijou Orchestra and nationally recognized entertainers including Brian D'Arcy James and Kevin Cole.



Sabrina Beeman-Jackson
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Leeodeas Faulk of Birch Run will serve as Grand Marshal of the 2017 Memorial Day Parade



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Positive Results Downtown today announced that Leeodeas Faulk of Birch Run will serve as Grand Marshal of the 2017 Memorial Day Parade.

Sgt. Leeodeas Faulk (pictured) served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam in Japan, Alaska, Greenland, Germany and Mayaguana Island. He was in both the US Army and the U. S. Air Force.

Honors received while in service include 12 ribbons, four Bronze Stars, three Battle Stars, three Service Medals and one Accommodation Ribbon from the President of South Korea.

Born in Tuskegee, Ala., and retired for 21 years, Sgt. Faulk, 91, is married and has three children. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and camping. He belongs to the American Legion 40 & 8, the Lion's Club and the Elks Lodge.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade hosted by Positive Results Downtown and The Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 29.



Upcoming Shiawassee NWR Events



Earth Day Refuge Clean-Up
10am @ *Refuge HQ

04.22

Do your part for Earth Day and volunteer to help clean up litter and invasive species in and around the refuge. Learn about other ways that you can help your local wildlife and waterways throughout the whole year too.

06.01

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National Trails Day Hikes
1pm @ **Green Point ELC

06.03

Join Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in celebrating National Trails Day! Join us on a Ranger led afternoon Saturday Stroll at Green Point Environmental Learning Center. Please dress for the weather and don't forget your boots!

06.10

35th Annual Great Saginaw
River Kid's Free Fishing Day
(1 Ezra Rust Drive, Saginaw)



Taking place on Saginaw's Ojibway Island during the Michigan DNR's Free Fishing Weekend, Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge will be partnering to offer free fishing activities and opportunities with free bait and participation prizes while supplies last. Children ages 3-15 can compete for additional prizes. This is a catch and release event. Registration opens at 7:30am. Event 8-10am.



2nd Annual Free Family Backyard
Field Day
10am - 2pm @ **Green Point ELC

06.24

This event will highlight free, fun activities for families outdoors. Pack a picnic lunch and join U.S. Fish and Wildlife staff and partners as we play and host playground games, scavenger hunts, nature crafts, fishing, pond exploration, face painting, and demonstrations among other activities. Free and open to all ages.

Questions: Call 989-759-1669 or Email: shiawassee@fws.gov

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Debit Card and PELL Grant Scams Ramping Up

In an effort to inform individuals, area credit unions would like to make the public aware of two active scams going on in our region. Although it has been ongoing, the frequency and the boldness of the scammers are ramping up. There are two major types of scams currently being committed that affect area residents and financial institutions:

Debit/ATM Card Scams

Debit/ATM Card scams are perpetuated by individuals who are actively looking for persons who want to make money or make them feel they are helping someone out by giving them their debit/ATM card and PIN number. Once they have obtained the cards they will make fictitious deposits, usually empty envelope deposits, to the account and then turn around and withdraw funds via an ATM withdrawal in increments up to the maximum allowed for that financial institution. What the member/customer doesn't realize is that by selling their card, they have become part of the fraud and are responsible for any losses on their account. These scammers have become so bold as to post on social media that they are looking for people who are willing to sell their debit cards to area financial institutions.

PELL Grant Scam

The PELL Grant scam has surfaced with individuals being notified that they are eligible to receive a PELL Grant (used for education purposes) even though they may not be in school or planning to go to school. It becomes a perceived opportunity for assumed free money. Scammers are asking them to send them money and then they would send the grant back. The scammers just need their account information. As soon as they have it, they have gained access to draining that person's account. The only way PELL Grants are given is if the person actually applies to receive the grant. Opportunities for PELL Grants will not be solicited.



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Most individuals understand that if something sounds too good to be true, that it probably is. But we have others that may see it as a quick way to get a few extra dollars without understanding that by doing so, they are committing fraud themselves.

As credit unions, we have decided to take an active stand to inform our members and the public that this is taking place and to be aware if they are approached. This is a scam that could cost them significant money and legal issues.

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"Re: Saginaw", a Documentary about Saginaw to premier at Patch Work Festival

Saginaw native, Alexander Mixer, will premier his documentary Re:Saginaw at the Patchwork Art and Music Festival on May 7 at the Pit & Balcony Theatre in Saginaw. It is the first full length feature by Patchwork's own Alexander Mixer. The film celebrates the ethos of Patchwork and the city of Saginaw: The common people doing their best to make big things happen. Mixer aims to highlight the positive attributes Saginaw has to offer and after over 3 years of working on the film, he has interviewed a variety of locals from a former mayor to community leaders to a former prisoner.

To learn more about Re:Saginaw visit [facebook.com/ReSaginaw](https://www.facebook.com/ReSaginaw)

To learn more about the Patchwork Art & Music Festival visit patchworkis.com

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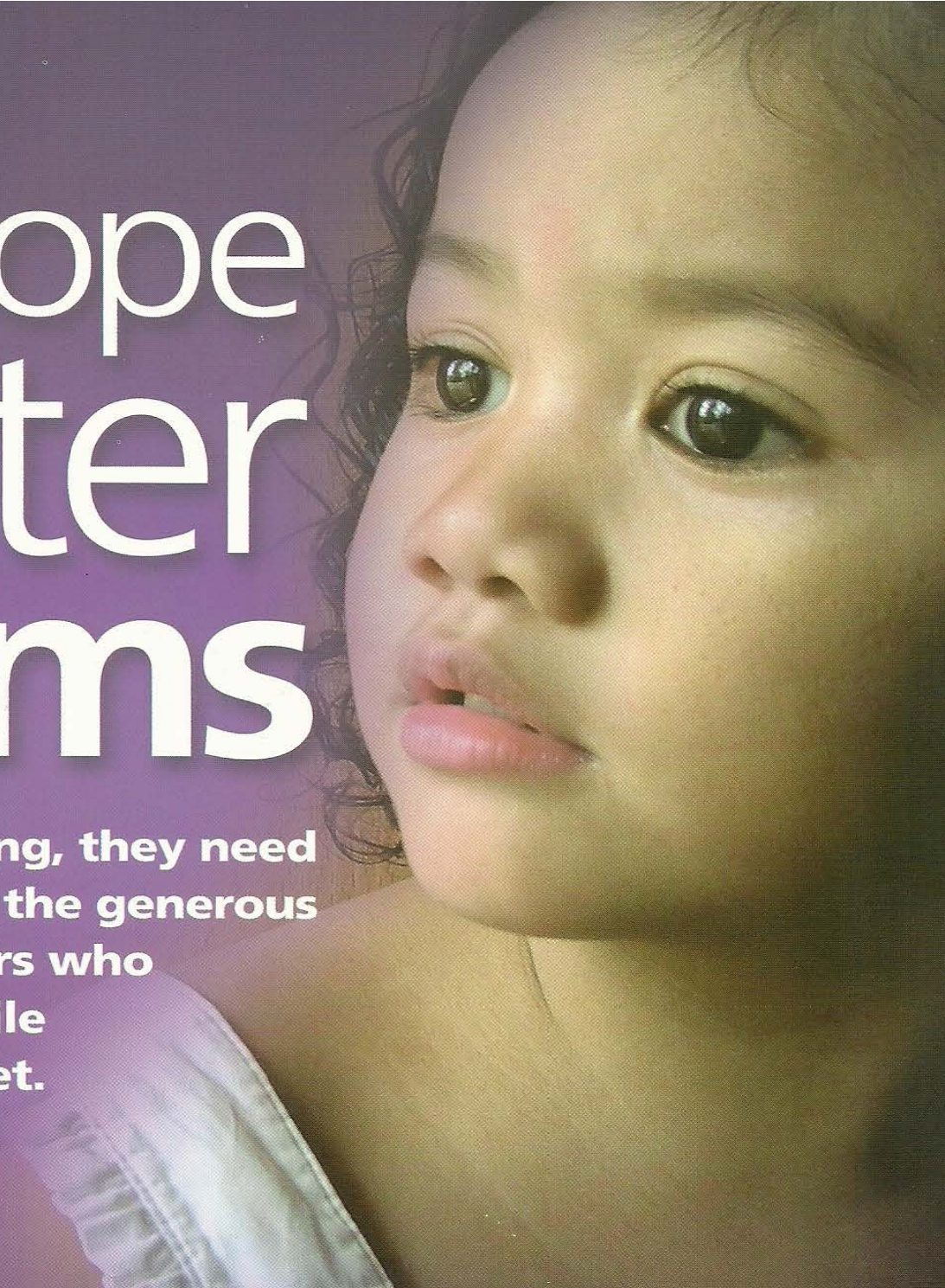
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Statement by Congressman Dan Kildee on Revised Trumpcare Bill



Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) issued the following statement today on renewed Republican attempts to pass their health care bill, Trumpcare, that would mean higher costs for worse care and would

take away protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions:

“Trumpcare is a terrible plan that means higher costs and less coverage for Americans. Not only does it kick 24 million people off of their insurance, it also steals from Medicare and creates a crushing age tax on older Americans.

“Republicans have somehow found a way to make Trumpcare worse. Republicans now want to allow insurance companies to discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions like diabetes, asthma or cancer. Under Trumpcare, people with pre-existing conditions would no longer be guaranteed access to care. Those who are still fortunate enough to have insurance would face higher premiums, prescription drug costs and deductibles.

“Perhaps most egregious is that Republicans amended the bill to exempt their own health care from these changes. If Republicans don’t want Trumpcare themselves, why are they pushing it on your family? Congress should get no special treatment whatsoever. Trumpcare is a dangerous and reckless plan that will cost lives.”

Gov. Rick Snyder Signs Legislation to Help Bolster Energy Efficiency Upgrades for School Districts

LANSING, Mich. – School districts can now use Lease Purchase Agreements as a way to finance energy efficiency upgrades, under legislation signed today by Gov. Rick Snyder.

“Michigan is on the right path toward a better and brighter energy future, and this legislation helps schools modernize and boost energy efficiency in their facilities,” Snyder said. “This is another important step forward in our work to help ensure reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for all Michiganders.”

House Bill 4080, sponsored by state Rep. Beth Griffin, allows school districts to use Lease Purchase Agreements as a method to finance energy efficiency upgrades in their facilities. The bills let school districts enter a multi-year contract with a service provider in order to improve energy conservation. It is now Public Act 23 of 2017.

On Dec. 21, 2016, Gov. Snyder signed landmark legislation that would reform our current energy policies. This milestone for Michigan focused on reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for all its residents and went into effect on April 20.

The Governor’s energy policy reform includes enhancing current programs to identify the cheapest, cleanest energy resource for Michigan. These new laws will ensure the state’s flexibility and adaptability as we continue to change how we produce energy, while making it easier for Michigan to develop its own energy sources and continuing to reduce our reliance on coal purchased from other states. It will also come at an affordable price for our businesses and homes and ensure environmental protections.

For more information on this and other legislation, visit www.legislature.mi.gov.

Michigan Municipal League to Host Community Financial Health Forum

What: Michigan Municipal League will address how local governments across the state are financially struggling. Our statewide initiative, SaveMICity, is working to inform people about this broken system and how it is hurting the economy.

Please join us for our Community Financial Health Forum to join the conversation by discussing possible solutions with executives from MML, Clare, Alma and Mount Pleasant local government.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

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WHEN

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WHERE

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**BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP, MI
PLANNING COMMISSION****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP 2017 MASTER PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended (the Michigan Planning Enabling Act), as amended, the Buena Vista Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing **Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Buena Vista Township Hall, located at 1160 South Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan, 48601.

The Buena Vista Planning Commission is currently updating the Township's Master Plan and Future Land Use Map as part of the required five-year review and update of the Plan. The proposed changes are intended to bring the plan into compliance with the requirements of Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended (the Michigan Planning Enabling Act). In addition, the amendments ensure the goals and vision presented in the Plan are consistent with the current vision of the Township.

A 63-day public review period has been conducted and Planning Commission will consider comments received and any additional comment provided at the Public Hearing. The Planning Commission will hear comments on the proposed Master Plan and Future Land Use Map and will consider the recommending the adoption of the Master Plan to Township Board of Trustees.

Buena Vista Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Buena Vista Township at 989-754-6536.

The draft Master Plan and Future Land Use Map are available for review at the Buena Vista Township Hall, located at 1160 Outer Drive, Saginaw, Michigan, 48601.

George Drain, Planning Commission Chair

SPORTS

Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame 2017 inductees

At a press conference at the Castle Museum the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame announced the Class of 2017 inductees. Seven individuals and three teams will be enshrined on Sunday, November 5th at the Horizons Conference Center. Tickets are \$50 each and can be obtained by any Hall of Fame board member, Horizons Conference Center, or the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History.

This year's inductees include:

- Dale Brown (Carrollton High School)
- Jim Eurick (Football Coach)
- Erinn Reed (Saginaw High School)
- Marvin Wright (Arthur Hill)
- Hemlock's state champion cross country teams (2001)
- Jim Buckley (Saginaw News)
- Frank Picard (Saginaw High School)
- Clifton Ryan (Arthur Hill)
- Arthur Hill's state champion football team (1991)
- Hemlock's state champion cross country teams (2002)



Tigers to Host Sixth Annual Pink Out The Park on May 17

The Detroit Tigers and Kroger are teaming up with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for the sixth annual Pink Out the Park at the Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles game on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:10 p.m., at Comerica Park. The evening's festivities will celebrate and honor those touched by breast cancer. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to the game to support breast health awareness.

Special ticket packages are available and on-sale now. Packages include a donation to support breast cancer research at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, a game ticket and a 2017 limited edition Pink Out the Park t-shirt. To learn more and purchase your ticket package, visit tigers.com/pinkout.

During Pink Out the Park, the Detroit Tigers will support Major League Baseball's Honorary Bat Girl Contest. Fans can share stories of how they, or their loved ones, are supporting the cause to



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raise awareness and find a cure for breast cancer at HonoraryBatGirl.com. The contest, which launched in 2009, will identify one fan per MLB Club who has a personal connection to breast cancer and

has demonstrated a commitment to battling the disease. Supporters of contest participants have the opportunity to vote online for these inspirational stories.



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Plans for 2017 Midwest League All-Star Game Announced

MIDLAND, Mich. - In anticipation of the 53rd Annual Midwest League All-Star Game presented by GoGreat.com, the Great Lakes Loons are pleased to announce the full schedule of events taking place at Dow Diamond on June 19-20.

The festivities begin at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 19 with a tailgate held on the front lawn of Dow Diamond. It's open to the general public and will not require a ticket. Inflatables, promotional games and other activities will be available for kids, as well as a beer garden with drinks available for purchase for attendees 21 years of age or older.

Gates to Dow Diamond open at 3 p.m. on June 19 in preparation for the High School All-Star Game. Played annually in mid-July, the matchup featuring graduating high school seniors from the surrounding area is set to take place prior to the MWL Home Run Derby. First pitch is scheduled for 4:05 p.m. This will be a ticketed event with your purchase gaining you access to the High School All-Star Game and MWL Home Run Derby.

The Midwest League Home Run Derby presented by Chemical Bank, is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. on Monday, June 19. The competition features eight sluggers from the Midwest League All-Star teams. The format for the derby will follow a shot clock system that will have timed rounds through the finals. The combined ticket for the HSASG and HR Derby are available for \$7 (lawn) and \$10 (reserved box).

Monday's events are capped off by a concert held on the front lawn of Dow Diamond featuring Nashville recording artist Chris Weaver. The following day the City of Midland, Dow Diamond and the Great Lakes Loons will be in the national spotlight for the Midwest League All-Star Game presented by GoGreat.com.

Partnering with the Loons for the entire two-day event is The Dow Chemical Company. Since the team came to Midland in 2007, Dow has been a proud supporter of Great Lakes Loons baseball.



The brightest stars of the Midwest League will descend upon Dow Diamond for festivities surrounding the 2017 Midwest League All-Star Game presented by Go Great Lakes Bay. The excitement begins with MWL Home Run Derby on Monday, June 19 and culminates with the MWL All-Star Game on Tuesday, June 20.

Tickets for the Midwest League All-Star Game and Home Run Derby are on sale right now. All full and half season ticket packages for the Loons 2017 season include tickets for both events. [CLICK THE LOGOS TO BUY TICKETS!](#)



MONDAY, JUNE 19

Tailgate (Games, beer tent, music)
3 p.m. on Dow Diamond front lawn

High School All-Star Game
4 p.m. at Dow Diamond

MWL HR Derby
7 p.m. at Dow Diamond

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Ft. Wayne's Felix Carrasco belted 21 HR's in the '08 MWL Home Run Derby held at Dow Diamond.



TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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East vs. West
7:05 p.m. at Dow Diamond



PIC OF THE WEEK

Saginaw Spirit Partners with Covenant Kids



On April 22, 2017, the Saginaw Spirit was proud to partner with Covenant Kids and make a donation to the Covenant Kids Telethon in the amount of \$4,000.

Covenant Kids has now raised over \$1,000,000 to make life better for local kids and their families.

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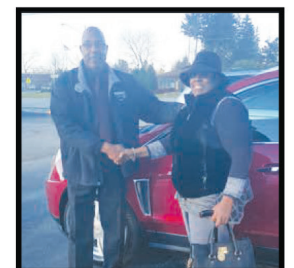
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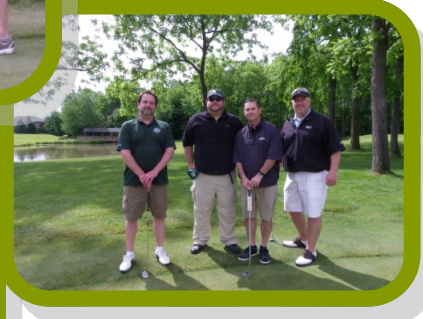
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Major League Baseball, Detroit Tigers Help Kick Off Return of Youth Baseball in Flint



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(FLINT, MICH)— More than 100 Flint area children participated in the PLAY BALL event held at Hardenbrook Park (also known as Jackson Park) on Jackson Avenue Saturday, making the event a big success. Mayor Karen Weaver also attended the event and even did a little pitching to the kids.

“It was so great to see all the kids outside having fun playing a sport so many of us grew up playing,” said Weaver. “This is what kids should be doing in the spring and summer months.”

Major League Baseball teamed up with the Detroit Tigers to host a ‘PLAY BALL’ event to support and promote a new Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program in Flint. Jackson Park RBI will serve as a low-cost baseball and softball league for youth throughout the city. In addition to playing opportunities, RBI programs also emphasize character development and academic success. Kids who participated in the event Saturday, were also able to have their parents/guardians register them for the new Jackson Park RBI program.

The PLAY BALL event feature bat and ball activities that highlight the variety of fun, informal ways baseball and softball can be played. The activities will include: home run derby, running bases, bat & ball games and more. In addition, each participant will receive a bat & ball set to take home along with ‘PLAY BALL’ T-shirts and wristbands.

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