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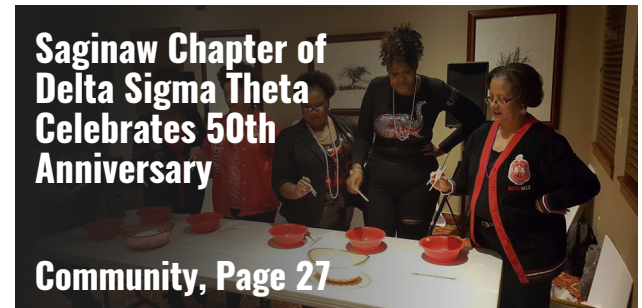
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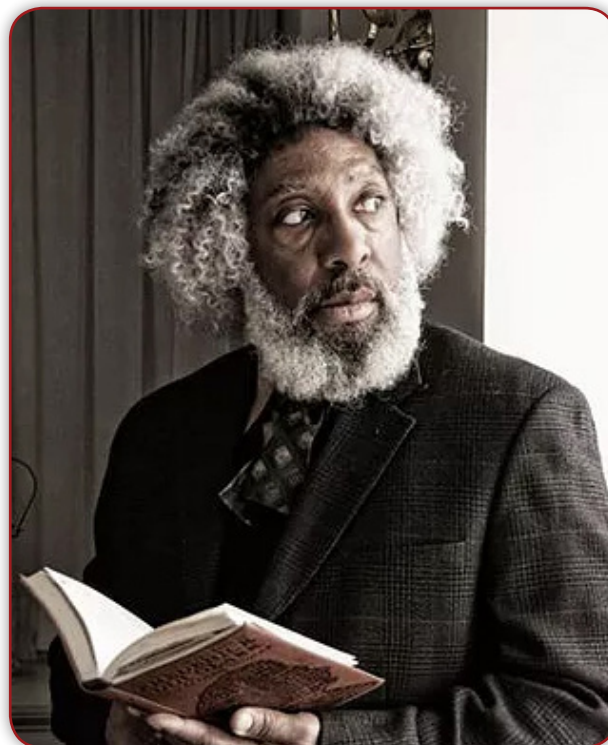
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The Michigan Banner will bring Nathan M. Richardson, an accomplished performance poet to The Heart of the City Community Awards Luncheon



On Friday, November 10, 2017, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate its 15 year anniversary by hosting The Heart of the City Community Awards Luncheon at Horizons Conference Center (6200 State St, Saginaw, MI

48603) from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. The event will also serve as a fundraiser for its non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach and The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship.

Awards will be presented to 27 individuals and organizations in the Great Lakes Bay region who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative. Award categories include: Impact Turnaround Award, Outstanding Business Award, Leadership Award, Rising Business Award, Visionary Award, Motivation Award, Moderator of the Year Award, Outstanding Journalism Award, Diversity Award, and Outstanding Non-Profit Award.

Additionally, The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship will be awarded to three high school seniors.

Jamie Sherrod from, TV5 news anchor and Bridget Looby, VP of Community Affairs at Catholic Federal Credit Union will emcee the luncheon.

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Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 10th, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate 15 years of positive, informative and inspiring news in the Great Lakes Bay and Flint region.

The Michigan Banner *Heart of the City Awards* luncheon will take place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Horizons Conference Center and will pay tribute to past, present and future community members and organizations who are committed to service and volunteerism in the Great Lakes Bay area.

We understand the vitality and growth of a community depends greatly on its individuals and organizations. It gives us great pleasure to celebrate 15 years of service by recognizing the people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative.

Several community awards will be presented including: Saginaw County Community Impact Award, Outstanding Business Award, Leadership Award and Outstanding Journalism/Media Award.

There are many sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. As a sponsor not only will you help support The Michigan Banner Newspaper's 15 year Anniversary event but you will also help support our non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach.

The Michigan Banner Outreach, established by Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley in 2010, was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the youth in our communities while creating opportunities for students to gain work-based experience in all phases of media.

**Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley
Scholarship**

The Rae Lynn Tinsley-Buckley Scholarship will be awarded to two High School Seniors. Preference will be given to those students pursuing a degree in journalism.

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The keynote speaker for the luncheon is Nathan M. Richardson, an accomplished performance poet and published author based out of Suffolk, Virginia. His published collections are “Likeness of Being” and “Twenty-one Imaginary T-shirts.” He has also contributed to the following anthologies: The Poets Domain, The Cupola, The Channel Marker and Skipping Stones. Richardson teaches a variety of workshops for emerging writers and his past residences include creative writing instructor for the Camp Rise Summer Arts Program which was awarded the 2012 National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award from The White House. Richardson will bring his acclaimed Frederick Douglass Speaking Tour to The Heart of the City Community Awards Luncheon in which he will deliver a remarkable intellectual and physical portrayal of the former slave, writer, orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$40 per person or \$240 for a table (seats 8) and can be purchased by calling Marlana Cork at (989) 239-1214.



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**Monica Palmquist Helps
a City Find a Way to Get
Everyone Involved in
Urban Planning**

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Delta College to host "Beyond the Dream": a dialogue about DACA

With President Trump's administration seeking to repeal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, what does the future hold for the 800,000 people who qualify for the program?

Delta Debates, the Delta College Political Forum Series, is holding a deliberative dialogue on the topic from 6-7:30pm on Monday, November 13 at the Delta College Ricker Center. The event, titled "Beyond the Dream: Perspectives on DACA and Immigration Reform," will feature a panel of experts on the topic including an opportunity for audience members to lend their life experience and perspective to the discussion.

This community-wide dialogue will explore three options to approach immigration reform: keep DACA in place as is; repeal DACA and prioritize deportation and border security; and replace DACA with the Dream Act, which would provide a path to permanent residency for people brought into the country illegally as children. An issue guide will be provided to audience members describing each of these approaches.

On hand to discuss each approach will be:

- Rebeca Ontiveros-Chavez, staff attorney, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

- Oscar Castanada, Director of Operations, Action of Greater Lansing
- Nina Hageness, Host & Producer, Somos Hispanos on PBS WDCQ-TV
- Elisa Urriaga, Ezekiel Project Community Leader on Civil Rights for Immigrants
- State Rep. Vanessa Guerra, Michigan's 95th State House District

The format of the dialogue will be three 30-minute segments that will each begin with the panel sharing their thoughts for 15 minutes, followed by a 15-minute moderated round-table discussion (8-10 audience members and a trained moderator at each table) at which audience members will discuss the pros and cons of the approach.

The event is intended to create a two-way dialogue between decision-makers and the people they represent. Such a "deliberative dialogue" is intended to help participants develop better informed opinions and a greater understanding of the range of solutions and their consequences. In short, we hope to provide the audience with tools to make informed decisions in our democracy.

For more information contact Professor Colleen Wilson-Rood, colleenwilsonrood@delta.edu or call 989-686-9369.

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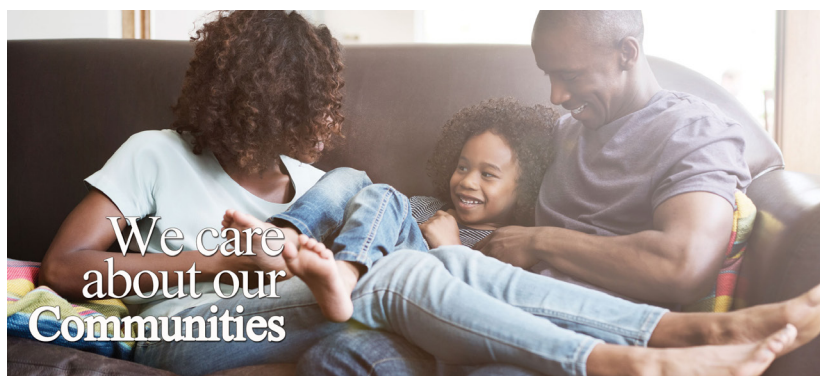
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When Monica Palmquist moved to Cortez, Colorado, in 2010, she was shocked to find that the Hispanic population in a town with a Spanish name had almost no presence in the community’s civic life. Born in Mexico, Palmquist had spent most of her life in the United States, in cities where the Hispanic community was visible and active. In Cortez, where she worked as a community organizer, they were rarely ever seen.

“We were called ‘The Invisible Community,’” Palmquist says. “We don’t get ourselves into trouble. We don’t make noise.” Palmquist had taken it upon herself to go door to door to organize the Hispanic community, and the doors literally did not open. The community has a long history of distrusting public officials, and Palmquist’s status as a fellow Mexican American did not outweigh the perception that she was an outsider.

Palmquist wasn’t the only person to notice the disconnect. Cortez is a diverse, working-class city of 8,500 tucked into the San Juan Mountains, but when city officials started a comprehensive planning effort in 2007, turnout was dismal.

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The city used the usual community engagement process says Kirsten Sackett, who was Cortez' director of planning and building until 2015. They held multiple meetings to gather input, promoted them with ads and posters throughout town, and hoped that people would show up.

They didn't. Groups that were significant portions of the population—including Hispanic, Native American, youth, and people living in poverty—were almost completely absent. The plan that would provide a road map for Cortez' future didn't include the voices of most of its people, Sackett says. As a result, the comprehensive plan didn't lead to improvements in some of the city's most intractable issues, including youth engagement, economic improvement, and the isolation of the town's populations.

Cortez's example is in keeping with the history of urban planning, where exclusion from participation perpetuates inequality and injustice. Multiple examples over time show that marginalized communities can experience rent increases, displacement, or the siting of undesirable facilities such as power plants and highways in their neighborhoods.

In 2011, Sackett applied to have Cortez take part in a pilot program run by the Orton Family Foundation called Community Heart & Soul. The program shifts the emphasis of planning from stakeholders—typically people with power, influence, and money—to everyone.

Community Heart & Soul harnesses residents' passion about their community by pursuing participation from all of the voices and providing people with the tools to be equal partners in determining their future. In the process, it builds strong relationships, engaged leadership, and deep hometown pride. The model has proven successful and has now been taken up by dozens of communities across the United States.

Community Heart & Soul is based on the idea that if people discover together what they are most passionate about preserving and building, they will rally around that shared vision and proactively build their community's future. Where the prevailing ethic for community engagement has been that if people

don't care enough to show up, they don't deserve a voice in the process, with Community Heart & Soul, organizers are accountable for engaging people in ways that are meaningful to them.

"The notion of apathy doesn't exist," says Alece Montez, the director of programs for the foundation. "If you don't have people responding, you didn't reach them in a way that resonates with them." If you don't know how to engage people, you go ask them, she says.

The Community Heart & Soul process begins with creating a profile of who lives and works in the community, identifying people who are traditionally excluded from civic participation, such as homeless, school-age youth, and non-English speaking populations.

Organizers then find "community networks," formal and informal groups of people who associate with each other, such as social clubs and sports teams. It's critical that relationships are established with "connectors," people within those networks who are trusted and can act as advisers and communicators back to the larger community.

The final step is to implement communication and engagement opportunities for each network. Rather than expecting network members to come to meetings, where they may face barriers of language, comfort, convenience, and timing, organizers ask, "How can we engage and listen to them where they are, in ways that are meaningful to them?" This turns the "town hall meeting" concept on its head. There are no expert presenters and no audience. Instead, organizers employ deep listening, using practices that engage people joyfully and creatively in their own setting.

In Cortez, Palmquist began attending dozens of local church services in majority Hispanic neighborhoods, getting to know the clergy and parishioners. Slowly she learned that the community wanted to be involved, but they wanted to do it on their own terms and on their own turf.

The result was the Cortez' first-ever Dieciséis de Septiembre, Mexican Independence Day celebration. The Heart & Soul team funded the event, but the community created it, with their own potluck food and music, in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood. City officials attended,

including the city manager, city council members, and the police chief, who was out of uniform at the community's request. Parent-teacher meetings were held, a help for those parents who couldn't get to their children's schools during working hours. The primary language of the event was Spanish, with English interpreters provided for those who needed them.

More engagement efforts followed, including block parties, recording sessions that documented residents' stories of living in Cortez, and a "Good, Bad, and Ugly" campaign that invited residents to take photos of the best and worst of the city and share them at a local art gallery. Sackett and other organizers distilled the data to create a values statement that incorporated the common themes.

As a result of the process, the city council invested \$600,000 to overhaul its land use code and bring it into alignment with the town's values. To promote the value of diversity and cultural heritage, they created a beautification plan that included asking the local Ute Mountain Ute tribe to design the gateway sign where the state highway led into town. It was the first time that officials and the tribe had collaborated closely.

Also, a new youth board proposed allowing kids to paint the town's drab skate park, resulting in a dramatic drop in graffiti not only in the park, but throughout the entire town.

Palmquist says that organizing efforts in Hispanic neighborhoods used to be all her responsibility. Now she has stepped back, and a diverse array of people is taking ownership of projects.

It took Cortez two years to engage everyone thoroughly, says Shane Hale, Cortez city manager. In the end, they found that the voluminous data boiled down to a handful of common themes around which the town could build their future.

"I'm glad that we went through the process," Hale says. "The city is better for going through it, and we understand better ways to engage our public."

Sackett now embeds Community Heart and Soul into all of her efforts as a planner. "Community Heart and Soul is long-range planning done the right way," she says.

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Our other services include pharmacy, lab, therapy day care, meals and more. There is transportation to and from our PACE center for Adult Day Health or medical appointments. Aides are scheduled to help in the home if needed. PACE participants are responsible for the cost of medical services received

from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE is offered to those who are 55 years or older and meet the medical and financial guidelines. We cover most of the Great Lakes Bay Region and a few nearby areas which are known by zip codes. (See below). Many may choose a nursing home due to being *uninformed* of other choices. Our two Intake Coordinators will answer your questions. Their role is to provide you with information about this amazing program.

Jeri Darby RN and Amanda Shoup SW will be contacting medical professionals, local churches and other organizations to offer informational sessions that will meet your time limits. Individual or group tours are available on walk in basis. Evening tours arranged if needed. Call to schedule a lunch tour for yourself or a group of any size. Help us to empower the seniors of our community to make informed

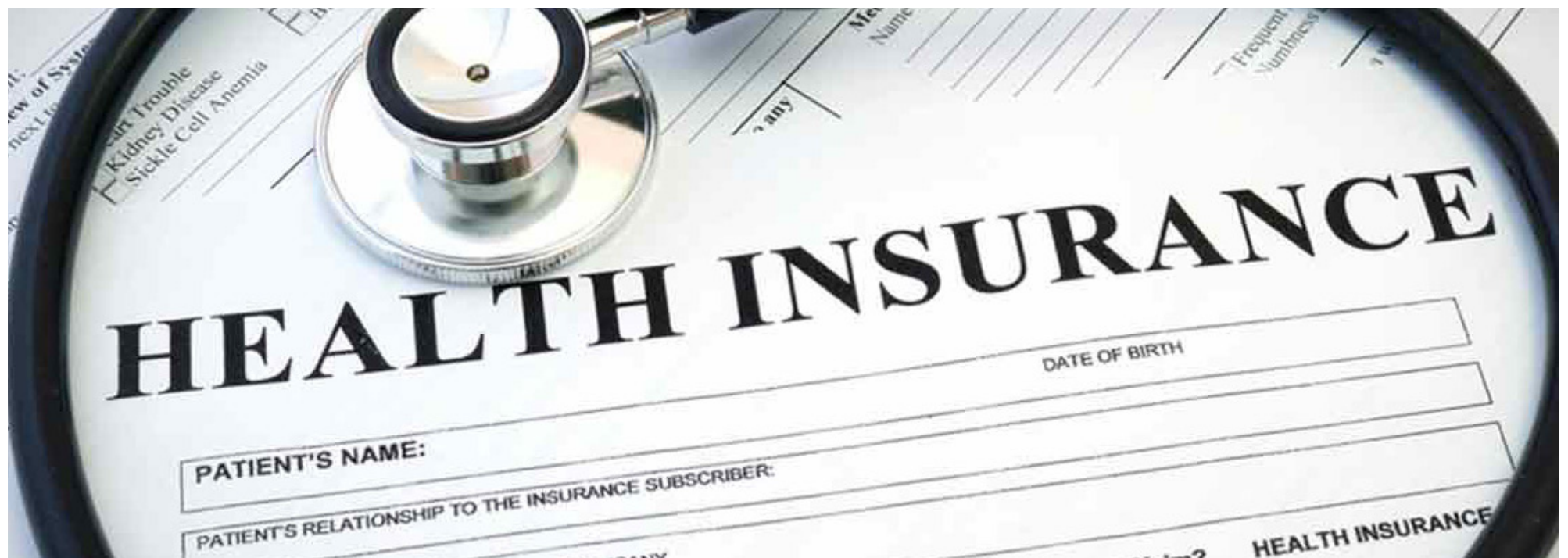
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U-M offers free health insurance help to any Michigan resident, as deadlines loom

Trained counselors from Michigan Medicine can assist with Affordable Care Act plans, Healthy Michigan Plan, Medicare and more



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ANN ARBOR, MI – New Year’s Eve is still two months away, but the time to nail down health insurance choices for 2018 is right now.

And once again, a team of University of Michigan experts can provide free help to any Michigan resident who needs to find the right coverage for them and their family.

A dozen trained insurance enrollment counselors at Michigan Medicine, U-M’s academic medical center, have the latest information about plans, rates and financial assistance.

Anyone, no matter whether they have ever had a U-M doctor or not, can call the team at 877-326-9155 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday to Friday, or email PFC-Counselors@med.umich.edu.

Recent news about the Affordable Care Act may leave some people worried they can’t find or afford coverage, if they don’t already get insurance from their job.

But the U-M counselors say that for many people, the changes that have been in the news won’t affect them nearly as much as they might think. In fact, some people may even find better coverage for less money than they would have last year at this time.

The most important thing to do is to explore options as soon as possible, both for people who don’t have insurance right now, and those who buy their own insurance but might want to change it or see what their plan will cost in 2018.

Open enrollment for individual and family insurance

plans offered on the Healthcare.gov Marketplace begins Wednesday, Nov. 1 and continues until December 15. Medicare open enrollment began recently and continues until December 7.

Other types of coverage, including the Healthy Michigan Plan for lower-income Michiganders, can enroll people year-round. The U-M team can help with those, too.

The team’s members offer in-person help via appointments and on a walk-in basis on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at several locations on the main U-M medical campus in central Ann Arbor, as well as at Michigan Medicine health centers in northeast Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Brighton.




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In its fourth year, Michigan awards 125 schools with MI HEARTSafe designation, 9 in Saginaw County

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Departments of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and Education (MDE); American Heart Association (AHA); Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA); and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (MAP-SCDY) today awarded 125 schools in Michigan with the MI HEARTSafe School designation which recognizes schools that are prepared to respond to cardiac emergencies.

“Sudden cardiac death of a young person is tragic and some of these events can be prevented with fast, appropriate medical response within three to five minutes” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive of MDHHS. “It is always wonderful to see communities come together to help prepare schools to respond to these medical emergencies.”

In order for a school to receive a MI HEARTSafe School designation, it must perform at least one cardiac emergency response drill per year. This school year, MAP-SCDY has identified the weeks of November 6-10, 2017 and February 5-9, 2018 as CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) drill weeks to remind schools about the importance of practicing for this type of emergency.

Other requirements for the MI HEARTSafe award include having a written medical emergency response plan and team; current CPR/AED certification of at least 10 percent of staff, and 50 percent of coaches including 100 percent of head varsity coaches and 100 percent of P.E. staff; accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying their location; and ensure pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes using the current physical and history form endorsed by the MHSAA.

Since the launch of the MI HEARTSafe program in 2014, at least three people suffering sudden cardiac arrest are known to have been successfully resuscitated at schools that were preparing for or had recently submitted a MI HEARTSafe application.

“We are so proud to support Michigan’s HEARTSafe schools,” said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. “Ensuring schools are prepared for sudden cardiac emergencies through planning, training, and life-saving AEDs is an important part of having safer learning environments for students, staff, and the community.”

This is the fourth year of the MI HEARTSafe Schools program in Michigan. The designation lasts for three years, and this year, 22 schools received their second MI HEARTSafe award. In the first three years of the initiative, 266 schools were designated as MI HEARTSafe Schools and thus better prepared to help reduce the number of sudden cardiac deaths in our youth.

Public Act 12 of 2014 requires all schools (grades kindergarten to 12) to have a cardiac emergency response plan in place, and Public Act 388 of 2016 requires CPR and AED instruction for pupils enrolled in grades 7 through 12. The MI HEARTSafe School designation recognizes the 369 school buildings that have now taken steps above and beyond to prepare to respond in the event of a cardiac emergency.

For the list of designated schools, visit <https://migrc.org/Library/HeartSafeSpotlight.html>.

For more information about the MI HEARTSafe Schools program, visit www.migrc.org/miheartsafe or email MDHHS-MI-HEARTSafe@michigan.gov.

Saginaw County Schools with MI HEARTSafe Designation

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"This is a great opportunity for anyone who has a skill or product offering, that they believe could translate into a successful business, to get started with a solid foundation", according to Tony Fox, SBDC Regional Director at Mid Michigan Community College.

The following sessions will be offered from 6pm-8pm at the Mid Michigan Community College (MMCC) Morey Technical Education Building located at 2600 S. Summerton, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. The training will also be simulcast to satellite locations in Beaverton, Alma, and Harrison - available upon request for those who'd prefer to join from one of those locations.

Online registration is available at www.SBDCMichigan.org and individuals interested in learning more are encouraged to contact their local office at sbdc@midmich.edu.

The Michigan Small Business Development Center provides counseling, business education, information based planning and technology commercialization services to Michigan's new business ventures, existing small businesses, growing businesses and innovators. The Mid Michigan SBDC Regional Center is located at the Mid Michigan Community College's Morey Technical Education Center in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

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Greater Michigan Construction Academy Receives \$20,000 Grant from Team One Credit union and MCUF



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Team One Credit Union and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation (MCUF) proudly presented a combined \$20,000 grant to the Greater Michigan Construction Academy to train students for careers in the high demand field of skilled trades.

This Community Reinvestment grant provides funds for training of high school juniors and seniors interested in skilled trades in Genesee, Tuscola and Sanilac counties through GMCA's nationally certified pre-apprenticeship program. Students will

receive training in electrical, HVAC, welding, carpentry and plumbing. STEM training, financial literacy and budgeting will also be key components of the training program.

The purpose of the grant is to provide students in these counties with the opportunity to pursue a career path that leads to employment in one of the thousands of current and future high paying skilled trade jobs available and in turn, help build stronger Michigan communities now and in the future.

Hidden Harvest Announces 2017-18 Board of Trustees

HIDDEN HARVEST is proud to announce our 2017-2018 Board of Trustees who are devoted to our mission of alleviating hunger and ending food waste in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The new board chair is Linda McGee, Vice President of Member Development at Wildfire Credit Union. Others elected to our board leadership include Vice Chair Fr. Bert Gohm (retired priest), Secretary Diana Gutierrez (Counseling/Advising & Career Services at Delta College) and Treasurer Dave Homan (Executive Director, Oakbridge Inn).

New members of the HIDDEN HARVEST Board of Trustees include:

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A fundraising coach can provide guidance, directions, suggestions and professional development for people at all levels within an organization or institution who have a responsibility for fundraising. Sometimes that person is the executive director. This can be the case when a person is new in this role and has strong content knowledge; is a former board member; or a well known community member, for example. In these cases – and others – he or she may not have deep experience in the area of fundraising, even though he or she will ultimately be responsible for fundraising and for hiring, managing and retaining a fundraising team.

In this case, a coach can work closely with the executive director to help set goals; provide guidance in hiring fundraising staff; and most importantly communicate what he or she as the executive director needs to do on a daily basis in order to ensure the organization's financial health.

Likewise, coaching can assist vice presidents, development directors and those new to the career. They can provide specific guidance on implementing strategies, managing volunteers, and engaging board members. Coaching is also ideal for board members, especially those who serve as chair of the board or chair of the development committee.

Here are a few things you can gain from working with a fundraising coach. You can learn about fundraising and management trends you may not be aware of. A coach can help you with general and specific problem solving. You can learn techniques for managing your fund development team, and increase your understanding of best practices. Your organization may have job descriptions for everyone, but what are the roles and responsibilities for board members? How are these communicated? What are the metrics? Who decides these? Working with a coach can help you and your organization address these issues.

No one has to know you are working with a coach. Your coach is an ally who helps you and your organization grow to the next level. You don't have to tell anyone – you just need to be smart enough to ask for help.

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EDUCATION

SVSU receives \$3 million federal grant to boost student success and retention

Saginaw Valley State University is poised to accelerate improvement in student retention and graduation rates after receiving a \$3 million, five-year Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Only seven universities in the nation were selected to receive funding.

“We were chosen through a highly competitive process,” said Donald Bachand, SVSU president. “I really appreciate the efforts of this dedicated team that developed our application. It is gratifying to see their hard work rewarded.

“Our students are the real winners here, because the increased services we will be able to provide them will have very real results. We will deliver improved resources for more students to meet their math requirements. We will increase the number of scholarships we are able to provide. We will implement a summer transition program to help arriving freshmen. All of this will support the academic success of our determined students and help them complete degrees more quickly.

“Having more students graduate in a timely fashion is good for them; it’s good for us; it’s good for the state, and it’s good for the employers that hire our graduates.”

SVSU’s retention rate has risen for seven consecutive years to 74.4 percent this fall, an increase from 68 percent in 2011. Higher retention rates generally result in higher graduation rates in future years.

Internal data shows that SVSU students who utilize available resources such as the tutoring services in the Center for Academic Achievement report higher grades and are more likely to remain enrolled. Grant funds will be used to strengthen existing programs and add new initiatives in targeted areas.

The five-year award will provide funding in five key areas:

1. Updating courses and offering supplemental instruction and embedded tutoring for students who need support to be successful in college-level math. This will promote effective teaching and learning designed to increase student retention.
2. Developing online educational materials to reduce textbook costs in general education courses. Funding will also support an instructional designer and internal grants to implement innovative curriculum in basic skills and general education.
3. Hiring a transition coordinator to serve incoming freshmen and hosting a four-day summer bridge program for cohorts of students to aid their transition to college. Such programs have been shown to improve student success.
4. Using technology to create a student analytics and business intelligence framework to improve student services and communication, including individualized targeted student notification to increase student retention and success rates for all students.
5. Expanding scholarship opportunities for students. The grant provides \$600,000 that will be matched through private donations to the SVSU Foundation to establish a \$1.2 million endowment to award scholarships to students as a retention tool to help offset their financial burden.
6. The funds come from the U.S. Department of Education’s Strengthening Institutions Program, which provides grants to eligible institutions to help them become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the institution's academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability.

MCC to host summit on college success for young men of color

As part of its commitment to improving the retention and graduation rates among male students of color, Mott Community College (MCC) will host “Awaken My Youth: Stay Woke!” a summit supporting male diversity in education Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Event Center on the main campus in Flint.

The summit is designed to address challenges faced by young men of color – barriers that prevent them from fulfilling academic and professional goals – and help them develop the skills to overcome those barriers.

“We are excited to be able to present Dr. Adolph Brown III, internationally renowned master educator, and Javier Trejo, an educator and mentor in youth advancement, as our keynote speakers,” said Lennetta Coney, President of The Foundation for Mott Community College. In addition to the speakers, there will be a series of breakout sessions focused on education, health and safety, targeted at two age group, young men aged 12-17, and men aged 18+ and older.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are strongly encouraged to register by calling The Foundation for MCC at (810) 762-0425 or at mcceventsonline.com, as seating is limited. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Dr. Adolph Brown is an accomplished master teacher, CEO of a multi-million-dollar corporation, author & humorist on topics related to Education & Workplace issues. Read more at <http://www.docspeaks.com/>

Javier Trejo is a technology guru who is passionate about sharing his experiences as a Mexican teenager in public education in America. Read more at <http://www.docandfriends.com/speakers/javier-trejo>

Committed to initiatives aimed at enhancing retention and graduation rates, MCC launched its Closing the Achievement Gap initiative in 2016. The “achievement gap” in education refers to the disparity in academic performance between groups of students. It is often used to describe performance gaps between male students of color and their white peers.

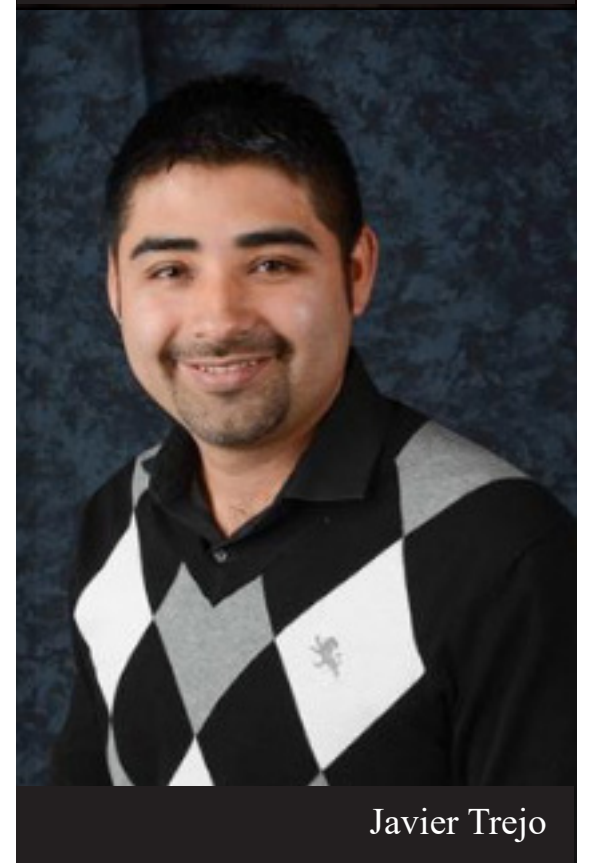
According to the Center for Community College Student Engagement, 68% of African American men who start college do not graduate within six years, which is the lowest college completion rate among both sexes and all racial/ethnic groups.”

The achievement gap for degree completion among MCC’s male students of color is wider than comparable state and national average graduation rates for males. A 10.5% achievement gap exists between the completion rates of Black/African American males and White males at MCC, with 6.6% of African American/black males and 17.1% of white males completing an academic degree or certificate in six years. (Voluntary Framework of Accountability). Mott Community College is committed to excellence in education and offering services that cultivate student success and improve the overall quality of life in a multicultural community. With more than 100 academic and occupational degree programs, we help students prepare to achieve more in an ever-changing economy. Through university transfer agreements, high-demand associate's degree programs and one-year certification programs, we help ensure that all Mott students are ready to get more out of life.

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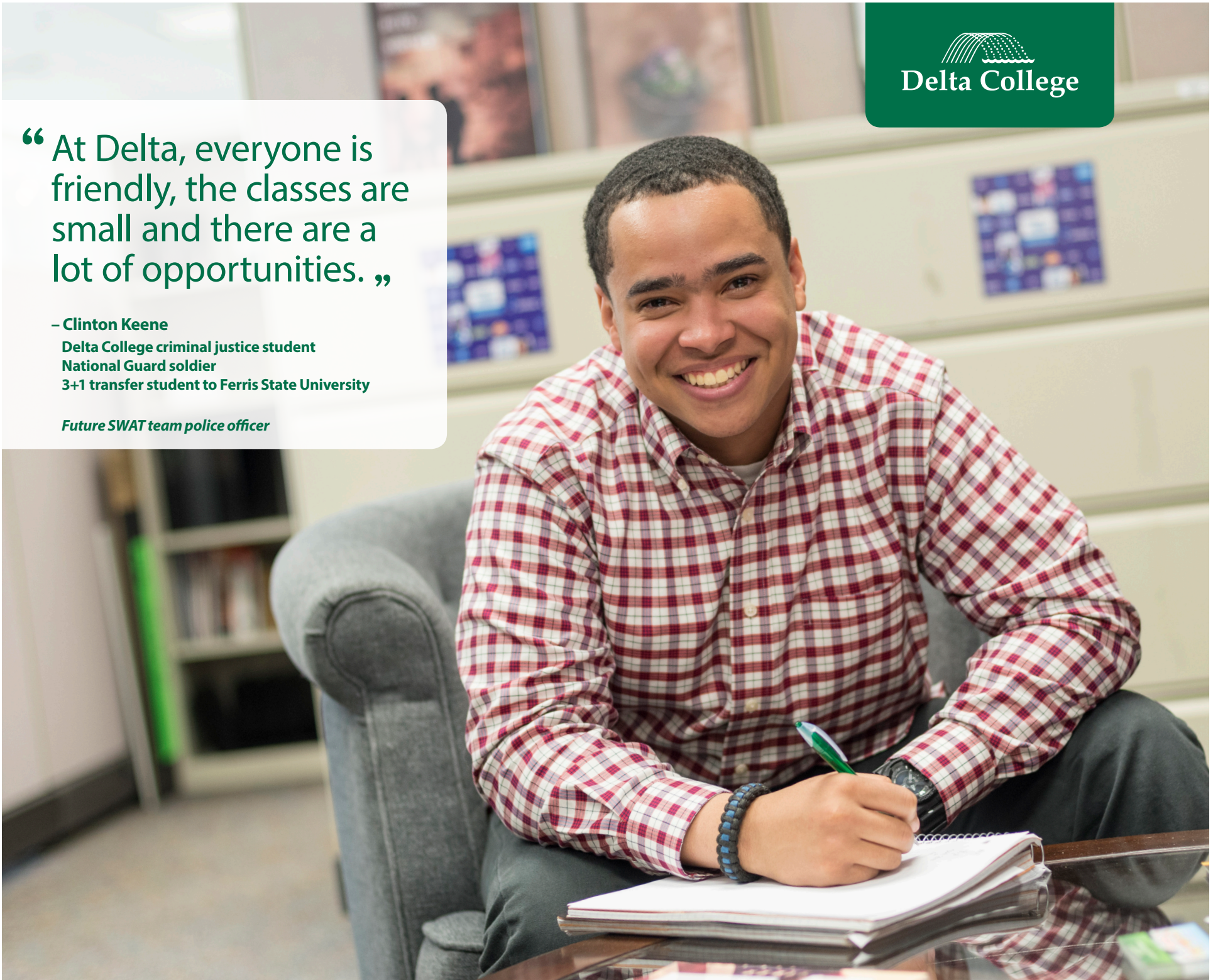
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Nathanael Ford '22 has been named the first recipient of the Bosch Fellowship at Kettering University



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The Bosch Fellowship was established with a \$500,000 endowment from the Bosch Community Fund to support annual fellowships for academically talented Kettering University students. Eligible majors for the fellowship include mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering and computer science.

“We are excited to announce this partnership with Kettering University,” said Mike Mansuetti, president of Robert Bosch LLC and a member of the Kettering University Board of Trustees. “With an aim of diversifying the workforce and inspiring the next generation of engineers and scientists, the primary goal of the endowment is to support high-achieving but underrepresented people in pursuing STEM programs and careers.”

Robert Bosch LLC is the North American arm of Bosch, a leading global supplier of technology and services. The Bosch Group has four business sectors: Mobility Solutions, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. The company is a longtime corporate partner of Kettering University.

Ford, a Computer Science major, is the first recipient of the Bosch Fellowship, which will provide him \$5,000 annually.

“I was actually quite surprised when I found out I had received the fellowship,” Ford said. “It is a relief knowing more funds have become available to me. It brings me closer to fully covering some of my terms at Kettering.”

Ford came to Kettering from Toledo because he was intrigued by the co-op program. He first learned about Kettering when he was on his high school’s FIRST Robotics Competition team.

After learning about what the University had to offer, Ford knew it was the right fit for him.

“I’m an avid gamer. Since I was a kid I was interested in what it was like to make them. I wanted to make a career in software development in general,” Ford said. “When I got here and I started coding, it felt good to see stuff that you were just typing in a program start working. That’s also why I got involved in FIRST. I knew I wanted to have a career in computer science and software development and I thought that would give me a kick start.”

While at Kettering, Ford has become involved in student organizations, such as Improv Club, Target Club and Physics Club. He hopes to be able to mentor FIRST teams and become part of Greek life on campus as well.

CMU Chief diversity officer open forum scheduled for Nov. 8



Witt Kieffer, the executive search firm assisting with the search for Central Michigan University’s chief diversity officer, invites the campus community to an open forum from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The forum, which will be held in the Bovee University Center Auditorium, is part of a series of meetings the consultants — Oliver Tomlin and Jennifer Bauer — will hold throughout the day with various stakeholder groups. Their goal will be to become intimately informed about CMU’s culture, strengths and opportunities, in order to collect input on the ideal qualifications for the new CDO.

During the startup meetings, the Witt Kieffer consultants seek the campus community’s perspective on the leadership skills, attributes and experiences that candidates should possess, as well as the greatest opportunities and challenges that CMU may face in the next three to five years. They will seek to better get to know CMU, its people and its culture.

Witt Kieffer will then assist President Ross in developing a leadership profile for the search that will represent the opportunity in a compelling way and be shared with prospective candidates and individuals who may want to provide nominations.



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Dear Dr. Nash,

I am trying to stop smoking and have been thinking about either using smokeless tobacco or E-cigarettes as a substitute for my nicotine habit. I want to know if smokeless tobacco or E-cigarettes are a safe alternative and would like to know if they will affect your overall oral health.

Thank you,
Jimmie



JACK W. NASH, DDS

Dear Jimmie,

I commend you on your quest to stop smoking but "No" would be the answer to using smokeless tobacco or E-cigarettes as an alternative -- if you want to maintain good oral health.

I will address smokeless tobacco first and then will discuss e-cigarettes. Smokeless tobacco products such as snuff, chew or dip all contain large amounts of nicotine, which is still very addictive. Besides being addictive, they will increase your chances of developing gum disease and also will dramatically increase your chances of oral cancer.

The jury is still out on the long-term effects of E-cigarettes, but you have to realize that the E-cigarettes still contain large amounts of nicotine which is addictive. Also, the large amount of nicotine you inhale may cause you to be susceptible to increased amounts of bacteria multiplying around your teeth and in your mouth. With the larger amounts of bacteria, the E-cigarettes may cause more decay and a dry mouth.

So Jimmie, for your sake and your families' sake, stop smoking and get healthy without using the nicotine replacements you have mentioned. I suggest you check with your doctor to see if a step-down patch or nicotine gum program is an option for you to end your addiction to nicotine, and allow you to live a healthy, smoke and nicotine-free life again. Also, think of all the money you'll have available for other things you can enjoy in your life!

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Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) has been awarded a grant from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation to support operations over three years from 2018 to 2020. Macauley Whiting, Jr., President of The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation shared, "Chippewa Nature Center is an incredible resource for environmental education and recreation for residents of the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond. We are proud to support this non-profit organization to improve the quality of life for us all."

These funds will help support environmental education programs for the thousands of people who visit CNC annually from throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region and around the state of Michigan. CNC offers a diversity of programs including school and scout programs, courses, field trips, workshops, public programs, guest speakers, annual events, Nature Day Camp and Nature Preschool. CNC also offers 19 miles of trails, a Visitor Center with interactive exhibits, and 1,200 acres for visitors to explore and learn about the natural world, free of charge. The mission of CNC is to connect all people with nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences.

Throughout the years, the trustees of The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation have provided significant and ongoing support of CNC, from operational and major project grants to most recently, the gift of a two-story observation tower previously located at Whiting Forest. It was dismantled in preparation for the Whiting Forest Canopy Walk and Connectivity Project, and installed at CNC's Wetlands Area property located on Badour Road between Pine River and Ashby roads in Midland this summer.

Covenant HealthCare Seeks Hospice Volunteers



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Covenant Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice is looking for volunteers interested in providing support for hospice patients, families and staff in the areas it serves (Saginaw, Bay, Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, and Midland counties). Volunteers select the service opportunities that most appeal to them, including: patient work, administrative support, gardening, journaling/last letters, faith-based services, music therapy, special events, community outreach, deliveries and beautician services.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this meaningful work is encouraged to contact Darcie Johnson, Volunteer Specialist, at 989.583.0254 or darciejohnson@chs-mi.com. An informational meeting will take place Thursday, November 2 at the Cartwright Care Residence from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm; advance registration is required. This will be a chance for the community to learn more about the Covenant Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice and to complete the first step of basic volunteer training required for the program.

Volunteers receive specialized training covering the basic principles of hospice, understanding the special needs of patients and their families, effective communication, patient care, pain and symptom management, spiritual care giving, and understanding grief and loss. Hospice volunteers are trained in listening skills, family dynamics as well as grief and bereavement.

Hospice volunteers represent all ages and life experiences, but the characteristics that define and unite them are compassion and the desire to help others.

Saginaw Community Foundation Donates to the Friends of the Rauchholz Memorial Library

The Friends of the Rauchholz Memorial Library received a \$15,000 grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation for their “Building a New Library to Meet the Community’s Need’s Project”

The new library being planned will allow the library to increase its physical space to expand existing services and add more programming. “Many residents have cherished memories of the library when it started in a two room house, and then how it moved to its present spot, and eventually expanded to what they enjoy now,” said Michele Bell, board trustee.

Plans for the new building include having a separate space for a community room, conference room, and study room. Currently, the library’s large attendance programs are held outside of the library at various locations in the community. The community room will allow programs to be held onsite in the library, plus provide quiet study rooms. There will also be several convenient Wi-Fi charging stations and work areas throughout the new building.

“We have now been given an opportunity to create an even better, up-to-date library for our future generations to enjoy,” said Michele Bell. “We appreciate the continued support we receive from our community.”

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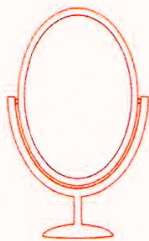
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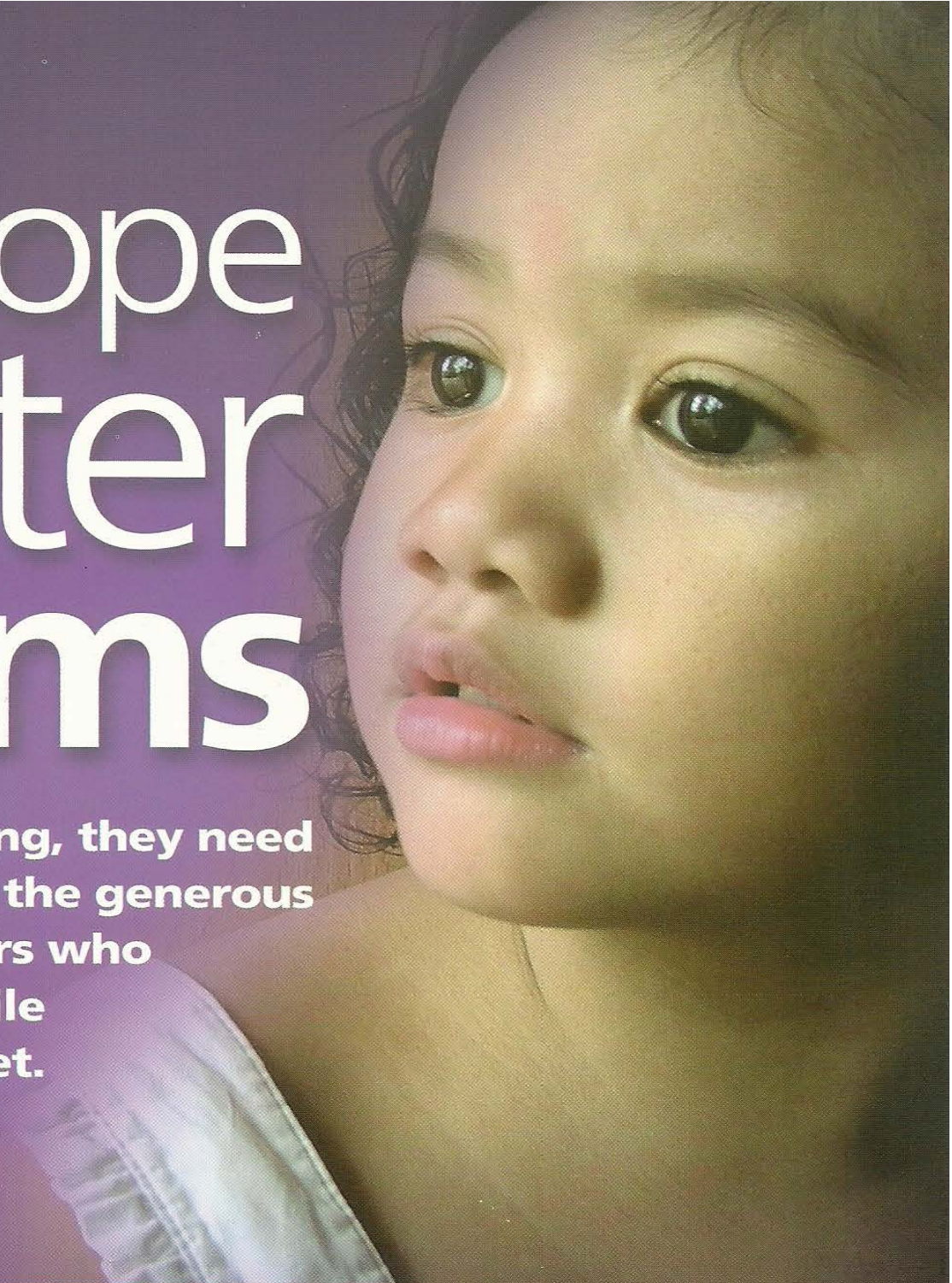
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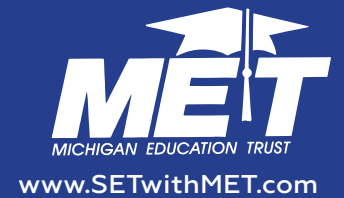
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Gov. Rick Snyder signs legislation strengthening statewide cybersecurity preparedness and response



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LANSING, Mich. – Under legislation signed today codifying the Michigan Cyber Civilian Corps, Governor Snyder is working to attract more individuals to assist in responding to cybersecurity incidents statewide. The new law comes as Gov. Snyder prepares to host the sixth North American International Cyber Summit, making Michigan a national leader in addressing cybersecurity awareness, preparedness and response.

“I’m proud that Michigan is a national leader in addressing cybersecurity, and this bill helps continue our efforts by boosting the network of experts who are ready to respond and assist should a cybersecurity threat occur,” Snyder said.

House Bill 4508, sponsored by state Rep. Brandt Iden, creates the “Cyber Civilian Corps Act”, or the MiC3 program, which authorizes the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to appoint individuals with cybersecurity expertise to respond and assist individuals or entities experiencing a cybersecurity incident. The bill creates a process by which DTMB would deploy members to respond to cybersecurity incidents and requires all volunteers to undergo a criminal history and records check. It is now Public Act 132 of 2017.

Snyder also signed five additional bills:

House Bill 4457, sponsored by state Rep. Brandt Iden, allows a community college to enter a multi-year contract with a service provider in order to finance energy efficiency improvements and conservation projects. It is now Public Act 133 of 2017.

HB 4583, sponsored by state Rep. Mary Whiteford, expands eligible uses of the Refined Petroleum Fund (RPF) and changes financial responsibility requirements for the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (USTCF) New uses of RPF funds include reimbursement to local governments and county road commissions for up to \$200,000 in costs associated with corrective actions related to regulated substances left on a public highway. It is now PA 134 of 2017.

HB 4999, sponsored by state Rep. Rob VerHeulen, prohibits local governments from implementing a tax or fee on the sale, manufacture or distribution of food. It is now PA 135 of 2017.

Senate Bill 49, sponsored by state Sen. Darwin Booher, amends the Estates and Protected

Individuals Code (EPIC) to expand the sources of compensation available to professional guardians or conservators, allowing them to receive compensation from third-parties. The bill requires that any compensation paid by a source that is not the state, a political subdivision of the state or a trust created by a court under EPIC must be disclosed to the court in writing and served on the protected person. It is now PA 136 of 2017.

SB 352, sponsored by state Sen. John Proos, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to frequently review the concussion awareness training program and make recommendations regarding the regularity of training. The bill also requires schools, parks and recreation departments to ensure all adults working in youth athletic activities receive training on sports concussions at least once every three years. It is now PA 137 of 2017.

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

New Duckworth Kildee Bill would help Protect Families with Lead Contaminated Water



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U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), the top Democrat on the Fisheries, Wildlife and Water Subcommittee, introduced the National Opportunity for Lead Exposure Accountability and Deterrence (NO LEAD) Act of 2017 to help ensure drinking water across our nation is clean and safe from lead and copper exposure. The legislation would create a lead-service-line inventory to help monitor contaminated service lines, ensure the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) develops a universal testing protocol and make sure the entire lead service line is replaced if water contamination is detected because partial replacement does not eliminate the risk of contamination. The bill would also help guide the EPA review of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) to make lead testing reports more comprehensive and ensure reports are easily available to the public, serving to make clean drinking water more accessible and strengthen education on lead contamination. Lastly, the bill would lower the lead action level from 15 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb by 2020 and 5 ppb by 2026 to match world health standards. Representative Dan

Kildee (D-MI) introduced companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“When families send their children to school or turn on their faucet at home, they should not have to worry about their drinking water being contaminated with a dangerous neurotoxin like lead.” Duckworth said. “The threat of contaminated water is a national public health crisis in cities across the nation, including Chicago, Carbondale, Galesburg and East St. Louis, Illinois—and we have to do more to stop it. I will keep working to ensure every family in America – no matter where they live – has access to clean and safe drinking water, and I’m proud to introduce this bill to better protect our children from lead-contaminated water.”

“The lead in water crisis that happened in my hometown of Flint cannot be allowed to happen elsewhere,” Kildee said. “We must learn from the failures of state government that led to the Flint water crisis and prevent a similar man-made tragedy. Updating the outdated Lead and Copper

Rule will not only protect public health, it will restore public confidence in their water systems. I am proud to work with Senator Duckworth to introduce this legislation and work toward the goal of ensuring that all Americans do not have to worry about high levels of lead in their drinking water.”

Today, Senator Duckworth and Congressman Kildee also sent a joint letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt detailing their concerns about the revised LCR containing fewer protections than the current rule. The letter comes as part of Duckworth and Kildee’s efforts to ensure the EPA is being responsive to data gathered by their own scientists instead of capitulating to industry demands. The EPA is set to finalize the LCR at the end of next year.

Duckworth and Kildee have both been outspoken about the need to address failures in our public water systems. In June, they called upon the EPA to strengthen protections against lead poisoning in our nation’s pipes, fittings and fixtures that supply drinking water. Duckworth has also introduced several pieces of legislation on lead in America’s drinking water. Duckworth recently reintroduced the Get the Lead Out of Schools Act of 2017 with U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) to help ensure drinking water in schools across our nation is clean and safe from lead. She also introduced her new Recognizing the Environmental Gains in Overcoming Negligence (REGION) Act to prevent the closure of regional EPA offices, which would protect thousands of jobs while supporting efforts to ensure clean drinking water for children. Duckworth has also been critical of the Trump administration’s efforts to roll back drinking water protections and vocal about the need to strengthen initiatives to prevent lead contamination.

The following stakeholders have endorsed the NO LEAD Act: American Association of Pediatrics, EarthJustice, Food and Water Watch, Green Latinos, Dr. Marc Edwards, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council Parents for Nontoxic Alternatives and the Sierra Club.

Spirit Announce Return of Meijer Loyalty Rewards Program

SAGINAW, Mich. – The Saginaw Spirit are proud to partner with local Meijer stores to announce the return of the Meijer Loyalty Rewards Program for the 2017-2018 regular season.

Fans can turn in their Meijer receipts starting on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 at 9:00 AM the Saginaw Spirit store, located at 5789 State St in Saginaw.

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Reward Levels for the 2017-2018 Season

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Tigers, Gardenhire finalize 3-year deal for Management position

Ex-Twins skipper's experience set him apart from other candidates

DETROIT -- Ron Gardenhire tormented the Tigers for years while he managed the Twins through a golden era of success. Yet he and then-Tigers manager Jim Leyland formed a close friendship through the rivalry, built on mutual respect.

"Tampering was one of his favorite things to do," Gardenhire joked Friday, "and he told me, 'When I leave, I want you to manage here.'"

It took a few years and some twists and turns, but on Friday, Gardenhire put on the Old English D, becoming the 38th manager in the Tigers' history. It's a different team than the one Leyland led to division titles, and different than the one Brad Ausmus inherited four years ago. It's now Gardenhire's job to help build the team back to that level.

"We place an importance on hiring a manager that possesses a great deal of experience, and Ron clearly qualifies for this," Tigers general manager Al Avila said Friday at a news conference. "After managing against us for 14 seasons, it's going to be nice to have him on our side of the dugout and run our clubhouse and run our games."

In the process, Gardenhire will be helping lead the Tigers through their own transition from a club built around veteran stars and free agents to a team based around homegrown talent -- in other words, more like the Twins teams he managed from 2000-14.

"I've been through it," Gardenhire said. "I think that's the greatest part of the game -- being able to teach. Whether it's start over and just add on, the game's a constant change. Everybody changes."

"It's a challenge, and if you don't like challenges, you probably shouldn't be in baseball."

Gardenhire signed a three-year contract -- the same length as the remaining years on Avila's deal. In

many ways, it's their challenge together.

Friday's hiring completed a three-week process that Avila said began with a list of 47 names and included 10 interviews. Gardenhire's interview was the last, taking place Tuesday in Detroit. Considering Gardenhire's experience against the Tigers, there wasn't a whole lot of introduction needed.

That experience was a factor Avila had made clear he was seeking when he announced last month that Ausmus -- who managed the Tigers for the previous four seasons -- would not be re-signed.

"I think the questions that were on their list, I think a lot of those pertained to guys who had never really managed," Gardenhire said. "They kind of laughed going through them, because I've been through it."

Said Avila: "Gardie's track record and history of success really stood out from the pack."

Gardenhire was far from the only ex-manager to interview. Former Braves and Marlins manager Fredi Gonzalez sat down with Avila and Tigers officials two weeks ago in Lakeland Fla., as did former Marlins manager Mike Redmond. One factor that separated Gardenhire was his track record of finding success with a range of players, young and old, and winning six AL Central titles from 2002-10.

"Ron has a proven track record of success managing and leading both young and veteran players, which we believe is important as we move forward," said Chris Ilitch, president and CEO of Ilitch Holdings, Inc. "All of us at the Tigers are really looking forward to the passion and the experience he brings to the ballpark each and every day."

Former Tigers outfielder Torii Hunter, who blossomed as a hitter under Gardenhire in

Minnesota, credited the manager with his maturation.

"Love the guy," Hunter told MLB.com. "He's definitely a man of experience and managed in some meaningful games. He is a good friend of mine and also someone that raised me in the game of baseball. I am truly happy for him."

Beyond the experience, however, was leadership, a factor Avila brought up repeatedly when talking about what the Tigers needed as they began to bring up young players.

"I'm a big believer in a guy that can motivate, a guy that can teach, but also a guy that can discipline," Avila said. "Willie Horton told me, 'Let's get a field general.' Well, that's about as close to a field general as you're going to get, with an open mind to continue to learn the game and the new information that's coming along."

Gardenhire and the Twins parted ways in 2014, after he'd gone 1068-1039 in 13 seasons. He was rumored to be a candidate for the Tigers job a year later with Ausmus' status uncertain once Avila took over for Dave Dombrowski as GM, but Avila announced that September that Ausmus would stay on.

As for the rebuilding process, Gardenhire said, "It doesn't bother me at all. I've been there, and I think that's what they were looking for. There aren't going to be too many surprises for me. It's about finding new talent and making players understand how we're going to pay attention to all the details and do all those little things, which I've done my whole career. That's all we've ever done."



MSU Baseball announces 2018 Schedule

Spartans' 2018 slate includes 12-game homestand as part of 26 total home games at Kobs Field at McLane Stadium

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Michigan State baseball announced its 2018 schedule Monday. Head coach Jake Boss Jr., and the Spartans will open the 2018 season on Friday, February 16 in the first of a 54-game regular-season ledger.

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Of the 54 games, 12 of them are against teams that played in last season's NCAA Tournament.

"We're very excited for the 2018 season. I think our schedule is one that's very challenging, and offers us a lot of very good RPI opportunities" Boss said.

The Spartans' 2018 slate includes a 12-game homestand as part of 26 total home games at Kobs Field at McLane Stadium. The 12 home games in a row is the longest homestand since 2000 when Michigan State had 14-straight home contests, while the 26 total home game is the most since 2005 when MSU also had 26.

"The 12-game homestand is something that we haven't had in a while and it just works out where we have back-to-back home series followed by our bye week," Boss said. "Fortunately for us Valparaiso was willing to come up and play in East Lansing. It's a good time of year to have a 12-game homestand, specifically because of the academic rigors that the guys are under. We're approaching the end of the semester at that point and it's a good opportunity for guys to get their academic stuff taken care of in preparation for final exams which are two weeks later. Everybody likes playing at home and we certainly have a beautiful facility and place that we are very proud of and we like to show it off."

MSU will also host Niagara and Valparaiso in two non-conference series. The Spartans haven't played Niagara since 1988 and will be playing Valparaiso for the first time since 1994.

Michigan State will also play seven road games in California in non-conference action, playing a four-game series at Fresno State and a three-game series at Pepperdine in consecutive weekends.

"Going on the road at Fresno State and at Pepperdine to start the year to face two programs that have very storied traditions will be big for us. Both have won national championships, both are outstanding west coast opponents," Boss said.

MSU's schedule also features eight neutral site games, including the DQ Baseball Classic Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"The Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge is one that's certainly going to be just that: it will be a great challenging weekend for us. We're excited to play in the U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, it should be a lot of fun up there," Boss said.

The Spartans' neutral site slate also includes four games at historic Fluor Field in Greenville, South Carolina, facing Clemson mid-week before the First Pitch Invitational.

"Playing Clemson is something that we have routinely done here and it's always a great atmosphere at Fluor Field in Greenville, South Carolina," Boss said. "Michigan State alumnus Craig Brown has hosted us there every since I've been here at Michigan State and we'll continue to make the trip to Greenville every year, it's a highlight of our season, highlight of our road trips. The people in Greenville, South Carolina just treat us tremendously well and we're excited to head back there this year again for the First Pitch Invitational."

Michigan State will host Big Ten Conference opponents Rutgers, Nebraska, Maryland and Ohio State, while playing league road contests at Michigan, Northwestern, Penn State and Minnesota. The Spartans will also play one game at Comerica

Park in Detroit, facing Eastern Michigan at the home of the Detroit Tigers.

"Our Big Ten slate again is going to be very difficult as it always is," Boss said. "Getting the likes of Rutgers, Nebraska, Maryland and Ohio State at home. It will be good to play those guys at our place and then combined with the annual mid-week games with schools from Mid-American Conference rounds out the schedule. We're anxious and eager for the upcoming season. It should be an exciting season of Spartan baseball."

The Spartans will play their first 14 games away from home, before opening action at McLane Stadium at Kobs Field on March 15 against Niagara. MSU opens Big Ten Conference play with a home-and-home-and-home with Michigan on March 23.

"We are opening our home schedule probably earlier than maybe we ever have, but with the technology that we have with our surface and our in-field heating system, we have no doubts that the field will be ready for us to play on March 15," Boss said.

Michigan State opens the 2018 season in Fresno, California from Feb. 16-18 with a four-game series at Fresno State. The following weekend, the Spartans return to the Golden State for a three-game series at Pepperdine, Feb. 23-25.

MSU will make the first of two trips to Minneapolis this season from March 2-4 for the DQ Baseball Classic Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge, played at US Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings. The Spartans will face Washington, UCLA and Arizona.

See MSU's full baseball schedule at <http://www.msuspartans.com/sports/m-basebl/spec-rel/103017aad.html>



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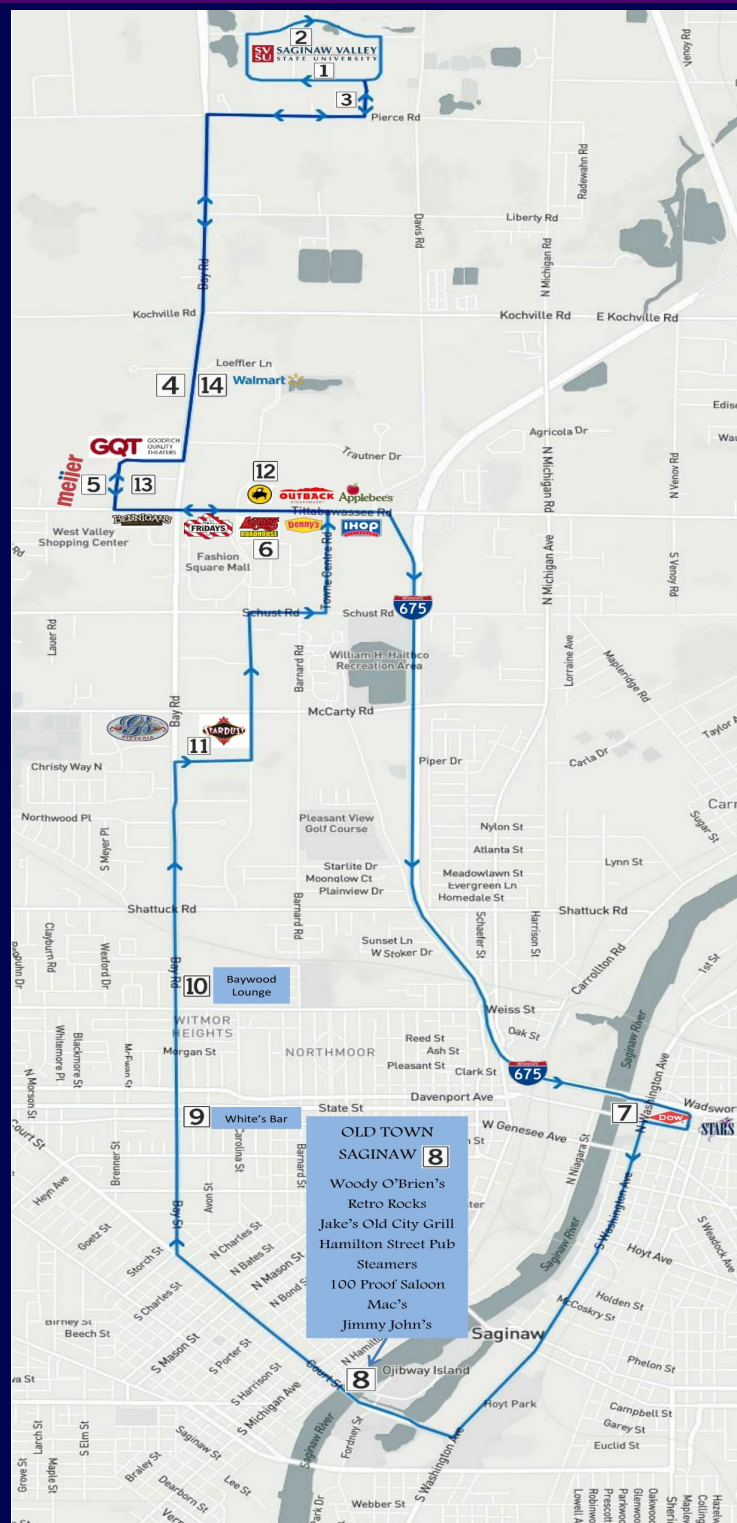
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- 11: Stardust & G's Pizzeria on the :40's
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Team One Credit Union's board members pose in all pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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Team One's Board members and staff recently showed their support to raise funds for Breast Cancer by hosting a Facebook contest! The Board would donate \$2,500 if 2,000 people liked their post. Additionally, the staff raised over \$400 to add to that total on Pink Out Day at Team One for a total of \$2,900 raised!





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