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KMS has hosted this free, family event since 2015 and has distributed over 1,200 backpacks and school supplies to local kids. This year, the event will distribute free backpacks while supplies last.

"This is more than just a giveaway," says Michelle

McCoy, event coordinator and co-owner of KMS Creative Group. "This is a time for the community to come together for a free, positive event."

During the event the kids will have an opportunity to participate in STEM and other educational activities, make crafts, play games and eat free hot dogs and popcorn.

There will be a special performance on the Saginaw PRIDE Mobile Stage by Doctor Slime starting at 2:00 pm.

"We are looking forward to good weather, good food and good time," says Michelle. "We have received a lot support from different organizations. We don't want this to be something that we do for a few years and just stop. With the continued support from this community we are excited to see what it can grow into."

For more information about the 2018 Great Lakes Bay Kids Fest visit greatlakesbaykidsfest.com.

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A Big Hit: 50th Annual African Cultural Festival



By Mike Thompson

In the spirit of a popular proverb, it took a village to raise a festival.

Leading organizers of the 50th annual Saginaw African Cultural Festival on Aug. 10-12 achieved thanks and praise through the widespread combinrf efforts of community elders, up-and-coming mid-generation leaders, young adults and even a good number of teen-agers. The entire team consisted of volunteers with no paid staff, which is extremely rare for an event of this magnitude, especially with free-of-charge admission and parking.

A patron-friendly layout on the Morley School grounds? Check. Proper placement of tents, and plenty of them? Check. Ever-watchful security volunteers who at the same time did not impose themselves upon the gathering? Check. Top-notch vendors of foods, apparel, and arts and crafts? Clap-our-hands and tap-our-feet musical entertainment? Check, and check.

Local businesses and individuals provided financial sponsorships, and various churches also enlisted in an array of projects. The atmosphere was family-friendly, with an emphasis on children's education and activities.

Some old-timers insisted attendance of about 20,000 over three days was the most ever, and at least double last year's turnout. Parked cars filled not only the lot from the former school site, but also the rear lawn back along 24th Street.

Ralph Martin, Saginaw fire marshal, served as a vice-chairman with a prime responsibility for managing the site. He says planners successfully aimed to set up a "village flow" type of layout, in order to make maximum use of the sprawling Morley grounds.

Martin, similar to others in the more recent generation of leaders, says his inspiration for getting involved has been Charles McNair, who served as the longtime Morley School principal, as well as Omowale Art Smith, the founding chief during the 1960s.

"It was time for us to step up, to catapult to another level," Ralph says. "We now will be motivated to work even harder on the 51st festival next summer."

The festival had good luck with the weather, and what appeared to be a bad break actually turned out for the best. Popular musical artist Angie Stone was postponed until Sunday evening because of a flight delay in her hometown of Atlanta, but it turned out that many folks who were committed to other events on Saturday found themselves free on Sunday, and the audience swelled to beyond 8,000. Angie didn't disappoint.

A year-round effort is required to maintain the African Cultural Festivals. Monthly meetings will commence immediately at First Ward Community Center, followed by every two weeks after New Year's and then every Sunday as summer 2019 arrives. To get involved in the future, simply visit the festival's Facebook page or call Fire Marshall Martin at the Fire Department, 758-1374.

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**David Callejo Pérez
named as interim
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Prestigious HENAAC Award Goes to Mauricio Guerra, Dow's First Chief Information Security Officer



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**Dow's Chief Information Security Officer
and Director of Information Compliance and
Risk Management Honored for Distinction in
Information Technology**

MIDLAND, Mich. - August 15, 2018 - Mauricio Guerra, The Dow Chemical Company's (Dow) chief information security officer and director, Information Compliance and Risk Management, was recently selected as the recipient of a Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference (HENAAC) award for Information Technology Distinction.

HENAAC awards are distributed by Great Minds in STEM (GMiS), an organization that seeks to highlight and honor the achievements of the nation's best and brightest Hispanic engineers, scientists, mathematicians, computer scientists and technology experts.

Guerra is part of the thirtieth class of award-winning leaders in science, technology, engineering and math recognized by GMiS.

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Cover Story, Mauricio Guerra

The information technology distinction award recognizes the world-class contributions of software and hardware engineers at the cutting edge of networking, cloud computing, cybersecurity, mobile app development, and the many other technologies that drive the internet and digitally connect the world.

“This is a great honor for Mauricio and for Dow,” said Melanie Kalmar, corporate vice president, chief information officer and chief digital officer for Dow. “This recognition is not only well deserved for Mauricio but also demonstrates Dow’s ongoing, industry-wide thought leadership.”

Nominated by Kalmar, Guerra was one of 26 honorees chosen this year by a selection committee composed of industry, academic and government professionals. He will be honored during the formal awards presentation at the HENAAC awards to be held this October in Pasadena, California.

The annual HENAAC Awards recognize the achievements of America’s top engineers and scientists within the Hispanic community. Nominees undergo a rigorous, highly respected review process and award winners are recognized each fall at the HENAAC Conference.

“We are pleased to honor Mauricio Guerra for being an outstanding role model for young people seeking careers in STEM,” said Anna M. Park, CEO, GMiS.

Numerous Dow employees have been honored with HENAAC Awards over the years, including most recently Pedro Suarez (2009), Mauro Gregorio (2014), Ester Baiget (2015) and Andre Argenton (2017).

Learn more about Great Minds in STEM and the HENAAC Awards at www.greatmindsinstem.org/professionals/henaac-awards.

Craig Douglas retires as dean of SVSU College of Education; David Callejo Pérez named as interim dean



After more than four decades dedicated to education, Craig Douglas is retiring from work — but he has no plans to step away from his community.

Douglas retired this month as dean of Saginaw Valley State University’s College of

Education, where he served since 2015. He joined SVSU in 2014 as director of the School and University Partnership office after spending the previous 38 years largely in K-12 education, including 18 years as superintendent of Carrollton Public Schools.

Associate Provost David Callejo Pérez, who joined SVSU in 2009, will serve as interim dean as the university searches for Douglas’ permanent replacement.

Deborah Huntley, SVSU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said Douglas’ leadership was critical to keeping the College of Education responsive to the changing demands of the state’s K-12 education industry. She was equally confident in his successor.

“Craig has been instrumental in recognizing

challenges and answering with strategies that have strengthened our academic programs and community partnerships in the education field,” Huntley said.

“His work here will positively impact educators and students long after his retirement. David understands that legacy and possesses the energy, knowledge and work ethic to keep the College of Education moving forward.”

Douglas expressed gratitude to Huntley and SVSU President Don Bachand for supporting his work at the university. Douglas said he was proud of many accomplishments earned during his tenure as dean, attributing those victories to a team effort.

“I didn’t do any of it alone,” he said. “I’m most proud of the way so many people came together — staff, faculty, students, other deans, the region’s school leaders — to step up and help us exceed expectations. There was a lot of synergy there.”

Douglas said he will remain engaged in the community.

He plans to continue serving as a trustee on Carrollton’s Board of Trustees, and as a member of both the Saginaw Valley Rotary Club and Carrollton Lions Club. He also hopes to become involved in assisting Emmaus House of Saginaw, an organization that aids in the transition period for women returning to their communities after spending time in jail, prison or rehabilitation centers. His wife, Joan Douglas, is an active volunteer with the organization.

“I look forward to continuing to devote time and energy to the Great Lakes Bay Region,” he said.

Douglas said he plans to stay in touch with his SVSU family and attend events there. He was quick to complement his interim successor.

“David is going to do a terrific job in transition,” Douglas said. “He has great ideas for ways to improve efficiencies, utilize technologies and continue to develop our accelerated degree program.”

Callejo Pérez joined SVSU in 2009 as the Carl A. Gerstacker Endowed Chair for the College of Education. In 2014, he was named associate provost at the university.

He received his Ed.D. from Florida International University in 2000, a master’s degree in history from the University of Mississippi in 1995, and a bachelor’s degree in history from Florida International University in 1993.

Previously, he served as an educator at West Virginia University, Barry University, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Callejo Pérez said he was looking forward to continuing to build SVSU’s reputation as a provider of talent for the education market.

“The challenges ahead involve shifting from a job market that was very tight to one that has a lot of demand for teachers,” he said.

“The College of Education will continue to help fill that void. Our impact can be beyond measure if we work together and commit our talents to be stewards of education in the region.”

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Stop or go? What move to make during leadership transition (Part two of a two-part series)

Part one of this series provided recommendations for how to assess green lighting your fundraising. In this column we offer examples that might give you reason to pause and assess whether or not – and how – you should move forward with your fundraising.

Yellow light, red light.

Consider placing certain elements of your fundraising on hold if you find yourself in the following situation(s).

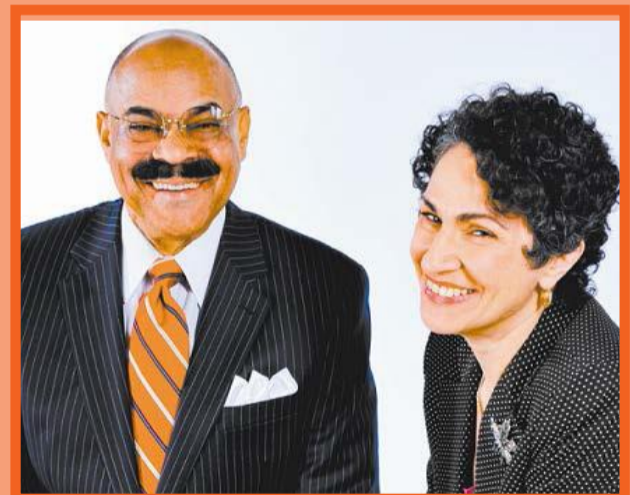
- **You don't have a solid plan to guide your fundraising.** You may be in a situation where the person(s) who are leaving were the “rain makers.” You may not have been working from a plan because you could depend on the relationships and history that your executive staff or board had built. In many cases people give to people. But if there isn't a plan that documents your fundraising processes you may have to regroup and regrow your fundraising when your “people” leave.
- **Your remaining leadership is not committed** to fundraising and has not been engaged in cultivation and solicitation activities. In situations similar to the one above, board

members and other members of the executive team may have had the “luxury” of not having to focus on fundraising. It takes time for people to understand the fundraising process, to build relationships with donors and funders, and to become comfortable and knowledgeable enough to cultivate and solicit donors.

- **You don't have staff who can step in** and keep things moving. The loss of a development director can put an organization into a tail spin. Questions arise: “How do I run reports?” “Do you remember how much Ms. Jones pledged during the last campaign?” “Who is working on our gala?” If your organization hasn't developed a culture of shared knowledge, team work, and documented processes it may be hard for even the most well-intentioned person to “step in and step up.”

Other issues that may cause you to exercise caution

include a lack of confidence in the plan, leadership and staff; lack of clarity on what you are raising money for; and/or low morale amongst leadership and constituency. Other reasons could include the reality that you are already behind on implementing the current fundraising plan; and/or the uncertainty that people are expressing regarding the direction the organization will take with new leadership.



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It's Back-To-School Time! To help parents prepare, The Michigan Banner has assembled a panel from various aspects of education. Please consider advice from:

- Derrick Harge, a retired firefighter who volunteers as a tutor at Arthur Eddy Academy and serves as vice-chairman of the READ Association of Saginaw County, and Cynthia Pape, the Association's director.
- Ramont Roberts, Saginaw School District interim superintendent.
- Ruth Ann Knapp, retired Saginaw elementary music teacher who now serves on the school board.
- Felesia M. Harrell, director of the College-Bound Academic Learning Center and college and career advisor at Arthur Hill High School.
- Bobby DeLeon, retired Saginaw School District school social worker.
- Craig Douglas, SVSU dean of the College of Education and former Carrollton Public Schools superintendent.



DERRICK HARGE and CYNTHIA PAPE

- Encourage your child to read independently every single day. Start with 2-3 minutes at a time and add a minute every few days until reaching at least 15 minutes of solid reading time. This activity builds reading stamina so that a child is used to focusing for longer periods of time.
- Read to your child, a book that might be above their reading level but with content related to their interests. Listening stamina can be practiced in the same way as reading stamina by increasing increments each day.
- Interact with your child while reading by asking questions, like, "What do you think will happen next? What would you do if you were the character? How do you think the character is feeling? How is this story like/different from another story we read? Why did the character act that way? Why didn't the character act differently?" Etc.
- Talk about reading during daily activity. Read signs, menus, advertisements, food labels, maps, etc. Point out the importance of being able to read.

-- Let your child see you read, or read when they are reading, so it is something to do together. Children will see that you value and enjoy reading

-- Talk positively about school, including what to look forward to, what will be learned, learning goals, achieving positive grades, problem solving, etc. Your positive attitude will reflect on your child.

-- Discuss behavior scenarios so your child can be prepared how to respond to others' behavior, rather than following misbehavior. Empower your child to own and control his/her own actions.

-- Bring back the routine gradually. Start getting up earlier and going to bed earlier. Eat regular meals rather than snacking throughout the entire day. Students will feel hungry or tired throughout their school day if they aren't used to the time frame. Sometimes lack of routine leads to behavior issues or missing out on learning.

-- Go to the school orientation to talk to the principal and possibly the teacher. Help your child feel comfortable with adults in the building so they have a safe, caring adult to talk to if needed. Be sure to introduce yourself to your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year so that you can be a positive team for your child.

-- Ask questions. If you are unclear of expectations, rules, situations, homework, etc., your child might be unclear as well. As a parent, you are your child's first teacher and advocate. You are also your child's best chance to succeed.



RAMONT ROBERTS

Following are a few examples of important points for back-to-school planning:

- Daily scheduling is an adjustment for summer coming to an end. Begin, ahead of time, to provide more structure to the day. Gradually work your way into this daily scheduling. Maybe begin with one hour per day, and then two hours, and then three. This could involve either chores or academics, or both. Allow time for reading, or for doing math problems.
- Make sure the students do some reading. The material need not be from the school. It can come from the library, or from the book store, or from a magazine or from a newspaper. Look for material that is of interest to the youngster, maybe about sports or about entertainers. Follow up on the reading by asking questions about what is contained in the material. Reading provides an ideal way for parents to engage with their children.
- Set goals. These can involve grades, so many A's and so many B's, and they also can be tied to extracurricular activities.

-- Research what your school has planned and scheduled for the upcoming year. All of our schools will conduct a parent-student orientation. Be sure to attend.

**RUTH ANN KNAPP**

Here are my Top Five:

-- Easing out of "summer vacation mode" should not be like the Ice Bucket Challenge. Start with adjustments to getting-up and going-to-bed routines that are age appropriate. You may need to invest in room darkening shades during Daylight Savings Time, because it's always harder to go to sleep in a room when the sun is still up. Also try adjusting to an eating schedule, rather than grazing all day.

-- I know everyone loves their electronics, BUT try going without -- a little bit at a time. They to work up to "screen time" in spurts. Try actual conversations -- and look them in the eye when talking. No one likes to hear listening noises when the person is glued to a screen.

-- Read! Read to them and with them -- at all ages, not only elementary. There is nothing wrong with "Pathological Reader Syndrome." It's a wonderful disease to have. Opening a book can transport one to another era and/or country.

-- Be an education advocate for your child, and for all children. That means work with them AND with the school personnel. Be sure to show up at scheduled parent orientations, and try for a tour of the building as well in order to identify the classroom(s) and other facilities like restrooms, library, cafeteria.

-- Try asking "What did you like best at school today?" rather than "What did you learn?" The answer to the latter question just might be, "Nothing." The first one is a conversation starter.

**FELESIA M. HARRELL**

Begin by setting goals and being proactive. We must hold the child accountable for their classroom work, for their homework, and for their behavior as well. This includes their behavior with the teachers, and with the entire school staff. Start with communicating with the teacher, maybe as simple as an email once a week to start, then twice a month thereafter. Don't wait for a report card to see your child's progress. Keep track, day by day.

When a parent establishes a relationship with the teachers, 99.9% of those teachers will block out time to help your child in any way they can, which may include after school tutoring. Seek out support from other family members who might be good at the subject that your child is struggling in. Another option is to seek out paid assistance from learning centers, such as College Bound Academic Learning Center. The center is located at 3521 State Street, Suite 2, in Saginaw.

Parents are the first teachers. This does not mean that they have to be experts to stay active and involved in their child's education. Doing something as simple as reading to your child when they are born, as a toddler, as a pre-schooler, then requiring them to read out loud for 20 minutes a day will make a huge difference. A few resources parents can use are www.khanacademy.com, www.schoolyourself.org, and even Youtube which are all free.

**BOBBY DeLEON**

Back in 1998, I remember saying that we were facing serious problems. and now, in 2018, the issues are even more serious. We may only have a few years remaining to turn things around. I wish I had all the answers, but I don't, except that we need to go back to the start and work our way back up. The teachers, the counselors, the social workers, the parents, the students -- all are very confused nowadays. Even in the elementary schools, we see problems with behavior and other issues. We must look into mental health more deeply.

To start, parents should give more overall attention to their children and become better listeners -- listen to the advice of the trained professional educators in our schools. Too often, they see social workers and counselors as their main targets, instead of people who are there to assist them and help their children. Too often, their main thing seems to be that they are afraid we want to take their children away.

Parents should never ever vent their frustration and their anger at their children. How can they expect the educators to show more understanding if they don't do the same thing themselves?

On the other hand, teachers and social workers need to become stronger and need to better understand all the cultures -- white, black, Mexican American, all of them.

The best thing a school social worker can hear from a former student is, 'Because of you, I went on to college,' or 'I grew up to become part of a beautiful family.' We need to motivate these children to become dreamers, not part of the criminal justice system.

**CRAIG DOUGLAS**

No one needs to be told what to do, but we benefit from thinking about new approaches, as well as being reinforced with time-tested concepts, and so here are four simple back-to-school suggestions: '

-- Meet and greet your child's teacher(s), right out of the gate, before the first report cards come out, prior to any initial conflicts. "You only have one chance to make a first impression" fits here. A smile and a handshake go a long way. At the same time, offer your contact information, about how best to reach you.

-- "Be there." Make every effort to attend back-to-school events, such as open houses and curriculum nights, to gain insight into the year ahead, Attending games and performances can be important, also. Being a positive face in the crowd, or in the audience, helps to build bridges with the school staff and with other parents.

-- Handle conflict well. Conflict is unavoidable. Parents who look at a conflict as a challenge or a problem to be solved, instead of becoming defensive, will have a good chance at a favorable and a timely outcome. This may be easier said than done, but trust me, parents with even dispositions are remembered far more favorably.

-- If you are willing to volunteer for school activities, make that known as well. Yes, DO volunteer!

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The Michigan Banner *Heart of the City* Awards luncheon will take place from 11:00 am to 1:30 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 16 years of service by recognizing the people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative.

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HEALTH

YMCA of Saginaw Brings Healthy Programs to Saginaw Parks



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One in five children in the U.S. live in poverty and grow up with limited opportunities to be healthy.

According to the U.S. Census survey, 27.9 percent of children in Saginaw are growing up in poverty. The numbers are even more troubling at the neighborhood level.

For children in poverty, the chances for poor health are higher and the economic opportunities can be limited. These children often lack access to healthy foods and quality schools, and face increased odds of toxic stress and challenging experiences such as teen pregnancy or becoming victims of violent crime.

The good news is that the YMCA of Saginaw is doing something to improve the odds.

The YMCA of Saginaw is bringing healthy programs out into Saginaw parks and neighborhoods. The Y brings a healthy meal for each child along with programs such as Safety Around Water, CATCH, or partners with an existing program at a local park, such as the Recreation Playdates.

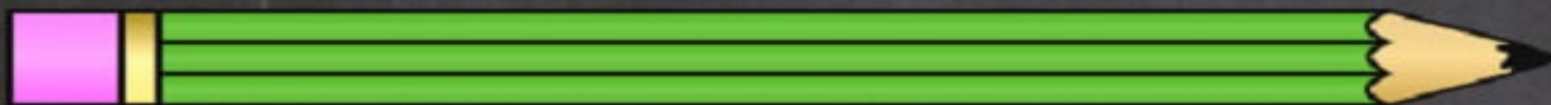
Programs like these can help us ensure every child grows up with the opportunity to be healthy. Resources like the City Health Dashboard help all to understand the variance in economic opportunity within the city, neighborhood-

by-neighborhood. This allows the Y to target programs to reach each child so they can reach their full potential.

Saginaw is strong, and the Y has seen success in their Mission Nutrition program! In July 2018 alone the YMCA of Saginaw was able to serve over 4,500 meals to children in need.

Together, we can continue this success to build healthier communities in Saginaw that help all of our children grow up to be stronger, healthier adults who reach their full potential.

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\$16 million in federal grants available to public and nonprofit groups to provide crime victim services Sexual Assault Victim Services Programs RFP due Sept. 12

LANSING, Mich. – Local organizations across the state will be able to apply for \$16 million in federal grants to provide services for sexual assault victims, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today.

The MDHHS Division of Victim Services has posted its fifth Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding. The division is accepting proposals from organizations to provide comprehensive sexual assault services such as 24-hour crisis intervention, supportive counseling or culturally specific needs. Organizations can also provide enhanced sexual assault services including OB/GYN care, legal assistance, therapy and advocacy.

A Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is another option organizations can propose. SARTs coordinate and improve local response to sexual

assault through multidisciplinary collaboration with advocates; health care providers; law enforcement officials; prosecutors; forensic scientists; sex offender management professionals; and probation, corrections and parole officers. SARTs typically provide specialized and comprehensive services, continuity of care for victims, enhanced evidence collection and increased public safety.

MDHHS will award three-year U.S. Department of Justice grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million. Questions about the RFP can be emailed to MDHHS-CVSC-VOCA-GRANTS@michigan.gov and must be submitted by Aug. 20 by 5 p.m. The deadline for proposals is Sept. 12 by 3 p.m.

Applicant agencies must be public or nonprofit organizations – including faith-based entities and American Indian tribes – that provide direct services to crime victims. The purpose of the funding is to

respond to the immediate needs of crime victims, reduce psychological consequences of victimization and help restore victims’ sense of dignity and self-esteem.

For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grams website and select the “About EGrAMS” link on the left panel to access the Crime Victims Agreement training manual. The RFP is located under “Legal and Policy Affairs” in the Current Grants section.

For more information about Michigan’s Division of Victim Services, visit Michigan.gov/crimevictims.



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Food assistance work requirements for able-bodied adults being reinstated



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LANSING, Mich. – Michigan is beginning the process of reinstating federal work requirements that able-bodied adults without dependents in 69 counties must meet to continue receiving food assistance – a result of improvements in the state’s unemployment rate.

Able-bodied adults without dependents will be required to meet federal work requirements that have been waived for more than a decade.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services this week is sending letters to more than 67,000 people who may be affected by the change notifying them that the state will begin reinstating the requirements on Oct. 1. Once they reach the date of their next annual case eligibility redetermination, the able-bodied adults will have three months to meet the work requirements or qualify for an exemption before they will lose food assistance benefits. New applicants who are determined eligible for food assistance will be subject to work requirement immediately.

The state previously reinstated requirements in 14 counties – Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Clinton, Eaton, Grand Traverse, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Oakland, Ottawa and Washtenaw. Now the requirements will be reinstated in all other counties in Michigan.

Michigan began receiving a waiver from the requirements in 2002 due to high unemployment. With the significant reduction in the state’s

jobless rate over the last several years, the federal government notified Michigan that it would no longer be eligible for the waiver in some counties. Since then MDHHS had been phasing in the reinstated requirements.

Able-bodied adults are recipients ages 18 to 49 with no dependents. Unless the recipient has a disability that prevents him or her from working or meets other federal exemption criteria they the recipient is subject to work requirements. The able-bodied adult can meet the reinstated work requirements to receive food assistance by:

- Working an average of 20 hours per week each month in unsubsidized employment.
- Participating for an average of 20 hours per week each month in an approved employment and training program.
- Participating in community service by volunteering at a nonprofit organization.

“MDHHS is prepared to assist affected individuals in meeting these work requirements so that they can achieve self-sufficiency,” said MDHHS Chief Deputy Director Nancy Vreibel. “The good news is that Michigan’s economy is much-improved, and the job market is far better than it was when the state received the federal waiver.”

The federal government determines work requirements and other eligibility criteria for individuals to be eligible to receive food assistance under the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program. MDHHS administers federal food assistance benefits through the state’s Food Assistance Program.

In 20 counties, MDHHS and its partners at Michigan Works! Agencies and the Talent Investment Agency will provide resources – such as approved training programs – to help affected residents meet work requirements. Those counties are: Bay, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Isabella, Jackson, Lenawee, Macomb, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Van Buren and Wayne. Potentially affected food assistance recipients in these counties will be referred by MDHHS to their local Michigan Works! In counties in which Michigan Works Agencies are not able to assist the clients, a community service option is available.

Some federal exemptions to the reinstated work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents will remain. They include exemptions for individuals who are physically or mentally unable to work for 20 hours, are pregnant or care for a child under age 6 or someone who is incapacitated.

Able-bodied adults without dependents can call their MDHHS case specialist with questions or visit www.michigan.gov/foodassistance for more details on the work requirements, exemptions and other information.

Great Lake Bay Health Centers Celebrates National Health Center Week 2018



Great Lakes Bay Health Centers celebrated all week long at many of their centers to mark National Health Center Week 2018. The events were part of a national campaign during the week of August 12th-18th to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers and the dedicated staff who bring health care to the medically underserved.

GLBHC health centers throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond (including Bad Axe, Imlay City, and Owasso) recognized their patients by giving away bikes and backpacks filled with school supplies along with other prizes and drawings. The main event was held on August 17, 2018 from 11:00 – 3:00 in the park in front of

the Administration Building at 501 Lapeer Ave, Saginaw, MI 48607. The free event offered health and dental screening, community resources, free fresh produce, live music, and bike giveaways.

This event was made possible by the support of Henry Schein Cares Foundation, Covenant HealthCare, Molina Healthcare, 1st State Bank, United Healthcare, and others.

GLBHC is part of a nationwide network of health centers that serve more than 27 million Americans. Health centers

have compiled a significant record of success that includes:

- Producing \$24 billion in annual health system savings;
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the emergency room;
- Treating patients for a fraction of the average cost of one emergency room visit;
- Maintaining patient satisfaction levels of nearly 100 percent;

- Serving more than one in six Medicaid beneficiaries for less than two percent of the national Medicaid budget;
- Lowering the cost of children's primary care by approximately 35 percent

The heroes who work at health centers and help make affordable health care possible for people in need are at the center of this year's NHCW. More than 205,000 people work at health centers in positions that include clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, dentists and dental hygienists, behavioral health specialists, and much more. Working together, these health care heroes produce innovative solutions to the most pressing health care issues in their communities. They reach beyond the walls of conventional medicine to address the factors that may cause sickness, such as lack of nutrition, mental illness, homelessness and substance use disorders. It is their work that has helped reduce health care costs and reduce chronic disease, generating a record of success and along with it a long tradition of bipartisan support in Congress.

GLBHC is celebrating its 50th year of changing lives, and is the second largest community health center in Michigan. GLBHC is a non-profit FQHC operating in 26 different locations throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond providing health and dental care to everyone regardless of their insurance coverage.



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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Forbes Names Wildfire Credit Union “Best-In-State Credit Unions”



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Wildfire Credit Union has been recently named “Best-In-State Credit Unions” by Forbes 2018. Of the five credit unions named, Wildfire is the only credit union in the Great Lakes Bay Region recognized. The remaining four credit unions are primarily located down state.

The survey criteria was based on the responses of 25,000 individuals across the country sharing their views on their financial institution. Questions included overall recommendation and satisfaction as well as trust, branch service, digital service, financial advice and terms and conditions. This is the first year for this survey.

Timothy W. Benecke, President and CEO of Wildfire, commented: “It is an honor to be named one of the “Best-In-State Credit Unions” by Forbes. We strive every day to provide our members with the products and services they need in a way that continually exceeds their expectations. As a credit union, we focus on helping our members achieve their dreams. We keep that outcome in mind as we strive to always provide them with our best.

Wildfire Credit Union, a member-owned financial cooperative, has a community charter. Membership is open for anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in

Saginaw, Midland, Bay, Tuscola, Gratiot, Genesee, Shiawassee, Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Otsego, Roscommon, Wexford counties. The credit union also provides services to small businesses in the same twenty-three county market. Wildfire currently has full service offices in Saginaw, Midland and Bay City. More information is available on all Wildfire Credit Union’s products and services at www.wildfirecu.org



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Isabella Bank Corporation Announces Second Quarter 2018 Results

MT. PLEASANT, Mich., Aug. 2, 2018 / PRNewswire/ -- Jae A. Evans, President and Chief Executive Officer of Isabella Bank Corporation (the "Corporation") (OTCQX: ISBA), announced the Corporation's earnings results for the second quarter of 2018. The Corporation reported net income of \$3.3 million or earnings per common share of \$0.42 for the second quarter of 2018. Achievements in the second quarter of 2018 and six month period ended June 30, 2018 include:

- Loan growth of \$58.8 million during the quarter
- Nonperforming assets declined by 4.4% from the prior quarter
- Year over year interest income for the first six months increased \$2.5 million

"We are delighted to share our successful results of the second quarter for 2018," stated Mr. Evans. "Our continued focus on building long term relationships by enhancing the customer experience and providing superior service is evident by the loan growth we see quarter after quarter. With our recent opening of a new full service location in Downtown Saginaw, the Bank is now better positioned to expand its services and support the nearby communities we serve."

Net Income

Net income for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2018 was \$3.3 million and \$6.8 million, respectively. Net income for the same periods of 2017 was \$3.8 million and \$7.0 million, respectively. Interest income for the first six months of 2018 increased when compared to the same period of 2017 as the result of strong loan growth, which totaled \$103.3 million during the past 12 months. Net interest income increased \$1.2 million for the first six months of 2018 in comparison to the same period in 2017. Primarily as a result of loan growth, provision for loan losses increased by \$676,000 for the first six months of 2018 in comparison to the same period in 2017. Noninterest expenses for the first six months of 2018, in comparison to the same period in 2017, increased due to a \$525,000 settlement during 2017 with an insurance claim administrator in favor of Isabella Bank, increased consulting fees in 2018 related to income tax strategies, and increased costs related to upgrades to technology and network security. Net income in 2018 has benefited from the lower federal

statutory tax rate established by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

The Corporation's fully taxable equivalent net yield on interest earning assets was 2.95% for the six month period ended June 30, 2018. The Federal Reserve Bank increased short-term interest rates during the first and second quarters of 2018 and project further increases in 2018. The Corporation anticipates marginal improvements in the net yield on interest earning assets as a result of a combination of projected Federal Reserve Bank short-term rate increases, asset mix shifting to an increasing percentage of loans compared to investment securities, and strategic growth in loans and other income earning assets.

Assets

As of June 30, 2018, total assets were \$1.8 billion and assets under management were \$2.6 billion. Assets under management include \$257.9 million of loans sold and serviced, and \$494.5 million of assets managed by the Corporation's Investment and Trust Services Department, in addition to assets on the consolidated balance sheet. Total assets under management have increased \$88.2 million over the past 12 months.

Loans

Loans outstanding as of June 30, 2018 totaled \$1.2 billion and increased 5.4% during the second quarter of 2018. The Corporation's loan portfolio grew by \$103.3 million or 9.8% during the prior 12 months. This growth was largely driven by the commercial and agricultural loan portfolio which increased \$85.3 million during this time period. Also contributing to this growth were increases in residential real estate and consumer loans of \$17.9 million.

Deposits

While total deposits declined by \$23.1 million during the second quarter of 2018, ending the quarter at \$1.3 billion, total deposits grew \$9.5 million during the first six months of 2018 and \$64.6 million during the past 12 months. The growth over the past 12 months was largely related to the demand deposit base as well as certificates of deposit. Product pricing and the high level of customer service continue to attract new business.

Capital

The Corporation's banking subsidiary, Isabella Bank (the "Bank"), continues to be designated as a "well capitalized" institution as its capital ratios exceeded the minimum requirements for this designation. As of June 30, 2018, the Bank's Tier 1 Leverage Ratio was 8.1%, Tier 1 Capital Ratio was 11.3% and Total Capital Ratio was 11.9%. From a consolidated perspective, the Corporation's Tier 1 Leverage Ratio was 8.7%, Tier 1 Capital Ratio was 12.1% and Total Capital Ratio was 12.8% as of June 30, 2018.

Dividends

During the second quarter of 2018, the Corporation paid a \$0.26 per common share cash dividend which represented a 4.0% increase over the cash dividends paid in the second quarter of 2017. Based on the Corporation's closing stock price of \$26.65 as of June 29, 2018, the annualized cash dividend yield was 3.9%.

About the Corporation

Isabella Bank Corporation (OTCQX: ISBA) is headquartered in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Isabella Bank was established in 1903 and has been committed to serving the local banking needs of our customers and communities for 115 years. The Bank offers personal and commercial lending and deposit products, as well as investment, trust and estate planning services. The Bank has 30 banking locations throughout seven Mid-Michigan counties: Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, and Saginaw. The Corporation employs more than 400 individuals and has been recognized on the Detroit Free Press list of "Top Workplaces" for the past five years.

For further information regarding Isabella Bank Corporation, please visit isabellabank.com.





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Garber Automotive Group acquires Buick GMC Cadillac in Bluffton, South Carolina



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The Garber Automotive Group is pleased to announce the acquisition of Hilton Head Buick GMC Cadillac in Bluffton, South Carolina.

Hilton Head Buick GMC Cadillac is located in Bluffton, SC, was purchased on August 1, 2018 and became Garber Automotive Group's 19th franchise dealership and the first dealership in South Carolina. The dealership represents Buick GMC and Cadillac franchises, and will continue to operate under the name of Hilton Head Buick GMC Cadillac.

Garber Management Group (Garber Automotive, founded in 1907) is the umbrella organization for 19 dealerships located in Michigan, Illinois, Florida, New York and now South Carolina. The group represents 16 manufacturers which include Buick, Chevrolet, GMC, Cadillac, Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Nissan, Hyundai, Porsche, Audi, Acura, Honda and Toyota.

The organization also consists of RightWay Automotive, a sub-prime used vehicle operation with over 30 locations in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia and Missouri. Gateway Financial Solutions is the finance arm of the business. Together the organization employs over 1800 people nation-wide.

Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services Encourages Insurance Innovation

(LANSING) The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) announced the establishment of an insurance innovation hotline and dedicated email address designed to encourage companies, agents, and insurance startups, or "InsurTechs", to interact with the department early in the development of new products.

"Michigan is open for business," said DIFS Director Patrick McPharlin. "We are eager to work with innovators to help them navigate the insurance regulatory environment as they prepare to bring products to market."

Changing social and technological trends have created an opportunity for tech-savvy entrepreneurs. An increasing number of InsurTechs are leveraging new technology to address existing insurance challenges and opportunities. InsurTech activity has increased significantly over the last few years and is expected to lead to continuing evolution and growth of the insurance industry.

InsurTechs have emerged to offer simpler products and a streamlined customer experience. While the InsurTech industry is still in its infancy, the sector is gaining momentum and garnering increased attention from venture capitalists, as well as established insurers.

"We strive to make Michigan a home for innovation and look forward to working closely with innovators to deliver products that will benefit Michigan consumers," added McPharlin.

Innovators are encouraged to submit ideas via email to DIFS-Innovate@michigan.gov. Ideas can also be discussed by calling the hotline number at 517-284-8666.

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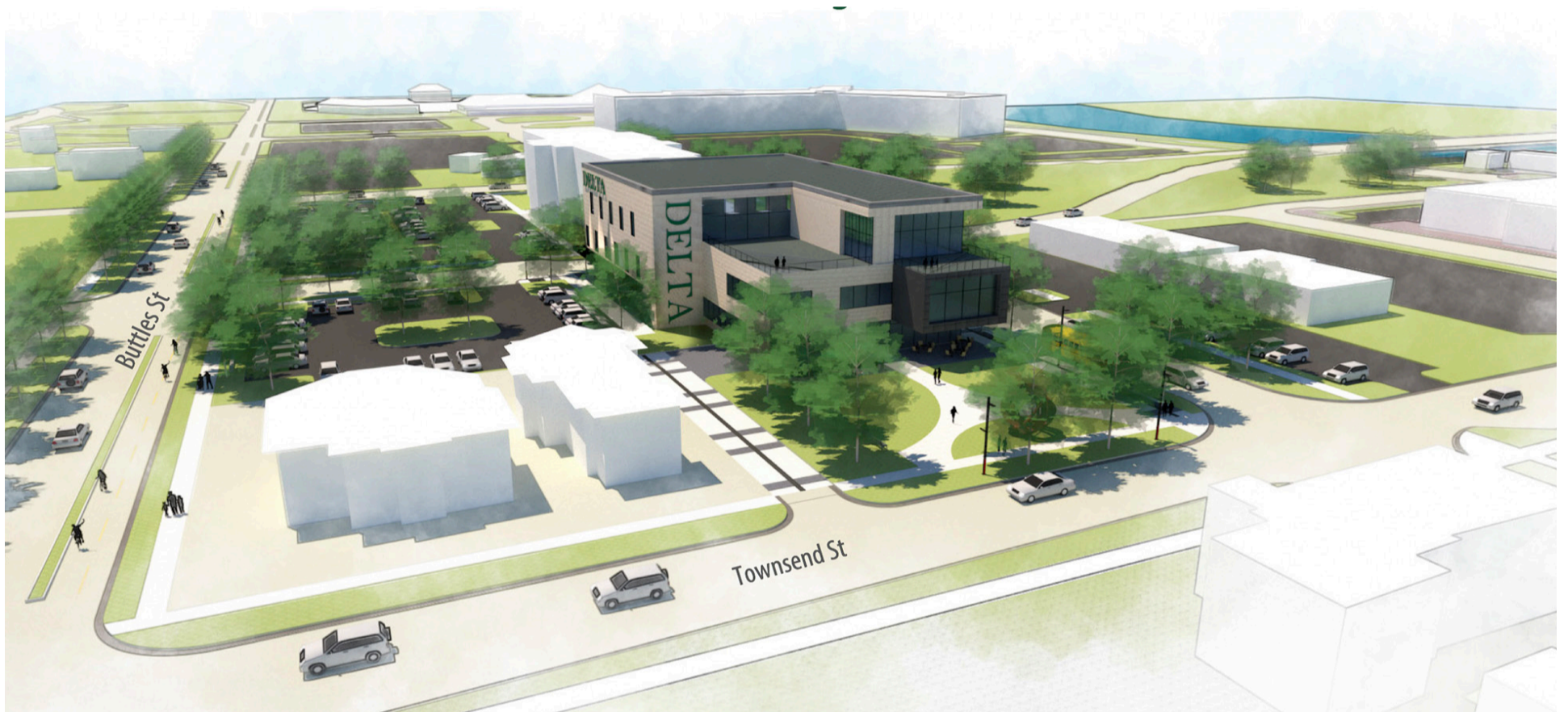
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Planning for Delta College Midland Center Location Moves Forward



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SITE SELECTED

At its meeting on August 14, the Delta College Board of Trustees approved the site selection of a block bounded by Ellsworth, Townsend, Buttles and Cronkright, for its new Midland Center.

The property was owned by Chemical Bank and The Dow Chemical Company. Both organizations donated their property to the College after learning of Delta's interest in the specific site.

Chemical Bank has a long history of supporting projects and activities that significantly impact Delta College and its students. "Delta enjoys a good reputation with so many parents and students," said Bob Rathbun, Executive Vice President and Chemical Bank East Region

President. "As Chemical Bank continues its support of the region, we wanted to be sure Delta College had the best location for this new building. We're proud we could step forward to make this project happen."

A smaller portion of the property was owned and donated to Delta College by The Dow Chemical Company. "We are very excited to see Delta College added to the ongoing community development landscape of downtown Midland," said Rob Vallentine, president of The Dow Chemical Company Foundation and director of Global Citizenship. "This collaboration is helping cultivate a robust manufacturing workforce pipeline for our future."

The land donations have allowed all other dollars to be invested in the building itself. "We're so thankful for their generous

contributions," said Dr. Robert Emrich, Chair of the Delta College Board of Trustees, who voted to accept the donation. "The show of support from the Midland community for this building project," Emrich said, "has been overwhelmingly positive."

Although done fairly quickly, the site selection adhered to a rigorous process. Following identification of Delta College's facility needs, as well as a comprehensive review of Midland area properties, several candidate sites were identified. But, after review of a long list of criteria assigned by the Delta College Board of Trustees, the final location was selected. Evaluation was completed with the help of Momentum Midland, an initiative of the Michigan Baseball Foundation focused on increased vibrancy and economic development in and around downtown Midland.

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THE BUILDING

Currently, Delta has been challenged at the Midland facility on Wheeler Road due to an aging building and infrastructure. The new building will offer students an innovative environment with state-of-the-art technology, something Delta strives to provide to all of its students.

"This will be a great learning environment. Our students, educators and employers have been asking us for this opportunity in Midland," said Dr. Jean Goodnow, Delta College President.

The Midland Center new building construction is estimated at \$13 million with well over half of the dollars provided by community donors. "We're hoping to have a few more donations before we're done," said Pam Clark, Delta College Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, "and we could top \$9 million in total contributions."

Delta College was awarded \$7.425 million in support of this project through a \$4 million grant from The Dow Chemical Company Foundation, a \$2 million grant from The Dow Corning Foundation and an additional \$1.425 million grant from the Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow Foundation.

The plan is break ground by fall 2019 and open by fall 2020. The 30,000 sq. ft. of new construction will include state-of-the-art technology, special use training rooms and science labs to strengthen Delta's ability to deliver the highest caliber of college instruction and workforce training.

LEARNING CENTERS

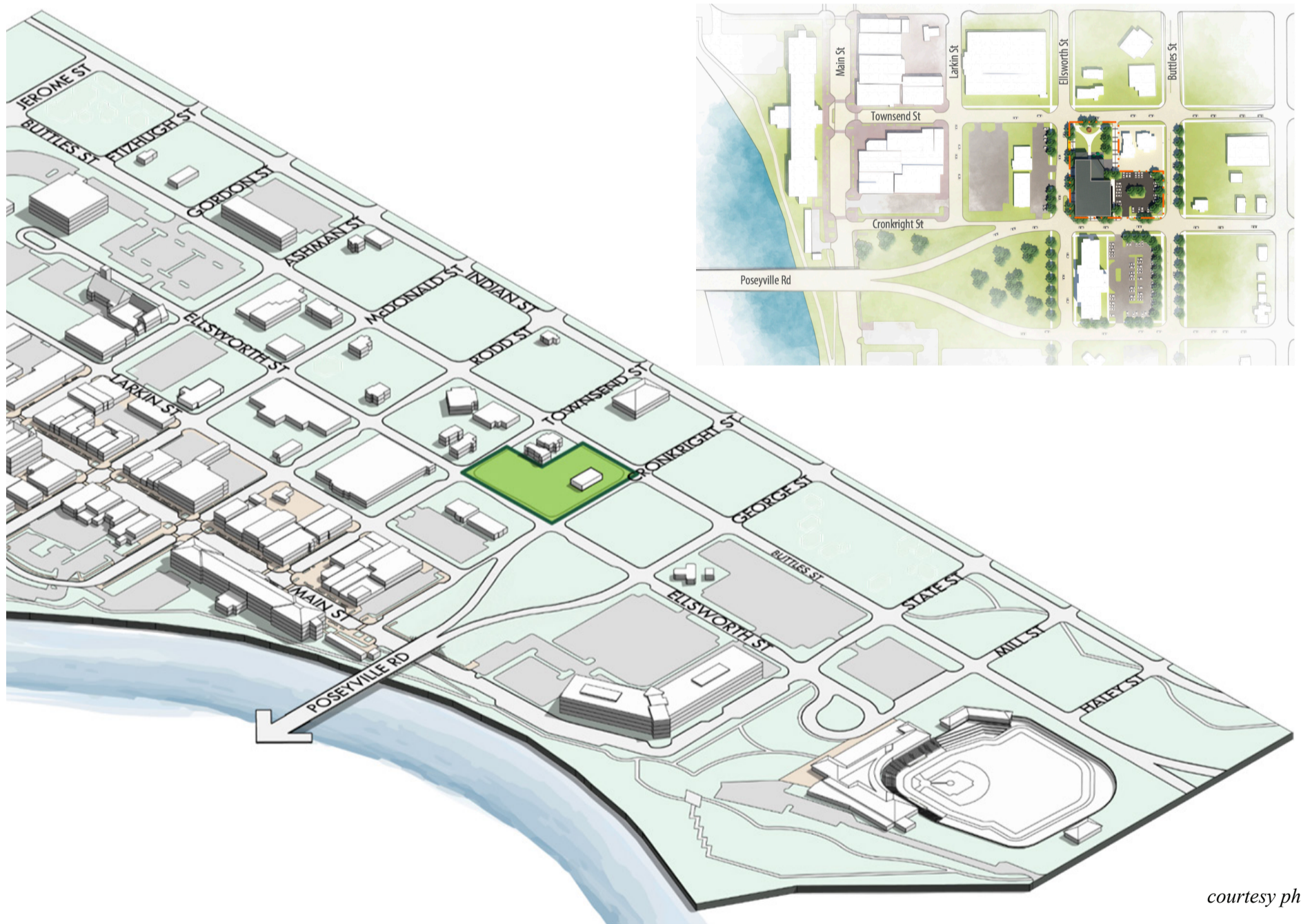
Currently, Delta College offers close-to-home educational classes at three off-campus centers - Saginaw Ricker Center, Midland Center and Bay City Planetarium and Learning Center -

for many students making their first strides into post-secondary education. In the learning center environment, many first generation students find success, which can lead to a continuing cycle of education and employment opportunities.

A new downtown Saginaw Center is under construction now. It will open to students in the fall of 2019.

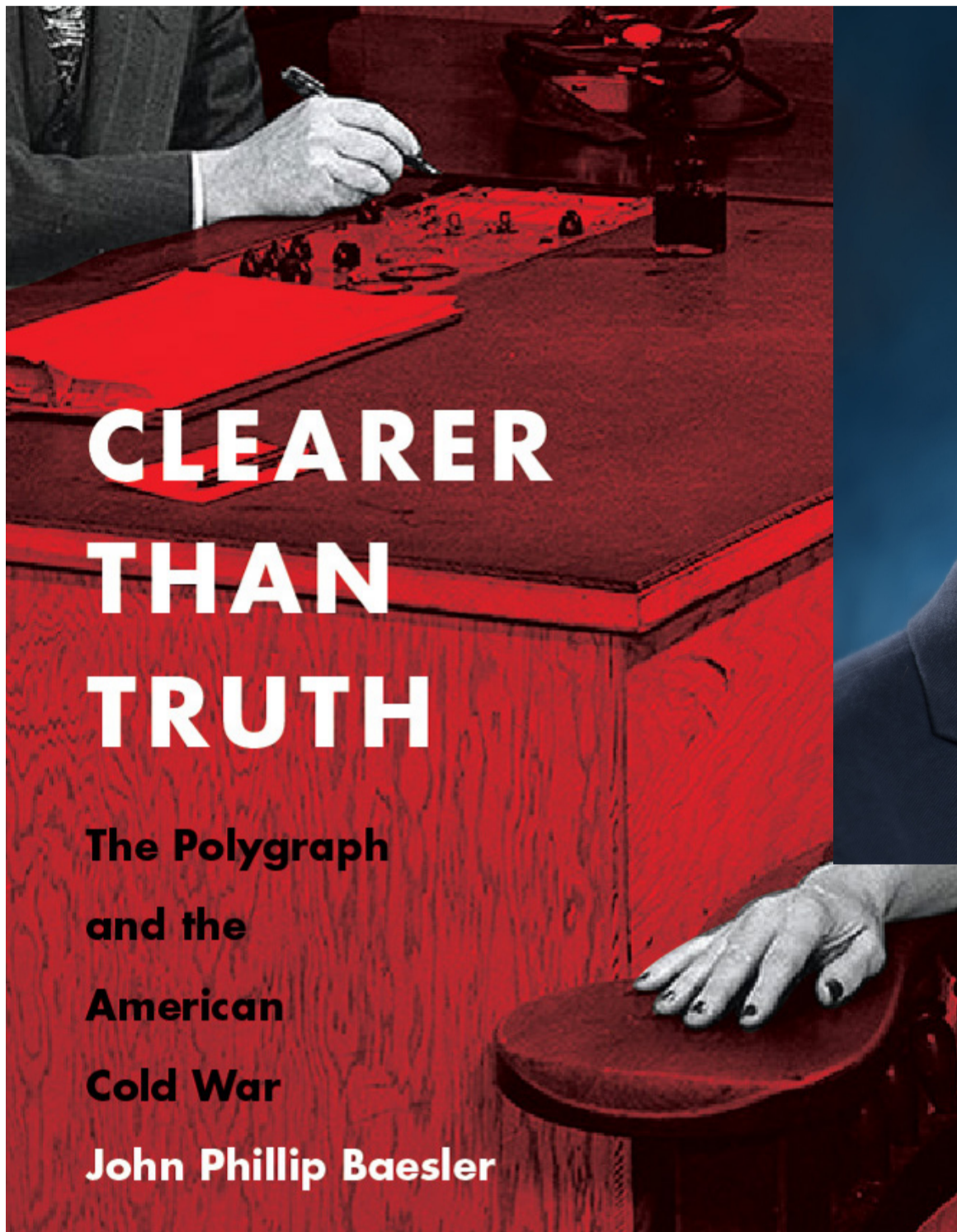
"Delta College has always been committed to providing local citizens with a college education that's affordable, the highest quality and easy to access," said Dr. Goodnow. "I believe this downtown Midland Center will continue to fulfill that commitment to our communities."

Students can get started now. Delta is offering courses at its current Midland Center on East Wheeler Street. Additional dual enrollment and career and transfer options are anticipated to be offered as well.



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SVSU history professor authors book on Cold War-era polygraph use



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John Baesler, associate professor of history at Saginaw Valley State University, has written his first book, examining the topic of polygraph use during and after the Cold War.

The book, “Clearer Than Truth: The Polygraph and the American Cold War (Culture, Politics, and the Cold War),” is based on how the use of polygraph technology – often referred to as the lie detector – greatly increased after World War II and the ramifications of the increase in usage by the U.S. government.

“The book is a history of the polygraph and particularly the role that the polygraph has played in U.S. national security policies since the second

World War,” Baesler said. “Polygraph technology had been around since the early 20th century, but it was really only after World War II that American government agencies began using it on a large scale to test the loyalty of applicants for federal jobs and employees in the federal government, as well as to establish the bona fides of sources working for U.S. intelligence services.”

The book is for sale at vendors including Amazon.com. It tracks the history of polygraph use, justifications for using it, as well as protests against it by citizens and civil liberties groups, from the Cold War to the present.

He said he wrote the book due to his interest in how

the U.S. used the polygraph technology compared to other government systems.

“To me, the history of the polygraph exam was presented by its defenders as a scientific, objective and therefore fair procedure, while at the same time it was seen as hard-nosed – almost like torture – and therefore suitable to smoke out communist spies and so forth,” he said.

“In short, I chose to write about this topic because there is a fascinating, complicated history there that has a larger significance.”

A native of Germany, Baesler earned his undergraduate degree in history and philosophy from Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg in 2001 and earned his Ph.D. in U.S. history and cultural history at Indiana University-Bloomington in 2009.

He joined SVSU's history faculty in 2009, and was promoted to associate professor in 2014.

The process to write this book began as his dissertation project at Indiana University, but he continued to work and expanded the research to make the nonfiction book that is on sale today.

“It took me almost 14 years to research and write this book,” he said. “It's been a long journey, but I am very proud of the result.”

SVSU hosts program empowering middle and high school students as leaders in STEM studies



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With demand expected to rise in STEM-related jobs across Michigan, Saginaw Valley State University and regional partners are continuing a collaboration aimed at developing and growing the next generation of leaders in the sciences.

SVSU hosted a program — now in its second year — that trained 66 Bay, Midland and Saginaw county middle and high school students as “chief science officers.”

Modeled after a similar program that has proven successful in Arizona, middle and high school students are elected by their peers to be a “chief science officer” and then are empowered at the workshops to influence a wide range of STEM opportunities in their schools and communities. The goal is to have students take an active role in increasing student interest in the STEM fields, ultimately creating a diverse pipeline of STEM leaders.

“It’s so impactful to have students become a voice for STEM in our region,” said Adrienne Cole, director of

STEM at SVSU.

“When we gather people around the table to talk about how we are engaging students in STEM, too often there aren’t students at that table. We want to put them at that table.”

The two-day session that took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 14-15 — included workshops, team-building exercises and fun activities led by STEM industry professionals from SVSU, The Dow Chemical Company, Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, Hemlock Semiconductor and MidMichigan Health.

Last year, 50 students participated in the program. Of the 66 involved in this year’s initiative, 22 are returnees from that inaugural class.

SVSU received a \$40,000 grant from The Dow Chemical Company Foundation to start the community-minded pilot program last year. The foundation donated another \$40,000 to fund this year’s initiative.

Congressman Dan Kildee announces over \$11 million fund early childhood education in Genesee County

Funding to Local School Districts Will Support Care and Learning Environments for Genesee County Children

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) today announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded over \$11 million to local school districts in mid-Michigan to fund Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

HHS awarded Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools \$1.1 million to expand Early Head Start programs and awarded Genesee Intermediate School District \$10.7 million to expand Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

“Early education programs like Head Start and Early Head Start are some of the most important investments we can make to give our children greater opportunity to succeed. I am proud to announce these federal grants that will combine education, health care, nutrition and social services to help support our kids,” Congressman Kildee said. “I am proud of both the Genesee Intermediate School District and Carman-Ainsworth for receiving these federal grants and look forward to following the success of their students in the future.”

Head Start and Early Head Start are early childhood education programs that promote children’s development through services that support education, health and family well-being. Programming is administered by local public and private, nonprofit and for-profit agencies. The programs include child learning services in reading, math and science; nutritious meals; health and developmental screenings; oral and mental health support; behavioral and special needs services and family services.

In the wake of the Flint water crisis, in March 2016, Congressman Kildee successfully advocated for other federal grants to expand Head Start and Early Head Start services for Flint children. In March 2017, Congressman Kildee also announced \$5.5 million in federal grants to support new and expanded Early Head Start for children in the Flint area through Early Head Start Child Care Partnership programs.



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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start
Program Director

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Joe Baca, former Dem. Calif. Congrmn., Dist. 43.

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Casaundra Perry, Delta College graduate, is pursuing her career as a physical therapist assistant.

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Marilyn Wheaton, director of Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum at SVSU, announces Retirement



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For 12 years, Marilyn Wheaton has contributed to the growing legacy of Marshall M. Fredericks, the late sculptor (1908-1998) whose iconic works include *The Spirit of Detroit* as well as the Cleveland War Memorial Fountain of Eternal Life.

Now Wheaton is preparing to transfer that responsibility to the hands of her successor. In December, she will retire as director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum housed on Saginaw Valley State University's campus. A national search for a new director will soon be underway.

"I have accomplished everything I wanted to accomplish here, and more," Wheaton said. "There's a big, wonderful world of art that I still want to be part of in some way, but I feel like I have done everything I can do here. It's time for someone new to step in."

Since her hiring as director in 2006, Wheaton has overseen a considerable expansion of the museum's offerings, a substantial growth in attendance and a strategic outreach aimed at increasing community engagement with the facility. Her advocacy of Fredericks's legacy has reached far beyond the walls of the museum bearing his name.

"Marilyn has worked tirelessly to promote both Marshall Fredericks's museum and his life's work," said Don Bachand, SVSU's president. "The museum is a cultural gem in our community and a wonder of art in the eyes of the visitors who travel here from all across the world to see it. Without Marilyn, Fredericks' work may not have the audience it deserves."

Bachand was one of the officials who recruited and hired Wheaton a dozen years ago to lead the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, which first opened on SVSU's campus in May 1988. Wheaton was charged with developing the relatively-young gallery into a mature institution with a firm footing in the community arts scene. If attendance numbers are any indication, she succeeded in that goal. Before Wheaton was named director, about 10,000 people visited annually. Within a decade, the museum counted a record 18,000 visitors in a single year.

A number of factors contributed to the growth, Wheaton said, including the following:

- Assembled a professional staff of experts in the visual arts, which enables the museum to provide a high level of service and education to their visitors. The museum

archivist oversees the Marshall M. Fredericks Archive that is housed at the Museum, and the collections manager is tasked with data entering the more than 2,000 objects in the collection and ensuring that the sculptures in the Museum and sculpture garden are maintained.

- Accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums in 2013. The stamp of approval lent a legitimacy to the Museum that allowed its operations to thrive among a supportive arts community, Wheaton said.
- The opening in 2013 of the Jo Anne and Donald Petersen Sculpture Garden, which was the culmination of a 5-year, \$800,000 fundraiser that included a \$500,000 donation from the garden's namesake. The garden — featuring some of Fredericks largest sculptures cast in bronze — acts as a majestic entrance to the museum and provides context to what the visitor will see once they enter the Museum, Wheaton said. Previously, the main entrance was within SVSU's Arbury Hall, tucked among classrooms and the bustle of college life.

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One of Wheaton's proudest accomplishments at the museum now stands 12 feet tall in that garden, a symbolic representation of her dedication to preserving Fredericks' legacy. *Black Elk: Homage to the Great Spirit* was the artist's last sculpture, commissioned for installation at a bank in Southfield. Fredericks died in 1998 before the sculpture came back to Michigan from the East Coast foundry and the owner had moved to California. Instead of being displayed publicly, *Black Elk* was mothballed in a warehouse.

Fifteen years later, though, Wheaton brought Fredericks's last commissioned piece to life. She tracked down the owner and secured a loan agreement with him so that *Black Elk* could be installed as the crown jewel of the new Jo Anne and Donald Petersen Sculpture Garden.

Konnie Gill, chairperson for the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board of Advisors, said Wheaton's dedication to the late sculptor's works is unmatched.

"I've been a member of many boards over the years, and I've never met a director — of any type of nonprofit — who has given their life to their job in the way Marilyn has," said Gill, the former

director of McLaren Bay Medical Foundation who now owns a physician recruitment business.

"Marilyn is the most devoted person I have ever met. Her love for the Fredericks family, for Marshall's work, for SVSU — she is the epitome of who anyone would want as a director ... or an employee, for that matter."

Wheaton's relationship with Fredericks extends beyond her familiarity with his sculptures. She knew the man. Before her arrival at SVSU, Wheaton was immersed in the Detroit arts scene where she met Fredericks in his Royal Oak studio.

A native of small-town Silex, Missouri, Wheaton first arrived in Michigan in the late 1960s in part because her devout Roman-Catholic parents urged her to attend a Catholic institution for college. She chose Madonna University in Livonia. Not long after graduating with a bachelor's degree in history, she landed a job as a research assistant at the Detroit Institute of Arts in the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Art.

Her exposure to the arts during her 11 years there inspired her to remain in the industry. Later, she spent eight years as director of the City of

Detroit's Cultural Affairs Department and 11 years leading Michigan's first statewide arts advocacy organization, Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan.

Her 12 years spent as director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum represents her longest tenure in any one role. Despite her work over that time, there is plenty of room for growth and development at the museum, she said, so long as her successor possesses both an artistic vision and a strong sense of community.

"You must be a people person who understands the importance of making connections with the people you serve and the people who can help you," she said. "And you cannot successfully run a museum if you can't see two years down the road. You can't exist here without a strategic plan that provides that sort of long-term direction."

Wheaton's long-term plans reside outside of the Great Lakes Bay Region. She and her husband never sold their home in Detroit, where she plans to return full-time when she steps down as museum director at the end of December. "I'm not leaving here to go to another job, but I'm confident there will be other opportunities in the Detroit area that present themselves," she said.

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The award is the magazine's most prestigious, given to an individual who has an established history of distinguished service, exhibited leadership and provided inspiration to others in the industry. Giorgis is also the youngest member ever inducted into the International Towing and Recovery Hall of Fame, Class of 2002.

The magazine also recognized Bill Byers of Rochester, Mich. with the Industry Champion Award and Mario Faga of Lake Worth, Fla. with the Rising Star Award.

Job & Resource Fair Offers 'One-Stop Shop' for Genesee County Job Seekers

(FLINT, Mich. – Aug. 10, 2018) More than 25 employers will seek to fill entry-level positions during the Flint & Genesee Job & Resource Fair, to be held Thursday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Baker College of Flint.

The job fair – open to adults 18 and older – will also offer access to community agencies offering career preparation, financial and health services.

“This event has truly become a one-stop shop for job seekers,” said James Avery, director of Education & Training at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. “Attendees can meet with employers face-to-face. And they can connect with a variety of organizations that offer important services in Genesee County.”

According to Avery, job seekers can also take advantage of complimentary hair services provided by Park Place Hair Studio and update their interview attire with clothing and accessories donated by 2nd Time Around Consignment.

Walk-ins are welcome, although applicants are encouraged to register by Friday, Aug. 17 at www.flintandgenesee.org/jobfair. Attendees should dress professionally and bring several copies of their resume.

So far, confirmed employers include:

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Escanaba, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder, joined by state technology and business leaders at Escanaba High School, unveiled a plan today to provide universal access to high-speed internet for every Michigan resident, business, region and community. The Michigan Broadband Roadmap sets the path for improving access and adoption of broadband throughout the state.

“As technology continues to rapidly change and evolve, having access to fast, reliable internet is now a necessity for everyday life,” Snyder said. “There are many regions of Michigan where internet is inaccessible or ineffective, and this plan works to make broadband internet available to Michigan residents in every corner of the state.”

Gov. Snyder created the Michigan Consortium of Advanced Networks (MCAN) through Executive Order 2018-2 to solidify a vision for a connected state along with a roadmap to guide the state’s goal of ubiquitous broadband access. MCAN gathered input from a diverse group of public and private entities from around the state and held six

listening tours to fully understand the needs of Michiganders before creating the comprehensive plan.

“As we traveled the state we heard a clear consensus – Michigan residents need and deserve secure, reliable and affordable broadband,” explained MCAN Chairman and Department of Technology, Management and Budget Director Dave DeVries. “The thoughtful contributions made by each of the MCAN members and support staff led to these realistic goals and timelines. The path toward reaching our goals will take time and collaboration from both the public and private sector but is ultimately achievable.”

Michigan currently ranks 30th in the nation for broadband availability and more than 350,000 households, in mostly rural areas, do not have access to vital high-speed internet service. Another two million households only have access to a single, terrestrial internet service provider. There is approximately \$2.5 billion in potential economic opportunities available for these regions

if this gap is closed.

The broadband roadmap identifies three main areas for improvement: 1) Access to Unserved Areas; 2) Increase Broadband Adoption; and 3) Advance Michigan’s Broadband Ecosystem. Recommendations include a call for greater investment in broadband to improve community and economic development, establishing a single point of contact for within state government, promoting and building awareness for low-cost broadband subscription programs, improving the workforce pool for the telecommunications industry, promoting digital literacy, and creating a permanent broadband commission to advise future governors and the legislature.

The creation of MCAN was a recommendation of the 21st Century Infrastructure Commission. The full Roadmap report is available online at www.miinfrastructurecommission.com.

Congressman Dan Kildee announces federal grant to Oscoda schools to ensure safe drinking water for students



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Grant Will Change School Water Source After Dangerous PFAS Chemical Contamination Threatened Groundwater Near School

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) today announced that Oscoda Area Schools will receive a \$50,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to bring safe drinking water to students. The federal grant will help pay to change the school's water source and connect it to an existing Au Sable Township water main after Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) were found near the school's current water supply.

"Ensuring my constituents, including Oscoda residents, have access to clean drinking water is one of my top priorities in Congress. I am proud to have worked with local residents, school administrators and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to quickly bring this federal grant to Oscoda," Congressman Kildee said. "We must do more to urgently address PFAS contamination, as well as provide safe drinking water to those affected."

Plumes of PFAS were recently found on Oscoda Area Schools' River Road campus, putting the school well in danger of being contaminated if the plumes moved. After learning of the issue earlier this year, Congressman Kildee worked with USDA Assistant Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett and USDA Michigan Rural Development Director Jason Allen to bring these resources to Oscoda.

"Because of the leadership and guidance of Congressman Kildee's office, we feel extremely fortunate to have worked with the USDA and obtained the resources necessary for Oscoda Area Schools to ensure that our students and community will have safe water sources for years to come," said Scott Moore, Oscoda Area Schools Superintendent.

Congressman Kildee has repeatedly pushed the Trump Administration and all levels of government to more urgently address PFAS contamination across the country. Last month, Congressman Kildee and Congressman Upton lead a bipartisan letter calling on the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strengthen protections for PFAS in drinking water.

Earlier this year, Congressman Kildee testified in front of the U.S. House of Representatives Veterans' Affairs Committee to urge the DoD and Congress to do more to clean up toxic contamination, including around former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda. Congressman Kildee and a bipartisan group of Members sent a letter to Administrator Pruitt in December 2017 asking the EPA to do more to help the state of Michigan and the U.S. Department of Defense's efforts to address PFAS.

Additionally, Congressman Kildee, along with Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, worked to include language authorizing a health study on PFAS exposure in the National Defense Authorization Act, which became law in December 2017. In March 2018, the three lawmakers successfully included funding to address ongoing drinking water contamination issues in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget bill.



CHANGES TO OUR NEW ROUTES

START DECEMBER 31, 2017

Route 1:

Was: (INBOUND) Congress > Mason > State
Change to: (INBOUND) Congress > Bay > State

Route 211 becomes Route 112:

Was: Perkins > Outer > Woodbridge
Change to: Woodbridge > Outer > Perkins
Adding: Ricker Center

Route 3:

Stays on Michigan to Superior - No bridge crossing
Drops: YMCA (YMCA on Route 7)

Route 54:

Drops Ricker Center (Ricker Center added to Route 112)

Route 6 changes to Fashion Sq and SVSU Express:

Was: Weiss > Bay > SVSU > Tittabawassee > I-675
Change to: I-675 > Fashion Sq > SVSU > Fashion Sq > I-675
Adds: Fresnius Dialysis Center

Route 7:

Adds: Ruffin Clinic, YMCA, MI Works, DaVita Dialysis
Drops: Michigan Ave (added to Route 3)

Route 82:

Was: Vets > Jefferson > Warren
Change to: Jefferson > Warren > Vets
Will take Jefferson to Williamson (Drop Holland, Weber, Hess)

Route 9:

Drops inbound WalMart stop (Route 6 adds a WalMart stop)

Route 106 - Big Changes!:

Will now Depart at top of hour (:55) instead of bottom (:25)
Was: I-675 > Tittabawassee > Fashion Sq > Bay > Weiss
Change to: Weiss > Covenant Mackinaw > Fashion Sq > Tittabawassee > I-675
Adds: Covenant Mackinaw
Drops: Bay Pointe Apts, Southbound Bay (Route 9 Adds Southbound Bay)

SPORTS

Steve Jaksa Named SVSU Head Baseball Coach



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UNIVERSITY CENTER -- Saginaw Valley State University Director of Athletics John Decker has announced Steve Jaksa as the Cardinals' Head Baseball Coach today. Jaksa becomes the fifth head coach in the history of the program.

Jaksa served as head coach at Central Michigan University for 16 seasons and ranks second on CMU's all-time coaching wins list with an overall record of 507-421-2. He led Central Michigan to three Mid-American Conference championships and six MAC West Division titles while compiling a 257-157 record in conference action.

Jaksa was named the MAC Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2015. He coached 10 All-Americans, two MAC Pitchers of the Year, a MAC Player of the Year, 20 first team All-MAC selections and 33 second team All-MAC honorees. His program also had success in the classroom with four Academic All-Americans, seven Academic All-District selections and 53 Academic All-MAC honorees.

"Coach Jaksa is a proven winner," stated Decker. "He has been successful at every level and we are confident that he will continue that tradition here at Saginaw Valley. We are extremely pleased

that Coach Jaksa has brought his coaching and teaching talents to our University and that he will be leading our student-athletes and baseball program into the future."

He was a student-athlete for the Chippewas from 1974-79, earning two letters while compiling a 12-4 career record with four saves and a 2.76 earned run average, which ranks 11th all-time on CMU's career ERA list. He returned to CMU as an assistant coach in 1999 and served as the pitching coach for four seasons until taking over as head coach.

"I would like to thank Director of Athletics John Decker and the selection committee for this tremendous opportunity here at Saginaw Valley State University," said Jaksa. "Throughout the process, it was clear that Mr. Decker's goals and mine aligned well for the future success of the program. I know the student-athletes are looking forward to embarking on this journey that starts now. Together, we will create a team-first culture and play with a passion that will allow us to achieve excellence, on and off the field. I am thrilled to return to Saginaw, where I have strong roots and ties in the area. This program has great

potential and I look forward to working with the players and leading the way in competing for championships on a regular basis."

Jaksa coached 36 individuals who were drafted into Major League Baseball. Most notable among that group is Josh Collmenter, who pitched in the major leagues for seven seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Atlanta Braves. Pitcher Dietrich Enns also made his way to the majors, making his debut with Minnesota in 2017. Both Chad Pleiness, (Blue Jays, 2002) and Jordan Foley (Yankees, 2014) were fifth-round selections, the highest for CMU since the 1980s.

Jaksa earned two letters while compiling a 12-4 career record with four saves and a 2.76 earned run average at CMU, from which he received his bachelor of science degree in 1979.

He led the '79 Chippewas with seven victories, and his career ERA ranks 11th in school history among pitchers who logged at least 100 innings. Jaksa worked as an assistant coach at Miami (Ohio) while earning his master's degree in 1986, then coached for 11 years at Nouvel Catholic Central High School in Saginaw, compiling a 353-106 record and winning state championships in 1990 and '97. He also served for 10 years as the school's athletic director.

Jaksa coached at Northwood University in 1998, leading the Timberwolves to a 28-25 finish, then joined coach Judd Folske's CMU staff in 1999 and served as an assistant, overseeing pitchers and catchers, until 2002. Jaksa's 1999 Chippewa pitching staff led the MAC and ranked 17th nationally in ERA.

Jaksa, a native of Grand Blanc, Mich., was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2000. In 2004, he was inducted into the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 1974 national champion Connie Mack team, and in 2013 he received the Grand Blanc High School Distinguished Alumni Award.

Jaksa and his wife Patti have four children: Stacey, Rachel, Marc and Kelly.

97th Michigan PGA Professional Championship starts Monday at Flint Golf Club



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FLINT – The 97th Michigan PGA Professional Championship is Monday through Wednesday at Flint Golf Club, and in addition to being a state championship for Michigan golf professionals it serves as the starting point on the road to major championship golf with the best players in the world at the PGA Championship of 2019.

Defending champion John Seltzer III, the head professional at Blythefield Country Club near Grand Rapids, heads the field of 127 professionals in the \$54,000 championship on the storied Flint Golf Club course designed by famed architect Willie Park Jr.

A cut will be made to the low 60 scorers and ties after Tuesday's second round in the 54-hole tournament. The low nine golfers at the end of the tournament, along with Scott Hebert of Traverse City Golf & Country Club and Jeff Roth of Boyne Highlands Resort who are exempt from qualification, will play in the 2019 PGA Professional National Championship at Belfair in Bluffton, S.C., next April 28 – May 1. The low 20 finishers from that national event move on to play with the best players in the world at next year's PGA Championship at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y.

Eight-time champion Hebert (2006, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12, '14, '16) and four-time champion Roth (1998, '99, 2001, '03) are two of 13 former Michigan PGA champions in the field, including John Seltzer, the defending champion, three-time winner Brian Cairns of Fox Hills Learning Center

(1996, 2000, 2013), two-time winner Steve Brady of Oakland Hills Country Club (1993, '95), two-time winner Barry Redmond of Crooked Tree Golf Club (1990, '92), Dan Urban of Gull Lake Country Club (2015), Ron Beurmann of Country Club of Jackson (2010), Joe Pollack of Golf Cars Plus (2004), Tom Harding of Kendall Golf Academy (1997), Jack Seltzer of Jack Seltzer Golf Academy (1988), John Traub of Berkley (1984) and Randy Erskine of Rochester (1978).

Flint Golf Club dates to 1910 as a social club, and the course was opened in 1919. Park, a two-time British Open champion turned designer, fashioned a parkland golf course that has stayed true to its roots over the years. It can play as long as 6,671 yards at par 72. Somewhat unique to the Park design are five par-3 and five par 5 holes.

Flint Golf Club is hosting the Michigan PGA Professional Championship for the second consecutive year. It has been a regular host to Golf Association of Michigan tournaments over the years, including the 2001 Michigan Amateur Championship, and it has also hosted golf legends. Sam Snead set the course record in June 1963 shooting a 61.

Flint Golf Club's staff is headed by General Manager Troy Stieve. Scott Brotebeck is the head PGA Professional and the Superintendent is Jim Moore.

Last year Seltzer, the son of 1988 champion Jack Seltzer, made a two-foot birdie putt on the

second playoff hole and won the 96th Michigan PGA Professional Championship in storybook fashion. Seltzer, whose story includes working as a bag shop employee at Flint Golf Club during his high school years in nearby Grand Blanc, bested Andrew Dodson of GolfTEC-Novi in the playoff at 7-under 209.

Seltzer and Dodson each shot 3-under 69 to set up the playoff, and then both made 5 on the par 5 No. 18 hole that was used as the first playoff hole. They went to No. 1, another par 5, where both had chip shots near the green for their third shots. Seltzer pitched his from about 45 feet to two feet, and Dodson chipped from heavy rough just left of the green to about eight feet. Dodson's birdie attempt faded past the hole and Seltzer knocked his in for the win.

The Michigan PGA Professional Championship dates to 1922 and past champions include Walter Hagen, Chuck Kocsis, Jimmy Demaret, Chick Harbert and Horton Smith.

The Michigan PGA Professional Championship is presented by Club Car and OMEGA with supporting sponsors Titleist/Footjoy, TaylorMade, Nike, Golf Channel and the PGA Tour.

See michiganpgagolf.com for more information, live scoring during the tournament and tee times. Gallery is welcome. Parking and admission are free. More information on Flint Golf Club is available at flintgolfclub.com.

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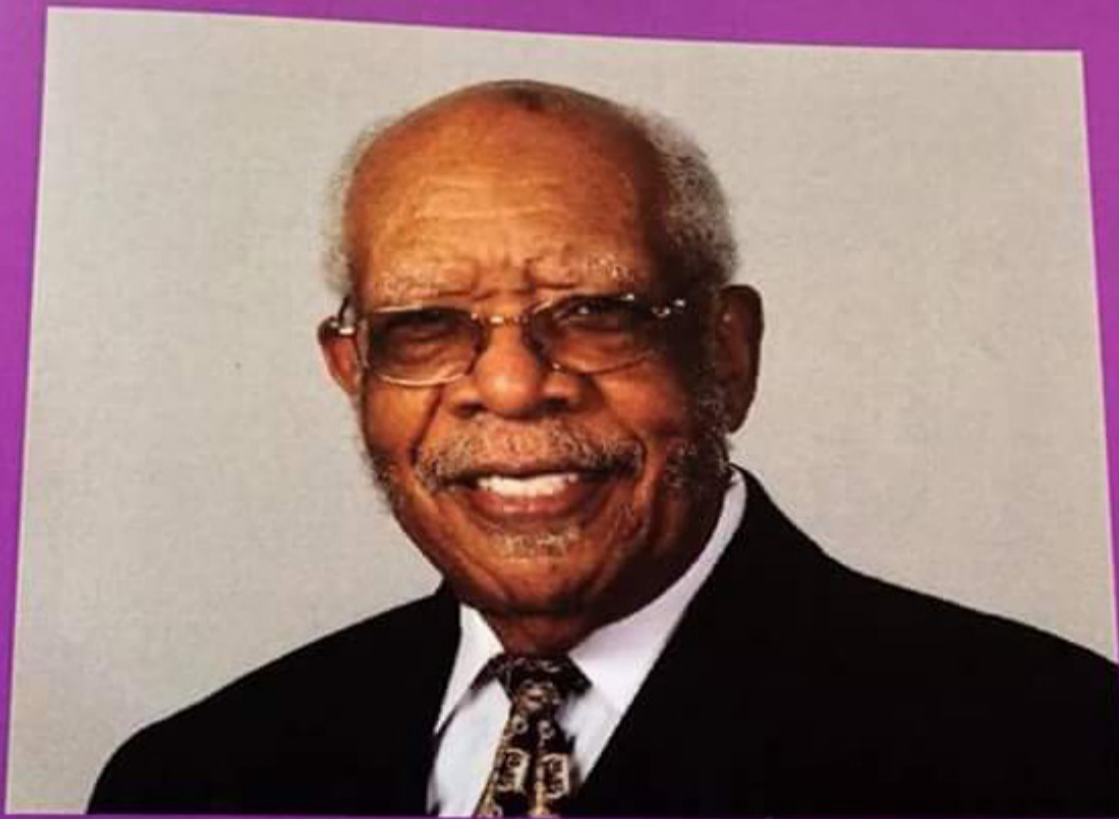
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PIC OF THE WEEK

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