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Lem Tucker, born May 26, 1938 in Saginaw, was an American journalist and one of the first African Americans to work as a television network reporter. He graduated from Central Michigan University in 1960 and started his career at NBC as a general assignment news correspondent in 1965. He then served as news director at WOR-TV in New York City from 1970 to 1971 and later moved to ABC in 1972 and to CBS in 1977, where he worked the remainder of his career. Tucker won two Emmy's; his first in 1979 for his coverage of black America and his second in 1983 for a series about hunger in America.



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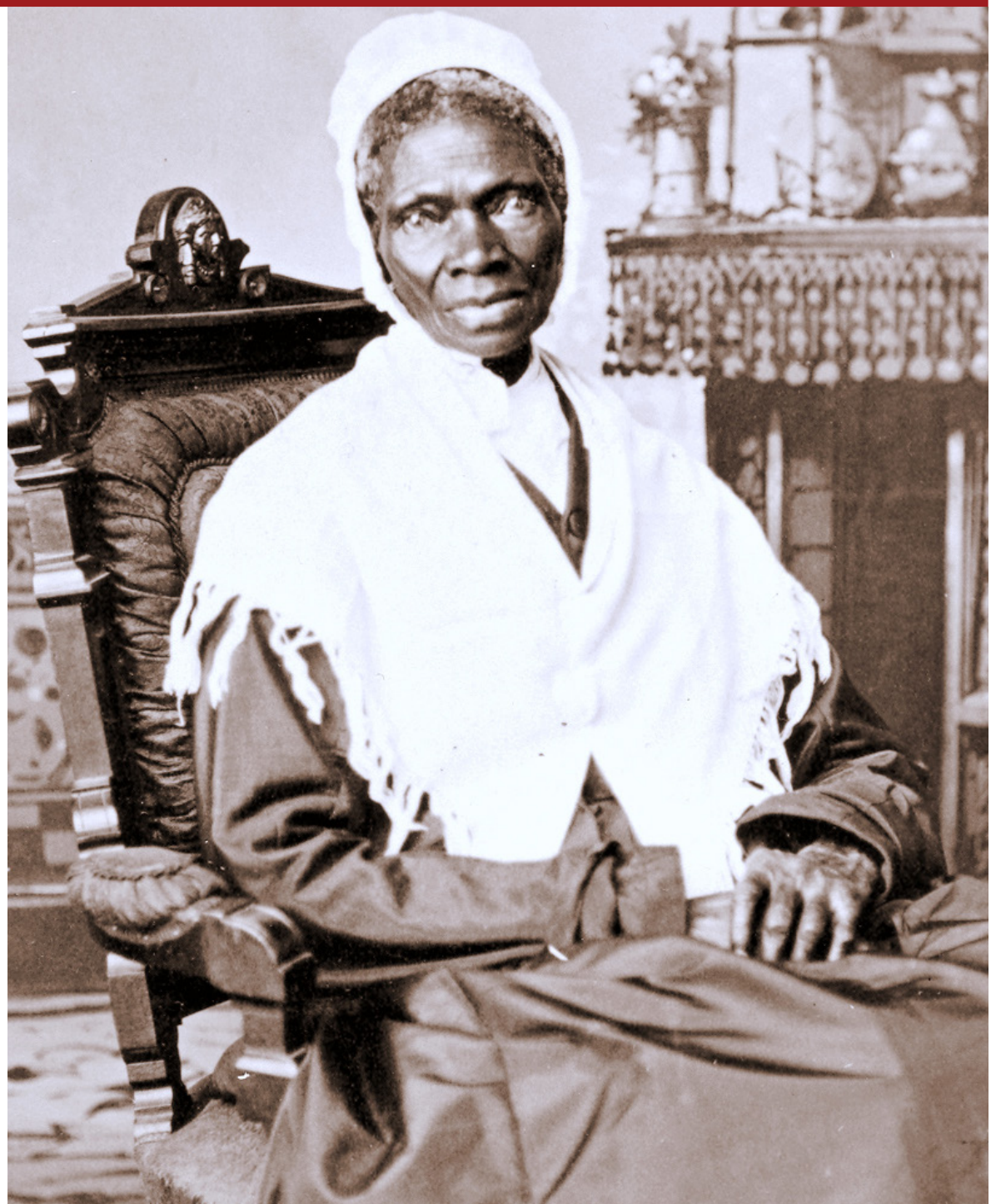


# SOJOURNER TRUTH

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Sojourner Truth was born into slavery in New York in 1797 but escaped with her daughter to freedom in 1826 to become an abolitionist and women's rights activist. On September 3, 1857, she moved to Battle Creek, Michigan where she joined former members of the Millerite Movement who had formed the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She also joined the Progressive Friends, which at that time was the heart of the Michigan abolitionists.

Sojourner Truth has received several commemorations including a library at New Paltz State University of New York named in Truth's honor, a 12-foot-high monument is built to honor her in Battle Creek, Michigan, and a commemorative postage stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service. Truth is in the first group of women inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in Lansing and on April 20, 2016 Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew announced that the newly designed \$10 bill will include images which will pay homage to the women's suffrage movement and feature the images of Truth, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul.



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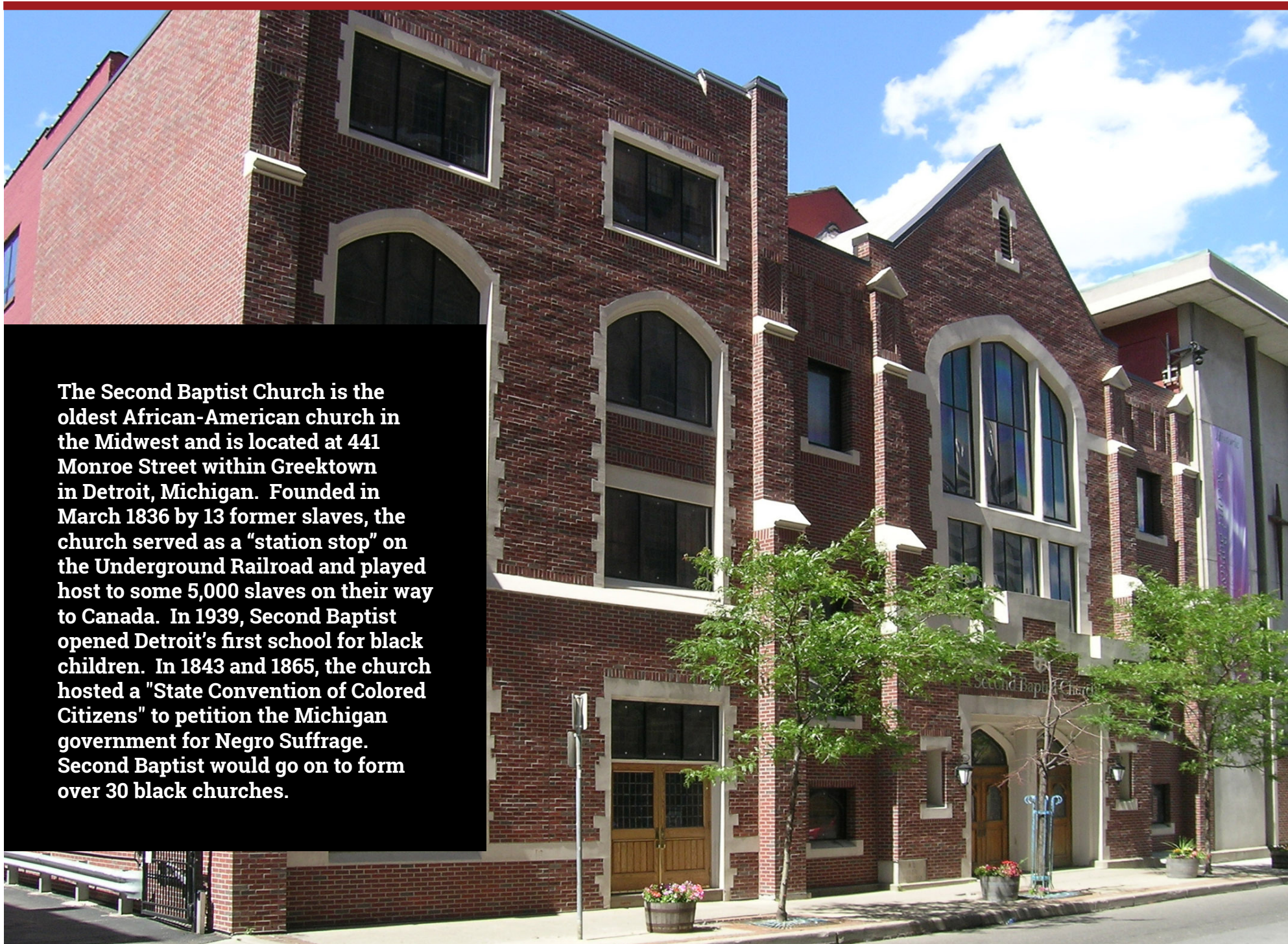


# SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

(DETROIT, MICHIGAN)

HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO INFLUENCED MICHIGAN'S BLACK HISTORY

The Second Baptist Church is the oldest African-American church in the Midwest and is located at 441 Monroe Street within Greektown in Detroit, Michigan. Founded in March 1836 by 13 former slaves, the church served as a "station stop" on the Underground Railroad and played host to some 5,000 slaves on their way to Canada. In 1939, Second Baptist opened Detroit's first school for black children. In 1843 and 1865, the church hosted a "State Convention of Colored Citizens" to petition the Michigan government for Negro Suffrage. Second Baptist would go on to form over 30 black churches.





# RALPH BUNCHE

HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO INFLUENCED MICHIGAN'S BLACK HISTORY

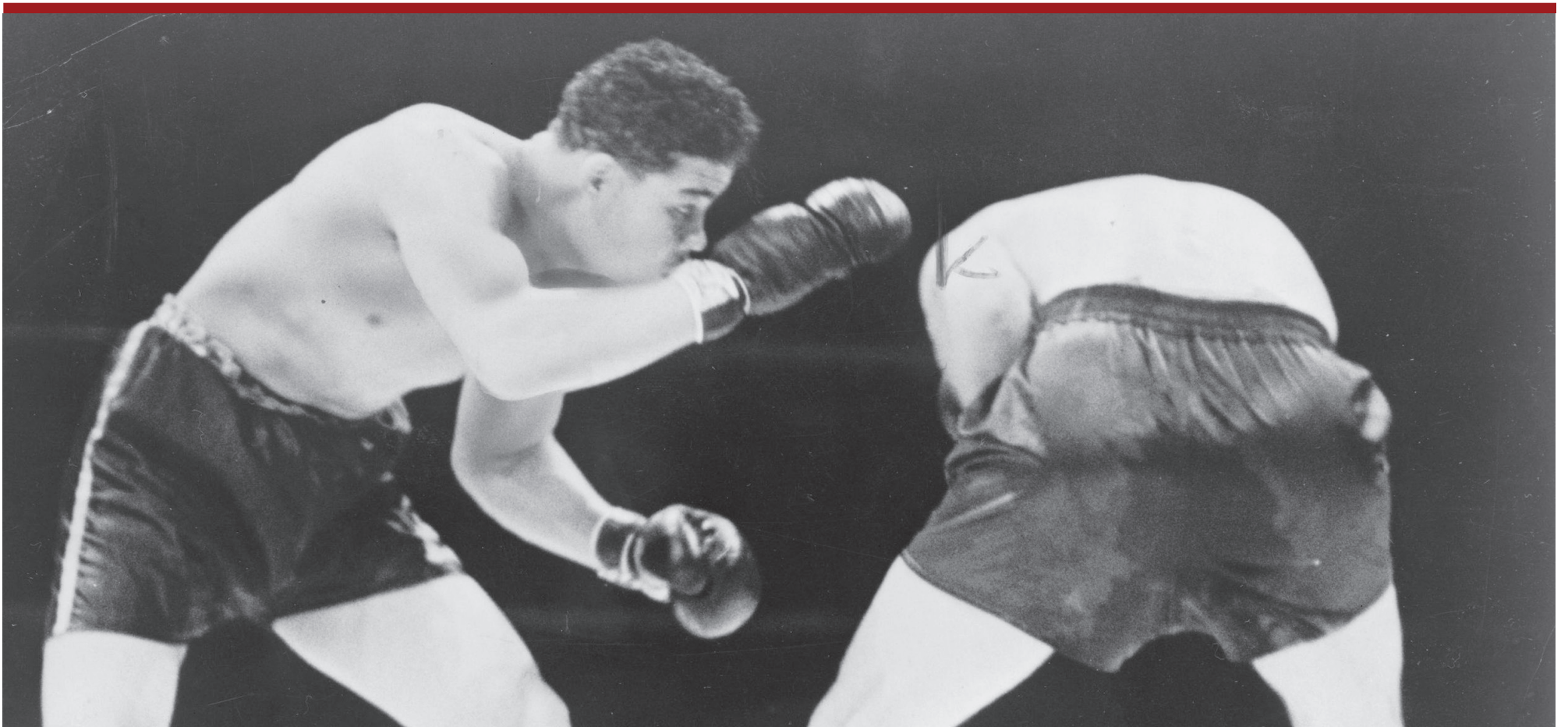
Ralph Bunche, born 1903 in Detroit, was an American diplomat, political scientist and academic who received the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize. He was the first black man to be awarded this prestigious honor in part for arranging a cease-fire between Israelis and Arabs during the war which followed the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. In 1963, he was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President John F. Kennedy.





# JOE LOUIS

HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO INFLUENCED MICHIGAN'S BLACK HISTORY



Joe Louis, born on May 13, 1914 in Alabama, was an American professional boxer and heavyweight champion nicknamed the "Brown Bomber". His family moved to Detroit's Black Bottom neighborhood in the 1920s, where Joe first became involved in boxing. He was not an immediate boxing success but after hard work and determination he began to excel. In 1934, Louis won Detroit's Golden Gloves light-heavyweight title in the open class and the national Amateur Athletic Union championship. He turned professional the same year and wrapped up his amateur career with 50 wins in 54 matches, 43 of them by knockout. On June 22, 1937, Louis knocked out James J. Braddock in the eighth round, setting the stage for a run as the heavyweight champion of the world. Joe Louis spent 11 years as heavyweight champion and retired on March 1, 1949. As a tribute, an indoor sports venue was named after him - the Joe Louis Arena and a giant fist monument was installed at Detroit's Hart Plaza.



# BERRY GORDY & MOTOWN RECORDS

HIGHLIGHTING INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS WHO INFLUENCED MICHIGAN'S BLACK HISTORY



Berry Gordy Jr., born November 28, 1929 in Detroit, is an American record producer and songwriter best known as the founder of the Motown record label. For decades, Motown was the highest-earning African-American business. From 1961 to 1971, Motown had 110 top 10 hits. Motown was home to several top artists like the Supremes (initially including Diana Ross), the Four Tops, and the Jackson 5 to name a few. In 2016, Gordy received the National Medal of Arts from President Obama for "helping to create a trailblazing new sound in American music. As a record producer and songwriter, he helped build Motown, launching the music careers of countless legendary artists. His unique sound helped shape our Nation's story.

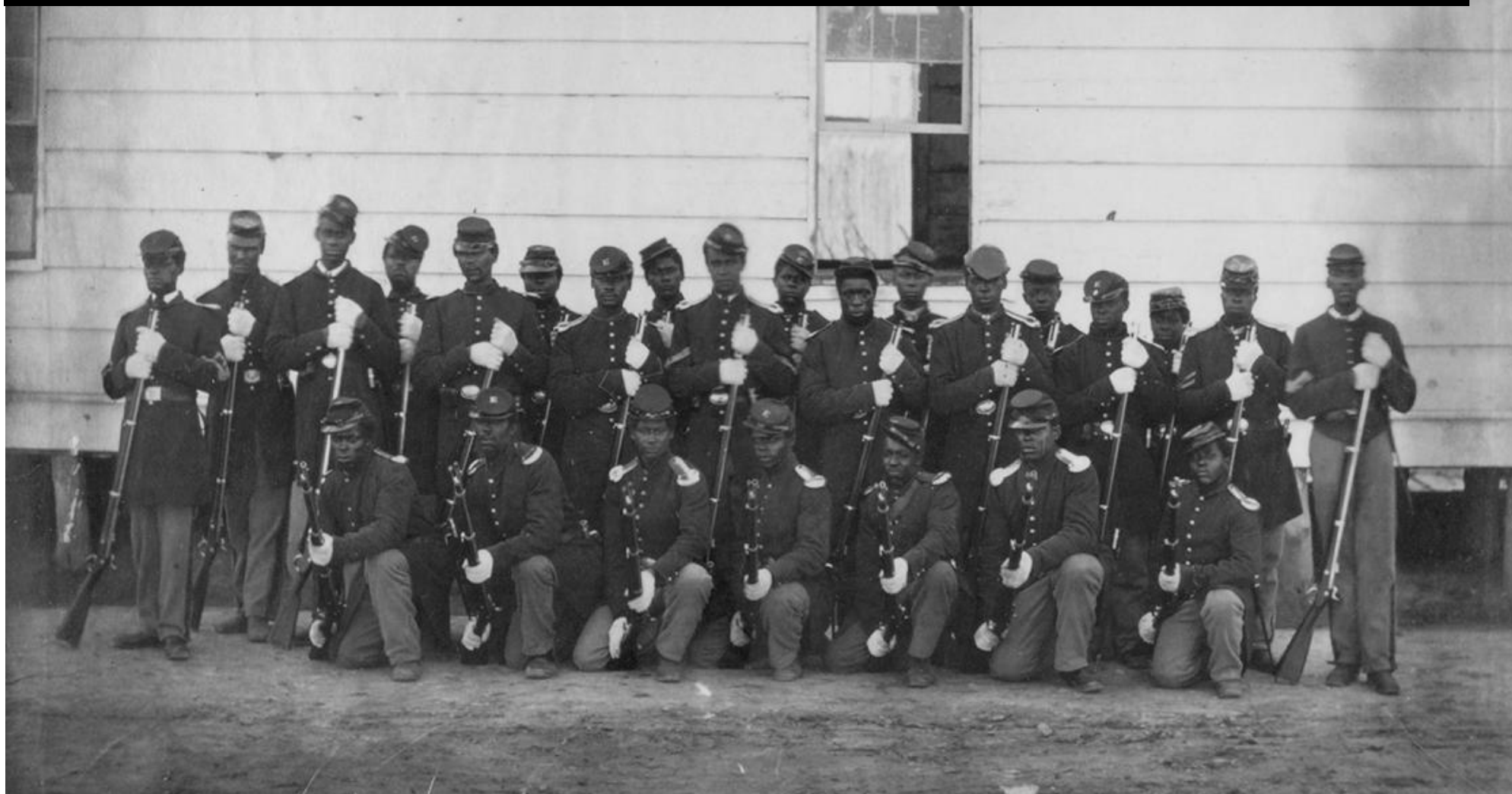




## 102<sup>ND</sup> REGIMENT UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS

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The 102nd Regiment United States Colored Troops was a black infantry unit of the Union Army during the American Civil War. The unit, formed on February 17, 1863, was the 1st Michigan Colored Volunteer Infantry. The total enrollment in the 102nd Regiment was 1,446. Some of the men came from Canada where they risked their free status to partake in the fight against slavery. During their time at war, 6 people were killed in action, 5 people died of wounds, and 129 people died of disease.





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## The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) Supports Dreamers



WASHINGTON /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) strongly supports a legislative path to permanent legal status in the United States for the "Dreamers" (including DACA beneficiaries) – individuals who were brought to the U.S. as children by decision of their parents.

CHLI reaffirms its position from September 12, 2013, that an earned legalization process is the most reasonable way to address undocumented persons currently in the United States. CHLI supports a path to legalization for the millions of undocumented immigrants who are forced to live in the shadows of our society.

CHLI also supports Congressional action on other important aspects of our immigration system, such as reforming the selection criteria for the visa system. For example, CHLI believes all efforts should be made to expedite the transition to permanent legal status of qualified foreign

undergraduate and graduate students studying in the United States who seek such status. We believe an expanded H-1B, L-1, and EB visa program for professionals and highly skilled workers, and H-2B temporary visas that support seasonal industries and small businesses are critical to our national economy. CHLI further believes that improving the efficiency of the agricultural worker visa program (H-2A) will allow the U.S. to maintain a reliable agricultural workforce.

CHLI also supports efforts to improve and modernize U.S. border security. CHLI believes that delays, backlogs, and disruptions in the immigration and border management systems that impede the movement of people and legitimate cargo across U.S. borders must be addressed, and enforcement targeting human trafficking, drug smuggling, terrorism and counterfeit goods across U.S. borders is key to maintaining U.S. security and prosperity.

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For program information and class dates, please visit our web site at [www.glbhispanicleadership.org](http://www.glbhispanicleadership.org) or email [glbhli@svsu.edu](mailto:glbhli@svsu.edu)

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# New mobile app, Michigan WIC Connect, makes it easier to apply, access benefits, schedule appointments and more

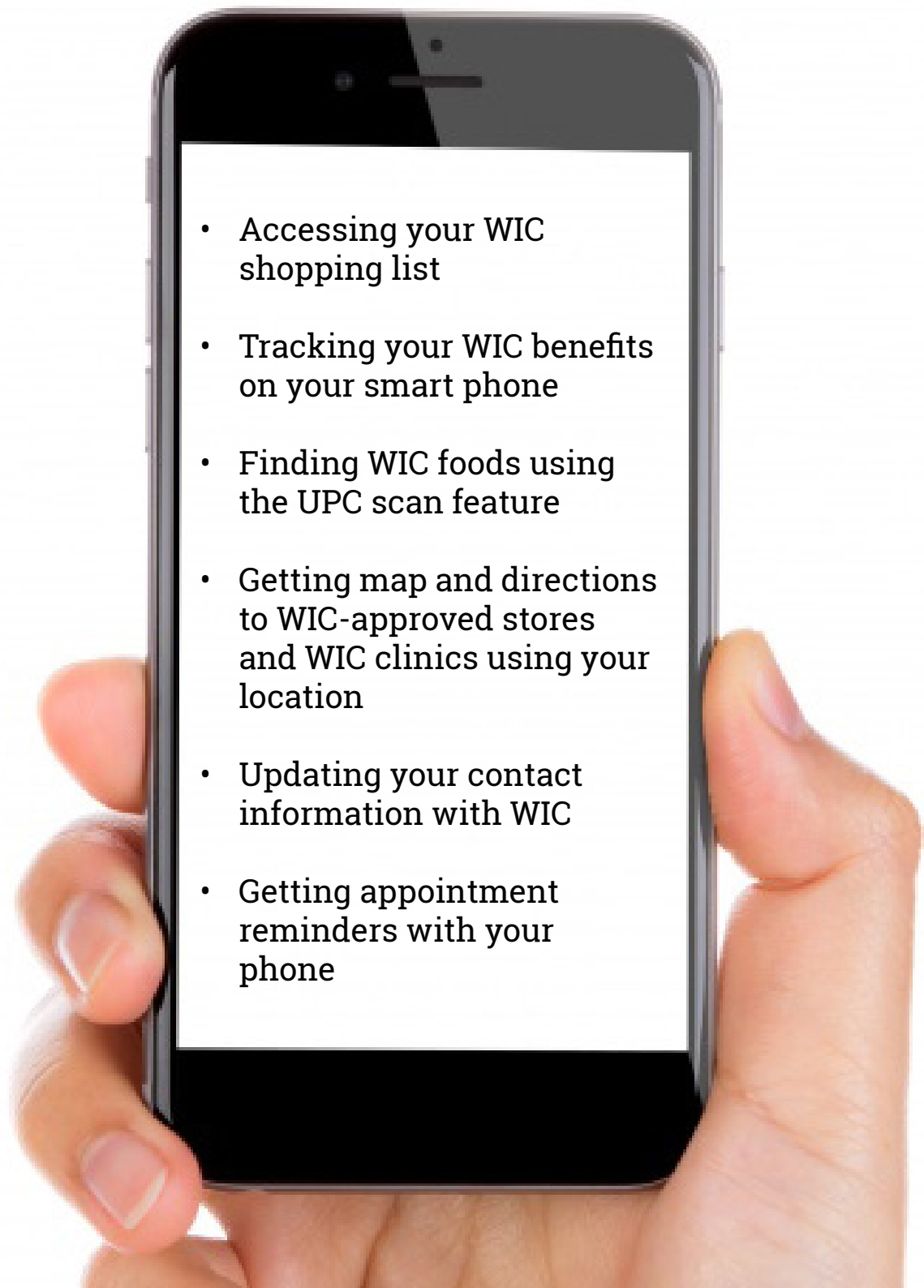
LANSING, Mich. – A new free mobile app recently released by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is making it easier for potential and current clients to access benefits, schedule appointments and locate other program information.

Michigan WIC Connect offers existing clients the ability to view their available WIC food benefits, location of nearby grocery stores and upcoming WIC appointments on their mobile device. The app can also be used by people interested in the Michigan WIC program to help determine eligibility, schedule appointments or contact their local WIC agency to learn more about the program.

“We are very excited to offer Michigan WIC Connect to Michigan families,” said Stan Bien, Michigan WIC Director. “WIC Connect is another step forward toward accomplishing our vision of having a major positive impact on improving health outcomes for clients, being recognized as a national leader and achieving excellent customer satisfaction.”

WIC is a federally funded program that provides nutritious food, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support and referrals to health and other services for eligible women, infants and children up to age 5.

Michigan WIC Connect is available for free in the App Store and Google Play. Visit [Michigan.gov/wic](http://Michigan.gov/wic) for more information.







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# Mobile food pantry, Savor the Flavor are part of collaboration to emphasize good nutrition in Flint

LANSING, Mich. – Flint families may get nutritious food that can limit the effects of lead exposure during mobile food pantry hours set for February at locations throughout Flint. They also can find out more about the power of healthy eating and enjoy food samples at Savor the Flavor of Flint on Saturday.

The mobile food pantry and Savor the Flavor are both part of the collaborative efforts to emphasize to the Flint community the importance of good nutrition.

Savor the Flavor is Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Dort Federal Credit Union Event Center, 3501 Lapeer Road in Flint. The event and parking are free. Savor the Flavor includes cooking demonstrations, free samples of 20 recipes, nutrition education and children's activities. National recording artist Kierra Sheard is performing.

Sponsors are Michigan Fitness Foundation, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Bridges Communications Group, Inc., publisher of TheHUB Flint.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint and MDHHS also are announcing the upcoming schedule for mobile food pantry stops to distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron.

Families in February will receive produce that includes apples, carrots, potatoes and onions.

The program is funded through the more than \$300 million in state taxpayer funds that have been provided to help the residents of Flint. Food distribution sites remain open while supplies last. Upcoming dates are:

Thursday, Feb. 8, at noon – Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 1417 N. Stevenson St.



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Friday, Feb. 9, at 9 a.m. – My Brother's Keeper, 101 N. Grand Traverse St.

Saturday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m. – Flint Muslim Food Pantry, 4400 S. Saginaw St.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, at noon – Catholic Charities, 910 Chippewa St.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, at noon – Salem Lutheran Church, 2610 Martin Luther King Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 15, at noon – United Methodist Community Center, 4601 Clio Road.

Friday, Feb. 16, at noon – St. Luke's NEW Life Center, 3115 Lawndale Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m. – Hispanic Tech Center, 2101 Lewis St.

Friday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. – My Brother's Keeper, 101 N. Grand Traverse St.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, at noon – Catholic Charities, 910 Chippewa St.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, at noon – Richfield Academy, 3807 N. Center Road.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, at noon – Salem Lutheran Church, 2610 Martin Luther King Ave.

This schedule is subject to change, and information about additional food distribution dates will be announced as they are scheduled. For more information or to find out about any changes in the schedule, visit the Food Bank website at [www.FBEM.org](http://www.FBEM.org) and find the updated schedule on the Mobile Pantry Distribution page, or call 810-239-4441.

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# Dow Recognized as a Top 100 Global Innovator for Seventh Consecutive Year

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MIDLAND, Mich. - January 25, 2018 - The Dow Chemical Company (DOW) announced today that it was recognized as a 2017 Clarivate Analytics Top 100 Global Innovator for the seventh consecutive year. The annual report highlights the most successful organizations in the world that are active in innovation through research and development, protection of their IP and the achievement of commercial success.

“Being recognized as a Top 100 Global Innovator is great acknowledgement of

the skills of Dow scientists and engineers. Their creativity yields the inventions and the innovative products that solve customer needs worldwide. Seven consecutive years is testament to the power of Dow R&D,” said A. N. Sreeram, Dow’s senior vice president and chief technology officer. “The Clarivate recognition acknowledges the impact of our innovations, and our goals to use our portfolio of unique technologies to improve people’s lives and address the planet’s major challenges.”

Placement on the list has become the standard measure for innovation across the world and is recognized as a significant achievement for those who are named. The organization stated that its Top 100 Global Innovator list celebrates innovative businesses which are prioritizing investment in unique and enduring inventions. These organizations are solidifying their position by successfully bringing patents to market and enjoying global commercial potential.

This year, Dow is featured in the “Industry Breakout Chapter” as one of six industry leaders in Chemicals and Cosmetics to have been recognized as a Top 100 Global Innovator in seven years.

The 2017 Clarivate Analytics Top 100 Global Innovator methodology is based on four principle criteria: overall patent volume, patent application-to-grant success rate, global reach of the portfolio and patent influence as evidenced by citations. The peer-reviewed methodology was executed using Clarivate solutions including Derwent World Patents Index (DWPI). The index provides editorially enhanced, authoritative and accurate patent data, and is trusted by more than 40 patent offices worldwide.

**For more information or to view the full list and report on the 2017 Clarivate Analytics Top 100 Global Innovator program, go to [www.top100innovators.com](http://www.top100innovators.com).**



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Meredith Corporation (NYSE: MDP; www.meredith.com) announced today that Julie Zoumbaris has been named Vice President and General Manager of WNEM TV5, its station in Saginaw, MI, effective Monday, January 22. Zoumbaris replaces Al Blinke, who recently retired after

a career in local broadcasting spanning more than 40-years.

“Julie was an instrumental member of the TV5 sales team for more than a decade,” said Meredith Local Media Group Executive Vice President Patrick McCreery. “She is an exceptional leader with a strong record of growing market share and increasing revenue. We are excited to welcome Julie back to the Meredith family.”

Most recently, Zoumbaris served as the Director of Sales for WRTV in Indianapolis, where she led her team to the best Indy 500 sales in station history. Additionally, Zoumbaris worked as the Director of Sales at WISH-TV in Indianapolis, where she helped launch the market’s first live and local style show with more \$1 million in TV and digital revenue.

In addition to her roles at WRTV and WISH-TV, Zoumbaris held sales management positions at WDTN-TV in Dayton, OH and WEYI-TV in Flint, MI. She worked in various sales roles for 14 years at WNEM TV5.

Zoumbaris earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Miami University in Oxford, OH.

## Pregnancy Resource Center of Mid-Michigan Welcomes More Exciting Developments with the Help of the Midland Area Community Foundation



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Midland – Jan. 23, 2018 – Pregnancy Resource Center of Mid-Michigan (PRC) is a local nonprofit that has served the Midland Community by providing free and confidential medical and educational services to people regardless of income for the past 30 years. As PRC continued to grow since it was established in 1988, the leadership began to recognize the lack of active participation from the fathers of the families it served. In response to this issue, they began to explore the possibility of redesigning and expanding the services PRC offers in order to begin systematically and consistently engaging men and fathers. Thanks to the funding and support of Midland Area Community Foundation, this adaptation of services was finally made

possible.

In order to effectively engage men and fathers in a sustainable, long-term way, a total cultural transformation at PRC was necessary. The organization’s new approach now looks to empower men to provide for their children, be more informed and involved as well as improve health and public safety. The programs specifically undergoing redesign include the incentive-based parenting education program (Earn While You Learn) and male STI testing and treatment.

“The Midland Community is a very generous one and the Midland Area Community Foundation plays a huge role in supporting that generosity. We are honored to have our work invested in to this degree and we are excited to see the effects

of the upcoming changes,” says Lori Drake, Executive Director of PRC.

The Midland Area Community Foundation provides philanthropic leadership to strengthen our community by fostering collaboration and giving today and in the future.

Pregnancy Resource Center was awarded \$30,000 per year for two years to transform its culture to one that serves men and fathers just as much as it does women and mothers. Long-term, PRC expects this transformation to result in improved father involvement and improved child-parent relationships. PRC also expects to see a reduction in the number of STIs in the area.

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## FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

# Volunteer management – key to nonprofit success

## Part three of a three part series

What if you could get eight more hours out of the day? What if you could “clone” yourself five times over? These are unspoken dreams of many a nonprofit executive or college president. While they are unlikely to come true exactly as wished for, it is possible to achieve that magical result. Here’s how.

Hire a volunteer manager. This isn’t an “as needed” position. You need a person dedicated to working with volunteers all the time. This is a proactive position, not a reactive one. You may initially think of this person as another “cost” or “expense.” Our response: a good volunteer manager is an investment that yields positive results to an organization’s bottom line. She ensures that your volunteers have what they need to develop relationships and fundraise

Here are three things to consider when hiring a volunteer manager. First, create a defined job description and initial schedule of activities. Define the goals and allocate resources prior to making a hire. You set the terms: you don’t ask a new employee to determine what needs to be done. She may have ideas, but the nonprofit needs to be clear in defining expectations and activities that can result in a meaningful impact on the organization’s bottom line.

Second, the executive director or development director needs to allocate consistent time to work with the volunteer manager. The reason for this is to ensure your new employee learns the ins-and-outs of your organization; gains background information on your board members and volunteers; and develops relationships with these leaders so she can best support them.

Third, hire a person with strong skills and experience in working with people, managing projects, and following up. Think outside the box and consider someone who may be older with deep career experience in developing and sustaining relationships, using technology, and sustaining systems. Look for all three skill sets: someone who excels at developing relationships but doesn’t record information in your database

is not the right hire. Your volunteer manager serves volunteers and builds your fundraising capacity.

Here’s the secret: the success of a meeting depends on the time invested before and after. This means everyone comes to meetings knowing the agenda, ready to report on commitments fulfilled, and to engage in meaningful discussions and strategy development that advances fundraising.

Don’t rush into hiring a volunteer manager. Invest time in orienting your new employee. Commit to your fundraising success.



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## EDUCATION

# Central Michigan University's President Ross announces decision to step down



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On January 22, 2018, CMU's 14th president, George E. Ross announced his decision to step down from his position. Ross penned the following letter which was posted on the CMU website:

Dear Members of the Central Michigan University Community,

Serving as Central Michigan University's 14th president these past eight years has been the most rewarding professional experience of my life. All of us — students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, friends, and corporate and community partners — have joined together with compassion and dedication to create academic excellence. Our efforts have created the experiences that prepare CMU students for careers, life and leadership roles

across the state, nation and world.

This collective spirit has inspired me to serve CMU for more than 13 years. That said, I have decided it is time to step down from the presidency, which I will do on July 31, 2018. This announcement comes with confidence that CMU is in an incredible position of strength because of the determination and care with which all of you serve students.

I have done much soul-searching about the right time to make this transition — the right time for CMU, which will forever hold a special place in my and Elizabeth's hearts. The decision came closer as I realized there is no perfect time for leadership change, because a vibrant, successful university always will be pursuing major initiatives.

And then, just before Christmas, my first grandchild was born. I suspect my mind was made up the moment he wrapped his tiny fingers around mine.

As we think of these future generations, I am exceedingly proud of what we have accomplished together since 2010:

- We worked across all constituencies to design and adopt a strategic plan in 2012 and updated it in 2017, with imperatives to nurture student success, foster scholarly activity, and strengthen partnerships in Michigan and beyond.
- We formalized our commitment to shared governance and expanded communications.
- We increased the number of students receiving financial support — and the amount they receive — with an 87 percent increase in university-funded scholarships and financial aid. We also strategically managed our budget to put students first and had the lowest cumulative tuition increase among all Michigan public universities for the past eight years.
- We put strategic emphasis on enrollment management and student success after creating the Enrollment and Student Services division.
- We expanded the Sarah R. Opperman Leadership Institute and leadership experiences for all students, building their understanding of the unique impact they can have on others, regardless of title.
- We accelerated the growth of STEM, health care and business programs to meet student and employer demand, while embracing the liberal arts as vital for fulfillment in careers and life.

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# Mid Michigan Community College offers CNA Training



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Harrison, MI January 17, 2017 – Mid Michigan Community College (MMCC) will offer several sessions of CNA (Certified Nurse Aide) training—two sessions each at the College’s Mt. Pleasant and Harrison campuses. Trainings start February 5, March 12, May 7, and June 11, and last just six-weeks. Training is divided into two parts—60 hours of classroom instruction and 60 hours of hands-on skill practice in the laboratory and health care environments.

Successful completion of the six-week training and its associated written exam provides participants their CNA certifications. Completing students will be able to provide quality health care to clients

in health care facilities. Recent graduates gave Mid’s CNA training a 97% satisfaction rating upon completion.

This rewarding career can launch your goal of becoming a healthcare professional. Many CNAs go on to earn nursing or other health professional credentials. Jobs for CNAs are in high demand, and employment is expected to grow by 17% over the next few years.

“I had been out of school for some time, and decided to join the CNA class. I was terrified walking in there, but in the first 15 minutes, I felt like I belonged. Our instructor made every day

exciting and fun. I am so happy I decided to go back to school,” recalls Tonya, a recent CNA student.

Cost for the training is \$1,600, but eligible students can have some or all costs offset through MI Works! or MI Rehab Services Funding. Interested individuals can contact their local agencies or MMCC to learn more about cost assistance options.

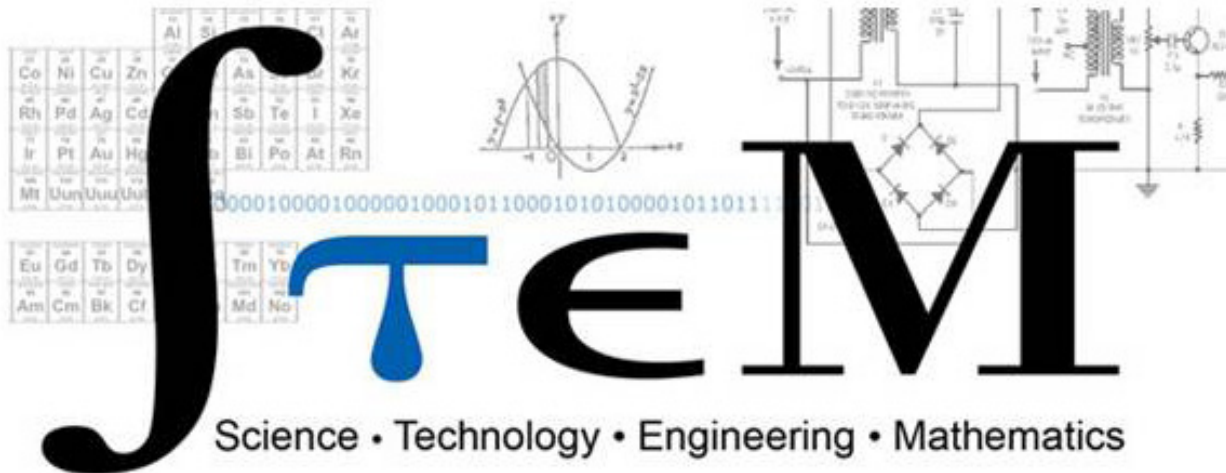
Textbook, workbook, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, and wrist watch are included in the cost of tuition. Students are responsible for the state certification testing fee and for purchasing scrubs and white tennis shoes.

For more information about Mid’s CNA Rapid Training, visit [midmich.edu/cna](http://midmich.edu/cna) or contact Kristine Stevens at [ksstevens@midmich.edu](mailto:ksstevens@midmich.edu) or (989) 386-6614.



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# Mott Community College launches STEM Scholars program



Students interested in pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) field of study in college can potentially receive a four-year STEM degree tuition free. This is possible through a partnership between Mott Community College (MCC) and Michigan State University (MSU) as part of MCC's new STEM Scholars program. The program launches this month and offers students pursuing a degree in a STEM, opportunities for scholarships, professional development and paid internships.

The STEM Scholars program is made possible through two, five-year National Science Foundation (NSF) grants the College has received, the S-STEM Scholarship Program and the LSAMP Program.

"This STEM Scholars Program comes at a critical time, not only for our area, but for our country," said MCC President, Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea. "There is a high-demand in the marketplace for more people pursuing degrees in STEM fields to ensure we can compete in a global economy," she added.

The S-STEM Scholarship is an NSF grant-funded program enabling MCC to provide eligible students with a two-year associate's degree tuition free. Students awarded an S-STEM Scholarship at MCC, and who are accepted to MSU's College of Natural

Sciences, are also eligible to apply for an additional two-year S-STEM Scholarship to complete their bachelor's degree tuition free. S-STEM scholarships are awarded to academically talented, low-income students intending to pursue a STEM career.

The S-STEM Scholarship can be added to other scholarships or grant funding. Scholarships for tuition and books are also available on an ongoing basis for up to two consecutive years based on eligibility.

MCC is also part of a consortium of Michigan universities and community colleges that has been awarded a five-year, \$4.25 million grant by the NSF to help increase participation and graduation rates among underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering and math fields through the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program.

LSAMP is aimed at increasing the number of students from underrepresented minority populations who complete a STEM bachelor's degree program. LSAMP students will have an opportunity to participate in paid undergraduate research and internships, while working with professional STEM mentors, and benefit from extensive academic support including advising, peer

and professional tutoring, and participation in the MCC Summer Bridge Pre-College Program.

The MI-LSAMP program focuses on comprehensive support programs and mentored research to help bolster retention and graduation rates among underrepresented students, while also increasing the transfer rate of underrepresented students from community colleges to four-year programs and helping those students matriculate into graduate programs.

"We are excited to be a part of the Michigan LSAMP Program, because it is aligned with our commitment to providing opportunities and support services that foster success for minority and underrepresented students," said Walker-Griffea.

Through the program, community college students have the opportunity to participate in a summer bridge program between high school and their first year in community college, and then again the summer between community college and transfer to a four-year institution.

The Michigan LSAMP consortium (MI-LSAMP), includes the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University, MCC, and Washtenaw Community College.

By applying to the STEM Scholars program at MCC, students may be eligible for one or both of these programs. To qualify, students must be enrolled at the College full-time, be pursuing a degree in a STEM field, maintain a 3.0 grade point average, and participate in STEM Scholar activities.

A STEM Field is any discipline pertaining to science, technology, engineering or mathematics. This includes, but is not limited to astronomy, biology, chemistry/biochemistry, computer science, engineering, environmental science, geology, mathematics and physics. It does not include health sciences.

## From pg 26, Ross announces decision to step down



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- We increased the number of online programs to serve students and employers.
- We launched the College of Medicine, graduated its first class last May, and achieved 100 percent residency placement for each of the first CMU-educated physicians.
- We opened the Biosciences Building in 2016, completing the largest construction project in CMU history.
- We built medical education facilities in Mount Pleasant and Saginaw, graduate student housing on campus, and a research facility on Denison Drive.
- We renovated and upgraded Anspach and Grawn halls and Park Library.
- We introduced the premier corporate partnerships program, starting last fall with Ford Motor Co. and Quicken Loans.
- We advanced pervasive branding through our bold maroon and gold and action C, with messaging that repeatedly conveys a personalized path to learning, real-world experiences, leadership opportunities and CMU's strong sense of community.

Together, we have tackled the tough work that many would have ignored. It would have been easier to sit back and let others find solutions, but that is not who we are at CMU. It is my hope that these efforts have cemented the value of One CMU and of continuous evolution.

Much important work will continue through the next six months as we:

- break ground on our new Center for Integrated Health Studies;
- complete our search for a chief diversity officer;
- make decisions on recommendations of the organizational review committees; and
- celebrate the public launch of the second and largest capital campaign in CMU history.

That last item is fueled by unprecedented momentum among alumni for supporting future generations. It heralds the greatness that is yet to come. Our campaign is two years ahead of schedule, thanks to generous alumni who have committed more million-dollar gifts in this 125th anniversary year of CMU than all previous seven-figure gifts combined.

Students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, friends and partners, I encourage you to act with innovation, determination and boldness as you continue to shape the Central Michigan University of the next 125 years. Thank you for your collaboration and dedication.

It has been a privilege to serve as your president. Mrs. Ross and I believe in you and in CMU.

With gratitude and respect,

George E. Ross, Ph.D.  
President

## Saginaw Promise Scholarship Deadline Approaching



The Saginaw Promise's mission is to affect positive change in Saginaw and in the lives of its students by promoting and supporting postsecondary education with information, resources and a scholarship.

To apply, high school seniors must complete the Saginaw Community Foundation scholarship online application at [saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/](http://saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/) by Thursday, February 15, 2018. Students must also complete FAFSA. Eligible students must reside in and graduate from a high school within the Saginaw Promise Zone (Saginaw, Zilwaukee, Kochville and that area of Buena Vista designated to the Saginaw Public School District).

A promise was made in 2012 and to date; the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$742,069 in scholarships to 553 scholars. "The Saginaw Promise and its community partners believe in investing in Saginaw and its students.

Postsecondary education, once earned, is something that cannot be taken away and will benefit the future of Saginaw and its students for a lifetime," stated Joyce Seals, chairperson, Saginaw Promise Board.

For questions, information or to donate to the Saginaw Promise, call (989) 755-0545 or visit [www.saginawpromise.org](http://www.saginawpromise.org).



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## COMMUNITY

# Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity, State Farm and Saginaw Valley State University Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter repair home in Saginaw



*courtesy photo*

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity, along with support from State Farm and Saginaw Valley State University Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter recently completed work to rehabilitate a home on the east side of Saginaw near Bagley st. The project is part of the Campus Chapter State Farm Matching Grant funded by State Farm to help build, rehabilitate or repair the homes of local individuals and families with the help of local Habitat for Humanity campus chapters.

In partnership between the organizations, volunteers completed both exterior and interior painting, installed new windows, installed new siding and drywall, and installed final appliances and lighting fixtures.

Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity and Saginaw Valley State University Campus Chapter were awarded a matching grant of \$2,000 to build affiliate capacity to engage youth in building community through home construction and neighborhood revitalization

activities.

“We are blessed with the generous support of State Farm and especially grateful for the ongoing participation from the Saginaw Valley State University Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. SVSU students continue to be leaders in improving our community and region, in this case with their volunteerism and financial commitments to improving housing for families in need.” – Cameron Brady, executive director.

## SVSU Voices In The Valley event features pair of emerging writers



*Asiya Wadud*

Two up-and-coming writers will share their stories during a reading at Saginaw Valley State University.

Su Hwang and Asiya Wadud will read from their respective works as part of SVSU's Voices In The Valley series Monday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. in Founders Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Wadud writes about borders, limits, and the variegated nature of truth. A member of the Belladonna Collaborative - a group of avant-garde writers first formed in New York City in 1999 - Wadud also teaches third grade in the daytime and English to both immigrants and refugees in the evening.

The Brooklyn resident's work has been supported by the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Dickinson House, and the New York Public Library, among others. In 2017, Portable Press at Yo-Yo Labs published her chapbook, "we, too, are but the fold." Her first book, "crosslight for youngbird," is expected from Nightboat Books in 2018.

Hwang received the 2018 Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant, the 2017 Minnesota Emerging Writers Grant from the Loft Literary Center, and the 2017 Coffee House Press In The Stacks Fellowship. She also was a recipient of the Michael Dennis Browne Fellowship in Poetry and the Academy of American Poets James Wright Prize.

An alumni of the Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation, Hwang teaches creative writing for the Minnesota Prison Writers Workshop and serves as a contributing writer with Twin Cities Daily Planet, a news website focusing on the Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area. Born in Seoul, Hwang now resides in Minneapolis.



*Su Hwangintolerance*

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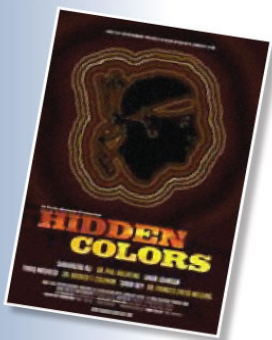
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# Celebrate Black History Month in Genesee County

## Black History Month Specials 2018

### Hidden Colors Marathon A Documentary Series

Directed By  
Tariq Nasheed  
February 17, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



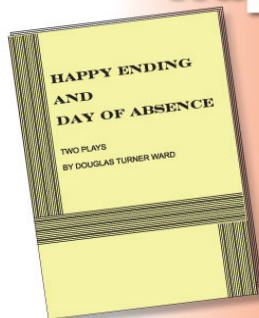
### Happy Ending

A One-Act Play  
February 22 - 24, 2018

### Day of Absence

A One-Act Play

Two Plays By Douglas Turner Ward



February is just around the corner, which means so is Black History Month – an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. There are a variety of ways to honor the commemorative month. Locally, there are several ways to celebrate.

#### Special Events

**The Flint Public Library** will host its 17th Annual Black History Month Brunch at the Genesys Banquet and Conference Center. The event honors individuals and community organizations that make a difference in the community and will feature entertainment by Linkin' Bridge, runners-up on NBC's America's Got Talent. For more information and to purchase, visit [www.thegdl.org](http://www.thegdl.org).

#### Theater

**The New McCree Theatre** presents two one-act plays by acclaimed American playwright Douglas Turner Ward, *Happy Ending* and *Day of Absence*. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.thenewmccreetheatre.com](http://www.thenewmccreetheatre.com).

**Flint Youth Theatre** presents *Akeelah* and *the Bee*. This powerful story focuses on a young girl with a passion for words who is overwhelmed by the challenge of daily life in a tough, Chicago

neighborhood. But after earning a spot in the National Spelling Bee, Akeelah inspires the people in her neighborhood with her courage and tenacity. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.thefyt.org](http://www.thefyt.org).

**The Whiting** presents *Freedom Riders*, a new play, featuring original songs and music, that explores the valiant and courageous personalities behind the critical chapters in the history of the Civil Rights movement. For more information and to buy tickets, visit [www.thewhiting.com](http://www.thewhiting.com).

#### Films

**At the Flint Institute of Arts**, FOMA Films presents *For Ahkeem*, a part documentary,

part coming-of-age story that illuminates the challenges faced by many African American youths. The African American Film Series hosted by Communities First presents *STEP*, a movie that documents the senior year of a girls' high-school step dance team against the background of inner-city Baltimore. For more information on both of the films, visit [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org).

**The New McCree Theatre** presents a marathon of the four-part documentary series *Hidden Colors*. The series directed by Tariq Nasheed aims to explain and describe the marginalizing of African Americans in America and the world. For more information and to buy tickets, visit [www.thenewmccreetheatre.com](http://www.thenewmccreetheatre.com).

#### Exhibits

**The Sloan Museum's** newest exhibit *An Equal Opportunity Lie*, named after the statement Flint Mayor Floyd McCree stated when he resigned from his appointed position in protest. The exhibit features objects and images from Sloan Museum's collection and examines the housing segregation that characterized Flint's residential development. For more information, visit [www.sloanlongway.org](http://www.sloanlongway.org).

**The Flint Institute of Arts'** newest exhibit, *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence* features a new form of textile art known as ndwango, developed by women living in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. For more information, visit [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org).

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## Arts from the Heart Auction to fund exhibits and admissions for local youth



*courtesy photo*

SAGINAW, MI – Adults can play like kids at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum's 11th annual Arts from the Heart fundraiser on Thursday, February 8. From 6 to 9 p.m., guests will enjoy all new gallery games, hearty hors d'oeuvres from the Bavarian Inn Restaurant, treats from The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe and libations. \$50 tickets are available at [michildrensmuseum.org/tickets/](http://michildrensmuseum.org/tickets/) and at the door the night of the event.

Robert Lee Revue will provide jazzy music while guests bid on silent & live auction items including artwork from our region's finest artists, unique experiences, jewelry, children's packages and sports memorabilia. Specialty raffles will feature elegant gold jewelry from Diamonds & Jewelry Unlimited, a \$500 Meijer

gift card, and the ever-popular Cellar-Full of Wine.

Leading event sponsors Garber Management Group and Covenant HealthCare and media sponsor WNEM TV5 encourage guests to bid high to enhance the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum galleries and help create museum access for all Great Lakes Bay Region children.

View a complete list of sponsors and auction items on the event Facebook page, [facebook.com/MiChildrensMuseumArtsfromtheHeart](https://facebook.com/MiChildrensMuseumArtsfromtheHeart), purchase tickets online at [michildrensmuseum.org/tickets/](http://michildrensmuseum.org/tickets/), or contact the museum at (989) 399-6626. Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the event.

## The State Bank Partners with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for 14<sup>th</sup> Straight Year

The State Bank is proud to announce another successful year in their campaign to raise funds for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. This year, the bank's fourteen Genesee and Saginaw County branches participated in various fundraisers, including collecting donations from customers, candle and candy bar sales, and restaurant nights. The branches have friendly competitions to see who can raise the most funds for this great cause.

This year, the bank was proud to present the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan with a check for \$25,000. In the 14-year partnership between the two organizations, The State Bank has contributed a total of \$189,706 – or 1,138,236 meals – to fight hunger right here in the community.

“At The State Bank, we take great pride in giving back to the communities in which we serve and doing so through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is a great fit. The services they offer help combat one of the biggest problems we face in this area, and we are happy to do whatever we can to join in on that fight,” Ron Justice, President and CEO, The State Bank.

Kara Ross, Interim President of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, adds “We are very thankful to have businesses like The State Bank who go out of their way to support the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan during the holiday season. The efforts of the employees and customers of The State Bank help families struggling with hunger put food on their tables. This year's generous donation will provide 150,000 meals to food insecure individuals this year.”

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## POLITICS &amp; PUBLIC POLICY

# Congressman Dan Kildee to welcome Flint pastor Jeffery Hawkins as fifth district guest to President Trumps State of the Union Address



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Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) has invited Flint Pastor Jeffery Hawkins to be his guest at next week's State of the Union address by President Donald Trump.

Pastor Hawkins, a community leader and pastor at the Prince of Peace Baptist Church in Flint, lost both of his sons to gun violence. Since then, he has worked to prevent senseless gun deaths in Flint through community organizations such as the Cease Fire Initiative and C.A.U.T.I.O.N. He has previously organized community meetings to bring stakeholders together to discuss gun violence and has been a strong advocate for more opportunities for youth.

"Violence has a terrible impact on youth in the community. We must do more to prevent senseless gun deaths in communities like Flint," Pastor Hawkins said. "I am honored to attend the State of the Union address with Congressman Kildee, and my family appreciates his work in Congress to prevent gun violence and provide more opportunity for young people in our community."

"Pastor Hawkins is an important leader and role model in our community. He has turned his family's grief over the loss of their two sons into action because he does not want another family to experience similar tragedy," said Congressman Kildee. "I am honored to have Pastor Hawkins as

my guest this year to help highlight the need for more action by Congress to prevent gun violence."

In recent months, Congressman Kildee has worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass common sense gun safety measures to prevent violence, including on efforts to close the "bump stock" loophole and reduce the number of illegal guns on the streets. Congressman Kildee has previously introduced legislation aimed at reducing violent crime and increasing opportunity for Michigan youth through summer employment that is linked to their school work or career focus.

# Gov. Rick Snyder announces proposal to help renew Michigan's environment



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LANSING, Mich. – Today Gov. Rick Snyder announced a proposal to invest \$79 million annually to help renew Michigan's environment and protect public health. The proposal serves as a replacement to the expired Clean Michigan Initiative Bond; thousands of contaminated sites still exist statewide.

“Michiganders deserve a smart and safe plan to ensure the protection of our environment and public health—today, tomorrow and for generations to come,” Gov. Snyder said. “This proposal implements a comprehensive approach to cleaning up contaminated sites while addressing best practices for managing waste and recycling efforts, taking us another step forward in our work to build a stronger environmental foundation for Michigan’s future.”

Gov. Snyder’s proposal is a bold plan to address Michigan’s critical environmental needs for brownfield site clean-up, waste management and recycling. Currently, Michigan only recycles 15 percent of our waste—one of the lowest recycling

rates in the nation. Michigan also has the lowest fee for disposing of waste in landfills in the Great Lakes basin, which has resulted in 17 million tons of trash being disposed of annually in our state. Further, 25.5 percent of waste disposed in Michigan comes from other states and Canada.

To reduce waste in Michigan landfills, Gov. Snyder is proposing an increase to the current landfill dumping fee from \$0.36 per ton to \$4.75 per ton. This increase would generate \$79 million annually to fund critical environmental protection needs while enhancing Michigan’s recycling efforts and waste management planning initiatives. Other Midwest states charge as much as \$13.00/ton.

The cost of Gov. Snyder’s proposal would be, on average, \$4.75 per household annually. Revenue generated from this fee would bolster critical environmental protection programs, including:

- **Remediate and Redevelop Existing and Future Contaminated Sites (\$45 million)**

- Clean up 300 sites annually, across all 83 counties
- Address emerging contaminants (PFAS, vapor intrusion)
- **Solid Waste Management (\$9 million)**
  - Enhance solid waste planning for local governments.
- **Recycling Grants to triple Michigan’s Recycling Rate (\$15 million)**
  - Provide recycling grants to local entities for recycling infrastructure, market development and education
- **Water Quality Monitoring Grants (\$5 million)**
  - Monitor beaches to keep them clean.
  - Reduce phosphorus in Lake Erie.
  - Remove contamination in rivers, lakes and streams.
- **State Park Infrastructure (\$5 million)**
  - Address critical infrastructure needs to serve the parks system’s 27 million visitors annually.

# Mark Hollis, athletic director for MSU announces retirement



msuspartans.com

On January 26, Mark Hollis, MSU Athletic Director announced his retirement and release the following statement on MSU's athletic website:

*"Michigan State University is a great institution, and its greatest strengths are the people who call themselves Spartans. Many, if not all, of those Spartans are hurting, especially the courageous survivors of Larry Nassar's abuse. My heart breaks thinking about the incomprehensible pain all of them and their families have experienced. Along with many, I was brought to tears as I listened to their statements. There simply aren't the right words to express our sympathy.*

*Our campus, and beyond, has been attacked by evil, an individual who broke trust and so much more. As a campus community, we must do everything we can to ensure this never happens again; to make sure any sexual assault never occurs. But to do so, we must listen and learn lessons. Only then can*

*we truly begin the process of healing. I have tried to do this since first learning about the abuse in September 2016.*

*At the beginning of my tenure as Athletic Director, I established a mission statement – one with the student-athlete at its core. Our first priority has always been their health and safety. That focus, along with our core values, has guided our department each and every day. Values such as respect, accountability, and perhaps most importantly integrity, have served as a foundation through good times and bad – perhaps at no time more than the last few days.*

*I spoke to my administrative staff, coaches, student-athletes, and most importantly, my wife Nancy and my children, over the course of the past week. They are all incredible people, amazing Spartans. I have always been a Spartan, and always will be. It's been an absolute honor to guide the Athletic Department*

*for the last decade. That being said, today I am announcing my retirement.*

*This was not an easy decision for my family, and you should not jump to any conclusions based on our decision – listen to facts. I am not running away from anything, I am running toward something. Comfort, compassion and understanding for the survivors and our community; togetherness, time and love for my family.*

*Much attention has recently been given to outside investigations into the University and the Athletic Department, including those both by the Michigan Attorney General and the NCAA. Let me be clear, that in retirement, I will fully cooperate with these and any other investigations. As a University, we must focus on the healing of the survivors and the entire community."*

# Celebrating Black History Month

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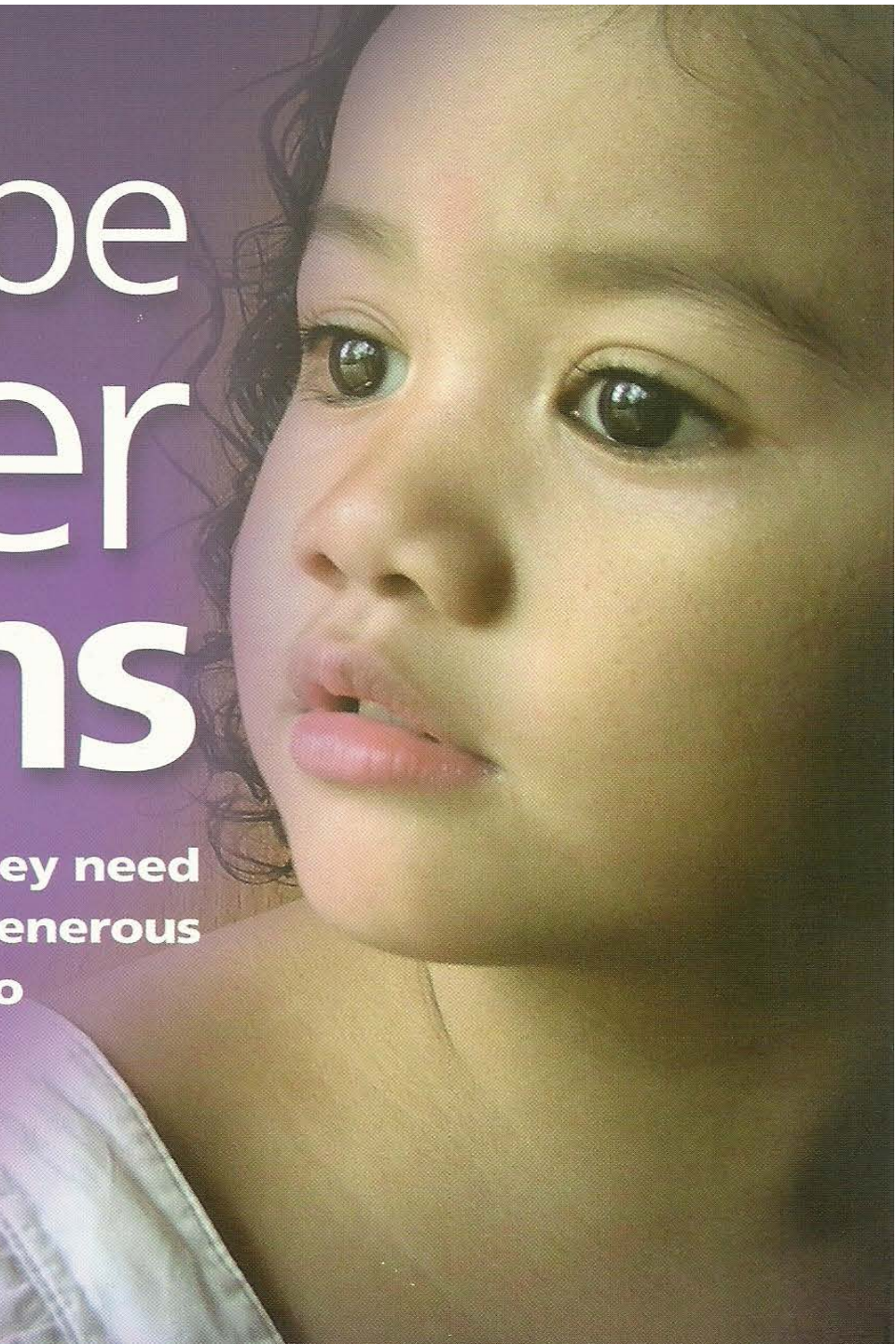
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### Route 211 becomes Route 112:

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)





## PIC OF THE WEEK

**On January 26, Senator Ken Horn, wife, and friends spent time at the library in honor of his grand daughter, Zelda "Zellie" Rowan Horn. Kelley Peatross and Consumer Energy employees collected 100 books to distribute to local libraries in Zellie's honor.**



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