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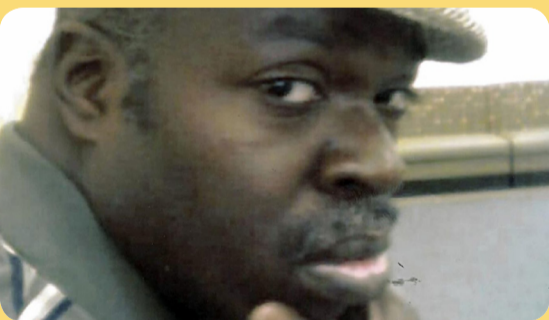
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SVRC Indoor Marketplace opens along Saginaw Riverfront



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On Friday, June 22, SVRC Marketplace opened its doors to the hundreds of people who showed up to its long awaited grand opening.

SVRC Industries purchased the iconic former Saginaw News building in 2014 and started redeveloping the building in the Spring of 2017.

With everything from eating and shopping to conducting business, visitors will have plenty of options to choose from. Owners of the Marketplace aim to impact the community by bringing an estimated 10,000 people to the Downtown Saginaw riverfront weekly.

Some of the Vendors and businesses include ILash studio, Sushi Remix, Nuts and More, The Little Yarn Shoppe, Ekow's African Cuisine and more.

The marketplace is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

For updated Marketplace information, you can visit the SVRC Marketplace Facebook page.



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Seen on the Scene: SVRC Marketplace Grand Opening



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The Michigan Banner was established in 2002, and 16 years later continues its commitment of educating, informing and enlightening our readers regarding events and news that directly and indirectly affect our local communities.

Be sure to check out upcoming issues as we look back on stories from the last 16 years!

Jerome Buckley
Founder & Publisher,
The Michigan Banner

LOOKING BACK: JULY 1, 2015 ISSUE

Cover Story - The Michigan Banner champions the cause of POSITIVE Media Congratulations NBA 2015 Champion Draymond Green!



2015

In our July 1 issue, 3 years ago, we highlighted Draymond Green, his first NBA championship win and his efforts to give back to his community by hosting an annual Basketball camp at Saginaw High.

2018 UPDATE

Draymond Green, now a 3-time NBA champion, continues to host community events throughout the country and has become an advocate for change. Recently, the Saginaw native appeared on CNN and spoke about America's current social climate.

"You used to say, as an African-American, you understand," Green said. "Now, as an American, you understand the frustration. But I just want to make sure we are all careful of doing things the right way, continue to go where our country was headed, not where it's been headed the last year and a half. We have to be mindful that if we want things to change, we have to make sure we are going about it the right way."

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**28-year-old
Alexandria Ocasio-
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28-year-old Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, wins her primary, defeating 10-term incumbent Joe Crowley in a massive upset



getty images

Activist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez defeated powerful House Democrat Joe Crowley in a stunning primary election upset Tuesday, a result that could shake the foundations of the established party.

The 28-year-old's decisive victory over the fourth-ranking House Democrat in New York's 14th District holds potentially huge implications for the future of the party. Crowley, who has served in Congress for nearly two decades, had possible ambitions to run for House speaker if Democrats were to take a House majority in November's midterm elections and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's bid failed.

"We beat a machine with a movement, and that is what we have done today," Ocasio-Cortez told supporters Tuesday night. "Working-class Americans want a clear champion and there is nothing radical about moral clarity in 2018."

Ocasio-Cortez promoted proposals such as Medicare for all, a jobs guarantee and abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Ocasio-Cortez argued that Crowley — a 56-year-old white man — could not properly connect with the diverse district.

She has earned support from the wing of the political left embodied by Sen. Bernie Sanders,

the independent from Vermont. In a tweeted statement, the senator congratulated Ocasio-Cortez on an "extraordinary upset victory."

The 14th District sits mostly in Queens and part of the Bronx, where Ocasio-Cortez was born. Crowley heads the Queens County Democratic Party. He had not faced a primary challenger in 14 years.

Ocasio-Cortez is expected to win the blue district easily in November. She will face Republican Anthony Pappas, who ran unopposed Tuesday

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The Ezekiel Project names Jessica Hernandez new Executive Director



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Jessica Hernandez is a community member, visionary, and developer who inspires and empowers individuals to create a change within themselves and the community in which they live. Hernandez earned a Bachelor's of Science with a focus in Community Development from Central Michigan University. Her responsibilities and professional experiences have provided her with the necessary qualities to make a positive change for this community. Her ability to listen, communicate, manage, and secure grant support brings unique strength to The Ezekiel Project. Her program development, oversight, and compliance of multiple contracts

including HUD, MSHDA, Local Intermediate School District, City of Saginaw CDBG and ESG, bring a wealth of ideas and expertise to the vision The Ezekiel Project.

She is a proud daughter, sister, friend, and mother. She is invested in her community and is determined to see Saginaw, Michigan and the community members thrive, stretch, and evolve.

The Ezekiel Project is an ecumenical, interracial congregation-centered organization in the Saginaw, Michigan metropolitan area.

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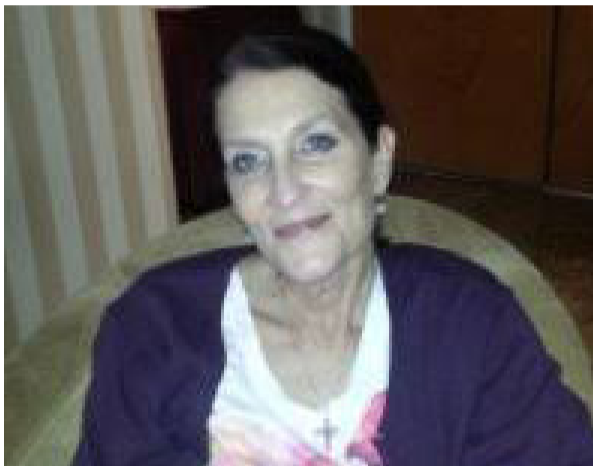
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Crisis and community – nonprofits and fundraising in the Latino community: An interview with Cynthia Magallon Puljic



Pictured: Cynthia Magallon Puljic

By Mel and Pearl Shaw

Philanthropy is philanthropy and fundraising is fundraising, right? We're not so sure. Wanting to know more about philanthropy and fundraising within the Latino community we talked with Cynthia Magallon Puljic to learn her thoughts and observations.

Magallon Puljic has deep experience in the nonprofit sector, having worked for the YMCA for over 32 years as a vice president. Her volunteer experience is extensive and diverse, and includes service as a member of the board of Latino Memphis.

We started our conversation by asking Magallon Puljic what fundraising and philanthropy look like in the Latino community.

"In many ways, fundraising is similar for most non-profits, where quite a bit of the donated support comes from charitable foundations who share similar goals and want to support a 501 c 3 who can help them reach their aim. Individual donations are less than we would find as most Latin countries do not offer the same tax exemptions as the US, which helps create an individual culture of giving," she shared.

Magallon Puljic reminded us that when it comes to serving and working with the Latino community "best results always come from using a culturally competent work force, who is primarily Latino, who look like who we serve and relate to the conditions and circumstances which our community is faced with and come from. You of course can find exceptional staff that are not Latino but have empathy, listen skillfully and are bilingual."

She asked us to remember similarities and differences across cultures when it comes to fundraising, philanthropy and charity, "We all want to thrive, see our children succeed, have financial security, live without fear and have equitable treatment. Most Latinos will be happy to take care of and help each other and have a strong bond to the Catholic Church but might not be in the habit of giving to organizations. So the fundraising request needs to be personal."

"The priorities of Latino-serving nonprofits within the US are education, advocacy and justice. The climate is filled with fear and anger, heartbreak and families ripped apart. Therefore the need for increased advocacy. We need to be the loud voice for those we serve as they cannot speak for themselves alone. Yes, this will risk alienating some funders, but it is what we have to do."

Contrary to what we may read in the papers or see on TV, Latinos are not all "illegal, uneducated, and in need of help."

Yes, there is a heart breaking crisis on the border with Mexico. Children are being separated from their parents, the suffering is real, and the outcry is loud.

Cynthia Magallon Puljic shares her experience as a Latino woman. "It is frightening to read the negative comments on Facebook especially when it comes to seeing children separated from their parents. This is a painful time for all of us.... My dad came here when he was a couple of years old.

We have been here for 85 years." Commenting on her life in New Mexico, she shares her perspective, "My neighborhood is full of people who have lived in the same homes and run the same farms for hundreds of years. For a lot of us, we have never felt so unwelcome... we were born here, this is our home, we thought we were an asset."

When watching images on television and listening to stories – and stereotypes – it is important to remember the basics: Latinos are "family centered, good and hardworking." Don't let these facts get swept from consciousness.

Within nonprofits – and fundraising – there is a lot of welcoming everyone can do. Here are four actions you can take.

1. Make a gift – now – to an organization in your community
2. Volunteer your time, talent and resources.
3. Consider board service, or a role on an advisory council
4. If you can influence gifts or grants, do so.

"Nonprofits – no matter who leads them – serve marginalized communities. These are Latinos. Yet we are not represented in decision making roles. There are times when leadership cannot relate to the issues and circumstances in our lives. Most nonprofits are run by Caucasian males in their fifties. We need more staff of color in decision-making roles," Magallon Puljic said.

In the midst of today's crisis there is real hope for the future. "There are a lot of great young people coming up, getting involved with social media, and speaking out."

"Things are better now than from when I started in the sector, but capacity is still limited. If you are in a leadership position you have to work hard and make hard decisions and choices. Running a nonprofit is very demanding."

MILTON HALL: THOUGHTS & REFLECTIONS

MIKE THOMPSON



On July 1, 2012, mentally ill Milton Hall died in a hail of Saginaw Police gunfire amid an incident at Riverview Plaza. Videos emerged locally and gained national attention. The family received a \$725,000 out-of-court settlement, but no individual officers were indicted. The tragedy provided Saginaw with a link to the emerging Black Lives Matter movement.

To mark this anniversary, The Michigan Banner aims not to rehash or to re-litigate. Rather, we strive for solutions-based feedback regarding the national Black Lives Matter movement that has emerged. This edition contains several outlooks from community leaders who accepted our invitations to air their thoughts. They are Pastor Hurley J. Coleman Jr.; Robert Ruth, Saginaw police chief since 2014; Brian Booker, former Buena Vista and Saginaw interim chief; Dante Toussaint from the legendary original W-3-SOUL, FM107.1, and Cal Talley, Special Assistant to the Provost at Saginaw Valley State University.

"GREAT GOOD HAS COME FROM THAT TERRIBLE DAY"

PASTOR HURLEY J. COLEMAN JR.



Looking back, that moment seems both far and near. Far because the things that happened were so profoundly tragic that it has become one of those traumas that you subconsciously become numb to. Near because the incidents of unarmed black men being killed during

interactions with law enforcement have continued.

That moment in history brought our community into the national and international spotlight. It was not a good presentation. The incident was filmed on a citizens' cell phone, in broad daylight, in a very public location. The violence of the video was clear, but we saw a legal system circle the wagons and tell us not to believe our "lying eyes!"

The response was a complete representation of the demographics of our community. Milton Hall was black, but those who responded resented the full prism of our community. All races, business leaders, political leaders, community leaders, faith leaders, and even the legal community were involved.

A large community committee was formed to address the action of the police, and the anxiety of the community. There was fear on every side. The community was afraid of the potentially devastating response that could come from the black community.

The black community was afraid that there would be controlling reprisals from law enforcement. The city was exposed because the "killing" was obvious, according to the video. Political and community leaders were dubious because there was no apparent leadership to go to.

The national voices came in, from the major national news agencies, iconic civil rights leaders Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Congressman John Conyers all visited our city. We had meeting after meeting with community groups and individuals. We had face to face dialogue with city officials, Saginaw's Mayor, Chief of Police, the County Prosecutor, and Michigan State Police Commander. There was a constant flow of information and dialogue.

This was also during one of Saginaw's most violent periods, with a number of gang related shootings. A young child was killed in the crossfire of that season. It could have resulted in a Ferguson, Mo. type situation, but the combination of continuous public dialogue between community leaders and city official, citizens and both groups, community abundant civic leaders allowed for a continuous release of pressure.

The investigation proceeded in public view. It was clear that an investigation was happening, and there was concern about possible responses to a negative result. The results were not favorable to the community, but community leaders were successful at directing the energies toward the ballot box, peaceful demonstrations, faith filled efforts, and civic engagement.

It is challenging that six years later, the number of police related incidents has not subsided to the degree

that we would have desired. The racial rhetoric has increased, being led by national political leadership. The number of interactions has not increased on the whole, but the racial divide has never been more stark.

The encouragement is that since that event, there have been organized effort to increase opportunities to improve relationships between law enforcement and specific community populations. Groups like ALPACT were formed through efforts of the MSP and Michigan Department of Civil Rights, in cooperation with local community leadership. There have been visible efforts to diversify the police department. The city of Saginaw has increased efforts to work with Neighborhood Associations. The faith community has experienced a number of unifying efforts, within the city and regionally.

Great good has come from that terrible day. Police efforts are clearly more sensitive. Community members are more willing to assist in crime solutions. The faith community is actively seeking occasions to coalesce. There is much to be done, the racial animus is at a tenuous level, but there is great community pride in the history that did not happen.

There will be criticism because there doesn't seem to be a firmly identified organization that is poised to respond to community crises. I believe that is one of the strengths of our efforts. There was a broad community response. People were willing to follow a plan of action. Those who were involved have stayed connected, however loosely, and ready to assemble again. No one should assume that we are not prepared to connect at a moments notice.

MILTON HALL: THOUGHTS & REFLECTIONS CONT.

“WE CAN CREATE MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUSTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL”

ROBERT RUTH, SAGINAW POLICE CHIEF



In the last several years there has been a societal shift in the way law enforcement is perceived and received in communities across our nation. The Saginaw Police Department has used this as a building block to become a more accessible, interactive, transparent, and diverse agency. This includes an update to our Mission Statement: "To build relationships within our diverse and vibrant community to meet the challenges of reducing crime; to help our citizens feel safe; and

to render the highest ethical standards demanded of professional law enforcement.

In an effort to help build relationships with our community and to help our citizens feel safe: We maintain a social media presence where we share safety tips, public safety notices, pictures of various community events that our officers have attended, and citizens can share pictures, stories and videos of officer interactions. We have produced several educational/instructional videos with the NAACP to advise citizens how to interact with officers during various police encounters to ensure citizen and officer safety. We have invested in body-cameras for our officers, as well as de-escalation/less lethal weaponry. We have implemented multiple youth engagement programs in efforts to further educate the youth of our community, and provide them with avenues that could steer them clear of gangs, drugs, alcohol and other self-destructive activities. Our officers are encouraged to get out of their vehicles and interact with the community when they have some down time, and have been spotted joining a game of basketball with a group of children they happened upon.

To help ensure the highest ethical standards are being met and to further the safety of our community: We have updated our policies and procedures to meet the new demands of law enforcement, and we maintain partnerships with many local agencies that specialize in victim support, mental health/health care education, substance abuse education and rehabilitation services. Our partnership with the CAN (Child Abuse and Neglect) Council has resulted in the creation of the Victim Services Specialist position within the Police Department. The purpose of the VSS is to provide crime victims with resources they may need to move forward after a traumatic event. Our partners routinely hold training sessions at the Department to educate our officers on how to better interact with individuals who may be exhibiting signs or mental health or substance abuse issues.

By recognizing our responsibility to better the lives of those in our community, while providing quality support and resources to all people in need, and by collaborating with citizens and community partners, we can create meaningful relationships that sustain a safe environment for all, all while reducing the crime rate in the City of Saginaw.

“WE NEED OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP TO BECOME MORE TRANSPARENT”

BRIAN BOOKER, FORMER BUENA VISTA AND SAGINAW INTERIM CHIEF

I am Milton Hall's cousin and served as a family spokesman in the aftermath, and so my outlook on the specifics of his slaying should be well-known. However, I realize that The Banner is not asking to rehash the travesty, but to offer solutions-oriented future insights not only locally, but for similar communities across the nation.

My main point is that powers-to-be need to integrate their police ranks to reflect the ethnic makeup of their communities. They may initiate 'reforms' in the political aftermath of Black Lives Matter, but if the response continues to be four all-white officers at a crime scene, police relations with the black community will continue to remain at odds. In fact, this is unjust to the vast majority of capable and conscientious white police officers who suffer from the actions of a few white officers who should not be police officers.

Some police chiefs continue to claim they have trouble

finding and recruiting minority officers. That's no excuse. In Saginaw and then in Buena Vista, I was able to coordinate recruitment, through young police cadets and through other outreach.

Police misconduct gains news attention when black victims are killed, and rightfully so, but this also extends to everyday incidents such as traffic stops and other forms of harassment. We need citizen police advisory review boards. This was supposed to be implemented in Saginaw after a meeting with a federal mediator after Milton Hall was shot. Gary Loster and myself were involved, but I am not even sure if it still is active now. This advisory board should have been an excellent example of transparency that has to be done so that citizens are comfortable coming to police when they have a problem. The board as I understood it was supposed to report monthly. In that regard, positive relations will occur, but only if these efforts actually are serious, not just fluff.



Finally, we need our law enforcement leadership to become more transparent. They cannot be afraid to address racial issues in policing, or simply to talk about race. They need to pursue action and to show results, and to actively promote those results to the public.

MILTON HALL: THOUGHTS & REFLECTIONS CONT.**“THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT SYSTEM”**

DANTE TOUSSAINT, FORMER DJ AT W-3-SOUL, FM 107.1



We older folks sometimes criticize the young people for not being involved in the same way as we were in our generation, and so with Black Lives Matter, it is good to know there are some who are trying improve the health and welfare of people their age, and of people in general. They remind me of the Black Panther Party, back in the day.

But sometimes it seems that Black Lives Matter is all over the place, with no national leaders who we can identify. They have leaders regionally, but none that I would recognize for the entire group. Still, their goals are freedom, justice and equality, which we all should support, especially when their are people like '45' (*Dante declines to name the U.S. president because '45' has not earned respect*) are trying to make them sound like some sort of bandits.

For changes and reforms to happen in regard to police conduct, we talk about improved training, but I don't know. Police officers already receive training, but then when they are placed on duty, some of them go out on the wild and throw away their training, just because they have a badge. The question should go beyond training, so that there is more screening of the job applicants in the first place.

For example, the latest case is Antwon Rose, the 17-year-old in Pittsburgh who was unarmed but who was killed while running from police. The officer who shot him in the back was in his first day on the job, but he previously had worked for seven years in other departments.

In other cases, an officer will shoot someone, and maybe get fired, but then another department will hire him. There is something wrong with that system.

(NOTE: Dante purchased what possibly was Milton's final solid meal. Stuck in a downtown roadwork traffic jam on June 29, 2012, Dante provided some cash for Milton to purchase a burger, fries and beverage at Rally's, near the police station. Two days later, the Riverview Plaza tragedy began with an accusation that Milton Hall had stolen and walked away with a cup of coffee at a nearby gas station. Ironic, Dante says.)

“STRONG RELATIONSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES”

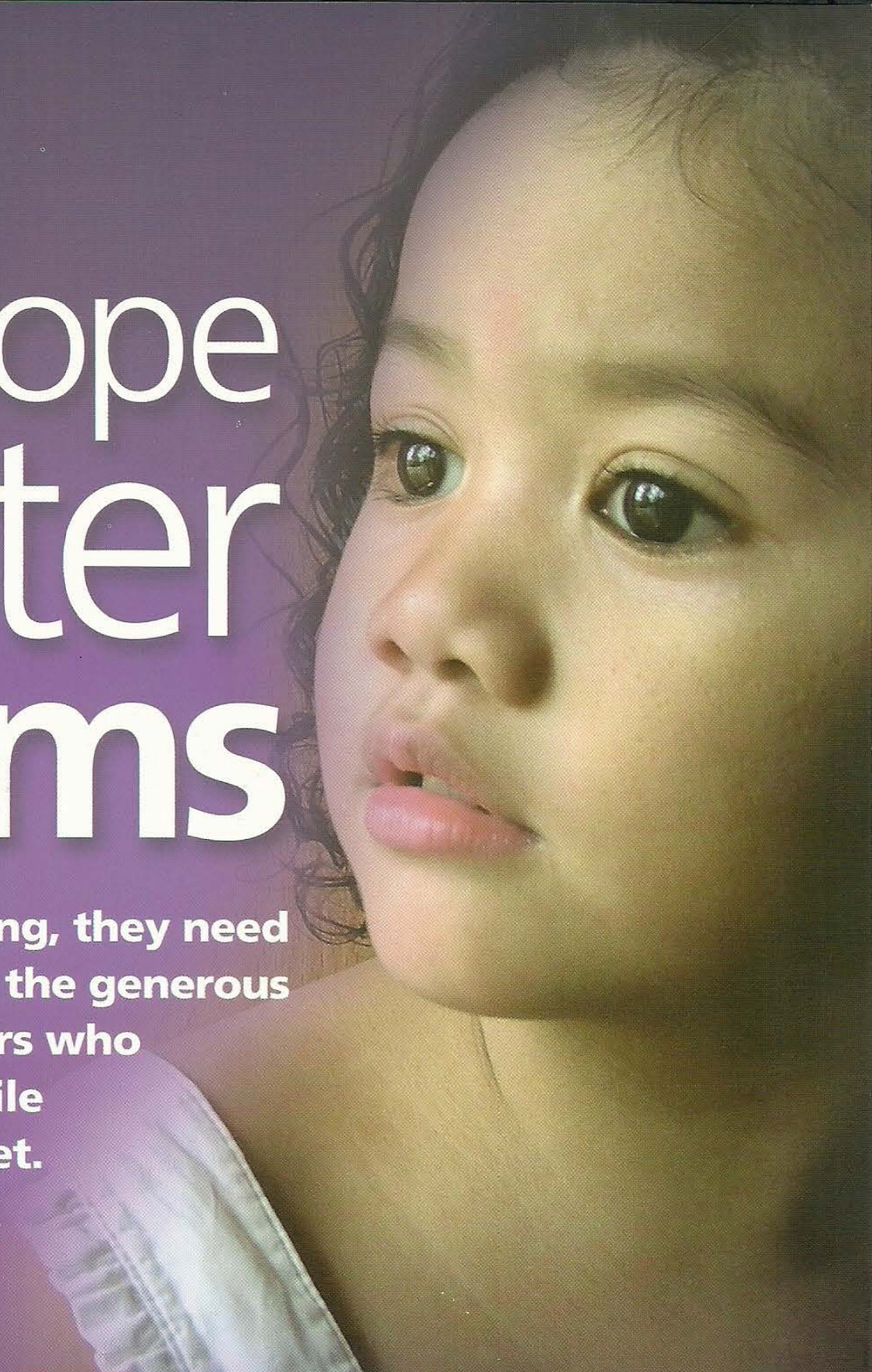
CAL TALLEY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PROVOST AT SVSU

I'm encouraged by the progress being made in Saginaw as it related to Police and Community relations. For that reason, I joined Undersheriff Philip Hart as co-chair for Saginaw's Chapter of Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT). We want to continue the hard work Carl Williams and Marvin Jenkins embarked upon at the conception of the Saginaw ALPACT. I believe it is mission critical that our city can demonstrate strong relationships of mutual trust between police agencies and the communities they serve. Strong relationships are critical to maintaining public safety and healthy communities. It exciting to see the increase in officers of color interacting with community members and working to solve problems before there are negative consequences. Police officials rely on the cooperation of community members to provide information about crime in their neighborhoods, and to work with the police to devise

solutions to crime and disorder problems. Similarly, community members' willingness to trust the police depends on whether they believe that police actions reflect community values while incorporating the principles of procedural justice and legitimacy. There is still a lot of work to do.

ALPACT meets every other month at various locations around the city. Our goal is to examine issues affecting police and community relations while ensuring equitable enforcement of laws including: racial profiling, police discretion, use of force, recruitment and training, citizen complaint processes, community partnering and police leadership. These meeting are open to the public.





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Pictured left to right: Christina Harrington, Andrew Mendyk, Denver Isom, Sue McInerney, Debra Contreras, Linda Owen (not pictured: Elizabeth Dzuba)

Renee Johnston pictured with Christina Harrington, SCDPH Health Officer

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) wants to recognize award recipients for 2018. The awards presented by SCDPH include, the Employee of the Year, the Richard Calley Distinguished Service Award, Spirit of Public Health Award, and Longevity Award.

The 2018 Employee of the Year, has been awarded to Lori Bill, for exemplary performance and accomplishment on the job. Lori has been with the Department for the past 10 years as a custodian. Lori is described by her co-workers as a conscientious and hard worker who takes pride in her work.

SCDPH annually awards the Richard Calley Distinguished Service Award in recognition of an individual, organization, or business that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of public health in Saginaw County. This year's honoree is Reneé Johnston, President and CEO of the Saginaw Community Foundation. Reneé has been working on the advancement of public health dating back to the early 2000's in which Reneé supported the efforts of Saginaw County embarking on the first Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan. It was

with the assistance of Reneé and the Saginaw Community Foundation that Saginaw County is still working to improve the health of our residents today.

The 2018 Spirit of Public Health Award recipients are Debra Contreras, Elizabeth Dzuba, Denver Isom, Andrew Mendyk, and Linda Owen. This award is given to those SCDPH employees who embody the spirit of public service and go the extra mile in the performance of job duties and customer service.

SCDPH also annually recognizes staff employment milestones for years of dedicated service to the Department. This year's 2018 Longevity Certificates were presented to: Carissa Hillman, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and Katherine Losee, Hearing Technician, for 5 years of service. Longevity Awards were presented to: Lori Bill, Custodian, and Margie Dwenger, Immunization Clerk for 10 years of service; Steven Ellis, Senior Environmental Health Specialist, and Sandra Ellison, Clerk Interviewer/ Receptionist for 15 years of service; and Pamela Dottery, Nursing Office Manager for 30 years of service.



Lori Bill pictured with Sue McInerney, SCDPH Board of Commissioner/Board of Health Member, and Christina Harrington

Covenant HealthCare Unveils Hybrid Operating Room; Technology is One of Two in Michigan



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In July 2017, a groundbreaking ceremony kicked-off a major renovation for the Covenant HealthCare Surgical Services Department. Monday, June 25, 2018 Covenant unveiled the new hybrid operating suite and home of the ARTIS pheno, a robotic C-arm angiography system used for minimally invasive interventional procedures. This new robotic technology is the first of its kind in the Great Lakes Bay Region, second in Michigan, and it's changing the way surgeons view the human body.

"This operating room is the future of surgical care," says John Germain, Director of Surgical Services at Covenant. "We are excited to make this technology available to patients in our region."

The addition and renovation represent an investment of \$7.2 million, adding three levels and more than 12,000 square feet to the Covenant Cooper facility. The new space has a new 1,465 square foot state of the art hybrid operating room with the latest technology, additional office space, a renovation of an existing OR, and a central sterile processing area.

A hybrid operating room is a traditional surgical room that is also equipped with advanced medical imaging x-ray devices. Hybrid ORs support minimally invasive surgeries and allow the surgical team to perform imaging studies in the

operating room. The room is set up to be dual functioning- accommodating procedures, but able to quickly flip to a traditional open surgical room if needed. This eliminates the need to move patients during a procedure. Less movement is good for many reasons, including a reduced risk of infection and less time to reorganize the room.

"This is the culmination of years of dedication for us to be the leader in vascular surgery in Michigan," says Dr. Ron Bays, a local vascular surgeon who was active in the development of this project. "We strive to give every patient the most up to date care available and our team has come together to make that dream a reality. I can't wait to get started and take our mission to the next level and beyond."

One of the things that makes the new Covenant hybrid OR so unique, is the state of the art technology in it. Covenant is the second hospital in Michigan to have the specialized C-arm, the ARTIS pheno. The ARTIS pheno is a robotic piece of equipment that allows advanced x-ray imaging to be incorporated into a surgical suite. Covenant is excited to add this to the existing team of robots in the OR, which currently includes three da Vinci robots and two MAKOs for robotic knee replacement surgeries.

While the concept of a hybrid OR isn't entirely

new, the expanded scope of patients Covenant can help is. The ARTIS pheno equipment can properly support patients of all shapes and sizes. Other c-arms often have size and weight limits that are restrictive, and the positioning was not always optimal for the surgical team.

In addition, the ARTIS pheno has an antimicrobial coating and sealed housing, to help keep the system clean and may aid in preventing bacteria and viruses. In the surgical setting, lowering the risk of infection for patients is critical.

Covenant is also excited for the opportunity to help recruit up and coming physicians to the area. As Germain says, "Surgeons train on the latest equipment, and they expect that equipment to be available when they graduate. Covenant wants the best of the best in our region, as that is what our patients deserve. When hospitals [like Covenant] have the latest technology, it helps attract new and experienced physicians to Saginaw to offer services to our community."

The hybrid OR will be used for advanced vascular surgical procedures including aortic aneurysm repair and peripheral vascular interventions, interventional cardiology procedures including transaortic valve replacements, orthopaedic trauma, neurological procedures, and more.

Bridge Card holders can double their purchasing power at Saginaw Farmers Market and others

LANSING, Mich. – As summer arrives, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Michigan Farmers Market Association remind families receiving food assistance benefits that they can buy fresh food at farmers market while maximizing their purchasing power.

In addition to accepting Bridge Card payments, 144 Michigan farmers markets and farm stands also participate in the Fair Food Network’s Double Up Food Bucks, which allows Bridge Card holders to get double their money for fruits and vegetables – a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$20 every market day – while supporting local growers. For example, a family that spends \$10 in food assistance benefits at a participating farmers market gets \$10 in Double Up Food Bucks to buy locally grown produce.

“It’s important to MDHHS to make available healthy

options at an affordable price for Michiganders who receive food assistance benefits to feed their families,” said Terry Beurer, MDHHS deputy director for Field Operations Administration. “Michigan’s farmers markets provide nutritional food and Double Up Food Bucks allows them to buy more food with their benefits.”

Currently, 164 Michigan farmers markets accept Bridge Cards that are loaded with food assistance benefits including the Saginaw Farmers Market.

To find a farmers market that accepts Bridge Cards, visit the Michigan Farmers Market Association Find a Farmers Market feature online at www.mifma.org/findafarmersmarket. The site allows visitors to search for a farmers market by city, county or day of the week. They can search based on the food assistance benefits they will use while shopping – Bridge Card

(food assistance only), Double Up Food Bucks, WIC Project FRESH, Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH or Hoophouses for Health.

“The positive impact that food assistance programs have on farmers markets is immense. It becomes not just a win for the client, but also for the farmers market and the vendors selling at the market,” said Joe Lesausky, food access manager at the Michigan Farmers Market Association. “Every year, I continue to see new market managers reaching out, and asking how they can start accepting Bridge Cards.”

Temporary food assistance for eligible low-income families and individuals is available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and is referred to as the Food Assistance Program in Michigan. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/FoodAssistance.



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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Professional Women in Building Council Announces Officers and Awards Seven Scholarships



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The Professional Women in Building Council of the Home Builders Association of Saginaw is proud to present its newly initiated Board Officers. These women are outstanding not only in their careers, but in their community as well. Their leadership will encourage other women (and men) in the building industry to get involved, support the Association, and empower other women. “The Home Builders Association of Saginaw congratulates the new Professional Women Council Officers. These women will lead the Council with new ideas and a fresh perspective. We’re looking forward to seeing a fruitful year ahead,” says Michelle Revette, Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association of Saginaw.

2018-2019 PWB Board Officers:

- Pamela Barnes, Board President - Builders First Source
- Nicole Schultz, Board Vice President – Beagle Construction
- Bridget Sadenwater, Board Secretary/Treasurer – Greater Michigan Construction Academy

Each year, The PWB Council honors students of the building trades with a scholarship. These students are dedicated to the building industry and have a strong sense of community.

This year, the Council honored 7 students:

- Samuel Gerow from Beaverton, attending Mid-Michigan Community College this fall.
- Ryan Franceschina, who will be continuing at Delta College.
- Steve Hemgesberg of Freeland, attending Michigan State University.
- Robert Thomas from Saginaw, going into Delta College this fall.
- Isaac Grimshaw, from Frankenmuth will be attending Delta College.
- Austin Robishaw will be continuing at Ferris State University this year.
- Emily Outen from Whittemore-Prescott will be attending Delta College.

The Professional Women in Building host events and fundraisers to donate to this scholarship each

year. “As the building trades industry grows, so must the interest of the future generations,” says Pam Barnes, PWB Board President. “These students are hard-working and determined, and will help this community grow. Our goal is to encourage more students to realize that the building trades is an honest and viable career choice with many prosperous options.”

Since 1955, the Home Builders Association of Saginaw has been striving towards excellence; providing education and resources to its’ members. The Association is in place to be a foundation for Building Trades, to work with officials in regards to the Industry, and provide quality and betterment of both the community and environment.

For more information on fundraising events, or on being involved with the Home Builders Association of Saginaw and/or its educational partners, please contact the office at 989-793-1120, or visit www.hbas.org.



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Tri-Star Trust Bank CEO announces retirement and succession plan



Larry L. Preston, co-founder of Tri-Star Trust Bank, has announced his intent to retire as Chief Executive Officer of the bank effective January 1, 2019. Preston will continue to act as a consultant to Tri-Star and Vice-Chair of the Board of

Directors. Gene Pickelman, President and co-founder of the bank, will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer and President, effective January 1, 2019.

“Nearly 20 years ago Larry and Gene had a vision to create a locally owned trust bank that would give superior service to its clients,” said Mark Flegenheimer, Chairman of the Board of Tri-Star Trust Bank. “Upon Larry’s retirement at the end of this year he will step down from his day-to-day leadership role, leaving behind a bank that has grown to over \$1.3 billion in managed assets. More importantly, Larry has developed a local institution that truly cares about its clients, employees and communities.” Flegenheimer concluded by stating, “Everyone involved with Tri-Star will miss Larry’s daily insights in running the bank, but we are fortunate that he will be an active member of our Board as our Vice-Chair and as a consultant to the Board of Directors. On behalf of the entire Board and our shareholders we are forever thankful that Larry turned his vision into first-class wealth management company.”

“With over 30 years’ experience in the trust and investment industry, Gene Pickelman is uniquely qualified to lead Tri-Star during our next phase of growth,” stated Flegenheimer. “Gene and Larry’s shared vision of building a trust bank that is focused on helping clients achieve their financial goals will be in excellent hands under Gene’s leadership as CEO & President beginning in 2019”.

As part of Tri-Star’s succession planning the bank has added four new employees.

Pavel Konecny joins the Tri-Star team as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to coming to Tri-Star, he served as Corporate Treasurer at Chemical Bank. Konecny says, “It is a great honor to have the opportunity to work for an organization that puts an incredible amount of emphasis on caring for its clients, employees, the communities we serve and our shareholders. This

idea that there is a higher purpose behind running a business, and that it is to help improve the lives of all involved is very powerful and inspiring, and I am looking forward to being part of it.”

Konecny received his bachelor’s degree in Business Management and Marketing Management along with his Master of Business Administration from Northwood University. In 2006, Konecny received his CFA designation. He brings 10 years of experience as a corporate treasurer.

Konecny lives in Midland with his wife, Jana, and their son, Ben. He currently volunteers with the Midland Country Club as an executive committee member and treasurer, the Michigan Bankers Association as a funds management committee member and Delta College as an investment committee member and past chair. When his not volunteering in the community, he enjoys fishing, golfing and reading.

Kevin Scorsone joins Tri-Star as Vice President and Relationship Manager. Prior to coming to Tri-Star Scorsone served as a Director of Private Banking at Chemical Bank for 7 years.

Scorsone received his Bachelor of Arts from Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. He joins Tri-Star with 15 years of experience in wealth management and has obtained the Series 6, 7, 24, 53, 63 and 66 licenses and the Michigan Life Insurance License. Scorsone had this to say about joining the team, “Making the decision to join Tri-Star Trust Bank was simple because their values align with my own. Tri-Star’s success isn’t driven by the bottom line, it’s measured by client satisfaction, community prosperity, and employee wellness. My wife and I raise our three children in and are committed to the long-term success of the Great Lakes Bay Region, so I also appreciate that Tri-Star is locally owned and operated.”

Scorsone resides in Thomas Township with his wife, Jodie, and their three children Nicolas, Samuel and Georgina. He enjoys volunteering and serves as a board member for the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. Scorsone is the co-founder of Saginaw Leadership Cares (SLC) a giving circle in Saginaw County. In his free time, Scorsone enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and enjoying the outdoors.

Stephanie Anderson joins Tri-Star Trust Bank as a Portfolio Manager and Trust Investment Officer. Previously Anderson served as the Senior Investment Analyst at Indiana Public Retirement System. Anderson states, “I am honored to work for an organization such as Tri-Star Trust Bank. The collective efforts of the team to being fiduciaries on

behalf of all their clients along with their dedication to their community is outstanding. I look forward to continuing my career journey with Tri-Star and contribute my efforts to provide clients with a high level of service and care.”

Anderson is a high honors graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance. She received her Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 2015. She brings 11 years of experience in finance, 6 years directly related to investment and portfolio management.

Anderson recently moved back to Frankenmuth with her husband, Rob, and their 10-month old daughter, Charlotte. She volunteers with the Indianapolis CFA Society and the Michigan State University Alumni Network. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, baking and traveling.

Michelle Pilaske joins the Tri-Star team as an Executive Assistant reporting to Gene Pickelman, President of Tri-Star Trust Bank. Prior to coming to Tri-Star, she served as the Chief of Staff at Chemical Bank.

Pilaske received her bachelor’s degree in applied arts from Central Michigan University. She has over 18 years of experience in executive, board and administrative support. “We are excited to have Michelle join the Tri-Star team of professionals.” said Gene Pickelman. “Given her experience and great work ethic, she will help us in serving the mission of our firm in simplifying our client’s lives and making our community a better place to live, work and play.”

Pilaske resides in Sanford with her husband, Dennis, and their two children, Samuel and Madeline. She enjoys volunteering in her community. She serves as the Vice President of the Midland Kings Daughters Endowment Committee. Pilaske volunteers with Junior Achievement, Chippewa Nature Center, the Midland High School Band and the Midland 100 Club. Pilaske had this to say about joining the Tri-Star team, “I’m extremely excited to join the Tri-Star Trust Bank team. It’s a privilege to serve an organization that values relationships, service excellence, community commitment and impacting quality of life.”





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SVSU Board approves 2018-19 budget, tuition to rise by \$489



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The Saginaw Valley State University Board of control approved a tuition increase of \$489 for in-state undergraduate students as part of the 2018-19 general fund operating budget adopted during the Board's regular meeting Monday, June 18.

A Michigan undergraduate student taking 30 credits will pay \$10,308 for the upcoming academic year. SVSU students were charged \$9,819 during the 2017-18 academic year.

“All budget decisions are made with students and families in mind, and this budget maintains our priorities of providing outstanding opportunities for our students and ensuring access to a high quality education,” said Donald Bachand, SVSU president. “We have significantly expanded our scholarship and financial aid offerings to support students and families, and we continue to work hard to sustain our longstanding commitment to affordability.”

SVSU will continue to have the lowest tuition among the 15 Michigan public universities for 2018-19, even after the increase of 4.98 percent takes effect.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved the confirmation of board members for previously authorized public school academies.
- Approved the addition of grades nine through 12 to the New Standard Academy, a previously authorized public school academy.
- Approve the addition of pre-kindergarten to Kingsbury Country Day School, a previously authorized public school academy.
- Approved the tenure recommendation for

Catherine Macomber, assistant professor of social work.

- Approved promotion recommendations for 16 faculty members, including 13 faculty who were promoted to the rank of associate professor: Prashanth Anekal, management; Meghan Baruth, health sciences; Veronika Drake, English; Rosina Hassoun, sociology; Amy Hendrickson, law; Julie Keil, political science; Natalia Knoblock, English; Scott Kowalewski, rhetoric and professional writing; Catherine Macomber, social work; Elizabeth Pierce, accounting; Khandaker Abir Rahman, computer science and information systems; Isaac Stephens, history; and Adam Warhausen, chemistry. Three faculty were promoted to the rank of professor: Daniel Cook, English; Jeremy Knous, kinesiology; and Diana Trebing, communication.
- Passed a resolution to grant emeritus status to Moe Bidgoli, who served 33 years on the computer science faculty.
- Passed a resolution to grant emeritus status to Steve Hocquard, whose service to SVSU spanned 25 years; he retired as assistant vice president of facilities planning and construction.
- Approved conveyance of property and an amendment to the lease for the SVSU Business and Professional Development Center Project. This will allow SVSU to work with the State of Michigan's State Building Authority on the construction of a 38,500 square foot building addition for the Scott L. Carmona College of Business and Management.
- Authorized the president and/or the executive vice president for Administration & Business Affairs to enter into natural gas and electricity purchase agreements with the State of Michigan, Wolverine Power Marketing Cooperative or other suppliers for the period ending December 31, 2045.

Dow, University of Michigan, Delta College Collaborate to Create New Innovation and Education Hub in the Great Lakes Bay Region



Photo by Alex Childress

MIDLAND, Mich. - The Dow Chemical Company (Dow), the University of Michigan (U-M) and Delta College (Delta) are collaborating to develop an interdisciplinary innovation and education hub to inspire the workforce of tomorrow and create sustainable pathways that will have a positive impact on the environment and society.

“We are bringing together U-M’s recognized leadership in higher education in sustainability, technology and innovation with Delta’s regional expertise and teaching excellence – and uniting these education innovators with Dow’s ambition to be the most innovative, customer-centric, inclusive and sustainable materials science company in the world,” said Jim Fitterling, CEO-elect of Dow. “This collaboration will empower teachers and students to develop sustainable solutions to address local, regional and global challenges, while cultivating a robust manufacturing workforce pipeline – efforts that build on our commitment to the Great Lakes Bay Region.”

The education hub will accelerate Dow’s and Delta’s focus on building the workforce of tomorrow and innovating for sustainable solutions in the Great Lakes Bay Region through the promotion of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education while also supporting creative and targeted solutions to address many of the community’s complex needs. It will be enabled by a grant of \$4 million from The Dow Chemical Company Foundation and a grant of \$2 million from The Dow Corning Foundation, both over a three-year period, toward the construction of a new Delta campus building in downtown Midland.

The newly constructed facility will include science and computer labs, classrooms, advanced educational and training technology, special use training rooms, multi-purpose rooms and labs, student services and administrative space. The facility’s enrollment is expected to reach 700 students at the new Delta Midland Center. With a construction timeline estimated to take 12-18 months, Delta College is aiming to break ground by fall 2019.

Additionally, Dow and U-M announced the inception of the Andrew N. Liveris Innovation Institute, a collaboration to provide Midland area teachers with an immersive learning environment of focused programming in the areas of advanced manufacturing, sustainable innovation and global citizenship. The Dow Chemical Company Foundation will provide funding in the amount of \$1.5 million to U-M over a three-year period toward staffing and programming in support of the Institute’s mission. The Andrew N. Liveris Innovation Institute, named to honor the legacy of Dow’s Chief Executive Officer upon his retirement, will be located on the first floor of the new Delta Midland Center.

“Delta College is extremely grateful to The Dow Chemical Company for its support of this facility. The combined \$6 million total gift is the largest ever made from the private sector to Delta and will truly make a difference to the economic growth of our area and in the lives of local citizens,” said Dr. Jean Goodnow, Delta College President. “The new Delta College Midland Center, home of the Andrew N. Liveris Innovation Institute, will enhance Delta’s long-standing ability to offer area residents opportunities for career and transfer education, using the latest

technology and teaching strategies. Graduates will be prepared to enter the workforce or take the next step as they transfer to a partner university.”

“The U-M School of Education is eager to bring its expertise in curriculum design, program evaluation, and professional development to this promising partnership. Our Center for Education Design, Evaluation, and Research (CEDER) specializes in these collaborations, and I anticipate exciting outcomes from this work. Dow’s investment in local teachers is a smart way to leverage a powerful community of professionals to further the company’s STEM, manufacturing, and sustainability commitment,” said Elizabeth Birr Moje, Dean of the School of Education; George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education; and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor.

“I am honored to continue my involvement in the community and in the advancement of the industry through the Andrew N. Liveris Innovation Institute. I have long been a strong advocate for the criticality of innovation in manufacturing to create social and economic impact, and I look forward to engaging with the Institute’s strategy development, as well as serving as an ongoing instructor and counselor to pass along the many learnings and experiences I have collected as a collaborator in our industry and as a champion of sustainability, innovation, manufacturing and citizenship,” said Andrew N. Liveris, chairman and CEO of Dow and director and former executive chairman, DowDuPont.

As part of the Innovation Institute, Dow and U-M will also create Dow Innovation Fellows, a program designed to develop robust, applicable, and educational experiences for Midland area teachers and high school students. Dow will share its expertise in manufacturing and sustainability and provide access to cutting edge manufacturing techniques. U-M’s CEDER, will provide access to expertise on education topics including curricular and instructional design and professional support for research-based teaching and learning. Dow Innovation Fellows builds upon the long-term and successful Dow Sustainability Fellows Program, an academic program established through a partnership between Dow and U-M for the preparation of future leaders to make a positive difference in organizations worldwide.



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

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Saginaw Valley State University Assistant Dean Tapp Elected President of the Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE)



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University Center, MICHIGAN – The Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) has elected Anne Tapp, Ph.D. as president of the Board. She begins her term in June 2018. Tapp, who has served on the MACTE executive board, has worked in education for 27 years. She is currently the assistant dean and professor of Saginaw Valley State University's College of Education.

"I am honored to be elected president of the MACTE Board during this critically important time for education and educators. We promote the learning of all P-20 students through the promotion of high quality teacher preparation, and Michigan needs outstanding teachers if we are going to be the prosperous state we want to be. We have a great team, and we are ready to roll up our sleeves and put in the work necessary to help teachers and students succeed," Tapp said.

Betty Kirby, Ph.D., senior associate dean at Central Michigan University states,

"The MACTE organization is where educator preparation institutions throughout the state come together as collaborators (not competitors) and advocate for policy and best practices in teacher education. We value the uniqueness of each institution and partner around common concerns and needs that impact us all. Most importantly, we are committed to high quality and rigorous preparation for the next generation of teachers in Michigan."

MACTE is the state chapter association of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), the leading voice on educator preparation. AACTE represents

more than 800 postsecondary institutions with educator preparation programs dedicated to high-quality, evidence-based preparation that assures educators are ready to teach all learners.

MACTE represents all institutions of higher education that prepare educators within the state of Michigan. Chapters provide a vehicle for teacher educators to take a unified position on state-specific issues and to meet as partners or as responsible adversaries with the state departments, teachers' organizations, and other stakeholder groups. Chapters can also provide networking, service, and professional learning opportunities for teacher educators across the state.

The presidents from these chapters are members of AACTE's Advisory Council of State Representatives (ACSR). The primary purpose of ACSR is to serve as a collaborative network for chapter leaders across the states and to bring state-level perspectives to all AACTE activities.

GM Breaks Ground on \$65M Parts Processing Facility



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BURTON, Mich. — General Motors Customer Care and Aftersales (CCA) broke ground today on an all-new \$65 million ACDelco and Genuine GM Parts processing center on a vacant 141-acre lot near the intersection of Genesee and Davison roads in the City of Burton. It is the company's largest single investment in a warehousing and logistics facility in the United States in nearly 40 years.

Key collaborators in the project, including Burton Mayor Paula Zelenko, Scott Henry representing UAW Local 651, and Chad Meyer the president of NorthPoint Development, joined Tim Turvey, GM Global Vice President, Customer Care and Aftersales, for the ceremonial event.

"GM is executing a focused and disciplined strategy to improve our core business and position the company for the future, guided by our vision of a world with zero crashes, zero emissions and zero congestion," Turvey said. "Our new facility in Burton will help us deliver that future. And projects like this only become a reality when you have great teamwork and true collaboration, like we have with the City of Burton, the UAW and NorthPoint Development."

When the facility opens in early 2019, it will be the company's main induction point in the United States for ACDelco and Genuine GM service parts that need to be unitized and packaged for sale. Ultimately, these parts are used to maintain every Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac sold in the United States, and hundreds of competitive vehicles as well.

With 1.1 million square feet of floor space, the facility will be more than twice the size of the company's existing parts processing center, which is located about five miles away. It will have 84 shipping and receiving docks, up from 35 today. Close to 700 hourly and salaried employees will staff the facility.

The current Davison Road facility is landfill free – one of more than 140 in GM's global network – and we will be working toward the same status for the new facility. It will be built with energy-efficient LED light, and a sophisticated energy management system to reduce power consumption and improve comfort.

After the new facility opens, GM will close its existing processing center on Davison Road in Burton, and those employees will transfer to the new site. NorthPoint Development will build the new facility and lease it to GM for an initial term of 12.5 years.



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Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 2nd, The Michigan Banner Newspaper will celebrate 16 years of positive, informative and inspiring news in the Great Lakes Bay and Flint region.

The Michigan Banner *Heart of the City* Awards luncheon will take place from 11:00 am to 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.

Several community awards will be presented including Community Impact Award, Outstanding Business Award, Leadership Award and more.

There are many sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. As a sponsor not only will you help support The Michigan Banner Newspaper's 16 year Anniversary event but you will also help support our non-profit organization, The Michigan Banner Outreach.

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Castle Museum Celebrates 120th Year Anniversary



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SAGINAW, Mich. –A celebration is in order. July 3 marks the 120th anniversary of the Castle building, originally dedicated as a U.S. Federal Post Office in 1898. Now home to the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History, the museum is offering free admission on July 3 and July 4.

“We want to say, ‘Happy Birthday America’ and ‘Happy Birthday Castle Museum Building,’” said President and CEO Jonathan Webb. “As a thank you for more than a century of support, we’re honoring the community that saved this building twice from demolition and turned it into an icon of downtown Saginaw by offering them a visit free of charge.”

Visitors will have the opportunity to view current exhibits such as:

- Cloth as Community: Hmong Textiles in America- containing beautiful and intricate embroidered story cloths created by the Hmong community.
- 125 Years of Building – featuring Saginaw buildings constructed by Spence Brothers, recreated with LEGO bricks.
- Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame– honoring the top Saginaw County individuals, teams and organizations contribution to sports.

To continue the celebration, the museum will host its annual Summer Cultural Celebration program from July 12 to Aug. 2 that educates and exposes visitors to the diverse cultures of the Saginaw region through four weekly presentations.

An official birthday party takes place Saturday, July 28 from noon to 4 p.m. with a celebratory opening of the newly renovated Lumbering in Saginawexhibition. All patrons are invited to attend this free open house. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact the Castle Museum at 989-752-2861 or visit <http://www.castlemuseum.org>

Celebrate 4th of July in the Great Lakes Bay Region



courtesy photo

Bay City 2018 Fireworks Festival

Bay City hosts its three-day Fireworks Festival starting Thursday, July 5. The festivities continue Friday, July 6, and the big show is on Saturday, July 7.

Each night of displays kick off at 10:12 p.m., launched from the southern part of Veterans Memorial Park and from a barge on the Saginaw River. The display is best viewed from Veterans Park, Wenonah Park, Uptown Bay City, Bay City's Middlegrounds or, ideally, from a boat on the Saginaw River.

It costs \$1 each night to view the show in Veterans Memorial Park and \$5 to watch it from Wenonah Park.

Saginaw's Fourth of July Fireworks

Saginaw's Fourth of July Fireworks will launch from Ojibway Island and the Remington Street Bridge starting at 10:05 p.m. on July 4. Spectators can get a great view of the display from the Frank N. Andersen bridge -- also known as the Court Street bridge -- the island itself, or anywhere in Old Town Saginaw. Boaters are welcome to watch the display from the Saginaw River.

Frankenmuth Volkslaufe Fireworks

The Frankenmuth Volkslaufe Fireworks precedes the annual summer road race on Tuesday, July 3, at Heritage Park, 601 Weiss St. The show starts at 10:05 p.m.

Chesaning Fireworks Display

Chesaning's annual fireworks display starts at dusk on June 28 at Showboat Park.

Midland Fourth of July Fireworks

Midland's 2018 Fourth of July fireworks will launch on Independence Day from the former site of 4D Manufacturing and can be viewed from the outside grounds of Dow Diamond on the Tittabawassee River. Jedi Mind Trip will provide live music starting at 8 p.m. and the display will kick off at dusk, around 10 p.m.

Caseville Spectacular Fireworks Display

Caseville's "Spectacular Fireworks Display" takes place July 3 at dusk on the Caseville Harbor Breakwall near Harbor Street.

Au Gres Fireworks

Au Gres will light off their 2018 fireworks from the mouth of the Au Gres River near Huron Road on June 30.

Port Austin Fireworks

Port Austin's Fourth of July fireworks will dazzle spectators over Lake Huron at dusk on the Fourth.

Port Hope Fireworks

Port Hope's annual fireworks display takes place July 7 at dusk on the Port Hope Community School Grounds at 7840 Portland Ave.

Cass City Freedom Festival

The Cass City Freedom Festival fireworks will fire from Cass City Park at dusk on July 7 after a day filled with activities and the city's annual parade.



SVSU art gallery to display former Saginaw Art Museum director's work



Saginaw Valley State University will display the works of a 20th century Saginaw artist whose legacy resonates with her creative successors in the University Art Gallery this summer.

The exhibition featuring the work of Julia Roecker will be shown from July 2 to Aug. 10.

Art pieces shown in the exhibition will include traditional work in the area of linocut and woodblock prints, as well as silkscreen and impressionist pastel drawings. In addition to these pieces, there will be examples of her sketchbooks displayed.

Roecker shared her skills of art and teaching with the people she inspired during her lifetime.

Born in Saginaw in 1887, she received her art training at the Arts Institute of Chicago. After receiving her education, she returned to her hometown – with her husband Henry – to teach art classes at Saginaw High School.

Roecker then continued to instruct others at Alma College as a professor of art. After retiring from Alma, she finished her career in Saginaw as the director of the Saginaw Art Museum, a title she held for 10 years until her retirement.

The couple's accomplished life is detailed in the book “A Century on Canvas: The Lives and Work of Julia Roberts and Henry Leon Roecker” by Jean Beach.

Julia Roecker was a dynamic artist, as SVSU's studio art technician Sara Clark described.

“There wasn't much in art that she wasn't in charge of at Alma College, so she was constantly working in different media and taking different approaches to her favorite subject matter which consisted largely of flora and fauna,” she said.

Even after her death at the age of 101 in 1988, Clark said that her legacy remains in the region through others.

“She was quite prolific as an artist, and this passion and discipline surely rubbed off on her students and admirers.”

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The art gallery is open daily Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on SVSU's University Art Gallery, visit www.svsu.edu/artgallery/.

Northeast Michigan 2-1-1 Announces Summer Food Service Program for Children



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Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

In the land of \$5 lattes and restaurants to fuel every appetite, 14 million children are still going to bed — and to school — hungry. These children, who represent 19% of all kids nationwide, live in a food insecure household, which means that their families lack the necessary resources to buy food for everyone in their home.

Please contact 2-1-1 to see if this program is available in your county.

2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people in need with people who can help. The service is for anyone looking for health and human service assistance options. Free, anonymous, and confidential information and referrals are offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Upon calling you receive one-call assistance from a trained specialist, who directs you to resources that will serve you best during your time of need. For more information on community resources dial 2-1-1 text your zip code to TXT211 (898211), or, visit www.211nemichigan.org

Experience World-Class Arts & Culture During Be a Tourist Event in Flint



courtesy photos

Arts and culture are engrained into the fabric of Flint. From a world-class cultural center that includes 11 institutions to various galleries, art walks, bookstores and libraries, Flint has plenty of arts and culture to explore.

The Flint Cultural Center features arts and culture institutions including the Flint Institute of Arts, the second largest fine arts museum in Michigan; the Whiting, a performance venue that hosts regional, national and international acts; Sloan Museum, which houses of 600 artifacts and photographs featuring Flint's history; and Longway Planetarium, the country's most technologically advanced planetarium.

Also in the Cultural Center is the Flint Public Library. A staple in the community since 1851, the library holds more than just books. Over the last 167 years, the library has collected and preserved the history of the community. It also holds a vast genealogy collection.

Totem Books is a local used-book bookstore and café featuring hundreds of books including hard to find treasures over a wide selection of genres. The bookstore also hosts events for the community

such as open mic nights and children story hours.

Local galleries include the Mott-Warsh Collection, a private collection of fine art by artists of the African diaspora, and the Greater Flint Arts Council gallery, which displays art from local artists.

The Flint Children's Museum, on the campus of Kettering University, aims to inspire a love for learning and awaken imagination through exploration and hands-on play. The museum features exhibits such as How Things Work, Transportation Alley and Our Town.

Discover these venues and many more attractions for only \$1.00 during Be a Tourist in Your Home Town, July 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. sponsored by the Flint & Genesee Convention and Visitors Bureau and MTA. Purchase your passport in advance for the chance to win two tickets to the Ally Challenge presented by McLaren.

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Congressman Dan Kildee holds roundtable on ways to generate economic growth in older, industrial towns

On June 26, 2018, Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) hosted a forum on Capitol Hill on how to generate new economic investment and opportunity in older, industrial cities and towns like Flint, Saginaw and Bay City. The conversation focused on the newly-enacted Opportunity Zone program, which has the potential to expand capital investment in low-income and distressed areas through tax incentives.

The forum is part of Congressman Kildee's ongoing "The Future of America's Cities and Towns" initiative to better align local, state and federal policies with the unique challenges facing older, industrial communities. Kildee serves as the co-chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus and Vice Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee.

Other panelists at the forum included Matt Josephs from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Aron Betru from the Milken Institute and Adam Looney from the Brookings Institution.

"There is a whole subset of American cities and towns that have not recovered from the Great Recession and that continue to face serious fiscal stress, the kind of pressures that threaten their sustainability and solvency," Congressman Kildee said. "The goal of Opportunity Zones is well intentioned: to help spur economic investment in places like Flint, Saginaw and Bay City. But as implementation of Opportunity Zones begins, Congress must ensure that this program supports quality redevelopment projects in communities, not just provide more tax benefits to investors."

Opportunity Zones, a new program created by Congress, provides a new avenue for investment in our fiscally stressed cities and towns. This provision gives investors preferential tax treatment on investments in areas that states have designated as qualified zones.

The Future of America's Cities and Towns is



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an initiative launched by Congressman Kildee to highlight the many challenges that cities and towns across the U.S. face regarding infrastructure needs, economic development, housing, blight and jobs in the modern economy. The initiative calls for a national strategy on how Congress invests in American cities and towns.

The first roundtable included Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43), the Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee, and focused on the unique challenges facing many older, industrial cities and towns. The second roundtable focused on economic and community development financing and included Congressman Brian Higgins (NY-26), the Vice Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Committee. The third roundtable included Congresswoman

Elizabeth Esty (CT-05), the Vice Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and focused on how Congress must make critical investments to improve America's water infrastructure system, including replacing lead pipes to protect public health. The fourth roundtable took place in East Hazel Crest, Ill. with Congresswoman Robin Kelly (IL-02) and focused on extreme austerity measures that have led to cuts in public services like police and fire.

Congressman Kildee also previously spoke at the TrustBelt conference in Des Moines, Iowa, and events hosted by the Urban Institute and the National Leagues of Cities in Washington, D.C., all on the need to focus on investing in older, industrial cities and towns.

Secretary Johnson announces upgrades to election security in MI



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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson recently detailed how new voting equipment, \$11 million in new federal security grants and the extensive preparations her office has made will better protect Michigan's elections system for the 2018 election cycle.

"Most importantly, every voter across Michigan still will use a good, old-fashioned paper ballot to mark their choices," Johnson said. "Then they'll feed the ballot into a new next-generation voting machine designed with security in mind. But buying all new election equipment isn't all we've done to safeguard our election system."

"We carefully reviewed and improved our systems, and we'll be putting \$11 million of federal security grants toward further strengthening them against attack. Plus, we're adding required cybersecurity training to our local clerk education programs."

The Aug. 7 primary will be the first statewide election in which every city and township will use all new voting equipment that includes optical-scan ballot tabulators, accessible voting devices for voters with disabilities, and election-management and reporting software.

New upgrades include:

- Next-generation voting equipment that offers added security features over the older

systems, including stronger multi-factor access controls, advanced data encryption and better physical security of tabulator access points with locks and seals. Tabulators are not connected to the internet.

The state paid for the equipment with \$10 million that Johnson pushed the Legislature to approve and \$30 million in federal money that Johnson and her predecessor saved for more than a decade. Cities and townships have had no upfront costs for the new equipment. Michigan was one of the only states that saved a substantial amount of federal funds to assist with the purchase of the next-generation voting systems, and one of the only states able to implement new voting systems statewide for use in the 2018 election cycle.

- \$11.2 million in election security grants that Michigan will receive this year to upgrade elections systems. Bureau of Elections staff is finalizing how the money will be spent, but the plan will include a strong focus on security assessment – including comprehensive tests and other cybersecurity measures at the state, county and local level. The state must contribute \$500,000 to receive \$10.7 million that Congress approved this year for Michigan. The money is in addition to the extensive cybersecurity efforts already employed by the state of Michigan, which constantly monitors systems for suspicious

activity and protects against cyberattacks.

- An upgraded Qualified Voter File system used by the Bureau of Elections and local clerks to maintain the state's registered voter list and other election-related data. Besides being an improved, modern system that will help clerks perform their work more efficiently and effectively, the new system features enhanced security built in from the ground up over its 20-year-old predecessor.
- Strengthened relations with state and federal law-enforcement and homeland-security agencies. The Bureau of Elections can report any suspicious activity it detects — cyber or otherwise — with the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center, which shares threat information among local, state and federal agencies, including the FBI, Michigan State Police, Michigan National Guard and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Department of State has a staff person who participates with the Center. Additionally, Homeland Security officials now regularly share pertinent information, tools and services with state elections officials to assist them in thoroughly assessing and securing all aspects of their systems. Secretary of State staff have also participated in briefings for election administrators from federal homeland security officials.
- Expanded cybersecurity training for local election officials. Bureau of Elections staff members are now also implementing a continuous multi-course training curriculum for clerks on cybersecurity best practices.
- Post-election audits that now include ballot validation. Bureau of Elections and county clerks now include ballot validation in the post-election audit process. After this November's general election, ballot tabulation validation will be completed for the first time for a statewide election, involving every county with some randomly selected precincts. This process will verify that the voting machines properly tabulated ballots. The previous process, in place since 2013, already verified the successful completion of appropriate pre-election programming and testing steps. Post-election audits, which were started by Johnson, verify local election workers are performing their duties correctly and help target training programs to better assist election workers.

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Detroit Pistons Name Dwane Casey as Head Coach



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DETROIT, Mich. – The Detroit Pistons announced today an agreement with Dwane Casey to join the organization as Head Coach. Casey, who will be formally introduced at a news conference in Detroit next week, is expected to start immediately with player meetings and staff development starting this week.

“Dwane is one of the most successful and highly respected coaches in our league,” said Pistons Owner Tom Gores. “He’s a great communicator and a leader who will connect with our players and accelerate their growth. Having spent many hours with Dwane over the last few weeks, I’m confident he is the right person to get us to the next level.

“In our meetings he displayed great insight into what this roster can accomplish, and great passion about our city and the team’s role in bringing people together,” Mr. Gores said. “He’s an outstanding man with impressive character. He embodies our culture and will be a great

representative for our franchise.”

Mr. Casey, who led the Toronto Raptors to 59 wins in the most recently completed season, is a finalist for the NBA’s 2018 Coach of the Year Award, which will be presented on June 25 at the league’s awards dinner in Los Angeles. Last month, he was named the Coach of the Year by the National Basketball Coaches Association.

“I am excited and honored to join the Detroit Pistons, a franchise with a championship history and a roster that is ready to win now,” Mr. Casey said. “Tom really won me over with his vision for the team and the city. He clearly wants to deliver for the fans in Detroit and I believe in the strength of his leadership to do so.

“I’m confident that this team has the pieces in place to compete at a very high level,” Mr. Casey added. “There is a lot of talent, a solid core and some exciting young players eager to get better. We’re getting to work right away on the things that will make us all successful.”

Casey, 61, has served as a head coach, associate head coach or assistant coach in the NBA for 23 of the past 24 years. He has coached in two NBA Finals (1996 and 2011) and three NBA All-Star games (1996, 1998 and 2018).

Casey most recently served as head coach of the Toronto Raptors from 2011-2018 where he compiled a 320-238 (.573) regular-season record and led the Raptors to a franchise-record five consecutive playoff appearances, including a trip to the 2016 Eastern Conference Finals. The all-time winningest coach in Raptors history, Casey led Toronto to the franchise’s first 50-win season in 2015-16, recorded 50-plus wins in each of the last three seasons and posted a franchise-record 59 wins and the top seed in the Eastern Conference in 2017-18. Toronto won four Atlantic Division titles during Casey’s tenure. He was named Eastern Conference Coach of the Month five times, and last February, became the first coach in Raptors history to be selected to coach in the NBA All-Star game.

Prior to his appointment with Toronto, he served as head coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves

from 2005-07. Casey’s 2005-06 squad finished in the NBA’s top 10 in fewest average points per game and lowest opponent field goal percentage.

Casey began his NBA career as an assistant coach with the Seattle SuperSonics where he served from 1994-2005 under NBA head coaches George Karl, Paul Westphal and Nate McMillan. Promoted to associate head coach in November 2000, nine of his teams in Seattle finished above .500 with five winning 50 or more games. The 1996 squad won the Western Conference Championship after finishing the regular season with a franchise record 64 victories.

He also spent three seasons (2008-11) as an assistant with Dallas under Rick Carlisle where he directed the club’s defense and helped lead the Mavericks to the 2011 NBA Championship. Dallas posted a 162-84 (.659) mark during that span, winning 50 or more games in each of his three seasons with the team. His defensive unit held opponents to 96.0 points per game (6th in the NBA) and .450 percent shooting from the field (8th in the NBA) during the 2010-11 regular season.

In 14 seasons as an NBA assistant, Casey’s teams registered a 689-427 (.617) mark with eight campaigns of 50 or more wins. His teams qualified for the playoffs in 11 of those 14 seasons.

Prior to the NBA, Casey spent five seasons as a head coach in the Japanese Basketball League and worked with the Japanese national team. In the summer of 1998, he helped to guide Japan to its first appearance in the FIBA World Championship, which marked a first for Japan in over 30 years.

A native of Morganfield, KY, Casey played collegiately at the University of Kentucky. During his junior season, the Wildcats amassed a 30-2 record and captured the 1978 NCAA Championship. As a senior, he was named team captain and won Kentucky’s all-academic award.

Casey earned a degree in business administration in 1979. He and his wife, Brenda, have a daughter, Justine and a son, Zachary.



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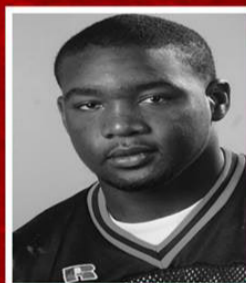
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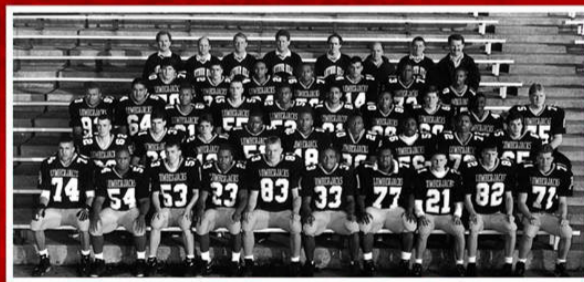
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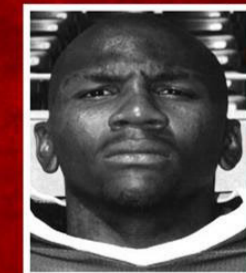
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Route 211 becomes Route 112:

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)



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Final Trip Chapter 3

The tide had slowly shifted, like the bone chilling gale that swept off the North Atlantic from the artic, blowing the De Minuet portside. She was a Spanish swift schooner built for the chase, but at top speed, she was no match for the modern British Navy war cruising vessels, that supported the US slave trade treaties and British Parliamentary bans on slavery. They paroled the open waters of the North and South Pacific, and coastal waters of the North and South Atlantic, rigged with guns and ready to impound ships and confiscate all precious cargo from pirate slavers.

In the America's talk of a war waged between the north and south pitted brother against brother, and father against son in the name of freedom for the slaves.

The newly elected American President Abraham Lincoln, sort to put an end to slavery once and for all. It seems as though he had just as many powerful and wealthy opponents against him, as he did wealthy outspoken allies or freedom fighters that called themselves abolitionist, those which opposed slavery with him. The menacing face of war loomed overhead like a slow moving and unpredictable hurricane, picking up speed and momentum...until out of control - with its eye aimed at America.

It threatened to break the peace of a nation that had fought so gallantly defeating the British and gaining independence back in 1776.

England, had already emancipated slavery in 1832, but it was loosely reinforced. Many British Navy ship captains and crew rebuffed the law by turning

a blind eye with an outstretch palm to slavers like the De Minuet in return for perfume extract, fine Spanish rum, spice, jewelry, furs, and often taking their turn with young voluptuous slave girls on their way to an unkind fate.

De LeRoy knew his days of pirating slaves were numbered. Spain, Portugal, Britain and the US had signed treaties prohibiting the slave trade, punishable by death.

In the late summer of 1859 De LeRoy would make an attempt to sail to Brazil and round up a hundred slaves from the Ivory Coast, which was abandoned by an American slave captain, whose ship was seized by British Navy brigs and escorted back to America.

The crew and captain were tried as pirates and several months later hanged.

After this final journey, De LeRoy would retire and strictly harvest sea pearls, haul Spanish rum, spices and textiles; which he used as a front to satisfy suspicious naval ships. De LeRoy was crafty enough to hide all extra ropes, riggings, and water and food stuff from the watchful eyes of the better trained British Naval Officers who were loyal to the crown and to their post.

On this last trip Jakarta and Randa would go with. His slave mistress had fallen pregnant again and would be too sick and uncomfortable to withstand the long 2 month journey.

It would be good for them to see life on the high seas and De LeRoy would keep them far out of harms reach, and away from the prying eyes of the scurvy crew. He tried not to care deeply for his two slave daughters, and wished he could openly parade their beauty among high society circles.

Their natural radiance of little Jacteta and Randa could out shine white society any day.

De LeRoy did not share such blissfulness with his

real and proper family.

Their relationship was stiff and formal like polite strangers meeting for the first time. When at Rosales's Gate, his mansion in the Western, Cape - De LeRoy felt trapped like caged animal. Hebert was his pride and joy, forthwith and strong, quick witted and observant beyond his years. Scot was whinny and rarely left the arms of his mammy.

Pretorius was independent and inquisitive. He spent most of his time tinkering with gadgets, taking them apart, just to put them together again. Jozini's ghostly whiteness made her glow under a thick mantle of curling red hair, like her mother.

The child barely took in enough food to fill a thimble. Day after day she lost strength; it was only be a matter of time before life slipped away. It pained De Le Roy to look at her suffering. He was helpless to comfort Jozini. The doctor said if she could gain weight, she might be able to have a fighting chance at life.

The look of death on new life is unnaturally grievous and grossly unjust, and something that is not easily forgotten. Why couldn't she be beautiful, healthy and strong like his slave twins? It didn't seem right for any slave to be born with good health into this world, while one rich white child suffered. The rich were the people that mattered. They were the gentile, the civilized folk, decisions makers - those that ruled over the poor and wretched slaves. God knew of the needs of white men, so he made the African to appease and serve them.

Sophie watched De LeRoy's every move with reverence. She longed for the slightest touch from his skilled warm hands, a smile, any hint of affection that would validate her existence as his wife.

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Sophie wasn't blind, nor did she pretend to play the rejected mousy wife. She wasn't naïve enough to believe a man like De LeRoy could be satisfied by just one woman in his bed.

She also knew pleasant conversation and tea did not get her the De LeRoy trophy. It was power and wealth... riches of her father's position that sealed the deal.

De LeRoy knew she had a good heart, and was obedient to her wifely vows. He also gambled her low self-esteem would work to his advantage. Sophie would be less likely to take a lover during his long absences. But what De LeRoy didn't know that Sophie had every intention of fighting to perform her duties of a proper wife, no matter how long it took, or what the cost. After Jozini was born De LeRoy had not made a late night visit to her bed in months. She longed to breathe him into her lungs again.

Sophie yearned to be saturated in his maculate wave of dominance. Feel his firmness between her legs and yield to his supremacy... to his sweet crushing roughness that left her weak with joy and

pleasured beyond imagination.

Her womanly intuition snuffed the fear clean out of him. De LeRoy was afraid to make love to her again; she was slight of figure and conceived easily. He was afraid another suffering Jozini ghost would wiggle out from her womb. Sophie also knew with surety some mistress was now yielding to her husband's supremacy...she had every intention of finding out the name of the bitch that was getting what was rightfully hers!

However urgent business awaited him at The Western Cape. De LeRoy had yet to name heirs to the De LeRoy fortune. He also arranged to draw up living wills and testaments that gave appointed trustees immediate jurisdiction and execution over substantial properties and other valuable assets with his lawyers and accounts that managed his grand affairs. This agreement was done with great haste which alarmed lawyers and baffled accounts to such a degree a secret communication describing De LeRoy's ill rational and questionable behavior was sent to Mr. Schworm, President of Schworm Banking and Schworm Manufacturing Industries, and father to his only daughter, Sophie Schworm

De LeRoy.

The Frenchman's eyes glassed-over; the color drew down from his face. His hands trembled. I knew he was weary and it was time to stop. The Café was closing for noon prayer service, I totally captivated by this tale. I wanted to hear more. Two attractive nurses dressed in white climbed up the twisting steps to fetch him.

"Wait!" I said in anticipation, touching the Frenchmen's arm "hold it...when will I see you again?"

With his eyes half shut he wearily smiled and spoke in a raspy voice, "Cherie, I am not going anywhere. I shall see you again on Thursday? Same place time, sleep well... bonne nuit mon bébé." The two women hauled him away.

End of part 1

Stay tuned for more!

Meet the Author



In my early memories attending Winterhalter Elementary School, in Detroit, I was banished to Reading Recovery. My only hope was a Library teacher named Mrs. Ghoulson.

I lived for Library on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. On those special days, Mrs. Ghoulson gave us white milk and sweet graham crackers. It was as if she knew we were all hungry. Anyway, those times were magical, especially when she read stories to us; my imagination came to life! This redheaded, slender woman wore her hair piled high, like Marge Simpson. She wore layers and layers of red lipstick, tight pencil-slim skirts, and high-collar white lace blouses with lacey-trim around the neck and sleeves.

Mrs. Ghoulson opened our minds up to the world. She read stories about giants, and witches and pirates, and fancy ladies...Mrs. Ghoulson took us to faraway places and dared us to dream...

This angel kissed and hugged us colored kids, back in the day, when this was unheard of. It was Mrs. Ghoulson that told me I was smart and special, while everyone else told me I was stupid. She said, "I could do anything...and be anything I wanted to be..." and I believed her! I credit my energy, creativity and inquisitive nature to embrace diversity to the spirit of Mrs. Ghoulson...

I write fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. I have lived in South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Istanbul, France, Dubai, East Africa...and other places around the world...

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