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## Saginaw MAX System of Care partners with Cater 2 U Antiques and More



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The Saginaw MAX System of Care Expansion initiative (SOC) is in its midnight phase of operation. After successful completion of the original six year Cooperative agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), Saginaw was awarded funding to further enhance services which included: reaching a broader age range of children, youth and young adults, to strengthen and sustain existing collaborative efforts with community partners, and to continue the development of partnerships with systems, community and

faith based organizations. A great deal of the SOC outreach and training throughout Saginaw County has enabled us to cultivate meaningful relationships in more that a few unlikely places – places where, as a result of owner and staff participation in the trainings families dealing with the challenges associated with a severe mental health diagnosis will receive a warm welcome and customer service with a bit more patience than before.

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## Cover Story, 2 U Antiques



One of the newly developed and ‘unlikely’ partnerships is with the Cater 2 U Antiques and More, a store that opened in March, 2018. Under the direction of the Cater 2 U owner, Elease Watson, this business located at 2111 Fordney has joined the SOC team in a project to provide a group of twenty-five high school students with an overview of the skills, education and drive needed

to be a successful entrepreneur in the retail business. Elease shares that entrepreneurship is so much more than just owning a building – it actually brings her joy. The benefits of owning her business far outweigh the trials but she stresses that students must prepare themselves academically, develop essential skills in customer support and understand the financial demands of running a business as well. Young entrepreneurs must also understand that starting a business requires sacrifice. For instance, focusing on classes, skipping a few outings with friends to study, saving money

to invest in their dreams instead of buying the latest fad on the market (essentially investing in someone else’s dream) are just a few of the skills and behaviors critical to success.

During the month of August, Cater 2 U is closing its doors for a full day to work with the youth.

Elease is willing to close for a day because she cares deeply about the community and welcomes opportunities to give back. She has received tremendous support from family, friends, church members and former co-workers. Providing opportunities for students to realize a dream is very much within their reach will help to develop productive citizens and build the community. Plans for the morning of the event include students participating in a Civic Engagement activity with Dr. Ashley Woodson of the University of Missouri – Columbia. Students will learn the meaning and importance of civic engagement and how they might become active volunteers in the process. Each student will receive a \$10.00 stipend for their participation. The afternoon will be spent under the guidance and instruction of Elease.

SOC welcomes our new partner, Elease Watson to the team of caring and committed community organizations. We look forward to working together on behalf of the children, youth, young adults and families that we serve.



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## The Michigan Banner Celebrates 16<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary!



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 16, 2017 ISSUE

### Cover Story - "Youth M.O.V.E partners with Girl Effect to give Saginaw girls a voice"



# 2017

Last year, in our July 16 issue, we highlighted the non-profit group Girl Effect who just partnered with Youth M.O.V.E to pilot TEGA - Technology Enabled Girl Ambassadors - for the very first time in the US, to uncover the reality of young girls in Saginaw.

# 2018 UPDATE

Since our 2017 article, Girl Effect has been working alongside Saginaw-based Youth M.O.V.E to employ and train a group of young women from Saginaw to become fully qualified Technology Enabled Girl Ambassadors and conduct research through custom-designed smartphones.

The girl ambassadors in Saginaw have completed 10 rounds of research, conducted 350 interviews with men, women and young people, and collected over 6,000 video and audio clips.

These insights, about ambition, sex, education and violence captured during peer-to-peer interviews and self-reflection, help paint truly authentic insights into the lives of young people in Saginaw.

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**Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Host 27th Annual Golf Outing**



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## Congratulations Vargas & Sons Tortillas for 50 years in Business!



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Vargas & Sons Tortillas of Saginaw recently celebrated 50 years of business and received special recognition by the Saginaw City Council with a proclamation from the city of Saginaw.

In 1946, Alberto and Pauline Vargas came penniless to Michigan. Mr. Alberto Vargas with only a second grade education was in search for employment. Alberto and Pauline believed there was a great deal of work in the sugar beets, which is a farm field work. After a few days, Mr. Vargas found employment in Saginaw's General Motor Central Foundry Corporation. Mrs. Vargas eventually found employment at a Bakery called the "Vasquez Mexican Bakery".

In 1962, Alberto & Pauline Vargas and Frank & Rose Castillo (Pauline's sister and brother-in-law) purchase the Vasquez business. Frank & Rose Castillo decide to get out of the business and sold their portion to Alberto & Pauline. Alberto and Pauline with all the hard earned savings they both attained be came sole owners. Great perseverance and faith in God, Mr. Vargas drove all over

Michigan in just his station wagon to deliver "Vargas Tortillas". It was very hard, because he could not get corn to make the dough (masa). Though local competition tried to drive him out of business by lowering their prices, Mr. Vargas was determined to succeed.

As time went by, Mr. Vargas's daily frustration was that, he could not make enough corn tortillas, to keep up with demand on old equipment, nor, could he afford new equipment. Again he dismissed his problems and persevered in good faith.

Many mid-Michigan stores and restaurants begin to purchase tortillas from Vargas Tortillas for the quality and great taste. People eventually' came from out of state to seek this great taste. Patrons ship tortillas to their families' in states as far as Alabama and Texas.

Vargas Tortilla Factory has become a staple of Saginaw and has been an ever thriving success for 50 years!

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Conservation Week Kicks Off, Breaking Down Barriers and Inspiring Tomorrow's Stewards



mhcc.org

WASHINGTON, July 13, 2018 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Communities throughout the country will enjoy and connect with the great outdoors during the 5th annual Latino Conservation Week, which begins July 14 and runs through July 22. With more than 100 events being celebrated nationwide, communities will camp under the stars, go canoeing, take sunset walks, and hike with family among other activities as they engage in the outdoors and learn about stewardship.

"This week is about sharing the Latino community's perspective on the environment like the need to protect our wild and scenic rivers and public lands for future generations," said Maite Arce, President and CEO of Hispanic Access Foundation, which created the Action Week as part of its growing environmental conservation program. "Latino communities are passionate about the outdoors and hold a strong belief that we have a moral obligation to be good stewards."

Latino Conservation Week, an initiative from Hispanic Access Foundation launched in 2014, encourages and supports collaboration between a variety of partners including, individuals, organizations, businesses, churches and

government agencies to develop and participate in events and activities that not only connect people with parks, landscapes, rivers, and wildlife, but also teach more about their responsibility as environmental stewards.

This year National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, U.S. Forest Service and National Wildlife Refuge System are joining forces with Hispanic Access Foundation to spotlight events and activities organized by the National Trails System as well as the Wild and Scenic Rivers System during the week, as part of their 50th anniversary celebration. This is an opportunity to enjoy, honor and commemorate our sacred outdoors and environmental legacy. A full listing of events designed to celebrate this milestone is available at [www.trails50.org](http://www.trails50.org) and [www.rivers.gov](http://www.rivers.gov).

"The growth in participation and interest in Latino Conservation Week has been tremendous. What started as 17 events in six states has grown to more than 100 events in as many as 20 states," said Arce. "This is a national collaborative effort with the potential to impact the Latino communities in large urban settings, emerging Latino communities, and in rural communities that

aim to celebrate our heritage, culture, spirituality, and stories around our nation's treasured natural places."

Nearly 80 parks, organizations and community groups have joined Latino Conservation Week as partners and sponsors. Our sponsors include George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar™ Education Fund, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, Columbia Sportswear, REI, Adidas and Mountainsmith. Also, various Latino organizations and local groups are adopting Latino Conservation Week as an opportunity to host community events and activities. These include Por la Creacion Faith-based Alliance, Latino Outdoors, Nature for All, COFEM, Protégete, CHISPA, Latin American Youth Center, Empoderate, Homeboy Industries, Frontera Land Alliance, Montgomery Parks, Sierra Club, Los Angeles Audubon Society and Houston Zoo.

The activities span several states and a full listing of events is available at [www.LatinoConservationWeek.com](http://www.LatinoConservationWeek.com). Celebrate online by following #LatinoConservationWeek and #LCW2018 on social media.

# Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Host 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing



[mhcc.org](http://mhcc.org)

The MHCC and Ford Motor Company invites the community and business owners to join them at the MHCC Golf Outing Tournament, on Monday, August 13, 2018.

Attendees will include OEM and Tier 1 purchasing management and their direct reports in Supplier Diversity, established business owners of highly successful middle market suppliers, and purchasing representatives from other industries such as banking, energy and information technology.

This year's Golf Outing Committee, led by Lead Event Sponsor, Ford Motor Company, is focused on making the 2018 Golf Outing the best yet for meeting corporate executives and middle market business owners.

Few other venues offer such a rich environment for entertaining existing customers and meeting promising new business prospects.

The MHCC is a Michigan-based business association, advocating on behalf of its corporate

members and the supplier community to enable prosperity and contribute to the broader revitalization of our state's economy. Since 1989, MHCC has hosted activities such as the Golf Outing to facilitate business relationships. In addition, a percentage of the Golf Outing proceeds are donated to non-profit charitable organizations serving the Hispanic community. In the past few years, MHCC made over \$25,000 in contributions to various local charities supporting the Hispanic community in Southeast Michigan.

# 2018 Latino Loons Night



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## Author to speak in Midland about improving children's writing skills



Renowned author and educator Colleen Cruz will give a public talk on how to improve childhood literacy Monday, July 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Central Middle School in Midland.

The event is hosted by the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation, in conjunction with the Saginaw Bay Writing Project. It is free and open to the public.

A staff developer at the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Cruz currently works as a literary consultant with students and teachers throughout the U.S.

"We are pleased to have such a well-known expert visit our region and talk with parents and educators on the best ways to help our children become better writers, readers and thinkers," said Helen Raica-Klotz, director of Saginaw Valley State University's Writing Center and the Saginaw

Bay Writing Project.

Cruz is the author of the young adult novel "Border Crossing," a Tomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award Finalist. She also writes books for teachers including "The Unstoppable Writing Teacher," "Independent Writing," and "A Quick Guide to Reaching Struggling Writers."

The talk is part of the 2018 Vada B. Dow Writer's Workshop for Area Teachers, funded by the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation, to support the professional growth of writing teachers in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The Saginaw Bay Writing Project is an SVSU organization that supports teachers throughout Mid-Michigan through professional development and workshops.

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# FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

## What IF? Preparing for the Future

**Do you know what the future will hold? How are you planning for future opportunities and challenges that may not be known and might not materialize? A waste of time, or important work?**

While no one can predict the future, we can prepare for potential opportunities and challenges. Taking time with board members, volunteers, staff, and community leaders can help your organization consider future possibilities. Some are likely, others unknown. Think about what data you may need to review to help you understand potential changes in demographics, economics, government programs, law, policy, the environment... You can't think of everything, but you can build future thinking into your organization.

Here are three future events to consider. Take a moment to review and discuss the impact of one (or more) with your leadership.

**Change in executive leadership.** Your executive director announces she is leaving at the end of the month. She is willing to do everything to make the transition as easy as possible, but she must leave for non-negotiable family reasons.

**Potential major grant.** A funder approaches your organization to learn more about your work as they are preparing to make a few large, multi-year targeted investments.

**Economic downturn.** The country is faced with another economic downturn. Returns on investments decrease and the need for services increases. Funding priorities for some individual donors and foundations change: some increase their giving, others change how they give and what they give to.

How would such a future event affect each of the following.

**Business plan.** What adjustments would you need to make? Who would make them? How would they be implemented?

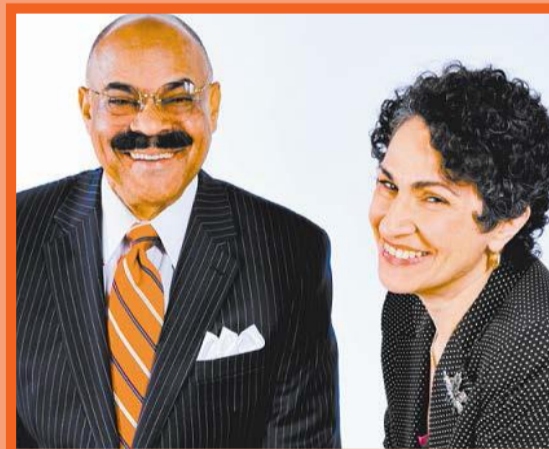
**Board.** What role would the board play? Would they need to meet more frequently? What actions might they need to take?

**Programs.** How would your programs be impacted? Would you be serving different people? How would you expand or contract? What would be required of staff and volunteers?

**Funding.** What could be the potential impacts? What if a larger percentage of the budget became restricted? What if matching grants were required? Are there issues of equity to consider?

**Sustainability.** What processes can focus on organizational health, meeting community needs, fundraising, identifying and growing leadership, increasing knowledge, strengthening technology, and increasing transparency and accountability?

Think about what other changes could arise and create your own discussion questions. Take time to plan for future opportunities and challenges.



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# Friday Night Live Celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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By Mike Thompson

Dr. Jack Weston Nash stands on the Friday Night Live performing stage, blues bass guitar strapped to his shoulder, and scans a multitude of thousands of folks packed into downtown Saginaw's Morley Plaza.

He has joined various band mates for countless local gigs and events, ever since his 1960s days at the former Webber Junior High, but never before in front of an audience so huge.

Nervous?

"In any venue, a musician will begin with a little bit of anxiety," Dr. Nash explains, "but then you lock in with the other guys on stage. Playing the bass is part of being the rhythm

section. We've gotta get into the pocket."

He pauses for a chuckle: "And so the crowd size really doesn't bother me. Now if I was singing, this might be a whole different matter -- a recipe for disaster."

Friday Night Live celebrates its 20th anniversary this summer, with free-of-charge weekly concerts along the riverfront scheduled through Friday, Aug. 17.

Musically, Jack Nash began in childhood, innocently enough, playing violin with the Saginaw Youth Symphony. But then his teenage years took over, and he evolved to become electronically funky on the bass guitar.

Dr. Nash is among Saginaw's most prominent

dental practitioners at his office across from City Hall on South Washington Avenue, with his hobbyist guitars displayed on waiting room walls and even on business cards. He's a civic leader in an array of ways -- YMCA, Community Foundation, Planning Commission -- as a product of Saginaw High, Delta College, CMU and U-M Dental School. He's had a few hours on the Friday Night Live stage, but his main role has been to volunteer behind-the-scenes -- everything from concert bookings to vendor arrangements -- including the past several years as event chairman for Positive Results in Downtown Saginaw, under the leadership of Jeanne Conger, the longtime PRIDE director.

During the first pre-millennium Friday Night Live event in 1999, the Civic Center was in major disrepair. Morley Plaza's adjacent Temple Theater was an abandoned shell. So was the Bancroft Hotel, to the south. Revival has taken root, both downtown and along the riverfront heading southbound. The next major step will be a new Delta College campus along East Genesee Street.

Dr. Nash describes Friday Night Live as an outgrowth of what old-timers will recall as the annual summer Ethnic Festival, which featured foods and crafts from various cultures. Nowadays music and entertainment are highlights. Saginaw is moving ahead, and even if Jack Nash isn't singing about it, he will continue strumming along.

## The schedule:

-- July 20, country music

-- July 27, Tejano Sound

-- Aug. 3, Margaritaville

-- Aug. 10, classics (Stevie Wonder, Elvis, the Beatles)

-- Aug. 17, Motown (opener, Larry McCray blues)

# The Great Mural Project community group reveal their first mural in Downtown Saginaw



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On Friday, July 13 at 5:00 pm, the first mural organized by the Great Mural Project was revealed on 106 S. Washington Ave. in Downtown Saginaw.

“We gathered about eight months ago,” says Jamie Forbes, one of the organizers of this project, “and decided that we didn’t want to wait for developers to make our neighborhoods beautiful. We wanted to do our part as well.” The Great Mural Project invites the community to celebrate this addition to Downtown Saginaw and stay for the first night of Friday Night Live’s 20th Anniversary season in Morley Park. Attendees will also receive a map of murals that exist in the City of Saginaw, in hopes

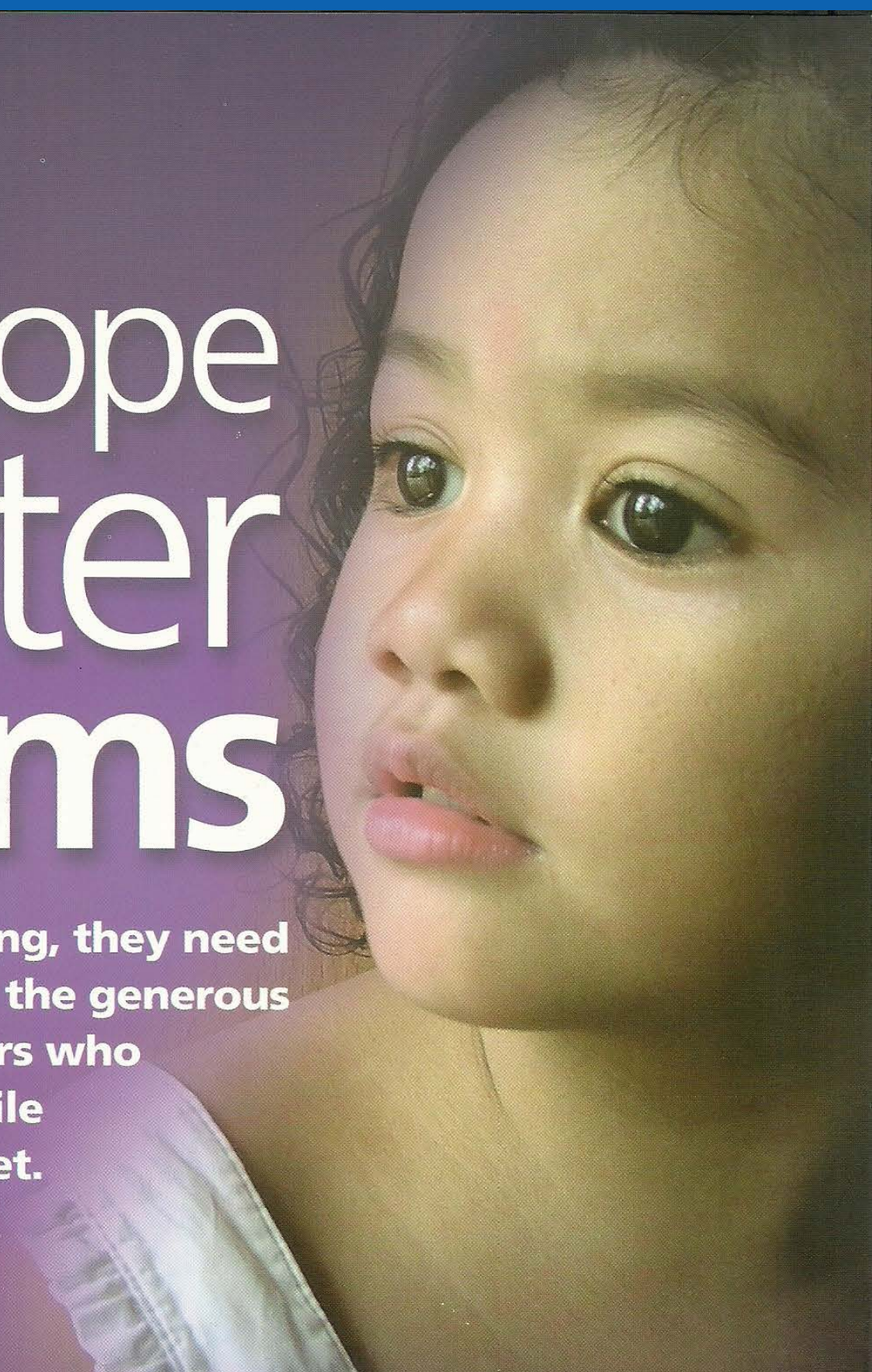
of increasing awareness of these assets! The Great Mural Project hopes to further community art with an annual mural in the region going forward.

On two days in June, volunteers gathered to paint 24 panels that together created a 48 x 16 ft mural that was installed as a donation by Spence Brothers on 106 S. Washington Ave. which is owned by the land bank.

“I got together with a group of Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy students who shared patterns, colors and other murals that inspired them,” says Alayna Wesener, designer at Chevron

Creative. Some members of Saginaw Community Foundation’s student advisory group FORCE also lent a hand in painting and was present to celebrate the revealing of the finished work.

Sponsors for the Great Mural Project include Saginaw Community Foundation FORCE, Saginaw County Land Bank, Saginaw County Parks and Recreation, Saginaw Downtown Development Authority (DDA), with in-kind donations from Sherwin Williams, Spence Brothers and Sandlot Sports. The Ezekiel Project was their fiscal sponsor.



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# HEALTH

## Covenant HealthCare Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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July 1, 2018 officially marked 20 years since Covenant HealthCare was founded. July 1, 1998 two long-standing Saginaw-based hospitals (Saginaw General and St. Luke's Hospitals) merged to form Covenant HealthCare.

Today, Covenant HealthCare delivers care across generations and across specialties in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond. With 4800 employees and a medical staff of more than 500 physicians, the Saginaw-based health system offers a broad spectrum of programs and services including high-risk obstetrics, neonatal and pediatric intensive care, acute care, a Level II Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center, cardiology, oncology, orthopaedics, robotic surgery, virtual care and more. For more information, visit [www.covenanthealthcare.com](http://www.covenanthealthcare.com).

### **Saginaw General Hospital** 1887 - 1998

Saginaw Hospital was founded in 1887 by a group of 24 Saginaw women, despite the doubts of their wealthy husbands and the skepticism of the city's doctors. The women persevered, proposing building a hospital for women and children. At the suggestion of local physicians, the hospital would also serve the general needs of the community. Officials selected part of a block bounded by Cooper, Harrison and Fayette streets for the new hospital and lumber baron Arthur Hill and his brother, Wilbur, donated the farmland to the hospital association.

Saginaw Hospital opened in 1889 with room for 24 patients. That same year, the School of Nursing

was established. In 1898, the hospital's name was changed to Saginaw General Hospital.

Some early milestones included Saginaw General Hospital expanding to include 100 beds and a 22-bed nursery in 1921. Men were given 12 seats on the 24-seat board of trustees in 1924. A prenatal clinic opened in 1928 and a free diagnostic clinic opened in 1933. In 1939, the hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Four years later, in 1943, the original hospital building was torn down and a wing was built to match the construction of 1921; the nursery was also expanded to 50 beds.

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Then in 1962, a \$3.2 million building program was completed, which boosted bed capacity and included an intensive care unit. The hospital's entrance and main section located on Harrison Street was also added. The Auxiliary, a dedicated group of volunteers, opened its first gift shop in 1962.

In 1968, a landmark agreement was made between health care neighbors St. Luke's and Saginaw General hospitals. Rather than maintain duplicate, costly, complete services less than a city block apart from one another the hospitals agreed to consolidate resources for obstetrics and pediatrics. Saginaw General took sole responsibility for obstetrics while St. Luke's concentrated on pediatrics. At this time, Saginaw General enlarged and expanded its obstetrical services and incorporated a regional neonatal intensive care unit.

During the 1970s building projects were completed, adding numerous floors and wings to the hospital. Many services and beds were also added to the hospital.

In July 1993, Saginaw General North opened its doors to serve the community. Located at 5400 Mackinaw, Saginaw General North offered outpatient surgery, physical medicine, diagnostic imaging, a breast diagnostic center, the Frank N. Andersen Regional Eye Institute, Cancer Care Center, Cardiovascular Health and Wellness Center and Occupational and Preventive Medicine Associates of Michigan.

In 1996, Saginaw General Hospital began to explore the possibility of forming an alliance with another health care provider to continue to provide the highest quality health care to the communities served.

On May 29, 1997, Saginaw General Hospital selected St. Luke's Healthcare Association, a long-time neighbor, as the organization to merge with.

On July 1, 1998, the merger was completed and Covenant HealthCare was formed.

### **St. Luke's Healthcare Association** 1886 – 1998

The rapidly growing city of Saginaw was a challenging place for women in the late 19th century. The Thompson Street Mission Home was founded in 1886 by a small, but dedicated, charitable group to help these struggling women; providing shelter, encouragement and help in obtaining work.

The matrons of the mission soon realized that their efforts needed to be extended. Hard-working women - some being mothers trying desperately to care for their children - were suffering the cruelties of underemployment. Through this need, the idea of a hospital for women took root.

In 1888, the mission moved to Janes Street and was rededicated as Working Women's Home and Hospital.

From 1888 to 1895, the hospital - and its reputation - grew by leaps and bounds, expanding with a large brick addition, growing from six beds to several private rooms, a general ward, a large nursery and an operating room. A nursing school was also established.

In 1910 a children's ward was added, followed by expanded operating rooms in 1916. The Janes Street building served Saginaw until the late 1940s.

During the Great Depression, the aging facility and corporation fell on hard times. Rather than being closed, it was taken over on May 1, 1932, by the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Saginaw Valley. All the finances and responsibilities for the original Working Women's Home and Hospital were also acquired. In a formal dedication ceremony, the facility was renamed St. Luke's Hospital.

In 1935, the Inner Mission Society passed control of the hospital to a new group - the St. Luke's Hospital Association, a non-profit corporation comprised of interested segments of the area's Lutheran community. This was a turning point, generating renewed dedication and optimism. Through donations, careful management and eventually some community aid, St. Luke's Hospital was not only surviving but actually growing again.

Prior to World War II, discussions began regarding a new St. Luke's facility on the west side of the river. The population of the city was shifting and there was a need for a hospital in this developing area. However, the war effort captured everyone's attention and dreams of a future, new hospital became distant.

Following the war, the need for a new site and building became critical. On October 16, 1949, the cornerstone was laid for the new St. Luke's Hospital with the inscription: Soli Deo Gloria, meaning Glory to God alone. Approximately a year and half later, on February 25, 1951, the ribbon was cut for the new 144-bed St. Luke's Hospital. A weeklong grand opening had Saginaw residents standing in line for hours to tour the new facility. Over 20,000 people toured the hospital that week.

In 1968, a landmark agreement was made between health care neighbors St. Luke's and Saginaw General hospitals. Rather than maintain duplicate, costly, complete services less than a city block apart from one another the hospitals agreed to consolidate resources for obstetrics and pediatrics. Saginaw General took sole responsibility for obstetrics while St. Luke's concentrated on pediatrics. St. Luke's pediatrics unit was enlarged and refined, incorporating a pediatric intensive care unit - a feature still unique to the east central Michigan area.

In 1985, six St. Luke's physicians opened the first MedExpress located in Frankenmuth, closely followed in 1987 by 10 physicians opening a MedExpress on State Street in Saginaw. St. Luke's purchased these facilities in 1989. MedExpress services were expanded to include a location in Shields.

In 1986, St. Luke's constructed the Surgicare building for outpatient ambulatory services.

In 1987, St. Luke's purchased the Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital facility on Michigan Avenue allowing St. Luke's to extend their health care capacity.

Always community minded, St. Luke's and its family continued to grow. In 1998, with long-time neighbor Saginaw General Hospital, a strong, healthy alliance is formed. Together they formed Covenant HealthCare System, a name that is literally filled with promise for everyone involved.

# Online training series offers Michigan nurses continuing education credits and transition support

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Nursing Policy is pleased to announce the launch of its third of three online Nursing Transition to Practice modules in conjunction with the Michigan Public Health Institute.

The third module, Evidence-Based Practice, is now available online. This course describes the importance of evidence-based practice (EBP) and offers strategies for applying EBP. It also provides critical thinking exercises to practice finding sources of evidence within their practice setting, identifying facilitators and barriers to EBP implementation and applying EBP to clinical scenarios.

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# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## Lake State Railway Awarded Railway Age 2018 Short Line of the Year



*Railway Age Senior Editor Stuart Chirls (l) presents the 2018 Short Line of the Year award to Chairperson Judy George; President and CEO John Rickoff; Chief Financial Officer Kevin Mitrzyk, and Mike Stickel, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Photo: Kevin Burkholder*

SAGINAW, Mich. – It may have taken 25 years, but Lake State Railway is finally ready for its close-up.

The short line operating out of this mid-state city has built an impressive following, and more than one hundred employees, customers, suppliers, elected officials, friends and family turned out for the formal presentation of Lake State Railway as the Railway Age 2018 Short Line of the Year.

The Lake State story is a good one for short lines and the railroad industry in total. Briefly: Founded by the late Jim George in 1992 and still backed by the family, LSRC in late 2013 implemented a strategic growth plan and began substantial capital investment to rebuild more than 200 miles of worn-out track, and has won back lost business and attracted new shippers, adding new lanes and a focus on transloading. Along with elected representatives and a state that recognizes the value of freight rail operations, today more than a half-billion dollars worth of on-line industrial development projects are under way, generating hundreds of jobs and thousands of rail carloads along the near-300-mile system stretching north to Gaylord and Alpena, and southward to Flint.

Offering Railroad Retirement, Lake State has expanded its headcount by 20% so far this year,

and now has more than 80 employees operating 26 locomotives, 500 freight cars, and handling an average of 40,000 carloads a year. It interchanges with Class I's CSX and CN, and with Huron & Eastern and Mid-Michigan Railroad.

President and CEO John Rickoff, who joined Lake State in 2010 after working at Indiana Rail Road (the Railway Age 2018 Regional Railroad of the Year), viewed the day's event as just another part of the larger plan.

"Up to now we preferred to 'fly under the radar,'" he told Railway Age. "This is a competitive business, and you don't know who is watching. We are aggressive in our marketing; our employees of course are the reason why we are here and thriving. We are building something substantial here, and the time is right to let everyone know it.

"We look forward to more honors."

Spotted alongside its offices, Lake State's office car special was open for inspection led by LSRC SD40-2 6301 with special award logo to commemorate the occasion. (LSRC dresses its motive power fleet in matching paint, to present a professional, first-class image.) Behind a power car was Pullman sleeper-lounge 71 Saginaw Bay

(ex-Amtrak, nee Seaboard Air Line); Budd-built dome car 202 Lake Huron (ex-Amtrak, ex-Norfolk & Western, nee Wabash), and business car 424 Jim George, a unique all-steel "shorty" car with open platform built by Pullman in the 1920s for division superintendents on the Santa Fe.

The executive train was scheduled for a shippers excursion—a time-tested strategy for winning over potential customers, observed Chief Operating Officer Mike Stickel. "Sitting out on that open platform and just riding the train put people in the railroad mindset, some who don't really know what working with a railroad is all about. There have been a lot of contracts signed in that dome car."

The executive cars are stored in the vast surviving portion of the steam-era roundhouse and backshop in Saginaw's three-sided yard, where the vintage operating turntable harks back to former C&O subsidiary Pere Marquette.

Later, Saginaw was a staging point for auto parts traffic originating in more than a dozen area General Motors plants, before the industry declined and the yard fell into disuse. LSRC has effected renovations, lifting rails out of the mud and weeds, spending millions to add switches, respacing tracks to modern standards, and adding capacity. The carrier hauls cement, chemicals, coal, corn, soybeans, limestone, fertilizer, steel, scrap metal, and more for more than 30 industries. Saginaw hosts the short line's modern dispatching center, classification and car storage operations; several tracks can accommodate entire unit grain trains. (LSRC provides rail service for cereal giant Kellogg's.) "It's all scaleable," Stickel said. "When the time comes and traffic increases, we'll be able to handle it."

That time is coming sooner than later. For example, a new transload operation—little more than a track and a mobile conveyor—has been set up to supply shipments of organic soybeans for a major restaurant chain. "We are interested to see how it develops. It used to all move by truck but we think it will turn into substantial carloads for us," said Stickel.

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## Geiersbach Retires from Home Builders Association Board of Directors



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The Home Builders Association of Saginaw is honored to thank long-time Board Director Seymour Geiersbach for his many years of service to the Association on his retirement from the Board of Directors.

Geiersbach Construction opened in 1977. Forty years, and over 300 custom homes, condos, and beautiful subdivisions, apartment complexes, churches and buildings later, Seymour is still going. Seymour Geiersbach joined the HBA in 1985. From then on, he has been an integral member of our association. He initially joined the association because of its involvement with legislative and code issues, but stayed because the HBA was something he believed in. In 1990, Seymour was asked to join the Board of Directors. With a sense of duty, and the prospect of helping the association advance and the potential to do good work for the community, Seymour agreed. Throughout the years, he came to believe more and more in the cause of the association. In 1999, Seymour became President of the HBA, and with Ron Fries and Augie Schauman, among others, they built the new HBA office – a real coup for our association and its members. During his time on the Board, Seymour helped to move and grow the Home and Garden Show from its humble location at the Fashion Square Mall to SVSU, making it bigger and better in the process. The Parade of Homes also grew with Seymour's help to become a builder-focused show that the tri-city area loves

to see every year. Seymour's time on the Board of Directors has been fruitful and supportive, and he knows that his hard work has been very much appreciated.

With all of these great accomplishments, it's no wonder that Seymour's advice to young builders thinking of joining the HBA, or other members considering sitting on the Board is to get involved, and be passionate. Whether it's going out and having face to face meetings with other builders, or helping them to pay their membership the first few years, it is well worth the effort. Seymour believes in this association – and will tell anyone who will listen the value of this membership.

As a National and State Life Director, we have no doubt that Seymour will continue to be a valued member of our HBA. And even though his time on the Board of Directors has ended, his legacy will stand as one of pride, passion, and great accomplishments.

Founded in 1955, The Home Builders Association of Saginaw is a professional organization providing progressive, and responsive contributions to the building industry and our community. In addition to housing issues, the association seeks to protect the environment, to provide education and a better quality of life for all citizens.

## Summit Companies Expands Midwest Presence

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA – Summit Companies, a premier fire and life safety specialist company, announced today it has completed the purchase of the Mount Pleasant, Michigan and Traverse City, Michigan branch offices from Indianapolis, Indiana-based Koorsen Fire & Security, Inc. This acquisition is a strategic geographic expansion of Summit's existing fire protection, life safety and consulting business. Summit Companies currently has locations in the states of Arizona, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin and performs work across the United States.

"The expansion into Michigan was a natural next step to Summit's growing national business and significantly expands the company's commitment to client service, diversity of capabilities and technical excellence," stated Summit CEO, Jeff Evrard. "We are thrilled to add these two vibrant office locations with experienced industry talent to our growing fire life safety business."

The two Michigan branch offices were previously independent, long-standing fire protection companies – Northern Fire & Safety of Traverse City and Central Fire Protection of Mount Pleasant – prior to their acquisition by Koorsen. Summit acquires the experienced staff of each, which have been servicing customers throughout Michigan for over 65 years.

Summit Companies has expertise across the entire spectrum of fire and life safety categories including: fire extinguishers, extinguishing agents, pre-engineered kitchen, industrial and vehicle suppression systems, special hazard suppression systems, fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm and security systems and monitoring services.

"Jeff and the Summit management team continue to make significant progress executing their acquisition strategy by not only adding new geographic coverage, but also acquiring strong legacy companies," said Timothy Hall, Managing Director, CI Capital Partners. "We look forward to continuing to support Summit's growth."





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## Get ready for Fall at Mott Community College's Saturday Registration Event July 21<sup>st</sup>



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Fall is just around the corner and Mott Community College is looking for students who are **READY** to get **MORE** out of life. To help students complete the necessary steps toward enrollment, Mott Community College (MCC) will be open Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Flint Campus. Saturday hours give current and prospective students an opportunity to complete enrollment processes for the Fall semester.

"Our goal is to provide our current students, and prospective students, an efficient and seamless opportunity to enroll for the upcoming semester," said Dr. Chris Engle, Dean of Enrollment, Retention and Registrar. "Every step of the enrollment process will be available on Saturday

to facilitate our students' busy schedules or help new students get the enrollment process started."

In addition to encouraging current students to register for the Fall semesters, new or returning students can:

- Take or schedule the Accuplacer placement test. Testing will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments for future testing will also be available.  
\*The last test will begin at 1:30 p.m.
- Schedule or attend an Orientation. There will be an orientation offered at 10:00 a.m. enabling students to meet with an advisor the same day.

- There will be a second Orientation session at 12:30 p.m. allowing new students to complete admissions, placement and orientation steps and leave prepared for a scheduled appointment with their advisor. It is recommended to have a calendar with you, so we can pick a day and time that works best for you to meet with your advisor.

- Meet with an advisor, or schedule a future appointment to plan course schedules.

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# Seen on the Scene: 15 students from Shanghai Normal University will take part in a three week business program on SVSU's campus. This group is one of several visiting SVSU to study with some of SVSU's finest faculty and explore the region throughout the summer



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

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## Emmy Award Winning Professor Teaches Storytelling & Perseverance



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Kimberly Wells, Assistant Professor of Electronic Media, will never forget what it was like to win the Michigan Emmy for her documentary Irene: Child of the Holocaust.

"It was quite humbling to be recognized by my peers in such a prestigious way," Wells says. "Winning was a spectacular experience and a night I will never forget."

Wells worked as the Executive Producer, Story Consultant and as one of the cinematographers for the award-winning film.

### Creating "Irene: Child of the Holocaust"

The inspiration for the documentary came from Michigan resident Irene Miller's book, Into No Man's Land. Miller tells of her family's experience of the darkness of the holocaust, the endeavor to find refuge in the Soviet

Union, the unthinkable hardships of a Siberian labor camp, and her return to Poland only to endure living in orphanages before moving to the United States, at the age of 21.

"After reading her book I knew I wanted to share her story with a larger audience," Wells says. "The film took two years start to finish, and it took a lot of time and energy, but it is a project I believe in and I am glad I did."

Wells and her production crew are now working on a new documentary film titled, My 2 Brothers. This film tells the story of two Michigan police officers who were both shot in the line of duty and survived. The film is set to be released in the fall of 2018.

### Bringing the Experience Back to Delta

"Working on personal projects keeps me engaged in the field," Wells says. "This experience allows me to bring a fresh perspective and on-the-job experience into my Delta film production classes."

If you are someone who has a desire to find a career in film production or to make a film, Wells states that having perseverance is essential, don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it and take any advice you can get.

"It may seem overwhelming and daunting, but just take it one step at a time," Wells says of producing a film and finding a career in film. "It may take years before your project is finished, but before you know it – you'll have completed a film!"

## Public leaders get a CMU boost

### New partnership with Michigan Municipal League serves municipal officials, families

A new agreement between Central Michigan University and the Michigan Municipal League will make earning a college degree more affordable for many community leaders around Michigan.

CMU is offering league members, employees and their families a 15 percent tuition discount for more than 30 academic programs offered online and through classes taken at CMU satellite locations. The university will waive application fees for undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs.

Participants also can earn credit for work and life experiences and can access programs that help them earn their degree faster.

Dan Gilmartin, CEO and executive director of the league, said the agreement with CMU will provide valuable assistance to members and employees wishing to pursue higher education.

"It also will help enhance the professionalism of the appointed and elected officials and staff who are guiding the growth and development of Michigan's municipalities," he said.

Pete Ross, CMU vice provost of academic development, said the agreement is in line with the university's strategic goals to graduate leaders, develop community partnerships and improve the economy.

"CMU is committed to supporting Michigan's current and future leadership. We are proud to partner with the League as its members and employees work to improve communities around the state."

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# Consumers Energy to Host 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Light Up The City Saginaw 5K



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The 1st Annual Light Up The City Saginaw 5K will take place on Wednesday, Aug 22, 2018 at the Anderson Enrichment Center

Join several participants in running and/or walking USATF sanctioned 5K Saginaw Riverfront Trail/road course! A portion of proceeds from this race go to benefitting the Witness Assistance Program in Saginaw County. Racing will take place on a Wednesday night with activities, music, food and fun continuing on Ojibway Island where the 2018 LUTC Community Celebration event is taking place!

This race is being organized as part of the 6th Annual Light Up The City Community Celebration Event with the purpose of encouraging community members and residents to work together helping to create safer neighborhoods and communities by walking the streets and asking neighbors to turn on their porch lights. Since 2013, over 300 Consumers Energy employees have volunteered their time, 1509 registered walkers have participated and 6,642 light bulbs have been distributed throughout the Saginaw communities.

The run will start on Ojibway Island and go along the beautiful riverfront pathway. There will be a turnaround after passing MCVI with participants finishing back on Ojibway Island. The course is flat and scenic.

This initiative would not be possible without our partners such as the Michigan State Police, United Way of Saginaw County, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, the City of Saginaw, the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, the WorkWear Store, Papa John's, Saginaw Public Schools our local law enforcement and emergency responders, WNEM TV5, our neighborhood associations, residents in the community and many others.





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## Dr. Stephanie Duggan Named Regional President of Ascension Michigan's Northern Ministries



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Ascension Michigan welcomes Stephanie Duggan, MD, back to her home state of Michigan to serve as Regional President of St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw and Standish, and St. Joseph Health System in Tawas. Dr. Duggan began her medical career as a physician at St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw in 1998. She will start in her new role on August 6.

Dr. Duggan has been serving as Chief Clinical Officer at St. Vincent's Health System in Birmingham, Alabama for the past two years. In 2017, she was listed as one of the Top Women in Medicine by B-Metro Magazine, a Birmingham-based business publication. Previously, she served for five years at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola as Chief Medical Officer, as well as an emergency physician. Both St. Vincent's Health System and Sacred Heart Hospital are a part of Ascension.

"Based on her outstanding credentials, her experience within Ascension, her commitment to our Mission of service, and her knowledge of the northern Michigan communities, Stephanie Duggan is an excellent choice to lead the reinvestment and revitalization of the Northern Ministries," said Jean Meyer, Chief Operations Officer, Ascension Michigan. "Her enthusiasm and passion are contagious, and she will be able to be immediately effective and connected with associates, physicians and the community."

Dr. Duggan grew up in southwestern Michigan, graduating from Berrien Springs High School and Hope College. She received her medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and completed her Emergency Medicine residency through Wayne State at Sinai-Grace Hospital. While on staff at St. Mary's, she was honored by the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians as the 2008 Michigan Emergency Physician of the Year. She received the Outstanding Clinical Teaching Award numerous times. She is also a member of the Ascension Leadership Academy.

## Four well-known Michigan authors coming to Midland to share their work

The Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation, in conjunction with the Saginaw Bay Writing Project, is hosting the Michigan Authors' Series.

Four well-known Michigan authors will read their work Tuesday, July 24 and Wednesday, July 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at The Saints and Sinners Lounge at the Midland Center for the Arts. The series is free and open to the public.

"These four authors represent some of the best writers in the state of Michigan today, and their work – which includes poetry, memoir and fiction – is worth reading and hearing," said Helen Raica-Klotz, director of Saginaw Valley State University's Writing Center and the director of the Saginaw Bay Writing Project.

Tuesday night, authors Linda Nemeč Foster and Anne-Marie Oomen will read from their co-authored book, "The Lake Michigan Mermaid."

Nemeč Foster has authored 11 collections of poetry and is the first Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids. She also received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her work from the Dyer-Ives Foundation.

Oomen has authored several books of memoir and poetry, including "Uncoded Woman" and "Pulling Down the Barn." She currently teaches at conferences around the country as well as The Solstice MFA at Pine Manor College in Massachusetts and Interlochen's College of Creative Arts.

Authors Zilka Joseph and John Mauk will read from their work on Wednesday night.

Joseph has published two chapbooks, and her first book of poems, "Sharp Blue Search of Flame," was a Foreword Indie Prize Finalist.

Mauk currently teaches at Miami University and co-directs the Ohio Writing Project. He has written four college textbooks and is the author of a collection of short fiction, "Field Notes for the Earthbound."

"We are very fortunate to have Oomen, Mauk, Joseph and Nemeč Foster as part of our Authors' Series this year, thanks to the generous support of the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation," Raica-Klotz said.

The Michigan Author's Series is part of the 2018 Vada B. Dow Writer's Workshop for Area Teachers, funded by the Alden and Vada Dow Creativity Foundation, to support the professional growth of writing teachers in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Lt. Gov. Brian Calley seeks Presidential Disaster Declaration to help Michiganders impacted by Upper Peninsula flooding

LANSING, MICH. – Lt. Gov. Brian Calley today requested that President Donald Trump declare a major disaster for the State of Michigan as a result of the flash flooding that occurred in Houghton, Gogebic and Menominee counties on June 16-17. The request comes

at the conclusion of an in-depth assessment of damage to the area.

Calley has requested supplementary federal aid in the form of Public Assistance and Individual Assistance to help eligible residents, businesses and local governments because of the severity and magnitude of the flooding.

If federal aid is granted, assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help people and businesses recover from the effects of the flooding. This request also includes assistance for costs incurred by state and local governments due to damage to public facilities and infrastructures, such as schools and roads.

“I commend our first responders, volunteer organizations and local residents for pulling together to recover from this historic flooding, and we continue to look for any available resources to help these communities rebuild,” said Lt. Gov. Calley. “I’m now asking the federal government for it’s support in offering additional resources to further assist with the recovery efforts.”

Based on information provided by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, state leaders requested a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment with federal and local leaders to review and validate the most severely damaged homes, businesses and public facilities in the affected counties.



*A Taco Bell drive-through caved in and washed away after heavy rains and flooding in Houghton, Mich. on June 17, 2018 | David Archambeau, AP*

The teams conducted their assessments from June 26-29. State officials reviewed the results and determined the extent of damage reached the level necessary to apply for federal help.

Calley’s request will be reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will advise President Trump whether a disaster declaration should be granted. Ultimately, the President will determine whether to provide federal assistance.

Gov. Rick Snyder declared a state of disaster for Houghton and Menominee counties on June 18, and added Gogebic County to the declaration on June 21, due to severe weather and widespread flooding, making available state aid and assistance to communities in the disaster area.

Article V Section 26 of the Michigan Constitution gives authority for the lieutenant governor to act as governor when the governor is out of state.

# Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) and U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters Announce 30 Million Choice Neighborhoods Grants for Flint



*courtesy photo*

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) and U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters announced the City of Flint and the Flint Housing Commission will receive a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant will support the replacement of the Atherton East public housing complex with new modern, affordable housing units, and will help current residents relocate to neighborhoods in South Flint with better access to basic services and job opportunities.

“My hometown of Flint is full of promise and this federal grant is an important part of our community’s recovery. Flint families have been through a lot, but our community is tough and Flint is coming back even stronger than before. By boosting economic growth and supporting affordable housing, this Choice Neighborhood grant will mean new investments and opportunities for Flint families,” said Congressman Kildee.

“Thanks to the hard work and focused determination of so many community leaders, Flint has made incredible progress,” said Senator Stabenow. “New affordable housing builds on this progress, strengthening neighborhoods and creating job opportunities for Flint residents. There is still much more that needs to be done but today’s announcement is another step forward in the city’s recovery.”

“Flint families have shown tremendous strength in the face of serious challenges, and this award will help build a brighter future for this resilient community,” said Senator Peters. “I’m proud to support this project that will not only build new affordable housing, but will also help revitalize the entire community.”

In addition to boosting economic development, the grant will support several Flint community organizations that are partnering with the Flint Housing Commission to provide services to South Flint residents. Mott Community College Workforce Development will provide career case management services to help residents secure employment; Hurley Medical Center will help residents access basic health care services, including nutrition counseling and mental health services; and The Flint and Genesee Literacy Network will connect families with educational programming to improve literacy.

Kildee, Stabenow and Peters sent a letter to HUD in support of Flint’s application. The letter was also signed by 11 other members of Michigan’s Congressional Delegation.

Choice Neighborhood Grants leverage public and private investments to help local development organizations revitalize struggling neighborhoods.

## July 2018 is Juror Appreciation Month, State Supreme Court Declares



LANSING, MI, July 2, 2018 – In a resolution signed by all seven justices, the Michigan Supreme Court officially designated July as Juror Appreciation Month. The resolution acknowledges and pays tribute to the many Michigan citizens who have graciously served as jurors, and to encourage everyone to answer the summons to jury service.

“As citizens of the United States, we have a constitutional obligation to fulfill jury duty when called upon,” said Chief Justice Stephen J. Markman. “By ensuring everyone’s right to a fair trial by their peers, jurors play a fundamental role in maintaining a healthy system of self-government grounded upon the equal rule of law.”

“The importance of the jury in both the civil and criminal realms cannot be overstated,” added Markman. “People’s liberty and property are typically at stake depending on what the jury finds.”

In the resolution, the Court also proclaimed that “those who answer the call of duty to serve on a jury reaffirm a core value of their American citizenship,” and the Justices pledged “to continue their efforts to make jury duty more efficient and less burdensome.”

July was first declared Juror Appreciation Month in 2005 “to underscore the importance of jury service in our constitutional republic.”

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# SPORTS



## 2019 Sugar Beets Youth Tryout Schedule

**Do you play hard?**

**Are you coachable?**

Age	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	HS
Monday, July 30	12-2pm	2-4pm	4-6pm	6-8pm	
Tuesday, July 31	2-4pm	4-6pm	6-8pm	12-2pm	
Wednesday, August 1	4-6pm	6-8pm	12-2pm	2-4pm	
Thursday, August 2	6-8pm	12-2pm	2-4pm	4-6pm	
Friday, August 3	6-8pm	6-8pm	6-8pm	6-8pm	10am

Each Youth Camp Session (Ages 7-14) will be held at the Freeland Sports Zone  
HS Showcase Camp will be held 10am at Valley Lutheran HS.

Our tryout is done in a camp style format that will include a lot of teaching. Your son will be evaluated on how hard they play and how much they are willing to accept coaching. Your skill set will be evaluated and developed the entire time you are with our program. You only have to attend one session to be considered for the Sugar Beets youth program. \$20 per day.

*Cost for each age group in 2019 (minimum 6 tournaments per age group):*

7-8 years old	\$300 player fee + a sponsor
9-10 years old	\$325 player fee + a sponsor
11-12 years old	\$350 player fee + a sponsor
13-14 years old	\$425 player fee + a sponsor
HS program	\$600 player fee

**Come grow with the Beets!**

**Corky Thompson**  
Lawrence Tech University Assistant Baseball Coach and Sugar Beets President  
989 714 6572  
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# SAGINAW SPORTS

OCTOBER 14, 2018, SUNDAY  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**COLLECTORS SHOW**Featuring  
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# CHANGES TO OUR NEW ROUTES

START DECEMBER 31, 2017

## Route 1:

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

## Route 211 becomes Route 112:

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

## Route 3:

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

## Route 54:

Drops Ricker Center (Ricker Center added to Route 112)

## Route 6 changes to Fashion Sq and SVSU Express:

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

## Route 7:

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

## Route 82:

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

## Route 9:

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

## Route 106 - Big Changes!:

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



## PIC OF THE WEEK

**On July 12, the Historical Society of Saginaw County hosted U Me Paint experience at the Castle Museum. This event kicked off the museum's Summer Cultural Celebration.**



**The Historical Society of Saginaw County's 2018 Summer Cultural Celebration will include shows by the Depot Town Players, Polynesian Dancers of Michigan and Jump Fresh Youth Academy!**





# Summer Cultural Celebration

*Come celebrate culture at the Castle Museum!*

**FREE with paid museum admission**

**Thursday, July 12**

**U Me Paint**

Enjoy an unforgettable painting experience.  
Call 989-752- 2861 ext. 315 to reserve your spot.

**Thursday, July 19**

**Depot Town Players**

Experience the rich sounds of American Folk, Celtic and French Canadian music.

**Thursday, July 26**

**Polynesian Dancers of Michigan**

This dance show will take you on an island tour of Hawaii.

**Thursday, August 2**

**Jump Fresh Youth Academy**

Enjoy a show-stopping choir and dance performance.

*Special thanks to:*



**\*All events start at noon**



**500 Federal Avenue | Saginaw, Michigan 48607 | 989.752.2861 | www.castlemuseum.org**



# SPRING BREAK IS FREE NEXT YEAR!

## MI Renaissance Zone

- ✔ Pay No State Income Tax through 2026
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Assuming a household income of \$200,000 and estimated property value of \$200,000:

- ✔ State of Michigan income tax savings  
Current rate is 4.25% = **\$8,500**
- ✔ City of Saginaw income tax savings  
Current rate is 1.5% = **\$3,000**
- ✔ Property tax savings at reduced rate  
From 46 mills to 13 mills = **\$3,250**
- ✔ **Estimated Annual Savings = \$14,750**



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**If selected, you will:**

- Attend monthly meetings with your fellow UCP (Urban & Civic Partnerships) scholars and the UCP leadership team
- Participate in an annual service project in Saginaw
- Serve as a student ambassador to high schools in the Saginaw Promise Zone

**To be eligible for this opportunity, you must:**

- Reside in the Saginaw Promise Zone (even if you are attending a school outside of the promise area)
- Carry a minimum high school GPA of 3.00
- Request a letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher
- Write a 1-2-page essay that discusses the importance of civic engagement
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to SVSU — financial need is a factor in the selection of UCP scholars

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO QUALIFY, CONTACT CAL TALLEY AT (989) 964-2741, OR EMAIL [CTALLEY@SVSU.EDU](mailto:CTALLEY@SVSU.EDU)**

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