

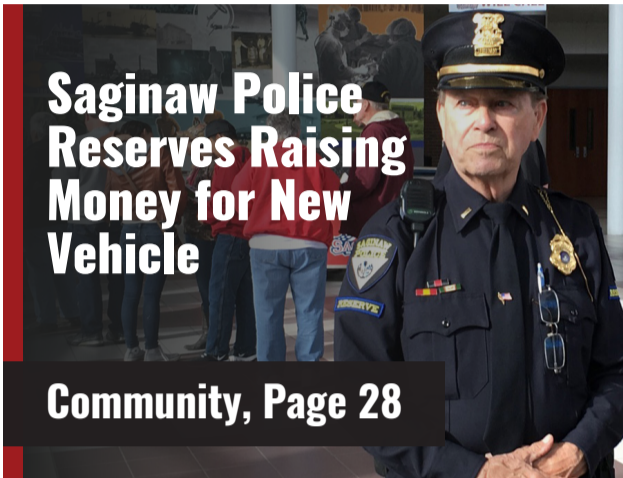
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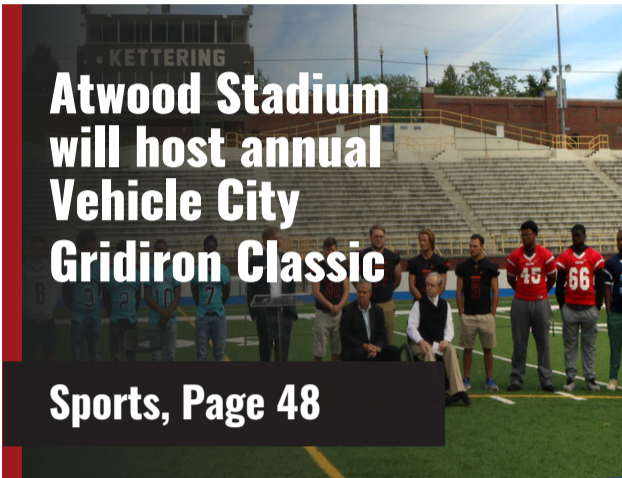

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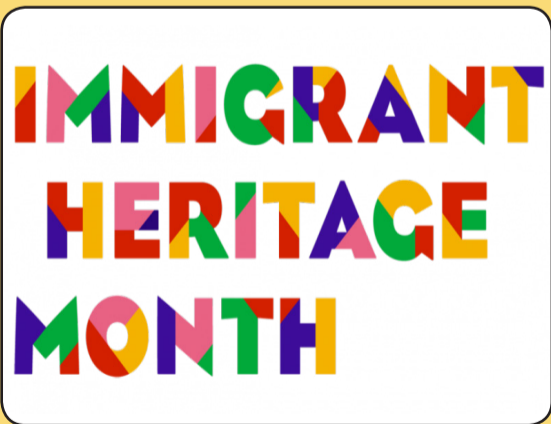
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## Memories for Interim School Leader

By Mike Thompson



*courtesy photo*

"Every child. Every chance. Every day."

This is the simple guidepost for Ramont Roberts, Saginaw's new interim city school superintendent and a candidate for the permanent role.

"We have an opportunity to reach each child," he explains. "Our responsibility as educators is to find that special way to reach each individual."

He begins in July, while the Board of Education soon may launch a nationwide search for other candidates.

Roberts is the son of Clarence Roberts and Debwin Williams-Roberts. His childhood family home was at the corner of Fifteenth Street and Annesley. Five blocks away was Vet's Park, where the now-legendary Lawrence McKinney was a

volunteer youth coach and leader. Roberts credits McKinney as his first "every child" type of mentor, later followed by his basketball coach at Buena Vista High, Norwaine Reed, and also the BV superintendent at the time, T.C. Wallace.

"They saw something in me," he says, "and so I've always wanted to give something back, working with kids who grew up like I grew up."

He cites a specific lesson that McKinney offered, back when he was Heavenrich Elementary's young quarterback in the citywide sixth-grade football championship game.

"We had just scored a touchdown to tie the score late in the fourth quarter. Everyone was celebrating, including me. However, we still had to score the extra point to win," he recalls.

"Coach McKinney pulled me aside and disciplined me for not being focused. His message was, do not ever get distracted by external things and that real focus comes from within. He always taught us to manage our emotions in an effort to remain focused on the goal, which at that time was to win a championship. Without us scoring the extra point, we would not have been able to do so.

"Consequently, we scored and went on to win the championship. More importantly than that, I learned on that day that if I maintained my internal focus and did not allow external factors to distract me, I could achieve anything. That is why I am confident in my ability to help make Saginaw

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Public Schools a district that provides the best opportunity for the students in our community to be successful, academically and socially."

### HIGH SCHOOL INSPIRATION

Roberts decided specifically on a career in education during the early 1990s, while serving as a co-op student in Wallace's office out on Towerline Road. His college studies took him to Xavier University of Louisiana, and then to a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He concluded with his Ph.D from Michigan State, with focus on urban education.

His first teaching employment was at Mount Clemens in suburban Detroit, four years of social studies at the middle school and high school levels. Then came his return to Saginaw in 2003 as assistant principal at Central Middle, later Ruben Daniels Middle School. He advanced to be Central's principal, next to Saginaw High

as assistant principal for curriculum and then principal.

At Saginaw High, he led an effort that boosted the graduation rate to 80 percent, up from the prior 55 percent. This helped to keep SHS open, despite the glare of state oversight.

Roberts in 2015 made his way to the central office as assistant superintendent for human resources. Now he finds himself in the catbird's seat, a position that has been at the center of school board disputes and controversy. His predecessor, Nathaniel McClain, was dismissed in March on a 4-3 vote, although Roberts was appointed -- temporarily, at least -- on a rare unanimous 7-0 ballot.

"I have full confidence in this board, an in my ability to work with this board," he says. "If I didn't, I would not have accepted this position."

### STAYING AT HOME

Regardless of Board of Education drama, the Saginaw School District offers a huge challenge. A never-ending threat is state oversight, based mostly on student standardized test scores. The fate of Roberts' former worksite, Saginaw High, is especially in the balance. Enrollment has nosedived to less than 6,000, compared to about 12,000 when Roberts was a pre-millennium local pupil, and a peak of 22,000 during the 1970s. More than a dozen schools have closed, including the three that he attended -- Heavenrich Elementary, North Middle and BV High. With credentials from Harvard and MSU, Ramont Roberts easily could have established his career in more prosperous out-of-town surroundings.

"But I always saw myself coming back home," he concludes.

**The Morley Family Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Dr. Peter B. Morley Jr. as President of the Morley Family Foundation June 1st 2018 pictured right. David Morley will remain as Vice President Treasurer on the board pictured left. The foundation likes to term limit their presidents to 5 years to help ensure the engagement of the rest of the board.**



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## Seen on the Scene: Jazz on Jefferson

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Jazz on Jefferson, a one-night event celebrated along the historic South Jefferson Avenue, took place Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Over 3,000 visitors attended the free festival that showcased the vitality of the neighborhood and institutions located on the street. The popular event featured musicians, food, and an antique and classic car show. Jazz on Jefferson is a cooperative project of the Jefferson Avenue institutions coordinated by the Castle Museum. It is an annual event held on the second Wednesday after Memorial Day.



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## Governor Snyder Proclaims June as Immigrant Heritage Month

**IMMIGRANT  
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MONTH**

Michigan celebrates with the rest of the nation as Gov. Rick Snyder today proclaimed June as Immigrant Heritage Month. Michigan celebrates its past, present, and future by welcoming those from across the globe who contribute to Michigan's cultural diversity and economic growth.

"Michigan is a national leader in welcoming New Americans and that is something to be proud of," Snyder said. "This month, our great state acknowledges and celebrates the many diverse ways immigrants have enriched our culture and economy throughout Michigan's history."

Governor Snyder established the Michigan Office for New Americas (MONA) in 2014 to help retain and attract global talent; to promote the skills, energy, and knowledge of our immigrant communities; and, to create a welcoming culture within Michigan.

MONA helps coordinate existing state agency services to immigrants and facilitates partnerships with non-profits, economic development organizations, universities, and the private sector in the areas of licensing, workforce training, education, housing, healthcare and quality of life. MONA also offers the Michigan International Talent Solutions (MITS) program, a free job search training, and coaching program designed to support highly skilled immigrants in Michigan return to their professional field.

"Immigrant Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the continued contributions of immigrants that live and work in Michigan," said MONA Director Bing Goei. The immigrants of Michigan enrich our quality of life with music, food, art, and fashion, as well as contribute to the states ever-expanding economy."

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# Seen on the Scene: 2018 Annual Midwest Tejano Music Festival

The 5th Annual Midwest Tejano Music Festival took place on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Huntington Event Park in Saginaw, MI.

This annual event is a celebration of Tejano culture, food and music! Guests enjoyed live musical entertainment from Los Carnales, Los Hermanos Escamilla, Los Hermanos Villegas, Motivo, and Tejano Sound Band as well as a variety of food vendors.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the American GI Forum, Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute, Habitat For Humanity and The Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center.



## Save the Date: Dream Makers' Gala

On September 27, 2018, the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation will host the Dream Makers' Gala.

DHDC depends on the Dream Makers' Gala to provide critical services and support in our community, including adult-education for non-traditional students, best-in-class youth programming, a pipeline to STEAM careers via

the Robotics Engineering Center of Detroit, and much more.

The 2018 Dream Makers' Gala will take place at the new Detroit PAL Center "The Corner Ball Park", which is located in the same space as the old Tiger Stadium in Corktown. This year's theme is "Experience the Flavors of Corktown" with your favorite Corktown Restaurants & Bars

serving food & Spirits all under one roof. We hope that you and your organization will join us this year in helping with the 2018 Dream Makers' Gala.

Any support is welcome and will be put to good use by helping DHDC create life changing opportunities for youth and their families.

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Sonya Surles, Wilson Ford Lincoln

### Outstanding Business Award

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### Leadership Award

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Pastor Chris Pryor  
Joyce Seals  
Adam Gonzalez  
Rita Truss

### Rising Business Award

Markeen Baker, The What Don't Kill You Show

### Visionary Award

Richard & Wanda Stringfield, Students &  
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Sheilda Braddock, Isabella Bank

### Motivation Award

Michael Marsh  
Rev. Dr. Willie Casey

### Ministry of the Year Award

Francis Irvin, Jail Ministry

### Outstanding Journalism/Media/PR Award

JJ Boehm, SVSU  
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### Diversity Award

Willie Haynes, Ezekial Project

### Outstanding Non-Profit Award

Samaritas (prev. Neighborhood House)  
Saginaw Restoration  
Positive Results Downtown Saginaw  
Sabrina Jackson, ISD Head Start

## Celebrate With Us

On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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

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Scholarship

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



# HEALTH

## Beaumont Health and Michigan Medicine Each Integrate with MAPS, Michigan's prescription monitoring program.



Beaumont Health and Michigan Medicine (University of Michigan's academic medical center) have placed their network of physicians and pharmacists at the forefront of prescription drug monitoring technology by integrating with the new Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS).

More than 11,000 doctors and 400 pharmacists total between the two health systems are now integrated with the new MAPS and therefore better equipped to combat the opioid epidemic within their clinical workflow.

"These integrations are a monumental step in our continued battle with the opioid epidemic in Michigan," said Kim Gaedeke, deputy director of the Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). "We are pleased with the efforts of Beaumont Health and Michigan Medicine to integrate with the new MAPS and are excited to see other health systems and hospitals follow their lead."

The new MAPS is a software tool that provides prescribers and dispensers with real-time prescription data and analytics of controlled substances and schedule 2-5 drugs that have been dispensed. MAPS helps clinicians to make informed decisions and provides resources to better assess a patient's risk for substance use disorder.

"All Beaumont Health physicians, mid-level prescribers and health team members are receiving education and guidance on how to use the new Michigan Automated Prescription System," said Beaumont Health Pain Management Services Chief Bruce Hillenberg, PhD. "Prescribers of opioids have already experienced the efficiency and speed of the integrated MAPS. Beaumont Health providers are confident that this integration will be a useful tool in assuring the safety of patients receiving opioids when medically necessary."

Providers who integrate also received Apriss Health's NarxCare, a comprehensive substance use disorder software platform that utilizes artificial intelligence and machine learning for risk assessment and patient support. Through federal grants and state appropriated funds, LARA is covering the full cost of integration of MAPS into the clinical workflow of health systems, physician groups and pharmacies until August 31, 2019.

"We are very pleased to integrate MAPS within our electronic health record and feel this will help providers efficiently gain valuable information about their patients," said Manager of Medication Use Informatics at Michigan Medicine Heather Somand, Pharm.D. "The response time of the new MAPS is mere seconds which is an enormous advantage over the previous system."

Including Beaumont Health (7,400 prescribers, 300 pharmacists) and Michigan Medicine (4,288 prescribers, 164 pharmacists), a total of 15,102 prescribers and 1,385 pharmacists affiliated with health systems, hospitals, physician offices and pharmacies are integrated with the new MAPS.

The State is using every available tool to combat the opioid epidemic. The collaborative efforts of state agencies amplifies Michigan's efforts related to prevention and treatment of patients, education of health professionals and enforcement of overprescribers.

MAPS is administered by LARA. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides resources for patients, health professionals and communities related to prevention and treatment of opioid abuse. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality assists individuals with proper drug disposal of unwanted prescription medications. All Michigan State Police posts serve as prescription drug take-back sites and operate the Angel Program for individuals struggling with drug addiction. The efforts of state agencies are advised by the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission which is made up of health professionals, law enforcement officers, substance abuse treatment providers, government officials and citizens.

# Become a Physical Therapist Assistant through Delta Program



*courtesy photo*

Physical therapist assistant is currently one of the fastest growing career fields in Michigan – 29 percent over the next 10 years according to Michigan DTMB. A physical therapist assistant (PTA) works under the supervision of physical therapist, helping patients recover from injuries and illnesses, regain movement and manage pain. With 100 percent of graduates being currently employed and passing their national license exam, Delta is a great place to pursue your degree and career as a physical therapist assistant.

“Area employers consistently report that they prefer to hire Delta PTA grads over PTA grads from other institutions,” says Dr. Chris Hausbeck, the Coordinator of the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Delta College.

The program at Delta, which was formed in 1976 making it the second oldest in Michigan, is a four-semester long cohort program, where you come in with a group and experience classes together from your first semester to your last. After a \$20 million renovation of Delta’s health wing, the PTA program will provide you with the opportunity to work with cutting-edge technology and equipment that will help you to hit the ground running in the PTA field when you graduate.

“Delta’s program offers PTA courses that many other programs don’t have, including courses in pediatric rehabilitation, evidence-based practice and manual therapy techniques,” says Dr. Hausbeck. “Students can expect to gain employability skills and professional confidence, make lifelong friendships and receive extensive preparation for their licensure examination.”

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Delta College is recognized by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). There is also a PTA student club here at Delta that is involved with the community with several different projects and professional involvement. Plus, students and faculty are actively involved with the Michigan Physical Therapist Association and the American Physical Therapist Association.

## Delta’s PTA Options

Delta College offers many different possible PTA paths for you to take outside of earning an associate’s. Delta offers two different dual degree programs with PTA where you can earn a dual associate degree in Health Fitness Specialist with PTA and General Management, which gives you a business background. Both dual degree programs

will provide you with valuable additional skills, which will help you to increase your earning potential. Along with the dual degree, Delta also has transfer options in the program to help you continue your studies in the field and earn your bachelor’s degree.

“To ensure excellence with learning hands-on skills, Delta’s program offers students the maximum number of clinical education hours allowed by accreditation,” says Dr. Hausbeck. Students at Delta have more than 100 clinical sites to choose from, allowing students to find the right fit for them. The clinical opportunities give students real-life, hands-on experiences with patients that will help students build their career before it begins.

## Find Out More

Learn more about Delta’s Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program or contact Dr. Chris Hausbeck, PTA Program Coordinator, at [christopherhausbeck@delta.edu](mailto:christopherhausbeck@delta.edu) or 989-686-9316 with questions.

# Ascension Makes Renewed Commitment to Local Michigan Health Systems

Following a thorough and prayerful discernment process to determine the best way to ensure a successful future for St. Mary’s of Michigan in Saginaw, including St. Mary’s of Michigan in Standish, and St. Joseph Health System in Tawas City, Ascension is making a renewed commitment to the growth and success of these health systems, their leaders and their associates as part of Ascension Michigan.

“During our discernment we reviewed options including partnering with other organizations in the operation of the three health systems as well as transitioning them to different systems,” said Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.PH, Executive Vice President, Ascension, and President and Chief Executive Officer, Ascension Healthcare. “However, we determined that retaining and investing in these health systems will best serve them, their associates and physicians, the communities they serve, and our

integrated national health ministry.

“When I assumed the position of Interim Ministry Market Executive for Ascension Michigan a few weeks ago, I was eager to join this discernment process, and I’m excited to share that as part of our renewed commitment we are planning an infusion of \$50 million in capital spending and resources to ensure these hospitals and related services are equipped to meet the evolving needs of those we are privileged to serve,” said Joseph Cacchione, MD, FACC, Interim Ministry Market Executive, Ascension Michigan, and President, Ascension Medical Group. “We also have begun planning for the transition to the unified Ascension identity for both St. Mary’s of Michigan communities and St. Joseph in Tawas as part of our national branding work.

“I am especially grateful for the continued dedication

to providing compassionate, personalized care by our associates and physicians as this process has unfolded,” he said. “They have kept our patients, their families and the community foremost in their minds, and we appreciate their commitment to our shared Mission. We look forward to advancing that Mission with them.”

Betsy Aderholdt, Interim Mid-Michigan Northern Ministries President, who had returned to Ascension from her retirement during the discernment process, has agreed to remain in her position while a national search is conducted for a new leader for the Ascension Mid-Michigan Northern Ministries.



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# Great Lakes PACE: A Social Outlet for Seniors



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Great Lakes PACE is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Great Lakes PACE is three years old! It has been joyous watching the quality of life improve for PACE participants. Many people are in need of help; but are clueless to the great benefits provided by PACE. We desire and appreciate your support in sharing this resource with others.

One of our services includes restored socialization for those with physical decline. Isolation resulting from aging or health issues can result in hopelessness, despair, increased pain and even depression. PACE enrollees are emerging from their invisible shells with brighter moods, improved energy and decreased depression.

Holly McBride is our Activities Director and has worked with seniors for 18 years. She plans live entertainment, social outings, spiritual and group activities and more to meet diverse social needs of participants. Great Lakes PACE services are often mistaken. PACE has homecare but it is not just a homecare program. It has socialization; but it is not just a socialization program. We have therapy; but it is not just a therapy program. PACE is a managed care 3378 Fashion Square Blvd. Saginaw MI 48603 program and has all the services provided by both Medicaid and Medicare. An exam is completed by our PACE doctor with

close medical follow-up. Assessments are done by our PACE team to address changing needs. Those enrolled in PACE will be responsible for cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE serves those who are 55 or older and who live in our service area. This includes the Great Lakes Bay Region and parts of Gratiot, Tuscola, Shiawassee and Arenac counties (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services and meet the medical guidelines. A brief assessment by our PACE staff assess eligibility. For most people PACE services are covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare. If not eligible for Medicaid, PACE does offer a private pay option.

Call today if you would like to learn more about Great Lakes PACE services. We are open M-F from 8AM-5PM. Walk-in tours are welcome or schedule a group tour of any size for your family, church or organization.

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# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## Isabella Bank Creates East Division Board of Directors, Expands Saginaw Downtown Loan Production Office into Full Service Branch

Jerome Schwind, President of Isabella Bank, is pleased to announce the addition of an East Division Board of Directors consisting of Mr. Michael Colby, Ms. Mary Draves, Mr. Smallwood Holoman Jr., Ms. Sarah Opperman, Mr. Christopher Radke, Mr. Clarence Rivette, and Mr. Jerome Schwind.

“I am excited with the addition of our East Division Board of Directors. I am proud to be a member of this group of dedicated and respected business leaders committed to our community,” stated Schwind. “Their vision for the future of the Great Lakes Bay area and our Bank will be a remarkable asset for the community.”

The East Division Board of Directors will meet quarterly to represent the Midland, Saginaw, and Freeland markets of Isabella Bank. The East divisional board will support local autonomy and decision making in the Great Lakes Bay area.

Mr. Colby is the East Division president of Isabella Bank overseeing the day-to-day management and community development for the Freeland, Midland, and Saginaw locations. He earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Central Michigan University and graduated from Great Lakes Bay Leadership Institute, Leadership Saginaw, and the 1,000 Leaders Initiative through Saginaw Vision 20/20. He is a board member of Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works and Saginaw Promise Zone, member of the Saginaw Catholic Diocese Interparish Deposit and Loan Committee, Saginaw and Bay City Chamber of Commerce, Associated Builders and Contractors, One-Hundred Club, former board chair of Children’s Zoo, and board member of the Saginaw Northwest Kiwanis.

Ms. Draves is a global director at The Dow Chemical Company. She and her husband, Todd, own Draves Auto Center located in Midland. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Saginaw Valley State University. She is a Michigan 4H Foundation Trustee, SVSU

Foundation Trustee, and board member for the Nature Conservancy of Michigan.

Mr. Holoman is a former Public Affairs director at the Dow Chemical Company (retired), chief financial officer at Holoman Associates, Inc., and owner of 9 Round Royal Oak Fitness Center. He earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia. He is president and chairman of the Saginaw Community Foundation, vice president of the Saginaw County Youth Protection Council, director of the Boys & Girls Club of Great Lakes Bay Region Board of Directors, trustee for Just for Kids Foundation, and director for Adoption Option, Inc.

Ms. Opperman is interim president and CEO of the Midland Business Alliance and former vice president of global government affairs and public policy at The Dow Chemical Company. She earned her bachelor’s degree in business and journalism from Central Michigan University and served eight years on CMU’s Board of Trustees, including two as the chair. She currently serves on the CMU Advancement Board, chairs the MidMichigan Health Foundation, is vice chair of the United Way of Midland County, and is a director on the Isabella Bank and Isabella Bank Corporation boards.

Mr. Radke is an attorney, partner, and director at Shinners & Cook, PC. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School. He is a director at Shinners & Cook, PC and Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan. He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association, Northeastern Michigan Estate Planning Council, and Trout Unlimited.

Mr. Rivette is president of Wirt-Rivette Group (DBA), Wirt Financial Services, Inc., Integrated Development, Finance, and Consulting Company. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Russian and East European Studies from the

University of Michigan. He is chair of the Pulse3 Foundation, board director for the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, and a board member for Cignys Manufacturing and Saginaw Art Museum. Mr. Rivette also served as a Naval Intelligence Officer in Asia and Washington, D.C. from 1983-1990.

Mr. Jerome Schwind is president of Isabella Bank. He has been with Isabella Bank since 1999, serving in various roles including executive vice president and chief operations officer. Mr. Schwind received his bachelor’s degree from Ferris State University and his master’s degree from Lake Superior State University. He is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Executive Development program, the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the Rollie Denison Leadership Institute. He currently serves as chair for the Middle Michigan Development Corporation, is a member of the Finance Advisory Board for the Ferris State University College of Business, Michigan Bankers Association and serves on the Isabella Bank and Isabella Bank Corporation board.

### Isabella Bank Expands Saginaw Downtown Loan Production Office into Full Service Branch

Michael Colby, Isabella Bank East Division President, is pleased to announce the expansion of their Saginaw Downtown office, located in the Eddy Building, from a loan production office to a full service office, offering loans, deposits, and investment services.

Linda Hegenauer will assume the role of branch manager. Her primary responsibilities will include helping the local community with their consumer and commercial banking needs and overseeing the daily branch operations. The loan production office will be open for service during the remodel. The branch expansion is expected to be complete in early July.



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## Crowdfunding Campaign Launched for the ReImagine Project in Grand Haven

LANSING, Mich. – Grand Haven’s beloved imagination station will be redesigned and updated to create a safe and inclusive playspace through a new crowdfunding campaign, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Grand Haven Area Community Foundation announced today. The ReImagine Project will be creating a fully-inclusive, safe, community-designed playscape in the heart of Grand Haven that will serve the entire tri-cities region. The campaign is being offered through Michigan-based crowdfunding platform Patronicity.

If the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of \$50,000 by July 27, the project will win a matching grant with funds made possible by MEDC’s Public Spaces Community Places program. For project details and to donate, please visit: <http://www.patronicity.com/reimagine>.

“The ReImagine Project is a great example of community-led placemaking,” said MEDC Senior Vice President of Community Development Katharine Czarnecki. “We are pleased to provide resources for and serve as a partner in this collective effort through our Public Spaces Community Places program.”

This campaign will complete the final phase of the ReImagine Project’s redesign and rebuild of the original imagination station. After a year of visioning, consulting, and evaluating, the Imagination Station steering committee has come up with a design that will serve all members of the community and include elements to highlight the local culture. The new playspace will highlight iconic features of the community while being fully accessible.

“It is obvious that the Imagination Station holds a place in the hearts of this community,” said ReImagine Fundraising Co-Chair Katie Appold. “People have rallied for this playspace and given generously since the campaign launched. The matching funds from the MEDC will only help this already incredible momentum.”

## Jason MacDonald Named New Vice President at Mobile Medical Response



[www.mobilemedical.org](http://www.mobilemedical.org)

Mark Thompson, MMR CEO has named Jason MacDonald as Vice President of Operations for Mobile Medical Response. MacDonald has been employed by MMR since 1996 and has served the organization in a variety of roles including staff paramedic, paramedic supervisor, and operations manager and operations director. He is also an Instructor/Coordinator and previously taught EMT-Basic programs prior to taking on leadership responsibilities. In his new role, MacDonald will provide oversight and direction for the clinical and ambulance operational aspects of the organization. In addition to the core EMS functions, he is responsible for MMR’s

Medical Communications (Dispatch) Center, Information Technology, Disaster Response, EMS training centers as well as the ambulance sales arm of the organization, Mercy Sales, Inc. MacDonald serves on the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services Board of Directors and various other State of Michigan EMS boards and committees.

MacDonald received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in 2011, and a Masters of Business Administration in 2014 from Davenport University. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in Business Leadership from Capella University, and is expected to complete this endeavor by the end of the year. "Jason has demonstrated a deep commitment to developing as a leader, growing MMR and will focus on creating an inviting work environment. Jason's combination of management and leadership experience coupled with his master's and doctoral level education is rare in emergency medical services. His preparation clearly distinguishes him among EMS leaders. I look forward to working with Jason and our leadership team in making MMR the employer of choice for EMS professionals in Michigan", says Thompson.

MacDonald notes, "I have enjoyed my 20 plus years at MMR and look forward to using my experience and leadership strengths to further the outstanding work being done at MMR. I am honored and excited to engage with our staff across the state and continue the collaborations we enjoy with each community we serve."





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# EDUCATION

## Woodley Launches Saginaw Charter School

By Mike Thompson



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The location of LaMarr Woodley's new charter elementary school, Woodley Leadership Academy, may lead to some understandable confusion.

Local media reports have indicated the site is "the former St. Stephen School, which merged into St. Thomas Aquinas in 2014."

This is accurate. However, there are TWO former St. Stephen schools. One is a smaller box-shape structure, on Malzahn Street next to the newer church, that at one time served as the elementary school prior to conversion a day care center. It was known to parishioners as "Little Steve's."

The structure that Woodley Academy will occupy is a far more impressive original two-story structure, located closer to Mackinaw than Malzahn, which closed as St. Stephen Middle and High School in 1984 as a result of the merger into Nouvel Catholic Central.

This means that Woodley's larger building will contain more amenities, including a full-size gymnasium with seating for up to 500 patrons, doubling as a spacious cafeteria

Woodley plans to begin in September with enrollment in kindergarten through fifth grade. His base in the original St. Stephen building will provide plenty of room for gradual year-by-year expansion up to eighth grade.

### A PERMANENT LEGACY

Through the years, Woodley has established strong credentials with his track record of giving back to his Saginaw community. The wide array has included speaking engagements, youth football camps, back-to-school bookbags and family holiday gift baskets.

When City Hall eliminated its budget for youth recreation, he helped to organize Heroes for Kids to raise alternative funds. When the cash-strapped school board enacted sports participation fees, he took it upon himself to donate and replace what would have been a \$75 per-child family expense.

He modestly has described all of these donations as "one-time" or "one-day" gifts. In contrast, he says Woodley Academy will establish a permanent legacy. Remaining modest, he simply chose the title of "Woodley Academy" instead of "LaMarr Woodley Academy" in order to pay tribute to his entire family.

At the same time, he aims to establish that the most important aspect of "student-athlete" should

be the "student" portion.

### TEAMWORK WITH DISTRICT?

Prior to achieving football honors for University of Michigan and the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers, Woodley was a product of Saginaw public schools, all the way through Saginaw High School.

With his academy, he will be competing with those same city schools for \$7,500 in state aid for each student, similar to Francis Reh Academy in the former St. Casimir facility. This means that if Woodley Academy meets its first-year goal to enroll 300 pupils, the academy will reap more than \$2 million that otherwise would have gone to the city district coffers.

This type of fund transfer would not have been possible prior to the 1990s, when the state under Gov. John Engler established charter schools and cross-district open enrollment, as part of a conservative widespread education reform movement. Many of these academies are criticized for including financial profit, but Woodley has emphasized that he will not accept even one dime, similar to his past efforts.

Another charter sponsor is Jalen Rose, Woodley's fellow U-M alumnus, with an academy in Detroit.

LaMarr Woodley insists his intent is not to go toe-to-toe with the school district that helped to provide his own upbringing. Teamwork still is possible. The next call would be in the hands of the city school board.



*courtesy photo*

## Randy Schapel, Director of Networking for Mott Community College receives Meritorious Service Award



Randy Schapel, Director of Networking for Mott Community College, was recognized on May 17 with the Meritorious Service Award for his work as Chairperson of the Merit Advisory Council. Merit Internet is a regional network developed specifically for non-profit organizations.

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes individuals who have shown a long-term dedication to Merit's mission through their support and involvement.

"Randy Schapel has been a key contributor to Merit community leadership, representing Merit Members as the Chair of the Merit Advisory Council for the past three years," said Joseph Sawasky, President and CEP of Merit during the award presentation. "He is also a great storyteller!" Sawasky added.

"Randy most certainly deserves this award," said Cheryl Shelton,

Chief Technology Officer for MCC. "His commitment and dedication to improving IT services at the College and throughout the industry are truly admirable."

In addition to his role as director of network services for Mott Community College, Schapel has worked in many roles in educational IT, including help desk, Unix/Linux system administrator, manager and now director. He received his B.S. in computer science from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea Ohio, and earned his M.S. in management information systems at the University of Michigan-Flint. Randy spends a great deal of time planning and implementing cost saving open source solutions over proprietary solutions.

## Lt. Gov. Brian Calley signs legislation expanding opportunities for high school interns



LANSING, Mich. – High school students will now be able to use their internship and work experience toward graduation credits under legislation signed today by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

under certain circumstances to students in grades 9-12 who complete an internship or work experience. The bills are now Public Acts 184 and 185 of 2018.

"This legislation will allow Michigan high schoolers the opportunity to gain real-world work experience while working toward their high school graduation requirements," Calley said.

House Bills 4106 and 5676, sponsored by state Reps. Beau LaFave and Brandt Iden, respectively, would require the boards of school districts and public school academies to grant high school credit

Calley also signed HBs 5726-5729, sponsored by state Reps. Eric Leutheuser, Pamela Hornberger, Jeff Noble, and Brandt Iden, respectively, clarifying existing law and enacting a new law to differentiate between illegal promotional pyramid schemes and legitimate direct selling companies. The bills prohibit a person from establishing, promoting, operating, or participating in a pyramid promotional scheme and create penalties for noncompliance. The bills are now PAs 186-189 of 2018.

Article V Section 26 of the Michigan Constitution gives authority to the lieutenant governor to sign legislation when the governor is out of state.

For more information on this and other legislation, visit [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov).



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

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## SVSU Students to Support Suicide Prevention in 2018 'Battle of the Valleys'



The Saginaw Valley State University community will compete in the 16th annual Battle of the Valleys competition to support a non-profit that focuses on prevention, education and support for people who have been affected by suicide in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Center, formerly known as Survivors of Suicide, was founded by Barb

Smith almost 30 years ago after her brother lost his life to suicide.

Cheyenne Wilton, a creative writing major from Ortonville and the 2018-19 philanthropy chair for SVSU's Student Association, said they chose to partner with the non-profit because of the dedication and passion Smith and the organization show.

"They truly care so much about what they're doing, and with suicide being a leading cause of death for college students, we felt it was extremely important to support a cause so dedicated to preventing suicide and helping people with these thoughts, as well as their families," Wilton said.

"Barb Smith has dedicated her entire adult life to this cause and has built an amazing team and foundation with the ultimate goal of saving lives."

Smith educates both students and adults on how to prevent suicide for oneself and for others, and has worked with SVSU's Department of Nursing to integrate health and behavioral health. She also provides support to people who have been suicidal or have lost a loved one from suicide through both group and individual sessions.

The Saginaw-based organization received a Hero Award for America & Me in 2013, based upon an essay written by an 8th grade student at Pinconning Middle School whose family had received support from Smith.

The student wrote: "I have noticed a big change in my family. They were beginning to do more, and getting out of the house. Suicide is heart-breaking, but with the help of Barb, we healed, and we hoped to spread awareness, because it's okay to ask for help."

SVSU and Grand Valley State University have engaged in an annual charitable fundraising competition since 2003. SVSU has currently won the last 10 years in a row and has won 12 of the 15 years overall.

Between SVSU and GVSU, the universities have raised a combined total of \$601,282 since the competition started in 2003, SVSU has contributed \$389,444 of that total, including last year's amount raised of \$32,115 for the Mustard Seed Shelter in Saginaw.

This year's Battle of the Valleys competition will begin on Sunday, October 21 with fundraising events held all week until the final results are announced during the football game on Saturday, October 27 at SVSU's Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium.

For more information on Battle of the Valleys, please visit [www.svsu.edu/battleofthevalleys/](http://www.svsu.edu/battleofthevalleys/).

For more information on the Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network, please visit [www.suicideresourceandresponse.net](http://www.suicideresourceandresponse.net).

## Fostering Futures Scholarship Applications Due By June 30

With National Foster Care Month ending this week, the Michigan Department of Treasury reminds students who have experienced foster care about the financial resources available to help pay for college, particularly the Fostering Futures Scholarship.

The Fostering Futures Scholarship Program—administered in partnership by Treasury's MI Student Aid, the Michigan Education Trust (MET) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services—provides up to \$3,000 for eligible college expenses to young adults who have experienced foster care. Awards are given based on need and paid to the students' college or university to assist with tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies.

To be considered for a 2018-2019 scholarship, applications must be received by June 30, 2018.

"Many Michigan youth who have experienced foster care want to pursue a higher education, but lack the resources to afford college," said Anne Wohlfert, director of Treasury's Student Financial Services Bureau. "We take pride in being financial advocates for foster care youth and our resources help eliminate barriers that they may encounter."

Since 2012, nearly \$1.1 million has been raised to help support the program through individual donations, group donations, sponsorships, ticket sales, auctions and many volunteer-based fundraising events.

Funds raised during the calendar year are distributed annually to scholarship recipients. Another option for donors, the education endowment, returns a portion of investment income annually as scholarships.

Since 2014, nearly \$4.6 million has been awarded to Fostering Futures Scholarship recipients.

To learn more about the Fostering Futures Scholarship or to apply, go to [www.fosteringfutures-mi.com](http://www.fosteringfutures-mi.com) or contact MI Student Aid at [mistudentaid@michigan.gov](mailto:mistudentaid@michigan.gov), 1-888-447-2687 or follow @mistudentaid on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat.



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**-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS**

# FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

## Where are we going? What are we doing? The importance of roles and responsibilities

A great idea can be the first step in the process of creating something wonderful. Bringing the right people together adds power to the idea. Having roles and responsibilities to guide the work can turn possibility into reality.

If you want your idea to grow, be deliberate about who you invite to join your team. Think about what you are trying to achieve and what it might take to get there. Consider who has the required skills, resources, creativity and connections. Make a list. Know why you are inviting people and what you want from them. Be prepared for ideas, suggestions and leadership you may not have anticipated.

Write down the role and responsibilities you want each person to claim. Share your list with potential team members as you invite their participation. This lets people know what you are looking for, what you want them to do, what they can expect, and how they can best contribute. This can also establish norms for the group and help make sure you and your team don't get overwhelmed or sidetracked.

When inviting people to work with you be prepared for them to suggest a role – or to take on a responsibility – you may not have imagined. That can be a good thing and it can moderate the feeling that you are “boxing people in” with roles and

responsibilities. You want people to bring their best game, to know you have thought through a meaningful role for them to play, and to experience a structure that supports their highest level of participation.

Think about it this way: You bring the right people together. They are busy turning your idea upside down, creating solutions, envisioning partnerships, and identifying resources and connections they can contribute. They spend hours thinking through the ins-and-outs of your idea and have an initial blue-print for how to proceed. At the end of the process, they

learn that their thoughts are appreciated as input, but someone else (not in the room!) will decide how to roll out the idea. If your group members were participating with the understanding that you wanted their best thinking they may just feel they “wasted their time.”

Talented, creative and connected people can help birth or grow an idea and expand its potential. The type of people you bring together – along with defined roles and responsibilities – will define how, when, and if the idea takes root.



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# COMMUNITY

## Saginaw Police Reserves Raising Money for New Vehicle



The Saginaw Police Reserves, an affiliate of the Saginaw Police Department, are raising funds to help purchase a vehicle needed to pull the Police Reserve Equipment trailer. This vehicle would also be used for traffic control and take part in the seventy events the reserves attend each year.

Although the Saginaw Police Department provides the Reserves with the use of patrol cars and radios, the City of Saginaw does not budget for the Saginaw Police Reserves. Any additional equipment, used by the Reserves is purchased through fundraising.

The Reserves is comprised of about 19 citizens who volunteer at least 10 hours of time each

month to various policing duties. The Reserves are limited in their duties and do not have the authority of a regular police officer. They do not carry weapons, but are trained in self-defense and other necessary skills needed to carry out their duties. Some of the duties performed by the Reserves include assisting the regular police with delivering subpoenas, crowd control, writing parking tickets, directing traffic, reporting observed criminal activities, ambassadors of good will, and being an extra set of eyes and ears to help combat crime in our community. Their presence can be seen at many of the City's major yearly events such as Friday Night Live, Fourth of July, Pride Parades, Cinco De Mayo Parade, and at the Temple Theater for security and traffic

control during the fall, winter and spring events held there.

The reserves are seeking help from local businesses to help them better serve our community by helping to purchase a Truck or SUV type vehicle. Any amount is appreciated and will be added to the unit's fund-raising efforts toward the purchase of this vehicle. We hope your selection committee will look favorably on our request.

Interested businesses and individuals looking to donate to the Saginaw Police Reserves fundraising efforts may contact Lt. Harry Davis at 989-482-5426.

# Arnold Center in Midland Receives Renewed "MSHARP" Workplace Safety and Health Status



The Arnold Center, a non-profit community rehabilitation organization in Midland was recently awarded renewal of its Michigan Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (MSHARP) certification from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA).

"MSHARP recognizes successful, collaborative efforts of employees and management, in partnership with MIOSHA toward achieving excellence in workplace safety and health," said MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman. "The Arnold Center received its initial MSHARP award in

2009 and has continued to demonstrate a company culture that prioritizes worker safety that is to be commended."

MSHARP is designed to assist smaller employers with less than 250 employees at the worksite. A priority is given to companies on the MIOSHA

list of high-hazard industries, or who are a part of MIOSHA's Strategic Plan to help them develop, implement and continuously improve the effectiveness of their workplace safety and health management system. The program can then target resources where they are most needed. MSHARP provides an incentive for employers to emphasize accident and illness prevention by anticipating problems, rather than reacting to them.

The MIOSHA Onsite Consultation Program within the Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division operates MSHARP. Onsite

consultants work with employers to help them become self-sufficient in managing occupational safety and health. MSHARP worksites earn an exemption from "programmed" MIOSHA inspections on a yearly basis. MSHARP requires a comprehensive consultation visit and the correction of all serious workplace safety and health hazards. The Arnold Center has an excellent system in place which incorporates each of the seven required MSHARP elements: hazard anticipation and detection; hazard prevention and control; planning and evaluation; administration and supervision; safety and health training; management leadership, and employee participation.

The Arnold Center has facilities in Midland and Gladwin. Since 1967, it has served the tri-county area as a catalyst for improving the quality of life for the people they serve. As a provider of vocational and related training programs and an employer of persons with disabilities, the Arnold Center has developed a proud history of providing state-of-the-art services.

## I Am A Writer



Jeri Darby's writing journey began over twenty years ago when the word of the Lord came to her with these instructions. "Purchase a computer and proclaim to others, "I am a writer!" The next day

she encountered someone starting a local Christian publication in need of writing submissions.

"I am a writer", she announced. That was over 100 publishing credits and three self-published books ago, including two Spanish translations. Jeri is an author speaker and songwriter. Her articles, devotions and poems have appeared in print and online in international publications such as Decision Magazine, The Upper Room, Chicken Soup for the Nurses Soul, A Second Dose and others.

Jeri enjoys outreach and has ministered in jails, prisons, conferences, halfway houses and shelters over the years. Recently, the word of the Lord again came with these instructions. "Get off the sidelines of life, proclaim your age and encourage others to get back in the race!" Right away Jeri launched "Seasoned for this Season" on Facebook Live (Jeri Darby) Mondays at 2 PM EST. These weekly videos benefit not only God's seasoned people; but anyone desiring clarity, confidence and courage to step into their purpose. Jeri emphasizes

the importance of recognizing and obeying the voice of God. By His grace she has hosted over 50 weekly sessions!

Jeri is also celebrating the release of her third book, "Seasoned for this Season, Reflections for Seasoned Singles." The public is invited July 14, 2018 at 12:30 PM at Bread of Life Team Ministries, 3726 Fortune Blvd, Saginaw, MI 48603. Come hear Jeri impart words to inspire, instruct and infuse writers with renewed passion. She will share obstacles and identify strategies to maintain momentum and focus for those on the writing journey.

Jeri releases the resounding message that "No matter how old you are, you are seasoned for this season! Get back in the race, God has need of you!" If you would like Jeri to speak at your upcoming event email [araritypress@gmail.com](mailto:araritypress@gmail.com) or phone 989 717-1031.

# Memories of State Lanes

By Mike Thompson



[www.roadarch.com](http://www.roadarch.com)

Longtime Saginaw-area bowlers are feeling nostalgia.

State Lanes, which opened in 1959, closed at the beginning of June.

The owners for the past nine years, Steve and Ann Doyle, say they tried their best but failed to make a go of it. The building is for sale.

"We knew the bowlers, and we will miss the energy that they always brought to the center," Steve said. "We simply ran out of money."

Steve Doyle graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1977, and the former Ann Conrad became a product of Midland Dow High School during the same year.

They began recreational bowling shortly after their marriage, which is why they were interested in 2009 when State Lanes went up for sale during what then was its 50th anniversary.

Sadly, they discovered that the social and fun activity of bowling -- similar to so many aspects of old-time community life -- already had seen its best days.

Steve explained that when State Lanes opened, and then into the 1960s, Saginaw County boasted 25,000 registered league bowlers. Today's count has nosedived to 1,800.

"The auto plants -- Steering Gear, Grey Iron, Malleable -- all were going full tilt," Steve says. "State Lanes and the other bowling centers were staying open 24 hours a day. Leagues would begin at 1 a.m., at all times around the clock."

Both Steve and Ann have been active in the community. Readers may recognize Ann Doyle's name as a past member of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners.

The couple will move from their Freeland home and move north to West Branch for their retirement.

# \$113,000 in Grants to Support Youth, Economic Development Efforts

(FLINT, Mich. – June 5, 2018) – The Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce today announced the receipt of \$113,000 from several organizations and individual donors in support of afterschool programming, teen employment and economic development efforts in Genesee County.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of these grantors and donors," says James Avery, the Chamber's director of Education & Training. "Their generosity helps our organization make a positive impact through providing area youth and teens with high-quality afterschool programming, pre-employment training and real-world job experiences."

The grantors and donors include:

- A.G. Bishop, \$30,000 (Economic Development)
- Anonymous, \$30,000 (TeenQuest/Summer Youth Initiative)
- Hagerman Foundation, \$25,000 (Summer Youth Initiative)
- Community Foundation of Greater Flint, \$10,000 (Summer Youth Initiative)
- Community Foundation of Greater Flint, \$5,000 (TeenQuest)
- Jennings Memorial Foundation, \$5,000 (YouthQuest)
- Merkley Youth Charitable Trust, \$5,000 (Summer Youth Initiative)
- Stephanie Pasternak and CYMER, \$2,000 (YouthQuest)
- Burroughs Memorial Trust, \$1,000 (TeenQuest/Summer Youth Initiative)

The funding from these organizations will benefit three of the Chamber's youth- and teen-related programs, which are administered by the Genesee Area Focus Fund and made possible with primary financial support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. They include:

- YouthQuest, a comprehensive afterschool program that provides educational, enrichment and physical fitness opportunities for more than 2,000 students in grades K-12 each year
- TeenQuest, a pre-employment and leadership training program for high school students, ages 14-19, in Genesee County
- Summer Youth Initiative (SYI), which connects TeenQuest graduates with summer job opportunities in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors

On the economic development side, the funding will benefit business retention and attraction activities led by the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, according to Tyler Rossmassler, director of Economic Development.

"We're committed to growing the economy of Flint and Genesee County," Rossmassler says. "Our grantors help us do this by supporting our efforts to connect businesses with the resources they need to be successful."

To learn more about the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.flintandgenesee.org](http://www.flintandgenesee.org).

# YMCA of Saginaw Gearing Up for the Best Summer Ever



*courtesy photo*

The countdown to summer is on and kids aren't the only ones looking forward to the summer months.

The YMCA of Saginaw is getting ready for an influx of programming and activities that stimulate both mind and body, in an effort to help children have an amazing summer. "It's important that children both play and learn throughout the summer," says Tina Swanton, Aquatics and Lead Program Director. "From summer camp to swim lessons to providing free meals, the Y is able to support all children in Saginaw and helps them discover and reach their full potential."

Day Camp at the Y provides preschool aged kids with adventure, healthy fun, personal growth and friendships that can take a so-so summer and turn it into a memory that lasts a lifetime. YMCA of Saginaw's camps provide a welcoming environment for kids where they can belong, build relationships, develop character and discover their potential. Day Camp runs weekly from June 18th through August 17th. The YMCA of Saginaw will also be offering specialty camps for STEM, Culinary, Performing Arts and Archery.

Since summer is synonymous with swim season, the Y encourages families to explore the benefits of swimming while also keeping safety top of mind. Through the Y's Safety

Around Water program, parents and caregivers will be encouraged to help their children learn fundamental water safety and swimming skills. During the course, children will learn how to respond if they find themselves in unexpected water situations.

And while each of these programs keep children busy and engaged throughout the summer, kids can't focus when they're hungry. Children who rely on low-cost lunch plans during the school year are at risk of going hungry when school's not in session. The Y's Summer Food Program helps fill that gap to make sure kids can enjoy healthy meals and snacks throughout the summer. The Y will be serving lunches at 11 sites: YMCA of Saginaw, Heart of Saginaw, Green Acres Apartment Complex, St John's ELCA church, Imerman Memorial Park, Haithco Recreation Area, Bliss Park, Deindorfer Woods, Otto Roeser Park, Vets McKinney and Fordney Park. For a detailed calendar, please visit the YMCA website.

Whether it's keeping little ones fed, keeping kids safe around water, or keeping them active and engaged throughout the summer, the Y has a program to benefit all youth in the community.

To learn more, visit [www.SaginawYMCA.org](http://www.SaginawYMCA.org) or call (989) 753-7721.



*courtesy photo*

# Ribbon Cutting: Educational Garden from the Leadership Saginaw Chamber Leadership Class of 2018

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### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, June 28, 2018

4:30 p.m.

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Please join the Saginaw Chamber Leadership Class for a ribbon cutting on June 28, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. for the Educational Garden at KidsCampUs - Saginaw! This project was developed by the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Saginaw Class of 2018 to help provide youth (ages 6 to 18 years old) with a variety of educational opportunities.

The garden will allow them to develop a life-long hobby, give them a greater appreciation of nature, and an increased interest in nutrition, that

tie directly to five core areas of development outlined by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America: Character and Leadership Development, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills, the Arts, and Sports Fitness and Recreation.

The garden will be used to provide a new set of activities to promote education, self-esteem, team building, responsibility, healthy life styles, and an increased respect for the environment.

## The Bigger Fish The Harder to Catch

by David Morley



*"The Lake Trout was caught last year in Lake Huron out of Port Sanilac. As I recall that day we limited out. My bud and I, his boat, had been able to dail in color of Spoon...size of spoon...depth...speed. I recall he was 15 lbs and 30". His adipose fin was clipped so we turned in the head at the fish cleaning station. A few months later we got a letter saying he was released ten years earlier in the st marys river....flavor was great! Oh yea, we were on a south troll at 2.3mph in 90 feet with 1~2 foot waves.....bait was an orange stiptastic on a down rigger down 85 clicks... With blow back we figured 80'. Obviously a great memory..... thanks for letting me share..."*





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July 27	Country Night /Tweed and Dixie	#3353213
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Depart on the Islander weekday mornings at 10:00 a.m., Return at 12:00 p.m. Board at 9:45 a.m. Live Tour Guide presents historical information about the waterway and community. No Groups please (see paid events for group reservations). Limit of 6 tickets per household or party. Route is North M-W-F, South T-TH. Reserve up to 2 weeks in advance online or by phone. Cost covered by sponsors listed.

DATES	TOURS COURTESY OF	EVENT NUMBER
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Depart on the Islander or Princess Wenonah (scheduled vessel varies depending on availability) Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m., returning at 3:30 p.m. Board at 12:45 p.m. Route is North (downriver) Live Tour Guide highlights wildlife, what to see and do in Bay City and points of interest along the river including the Saginaw River Rear Range Lighthouse (river conditions permitting). Adults \$20, Children \$10, Infants free with adult.

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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Gov. Snyder: Communities grow, thrive when leaders work together



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HILLSDALE, Mich. – The city of Hillsdale now has a stronger foundation to build on its forward-looking economic development strategies thanks to Michigan’s Project Rising Tide. Today Hillsdale graduated from that program and welcomed Adrian as a second round Rising Tide community.

Gov. Rick Snyder created Project Rising Tide in 2015 to provide technical assistance and resources to communities aspiring to rise so they, together, can build a stronger framework for economic success.

“Communities grow and thrive when leaders work together to overcome challenges and collaborate on common goals that move regions forward,” Snyder said. “Hillsdale’s graduation today is a symbol of the hard work leaders put in, but it’s also an opportunity to show how Michigan wins when we all work together to create positive change.”

Rising Tide is led by the Talent and Economic Development Department of Michigan and brings additional technical assistance from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the

Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the Talent Investment Agency.

“This is just the beginning of a bright and prosperous future for Hillsdale,” Talent and Economic Development Department Director Roger Curtis said. “And just like Michigan’s comeback didn’t happen overnight, Hillsdale leaders know they must keep their foot on the gas to continue the positive momentum they’ve built together.”

During its time in the program, Hillsdale received technical assistance in creating an economic development strategy and six-year capital improvement plan. It also updated its zoning ordinance, as well as its overall marketing and branding strategy.

“Project Rising Tide has opened a number of doors for our community,” Hillsdale Mayor Adam Stockford said. “The program has done a lot for our city and we’re ready to share our experiences to help Adrian and other communities in our region open more doors to economic prosperity, too.”

Since 2015, Hillsdale has seen seven business expansions and renovations, four new businesses, a 17-year low in its unemployment rate, and a \$2.1 million investment in upgrading the city’s dated infrastructure.

Hillsdale can now share its roadmap and lessons learned along the way with other communities in the region, knowing Michigan is stronger when Michiganders work together.

Hillsdale joins Charlotte, River Rouge, Grayling, Paw Paw and Harrison as graduates. As it passes the torch to Adrian, it will move into a mentorship role to assist its neighbor.

“Adrian is a community that is always up for a challenge,” Adrian Mayor Chuck Jacobson said. “Project Rising Tide has helped many communities around our state and we’re ready to get to work, leveraging the program’s assistance and experience from our neighbor and friend Hillsdale, to grow our region and state.”

## House adpots Kildee amendment to expand job opportunities for veterans



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The U.S. House of Representatives adopted a bipartisan amendment introduced by Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) that will provide more opportunities for wounded veterans to continue to serve the country by working in congressional offices. The amendment was also sponsored by Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy (FL-07), Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (HI-02) and Congressman Brian Mast (FL-18).

The House late Thursday evening unanimously adopted the amendment to H.R. 5895, the defense "minibus" spending bill, which will expand the U.S. House of Representatives Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program. The program provides wounded post-9/11 veterans the opportunity to serve in a two-year paid fellowship within the House of Representatives.

"By investing in the Wounded Warrior Fellowship program, we can expand job opportunities for

veterans, increase the number of veterans in public service and bring the unique perspective of veterans to more congressional offices," said Congressman Kildee. "I am proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation to help veterans transition from their service to new careers back home."

"Our veterans, especially those wounded in the line of duty, have fought hard to protect our nation, and Congress should fight just as hard for them," said Congresswoman Murphy. "The Wounded Warrior fellowship program helps veterans succeed after they leave the military by affording them potentially life-changing personal and professional opportunities to gain experience in congressional offices. Veterans can use the valuable skills they honed in the military to help constituents, including fellow veterans, in congressional districts across the country. I'm proud to work with Congressman Kildee to create

more opportunities for disabled veterans to get the skills, training, and expertise that will help them succeed."

Congressman Kildee's amendment, which has the support of Republicans and Democrats, expands the existing Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program. Currently, there is a waiting list of over 100 congressional offices looking to hire a wounded warrior fellow, but cannot due to the lack of funding. Congressman Kildee's amendment expands the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program so that additional opportunities are available for veterans to serve in Congress. In 2017, Congressman Kildee successfully passed an amendment to expand the program by \$250,000.

Congressman Kildee's remarks on the House floor regarding his amendment can be viewed [here](#).



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## SPORTS

# Kettering University's Atwood Stadium will host the second annual Vehicle City Gridiron Classic



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Kettering University's Atwood Stadium will host the second annual Vehicle City Gridiron Classic to kickoff the 2018 high school football season on Thursday, August 23.

The classic will feature a triple-header featuring the following games between teams across Genesee County:

1 p.m. – Flint vs. Beecher  
4 p.m. - Hamady vs. Byron  
7 p.m. - Fenton vs. Ortonville-Brandon

The concept was introduced by Judge Duncan Beagle, who saw similar events held in other communities. The classic was then organized by the Vehicle City Sports Committee, with support from the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Kettering University and each of the participating school districts. Tickets are \$10 each, which includes admission to all three games.

“Atwood Stadium’s history is synonymous with high school football, and we are proud that the Vehicle City Gridiron Classic has already become a highly anticipated yearly event,” said Dr. Robert K. McMahan, Kettering University President. “We are grateful to the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, Judge Duncan Beagle and to the participating schools for helping this event continue to thrive, and excited to host these games on our campus.”

Last year’s Vehicle City Gridiron Classic had more than 10,000 fans attend the three games.

“The energy and enthusiasm for the inaugural classic was simply fantastic, and a great event for Flint & Genesee,” said Tim Herman, CEO of the Flint & Genesee Chamber. “The event also helped to draw hundreds, if not thousands, of new visitors into the city of Flint to see and experience some of the terrific things that are happening here.”

The Vehicle City Gridiron Classic is one of many

exciting events at Kettering University’s Atwood Stadium this summer. Genesee FC, a women’s professional soccer team that debuted in the spring, hosts their last home game of the season at Atwood on June 29. The Flint Institute of Music’s annual Fourth of July concert and fireworks display is at 6:30 p.m. on July 4. Kettering University’s Atwood Stadium Races -- which include a finish line right at Atwood’s 50-yard line -- are July 21.

Since Atwood Stadium’s renovation and reopening in 2015, more than 40,000 visitors have attended events there.

“When we renovated Atwood Stadium, our vision was to create a world class community venue right in the heart of Flint,” McMahan said. “We are proud to see that vision become a reality, thanks to major events like the Vehicle City Gridiron Classic. We encourage the entire community to come and support these teams.”



## Youth Baseball/Softball Camp at Hoyt Park

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### Camp Registration Form

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# Great Lakes Bay Region Awarded the 2019 US Youth Soccer Regional II Championships



*courtesy photo*

## Region II Championships

Saginaw Township Soccer Complex  
Round Robin: June 21-23  
Semis: June 25  
Finals: June 26

The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series gives US Youth Soccer teams the opportunity to showcase their soccer skills against the best competition in the nation while emphasizing teamwork, discipline and fair play.

Annually, the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series provides the nation's top collegiate coaches with the premier stage to identify and scout the most coveted players in the country.

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Saginaw Township, MI - US Youth Soccer is proud to announce that Saginaw, MI., and the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association will host the 2019 US Youth Soccer Region II (Midwest) Championships as part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series, the country's oldest and most prestigious national youth soccer tournament. The games will take place at Saginaw Township Soccer Complex.

The championships are expected to draw more than 4,100 players and an estimated 12,000 spectators.

The US Youth Soccer Regional II Championships consist of US Youth Soccer State Champions from 14 state associations (including host Michigan State Youth Soccer Association), US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional League Premier Division champions and select wild cards. Following individual state championship tournaments, the Regional Championships are the second leg of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series.

The tournament will attract more than 200 boys and girls teams, ages 13-and-Under through 19-and-Under, from the 14 Midwest US Youth Soccer State Associations that make up US Youth Soccer Region II (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri,

Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio South, Ohio North, South Dakota and Wisconsin).

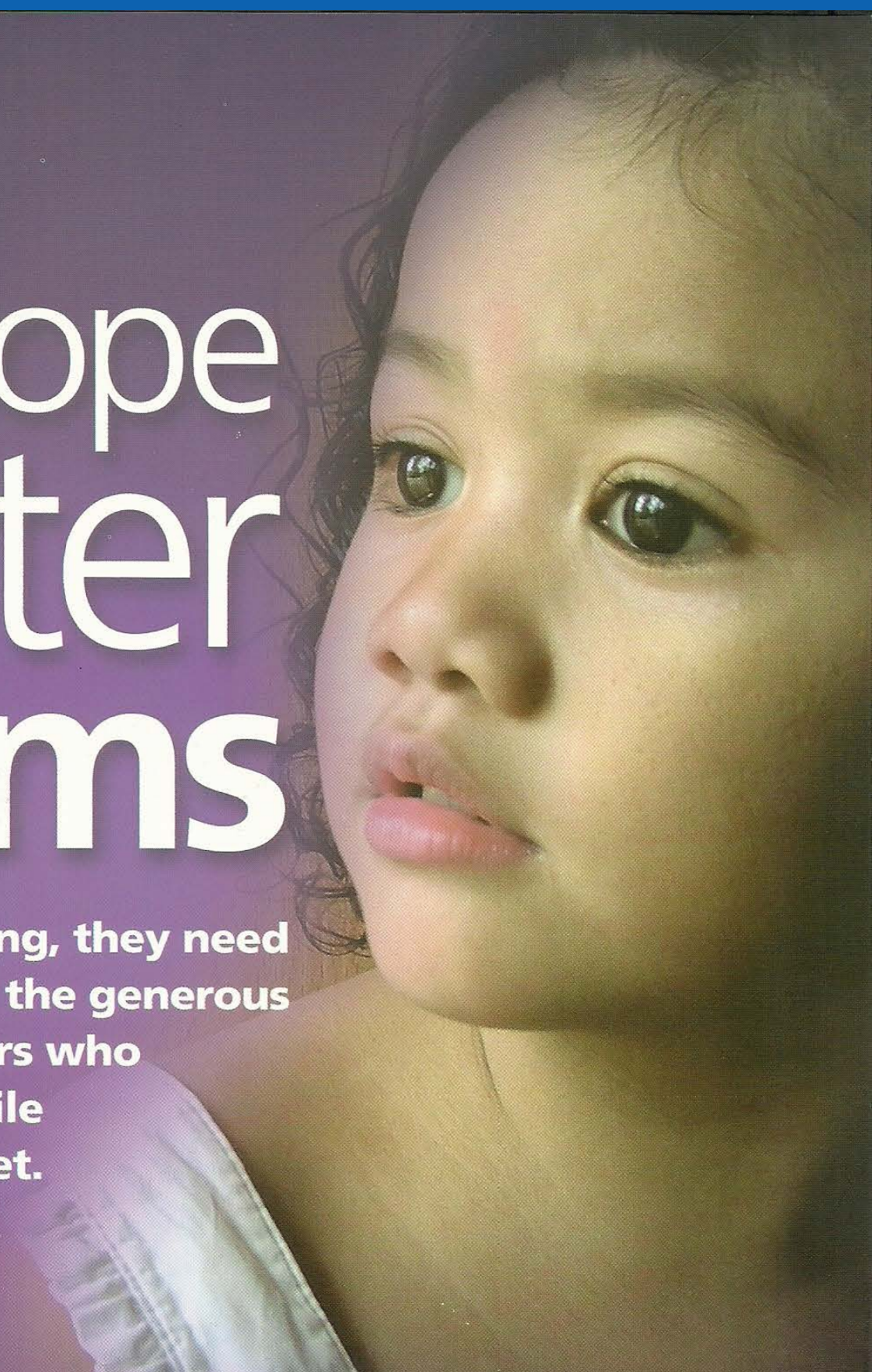
Saginaw, MI., is familiar with US Youth Soccer events as the city also served as the host of the Region II Championships in 2012.

"I can feel the excitement that the Great Lakes Bay Region and Saginaw Township Soccer Association have toward hosting the Region II Championships again in 2019, after successfully hosting our event in 2012," said Jonathan Meersman, Region II Championships Chair. "We look forward to working with the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the local volunteers as they prepare to host another spectacular event."

Regional winners of the 13U through 19U brackets earn a berth to the 2019 US Youth Soccer National Championships in Overland Parks, Kan.

**2019 US Youth Soccer**





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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)



# Shabula

## By Joann L. Washington

# INDIGO SOUL STORY COLLECTION



## Chapter 1 Sea Pearls

The old Frenchman forgot nothing. Some say it was his curse to remember what most desired to forget. They say his great-grandpa was a wealthy slave master, the real deal, a pirate. He sailed the rough waters of the South Atlantic, to exotic places with names like Santa Catarina, Rondonai and Brazil. Arthur De LeRoy took in a brisk and flourishing business with the Portuguese, trading furs, oils, gold, silver, exotic spices and human cargo of slaves. De LeRoy was a hard man, with a gold timepiece for a heart.

He didn't believe in God or mercy. To him and the likes of his crew that labored on the "De Minuet" faith was a myth, nothing more than a poor man's fantasy, and hope, an obscure notion reserved and savored by beggars, fools and the dying.

De LeRoy believed in only one thing and one thing only...making money, and lots of it. The old Frenchman knew the tale much too well about the ill fate of Jakarta, and Randa, the only two people on earth De LeRoy dared to love. But in a twist of fate designed to turn a profit they got caught up in a scheme fashioned by De LeRoy's own hand...it would be a decision he would live to regret.

"Flambouyant bleu," the Frenchmen spoke, he was saying to me "Flamboyant blue" pointing at my delicate flora dress, with soft blue-bell shaped flowers. I smiled, and sat down close to him. There was something delightful and charming about this old gentleman that everyone just called "Frenchie." He just kind of drew you into to his world. He immediately caressed my hand and said something in French. I didn't catch it. The waiter hurried to our table. Again Frenchie quickly barked, "Bonjour! Le petit-déjeuner est prêt!"

I shook my head...and the waved down the

waiter..." S'il vous plaît apporter du vin rouge doux pour ma dame avec croissant. Frenchie shot me a quick wink, and folded his hands. Frenchie weak mouth momentarily pouted in thought.

"How did you know I like sweet red wine?" I beamed at him.

"Please, how does one know anything at all? It's my curse to know these things, qui?"

I shook my head and just smiled, "qui." He placed my hands in his and turned my palms up over and over again, as if searching for something he'd lost. Frenchie's hands were warm and soft. I was summoned to hear his stories...again.

"What are you doing?" I questioned with an enduring smile

"You are the one that will write the story...yes?" he whispered frowning relieving the deepening waves in his forehead.

"Why write it! Everyone here knows your old stories Frenchie...and the..."

"No, no Cherie! Not this story...they know nothing." He said seriously, cutting me off. The waiter hurried back with our order of wine and fresh buttery croissants. I took a serious gulp of the sweet red wine and scuffed down my croissant, while studying the bulging veins in Frenchie's neck as he continued.

"Look at them!" he pointed down from the veranda at the Jakaranda trees that dotted the hilly landscaped below, swathed in swirling patterns of purple. It was a sea of flowering heaven. "Look how beautiful! Bella!! The people walk past them like they are nothing! Are you all blind? Stop and LOOK!" he shouted from the balcony of the café to the cars that scurried underneath the bridge.

"Flambouyant bleu; pearls of the sea...pearls of the sea is what they used to be called when I was boy! Can you believe I was a boy running and playing in that red dust... a hundred years ago?"

He lifted his brows and settled back down into a weary smile. I was rather glad, because I feared he would stroke out in front of my eyes. I smiled back in relief, taking a deep breath. He grabbed his croissant, shrugged his shoulders, and took a big bite.

Frenchie, smiled like a child. His thick tuff of curly white hair slightly bobbed from side to side as he devoured the croissant. Looking at me, he shook his head and said,

"O, la belle, I have lived too long...much too long with this pain. The curse ends with my life, but not with the story!"

He wet his lips and pushed the glass of sweet red wine between them. "Listen, I'm telling you they were as pearls...softer than cotton, with an unearthly robust fragrance like no other. Its pure essence captured nature divine spirit, protected by flower pedals, tightly rolled into clusters of tiny pearl-like balls which naturally shielded the oil from the harsh sunlight. Once removed from the ocean the balls clasped shut...shrinking and sealing itself into a precious treasure."

What the hell was Frenchie talking about? The trees are some kind of pearls? Did the flowers come from the ocean..? I was thoroughly confused by now. But all the same, I fell under the Frenchmen's magic, like a giddy child.

Frenchie dramatically exclaimed how this so-called sea pearls were harvest, then boiled under a slow fire in huge cast iron pots. It took thousands of sea pearls to make an ounce of pure essence oil; the perfume extract fetched a tidy profit for De LeRoy, even more so than gold?



It was a slow and tedious process, but the slave trade was lucrative and with fresh slave's ships docking at the ports of the Western Cape and Port Elizabeth, coming monthly from Kenya, Brazil and the West Indies, workers were plentiful.

De LeRoy became one of the richest men in all of South Africa, during the late 1830s.

Young De LeRoy was thought to be born of American and Spanish blood. His mother's family managed to flee from France during a bloody slave revolution where thousands of freed Negro's and slaves attacked slave and landowners, burdening sugar and cotton plantations and entire families alive, poisoning water and their livestock. In retaliation slave owners attacked churches during Sunday Service, killing hundreds of innocent men, women and children in the streets, cutting off their heads and displaying them on spikes. They settled in Virginia and South Carolina and never returned to France.

De LeRoy never knew much about his father, only that he drifted from cotton plantation to sugar plantation, and then one day vanished onboard a slave ship and never returned.

As a boy he lived between Virginia and South Carolina until 15, then like his father he joined the crew of a merchant's ship and never looked back.

De LeRoy was shrewd and wicked, with a keen knowledge for business. He quickly drew claims on land that stretched far and wide through the waters of the South Atlantic, off the Santa Catarina Coast, which lay thousands and thousands of underwater acres of virgin harvesting. This move angered rivaling Portuguese and US slave ships jockeying to capture their fair share from harvesting Jakaranda sea pearls. De LeRoy had few flaws to speak of; one being his taste for expensive spiced rum and the other his taste for beautiful black women slaves.

It was rumored De LeRoy fathered over 20 slave children which proved even more profitable for his business. He sold many a slave that he ravaged at auctions. The unborn children of pregnant slaves proved a successful "two for the sell of one scheme." De LeRoy kept immaculate records of this practice and business of the South Atlantic to the upper most tip of the North Atlantic was part of his slave trading route.

The ships log from the "De Minuet" chronicles his every move which the Frenchman kept locked in a secret place. De LeRoy's signed ledgers served as living prove of the validity and incredibly ironic tale of Arthur De LeRoy's life and how he brought the Jakaranda trees to flourish in South Africa.

## Chapter 2

De LeRoy postulated a hard athletic built, but was not overly handsome with his stubborn jaw and tight dark eyes that could pierce through stone. De LeRoy took his fair blonde hair after his mother Rosella. He could scarcely remember her face and struggled to conjure up the three invisible little faces of his sisters, he abandoned a lifetime ago.

As far as he knew they were all consumed and brought down low by brokenness, and the shame of poverty; their frail and miserable existence was doused out by the Black Death, which all seemed fair and just in De LeRoy's mind. This reassured him that no wandering De LeRoy siblings or cousins would ambush his fortune or his comfortable lifestyle.

De LeRoy had been in business for nearly 25-years, never married, and hadn't laid eyes on his blood family in a decade. He amassed a king's fortune and was getting on in years. De LeRoy but still dealt heavily in the slave trade and harvesting sea pearls for perfume exact. By 1860 he was a still a desirable bachelor and decided it was time to take on a proper paper-wife, and start a family. Make no mistake his only goal was to produce an heir to the De LeRoy fortune, nothing more.

He owned numerous proprietaries all over South Africa, Americans, and Brazil and in other parts of the world with names most civilized people never heard of, let alone could pronounce. De LeRoy built a speculator mansion in the Western Cape to impress and attract high society ladies to wife.

And so began his awkward quest to stay on dry land longer enough to marry, make babies, and head back out to sea. In the summer of 1841, De LeRoy married a plain simple woman, small in stature with pale white skin, with beautiful long red hair, her only saving grace. Sophie Schworm was her name. Six months later she fell into the family way pregnant, after the birth of their first born son Herbert Kelly De LeRoy. De LeRoy Senior went back into the gales of sea, risking all for profit, trade and to make love to his mistress, Shabula.

De LeRoy had fathered six children with his wife Sophie, but only four lived. They had three sons, Herbert, Scot, Pretorius, and Jozini his sickly daughter with his wife Sophie. He also fathered 5 children by the slave woman Shabula, but only two lived, Jakarta and Randa; his beautiful twin, mulatto daughters bewitched him. De LeRoy found freedom and pleasure with his slave woman and unapproved family.

He purchased her from an American slave captain passing through the Netherlands, for a barrel of Spanish rum, one full ounce of perfume extract,

and two weathered crew members. She went bare breast and bare foot naturally, only wearing short animals hides neatly tucked around her delicate waist. This slave trading heathen; made for profit, enemy of Christ was smitten by a beautiful slave. Of course he hid his love for this girl slave from the world, but carefully documented his every thought in a hidden compartment within the slave log.

De LeRoy found freedom and pleasure with his slave woman and unapproved family. Shabula's bare breasts curved full and high. She was silky charcoal-black with arch eyes, sculptured cheekbones with full African lips. She went bare breast and bare foot naturally, only wearing short animals hides neatly tucked around her delicate waist. De LeRoy gave her braided polished chains of silver from the north of Spain and finely crafted serpentine jade earrings to accentuate her blackness.

Shabula was no stranger to the dark, and knew how to follow the rough and hard tide of De LeRoy's lovemaking. She washed him, and then caressed him with the sweet but aggressive gentleness of her mouth that guided him into a rapturous explosion of forbidden pleasure, that freed him from the world. It made him quiver and thrust his head backward, swinging his hard body forward, to lift her up from the waist and plunged himself deep inside her.

Shabula molded herself into his body, and became his creature, his tool, for however long. Afterwards, came the slow massage with hot oils, blended from fragrant mixtures of almond and sea pearl extract...De LeRoy believed something in these mix oils bewitched him

Shabula took great care to wash him in a mysterious alchemy of precious smoothing oils. Pleasuring De LeRoy was her duty and she did it with perfection, Shabula mastered the art of pleasure with one goal in mind...FREEDOM!

De LeRoy gave her braided polished chains of silver from the north of Spain and finely crafted serpentine jade earrings to accentuate her blackness. De LeRoy found easy and relaxing. He spent long periods of time away from Sophie and his legal family. De LeRoy found living with Sophie increasingly repressive. Her vivacious appetite for attention and approval was suffocating.

The twin girls never knew De LeRoy as their father; they called him Big Man, because he was tall and with big hands. They lived on a modest, well-protected farm outside Pretoria, surrounded by sloping vineyards. On side was the farm of the hill they raised horses, chickens, pigs, cows and goats.

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