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Credit Unions Impact Saginaw Making a Meaning Difference



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Credit Unions Impact Saginaw is celebrating 5 years of impacting the community by providing access to local events and attractions to help enrich the lives of local residents and the community as a whole.

This year they wanted to do something extra special for students to commemorate

this anniversary, so they brought in two nationally renowned speakers, Elizabeth Smart and Travis Mills, to the Dow Event Center for area high school students to hear their stories of strength and perseverance. Credit Unions Impact Saginaw was thrilled that over 1,300 high school students attended!





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Hello Fellow Citizens of Saginaw,

Greetings from your friend, Frederick Douglass. I am writing to you on this 24 th day of September from Baltimore, Maryland where I was invited to speak during the 104th Annual Conference of the International City and Community Managers Association. How remarkable that this conference of City Managers from across the globe is convening at the same time the good citizens of Saginaw are in the midst of reimagining a new and more vibrant city. After meeting those leaders and comparing notes on what other communities are doing to improve themselves, it is my humbled opinion Saginaw is leading the nation both in spirit and in truth.

It was also a great surprise to find city managers from Saginaw and Detroit in the audience in Baltimore beaming with pride as I went on bragging about the spirit of cooperation between Saginaw's government, businesses, churches and

schools. I talked at length with Mr. Russ Taylor from the Thomas Township and fortunately we found someone with a camera to capture the moment in the picture you see here. It was an inspiring conversation and I took the liberty to invite Mr. Taylor to your upcoming event on November 2 nd , 2018 at the Horizons Conference Center in which you will be joining the Mr. Jerome Buckley and his staff at the newspaper to celebrate 16 years publishing The Michigan Banner News.

Now, your challenge for the month of October is in the realm of education. It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men. With that realization in mind, let us move forward in this school year with a mindset that we all have a shared responsibility to insure the children in our community get the best education possible. Start early in the home learning them the A B C's and buy them books. Pull them away from the modern devices and take

them to the library for the day. Work with their teachers to measure their progress. Encourage your older children to read as I did, the classics; Whitman, Dickens, Homer and the great slave narrative "12 Years a Slave" by Solomon Northrop, and the great poets; Wheatley, Wordsworth, Whitman and Shakespeare as well as the authors of your day. Take it from me, this Maryland colored boy, born a slave; everything that I accomplished in life, I can mostly attribute to this one simple fact; learning freed my mind and thus my body followed. You cannot enslave free mind. Imagine the tragic ending to this story, had I broke the chains from my body and ran away from my master but never educated myself to read and write. Frederick Douglass would have lived a life of mental bondage and never been able to write you this letter.

I am Firmly Attached and Forever Your Friend,
Frederick Douglass - Abolitionist
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ELECTION GUIDE

In this Oct. 1 edition and the next two editions, The Michigan Banner will present a three-part election guide.

Today we feature state-based "Trump Referendum" votes for governor and U.S. senator. We also explore three state ballot proposals (legal pot, gerrymandering, voting rights), Michigan Supreme Court, state senator, and state representative.

On Oct. 16, The Banner looks forward to local concerns that include three Saginaw Board of Education seats, a rare contested election for Delta College trustee, and a controversial ballot proposal for the countywide Saginaw Intermediate School District to take control of the Saginaw Career Complex from the City of Saginaw School District.

On Nov. 1, The Banner will feature the civil rights importance of voting. This will include how Pastor Roosevelt Austin, now a 92-year-old elder, nearly lost his young life Down South fighting for voter registration. Also, we will provide an advance sample ballot to prepare for going to the polls.

And so, tell your friends. Let's make get-out-the-vote be like a chain letter.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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CMU Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month 2018

Hispanic Heritage Month at Central Michigan University is celebrated annually September 15 to October 15. In conjunction with other national celebrations, we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States, Michigan and CMU. Join us in celebration of Hispanic heritage and culture.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Latino Alumni Chapter Annual Career Information Session
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access in Fundraising and Philanthropy

We were recently asked to speak to the Memphis Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). The following is part three of our remarks. We share these as we believe they are important to all of us who care about the future of fundraising, philanthropy and the nonprofit sector.

Inclusion, diversity, equity, and access have to become a part of our capacity and infrastructure. These have to be part of how we build our programs and organizations, how we interact with each other, and how we allocate our resources. Our organizations have to represent the diversity of who we serve — and we have to stretch to serve all aspects of our community.

Think about the time, research, and energy that goes into identifying, cultivating, soliciting, and retaining the major donors who support your organization. Those who provide leadership gifts may have been giving for years or decades. They may have been engaged and cultivated over the years by people who no longer with the organization. Or, they may be new to your organization because you took the time to find them, cultivate them, and uncover shared values or relationships. You have to do put the same energy and attention into inclusion, diversity, equity, and access.

Today's talented fundraisers value diversity and inclusion and use these to build and sustain fundraising teams for today and the future. As you build your team, look for new talents. Look for people who can understand the different

communities within our community, and how they can contribute to your organization.

It Starts at the Top

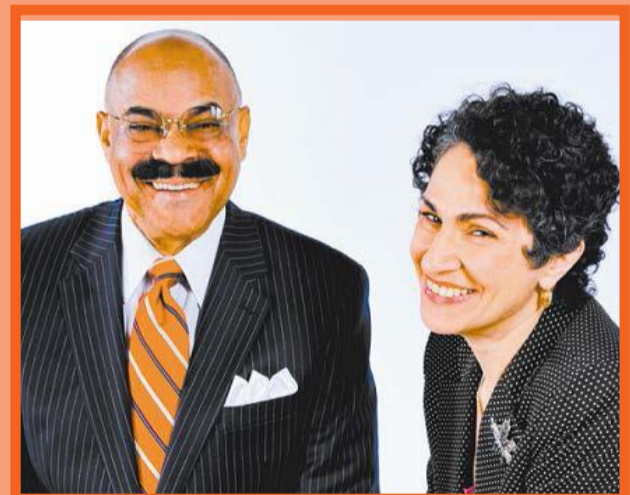
A commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access starts with an organization's vision and is made manifest through policies and practices. Our commitment is made manifest through who we hire, the projects we focus on, the collaborations we create, and how we develop our boards.

As leaders, we need to check our "tolerance for intolerance." We need to examine our implicit and explicit biases. We need to examine and modify our policies and practices. It is time for us to increase the ways in which we hold each other accountable — within our organizations and within our sector. There are no easy answers — there is only a way forward that is together.

Inclusive fundraising invites more people to the table. Inclusive practices encourage us to ask who is missing, and to take action to invite others in. And it means we follow up on our invitations with actions that encourage new members to share their highest talents, their relationships, their experiences, and priorities.

Equally important is the economic impact of our decisions and how we spend the money we raise. Who are our accountants, building contractors, endowment managers, event planners, real estate agents, and insurance representatives? Who provides graphic design services, janitorial supplies, technology? Who do we buy office supplies from? Who provides the food or snacks? Who do we bank with? If our organizations serve black people, are we willing to bank with Tri-State Bank, a Memphis-based black-owned bank?

Part three of a four part series. Look for part four in October 16 edition!



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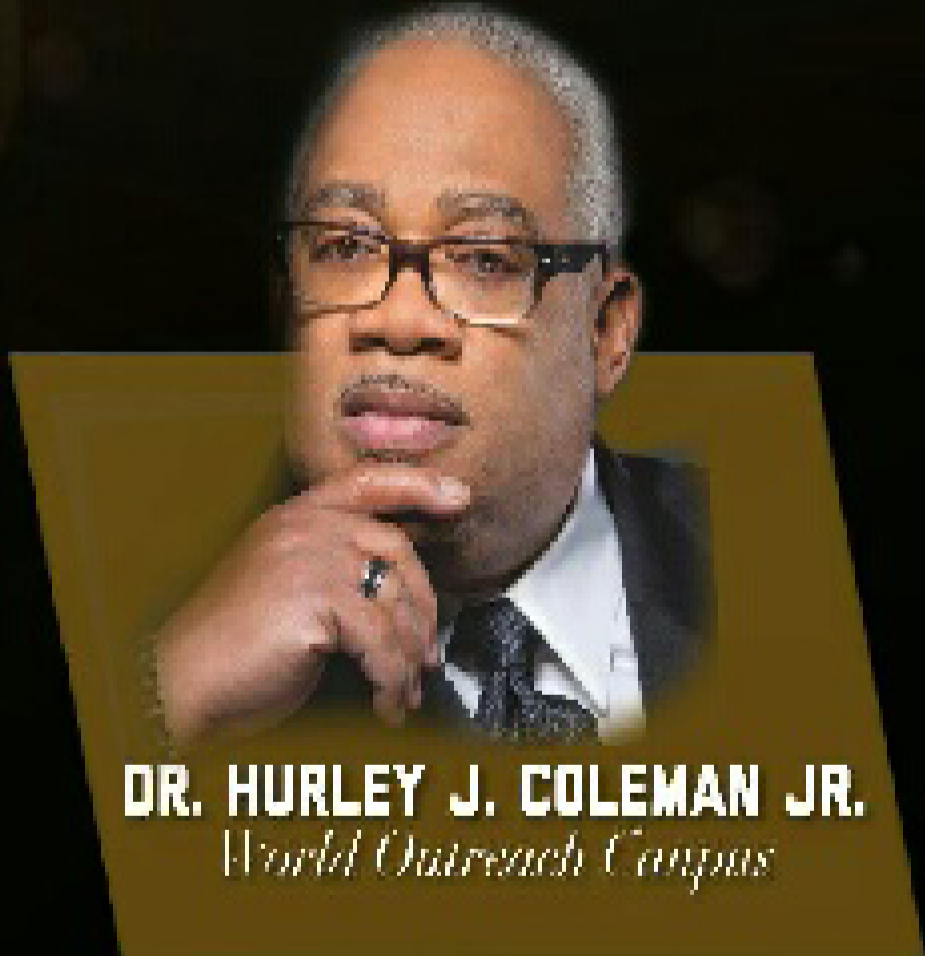
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One activist: The real meaning of voter turnout

By Mike Thompson



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(NOTE: The following is a reprint of a feature report from 1993, or 25 years ago, but it still carries a message here in 2018. Hopefully Rosa Holliday's example will help inspire readers to register-to-vote themselves, and encourage family and friends before the Oct. 9 deadline. To register, contact your municipal clerk's office.)

On Tuesday night, election evening, the digital clock in the dashboard reads 7:05.

Rosa Holliday is sitting in a van at the Heavenrich Elementary School polling site, leading a tired team of get-out-the-vote volunteers.

They had started 12 hours earlier, before the sun was up, handing out handbills and knocking on doors.

"Let's go out and do one more street," Holiday urges.

Others hang their heads. The sun by now has gone back down.

"The people who are at home are in for the night," one volunteer pleads.

But Holliday insists, and she steers her van down South 20th Street to Perkins, hangs a right turn and parks. Team members disembark.

At her first door, she knocks with no result. She knocks again. A young woman finally answers.

Rosa does not introduce herself or launch a long-winded speech.

"Did you vote?" she asks, straight to the point.

Jody Barry responds, "No. I don't know. I was too lazy, I guess."

But then she finally promises to make the three-minute

drive to Heavenrich prior to polls closing.

Holliday, clad in tennis shoes and casual clothes underneath her pea-green overcoat, celebrates while strolling to the next home.

"See?" she calls out to fellow volunteers across the street. "I got another vote. Every vote counts!"

NO BREAKS IN THE ACTION

Rosa Holliday, an office accountant executive in everyday work life, has a reputation for her enthusiasm.

"You go out with Rosa," says another group leader, John Pugh, "and you never get a rest."

But a positive attitude on this mid-term election day is difficult to maintain.

At group headquarters in the gymnasium of Zion Baptist Church, organizers are charting precinct turnouts. The numbers are disappointing. At mid-afternoon, many still are below 10 percent.

Pugh and others are broadcasting on WTLZ-FM 107.1 in a radiothon, with scant results.

Holliday gobbles down a quick lunch of Chinese takeout while the Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Zion Baptist's pastor, takes his turn on the airwaves and invokes the memory of Ruben Daniels, who had passed away that summer at age 75.

"The spirit of Mister Ruben Daniels will be restless in heaven today," Austin intones in his deep voice, "because you're not getting out to vote."

He recalls that during the late 1950s in Louisiana, he was among a group of five young men in St. Landry Parish who led a lawsuit for the right to vote.

"I guess I get more emotional about voting than the younger people," he explains. "Among the five of us, one was killed. Me, I was only threatened."

Holliday listens, and then heads back out for another trek into neighborhoods where many were not yet born at the time when Austin risked his then-young life.

SPREAD THE WORD

Wendy Bryant, 29, answers her door on Ledyard Street and says she already has voted. She holds up her ballot stub. Rosa thanks her and asks her to contact relatives and friends.

"We are really having a hard time getting the people out," Holliday tells her.

"I know," Bryant answers. "It's terrible. People just don't seem to know the importance of it."

Next, Holliday comes upon a middle-age man in his garage, working on his car. He tells her he can't vote because he recently moved and failed to re-register.

A friend of the backyard mechanic drives up, wearing oil-stained overalls.

"I can't drive all the way to the polls," he says. "This isn't my car. I'm returning it."

Holliday invites him into her passenger seat for a ride, oil-stain be damned.

BEWARE OF DOGS

While Holliday is gone, City Councilman Gary Loster picks up the door-to-door slack.

Before he opens a fence gate, Loster whistles and imitates a dog bark.

"I was at a house earlier that had a couple of pit bulls," he explains, laughing.

Two young women are not really interested and say they don't have a ride. But then a friend, 20-year-old Danicka Woods, arrives in the driveway. The three promise to go and vote.

Woods explains, "For him to be out walking, as cold as it is, he really must be concerned."

She says she will vote for the second time in her young life. Her two friends never before have voted.

Loster's spirits are lifted, but soon they will sink back down. He's greeted like an unwelcome door-to-door salesman.

The next neighbor says, "No, I haven't voted, and I don't intend to." Another response simply is a dismissive, "Have a good day."

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Holliday lets up only after the polls have closed. She returns with her volunteer crew to Zion Baptist, wishing she could make more impact.

"It just disgusts you sometimes," she laments. "You pass out the information before the election, you work hard, you come out full steam on election day, and you wind up with a lousy turnout like this."

Still, she estimates she reached somewhere close to 100 folks who otherwise would not have voted.

"I get so geared up when the voting starts," she says. "It's difficult to wind down. I'll be back."

HEALTH

Flint families can get nutritious food at mobile food pantry in October



courtesy photo

LANSING, Mich. – Flint families may get nutritious food that can limit the effects of lead exposure during mobile food pantry hours set for October at locations throughout Flint.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are announcing the upcoming schedule for mobile food pantry stops to distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron. Produce expected to be available to families in October includes squash, cabbage, sweet corn, onions, carrots, green beans, potatoes, bell peppers and eggplant.

More than \$300 million has been provided to help the residents of Flint, including this initiative. Food distribution sites remain open while supplies last. Future dates by location are:

Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.

- Monday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 8, at 10 a.m.

- Monday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 29, at 10 a.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road.

- Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 10 a.m.

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties, 910 Chippewa St.

- Tuesday, Oct. 2, at noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 9, at noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 16, at noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 23, at noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 30, at noon

Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.

- Thursday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

Hispanic Tech Center, 2101 Lewis St.

- Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m.

Flint residents can also pick up free nutritional food at the three Flint Help Center locations. They are Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Highway, open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays; Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road, open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Highway, open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

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Opening of MidMichigan Health Park – Bay Draws Large Crowd

More than 300 were in attendance for the open house celebration of MidMichigan Health Park – Bay on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The new facility at 3051 Kiesel Road (Bangor Township) is located on the corner of 2 Mile and Kiesel Roads, next to John Glenn High School.

Taking part in the celebratory ribbon cutting were (pictured left to right): Dana Burkley, chief department administrator for orthopaedic surgery, Michigan Medicine; Glenn Rowley, supervisor, Bangor Township; Paul Berg, M.D., president, MidMichigan Physicians Group; Diane Postler-Slattery, Ph.D., FACHE, president and CEO, MidMichigan Health; Staci Tuggle, ambassador, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce; Matt Felan, president and CEO, Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, and Jen Idalski, ambassador, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Not pictured: Family Physician Tiffany Thalappillil Philip, D.O., MidMichigan Physicians Group, and Jeff Walker, contracting business development officer, Michigan Medicine.

This new state-of-the-art facility provides a

one-stop shop for the most frequent health care needs of Bay City and surrounding areas. Designed with community input, MidMichigan Health Park – Bay includes family medical care, WellSport (sports medicine) and orthopedic care for adults and children, Michigan Medicine specialty clinics, as well as services such as lab blood draws, X-Ray, physical therapy and more. Patient amenities include friendly greeters, an online registration system, relaxation zones for companions to wait while loved ones get their care, heated massage exam chairs in some of our family medical care rooms, soothing lights and music, beautiful artwork in partnership with Bay City’s Studio 23, and the convenience of multiple services under one roof.



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Michigan residents urged to take steps to lower their risk of liver cancer during Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Hepatitis B and hepatitis C are leading causes of liver cancer

LANSING, Mich. – Between 2004 and 2015, liver cancer incidence increased 46 percent in Michigan. As part of Liver Cancer Awareness Month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) urges Michigan residents to learn about the leading causes of liver cancer and the steps they can take to reduce their risk.

“Liver cancer is the sixth leading cause of cancer deaths in Michigan,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Early detection can help lower liver cancer risk. Talk to your healthcare provider about possible risk factors and hepatitis testing.”

Chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C are leading causes of liver cancer, making up 65 percent of factors contributing to liver cancer incidence in the United States.

The hepatitis B virus (HBV) is transmitted from person to person through contaminated blood or body fluids. HBV can spread from infected mothers to their infants at birth, through unprotected sex or through contact with blood or body fluids of a person who has the virus. In 2017, there were 1,237 newly reported diagnoses of chronic hepatitis B in Michigan.

Hepatitis B disproportionately affects Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI). In Michigan, Asian Americans had the highest incidence of chronic hepatitis B from 2012 to 2017 compared to other racial or ethnic counterparts. In addition, AAPI have historically been the racial/ethnic group most affected by liver cancer.

The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a blood-borne pathogen and is transmitted from person to person through the contaminated blood of an infected individual. In 2017, there were 12,062 newly reported cases of chronic hepatitis C in Michigan. In the United States, an estimated 3.5 million Americans are living with a hepatitis C

infection, and persons born from 1945 to 1965 make up 75 percent of those cases. Only 50 percent of the 3.5 million Americans living with chronic hepatitis C infection, however, are aware of their current infection.

MDHHS urges persons born from 1945 to 1965 to lower their risk of liver damage and liver cancer by asking their healthcare provider for a hepatitis C blood test. MDHHS also recommends testing for persons with hepatitis C risk factors.

More recently, there has been increases in the rate of new hepatitis C infections related to injection drug use and young adults. The primary risk factor for HCV transmission is sharing needles, syringes or drug preparation equipment.

During Liver Cancer Awareness Month, take steps to lower your risk of liver cancer by:

- Identifying your risk for hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Take the CDC’s 5-minute online Hepatitis Risk Assessment tool: Cdc.gov/hepatitis/riskassessment.
- Getting tested if you are at risk— ask your healthcare provider for the test.
- Protecting yourself and your loved ones from hepatitis B. Ask your healthcare provider for the hepatitis B vaccine.
- Talking to your doctor about treatment options if you are currently infected with hepatitis B or hepatitis C.
- Avoiding excessive alcohol consumption.

For more information on viral hepatitis and testing and vaccination recommendations, visit Cdc.gov/hepatitis or Mi.gov/hepatitis. For more information on liver cancer and viral hepatitis, visit Cdc.gov/hepatitis/featuredtopics/livercancerandhepatitis.htm.

SVSU hosting event to prevent traumatic injuries, plus blood drive and flu vaccinations

Saginaw Valley State University is hosting several events to educate individuals on how to respond in emergency situations by heightening awareness on how to respond when someone is in life-threatening danger.

Sessions are planned Wednesday, Sept. 26 from noon to 6 p.m. at SVSU's Health and Human Services building and the Thompson Student Activities Room in the Student Center.

Life Net and Covenant Healthcare representatives will be present to present “Stop the Bleed,” a national initiative to help save lives when a person has experienced a traumatic injury. Mobile Medical Response and Kochville Township Fire Department representatives will also be at the event to discuss their role in disaster management and triage.

Along with the learning activities, Michigan Blood representatives will be on campus hosting a blood drive and Covenant Healthcare and SVSU Nursing will be offering flu vaccinations from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For the vaccinations, it is recommended to pay in advance at the Campus Financial Services Center, but participants can pay in cash the day of the event.

Attendees who donate blood and attend the “Stop the Bleed” one-hour certification session can enter to win a \$25 gift card to Chili's or Panera Bread.

There will be SVSU nursing student volunteers to direct participants to particular events or to provide information on where an event is being held.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



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Breast cancer is the **second leading cause of death** among women behind heart disease.



Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated **2,350** men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately **440** men will die from breast cancer each year.

Risk Factors

GENDER

- Simply **being a woman is the main risk** factor for developing breast cancer.
- Breast cancer is **100 times more common** in women than in men.

AGE

- Roughly **1** out of **8** invasive breast cancers are found in women younger than 45, while about **2** out of **3** invasive breast cancers are found in women age 55 or older.

GENETICS

- About **5%** to **10%** of breast cancer cases are thought to be hereditary (i.e. gene defects).
- Those with a first degree blood relative (mother, sister, daughter, etc.) who has had breast cancer are approximately at **double the risk** of developing the disease. Those with two first degree relatives are at approximately **three times the risk**.

LIFESTYLE CONSEQUENCES

- Alcohol consumption is linked to an increased risk of developing breast cancer. Compared with non-drinkers, women who consume **1** alcoholic drink per day have a very small increased risk. Those who have **2 to 5** drinks per day have about **1.5** higher more risk of developing breast cancer.
- Being **overweight or obese** after menopause increases breast cancer risk.

RADIATION THERAPY

- Women who have had **radiation therapy** to the chest (including the breasts) **before age 30** have an increased risk of developing breast cancer throughout their lives.
- Studies show that the younger a woman was when she received treatment, the higher her risk of developing breast cancer later in life.



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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Shaheen Development Announces Three Story Mixed Use Development



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Construction is now underway on an \$8.6 million, three story mixed use building located at 101 East Main Street, on the corner of East Main Street and Saginaw Street, across from the Dow Bay Area Family YMCA. The building will feature office and retail uses on the first floor, and thirty residential apartments on floors two and three. The first floor consists of 19,000 square feet of commercial space. Professional office, commercial and retail spaces are currently available for lease.

The new building will further develop the 43 acre waterfront & modern urbanist inspired neighborhood that has proven to be a very successful addition to Bay City. Currently all the residential condominiums built in phase one have sold. Uptown Bay City is home to Dow Chemical, Chemical Bank, McLaren Bay Region, Michigan Sugar Company, Raymond James, CMU RC, Uptown Grill, the Real Seafood Company, a Marriott Courtyard Hotel, Don Angelo's Aveda Salon, and many other fine independent retailers

and small businesses.

The new building will feature one and two bedroom apartments appointed with stainless appliances, hard wood floors and quartz countertops. One bedroom units will be approximately 900 square feet, and two bedroom units approximately 1,100 square feet. Rental rates will start at \$975 per month for one bedroom units and \$1,150 per month for two bedroom units. Residential units will be available to move in by the end of 2019.

The 101 E. Main Street development promotes walkability, supports residential living in downtown, increases the local tax-base, and aligns with the City of Bay City's identified housing priorities.

"We are excited to have more people move into Uptown. More residents who will enjoy the outstanding quality of life that Bay City has to offer," says Pete Shaheen, Vice President

of Shaheen Development, Uptown Bay City's developer.

Residents will enjoy easy access to the Dow Bay Area Family YMCA, the Riverwalk, shops, restaurants, parks, and festivals.

Trevor Keys, President and CEO of Bay Future adds, "When the Uptown Bay City Project was announced in 2012 this was the vision laid out by Shaheen Development: A place that was accessible to all, was a part of the community, full of energy, attractions, comfort, and commerce. Piece by piece, this monumental vision and undertaking, has taken shape, catalyzing efforts in and around Uptown that translates in to real economic growth, quality of life, sense of place, and jobs for our community. We are very fortunate to have that leadership and vision in Bay City and look forward to continuing to work together to build a robust future here."



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EDUCATION

SVSU earns National Award for Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion



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A national publication again has recognized Saginaw Valley State University for its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education, selected SVSU as a recipient of the 2018 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award.

SVSU will be among the 95 institutions featured in the November 2018 issue focusing on HEED Award recipients. SVSU first earned the distinction from INSIGHT Into Diversity in 2016. Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, said SVSU was chosen for “showing an exceptional commitment to recruiting and retaining students and employees through their unique programming and initiatives.” “Their strategic plan includes recognizing their many goals as they move forward over the next several years, and we hope being the recipient of such a prestigious national award will help the campus to be impactful and intentional in their efforts,” she said.

Donald Bachand, SVSU president, said he was

pleased to learn SVSU was being recognized with the HEED Award. “SVSU prides itself on creating an environment that empowers the diverse population of our campus, as well as our surrounding communities,” he said.

Mamie T. Thorns, SVSU's special assistant to the president for Diversity Programs, said one of the university's top priorities involves fostering inclusive dialogues that make room for every voice to be heard.

“Every race, every nationality, every gender, every sexual orientation, every religion, and everybody has a place on our campus,” she said. “This would not be possible without our students, faculty, staff and administration, who work so hard so that we can meet our standards for diversity and inclusion.”

SVSU offers a variety of academic programs and community-minded initiatives that support diversity and inclusion in the Great Lakes Bay Region. To name a few examples, the university for years has served as a sponsor of the Great Lakes Bay Region's MLK Celebration; The Pride Center at SVSU provides resources for individuals in the LGBTQI community;

the university established the Great Lakes Bay Regional Youth Leadership Institute; and the campus regularly hosts guest speakers to address topics that affect under-represented populations.

Among the new initiatives SVSU pursued recently included an expansion of the university's diverse scholarship and financial aid offerings. The initiative – supported in part financially by private donors, alumni and community partners – paved the way for more students than ever qualifying for aid at SVSU.

Pearlstein said selecting HEED Award recipients involved a comprehensive and rigorous application process that included questions relating to the recruitment and retention of students and employees - and best practices for both - continued leadership support for diversity, and other aspects of campus diversity and inclusion. “We take a detailed approach to reviewing each application in deciding who will be named a HEED Award recipient,” she said. “Our standards are high, and we look for institutions where diversity and inclusion are woven into the work being accomplished every day across their campus.”

Four New Programs Available at Delta this Fall



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Delta College recently created four new degree programs that will greatly serve the local and regional community and Delta students. The four new programs are a degree in Journalism and Integrated Media, degree in Digital Forensics, a certificate in Office Professions - Virtual Assistant and a certificate in Medical Office Professions - Medical Scribe.

"Most of our new programs come from faculty and businesses working together to say 'how can we sell this need'," says Virginia Przygocki, the Dean of Career Education/Learning Partnership and Director of Academic Support at Delta. "We look to discover what new skills and competencies are being expected."

These new programs provide new and exciting opportunities for Delta students, as they unlock new career pathways, allowing students to pursue a degree in one of these fields that will

help them to become employed after graduating.

"The number one thing that we want for our students is to give them a valuable, quality education in order to be employed," says Przygocki. "At Delta, you can get a degree in two years or under that will get you employed."

New Programs

Journalism & Integrated Media

This new associate's in applied arts degree was created to help align Delta's offering to meet the needs and demands of the new journalism landscape. This 62-credit, two-year program, designed in consultation with Central Michigan University (CMU), will provide you with a way to further your education and earn your bachelor's degree. Jobs in this field are projected to have a four percent growth in the region, but this is expected to increase as 26 percent of current workers in this field are 55 years of age

or older.

Digital Forensics

This associate's in applied science is now under the supervision of the Criminal Justice discipline. This new degree can be earned in two different areas. The first one is in Digital Forensics, which is a two-year, 62-credit degree, and the other is in Corporate Digital Forensics, which is also a two-year program and is 63 total credits. The career field for this degree is estimated to experience a 17-20 percent growth in Michigan with an estimated 130 new jobs available in the Great Lakes Bay Region over the next six years.

Office Professions – Virtual Assistant

This program is offered 100 percent online, creating educational and employment opportunities for you regardless of where you live. It is set up as a 26-credit advanced certificate program that runs through two fall semesters and

Mott Community College Celebrates Peace and Dignity for all People

26th Annual PEACE & DIGNITY Observance



Keynote Speaker: Ms. Judy Pamp
Monday, October 8th @1pm
MCC Event Center

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Mott Community College will celebrate and recognize the Peace & Dignity of all peoples with two events, a Native American ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 11 a.m., and a presentation on Pre-European Contact and the transition from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day on Monday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. in the Event Center on the main campus in Flint.

The Saturday ceremony, designed to promote cultural and racial harmony, will be held at the Peace & Dignity tree on the south side (facing Court Street) of the Mott Memorial Building at 11 a.m. Directly descended from Native American rituals, the program features the People of the Four Colors ceremony, rededication of the Peace and Dignity Tree, ceremonial dancing and drumming. This event is free and open to the public.

Monday's presentation on Pre-European Contact and the transition from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day by Judy Pamp will be at

1 p.m. in the Event Center. Pamp is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and Assistant Director of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. She served as Chair of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Tribal Education Advisory Board for 10 years, currently chairs the Isabella County Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion Education Committee, and serves on the Michigan Indian Education Council Board.

"We are excited to have Ms. Pamp share her insights into, and knowledge of, the history of Indigenous People's and their contact with Europeans in North America," said Jessica Esperanza, Spanish Instructor, International Institute Chair and Foreign Languages Co-Coordinator.

The Monday event will also include community members representing People of the Four Colors. Each individual will provide brief remarks.

This year's invited community members representing the Four Directions are:

Yellow

Dr. Rama Rao, M.D., Pain Control Management

Black

Robert Matthews, Assistant Vice President of Workforce & Economic Development at MCC

Red

Emily Naganashe, Interim Youth Pastor, Fenton United Methodist Church

White

Susan Frownfelter, Executive Director of Young Life

The Peace & Dignity program is co-sponsored by the Foundation for Mott Community College and MCC Office of Academic Affairs.

Bay County Library System Earns 2018 State Librarian's Excellence Award

LANSING – The Bay County Library System (BCLS) has earned the 2018 State Librarian's Excellence Award for its superior customer service, State Librarian Randy Riley announced today.

Riley presents the annual award, including \$3,000 in privately-donated funds, at the Michigan Library Association's annual conference in Novi on October 17, 2018.

“With all of the great libraries in Michigan, it’s very difficult to pick just one for this award,” Riley said. “The Bay County Library System has transformed its community by providing vital opportunities to learn and connect. Community is at the forefront of everything it does.”

The Library of Michigan Foundation and Library of Michigan (LM) present the State Librarian's Excellence and Citations of Excellence awards each year to highlight the important services provided by Michigan's libraries.

The 2018 Citations of Excellence went to the Morton and Richmond township libraries in Mecosta and Palmer, respectively. Each library receives \$1,000 for the honor.

The State Librarian's Excellence Award is sponsored by the Roger and June B. Mendel Fund through the Library of Michigan Foundation. The Citation of Excellence Awards are funded by Martin L. Gibbs in memory of his late wife, Carole Sorenson; and the Library of Michigan Foundation, in recognition of former Executive Director Carolyn “Sparky” Mowery.

“Receiving the State Librarian's Excellence Award is a wonderful testament to the good work the staff at Bay County Library System does every day,” BCLS Director Trish Burns said. “Making the library an integral part of the community is what we’re all about. We love to partner and collaborate and actively try to find ways to say ‘yes’ to new opportunities for our patrons.

“We're grateful for a wonderful community and a supportive board of trustees who let us take chances and embrace new ideas.”

Excellence Award evaluation factors include:

- Demonstrating that the library provides superior service to its customers and community in a cost-effective manner, with a can-do attitude;



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- Always delivering on promises; and
- Fulfilling the library's commitment to high standards of customer service

The award selection committee was comprised of representatives from public, school, academic and special libraries.

Riley said BCLS was recognized for its partnership with Saginaw Valley State University to create the Bay Area Writing Center, housed at the Wirt Library. The center offers free writing workshops and one-on-one tutoring to everyone in the community.

Under Burns' direction, the staff has strategically increased its outreach countywide. Staffers regularly visit senior centers, assisted living centers, and foster care visitation centers to bring the library to the community. BCLS also organizes blood drives, serves as a collection point for baby blankets and children's coats, and collects school supplies for students in the fall.

Receiving Citations of Excellence, Morton Township Library and Richmond Township Library also are being recognized for their devotion to customer service.

Morton Township Library prides itself on providing open and equal service to the community. It actively fosters life-long learning in diverse programs, while providing digital content; developing programs for children, teens and adults; and creating an after-school Discovery Club.

Richmond Township Library, in Marquette County in the Upper Peninsula, serves about 900 residents. Almost half of local families actively participated in the facility's family summer reading program this year, and its winter adult programs regularly attract 25-plus attendees. For a small community, these programs have a big impact.

\$63,000 raised at seventh annual Fostering Futures Scholarship event; More than 500 foster youth who go to college will benefit this year



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DETROIT, Mich. – More than 500 foster youth will receive college scholarships following the seventh annual Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Benefit Dinner held Thursday, September 20, at Waterview Loft at Port Detroit.

Thursday's event was attended by about 225 guests who raised \$63,170 for scholarships through Michigan Education Trust (MET), the Michigan Department of Treasury's 529 prepaid college tuition program. So far this year, MET has raised \$106,746 for the scholarships.

The dinner, silent auction and raffles, including a \$100 raffle with a two-year lease for a 2018 Cadillac XT5 as the top prize, benefit youth who have experienced foster care in Michigan. This year's event was at Waterview Loft at Port Detroit.

A partnership between MET and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) makes Fostering Futures Scholarships possible.

"Many youth who have experienced foster care want to go to college, but they have barriers that are not faced by other teens interested in pursuing a higher education," said Robin Lott, executive director for MET. "Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors and guests, we can make the dream of college a reality for students exiting foster care."

About 13,500 youth are in the Michigan foster care system run by MDHHS. Fewer than 10 percent of former foster youth nationally enroll after high school and fewer than 3 percent eventually earn a degree.

"I look forward to these events every year because of the opportunity they provide to foster youth, and because of the incredible partnerships that we have to make dreams a reality for them," said MDHHS Director Nick Lyon.

Carolyn Clifford, anchor for television station WXYZ Channel 7, emceed the event. She shared

stories of how her mother opened her home to children as a foster parent.

Anyone who could not attend Thursday's event can make donations to the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund by visiting www.fosteringfutures-mi.com. Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund is a Section 170 (c) non-profit organization. All contributions are eligible for a federal tax deduction.

Since 2012, fundraising efforts have totaled more than \$1.2 million, with all funds awarded as scholarships in the year they were raised.





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Community Ventures Receives National Award



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The Community Ventures program, which helps people who are structurally unemployed get back to work, has received national recognition from the International Economic Development Council, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley announced. Calley and Saginaw Future, Inc. accepted the Gold Excellence in Economic Development award in the equity and inclusion category at the IEDC annual conference in Atlanta.

“Community Ventures creates second chances for people who likely thought they’d never be able to have a career,” Calley said. “This program is changing lives and improving communities across our state and we couldn’t be prouder of its success.”

Gov. Rick Snyder created Community Ventures in 2013. It is a public-private partnership providing support and resources to participants, including a success coach that helps from job placement

through at least one year of employment. Saginaw Future applied for the economic development award on behalf of the Saginaw area, touting the impressive progress of the program where more than 2,000 participants have been placed in full-time jobs at 24 different businesses. Job sectors with new employees include manufacturing, construction, healthcare and customer service. The program is run by the Michigan Talent Investment Agency in partnership with the 16 Michigan Works! Agencies across the state.

“We’ve been a partner with the state of Michigan since the Governor launched the program,” said Saginaw Future President JoAnn Crary. “It has been tremendously successful in Saginaw, resulting in meaningful employment and a dramatic decrease in crime. The program has addressed key barriers to employment while providing access to wraparound services that

ensure greater success.”

Participants who have kept their jobs for one year or more have been able to support themselves resulting in a savings of \$2.2 million in public assistance benefits, according to a study done by the Michigan Office of Performance and Transformation. The program is credited with reducing violent crime and unemployment in the Saginaw area, where violent crime has been reduced by 74 percent since 2017 and unemployment has gone from 16 to 10.1 percent.

Community Ventures operates statewide and has helped more than 6,600 Michiganders secure employment opportunities since its creation. For more information visit www.mitalent.org/community-ventures.

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Saginaw Choral Society Announces New Youth Choir



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Saginaw Choral Society is partnering with the YMCA of Saginaw to offer a new youth initiative, the SCS Youth Choir. This new SCS Youth Choir partnership program will add something new and different to the many wonderful programs the YMCA already offers for young people. All children ages 8-15 years old are welcome to join, no audition needed! Youth Choir rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm at the YMCA of Saginaw on Fordney St., beginning October 7, 2018.

The 2018-19 season of Youth Choir will be separated into 3 different eight-week sessions, each concluding with a concert performance. Parents can register their child for one, two or all three sessions, it's completely up to them. Cost is \$50 per session or \$110 for all three, with discounts for multiple registrants. Singers whose families are members of the YMCA will also receive a discounted tuition.

Important dates for the 2018-19 Youth Choir season are:

Session 1:

- Rehearsals: October 7, 2018 - December 2, 2018
- Concert: December 9, 2018

Session 2:

- Rehearsals: January 6, 2019 - February 24, 2019
- Concert: March 3, 2019

Session 3:

- Rehearsals: March 17, 2019 - May 19, 2019
- Concert: May 26, 2019

When asked about the new initiative, Youth Choir Director, Emerald Joiner, said "I can remember always being in a choir as a kid. I grew up in a community that had many opportunities for youth to sing. I remember the friends I made, the songs we sang, but most importantly, I remember how it felt to be a part of something. That something was so grand that it brought together people from all walks of life. Those people became my friends and together we created music. That is what the SCS Youth Choir is all about. Our youth need a musical community of their own to grow together

and connect, so come sing with us!"

For more information and to register, parents are asked to attend a Youth Choir Parent Meeting on September 30th at 3pm, also held at the YMCA of Saginaw. If parents are unable to attend the parent meeting but would like more information, an email can be sent to emerald@saginawchoralsociety.com for next steps.

Executive Director, Tamara Greffe, adds, "This is a fantastic opportunity for our kids. The YMCA's community driven mission is something we believe in. The only difference is that the Choral Society connects to the community through singing. It's all part of providing opportunities for our young people to become healthy, productive, confident members of the society when they grow up. We believe music can be a huge part of that education and growth, and besides, singing together is just tons of fun!"

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Receives Grant



courtesy photo

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of 561 applications to compete for MCACA fiscal year 2019 funding.

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local and other statewide support of the Museum's 2019 Exhibition Program include the Michigan Humanities Council, Saginaw Community Foundation, Samuel L. Westerman Foundation, and Saginaw Valley State University.

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts and cultural experiences.

"State support of the nonprofit arts and cultural institutions and programs in the Great Lakes Bay Region benefits all of us. The fun and educational opportunities that institutions like the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum provide through their summer art camp program are tremendous for our kids, and the outstanding exhibition program they offer enhances our entire region," said State Senator Ken Horn.

The grant funding will support four exhibitions: Motor City Icon, The Spirit of Detroit, Oct. 5, 2018 – Jan. 19, 2019; VISIONARY: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times, March 8 - June 29, 2019; From Swords to Plowshares: World War II Metal Trench Art, July 10 – Sept. 25, 2019; and WAR-TOYS: Israel, West Bank and Gaza Strip, July 10 – Sept. 25, 2019.

The Motor City Icon, The Spirit of Detroit exhibition comprises works by 18 Kresge (Foundation) Visual Arts Fellows, including sculpture, painting, video, photography, fiber, drawing, and print. Artists are Lynne Avadenka, Corrie Baldauf, Jeanne Bieri, Susan Goethel Campbell, Annica Cuppetelli and Crystobal Mendoza, Olayami Dabls, Ed Fraga, M. Saffell Gardner, Bruce Giffin, Oren Goldenberg, Carole Harris, Scott Hocking, Sydney G. James, Chido Johnson, Nicole MacDonald, David Philpot (posthumously), Senghor Reid, and Robert Sestok. Other components of the exhibition are a historical aspect with correspondence, sketches, drawings, and clippings about the commission, creative process, and dedication of The Spirit of Detroit; dozens of ephemera and objects that have been manufactured using The Spirit image; a Spirit of Detroit animated film by Chicago videographer Bill Holland; and a gallery talk by Detroit Free Press business writer John Gallagher about how political cartoonists have used The Spirit of Detroit to convey their messages.

AMERICAN VISIONARY: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times commemorates President John

F. Kennedy's private life and public trajectory, bringing together images from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Getty Images, private collections, and the Kennedy family archives that capture public and private moments from Kennedy's life. The exhibition is based on the book "JFK: A Vision for America in Words and Pictures" by Stephen Kennedy Smith and Douglas Brinkley (2017).

From Swords to Plowshares: World War II Metal Trench Art "offers a glimpse into the dazzling array of objects known as 'trench art,' a term that applies to any item made by soldiers, prisoners of war, or civilians from war material or any other material associated with armed conflict." The metal trench art objects in this exhibition are as varied and unique as the military and civilian artists who created them, dating from the origins of this brass art form in the trenches of France during the First World War, to post World War Two pieces.

WAR-TOYS: Israel, West Bank and Gaza Strip is toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance/ Exhibits USA. Brian McCarty's photographic works interpret children's therapeutic drawings and offer a rare yet fascinating insight into the contemporary experiences of Palestinian and Israeli boys and girls. McCarty is an internationally exhibited artist and toy industry veteran whose postmodern integration of concept and character has earned his photography a prominent position in the Art-Toy and Pop Surrealist movements.

"This grant not only supports the museum's 2019 Exhibition Program, it also supports all the educational programs related to the exhibitions," said Museum Director Marilyn Wheaton. "I want to thank the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for recognizing the value and importance of the arts in our lives and for supporting museums that exhibit the work of gifted artists," she added. "I also want to acknowledge our Great Lakes Bay Region's elected officials in Lansing who support the work of the State Arts Council with an annual budget allocation, the result of which is a healthy cultural environment for Michigan residents, visitors and tourists."

For more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum's website at www.marshallfredericks.org.

The Museum is on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University. It is open Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Judy Zehnder Keller will be honored by Underground Railroad



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Judy Zehnder Keller, president of the Bavarian Inn Lodge, will be honored at Underground Railroad's 3rd Annual Empowerment Dinner and Celebration on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Composer Room of the Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center.

Zehnder Keller is being recognized for her community leadership and commitment to helping others. In particular, she has shown unyielding support of women in leadership throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. She has a long history with Underground Railroad, and has supported its mission to empower survivors and create a culture of safety and respect in Saginaw County. She employs many women and has heard first-hand stories from staff members who experienced physical and emotional abuse. She has also been witness to the strength and courage that survivors of abuse show when rebuilding their lives.

Zehnder Keller built her life on the foundation of service her parents began in the 1950s with the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. She officially began serving at the restaurant at the age of 15 and worked in a variety of roles, eventually creating the Bavarian Inn Lodge in 1986. Zehnder Keller is part of the third generation of Bavarian Inn Zehnders in the family business.

In addition to being president of the Lodge, Zehnder Keller is president of Frankenmuth Gift Shops Inc. and Frankenmuth Cheese Haus, which is celebrating 50 years of business this year.

Underground Railroad is the only provider of emergency shelter and programs for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human slavery in Saginaw County. Annually, over 4,000 families access services.

Underground Railroad is honored to recognize Judy Zehnder Keller for her community leadership and commitment to others by awarding her the 2018 Underground Railroad Empowerment Award.

Stardust earns STBA's 'Spirit' award



courtesy photo: Pictured are, from left, STBA President, Julie Tacktor, and Danae Hunt, Stardust Entertainment Center representative

One of the longest-standing business on Bay Road, Stardust Lanes, is this month's recipient for The Saginaw Township Business Association's Spirit of the Township Award.

Stardust Entertainment Center (Stardust Lanes), 3750 Bay Road, recently completed an expansion that includes a concierge desk, four escape rooms, a third bar and dining area with 26 taps and seating capacity for 200, as well as 70 brand new arcade games, a prize store, a party zone, bumper cars, two-story laser tag, and a private mini suite with four mini lanes and state of the art audio and visual effects.

Remodeling is currently underway for a new, refreshed VIP suite as well.

"The business has been invested in the Saginaw Community for many years, and continues to reinvest into the community, which is why they are a great example and recipient of our Spirit of the Township Award," STBA representatives said.

The business got its start on a stroke of good luck when its first owner, who also owned State Lanes, used his winnings from a trip to Las Vegas to open the Stardust Lanes location.

It was purchased in the early 1980s by Gary Richards (who also until the 2000s owned Candlelight Lanes in Bridgeport and State Lanes).

The business, the original location of which serves as one of the longest-standing businesses on Bay Road, now offers, besides the new renovation, 25 public lanes, a taproom, Whiskey Wall, VIP suite, full-kitchen, an Aces Lounge, 70 new arcade games, and more.

The Spirit of the Township Award recognizes businesses that contribute to the sense of community, progressive culture and exceptional business climate of Saginaw Township.

To be considered for the STBA "Spirit of the Township" award, STBA members may self-nominate or a nomination can be made by others for a business that exemplifies the spirit of the township. Awardees are presented with a plaque of recognition and will be featured in upcoming editions of the Township View.

An electronic nomination form can be obtained by contacting maryloufeldotte@charter.net. Forms are also available on the STBA website, by clicking on the "newsletter" link.

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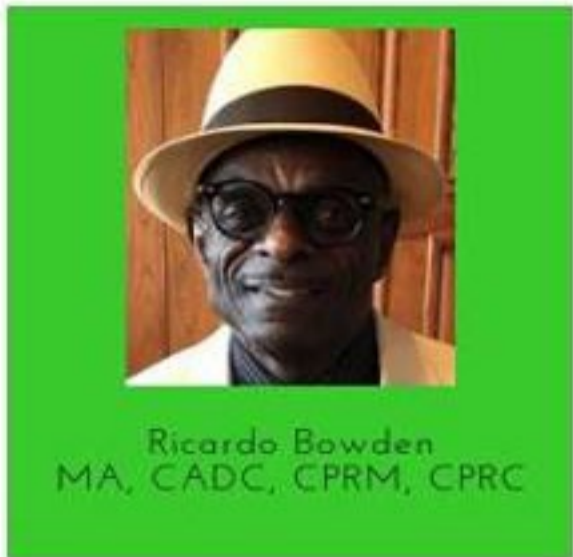
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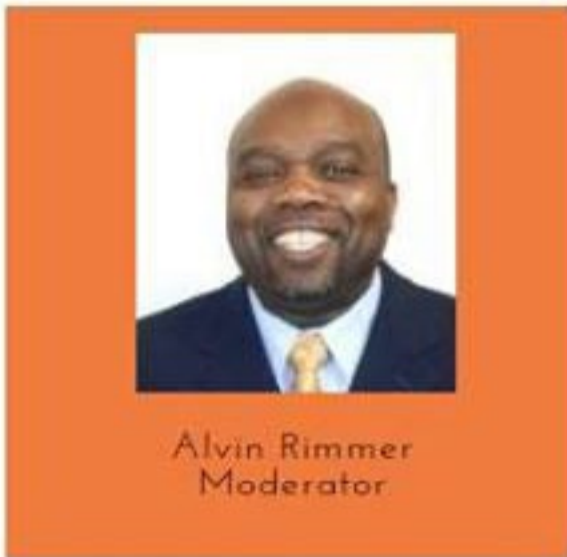
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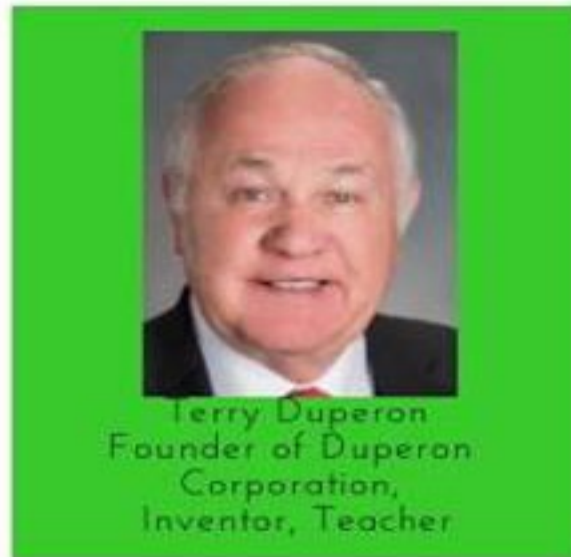
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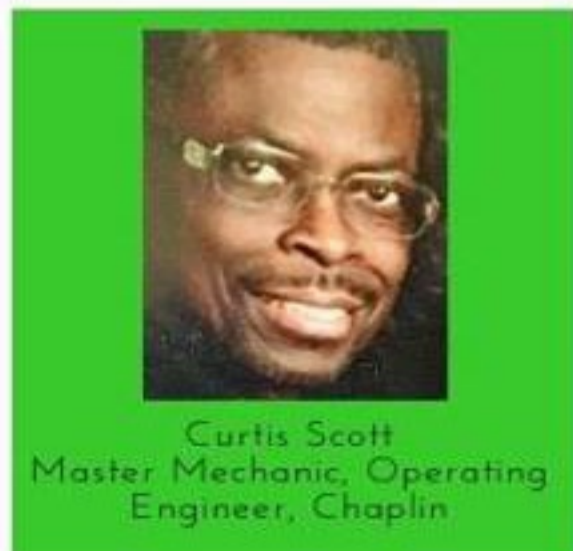
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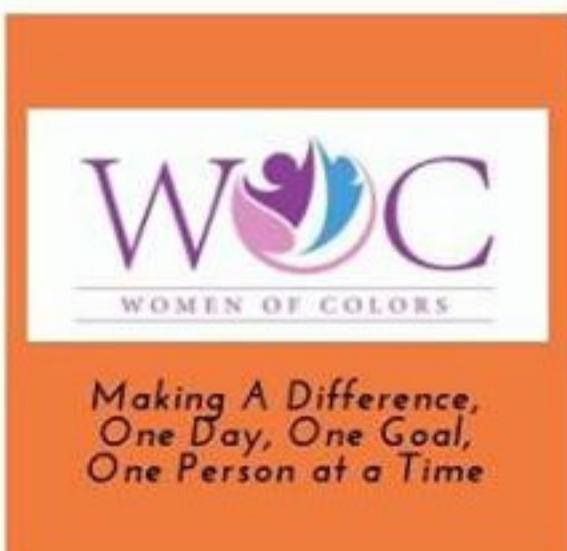
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The logo for 'I'M STILL A MAN' features a circular design with silhouettes of a man and a woman. The text 'I'M STILL A MAN' is arched at the top. Inside the circle, various social issues are listed: Abuse, Fatherless, Drug, Addiction, Unemployment, Profiling, Mental Disorder, Police Brutality, Incarceration, and Abuse. The Women of Colors (WOC) logo is at the bottom.

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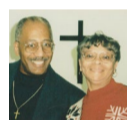
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Republican Bill Schuette vs. Democrat Gretchen Whitmer

By Mike Thompson



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In some ways, Michigan's 2018 contest for governor is similar to the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign. In other ways, it's not so similar.

Schuette identifies with Donald Trump, to the point where he takes extra steps to make sure voters are aware of Trump's endorsement. But unlike Trump, Schuette is a lifelong public official. He has experience as a U.S. congressman and a state senator, and in between he lost a challenge to former U.S. Senator Carl Levin. He formerly was the head of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and served as a judge on the state Court of Appeals. Most recently, he has been state attorney general under term-limited Gov. Rick Snyder.

Whitmer's politics are in line with Hillary Clinton, a moderate progressive without reaching as far as a Bernie Sanders or an Elizabeth Warren, But

unlike Hillary, Whitmer brings no marital ties nor a familiar name to the table. She served a full six years in the state House and a maximum eight years in the state Senate, taking leadership roles within a Democratic minority that has grown increasingly frustrated in the GOP-controlled Legislature. Her most recent experience has been a brief stint as Ingham County prosecutor.

Michigan's governor election is part of a national mid-term referendum on Trump, but it also reflects a traditional faceoff on Republican vs. Democratic philosophies. Schuette embraces lower taxes for businesses and upper-scale individuals, while Whitmer would give larger breaks to lower incomes. Whitmer would promote a larger state government role in health care, while Schuette would rely more on the private sector. Schuette carries the state Chamber of Commerce's endorsement, while Whitmer is backed by labor

unions. Etcetera, on down the line.

One contrast in strategy, at least so far, is that Whitmer has refrained from extensively criticizing Rick Snyder, while the Schuette campaign has linked Whitmer with Snyder's predecessor, Jennifer Granholm.

Snyder's running mate is Lisa Posthumus Lyons, a six-year state House member and former Kent County clerk. She's the daughter of former lieutenant governor Dick Posthumus. Whitmer opted for an outsider in Garlin Gilchrist II, a young political activist whose name became known during the August Dem primary, when he barely fell short of ousting the incumbent Detroit city clerk. He previously lived in D.C. and worked for Barack Obama's 2008 campaign.

OTHER STATE RACES

For state attorney general, Schuette's departure creates a vacancy. Republican Tom Leonard, speaker of the GOP-controlled state House of Representatives, faces Dana Nessel, former Wayne County assistant prosecutor. The attorney general confronts an array of issues that range from criminal imprisonment to environmental regulations to illegal immigration.

For secretary of state, the post also is vacant because term limits have forced out Republican Ruth Johnson. Democrat Jocelyn Benson, former dean of Wayne State Law School, squares off against the GOP's Mary Treader Lang, a certified public accountant who serves on Eastern Michigan University's Board of Regents.

The ballot also contains trustee candidates for the state's three top universities -- Michigan State, Michigan and Wayne State.

(On other pages in this edition, see separate preview reports on U.S. Senate, Stabenow vs. James; and Michigan Supreme Court, Republicans aim to keep control.)

"Yes' or 'No' on Michigan ballot proposals?

By Mike Thompson

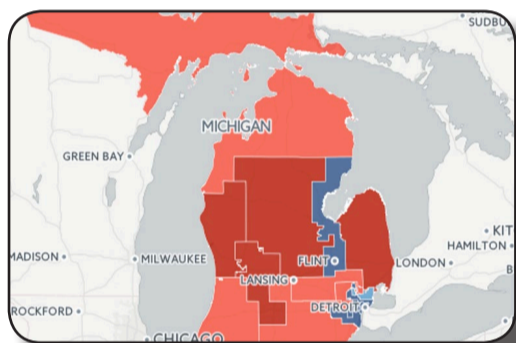
State ballot initiatives can be just as important, if not moreso, than the candidates we elect. Three are on the Nov. 6 ballot.



PROPOSAL 1 LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

A "yes" vote would make Michigan the nation's 10th state to legalize personal use of marijuana in limited quantities. A "no" vote would continue criminal penalties that have contributed to mass incarceration that has caused the prison population to skyrocket, especially among racial minority groups.

The age limit would be 21, compared to 18 for alcoholic beverages. The tax would be 10 percent.



PROPOSAL 2 COMBAT GERRYMANDERING

A "yes" vote would combat setting district boundaries in favor of the political party in power, which most recently has been Republicans ever since the 2010 census. The practice is known as "gerrymandering" and has been deployed in the past by both Republicans and Democrats, often leading to odd-shaped districts that on a map resemble insects, or long skinny worms. A "no" vote would allow gerrymandering to continue.

For obvious reasons, most Democrats support a vote in favor of fighting gerrymander tactics and most Republicans are opposed, seeking to maintain the status quo.



PROPOSAL 3 PROMOTE VOTING RIGHTS

A "yes" vote would increase access to the ballot box and would help Michigan challenge a national trend of restrictions on voting. Some groups have described these restrictions as efforts to repress voting by people of color. A "no" vote would fall in line with President Trump and his supporters who have made unfounded allegations of massive voter fraud.

The proposal would amend the Michigan Constitution, preventing the Legislature from weakening the effect. Supporters include the normally-neutral League of Women Voters.



BLOCKED FROM THE BALLOT

In early September, the Michigan Legislature adopted a minimum wage increase initiative, officially removing the proposal from the November ballot. This was controversial, with the Legislature's Democratic minority accusing the Republican majority of making a back-door move to potentially keep wages lower in the future.

Republican legislators previously removed two other ballot proposals. They adopted a weakened version of paid sick leave and approved a strong, outright repeal of the union-backed prevailing wage.

Democrats assert that the GOP actions to kill ballot proposals are a reason to vote "yes" on Proposal 2, to combat the gerrymandering that has helped to keep Republicans in power in state government.

State House 95th District campaign

By Mike Thompson

Years ago, this district covered only the City of Saginaw. Because of population loss, it now also includes Zilwaukee and Bridgeport, along with the townships of Carrollton, Buena Vista, James, Kochville and Spaulding. Incumbent Vanessa Guerra is seeking her term-limited third two-year term, opposed by Republican Dorothy Tanner.

(D) VANESSA GUERRA



In the State House of Representatives, I sit on the House Law and Justice and Judiciary committees, and serve as the Minority Vice Chair for the House Elections and Ethics committee.

My commitment and passion to bring positive change to the 95th District is rooted in my deep connections to this area. I was born and raised in Bridgeport Township, and I credit my diverse community and the hardworking teachers and staff of the Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District for preparing me for success at the University of Michigan, where I double majored in Latino Studies and Political Science.

From an early age, the importance of both social equality and education have been impressed upon me. My great-great grandfather, Reuben Garcia, was a founder of La Union Civica, an organization that promotes civil rights and education for members of the Saginaw Latino community. After college, I continued that legacy through my work with the American GI Forum, where I was active in raising money for and distributing scholarships to assist Latino youth in pursuing their academic

dreams. I also provided guidance to local youth on how to achieve their educational and career goals through work as an academic advisor at Delta College.

Recognizing that I could do more to assist our youth by improving the community as a whole, I ran for Bridgeport Township Trustee in 2012. During the summer of 2013, I served as a Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan Intern in the Saginaw County Prosecutor's Office, and later served as a volunteer advocate for victims of domestic violence in the Third Judicial Circuit Court in fall 2013. I graduated from the school of law at the University of Detroit Mercy with my Juris Doctorate in December of 2016.

During my tenure in the Legislature over the past four years, I've witnessed several disturbing trends in the way my colleagues in the Republican majority "solve" issues the state is facing. Local control continues to be eroded, and more and more decisions are taken away from local elected officials who truly have their fingers on the pulse of our communities rather than distant Lansing politicians. Leadership has repeatedly chosen to ignore or subvert the will of the people by preventing ballot initiatives from being voted on or by attaching token appropriations to make the laws unable to be repealed by the people. Lastly, funding levels for everything from infrastructure repairs to K-12 schooling have consistently failed to meet independent estimates that would address those failures.

I truly believe that we can make serious progress on making our state a better place for all of us, but it won't happen unless people are willing to ask tough questions and make the difficult choices needed to set our state on the right track.

(R) DOROTHY TANNER

I have a BA degree in elementary education. I taught full-time in Howard City, Michigan, before moving to this area. I also have subbed in many schools, K-12, before I was married and again after my children were in school. I also worked at Sam's Club doing food demos until our jobs were outsourced. I am a senior citizen and have been a widow since 1995.

I have worked with the Women's Christian Temperance Union to teach children and youth the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and other



drugs on the body. I did this in schools and youth camps. I also work with my local church in outreach programs and missions.

I am running for the state House to give voters a choice and to give conservatives a voice. I feel that all people should be represented and not just those who vote the same way I do. I was called by Republican Party leaders and asked to run.

I encourage people to vote for individuals and not one party or the other. The party is not going to represent you. I feel Trump is doing a good job and much more than I really expected. Too many lies are being spread in the media, and by people who do not search for the truth.

Not enough has been accomplished to warrant continuation of a full-time state Legislature. Too much money is wasted.

After you are elected, things should not be along party lines. I have learned a lot but still have a lot to learn. I am running because I feel I have wisdom and common sense which I have acquired through years of experience. I live on less money than legislators have in their expense accounts, and I have no one doing my work for me.

Michigan Senate 32nd District campaign

By Mike Thompson

Old-timers will recall prior to 1998, when Democrat Jerry Hart was the Saginaw area's established state senator. Then the Republicans took over. Jon Cisky from CrimeStoppers ousted Hart for the seat, followed by Mike Goschka. In 2006, Dr. Roger Kahn defeated Carl "Mac" Williams, who had been Saginaw's first-ever black state rep, for the Senate seat. An important note in the history of local African American voting is that when Williams narrowly lost the election, East Side voter turnout was only 15 percent, contributing to his defeat.

Republican Ken Horn of Frankenmuth is a former Saginaw County Commissioner who advanced to the state House from 2008 until 2014, when he first was elected to this Senate seat as Dr. Kahn's successor. Horn is seeking re-election this fall to his second four-year term. His opponent, Democrat Phil Phelps from northern Genesee County, is concluding his term-limited six years in the state House.

(R) KEN HORN



In different ways, I've been volunteering and serving in our county for forty years. Of all the things I've done, it's been a true honor to represent you in the 32nd Senate District.

I feel like my position in the Senate extends my volunteer work and time at the Saginaw Community Foundation, where I worked in downtown Saginaw. We've been through both good and bad times here in Saginaw. While it's still painful to talk about, a personal tragedy in my family has taught me that we are all children of God. We are all connected to each other. We have been given the duty to care and nurture each other; to be kind to one another.

Since my first days in office, I've made it a priority to respond to every one of you who contacted my office. That meant answering tens of thousands of calls, letters, and emails with questions and concerns. I've held many local Office Hours that have turned into mini town halls and smaller coffee hours in every corner of the district. I'm here for you.

The people of Saginaw are tough, hardworking, and never give up. We don't mind working side-by-side to get a job done. With the work we've done together, Saginaw is witnessing a true renaissance. It may be slower than we'd like, but it's steady and sure. I'm running for my second and final term in the Senate because there's still so much to do.

Programs like Community Ventures put people back to work. The Secure Cities Partnership makes our homes and neighborhoods safer. More money invested in roads is making a difference in our daily commute. Record spending in our public schools is giving our children greater opportunities.

While our communities are safer, stronger, and growing, we know we're all in this together and we can't afford to leave anyone behind. For far too long, half the families in Michigan have been living paycheck to paycheck. My top priority in Lansing has been to set the stage for great jobs and great paychecks for anyone willing to roll up their sleeves and get to work. I'll continue working to make life affordable for working families, including our effort to lower car insurance rates.

You work hard to provide for your family; you deserve more for them and their futures. Everyone deserves a solid path to retirement, including our police officers, firefighters, and teachers. We have roads to fix, things to build, and kids to teach and keep safe. There are important jobs to be filled (especially in skilled trades). We need to train and keep our young

people here in Michigan.

My grandfather taught me long ago to never forget who I am or where I came from. I didn't go to Lansing to make a living. I went to Lansing to make a difference for our community. I'm forever grateful to the people for the trust they placed in me when they chose me to be their Senator.

(D) PHIL PHELPS



My father, Walter Phelps, worked for General Motors Metal Fabrication in Flint. During the 1980s, he suffered a terrible workplace injury and our family had to fight a long battle for workers compensation. My parents lost their home and my mother, Sharon, had to take a job with a local bank to keep food on the table. Working hard and overcoming adversity has become a hallmark of my life and career.

I began working on farms and in a greenhouse while attending high school, and began paying taxes at the age of 15. I know the value of hard work and have had to earn everything. I studied at Delta and Mott community colleges and earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan-Flint. I graduated in 2006, while working full-time on Governor Granholm's re-election campaign and acting as a spokesman for the Genesee Health Plan's ballot initiative.

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After the 2006 campaign, I took a position in the Michigan House Democratic communications office and worked for eight Democratic members from the Mid-Michigan area. Shortly thereafter, I was tapped by Lt. Governor John Cherry to become a regional director of external affairs for the Granholm-Cherry administration, until 2010.

During my time as a regional director, I was a point of contact for many local leaders, and had involvement with many education and economic development projects across Michigan, including the creation of the Promise Zone in Saginaw.

As a special advisor for House Democratic Leader Richard Hammel, I adamantly fought against the so-called Right To Work laws, and attempts to limit the choice for women across

Michigan. After Representative Hammel left the Legislature, I became chief-of-staff for incoming Representative Pam Faris in 2013, and then succeeded in my run for Michigan's 49th State House District.

During my time in the House, I continued his fight for working-class residents. I fought against the removal of the Earned Income Tax Credit, against taking away health care benefits from retirees, and against the reduced support for local communities.

In the state Legislature, I have fought for schools and better education funding, and sponsored legislation to help fix the broken Unemployment Insurance system that wrongfully flagged claims as fraud, and unjustly takes money away from innocent residents.

When the Flint Water Crisis started, I leaped into action by FOIA-ing state documents and by passing an appropriation bill to get aid for Flint. I continued to act, introducing and fighting for legislation that would keep such disasters from happening anywhere else in Michigan, bills to make the government more accountable and transparent to protect whistleblowers, to specify lead and copper water testing methods, to make altering official data illegal, and to mandate regular lead testing in schools and daycares.

I co-founded the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Caucus, which has been fighting for better education and access to mental health services for deaf, deaf/blind, and hard-of-hearing residents.



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Stabenow favored to hold Senate seat

By Mike Thompson



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For U.S. Senate, Democratic incumbent Debbie Stabenow is a clearcut favorite over Republican challenger John James.

Stabenow served 16 pre-millennial years in the Michigan Legislature, prior to state term limits, leading to her 2000 election as senator in D.C.

In the state Senate, she is best-known for challenging then-Gov. John Engler in 1994 to the point of a total shutdown of K-12 education funding. This led to statewide Proposal A, which sharply has reduced local school property taxes in exchange for a 2 percent increase in the state sales tax.

In Congress, Stabenow has been a moderate Democrat. Sometimes she crosses party lines for middle ground on issues such as agriculture, while remaining progressive on universal health care and other bread-and-butter concerns. One of her main campaign ads features an endorsement from a Republican farmer, while another highlights her proposed legislation to cut prescription drug costs.

James was an eight-year Army fighter pilot who served during the Iraq War. Even in military retirement, he continues to feature campaign photos dressed in fatigues and in the helicopter cockpit.

He is 30 years younger than the 68-year-old Stabenow and brands her as a "career politician." He has courted Trump's endorsement, although to a lesser extent than Schuette. He emphasizes Trump's tax-cut policies as a strategy to create jobs.

He is the first African American to run statewide since 1986, when Bill Lucas fell short in a bid for governor. At present, South Carolina Republican Tim Scott is the only black representative among 100 U.S. senators.

James, in a cadence similar to Barack Obama at the 2004 Democratic convention, says, "I don't have a black message. I don't have a white message. I have a Michigan message."

Michigan Supreme Court mostly unknown

By Mike Thompson



courtesy photo

Can you name all nine justices on the U.S. Supreme Court? Maybe not, but at least some of them.

Clarence Thomas may come to mind as a controversial replacement for Thurgood Marshall. John Roberts is the chief justice who messed up President Obama's inaugural oath of office. Ruth Bader Ginsberg is a favorite among feminists. Sonia Sotomayor is the first Hispanic justice.

On the other hand, can you name a single justice on the Michigan Supreme Court? They're pretty much anonymous. The best-known name is Richard Bernstein, elected in 2014, which is why we no longer see him with his blind man's cane in the TV ads for 1-800-CALL SAM. Bernstein family members, unlike Trump family members, properly removed their private sector links when they entered public service.

The Michigan Supreme Court has been under conservative Republican control, similar to the direction the U.S. Supreme Court is heading.

The seats supposedly are nonpartisan, but the political parties traditionally support chosen candidates. On the Nov. 6 ballot for a pair of full eight-year terms, recent Rick Snyder appointees Kurt Wilder and Elizabeth Clement carry Republican support, although Clement has been under fire within GOP circles for failing to side with opponents of the anti-gerrymandering ballot Proposal II.

The Democrat-backed challengers are Sam Bagentos and Megan Cavanagh, daughter of former state Supreme Court jurist Michael Cavanagh. (And no, she's no relation to Brett Kavanaugh, the names are even spelled differently.)



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SPORTS

16-year Veteran Victor Martinez Retires from Detroit Tigers



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By Jason Beck (MLB.com)

DETROIT -- The ball looked like another Victor Martinez grounder into the shift at first glance. Under most circumstances, it might have been. But as second baseman Whit Merrifield waited on it, and shortstop Adalberto Mondesi tried charging over to fill the gap, Martinez found another gear down the line, beating the play at first.

"I smelled it," he said of his infield single.

It was his 2,153rd and final Major League hit. For that matter, it was his final play on a big league ball field. As farewells go, it couldn't have been scripted much better, complete with a twinge of irony.

"I thought it was priceless," reliever Alex Wilson said. "I mean, of all the hits he's ever gotten, the last one you would expect is an infield single on the last day of his career."

To Nicholas Castellanos, whose locker has been next to Martinez's the last few years, it was fitting.

"I said, 'That's your whole career summed up,'" Castellanos said. "He said, 'What do you mean?' I said, 'Did you work hard for that hit?' And he said, 'Yeah.' 'Yeah, that's your career, man. That hit's perfect.'"

Martinez went out on his own terms, both in Saturday's 5-4 Tigers win, and in his career. Despite a week remaining in the season, he wanted Saturday to be his last game, because he wanted to end his career in front of the home fans.

He also wanted to play in the field in his 1,973rd and final game, not just serve as the designated hitter. He would've loved to catch, but those days ended years ago. He started Saturday at first base for the first time since June 1, 2016.

"Hey, it's his day," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "If he wants to play first base, he's got it."

He celebrated in front of the home fans, but also his teammates, who played a heavy role in pregame ceremonies honoring his career. With catcher James McCann at the microphone, they brought him onto the field and presented him with gifts. The collage of baseball cards from all 16 of his Major League seasons was a no-brainer. The cowboy boots and Tigers-themed saddle were a nod to the post-playing career he has been planning for a few years, the cattle ranch he owns in central Florida.

"We thought that would be a good fit," said Wilson, who used some contacts in Texas to put them together.

The team also had fun with the occasion, presenting Martinez with a Tiger-themed recliner. He also received a watch honoring his career.

Martinez, who was in tears when the Indians honored him in a pregame ceremony last week for his early years spent with Cleveland, was emotional from the outset of the ceremony as he hugged his young daughter. He also hugged every Tigers player as they greeted him in front of the dugout -- including Miguel Cabrera, who has been out since mid-June following season-ending biceps surgery, but made the trip from South Florida.

Martinez gathered himself long enough to make a brief thank you to fans for their support during his eight years in Detroit.

"From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you for being behind us all these years, supporting my teammates, supporting myself," he said. "Thank you very much."

As Ronny Rodriguez dashed out of the dugout to pinch-run, just as Gardenhire had planned if and when Martinez got a base hit Saturday, the crowd at Comerica Park rose for a standing ovation.

So did the Tigers' dugout. So did the Royals players around the infield. So did fellow Venezuelans Salvador Perez and Alcides Escobar, who ran out and hugged him as he made his way around home plate toward the dugout steps.

"He called me on my first day here and told me to come out and give him a hug [tonight]," Perez said. "He taught me so much inside and outside of baseball; how to play and how to take care of your family. I will try to be like him and play until I'm 39."

Martinez had to work through a lot to get to that point, from multiple knee surgeries to two heart scares last year amid a struggling season. Between the heart and the bat, his chances at sticking through this season looked long a year ago.

He made it, and Saturday was his chance to go out on his terms.

"It's definitely a day I will always remember," Martinez said. "I don't have enough words to thank everybody here in Detroit, none more than the fans. They made me not only a better player, but they made me a better person. I thank them for that."

He gave everything he had on the field, he said. He had to give everything in his aging legs for that last hit. When the Tigers went back into the clubhouse after the win, they gave Martinez the same celebration for his last hit that they give rookies for their first.

"We doused him, just like we douse somebody for their first hit, first home run," Castellanos said. "We gave him a retirement shower."

Tiger Wins Tour Championship



courtesy photo

ATLANTA, Ga. – The comeback is complete.

Five years and four back surgeries after winning his 79th PGA Tour title at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational in 2013 – a span of 1,876 days — Tiger Woods secured No. 80 on Sunday by capturing the Tour Championship at historic East Lake Golf Club in wire-to-wire fashion.

He closed with a 1-over-par 71 to finish at 11-under 269, two strokes better than Billy Horschel. Woods previously won the tournament in 1999 at the Champions Club in Houston and in 2007 at East Lake.

He now trails all-time leader Sam Snead by two in career victories on the PGA Tour.

“I just can’t believe I pulled this off,” Woods said after capping one of the greatest turnarounds in sports history. “It’s been tough. I’ve had a not so easy last two years.”

Late last year, Woods was No. 1,999 in the Official World Golf Ranking and many wrote him off. He’s now No. 13.

Asked where this victory ranked, Woods said, “It’s certainly up there. I didn’t know if this would ever happen again.”

A year ago, walking was a chore and competitive golf a distant dream. Playing with his kids and regaining quality of life were his top priorities.

Woods underwent spinal fusion surgery last April and it changed his life. Mostly pain-free, he returned to the PGA Tour in February with few expectations.

Adjusting to his new body, the 42-year-old Woods changed his swing, tweaked his equipment and re-learned how to play under pressure against the best players in the world.

“As the year progressed, I proved I could play,” said

Woods, who garnered seven top-10s in 18 starts.

He almost snared the richest prize of the year.

Qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time since 2013, Woods arrived at East Lake No. 20 in the point standings. The only way he could capture the \$10 million FedExCup title for a third time was to win and benefit from many scenarios.

Playing in the last group Sunday with Rory McIlroy, Woods birdied the first hole to increase his advantage to four strokes and led by five at the turn. Just ahead, Bryson DeChambeau, the FedExCup points leader needed no worse than a tie for fourth to claim the crown. After struggling all day, Rose recorded a pressure-packed two-putt birdie at the par-5 18th hole to climb into a share of fourth, edging Woods for the FedExCup title.

“Congratulations to Rosie and his family,” said a gracious Woods. “World No. 1, hell of a season.”

Woods didn’t know where he stood walking down the 18th fairway. Thousands of spectators encircled him, many yelling “Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!”

“I just didn’t want to get run over,” he said.

Besides, Woods still had work to do after seeing his lead slip to two following bogeys at 15 and 16. He made a clutch par save at 17 from just right of the green to gain breathing room, then piped a driver at 18, knocked his second in the front bunker and blasted inside 10 feet to seal the deal.

Woods finally smiled, high-fiving caddie Joe LaCava.

“The up and down at 17 was huge,” Woods said.

As Woods bent down to line up his birdie attempt at 18, the crowd chanted his name again. Woods teared up, staring at the ground to compose himself, the reality of the moment sinking in.

After a narrow miss, he tapped in for par, then raised his arms and acknowledged the appreciative fans.

“80 is a big number,” said Woods. “I’ve been sitting on 79 for about five years now, and to get 80 is a pretty damned good feeling.”

Woods won’t forget the support he received all week from the fans and his reception at the end.

“It was just a grind out there,” he said. “I loved every minute of it.”

His final round strategy was to play smart and avoid mistakes because he knew the course was playing tough.

“It seemed like I was downhill, down-grain every single hole, and I was putting very defensively and conservative all day,” said Woods.

As he left the 18th green, Woods was congratulated by

Rose, Horschel, Justin Thomas, Rickie Fowler, Zach Johnson and others.

“Some of those players knew what I was going through,” said Woods, who received encouragement from many during his comeback. “It was really special to see them there.”

Rose summed up of the admiration and feelings of players and fans everywhere for what Woods has overcome and achieved.

“I think the world of golf is very proud of you,” he said.

Athletes from all sports chimed in on social media:

“My congratulations to @TigerWoods on winning the @playofffinale! I am very happy for him and extremely proud of him.” @jacknicklaus

“I was proud to be a witness to your triumphant comeback” @JuliusErving

“This is absolutely incredible. Major goosebumps” @themichellewie

“I hope what’s not lost with Tiger winning is when everything is stacked against you, as long as you believe, that’s all that matters. Perseverance!!! @jcrossover (Jamal Crawford)

“Tiger won!! NFL is canceled til Tues. @Hawk (Andrew Hawkins)

Woods’ first PGA Tour win came in 1996.

“When I came out here, there was no internet,” he cracked

Woods enhanced his stature as the greatest closer in the game. He is now 24-0 when leading by three or more shots after 54 holes, 43 of 45 when holding the outright lead and 54 of 58 when owning at least a share of the top spot.

Woods is savoring more moments and soaking up the atmosphere.

“I appreciate it a little bit more than I did because I don’t take it for granted that I’m going to have a decade, two decades in my future of playing golf at this level,” he said.

Wood is also grateful his two children were able to see him at his best.

“I think they understand a little bit of what dad does now,” said Woods. “They know what their dad can do on a golf course now. A lot of times they equated golf to pain.

Now they’re seeing joy.”

As for catching Snead, anything seems possible.

“Maybe I can keep chipping away at that number and surpass it,” said Woods.

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PICS OF THE WEEK

State Senator Ken Horn is pictured at the 2018 Frankenmuth Oktoberfest. In 1996, Lord Mayor Christian Ude of Germany officially sanctioned the Frankenmuth Oktoberfest celebration, making it the only city outside of Munich to receive such an honor. In homage, Munich-based brewer Hofbrauhaus became the festival's official sponsor, making this the first city in the U.S. to import the German Beer.





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