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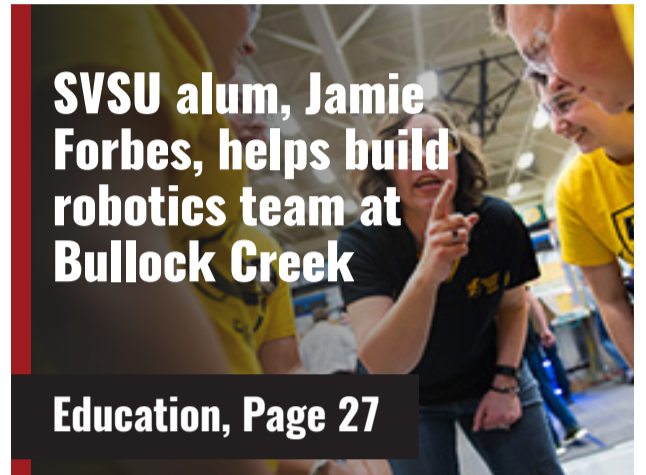
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Michigan's Claressa Shields and Jermaine Franklin come out on top, remain Undefeated



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On April 13, 2019 in Atlantic City, NJ, Flint native Claressa Shields and Saginaw native Jermaine Franklin were both able to fend off their opponent to improve their record and remain unbeaten in their professional careers.

Claressa Shields and German's Christina Hammer headlined the night and became the first female boxers featured on Showtime's All Access.

On the line was the World Boxing Organization Female Middleweight title, which was held by Hammer, a multiple-time world champion in two weight classes.

That was, until Shields delivered Hammer her first professional loss.

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Cover Story, Claressa Shields and Jermaine Franklin



Stephanie Trapp/worldboxingnews.net

Hammer revealed she spent much of her camp at Seefeld in Tyrol, Austria, to engage in high-altitude training in preparation for the highly anticipated fight.

But Hammer's training proved not to be enough as Shields dominated the majority of the rounds.

Shields, a two-time U.S. Olympic gold medalist, was coming off five weeks of camp at the U.S Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She also spent two weeks working out in her hometown of Flint, Michigan.

“We’ve been going twice a day every day except Sunday,” Shields told the Washington Post earlier this month. “We put in lots of rounds sparring, tons of sprinting, pad work, pushups, crunches and drills to help with my head movement. I’m in great shape and my

weight is on point.”

Hammer went into the match being known for her sharp jab but it was Shields' jab that really made an impact as she used her jab effectively to work her way inside, which frustrated Hammer.

Trying to avoid the relentless beatdown of Shields, Hammer often resorted to grabbing and holding her to get a break.

Shields also displayed crafty defense techniques that had not been seen in her previous fights.

In the eighth round, Shields rocked Hammer with a combination that popped out Hammer's mouthpiece and it was all Shields from there. With no answers, Hammer succumbed to Shields powerful blows and Shields was easily able to secure another

victory under her belt and the new title of undisputed women's middleweight champion.

Shields won a unanimous decision, with all three judges scoring the bout 98-92.

“I feel like I’m dreaming,” Shields said.

Jermaine Franklin, a Saginaw native, may have also felt like he was in a dream as he was able to withstand 38 year old Rydell Booker to win his 18th Heavyweight bout.

Franklin, who struggled against Booker in the first few rounds, was able to readjust and dominate the match to earn the win in a unanimous decision.

Judge James Kinney scored nine of the 10 rounds for Franklin (99-91). Judges Eugene Grant and Alan Rubinstein each credited Franklin with winning eight rounds (98-92).

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30th Annual All Area Arts Awards Nominees

On Thursday, May 2, 2019 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Dow Event Center, the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission will celebrate the 30th Annual All Area Arts Awards.

The reception, dinner with entertainment and awards ceremony recognizes arts organizations, businesses, volunteers and civic leaders whose efforts on behalf of the arts have enhanced the

Quality of Life in Saginaw County and the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The event is open to the public and tickets are now on sale for \$45 per person. Call the Enrichment Commission at 989-759-1363, ext. 223 for more information or to purchase tickets.

The evening will kick off with an hors d'

oeuvres reception and danceable world music by Courtinuum at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Call to Celebrate with the Mighty Marching Trojan Drumline and dinner. David Custer from WNEM TV5 will emcee the event and this year's featured entertainment will be Saginaw Strings. The evening will conclude with the announcement of the All Area Arts Awards.

2019 All Area Arts Awards Nominees



Reynold Jay Anschuetz

Anschuetz has been active in the arts all of his life, giving guitar lessons, performing and recording throughout Michigan. Now retired from a 30-year career as a special education teacher at Millett Center and Arthur Hill High School, he is the author of a dozen books, including "The Wurtherington Diary" children's series.

Writing under the pen name Reynold Jay, he is currently producing a children's library tour. His novel "Lean Against the Wind" is a semi-biographical account of his experiences as a teacher.



Markeen Baker

The founder of the StayKeenNetwork, a film platform providing small businesses and entrepreneurs an opportunity to grow their business awareness through social media and film, Baker created the "What Don't Kill You Tour" to specifically spotlight the stories of small business owners.

The WDKY Tour is presented live each week on Facebook and is in its third season. Baker's first short film documentary, "A League of My Own," premiered at the GDX Quality 10 in Saginaw April 2019.



Thomas Braley

Braley has served on the boards of Positive Results Downtown Saginaw, Saginaw Choral Society, Saginaw Promise and many others. He recently bought and renovated the historic Court Street Theatre as a facility hosting live music, small stage performances and community events in addition to weekly film screenings and film festivals.

All Area Arts Awards Nominees Continued...



Christopher Giroux

For more than 20 years, Giroux has volunteered for many arts-based organizations and events, including the Theodore Roethke House, the Saginaw Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

He also has been the volunteer site director the Saginaw Community Writing Center for four years, is a published poet, has coordinated seven poetry slams and has been instrumental in the publication of the community literary arts journal "Still Life."



Robert Martin

Martin is a musician, publisher, event organizer and music supporter and promoter. He performs as a solo pianist and in bands across the region, launched the Review Magazine 40 years ago and the Review Music Awards 30 years ago, and is a "go to" music resource

Ervin McRae

An artist and muralist, McRae uses not only traditional but materials like clothing and footwear as his canvas. His artwork can be found at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw and in private homes.



Molten Sensuality

The Crystalline Creations of April Wagner – This fluid and graceful exhibition at the Saginaw Art Museum presented more than 100 extraordinary sculptures by Michigan glass artist April Wagner.

Visitors were able to wander in and around her sculptures, gathering a new perspective and curiosity about art.

All Area Arts Awards Nominees Continued...



Larry Rodarte

For nearly 25 years, Rodarte has published the magazine "Mi Gente (My People)," highlighting Hispanic cultural events, music, grassroots organizations, food and more. He also founded "The Spirit of Frida Awards," recognizing the contributions of women in their fields and as role models in their communities.



Helen Raica-Klotz

Raica-Klotz is the director of The Writing Center at Saginaw Valley State University and is the co-director of the Saginaw Community Writing Center. The first on-site community writing center in the State of Michigan, it offers free writing workshops and one-on-one tutoring at the Butman-Fish and Wirt libraries.

She also is the chair of the triennial Theodore Roethke Poetry and Arts Festival, sponsored by SVSU, and is an arts activist supporting a diverse group of area artists and arts programming.



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Each summer it presents free Sunday night concerts, in recent years at the Huntington Event Park; a free Christmas concert at the Temple Theatre, and a variety of small ensemble community performances.



John and Dominga Vasquez of the Extreme Arts Complex

As martial artists, John and Dominga Vasquez are actively involved with state level competitions, giving local demonstrations of the ancient art form, with the Cinco De Mayo parade, sponsoring Friday Night Lock-ins, and with numerous community service projects.

Both are black belts, and he has a fifth degree and trained on the 1992 Olympics team.

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Hispanic Latino Commission Celebrates Graduates from Colleges and Universities Across Michigan



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The Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan (HLCOM) hosted their annual statewide graduation event at Lansing Community College on Friday, April 5. The event celebrated the achievements of Hispanic and Latino graduates from across the state, while also acknowledging the support given by their families, fellow students, faculty, and administrators who helped in achieving this significant moment in their lives.

“We are proud to honor these students as they celebrate this tremendous accomplishment in their lives,” said LARA Director Orlene Hawks. “Advanced education is one of many important pieces in continuing the economic

growth in Michigan, and I look forward to the contributions these graduates will make in their communities going forward.”

The students were individually recognized for their efforts toward obtaining a college degree at the event held at Lansing Community College. Fellow students, family members, faculty, and administrators also were acknowledged for the assistance they provided throughout the graduate’s college journey.

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Seen on the Scene: Hispanic Latino Commission Graduation



Cover Story, Hispanic Latino Commission Graduation

More than 100 graduates participated from colleges and universities across the state including Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Ferris State University, Lansing Community College, Siena Heights University, Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, and many others.

"I would like to thank Comcast/NBC Universal for sponsoring this event, and LCC for their hospitality as we honor

these graduates, their achievements and commitment to their future", said HLCOM Executive Director Felipe Lopez Sustaita. "We are proud to once again host this event and provide an opportunity for the graduates and their families to celebrate."

HLCOM strives to market the state's career development services to Michigan Hispanics, encourage initiatives to reduce the high school dropout rates of Hispanic youth, and facilitate efforts to increase the enrollment of Hispanics in post-secondary education and training programs.

The Hispanic Latino Commission strives to market the state's career development services to Michigan Hispanics, encourages initiatives to reduce the high school dropout rates of Hispanic youth, and facilitates efforts to increase the enrollment of Hispanics in post-secondary education and training programs. The commission is part of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Additional information regarding the commission can be found on their Facebook page and website.

Cabe mencionar que es la PRIMERA Expo de emprendedores mexicanos en Michigan. En temas de entretenimiento, arte y cultura se presentarán bailables y clase de zumba. Ven y conoce todos los productos y servicios que tienen para ti;

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Three things you need to know as a nonprofit executive director or CEO

Part one of a two part series

As the executive director or CEO of a nonprofit you have many responsibilities. One of those is fundraising. Too often these specific responsibilities are not spelled out until there is a financial challenge looming on the horizon. To help you be proactive we suggest you make it a priority to know three things as it relates to fundraising and your organization. These can help you focus your time and effort so you are leading in the area of fundraising.

Three things you need to know as a nonprofit executive director or CEO

1. Who gives the largest gifts to your organization and who are your largest potential donors? Are they individuals? Foundation, business, or government leaders? For your current donors, how much does each give, when does each give, and what are their reasons and priorities for giving to your nonprofit? Have you talked with each about renewing their gift, or increasing it? Are you personally sustaining these relationships, or are they delegated to your top fundraising staff person? Who are the five potential major donors you are personally cultivating to become engaged with your nonprofit and to give? Do you have a strategy for engaging each? Are you involving your board with you in this work? Do you know their interests and how they could benefit through giving to your organization? Do you know the appropriate ask amount for each, and when to ask?

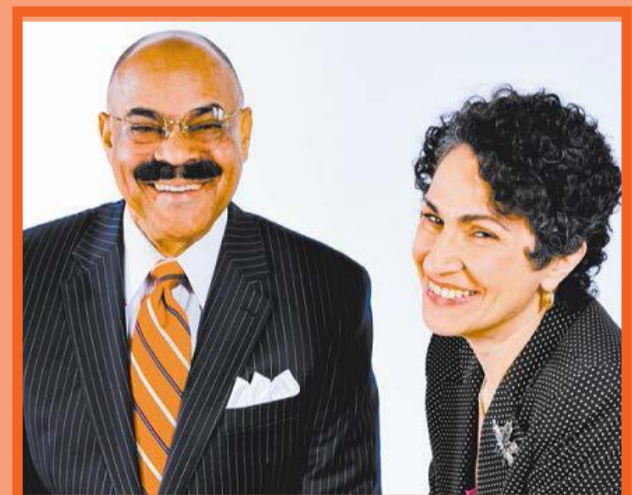
2. You are responsible. You are the

bottom line for the success or failure of the organization as it relates to fund development and fundraising. You cannot pass off the responsibility of raising funds – you are responsible for creating a working partnership with staff and volunteers. You are responsible for hiring the right people, supporting them, and managing and evaluating their work. Your responsibilities include engaging the board in fundraising and supporting them as they collectively play a lead role; identifying fundraising goals that can be met and that are rooted in an analysis of the organization's needs and the giving environment. Be proactive in accepting this responsibility: this can drive your interactions with others so that should challenges arise the organization doesn't devolve into finger-pointing. You are always responsible, and others share that responsibility. Devote time to working closely with your development staff, learning from them and also guiding them. Ask questions about the donor management system and request reports on a weekly basis. Review these and take action.

3. Know your community and the key stakeholders and make sure they know you. Giving is relational and in many cases decision makers

need to know you before they decide to invest in your work. Be consistent in participating in community events and activities. Support other initiatives that relate to the work of your nonprofit or that relate to the health and vitality of your community. Attend fundraisers hosted by other organizations. Get to know philanthropists, program officers, and your government leaders. Always let them know your impact, vision and what you need to succeed.

Next week: three things you need to do.



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APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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There are many myths and misunderstandings about autism spectrum disorder, and people with ASD. These are sometimes fueled by inaccurate information on the Internet and images portrayed in the mass media.

One thing we know for sure is that individuals on the autism spectrum face the same challenges, experiences, frustrations, and joys as everyone else does. Another irrefutable fact is that autism is a spectrum with significant diversity. Each person with ASD has a combination of symptoms that makes him or her unique. Furthermore, the same person may experience his or her symptoms of ASD very differently from one situation to the next.

One myth is that ASD is a form of intellectual disability or mental retardation. Another is that everyone with ASD has cognitive or intellectual disabilities. It is true that a large number of individuals with autism will be diagnosed with an intellectual disability. The most recent prevalence study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (2018) reports that 31 percent of children with ASD had

intellectual disability. However, there are also individuals with ASD who have average to above average intelligence, or who perform well in some areas and poorly in others.

Another myth is that people with ASD can't form relationships because they lack social skills and a desire to interact with others. While difficulty in social interaction is a key factor in the diagnosis of ASD, it doesn't mean that individuals can never form relationships with others, or that they don't desire these relationships.

For many people on the spectrum, difficulties in forming relationships center primarily around challenges with understanding language and/or the subtleties of how people relate and interact, or express themselves. Just as with any other characteristic, each person will have varying levels of interest, ability, and anxiety when it comes to forming and maintaining relationships. Also, these relationships may appear different than those typically experienced by neurotypicals (i.e., people who are not on the autism spectrum).



Ascension St. Mary's Healthy Heart Project to offer free screenings



Ascension St. Mary's

“Nearly half of all U.S. adults have some type of cardiovascular disease” according to the American Heart Association. That’s why Ascension St. Mary’s is offering a free event called the Healthy Heart Project.

The Ascension St. Mary’s Healthy Heart Project is a day devoted to heart disease screening and prevention. You'll get free heart and stroke screenings with on-the-spot results and a one-on-one conversation with a doctor to review your individual situation.

The Healthy Heart Project will take place

Saturday, May 4 beginning at 7 a.m. at:

- Michigan Cardiovascular Institute, 1015 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601

Free Screenings include:

- Electrocardiogram (EKG). Measures the electrical activity of your heartbeat. Electrodes with adhesive pads are attached to the skin of your chest, arms, and legs.
- Blood Pressure Screening: Measures the pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls. A blood pressure cuff is used.
- Body Mass Index: A calculation to identify whether an adult is at a healthy weight.

- Blood Glucose & Cholesterol Test (no fasting required): Measures your blood sugar levels which may help to determine diabetes. A finger prick is required and a glucometer is used.
- Heart Risk Assessment: May determines the likelihood of developing heart disease, heart attack or stroke in the future. A questionnaire is used.

On-the-Spot Results

A physician will review your test results with you on-site and discuss your risk factors as well as recommendations for improving your heart health. There will also be an area with health displays about heart-related topics including stroke risks and more.

Registration Details

No appointment required. The event is open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Registration for the free screenings ends at 10:00 a.m. Parking is free, and the screenings at the event are free.

If additional screenings/tests/treatments are needed outside of the free screenings (for example, should you be having a medical crisis and treatment is necessary) that treatment is not considered part of the free screenings.



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SVSU adviser receives top honor for work with future health professionals

Heidi Lang has spent two decades empowering college students seeking careers as medical professionals. Now members of that industry are shining a spotlight on her career guiding prospects at Saginaw Valley State University.

Lang, the pre-health professions adviser at SVSU, received the Father Joseph L. Walter Award for Outstanding Health Professions Advising. The honor was presented by the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, which features members from 12 states.

“I know nearly all of the former recipients, and I am humbled that my colleagues put me in the same caliber as some incredible professionals,” said Lang, who served as president of the association from 2013-15.

She also knew the namesake of the award, giving the honor even more significance to her personally, Lang said. Walter, who died in 2012, was a leader in the pre-health professional industry for decades.

“Father Joe Walter was a trusted colleague and mentor,” Lang said.

Each year, SVSU students are accepted into medical schools, dental schools, pharmacy schools and the like at rates well above national averages. Students and alumni treasure the guidance and support Lang has provided them.

Derek Williams met Lang when he was a biology major at SVSU. Now an optometrist at Great Lakes Bay Health Center in Saginaw, Williams said Lang's guidance as his adviser empowered him in more ways than one.

“Heidi's advising helped me reach my main goal of being accepted into optometry school,” said Williams, who attended the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University after graduating from SVSU in 2014.

“However, what she taught me in the process will impact me the rest of my life. She constantly encouraged me and other students to become involved in the community through volunteering and taking on leadership roles, facilitated me learning how to communicate with other health care providers during the panel discussions she hosted, and helped me develop many professional skills during resume and interview workshops.”

Tyler Sadilek, a biology major now in her third year at SVSU, said she has more easily faced the challenges of preparing for medical school



Pictured: Heidi Lang, pre-health professions adviser at Saginaw Valley State University, is shown advising Bayley Pfau, a biology major from Bay City

because of Lang's advising.

“Heidi is a shoulder to lean on throughout the rigorous process of applying to graduate school and a smiling face that makes it less overwhelming,” said Sadilek, a Chesaning native.

“Heidi's advising has given me the resources necessary to be a competitive applicant, and I feel as if she goes above and beyond any other adviser to make sure that her students are well prepared for their future careers. She knows what it takes for students to successfully be admitted to post-graduate professional schools, and will stop at nothing to ensure that we get there.”

Lang was announced as the award recipient during a Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions regional meeting March 21 in Chicago. During the gathering, anonymous remarks were shared from the letters submitted by

colleagues who nominated her. Those comments echoed many of the sentiments expressed by her students.

“When you talk to Heidi, you feel as if you have her undivided attention,” read a passage from one letter. “She is able to gain consensus in challenging situations and bring people together. She genuinely cares about the community of students and advisors that make up her world and always goes the extra mile.”

Prior to arriving at SVSU in 2012 as a pre-health professions adviser, Lang served in similar roles at Ferris State University, Loyola University Chicago and Michigan State University. She also earned leadership roles both with the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions as well as its national component.

MidMichigan Earns Accreditation for Transition to Practice Program



courtesy photo

MIDLAND, Mich. – Recently, the MidMichigan Health – Transition to Practice Program was awarded with distinction as a Practice Transition Program by the American Nurse’s Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs. The program is the first in Michigan to be accredited and one of only 70 in the United States.

To earn accreditation, the program must transition registered nurses into new practice settings that meet rigorous, evidence-based standards for quality and excellence.

The Transition to Practice Program at MidMichigan Health is designed to provide support and resources to new graduate nurses during the transition from the academic setting into the professional role as a nurse. The year-long program includes a variety of professional development activities and educational opportunities.

“We developed this program in 2015 in response to a high turnover rate for newly graduate nurses,” said Tara Neeb, D.N.P., R.N.-B.C., C.N.E., the program’s founder. “We now use best practice strategy to retain new graduate nurses, and have members of our education team serve as content experts, mentors and facilitators of the program. To date, more than 300 nurses have participated in our program.”

During the program, nurses meet frequently

with a group of their peers to discuss relevant topics. Focus areas include communication, delegation and adjusting to the night shift. Content experts throughout the health system are also involved in the program and present to nurses on topics like documentation, patient privacy and mindfulness training, helping them assimilate to the culture at MidMichigan Health.

MidMichigan Health is a non-profit health system, headquartered in Midland, Michigan, affiliated with Michigan Medicine, the health care division of the University of Michigan. MidMichigan Health covers a 23-county region with medical centers in Midland, Alpena, Alma, Clare, Gladwin, Mt. Pleasant and West Branch. In addition to its Medical Centers, MidMichigan Health also offers both home health care and physician services, and has a strong commitment to medical education. MidMichigan Physicians Group provides urgent care and medical offices in more than 30 specialties and subspecialties including cardiology, hematology/oncology, orthopedics, vascular surgery, family medicine and more. The MidMichigan Health Foundation supports patients and families served by MidMichigan Health by raising funds for equipment, services and programs. Currently, MidMichigan has more than 7,400 employees, volunteers and physicians and provided more than \$144 million in community benefits in fiscal year 2018.

MDHHS issues Request for Proposals for sexual violence prevention programming

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for public and private non-profit organizations to implement and evaluate sexual violence primary prevention strategies based on best available evidence across multiple levels of the Social Ecological Model.

MDHHS is committed to the goal of decreasing rates of sexual violence perpetration and victimization in Michigan using a public health approach to decrease risk factors and increase protective factors that impact sustainable community/societal-level change. MDHHS expects to award approximately \$525,000 annually through this competitive RFP process to five agencies, with funding of \$105,000 per year to implement and evaluate comprehensive sexual violence prevention programming.

Funded applicants will receive ongoing technical assistance from the MDHHS project coordinator as well as the evaluation team from the Michigan Public Health Institute. Technical assistance will include help with program start-up, reporting requirements and barriers to program implementation.

Grant applications must be submitted electronically through the MI E-Grants program by May 7, at 3 p.m. The program period begins Oct. 1, 2019 and ends Sept. 30, 2020.

For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grants website and select "About EGrAMS" link in the left panel to access the "Competitive Application Instructions" training manual. The complete RFP can be accessed under the 'Current Grants' section under the "Public Health Administration" link and selecting the "SVP-2020" grant program.

Great Lakes PACE: Pharmacy Services



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Great Lakes PACE is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Our mission is to help seniors to remain safe in their homes as long as possible. Those enrolled in PACE have a medical team assigned to address changes in their medical needs. This team consists of Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, Certified Nursing Assistants, a Dietitian, Activity Director, a Center Manager, a Transportation Coordinator, a Physical Therapist and an Occupational Therapist.

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PACE Pharmacy does home delivery. Bubble packs, medication discs and med planners are options. Everyone is evaluated for the approach that will meet their special needs. A Homecare Nurses will revise medication plans when needed. PACE also offers a med dispenser that will release medications at scheduled times while announcing,

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Great Lakes PACE enrolls those 55 or older and who live in our service area (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services. There are also medical guidelines. Our intake staff will meet with you to assess eligibility. PACE is covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare for many. If not eligible for Medicaid, there is a private pay option. Those enrolled in PACE are charged the cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Would you like to learn more about Great Lakes PACE? Call today! We are open Monday-Friday from 8AM-5PM. Walk-in tours are welcome or plan a group tour of any size for your family, church or organization.

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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Dow completes separation from DowDuPont



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MIDLAND, Mich. - On April 01, 2019, Dow successfully completed its separation from DowDuPont, becoming a more focused, streamlined, and leading materials science company. Dow launches with global scale and leading positions in three attractive consumer-driven segments: packaging, infrastructure and consumer care. Dow is now even better positioned to drive revenue growth and innovate for its customers, leveraging three advantaged building blocks – ethylene, propylene and silicones – to power one of the deepest chemistry sets in the industry.

The distribution of Dow common stock was completed after market close today, with each DowDuPont stockholder of record receiving one (1) share of Dow common stock for every three (3) shares of DowDuPont common stock held as of the close of business on March 21, 2019. DowDuPont stockholders will also receive cash in lieu of any fractional Dow shares. Dow common stock will begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under its historical symbol “DOW” on April 2, 2019, and will join the Dow Jones Industrial

Average (DJIA) index.

“Today marks the beginning of a new and exciting chapter for Dow,” said Jim Fitterling, chief executive officer. “The changes we have made to Dow’s portfolio, cost structure and mindset are significant. The new Dow is a more focused and streamlined company with a clear playbook to deliver long-term earnings growth and value creation for all stakeholders. Team Dow is well positioned to achieve our ambition of becoming the most innovative, customer-centric, inclusive and sustainable materials science company. We have all the tools in place to innovate more quickly, to operate more productively, and to invest more prudently to deliver value creating growth, higher returns and enhanced shareholder value.”

“Today we celebrate this milestone with our customers, communities, investors, and Team Dow,” said Howard Ungerleider, president and chief financial officer. “With our focused portfolio, streamlined cost structure, disciplined approach to capital allocation, and

shareholder friendly capital return framework, the new Dow has the right capabilities and team to drive best-in-class operating and financial performance.”

The new Company will be referred to by the brand name “Dow,” acknowledging the remarkable legacy while also reflecting the company-wide evolution to a materials science solutions provider. Dow is adopting a new brandline – “Seek Together” – which is a call to action that highlights the value of collaboration to deliver innovation and solutions to our customers and value chains. It represents the way Dow seeks to collaborate with all of its stakeholders as it delivers on its ambition. The iconic Dow Diamond, which has stood as the Company’s logo for more than 120 years, is unchanged and will continue to be a core element of the Dow brand.

More information about Dow and its investment thesis is available on its new Investors Relations website: investors.dow.com.



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Employers sought for Flint & Genesee Job & Resource Fair in May

Employers seeking to fill full- and part-time, entry-level positions are invited to register for next month's Flint & Genesee Job & Resource Fair.

More than 300 job seekers are expected to attend the May 2 event, which will be open to the public and held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Genesee Valley Center. Participating businesses will be able to highlight available job opportunities, collect resumes and interview candidates.

"This is a great way to gain access to many job seekers in one location," says James Avery, director of Education & Training of the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. "We're excited to help connect qualified job candidates with career opportunities that line up with a variety of interests and skill levels."

In addition to the brand exposure, there are financial incentives for employers that participate. Companies who hire graduates of the TeenQuest and Career Edge will be eligible to apply for funds that cover up to half of normal hiring and employment costs during the first 90 days of employment.

Community agencies offering career preparation, financial and health services and other important resources are also encouraged to participate.

To register for the event, click [here](#) and submit an application by April 19 to confirm participation.

Rick Goedert Retires as 1st State Bank President & CEO



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On April 12, 2019, Rick Goedert retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of 1st State Bank. Goedert joined 1st State Bank in 2003 during the organization of the Bank as Executive Vice President & Senior Business Lender and played a critical role in helping to raise the Bank's initial capital. Goedert was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer in summer 2007.

Goedert was instrumental in taking the vision of a locally owned bank focused on serving the needs of the business community in Saginaw, Bay and Midland Counties and making it a reality. April 12, 2004, 1st State Bank

opened its first location in Saginaw. Since its opening, 1st State Bank has grown and established five offices throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region; two offices in Saginaw, two in Bay City, and the most recent one in Midland.

Just one year after 1st State Bank was founded, Rick Goedert acted upon his desire to honor the area's most successful young people and to highlight careers and industries in our community by creating the RUBY Award (Recognizing the Upward, Bright & Young). 1st State Bank's signature event has been held for the past 14 years and 160 young professionals have received the RUBY Award.

Leading by example, Goedert has exemplified community banking throughout his career to the benefit of the staff at 1st State Bank and the Great Lakes Bay Region. He will continue to guide 1st State Bank as a member of the Board of Directors.

Jim Milroy has been appointed by the Board of Directors to succeed Goedert as the Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer. Milroy has served as Chief Financial Officer of 1st State Bank for the past 12 years. Milroy joined 1st State Bank in 2007 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, he was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2014 and appointed to the 1st State Bank Board of Directors in 2018.

Flint & Genesee Chamber's Annual Meeting showcases the power of partnerships



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Flint and Genesee County continued to experience reinvention and development in 2018, the result of a sturdy foundation of strategic partnerships serving the community, the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce reported today at its annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Flint-Grand Blanc Area.

This year's gathering – themed 'Partnering for Economic Vitality: Developing Business, Talent and Place' – underscored how partnerships, business support and advocacy all contributed to the region's advancement last year. The Chamber also recapped the successes of the first year of its three-year strategic plan.

"In year one of our strategic plan, we had some wins that we wanted to share," said Chamber CEO Tim Herman, to the sold-out crowd of 450. Among them:

- Forging a partnership between the City of Flint, Genesee County and the Flint & Genesee Chamber to develop a countywide vision for strengthening our economy; a collaborative planning process called 'Forward Together.'
- Working with investors to build a strong business climate that helps our members

prosper collectively and individually.

- Delivering workplace readiness training programs to support employers' needs for job candidates well-versed in soft skills, such as communication, teamwork, conflict resolution and the ability to problem-solve.
- Collaborating with community partners to support events that showcased Flint & Genesee to influencer groups inside and outside of Michigan, including tourism professionals, venture capitalists, statewide chamber professionals, environmental journalists, and professional golfers and golf enthusiasts.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, the keynote speaker, reinforced the theme of partnerships as he spoke the critical roles of leadership and strategy in taking a major city from crisis to recovery to growth.

For all the successes of the past year, Herman also said "there's still much work to be done."

"I want to leave you with food for thought on two challenges," said Herman. "One, population decline; and two, a talent shortage. Oftentimes we skirt around some of these issues if they feel

too daunting, but we can't afford to do that. We have to address these things head on, and the Forward Together countywide visioning process is going to help with this."

And be encouraged, Herman added, because "the Chamber is up for the challenge!"

Following are 2018 accomplishments directly related to the Chamber's economic development, tourism and education efforts, and other programs and services:

Business

- Supported more than \$194 million in total investment
- 13 investment projects generated an estimated \$10 million in annual payroll
- 263 jobs created
- 8,896 PTAC contacts awarded, valued at more than \$89 million
- 403 PTAC clients/companies counseled
- Chamber's total membership stood at 1,129, with 157 new members in 2018
- Membership retention rate of 88.53 percent (exceeds industry standard of 85 percent for similar sized chambers)
- 18 Art of Achievement honorees recognized for outstanding business and community leadership

Talent

- 954 students served through YouthQuest
- Graduated 505 teens and adults TeenQuest
- 125 adults completed Career Edge
- Hired 397 teens through the Summer Youth Initiative (SYI) Job Fair
- 33,213 individuals attended 394 events
- 54 trainings and workshops offered, with 1,051 total attendance

Place

- More than \$134 million in tourism economic impact due to overnight hotel room rentals in Genesee County
- Lodging revenue up 11 percent and occupancy rose 11.2 percent
- 1,053 participants experienced the Flint area through "Be A Tourist in Your Home Town" event
- 433 Certified Tourism Ambassadors in Genesee County

Michigan's median wage remains unchanged



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Michigan's median wage measured \$18.08 per hour in 2018, according to data released today by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget. The state's median wage ranked 24th nationally, unchanged from 2017, and remained below the national median (\$18.58). Occupational employment in Michigan reached 4,317,800 in 2018 and ranked 10th nationally.

"These employment and wage estimates would not be possible without the help of the nearly 11,000 Michigan businesses that take the time to participate in the survey each year," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic initiatives. "Thanks to our business partners, we have employment and wage data for nearly 800 detailed job titles, providing vital information to all Michigan residents."

Among the 22 major occupational groups, Management occupations had the highest

median wage at \$48.90, more than two-and-one-half times the statewide median wage. Architecture and engineering occupations was the second highest paying major group with a median wage of \$38.88. This major group had more employment concentration in Michigan than in any other state, led by Mechanical engineers and Industrial engineers. The lowest paying major group was food preparation and serving related occupations at \$10.09, which remained the fourth largest group by employment in Michigan with 392,990 jobs.

Office and administrative support occupations was the largest major group in Michigan with 612,950 jobs. The second largest major group was Production occupations with 472,680 jobs, representing nearly 11 percent of statewide employment. Michigan ranked fourth among all states in employment concentration in Production occupations, reflecting the continued importance of these jobs in our labor market.

The Ann Arbor Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the highest median wage among all Michigan regions at \$19.90, overtaking the Detroit MSA (\$19.52) which held the spot in 2017. The Bay City MSA (\$15.49) had the lowest median wage among MSAs while the Northeast Lower Peninsula (\$14.56) was the lowest among nonmetropolitan areas. Of the 18 areas in Michigan, six reported wages above the statewide median and 12 had wages below the median.

Each year, the Department of Technology, Management and Budget partners with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program. This federal-state cooperative program surveys approximately 400,000 nonfarm establishments nationwide, including 11,000 in Michigan to collect employment and wage information for over 800 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) job titles.



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EDUCATION

SVSU alum, Jamie Forbes, helps build robotics team at Bullock Creek



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Jamie Forbes has helped forge a robotics dynasty during her time as a biology and algebra teacher at Bullock Creek High School in Midland.

The Saginaw Valley State University alumna has acted as a lead mentor to Bullock Creek's robotics team, Blitzcreek 3770, since its creation nine years ago.

In robotics, lead mentors mostly focus on team communication, often dealing with student relationships, ensuring conflict resolution and handling basic logistics like making sure the team members get fed during competitions.

Forbes said she does deal with the mechanical side of things, but prefers to take a backseat to the students to ensure good learning outcomes for them.

"I ask a lot of questions because I try not to be overly-involved," Forbes said. "I want this to be their project."

The approach has paid off, judging by the team's record of success. The Blitzcreek 3770 team has made both state and world championships in the FIRST Robotics competition the past four years, and they have again qualified to compete in the FIRST in Michigan state competition held at SVSU Thursday, April 11 through Saturday, April 13.

Originally from Yale, Michigan, Forbes earned her bachelor's degree in biology from SVSU in 2007 and started teaching at Bullock Creek later that year.

"I coached softball here initially, then jumped on the robotics and really ran with that," Forbes said. "I love how this program really celebrates what makes our kids unique and

what makes them strong."

Community service is another important aspect of the team, and each student is required to complete volunteer hours each season. Team members take part in all kinds of volunteer activities, including helping set up competition spaces and community events.

"Some of it is directly robotics-related, but a lot of it is just making sure we're good stewards of our community," Forbes said. "These folks are investing in our team, so we also need to invest in them as well."

When it comes to the students themselves, robotics gives them the opportunity to develop many different skills. One of the advantages to competing in robotics, Forbes said, is the many different areas that students can focus on. Some students on the team have little interest in the robot itself but love the public relations or business side of it, for example.

"We fundraise upwards of \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year to run our program here, and some of our students are absolutely integral in communicating with our sponsors," Forbes said. "Some of our students love the competition aspect of it, or the mechanical challenge, or the programming."

Forbes looks at robotics as a field that anyone can be a superstar in. She sees her work with the robotics team as a way to help build the future and prepare her students for their careers.

"The kids that are working in this lab and working on that robot are going to go out and be the business people, they're going to be the innovators and the ones really driving us forward in the future," Forbes said.

For more information about the FIRST Robotics state championship at SVSU, visit SVSU.edu/firstatsvsu.

Delta College to Hold Groundbreaking for New Downtown Midland Center



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A new era for local education begins with the groundbreaking for the new Delta College Midland Center on April 22 at 3:45pm at 419 East Ellsworth St. in downtown Midland.

The ceremony officially opens construction on the 30,000 sq. ft. building scheduled to open in fall 2020. The center will include science and computer labs, classrooms, advanced educational and training technology, special use training rooms, multi-purpose rooms and labs, student services and administrative space to strengthen Delta's ability to deliver the highest caliber of college instruction and workforce training.

Scheduled speakers include Delta College President Jean Goodnow, Dow President and Chief Financial Officer Howard Ungerleider and Delta Board of Trustees Chair Diane Middleton.

"Delta is very excited to begin construction on what promises to be a great learning environment," said Dr. Goodnow. "Students, educators and employers have been asking

us for this opportunity in Midland, and we are pleased to see it happening."

Locally Funded and Supported

The Downtown Midland Center construction is estimated at \$13 million, with more than \$9 million provided by community donors.

Major funding was provided by Dow and the Dow Corning Foundation. Additional generous funders include: The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, the Harry and Margaret Towsley Foundation, the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation. The building's site, bounded by Ellsworth, Townsend, Buttles and Cronkright streets, was donated by Chemical Bank and Dow.

Dow, the University of Michigan and Delta College are collaborating to develop the Dow Innovation Teacher Fellowship, scheduled to launch soon. This initiative will provide area teachers with an immersive learning environment and education hub to inspire the workforce of tomorrow and create sustainable pathways

that will have a positive impact on the environment and society.

Centered in the Community

Delta has owned a Midland facility on Wheeler Road for over 27 years, but faced challenges due to an aging building and infrastructure. The new building will offer students an innovative environment with state-of-the-art technology, something Delta strives to provide to all of its students.

In addition to Midland, Delta College offers close-to-home educational classes in Saginaw and Bay City. In the off-campus environment, many first generation students find success, which can lead to a continuing cycle of education and employment opportunities. The new Downtown Saginaw Center is nearly complete and will open to students this fall.

"Delta College has always been committed to providing local citizens with a college education that's affordable, the highest quality and easy to access," said Dr. Goodnow. "I believe this Downtown Midland Center will continue to fulfill that commitment to our communities."

Mott Community College President named Mildred Bulpitt Woman of the Year



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Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffa, President of Mott Community College, received the Mildred Bulpitt Woman of the Year Award from the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) April 14 at the organization's annual awards breakfast.

The Mildred Bulpitt Woman of the Year Award is given for outstanding leadership and mentorship to provide opportunities for women in community colleges. Dr. Walker-Griffa was recognized for her tireless work uplifting and leading women, championing social justice and crafting communities where all can succeed.

The President of the MCC Board of Trustees said the honor is well-deserved. "Dr. Beverly is an outstanding mentor and role model to students and colleagues alike,"

said Michael Freeman. "She often speaks about the need to reach back and pull others forward. She finds the time to listen so that she can ensure that she is supporting a new generation of leaders."

"I am thrilled and honored to have received the Mildred Bulpitt Woman of the Year award," said Dr. Walker-Griffa. "Dr. Mildred Beatrice Bulpitt was the Founder of the AAWCC and its prestigious Leaders Institute. She took a stand for equality in community college leadership many years ago, so that women like myself could sit in the president's chair today," Walker-Griffa said. "I am proud to be a part of her legacy of advancing women through the leadership pipeline."

Bulpitt founded the AAWCC Leaders

Institute to encourage and prepare women for leadership roles in higher education. The number of female community college presidents increased from approximately 50 in 1980, when the Leaders Institute began, to 344 by 2015.

The American Association for Women in Community Colleges is the leading national organization that champions women and maximizes their potential at community colleges. Founded in 1973, AAWCC provides education, career development, and advancement to women educators and students at community colleges. As a council of the American Association of Community Colleges, AAWCC and its members are committed to equity and education of all women students at community colleges across the nation.



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Kettering University students partner with Educare Flint to design, build toys for local children



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Kettering University students are using their skills and creativity to help an early education center in Flint by designing and building toys for its programs.

Students in four sections of IME100: Interdisciplinary Design and Manufacturing took what they learned in class to create fun projects for Educare Flint, which is located just down the street from Kettering. Toys included wooden letter boards, 3D printed letters, wooden board filled with different shapes, toys with moving gears and parts, mazes, 3D printed train tracks, Jacob's Ladders, and nested toys, among others.

The goal was to stay basic, specifically making toys for children ages 6 months to 3 years old. The facility tries to mimic nature, so no bright colors and using natural wood colors were key.

"This project linked with the mission of Kettering to engage with the community and service learning. Once the students visited the facility, they saw how cool it was, and they were able to see some of the toys they already had. At that point, it really got their minds going. They were creative and innovative and had a lot of fun," said Dr. Scott Grasman, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department Head at Kettering. "I think as engineers in particular it's good to see how what they design makes an impact. This project gave them a chance to get involved in the community and use what they are learning to contribute."

Educare Flint serves more than 200 Flint children from birth to age 5. The comprehensive programs include health, nutrition, family support services, and more. A partnership was created between Educare Flint and Kettering thanks to lucky placement of seats on an airplane.

Dr. Christine Wallace, Vice President for Kettering Global, happened to be sitting next to Dr. Elizabeth Jordan, Early Childhood Education Specialist/Consultant for the Genesee Intermediate School District, on their way back to Flint. Jordan began talking about the center's needs, and Wallace knew Kettering students were up to the challenge.

Step one for the students was to design the toys in CAD. The students then manufacture the product using computer aided manufacturing that creates the tool path. The toys were made out of wood using a CNC Router or out of plastic using a 3D printer.

By the end of the term, students delivered the toys in person and even spent some time with the kids.

"I'm tickled. I'm very excited about this partnership with Kettering. It came about kind of serendipitously," Jordan said. "I was saying I couldn't find graduated toys for infants and toddlers that weren't too overwhelming. It was really exciting to see what they came up with. It was more exciting to see the kids play with

them. One child hid one so she didn't have to share. I loved seeing the children's reactions."

Jordan hopes to see the partnership grow over the years. Kettering students are a great resource, not only for their engineering skills, but for their ability to connect with the children. The center also is in need of volunteers to spend time with the children.

There are many cool things that can be done with the toys, as well, including texture and sound.

"It's wonderful. They are right around the corner. We would love to have more Kettering students come volunteer. They need students to come play with them and help stimulate the kids in the classroom," Jordan said. "We really really want to do more of this. The staff was very impressed that the students got down on the floor playing with the kids. They did a really good job."

For the students, it wasn't just about passing the class. This project got them into the community and allowed them to have fun at the same time.

Jenna Salmen '21's group designed and created two Jacob's Ladders with the hopes of creating a project a little more different from the rest.

"I really liked visiting the Educare facility, meeting the kids, and talking with the teachers. It's nice to know our class projects are going to get used," said Salmen, who is a Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Engineering dual major at Kettering. "Kettering really prides itself on going out and doing things in the community, and it was nice to get the lower classman involved. That's not always the case in other universities."

Ben Tipton '23 and his group created a wooden stacking toy and had a lot of fun in the process. Tipton was used to the design part of the project, but the manufacturing portion was new to him.

"It's always great to see your designs come to life," said Tipton, a Mechanical Engineering major at Kettering. "I'm glad that it's going to some kids, and they get to learn well while playing with that. That's our future. I feel like that's one of the most important things here at Kettering that we are doing things for the community and not just for ourselves."

Michigan Department of Education is accepting public comment on revised Social Studies standards from Saginaw residents



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LANSING – Public comment is being accepted on the latest draft of state social studies standards, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced today.

The period of public comment spans from April 10 through May 9. Opportunities for comment exist through an online survey and at nine in-person Listen and Learn sessions across the state, listed below.

“As we did last year, we are asking for public input on this latest version of the proposed Social Studies Standards for Michigan schools,” said Interim State Superintendent Sheila Alles. “Public comments will help Michigan’s social studies experts finalize the standards that will go before the State Board of Education for consideration in June.”

Over eight years ago, Michigan joined 27 other states to create the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies. For the past five years, Michigan’s social studies community has updated and reviewed the Michigan Social Studies Standards through the lens of this C3 Framework.

Update committees for grades K-8 and

9-12 consisting of representatives from the Michigan Council for Civil Education, Michigan Council for Economic Education, Michigan Geographic Alliance, the Michigan Council for History Education, and the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, reviewed and edited Michigan’s social studies standards.

The original writers have been joined by teachers, administrators, college professors, community members, parents and students to update the standards with an eye toward assuring that the standards are fewer, clearer, and higher. Diverse points of view and

representation have been a part of the current draft standards.

These efforts have been shared with the State Board of Education and are now ready for a period of public comment and review. To review the proposed Social Studies Standards and for more information, go to www.michigan.gov/mde.

Saginaw residents can attend a Listen and Learn Meeting to give their input on April 25th from 6:00-8:00 pm at ISD Transition PD Center located at 3860 Fashion Square Blvd. in Saginaw.



COMMUNITY

T-Pain will headline Kettering Centennial Fest on July 20 at Atwood Stadium



Kettering University is excited to announce that nationally known artist T-Pain will be the headliner for the Kettering Centennial Fest on July 20 at Atwood Stadium.

The Kettering Centennial Fest, which is free to the community, is a way to thank the Flint community during the University's 100th year as an institution. The celebration will include a music festival, in partnership with Beats x Beers Founder Brandon Corder, with multiple stages and bring in local bands, artists, talent, and vendors to showcase their work and to perform.

The main stage will be set up on the turf in the historic-Atwood stadium to bring an exciting event to Flint to honor the past and celebrate the future.

"I think it's important that we do progressive things within the community. Bringing T-Pain to Flint is a step forward in itself. Someone of his caliber, with his level of success brings not only a good show but hope to the community as well. Kettering's Centennial Fest will be the biggest show Flint has seen in a while," said Brandon Corder, Founder of Beats x Beers and Flint native.

The community event, which is scheduled from noon to 8 p.m. on July 20, will bring a family-friendly atmosphere with food vendors, games,

and bounce houses. A Flint Community Car Show will also be held during the event. Come see classic cars, custom vehicles, muscle cars, and more. All activities during the centennial community celebration will be free and open to the public.

"We hope this will be a truly exciting event for Kettering and the community. We are putting on this celebration to say thank you to the great city

of Flint, our home, and the fantastic people who live here. We invite the community to come out July 20 to Atwood Stadium to help us celebrate our one hundred years in this community," said Kettering University President Dr. Robert K. McMahan. "Atwood Stadium has been a focal point of community events in Flint since Kettering's founding. In many ways we have grown up together. So it's fitting that on July 20th Atwood Stadium will be the place for our day-long celebration with truly remarkable event to say thank you to the town we love."

Even though the Kettering Centennial Fest is free and open to the public, tickets are required. Information on when and where tickets can be picked up throughout the community will be available soon. For more details on the Kettering Centennial Fest, visit Kettering.edu/Celebrating100.

The Kettering Centennial Fest follows the Kettering University Atwood Stadium Races, which kick off at 7 a.m. July 20. For more information on the Atwood Races, Kettering.edu/AtwoodRaces.



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Saginaw YMCA Kicks Off Annual Campaign



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The YMCA of Saginaw, 1915 Fordney St., 2019 Annual Campaign, Reaching Our Potential, is in full swing!

The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life, joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community.

With a commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility, the Y ensures that every individual has access to the essentials needed to learn, grow and thrive. Anchored in our community for over 150 years, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.

Though the world may be unpredictable, one thing remains certain – the Y is, and always will be, dedicated to building healthy, confident, secure and connected children, families and communities.

To do all this the YMCA of Saginaw needs

your help. Donations from the community help to increase access for those in need, so that the Y can better tackle the health and achievement gaps in Saginaw. Our goal is to raise \$160,000 in donations to address the unique challenges and most urgent needs within the Saginaw community.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Y relies on the support of the community to provide the programs and services Saginaw area children, adults, families and seniors so greatly need.

Please consider a donation to the YMCA of Saginaw's Annual Campaign and help Saginaw Reach its Potential! Your gift—no matter the amount—will truly make a difference in the life of someone struggling to reach their full potential and demonstrate the power of what can be achieved, working together to build a better us.

2019 Annual Campaign by the Numbers

\$25 – Builds confidence by teaching a child to swim and be safe around water.

\$50 – Provide two weeks of a nutritious snack for a child in an after school program or

provide a youth a YMCA membership for a year in a safe, fun and healthy environment to learn, grow and thrive.

\$100 – Provide a year of CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) youth fitness programming for a child.

\$250 – Sponsor a youth sports program and help an entire team of kids learn new skills, sportsmanship and values.

\$500 – Send a child to YMCA Camp Timbers for a week of outdoor adventures or connect an adult to the community with a year of membership.

\$1000 – Sponsor a classroom or organization so up to 30 students can attend a water safety program or help four families attend a family camp program at YMCA Camp Timbers.

To learn more about supporting the Y's cause, please contact Ann Szymanowski, Mission Advancement Specialist at the YMCA of Saginaw at (989) 753-7721 Extension 208 or visit SaginawYMCA.org/Give.



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Gary Wilkes to speak on Michigan's Involvement in the Underground Railroad



On Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 pm at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in Midland, Gary Wilkes will speak about how the road to freedom led many people fleeing slavery to lives in Michigan, while others traveled through Michigan to reach Ontario.

Mr. Wilkes is president of the Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society. He holds graduate degrees in Chemical Engineering from MIT. In 1990, he began channeling his research talents into genealogy and historical research, and he hasn't stopped since.

The event is free to the public and co-sponsored by the Midland Genealogical Society.



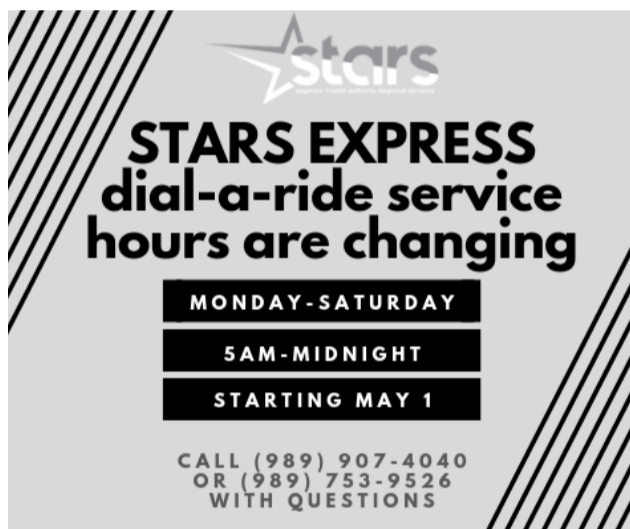
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Wednesday, April 17,
7:00 PM

STARS Changing Express curb to curb service hours to increase daytime capacity



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Starting May 1st, STARS EXPRESS dial-a-ride service hours will change to 5AM to Midnight Mondays through Saturdays. Due to requests from Saginaw City residents, STARS is moving drivers from 12am-5am time slots to busier hours in the daytime.

‘We have a high demand for services during the daytime and a pretty low demand at night. Shifting some of those nighttime resources to the daytime will serve our riders better,’ says Executive Director Glenn Steffens. STARS will be reaching out to regular night-time riders to assist them through the change. STARS EXPRESS currently averages about 150 rides per day and demand for the service keeps going up.

STARS EXPRESS is a public service that anyone can use for rides to work, groceries, doctor visits, and other needs. The fare is \$5.25 each way. Riders are asked to schedule rides a day in advance by calling (989) 907-4040 or (989) 753-9526. Express is a first-come first-serve service.

Saginaw Medical Federal Credit Union is hosting a FREE 'All Things Home' Event

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Don't miss this event! Just for attending, you will receive special discounts on closing costs, 1st time homebuyer specials, application fee waivers and more! Registration for the event is not required, but appreciated. If you plan to attend please email marketing@smfcu.com

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Girls on the Run Saginaw Bay is Looking to Expand to More Locations in Saginaw, Bay, Arenac, and Tuscola Counties



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Girls on the Run Saginaw Bay is currently looking for new sites to host programming. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth

development program that teaches key life skills to girls in 3rd through 8th grade through dynamic discussions and fun games that creatively integrate running.

Girls on the Run Saginaw Bay is accepting new sites to host teams for the Fall 2019 season and provide program opportunities to more girls. Site locations include local schools, community centers, and churches. Each site must have a volunteer site liaison and assist with coach recruitment, a safe space for physical activity, and be able to provide both outdoor and indoor meeting locations.

At each site, volunteer coaches lead teams of 8-15 girls through research-based curricula that include lessons on confidence, treating others with care, and contributing to the community. During the ten-week program, girls complete a community service project and become physically

and emotionally prepared to participate in a celebratory 5k event.

“There are so many shining moments during the season. After coaching for three years, it's amazing to see the development of girls who have been consecutively in the program; they have grown leaps and bounds and become leaders of the group. At our practice 5K, without being asked, many of our girls went back out and finished the last loop with the final runner. It brought me to tears to see this teamwork and sportsmanship!! Truly an amazing experience, for both myself and my team of Girls on the Run. Can't say enough about this program!” - Girls on the Run Saginaw Bay Coach

To learn more about starting a new Girls on the Run site, visit www.gotrsaginawbay.org or contact Jen Naegele at 989-399-0007 ext. 104 or jnaegele@undergroundrailroadinc.org.

SVSU's Concert Band performs spring concert featuring original song composed by SVSU student



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A Saginaw Valley State University student inspired to compose a musical theme for a superhero movie will see his work played by the SVSU concert band next week.

Nathan Grocholski's work, titled “Dark Fire,” will be one of several musical pieces performed at the band's spring concert Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in SVSU's Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts. The event is free and open to the public.

Grocholski, a music major from Grand Rapids who also plays clarinet in the band, said he began creating “Dark Fire” for a musical composition class and later updated it when there was an opportunity to include it in the spring concert.

“I was watching movies without scores to them, and the first one that I came across was the 2012 found-footage superhero film ‘Chronicle,’” Grocholski said. “This piece is based off of common superhero themes like in ‘Avengers,’ and I was trying to capture a darker superhero theme that was in contrast to more light-hearted movies and their motifs.”

Although some of his original works have been performed in smaller ensembles before, this is his first large ensemble piece to be performed during a public performance.

“This is probably the most monumental moment in my career,” Grocholski said. “It has truly been an honor to work with such talented musicians here at SVSU. I feel strongly that my fellow band mates and instructors have put much care into my work and are always willing to share constructive feedback with me.”

Led by conductor and assistant professor of music Norman Wika, the band will be performing selections from the 20th and 21st centuries.

Selections being performed also include “Undertow,” by John Mackey, “Summoning Fire,” by Stephanie Berg and “New Wade’N Water,” by Adolphus Hailstork.

For more information on SVSU's Department of Music, visit svsu.edu/music.

Brook Gomez Joins Child & Family Services



Brook Gomez, LBSW has joined The Sexual Assault Center at Child & Family Services of Saginaw as the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Coordinator.

Brook will focus on the development and coordination of a SART team and handle the day to day operations of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. The purpose of a SART Team is to implement a comprehensive, sensitive, coordinated system of intervention and care for sexual assault victims. For the last 18 years in collaboration with other victim servicing agencies, we have provided this care to acute victims of sexual assault in our local hospitals. Our goal is to have an increasingly coordinated approach that can offer specialized, trauma informed care to all survivors of sexual violence and meet the present needs in Saginaw County.

The Sexual Assault Center provides FREE comprehensive services exclusively for survivors and their loved one's healing from the trauma of sexual violence. Our Masters level clinicians offer help for a wide range of issues including depression, flashbacks, sleep problems and body image issues.

In addition to our expert counselors, our legal advocate supports families while they navigate the criminal justice system. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program offers compassionate medical services to victims immediately following an assault. We also share creative approaches to sexual assault prevention with local schools.

The project Sexual Assault Victims Services was supported by Crime Victim Assistance Grant Awarded to the Sexual Assault Center of Child and Family Services by the Crime Victim Services Commission, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The grant award comes from the Federal Crime Victims Fund, established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

Underground Railroad Hosts Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

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in partnership with the Sexual Assault Center

24th
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Underground Railroad, Inc. is hosting several events throughout the month of April in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

In partnership with Woody O'Brien's and Heck's Bar, 'Prevention Night' will raise awareness about alcohol and drug facilitated sexual assault. Both Heck's Bar and Woody O'Brien's have participated in Underground Railroad's Pre-Game Bar Training. The bars will be providing drink specials and patrons will be able to participate in an Instagram photo contest to win a date night prize package. On April 10th, Heck's Bar will also be hosting 'Pints for Prevention' with State Representative Vanessa Guerra, who will meet with community members to discuss legislation related to the prevention and prosecution of sexual assault.

On April 23rd, 'Walking the Walk' will be held at Anderson Enrichment Center in partnership with the Sexual Assault Center of Child and Family Services. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in 'Walking the Walk,' a simulation that takes participants through the aftermath of sexual assault through the eyes of a Survivor. A guest Survivor will also share her journey. Refreshments will be available.

All events are free of charge. You can find out more information in each of the events by visiting Underground Railroad's Facebook page or contacting Allie Martinez at amartinez@undergroundrailroadinc.org or 989-399-0007 ext. 106.



Hump The Grinder's HAIR WARS – “The Return of The Musical”



DATE

Sunday: April 28, 2019

LOCATION

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Ave.
Dearborn, Michigan

TIME

Doors open at 4:55 p.m. for the Big Screen Show & Hair Wars goes 'live' at 6:05

ADVANCE TICKETS

General Admission \$20 / V.I.P. \$40 & \$100 (\$100 tickets sold out)
Tickets go on sale January 2, 2019 at www.hairwarsustour.com

Other Info: Cash Bar * Hot Food * Free Parking

DESCRIPTION

Over 40 professional hair entertainers and beauty school students and more than 250 models will be re-creating themes and scenes from popular musicals and movies in a series of 5 and 10-minute stage presentations, which includes a combination of play-acting, runway modeling, dance routines, and lots and lots of hair. There will be a cash bar, hot food and free parking.

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Congressman Dan Kildee and others introduce legislation to protect military families from lead exposure

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-14), Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) introduced a package of five bills to protect families from the threat of lead exposure in their homes and schools.

The Kildee-Speier-Duckworth-Peters legislation would:

- Guarantee all children who are at risk of lead exposure are tested in compliance with the American Academy of Pediatrics' best practices.
- Require testing and mitigation for lead-based paint and lead in drinking water at schools operated by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).
- Prevent the military from discouraging testing for lead-based paint in homes of military families funded by the DOD.
- Allow third party testing for lead-based paint in homes on military bases.
- Ensure military leaders are following the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations for inspecting lead-based paint in military homes.

"There is no safe level of lead. Every family in America should be able to trust that their home and drinking water is free from lead," said Congressman Kildee. "My hometown of Flint, Michigan knows all too well the consequences of lead in drinking water. By expanding lead testing in homes and schools, our legislation better protects families and children living on military bases. I am proud to join Congresswoman Speier, Senator Duckworth and Senator Peters in introducing this important legislation," said Congressman Kildee.

"The military's response to lead contamination in base housing and schools is appalling. Lead can cause developmental



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damage in children. This is not how any family should be treated but it's even more egregious given the sacrifices their families undertake. Congress must act now, and I thank Congressman Kildee and Senator Duckworth for their leadership in ensuring that this issue is finally addressed," said Congresswoman Speier, Chair of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Committee.

"The brave men and women who serve in our military should not have to worry about whether they live in homes that put their families' safety at risk and whether they're sending their children to schools that have contaminated drinking water," said Senator Duckworth. "This is a public health crisis and a serious threat to our military readiness that demands our immediate attention."

"As we saw in Flint, lead exposure can result in serious and long-term developmental and health challenges – especially in children. No one – especially servicemembers or their families – should be forced to live in conditions that pose risks to their health," said

Senator Peters, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "I'm proud to join my colleagues to introduce legislation that will increase testing at military facilities for lead and help protect against the dangerous consequences of lead exposure."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no safe level of lead exposure in people. Lead exposure can lead to damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and development, learning and behavior problems, and hearing and speech problems.

Congressman Kildee has worked across the aisle to eliminate lead in drinking water, schools and homes. Congressman Kildee and Senator Duckworth previously introduced legislation to protect families living in assisted housing from lead in drinking water. They have also introduced the NO LEAD Act to protect clean drinking water by making lead testing reports more comprehensive and ensure they are easily available to the public.

Whitmer Creates Governor's Educator Advisory Council to Give Frontline Educators a Voice in State Education Policy



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LANSING, Mich. - On April 11, 2019, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2019-9 to create the Governor's Educator Advisory Council within the Michigan Department of Education, which will consist of 15 voting members appointed by the governor and include individuals representing various roles in Michigan's public education system, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year. The Governor's Educator Advisory Council will advise the governor and make recommendations for legislation relevant to Michigan's public education system.

"Michigan's educators are on the front lines in classrooms every day working to make sure our kids can get a great public education," said Whitmer. "By creating the Educator Advisory Council, we can finally give them a seat at the table so they can help develop public school policies that will help our students get the skills they need to compete for good-paying jobs and

thrive right here in Michigan."

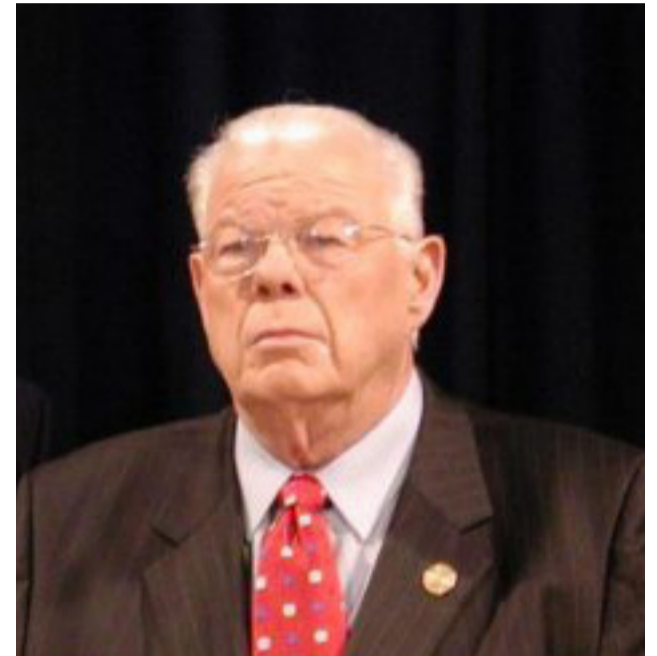
The Governor's Educator Advisory Council will be responsible for:

- Identifying and analyzing issues impacting the effectiveness of Michigan's public education system;
- Identifying best practices in public education;
- Recommending changes and improvements to our public education system;
- Reviewing and making recommendations regarding legislation relevant to our public education system.

Educators who are interested in seeking an appointment to the Council may apply online at www.michigan.gov/appointments. The deadline for applications is April 19, 2019.

Executive Order 2019-9 is effective upon filing.

Mayor Weaver Issues Statement on Passing of Former Mayor Don Williamson



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FLINT, Mich. — Mayor Karen Weaver released the following statement after the April 2, 2019 announcement of the death of former Flint Mayor Don Williamson

"I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of former Mayor Don Williamson. He was a hardworking public servant who served to the best of his ability and gave so much of his time and heart to this community. In honor of Mayor Williamson, the flags at city hall will fly at half-staff.

I pray that God will comfort all of those that knew and loved him."

Don was born in Flint on February 2, 1934, the son of the late Richard Columbus Williamson and Merribe Margaret McDougal. On April 29, 1972, he married Patsy Lou Middleditch and they were happily married for 47 years. Don was business owner and former Mayor of Flint who focused on giving back to the community.

Surviving are wife, Patsy Lou Williamson; sons, Michael Williamson, John (Amy) Gartrell and Scott (Julie) Williamson; daughter, Deanna Williamson; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and 3 sisters.

He was preceded in death by his children, Rick, Lisa and Sharon, grandsons, Ricky, Zach, parents, sister, Rosemary, brothers, Dick, John and Bob.

SPORTS

Tiger Woods Wins 5th Masters Championship

Tiger's Triumph

1997
2001
2002
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MASTERS

70	T11	FIRST ROUND
68	T6	SECOND ROUND
67	T2	THIRD ROUND
70	WIN	FINAL ROUND
275	WIN	TOTAL

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With one of the most packed leaderboards in the history of The Masters Championship, Tiger Woods completed what will go down as one of the greatest comeback journeys of all time, winning his 5th Masters Championship.

After tapping in to win his 15th major championship, ending an 11-year drought, Woods raised his arms and let loose a mighty roar.

Teeing off in the morning to beat an incoming storm, the 43-year-old Woods shot a two-under par 70, deftly avoided the big mistakes that befell the rest of the golfers on a crowded leaderboard, to earn his fifth green jacket by one stroke

over Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson and Xander Schauffele.

Woods thanked his supporters on Twitter, "I can't thank my family, friends and fans enough for their support. Having my family by my side today is something I will never forget. To not only be able to play again, but to be able to win again, is something I will forever be grateful for. This jacket sure is comfortable."

Woods' 13-under-par total and his Sunday triumph will become one of sport's great 'Where were you when' moments, but this win is about more than just a single day. Tiger's victory on Sunday is the fulfillment of the greatest comeback in sports history by the greatest golfer to ever play.



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Recap: Spirit bite back to close out Hounds in six games



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Sault Ste. Marie, MI – The Saginaw Spirit clinch a spot in the Western Conference Championship Series for the first time in team history with a 5-0 victory in Game Six over the Soo Greyhounds.

Arizona Coyotes draft pick Ivan Prosvetov stopped 34 Soo shots for his first career Ontario Hockey League (OHL) playoff shutout.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario native Nicholas Porco notched the game-winner in the second period of play.

Saginaw awaits the winner of the London Knights and Guelph Storm series in the third round. Game One of the Western Conference Finals will be Friday, April 19 in London should the Knights win the series. Should Guelph prevail, the Spirit will host the Storm in Game One Thursday, April 18 at The Dow Event Center.

Saginaw's Cole Coskey nearly gave the Spirit a lead in the first minute of the game. New York Islanders second-rounder Bode Wilde made it around a few Soo defenders and slid a pass over to Coskey at the right circle. The Zion, Illinois native's wrist shot just miss the far side of the net and went wide.

Arizona Coyotes draft pick Ivan Prosvetov was tested early by the Soo's Zack Trott. Trott received a pass from the top of the right face-off circle and rifled a wrist shot that Prosvetov snagged with his trapper.

Prosvetov made another big save while on a Soo man-power advantage to keep the game scoreless in the first period. While on his back side, Jaromir Pytlík attempted to jam the puck into the net and the Russian goaltender dove over an kept the puck out of the net.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario native Camaryn Baber

had a great chance to put the Spirit on the board in the last minute of the period. The Saginaw center was all alone in the Soo zone on a breakaway, but Baber's wrist shot was denied by Villalta.

The game was scoreless after 20 minutes of play and each team went zero-for-one with the man-power advantage in the first period.

The two Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario native's combined to give the Saginaw Spirit the lead in the second period. Baber fed 2019 NHL Draft prospect Nicholas Porco with a pass on a two-on-one rush and the right-winger tipped the puck into the Soo net. The goal was Porco's third tally of the series against his hometown team.

It was the first-time the Saginaw Spirit had the lead in a game since Game Three's victory over the Greyhounds.

Just over a minute after the Spirit took the lead, Saginaw alternate captain D.J. Busdeker was called for a high-sticking double-minor. The Spirit's top-ranked shorthanded unit killed one of the biggest penalties in the post-season to keep the one-goal lead.

2018 Edmonton Oilers second-rounder Ryan McLeod gave the Spirit a 2-0 lead with just under four minutes left in the second period. Overager Albert Michnac round the Saginaw center at the point. McLeod skated down to the top of the slot and fired a wrist shot that squeaked between Villalta's arm and body for the goal.

With his 4th goal of these playoffs, McLeod has 10 points in the 10 post-season games with the Saginaw Spirit.

Saginaw had the 9-7 second period edge in the shot department over the Soo Greyhounds.

Czech forward Michnac nearly made it a three-goal Saginaw lead early in the third period after Coskey fed him with a pass at the left circle. Michnac took a quick one-timer along the ice to hope Villalta over-pursue but the Soo goaltender denied the chance with his pad.

Saginaw's net-minder Prosvetov continued to play well in the third period after Wilde was called for a delay of game penalty. The Russian goaltender stoned Soo defenseman Jacob LeGuerrier's one-time point shot with a nice glove save to keep the Spirit ahead by two goals.

After a Soo turnover in the slot, Spirit captain Damien Giroux was alone in front of the Greyhounds net. The Minnesota Wild prospect made a great deke on Villalta to give the Saginaw

a 3-0 lead just over 11 minutes into the third period with his sixth goal of the post-season.

The Spirit weathered a late Greyhounds storm and Wilde, the former University of Michigan commit, added an empty-net goal to make it a 4-0 Spirit lead.

Saginaw's Jacob Goldowski added a late goal off a Soo turnover to give Saginaw the 5-0 Game Six victory.

Prosvetov notched his first career OHL playoffs shutout with the 34-save effort in Game Six.

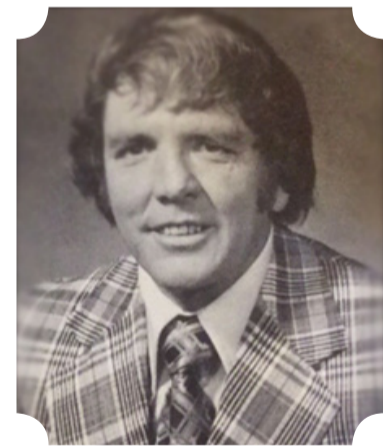
Applebee's Three Stars of the Game:

1. Ivan Prosvetov (SAG) SO, 34 saves
2. D.J. Busdeker (SAG) 2A, +2
3. Damien Giroux (SAG) G, +1

The Saginaw Spirit await the second-round winner between the London Knights and Guelph Storm in the Western Conference Finals. If the Knights win Game Seven the Spirit will start the series in London Friday, April 19. If Guelph defeats London in Game Seven the Spirit will begin the series at home Thursday, April 18.

Tickets for the Western Conference Finals will be available on saginawspirit.com, ticketmaster.com, and at the Saginaw Spirit Store at 5789 State Street in Saginaw beginning Monday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m.

IN MEMORY OF DON "FRED" PERRY (1930-2019)



The Saginaw Spirit organization is extremely saddened to learn of the passing of legendary Saginaw Gears Head Coach Don "Fred" Perry. Perry led the Gears to Turner Cup Championships in 1977 & 1981. Perry was inducted with his 1976-77 Gears team into the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame in 2014. Perry was 89 years old.

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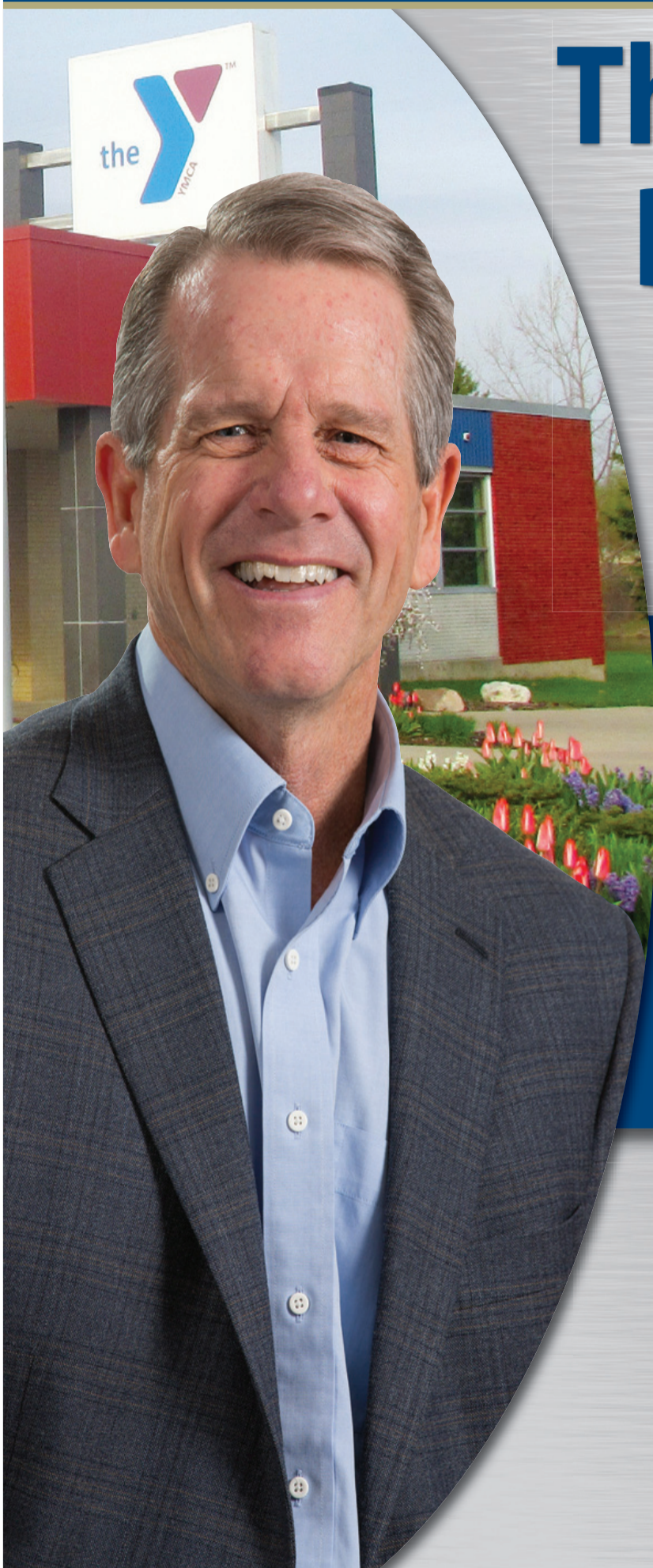
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