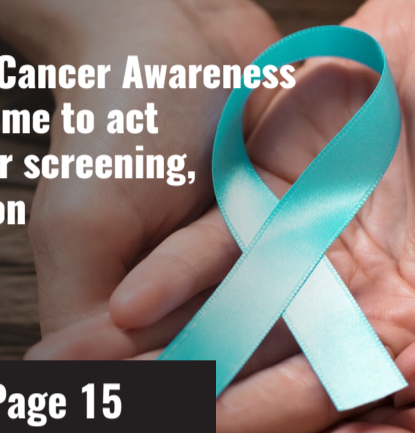


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Regional leaders to be honored as Drum Major Award recipients at MLK Celebration at SVSU



Ben Gibson



Jeanne Lound Schaller



Leola Wilson

An educator, an advocate for peace and the leader of a local NAACP branch will be honored at Saginaw Valley State University this month for community work that exemplifies the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision.

Ben Gibson, Jeanne Lound Schaller and Leola Wilson recently were named recipients of the latest Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Award, given annually to leaders in the Great Lakes Bay Region. The latest recipients will be recognized during the Great Lakes Bay

Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at SVSU's Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts, where former President Obama senior advisor Valerie Jarrett will serve as the event's keynote speaker.

The three recipients - one each from Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties - will receive a \$1,000 award for a charitable organization of their choice.

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LOCAL INITIATIVE HIGHLIGHT: Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity's 2018 Buena Vista Neighborhood Revitalization

Our Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Our History with Home Repair

Since 2008 we have been offering new housing solutions to homeowners whose houses need repairs in varying degrees. Critical Home Repair, Home Preservation and Weatherization programs help low-income homeowners obtain repairs for their homes, which would otherwise be unaffordable. Since 2008, we have completed a total of 410 projects.

Buena Vista Charter Township

We have been working in Buena Vista Township since August of 2013. We believe that our mission matches the needs in Buena Vista Township. While we work in other areas, we are very aware of the financial needs of those who live in Buena Vista Township. When we began work in Buena Vista Township we noted the Area Median Income quite lower than what it is for Saginaw County where the Area Median Income was \$50,500. The median income for a household in the township was \$30,339. Males had a median income of \$30,625 versus \$22,775 for females. The per capita income for the township was \$15,636. About 19.7% of families and 20.4% of the population were below the poverty line, including 31.6% of those under age 18 and 11.4% of those age 65 or over. Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity wants to work where there is a great need. We want to make a difference in people's lives. We just have to find the right families who need assistance and connect them to what is available.

Types of Projects

"Home Preservation" projects are mostly homes needing maintenance that, if not completed, would continue to adversely affect a house over the years. Home Preservation includes scraping, painting and exterior maintenance such as repairing parts of siding, porch or replacing a few windows.

Projects considered Critical Home Repair are those covering some of the most expensive and major systems of a house such as replacing all the windows, exterior doors, insulation, roofing, foundation work, HVAC, gutters, water heaters, etc. We understand that if households are lower-income, it would be impossible for them to save sufficient money for them to be able to afford the repairs to their homes.

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Families who would like weatherization and conservation services from Consumers Energy can receive them if they are income-qualified. Consumers will perform CAZ testing to determine if there is any Carbon Monoxide coming from appliances. They will put in water conservation measures in your home. They will install LED light bulbs to lower your energy use. When funding is available they will install attic insulation in your home. This is FREE of cost to the homeowner.

How Home Repairs are Funded

Critical Home Repair and Home Preservation Projects are funded in three ways:

1. Families receive up to \$7,500 from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis as a forgivable loan if they continue to reside in their home for five years. Families may be eligible for additional grants from the USDA, Consumers Energy/MSHDA, Veterans Program. We work with families to help them qualify for as many grants as possible.
2. Donors make the repairs not covered by grants possible.
3. The family pays an application fee. They also pay overages if they can afford it according to their income and debt to income ration.

Families have more skin in the game than what is shown in the three points above. Families contribute 40 sweat equity hours to their project, the projects of others and they learn new skills in home maintenance and personal financial management as part of their commitment.

What we have accomplished

In the last 5 years we have completed 73 projects for 62 families, representing 100 people, in Buena Vista Township. This represents a total of \$319,328.00 to complete work such as roofs, siding, insulation, exterior doors, furnaces, water heaters, scraping and painting, etc.

Of these, 39 Home Preservation projects in Buena Vista Township for a value of \$97,500.00 funded by a combination of business/corporate donors, church donors and Gift in Kind.

Our Future in Buena Vista

Our plan is to continue to work with Buena Vista Township families and even expand what we are able to offer. The project continues to be young and full of potential.

To help Buena Vista Township Neighborhood Revitalization we need some things to continue to develop and grow. We need the following:

- local businesses to see the BV Township Revitalization as an investment in the health of businesses themselves, BV families/households and the community in general
- businesses who partner by making a financial commitment and by sending volunteers to work on the individual projects

There is a lot that needs to be happening in Buena Vista, we are proud to be a part of it.



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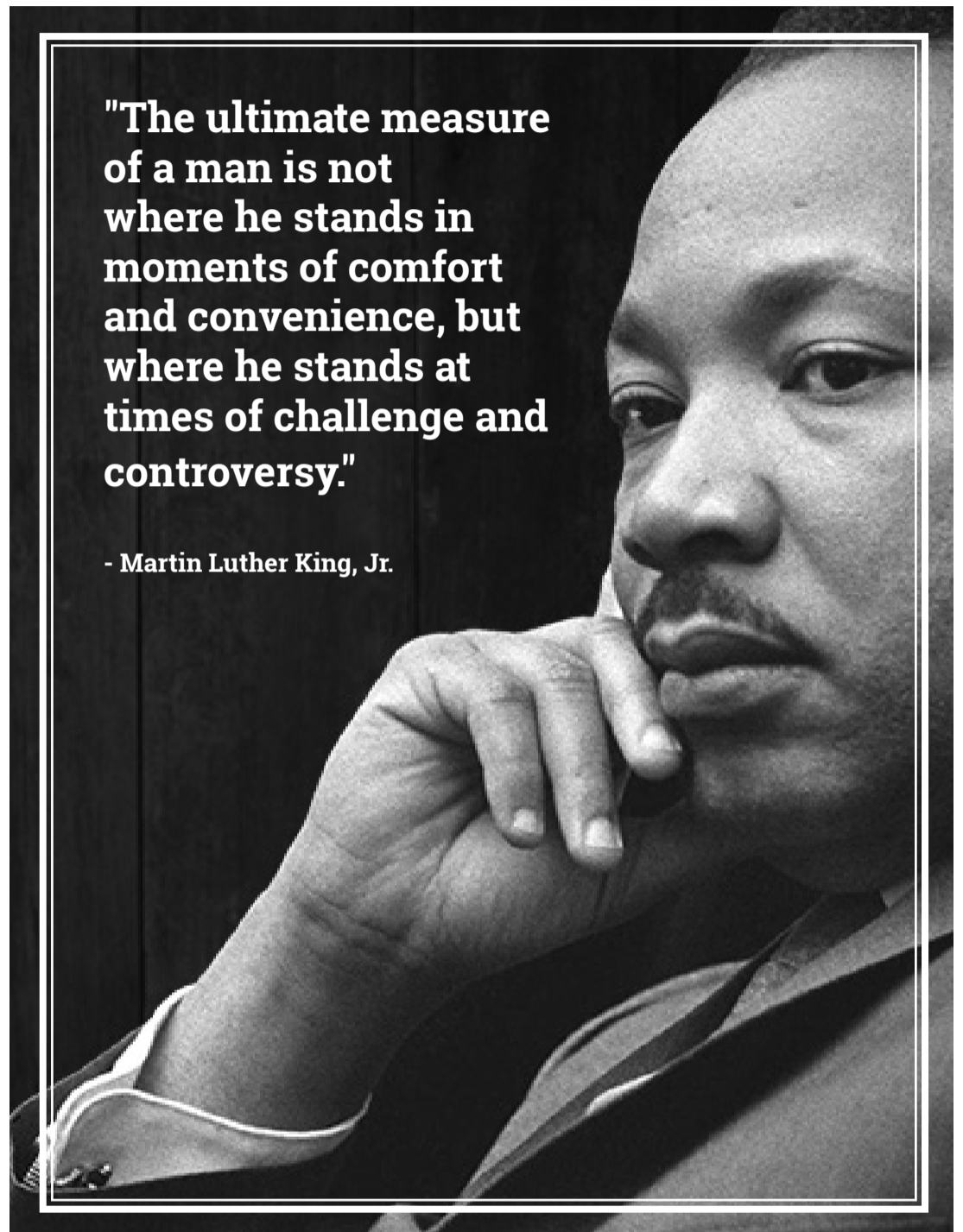
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Honoring
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HEART OF GOLD HONOREES

On Friday, March 8th at 5:00pm, The Michigan Banner will host the **Heart of Gold Publisher's Ball & Fundraiser** at Horizon's Conference Center in Saginaw. The black tie event will pay tribute to past Saginaw Mayors, Local Trailblazers and Businesses who have impacted the Great Lakes Bay Region. The following Individuals and Businesses will be

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Saturday, February 9	School Skate <i>Wear your school colors</i>	12:00 - 4:00 pm
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Hispanic Chamber of Commerce breaks ground in Burton Heights



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The West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of a new office Wednesday, Jan. 9.

The chamber relocated from Madison Avenue to a new building at 2007 Division Avenue South in Grand Rapids. The organization is also adding new staff for the first time since its establishment.

This expansion reflects the dramatic increase in Grand Rapids' Hispanic population.

According to the U.S. Census, In 1990 there were fewer than 8,500 Hispanics living in Grand Rapids, but numbers show that nearly 200,000 reside in the city as of 2017. Guillermo Cisneros, Executive Director of the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said the organization has seen exponential growth in the last five years alone, and the boom played a part in the chamber's relocation.

"We visualize this area. There is development

happening right now in the south division and the Burton Heights area, and there is a specific plan that is happening right now. We wanted to be part of that development and breathe new life into this area," Cisneros said.

As part of the new-area initiative, the chamber welcomes the Building Bridges program, which pairs Latino college students and recent graduates with local businesses.

"We have several corporate partners, small, medium businesses that are in need of talent. So, this program fits perfectly for the need for corporate members and the rest of our members and students that we have as members," Cisneros said. "If we are able to provide employment for these college students after they graduate, that's going to be our ultimate goal."

The chamber will also offer free classes in financial planning, human resources, customer service, and English as a second language. Luciano Hernandez, who sits on the chamber's

Board of Directors and is President of his company Tiger Studio, thinks the classes will give Spanish-speaking members some comfort in the corporate world.

"A lot of people are not comfortable speaking English sometimes, so it's a natural fit for us to come together and build each other up, so we can be part of a big community at some point," said Hernandez.

Cisneros said the chamber's mission through its programs is to revitalize every Latino business in the greater Grand Rapids area.

"This is a long-term vision, so the change isn't going to happen in two or five years. It's going to take an entire generation in bringing this development," said Cisneros.

More information on the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce can be found at hccwm.org.

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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES

What is the difference between a strategic plan, a business plan and a fundraising plan? Part one of a three part series

Planning is at the heart of nonprofit organizations and institutions. That's everyone from grassroots organizations, to colleges and universities, to hospitals and museums, to international aid organizations, and more. Planning is the work of the board, executive leadership, staff, volunteers, and community members and stakeholders. All have a role to play.

Planning includes research, input sessions, visioning, and the creation of timelines, roles and responsibilities to guide implementation. Three cornerstone plans are the strategic plan, the business plan, and the fundraising plan. Most organizations have some form of a strategic plan and many will have a fundraising activity plan. Less common is the business plan, and a full-blown fundraising plan that ties to the strategic plan and the business plan.

Depending on your experience, personality type, and the structure and capacity of your board you may already feel overwhelmed by the prospect of so much planning. We understand, and that the same time we must repeat the infamous quote from Benjamin Franklin: If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!

This series of columns focuses on all three types of plans and is based on our interview with talented nonprofit planner Bridget Ciaramitaro. She works with nonprofits in fundraising, board development, and strategic and business planning. She has led nonprofits in successful mergers and turnarounds, and

works with foundations, schools, service delivery agencies, grass roots organizations, and development districts. Her experience is diverse, and her insights are keen.

We started our conversation with Ciaramitaro by asking about the difference between the three plans. We wanted to know which should be developed first, and what an organization needs to begin business planning.

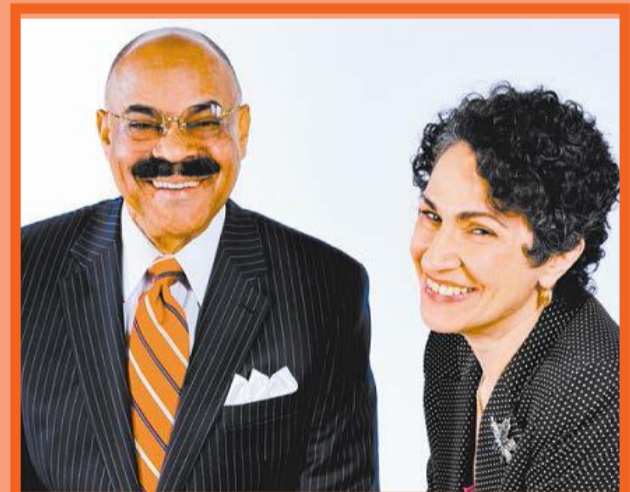
“A strategic plan sets the direction for the organization. A business plan focuses on the program and business models to determine how the strategic plan will be supported, and a fundraising plan outlines the strategies for raising needed resources identified in the business plan. I recommend developing the strategic plan and then the business plan. In 2005, I developed a model for strategic and business planning merging the two processes together to create a strategic business plan. This makes sense to me since the two need to happen before either can be completely useful. Ideally a fundraising plan is part of this process as well,” Ciaramitaro shared.

“Each organization has to determine what needs to be in their business plan. However, most plans include the following: Vision, mission, values, milestones and lessons learned from

the past; the need being addressed by the organization; theory of change and program model; marketing and outreach strategies; a three to five year planning budget; a defined unit cost of service now and in three to five years; anticipated return on investment; and the business model.”

Stay tuned for part two on strategic and fundraising plans, and part three on creating a business plan. Share these columns within your organization and get ready to plan.

Bridget Ciaramitaro is the president of Ciaramitaro & Associates, LLC and can be reached at bridgetciaramitaro@att.net or via LinkedIn.



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HEALTH

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month: time to act on cancer screening, prevention



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The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine protects against the types of HPV most associated with many cancers, including cervical cancer. The vaccine is safe and is most effective when given at the recommended ages of 11-12 years. However, it can be started as early as age 9 and given through age 26. For best protection, everyone should receive all recommended doses of the HPV vaccination.

Vaccines for Children (VFC), Medicaid, MI-Child and most health insurances pay for the HPV vaccine. If your child does not have health insurance, or does not have insurance that covers these vaccines, ask your health care provider or local health department about the VFC program. VFC provides vaccines at no- or low- cost to eligible children, 18 years of age and younger.

In addition to HPV, other factors can increase your risk of cervical cancer:

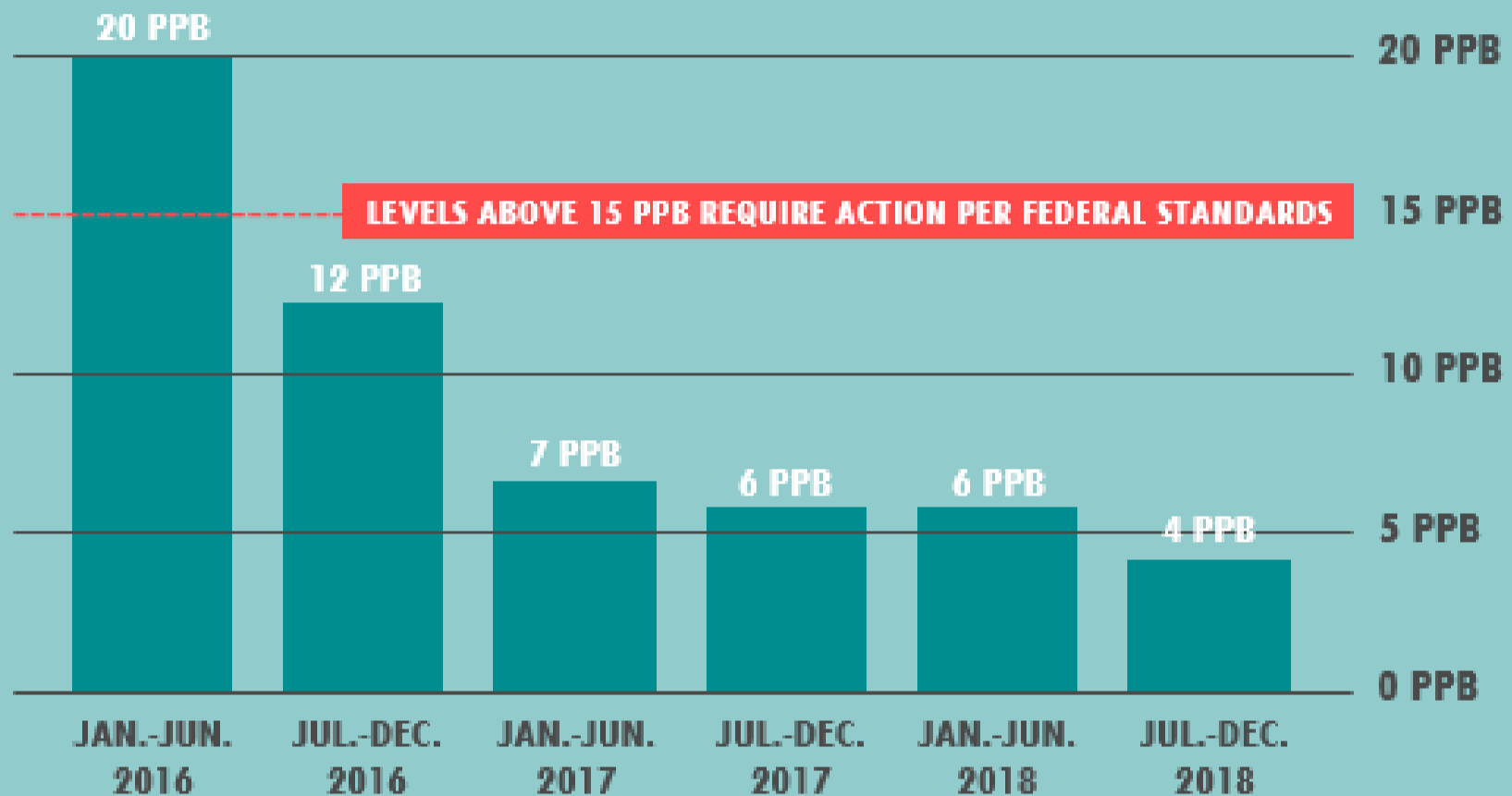
- Smoking.
- Having HIV or another condition that makes it hard for your body to fight off health problems.
- Using birth control pills for a long time (five or more years).
- Having given birth to three or more children.

For more information, visit [CDC.gov/cancer/gynecologic](https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/gynecologic).

Flint's Water Remains Stable, Continues to Test Well Below Federal Action Level

LEAD AND COPPER RULE (LCR)

Monitoring results in Flint, Michigan



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FLINT, Mich. Since July 2016, the city of Flint's water system has tested below action levels of the federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). Federal regulations require that at least 90 percent of testing results come in at or below 15 parts per billion (ppb). The latest 6-month monitoring period from July 1 through December 31, 2018, shows that 90 percent of the Tier 1 samples collected are at or below 4 ppb. A Tier 1 site is considered at highest risk per federal guidelines. This includes homes that have a confirmed lead service line or meet other criteria that make it an eligible location to determine compliance with the federal LCR.

"This is now the fifth monitoring period, in a row, in which the city of Flint has met the LCR action level requirements for both lead and copper," said Eric Oswald, Director of the Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. "We are pleased that Flint has resumed the responsibility

for the sample collection this monitoring period and will continue their own compliance monitoring moving forward."

For over two years now, the city of Flint's LCR data shows that their water is testing the same as or better than similar cities across the state with 96.7 percent of the samples meeting the 15-ppb action level. A total of 61 samples taken at confirmed Tier 1 sites were included in the compliance calculation for this 6-month monitoring period. Only two of those results were above the 15-ppb action level for lead and the bottled water standard of 5 ppb was met by 95.1 percent of the samples.

To help ensure the city of Flint's water quality is maintained, residents are encouraged to use their water to keep fresh water flowing through the distribution system.

Free water filters and water test kits continue to be

available to Flint residents

Free water filters, replacement cartridges, and water test kits continue to be available at Flint City Hall for residents who have service line replacements underway at their homes or for residents who would feel more comfortable using a filter until their confidence in the water quality can be reestablished.

State taxpayers have provided more than \$350 million to Flint, in addition to the \$100 million from the federal government. The funding is helping with water quality improvements, pipe replacement, healthcare, nutritional food distribution, educational resources, job training and creation, and more.

Testing results can be found by visiting www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

Michigan prepares for early issuance of February food assistance

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Humans Services (MDHHS) plans to issue Food Assistance Program benefits early for February.

For food assistance clients, Michigan will begin issuing February benefits on Saturday, Jan. 19. Clients who don't receive their benefits on that date should receive the funds the following week. That means the 1.2 million Michigan residents who receive food assistance will have benefits to feed their families in February even if the partial federal government shutdown continues.

The early food assistance benefits are not additional benefits and there will be no food assistance payments in February. MDHHS

strongly encourages families to budget the funds they receive in January so they can meet their food needs through the entire month of February.

“MDHHS is pleased that the department is able to work with its federal partners to make sure Michigan families have food on the table in February,” said Terrence Beurer, MDHHS deputy director of Field Operations Administration.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service has directed states to issue February food assistance benefits early. In Michigan, food assistance benefits are usually issued to clients according to a numeric schedule over a 21-day period throughout the month. USDA officials identified this one-time early benefit distribution of food assistance

as a chance to provide the benefits during the shutdown.

At this point, MDHHS believes that Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits will be available for states to issue in February without interruption. In Michigan more than 200,000 mothers, pregnant women and children from birth to age 5 receive nutritional food through WIC. MDHHS will provide more information as details are known.

January food assistance and WIC benefits are being distributed according to the normal schedule. Learn more on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.



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Two significant state grant programs facilitated by Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! will bring millions of dollars to the area to help train and develop the current and future workforce employers need to be competitive.

Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! was awarded \$1.8 in Going Pro Talent Fund grants for 52 employers in five counties. These funds will provide crucial opportunities to train new and existing employees. The funds will focus training in areas like lean manufacturing, inventory management, blueprint reading, advanced safety, welding, and accounting. Since the program's inception in 2014, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! has helped over 100 employers and over 6,000 employees! Twenty-one Saginaw County companies, will receive \$850,000 to support training for 835 employees including 24 new workers.

“Saginaw Future is pleased to partner with Michigan Works! and the State of Michigan in

securing funds to further develop our workforce”, said JoAnn Cray, president of Saginaw Future Inc. “Our businesses are adding technology that is increasingly specialized, requiring advanced skills and we are grateful to MI Works! and the State for their support”.

Access to Going Pro Talent Funds (formerly known as Skilled Trades Training Funds) is possible only through a proprietary grant process spearheaded by Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! The organization partners with local economic developers as well as regional training providers and chambers of commerce to refer employers to the application process. Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! holds employer information sessions each summer to help them successfully apply for Going Pro Talent funds.

Recently announced was Governor Snyder's Marshall Plan for Talent grant award recipients. Two regional partnerships have been granted over \$7.4 million to address the talent gap by

connecting employers and K-20 students to high-demand, skilled-technical jobs. Saginaw Intermediate School District, in partnership with Muskegon Intermediate School District, and Gratiot-Isabella RESD were both on the receiving end of the grant process. Both organizations turned to Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! for vital labor market information and training connections when submitting their successful grants.

Chris Rishko, CEO of Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! notes, “The role of our organization puts us in a unique position to facilitate collaboration between partners in education, industry and training. These types of partnerships inspired by the Marshall Plan for Talent drive the innovative solutions that are so very crucial to ensuring our region's labor force is ready to meet the needs of employers now and into the future.”



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The branch will serve thousands of existing members who reside in the area and will provide them with enhanced convenience and access to services. The Credit Union will be providing future details regarding their ground breaking ceremony, VIP member and media reception, as well as grand opening plans to be held during the fourth quarter of 2019, weather permitting.

“On behalf of the Financial Plus Credit Union Board, President/CEO, Executive Management team, and employees, we are pleased to be making this exciting announcement. We look forward to deepening our presence within the Davison community, enhancing our existing members’ access to their services while increasing their convenience. We welcome new members as well and qualifying for membership is very easy. We look forward to welcoming existing members to our newest branch and meeting new faces as well,” remarked Olga Long, Senior Vice President of Financial Plus Credit Union.

Financial Plus was voted Favorite Credit Union in the Davison Index Best of the Best Readers’ Choice Poll in January 2019. Currently, the Credit Union operates seven conveniently located branches in Flint, Flint Township, Fenton, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek, Saginaw, and Howell. Financial services offered by Financial Plus Credit Union include: Free Checking, Certificates of Deposit, a wide variety of loan products including commercial, mortgages, home equities, and consumer loans.

For more information and updates on the Davison Branch, please visit www.myFPCU.com or contact Olga Long of Financial Plus Credit Union at olong@myfpcu.com.

United Financial Credit Union Offers Free Seminar - Better Your Business



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Lunch will be provided to all attendees. You are invited to join us to learn and make yourself a better business owner, at no cost and no obligation, choose from two different dates:

United Financial Credit Union welcomes your Business to join them on February 21 OR February 26 from Noon to 1:00pm. The workshop will be held at 4685 State St. Saginaw, MI 48603

Limited Space! Please contact the Credit Union at 989-777-3620 or marketing@unitedfinancialcu.org to reserve your spot!

James R. Milroy to Become President & CEO of 1st State Bank



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The Board of Directors of 1st State Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of James R. (Jim) Milroy as the bank's new President and CEO, effective in April of 2019. The appointment is part of a planned succession of current President & CEO Rick Goedert, who is retiring on April 12, 2019. Goedert will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of 1st State Bank.

Milroy joined 1st State Bank in 2007 as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and was promoted to Executive Vice President in 2013. In May 2018, Milroy was appointed to the Board of Directors. In addition to his duties as Chief Financial Officer, Milroy oversees various functions within the bank including deposit operations, information systems, human resources, compliance and audit.

Prior to joining 1st State Bank, Milroy led Shoreline Bank in Benton Harbor, Michigan as President. After a merger with Chemical Bank, Milroy transferred to their headquarters in Midland in 2002, serving as the company's EVP Chief Operating Officer and Chief Risk

Management Officer. Milroy has 28 years of banking experience.

Milroy is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting. Upon graduation, he joined CPA firm Crowe Chizek initially in Michigan City, Indiana and subsequently in their Grand Rapids, Michigan office, serving in their financial institutions audit group. Milroy is also a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

Actively engaged in the Great Lakes Bay Region, Milroy's current involvement includes Treasurer, Board of Directors Covenant Healthcare; Vice Chairman, Junior Achievement of North Central Michigan; Investment Committee member, Saginaw Community Foundation; and Treasurer, Saginaw Valley Lutheran Foundation. He has also given his time to Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School, serving on the board and in other volunteer capacities and is a graduate of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance Institute for Leaders.

Milroy and his wife Lori reside in Saginaw Township and have two daughters, Erin (Curtis) and Ellen (Jack) who reside in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Raleigh, North Carolina, respectively.



Important Tax Information for City of Mt. Pleasant Business Owners

In December 2012, the State of Michigan created an exemption known as the Small Taxpayer Exemption. This program allows business and business personal property owners to exempt their equipment from property taxation if the value of the equipment is under \$80,000 depreciated true cash value (40,000 assessed value) per jurisdiction.

Examples of personal property (equipment used in commercial and industrial businesses) include: cash registers, freezers, shelving, etc. Residential and agricultural personal property

is exempt from taxation.

The 5076 Small Taxpayer Exemption Form was sent to City property owners by the assessor's office. This one-page form, with basic information already included by the assessor's office, must be returned by February 20, 2019 to qualify for the exemption.

For the 2019 tax year, the State of Michigan has updated the small taxpayer exemption process. Property owners only need to file

one time, instead of annually, to receive the exemption going forward.

The assessor's office will annually audit each account to determine if the property still qualifies for exemption. As long as the account is estimated to be valued at less than \$80,000, the exemption will carry over year to year.

If you have questions regarding this exemption please contact the City of Mt Pleasant Assessor's Office, (989) 779-5355.

Business Taxpayers Should Be On Alert for W-2 Phishing Scam



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Business taxpayers should be extra alert for cybercriminals attempting to steal W-2 forms and other sensitive information through a phishing scam, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

In a typical scenario, cybercriminals impersonate persons of authority within a company and send an email to payroll personnel asking for copies of all employee W-2 forms. The scammers do their homework about an entity's organizational chart and all communications appear legitimate.

A W-2 form contains an employee's name,

address, Social Security number, income and withholdings. Cybercriminals use that information to file state income tax returns and steal refunds, or they post it for sale on the "Dark Web."

"Business taxpayers need to be aware of this reoccurring scam," said Glenn White, who oversees Treasury's Tax Administration programs. "Please educate your employees about internal security processes for appropriately distributing sensitive information. As the income tax season approaches, cybercriminals will be out in full force to take advantage of taxpayers."

The Internal Revenue Service reports the scam has affected all types of employers, from small and large businesses to public schools and universities, hospitals, tribal governments and charities. A common theme in this scam and other email scams is that the copy includes grammatical and spelling mistakes.

Business taxpayers who receive this type of email are asked to report the encounter to phishing@irs.gov. To learn more about identity theft, go to www.michigan.gov/identitytheft.

Recent 'Shark Tank' winner the keynote speaker at the regional economic summit



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A Shark Tank survivor will be the keynote speaker at next week's I-69 Thumb Region's Annual Summit.

East Lansing entrepreneur Joe Johnson will share insights on what it takes to swim with the sharks of business world when the seventh-annual conference of economic development organizations representing Michigan's Thumb region convenes on Jan. 24 at the Lapeer Country Club in Elba Township. The summit will also include the finals of the Catapult Small Business Competition, where the county-level winners will make their presentations for a chance to win the top prize of \$6,000.

Johnson, a former Michigan State University student-athlete and Eli Broad College of Business alum, along with his wife, Megan Johnson, founded VADE Nutrition two years ago and produces the world's first and only portable protein powder for workouts. Last November, the couple appeared on ABC's popular reality show Shark Tank that features entrepreneurs as they pitch their startups to investors in hopes of earning financial and resource investments.

VADE secured a \$700,000 cash infusion from Shark investors Alex Rodriguez and Mark Cuban.

Joe Johnson will also participate in a panel discussion on regional assets for entrepreneurs. He will be joined by fellow panelists:

- Janis Mueller, regional director, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Kettering University
- Heidi McAra, executive director, 100K Ideas
- Quentin Bishop, director of business attraction, Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County

In addition, the first-place winners of the seven county-level business pitch competitions will square off before a panel of judges at the regional summit. Representing Genesee County will be Sweet Tee's Salon and Kids' Spa, a full-service salon geared to children that won first-place and \$2,500 at the Jan. 10 pitch competition, sponsored in part by the Ferris Wheel where the event was held.

The Jan. 24 regional competition will award \$6,000 for first place, \$4,000 for second and \$2,000 for third.

Competition prizes have been made possible by grant funding through the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the I-69 Thumb Region – a partnership of the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership, Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, Lapeer Development Corp., Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County, Sanilac & Huron County Economic Development Corp. and Tuscola County Economic Development Corp.

The conference will be held at Lapeer Country Club, 3786 Hunt Rd., in Elba Township. Admission is free, but registration is required. Breakfast will be provided. To register, [click here](#).

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Thomas and Gannon Join Delta College Board of Trustees

Marcia Thomas and Stacey Gannon were sworn-in to the Delta College Board of Trustees on Tuesday evening. Gannon is representing Midland County, Thomas is representing Saginaw County and Mike Rowley, re-elected, is representing Bay County. Each will serve a six-year term.



Marcia Thomas

Thomas is the Human Resources Director for APTAR, a global dispensing company. She previously held several positions in human resources at The Dow Chemical Company and was the Director Multicultural Services for Saginaw Valley State University.

Thomas earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Saginaw Valley State University and a bachelor's in Industrial Management/Accounting from The University of Akron. She is SHRM-CP certified and Six Sigma Black Belt trained and Green Belt certified. She previously served on the SVSU College of Business Advisory Board and the Underground Railroad Board of Directors.



Stacey Gannon

Stacey Gannon currently serves as the Executive Director of both the Saginaw Art Museum and the Temple Theatre Foundation, in Saginaw, Michigan. She previously spent 33 years in the banking industry, having served as Community President of Citizen's Bank Saginaw.

A resident of Midland County, Gannon attended Delta College and Central Michigan University studying Business Administration. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan – Dearborn School of Education and the International Society of Performance Improvement and is a Certified Performance Technologist.

SVSU theatre student wins regional award for vocal excellence



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A Saginaw Valley State University student's vocal talents earned him a prestigious honor while several of his classmates were praised at a recent theater festival featuring the best collegiate performing artists in the Midwest.

Over the winter break, 22 SVSU students

displayed their acting skills, production expertise and more when they competed in several performing-arts related categories at the 2019 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Region III Festival (KCACTF) in Madison, Wisconsin, from Jan. 8 - 13.

Three SVSU students made it to the final round in their respective categories, and a fourth advanced to the national finals.

Theatre major Joshua Lloyd of Bay City and his partner Clay Singer, a psychology major from Frankenmuth, advanced from just under 300 students competing in the acting category to the final 16. This is the first time since 2014 that SVSU has had a student in the Acting finals.

Lloyd was also honored with the prestigious Voice and Speech Trainers Association's Vocal Excellence Award.

"It's a tremendous honor to be recognized by the American College Theatre Festival," Lloyd said. "Attending the festival has always been a highlight of my winter semester, and to have finally made it through to finals and receiving the vocal excellence award only confirms that I must be on the right track. I'm incredibly thankful for family and friends rooting me on, and our superb faculty in the SVSU theatre department for their continued support."

Olivia Greanias, a theatre major from Saginaw, competed in the musical theatre category and advanced to the final 16, marking the second consecutive year that SVSU was represented by a musical theatre finalist.

Arianna Whisman, a special education major and theatre minor from Bay City, made the national finals in the unrealized production costume design category.

Jennifer Lothian of Linwood, who graduated in December 2018 as a double major in communications and theatre, presented her costumes from the recent SVSU production of "The Servant of Two Masters" in the festival's costume parade. This is Lothian's second consecutive invitation to present her impeccable costume design work in the parade, which highlights costume design work by students and faculty members from across the region.

"The 2019 KCACTF Festival was a complete success," said Ric Roberts, SVSU professor of theatre. "The theatre faculty, who traveled and coached with these 22 students, could not be prouder of all of their work."

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Since 2012, the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$821,753 in scholarships to 491 students. “This level of support is due to the generosity of our community partners and donors who are making an investment to impact lives and a community through education”, stated Joyce Seals, Saginaw Promise Board Chairperson. Program and operational funding are raised annually from corporate, individual and foundation donors and special events.

How to apply: Students must complete the online Saginaw Community Foundation scholarship application at saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/. Students are also required to complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. The Saginaw Promise scholarship can be used at technical/trade schools, community colleges and universities throughout Michigan for tuition and mandatory fees only and must be applied for annually and is renewable up to two years.

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COMMUNITY

Valerie Jarrett, former senior adviser to President Obama, to keynote regional MLK event at SVSU



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Saginaw Valley State University will welcome Valerie Jarrett, a former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, to deliver the keynote address during the 10th annual Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at SVSU.

Jarrett will deliver her address Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts. The event is free and open to the public.

Jarrett served as Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement from 2009-2017. She first entered the White

House with a diverse and unique background, having served in the private and public sector. Jarrett received her bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1978 and her law degree from the University of Michigan in 1981. She then went on to serve as the chief executive officer of The Habitat Company in Chicago, chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, commissioner of Planning and Development, and deputy chief of staff for Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Throughout her time at the White House, Jarrett worked tirelessly to assemble elected officials, business and community leaders, and diverse

groups of advocates behind efforts to strengthen and improve the lives of the American people.

Jarrett helped President Obama develop a broad coalition of partners to execute a vigorous agenda that campaigned to end sexual assault and to empower working families and promote early childhood education. She currently serves as a distinguished senior fellow at the University of Chicago Law School.

Jarrett joins a prestigious list of keynote speakers featured during the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Celebration at SVSU. Most recently, Karen Carter, the chief inclusion officer for The Dow Chemical Company, spoke in 2018. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder was the 2017 keynote speaker.

In addition to Jarrett's keynote address, the program will include the presentation of regional scholarship awards by the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw community foundations to high school seniors who have embodied Martin Luther King's ideals.

Officials also will announce the winners of the Drum Major Award at the event, which recognizes people whose community involvement in the Great Lakes Bay Region serves to advance King's vision.

The event is sponsored in part by the Bay Area, Midland Area and Saginaw community foundations; Dow; Garber Automotive; Nexteer Automotive; UAW Region 1-D; local chapters of the NAACP; Delta College; SVSU and many others. A full list of sponsors is available online at www.svsu.edu/mlk.

Admission to the event is free of charge, but tickets are required. Tickets are available online at www.svsu.edu/mlk/tickets.

For more information about the event, please contact SVSU's Office of Diversity Programs at (989) 964-4068.

Saginaw Bay Underwriters Invites Nominees for Increased \$250 SBU Cares Donations

Saginaw Bay Underwriters (SBU) will give \$250 each week of 2019 to a different local charitable cause, all based on nominations from the community.

The donations are part of a program called SBU Cares, which began in 2013 to celebrate the local insurance agency's 150th anniversary with \$150 weekly donations. "We're increasing the amount from \$150 to \$250 each week in 2019, because we want to offer even more help to the communities in which we live and work," said SBU President & CEO Peter N. Ewend.

The way SBU Cares works is simple: anyone can nominate a cause simply by emailing sbucares@sbuins.com. SBU then chooses from the nominations each week and makes a donation. "At first we thought the program would only continue through 2013, but it became clear right away that there are many more worthy local causes than there are weeks in a year," said Ewend.

From 2013-2018, SBU Cares supported hundreds of local causes, with donations amounting to more than \$40,000 in addition to SBU's other regular giving.

"We have clients and locations in Saginaw, Bay City and Midland, so we try to donate in all three areas," Ewend said. "We also like to support all different kinds of causes – schools, nonprofits, fundraising events, social service groups, you name it."

Recent recipients of SBU Cares donations include the Saginaw Community Foundation, Women of Colors, Walk for Hope, YMCA, Saginaw Police Department Reserve Unit, Pride, Essexville-Garber bands, BV Mega Fest and the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.

"This year, with the increased amount, we really want to support your cause," said Ewend. "So send those nominations!"

Anyone interested in making a nomination should email sbucares@sbuins.com. Saginaw Bay Underwriters' Facebook page also regularly posts



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Cover Story, Drum Major Award

The honoree from Bay County is Gibson, a retired flight instructor and educator who taught students at Bay City Public Schools for 26 years. He taught aviation courses at Averill Career Opportunities Center in Saginaw as well as Delta College. Several of his students joined the U.S. Air Force or became pilots working for major airlines. From 1996 to 2013, Gibson himself served as a corporate pilot.

In 2002, Gibson was elected as a trustee with the Bay City Public Schools Board of Education. He helped lead the school district until 2015.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Award honoree from Midland County is Schaller, who leads the Midland chapter of Nonviolent Peaceforce, a nonprofit organization working

to "transform the world's response to conflict." She worked as a peace advocate for a number of organizations including Community Resolution Center, which has offices in Saginaw and Flint. She also helped lead both Midland Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice as well as the Midland-based Helen M. Casey Center for Nonviolence. At age 68, she became a member of the Rotary Peace Fellowship. She earned a professional development certificate in conflict resolution and peace in 2015 at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

Wilson is the Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Award honoree from Saginaw County. Wilson who just retired as president of the Saginaw branch of the NAACP, the second-largest chapter in Michigan. Wilson joined the NAACP 50 years ago. She has served as

area director of the organization's Michigan statewide conference as well as its state treasurer. She was the recipient of Michigan's NAACP President of the Year Award in 2008.

Then- Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed Wilson to SVSU's Board of Control in 2005. She served on the board until 2013. In 2016, she received the Distinguished Service Award, SVSU's most prestigious award given to a member of the community. She remains involved in the institution as a member of the SVSU Diversity Council.

For more information about the Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration hosted at SVSU, contact the university's Office of Diversity Programs at (989) 964-4068.



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40th Year: CAN Council's Next Chapter



To CAN Council supporters and the entire Great Lakes Bay Region community:

As CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region kicks off our 40th year of working to stop child abuse and neglect, I can't help but reflect on the honor of having served as this incredible organization's leader for nearly 25 years.

It is with a grateful but heavy heart that I announce that I have accepted the role of Executive Director for the Michigan Children's Trust Fund. The CAN Council's mission is to build communities where children are free from abuse and neglect – and I will now have the opportunity to do

that on a statewide level, working throughout Michigan's 83 counties.

My last day as President/CEO of the CAN Council will be February 28 – the day of our 26th annual Mardi Gras Auction, for which I hope you'll join us.

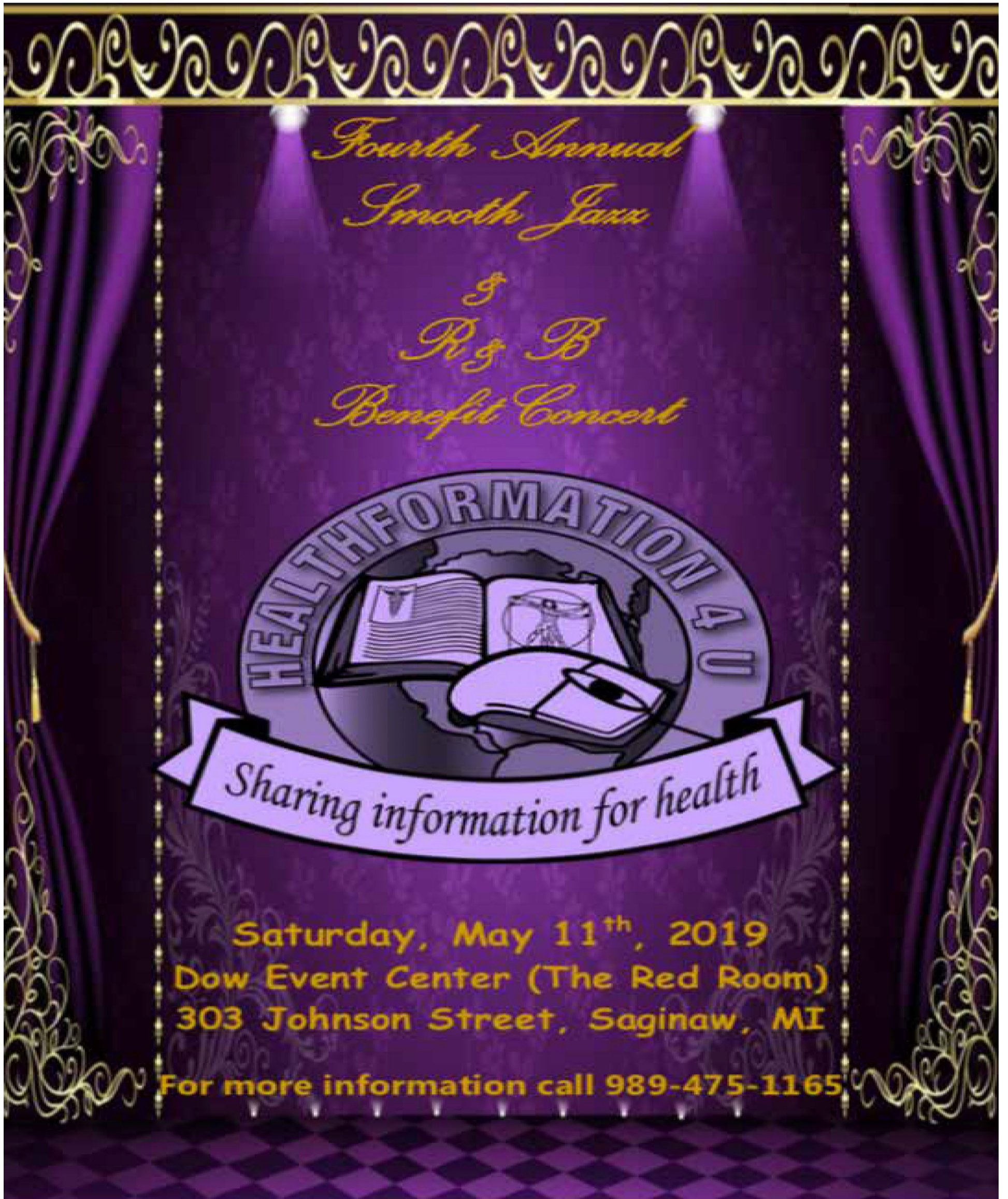
My life's purpose is to prevent child abuse and neglect, and I could not have served the Great Lakes Bay Region for nearly two and a half decades without supporters like you sharing time, talents and treasures so freely. I have been privileged to work with extraordinary board members, a tirelessly hardworking staff, generous donors and dedicated volunteers.

I will dearly miss the daily conversations, periodic emails and countless collaborative efforts aimed at making life better for our children here in the Great Lakes Bay Region! With your steadfast support, the passion we share for stopping child abuse and neglect will continue on under the leadership of the next CAN Council President/CEO, for whom our board is beginning its search. I have no doubt that the CAN Council's staff members, Board of Directors and volunteers will keep everything running smoothly until a new President/CEO comes aboard.


Thank you for the opportunity to serve local children and families for nearly 25 of the CAN Council's 40 years. I am forever grateful for the abundance of meaningful opportunities and relationships during my time here. My new role may be taking me to Lansing and around the state, but the Great Lakes Bay Region will always feel like home to me.

With the best interest of our children at heart,

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Exchange Club of Saginaw Elects Robert E. Paetz as President



Robert E. Paetz of Saginaw Township was recently elected president of the Exchange Club of Saginaw. As president, he will preside over the Exchange Club of Saginaw Board of Directors. His other responsibilities include: working with other club and district Exchange leaders to establish club goals; serve as the liaison between The National Exchange Club, located in Toledo, Ohio, and club members; distribute educational materials provided by the national office to the appropriate club committees; and lead the club toward bettering the community through a variety of projects.

Other elected officers include President-elect Jeff Wood, Treasure John Aird, Secretary, Trish Speight, Directors: Ricardo Longoria, Sally Webber, Ernst Wuckert, Doug Temple, Stephanie Braley, Catherine Martinez and Honorary Past President Chief Don Pussehl.

Exchange, American's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities, and its national project of the Prevention of Child Abuse.

The Exchange Club of Saginaw meets weekly at noon at the Saginaw Club. For membership and information call (989) 992-9199.

CAN Council Accepting Applications For New President/CEO



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As the Michigan Children's Trust Fund Board of Directors has selected CAN Council's President/CEO, Suzanne Greenberg, to fill the position of Executive Director, the search has begun for her replacement at the CAN Council.

"We want to thank Suzanne Greenberg for her leadership of the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region and look forward to continuing to partner with her and the Children's Trust Fund to protect children in the state of Michigan," says CAN Council Board of Directors Chair, Don Gaertner, Global Human Resource Systems Director at DowDuPont.

"Suzanne's leadership of the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region over the last 24 years has permanently improved the prospects for our children and their families. She leaves a tremendous team who will carry this progress forward for years to come. We look forward to finding a leader who shares their passion for our mission to build communities where children are free from abuse and neglect."

The CAN Council is accepting applications for the position until January 31st. The President/CEO can best be described as a "Possibilitarian" - one who sees what is possible and makes it happen. To apply this position or for more information, visit: cancouncil.org/job-openings.

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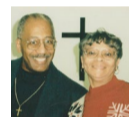
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Congressman Dan Kildee meets with Local Federal Workers working without pay during Government Shutdown



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FLINT— On January 14, Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, met with local-area air traffic controllers in Flint to hear first-hand how the ongoing government shutdown is affecting them and their families.

“Air traffic controllers keep us safe every day. Their jobs keep our country running and our economy growing. I am grateful that local workers took time to talk to me and highlight how the ongoing government shutdown is affecting them and their families,” said Congressman Kildee. “Their professionalism showing up to work every day without pay stands in stark contrast to the President’s inability to do his job and work

with Congress. It is wrong for the President and Congress to punish federal workers over disagreements about the federal budget. The House has already acted on bills to end this government shutdown. It is time for the President to end this manufactured crisis.”

Because of the ongoing government shutdown, air traffic controllers, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers and other workers have been working without pay for 24 days. Additionally, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has delayed investigations into plane crashes, including recent accidents in Michigan.

800,000 federal workers who were supposed

to receive paychecks Friday did not receive any pay. Additionally, 400,000 federal workers continue to work without pay, including TSA agents, food safety inspectors and border patrol agents. There are more than 5,200 federal workers in Michigan who are currently furloughed or working without pay.

According to new analysis by S&P Global, the ongoing government shutdown has cost the economy \$3.6 billion. For each additional week where the government remains shut down, experts say that it could cost the U.S. economy \$1.2 billion of real gross domestic product (GDP).

Governor Whitmer, Washington Governor Inslee and New York Governor Cuomo Demand Answers, Action for Unpaid Federal Workers



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Governors Gretchen Whitmer (MI), Jay Inslee (WA), and Andrew Cuomo (NY) released the following statement, calling for answers and action from the Trump administration on states' ability to make unemployment benefits available to unpaid federal workers who have remained on the job during the partial government shutdown.

"As governors representing tens of thousands of Americans who have now been furloughed or working without pay for 28 days, we are profoundly distressed by the ongoing government shutdown and the total lack of progress toward reaching a resolution. We urge President Trump and Senate Republicans to immediately reopen the government for the hard-working federal employees in our states and across the country, a third of whom are veterans, who are badly hurting.

"Each of us has taken active measures permitted by law to alleviate the pain of the partial

government shutdown, including providing unemployment benefits to furloughed federal workers and their families in our states who have missed paychecks and are now facing a very real threat of missing payments on their rent, mortgages, credit cards, phone bills and car loans. Unfortunately, current federal regulations are preventing us from providing the same assistance to federal employees who are continuing to work full-time, despite not being paid for their work. This disparity is patently unfair and wrong. For the hundreds of thousands of federal workers who remain on their jobs — including Coast Guard members, TSA agents, air traffic controllers, food safety inspectors, CBP agents, and more — our states' hands are tied from providing this much-needed relief.

"We call on the U.S. Department of Labor to immediately provide clear, unambiguous guidance on whether flexibility is available to states to

waive these rules and offer unemployment benefits to federal employees who are excepted from the furlough. If such flexibility does not exist, we urge the department to work expeditiously with congressional leaders on a change to the statute to allow our states the ability to offer this critical assistance to workers and their families. Simply put, there is no rational justification to deny these employees the same short-term relief being offered to furloughed federal employees across the country.

"Ultimately, what states need most is an end to this harmful and unnecessary shutdown. It is now causing massive disruption and widespread pain to families and communities across the country — endangering our food supply, natural resources, the public safety, and our states' economies. We urge President Trump and the Senate Republicans to end this impasse now and reopen the government for all Americans."

SPORTS

Delta College Welcomes New Athletic Director Dionne McCollum



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Delta College recently hired Michigan native, Dionne McCollum, as the new Director of Athletics and Student Athlete Development.

"I am a native of Detroit, so taking this position here at Delta College was coming home for me," says McCollum. "I have a

special place in my heart for junior college athletics."

McCollum, built her foundation in athletics at the junior college level while playing basketball for Wayne County Community College before launching into a career at a

Division II university. With a strong athletic program and student-athlete support history, Delta College was the perfect fit for her.

"I'm extremely excited to begin working with the athletes of Delta College. It is a passion of mine to do everything in my power to aid in student growth and development and ensure that our student athletes leave Delta ready for the world," she said. "Having an impact on someone's life is priceless."

Before coming to Delta, McCollum served as the Athletic Director for the District of Columbia public school system in Washington, D.C. for six years. During her time in D.C. she oversaw four different sports and 140 coaches.

McCollum was also part of the women's basketball coaching staff at a NAIA Division II and NCAA Division I and II schools. She also taught Athletic Injury and Prevention courses as an adjunct professor and served as the Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Academy of Oak Park in Oak Park, Michigan. With all of this experience behind her, McCollum is set and ready to begin her new journey at Delta.

"My ultimate goal is to impact as many lives as possible. Student athletes, faculty and staff, general student body and the community – through Pioneer Athletics," says McCollum. "It's not about the recognition one receives, the real reward is the success of those we come in contact with."



Dow Diamond introduces 'Military Mondays'



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MIDLAND, Mich. - If you are currently serving in a branch of the United States Armed Forces, or previously dedicated part of your life to protecting our freedom, then the Great Lakes Loons want to offer you a small token of appreciation.

Military Mondays is a new initiative for the upcoming 2019 season where all active military personnel and veterans will receive a voucher for a free meal that can be redeemed at either concession stand during Monday Loons home games. All they will need is to present valid military identification upon their entrance to the stadium. The purchase of a game ticket will be required.

"Honoring the United States Armed Forces is something that we have really come to value here at the Loons," Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer Scott Litle said. "By dedicating our Monday nights to the men and women

currently serving, as well as the many veterans in our community who frequently attend games, this is one of the many ways we can say 'thank you' for their service."

Back after a successful first season will also be the "Veteran of the Game" program. During select Loons home games, an active military member or veteran in attendance will be recognized for their service. It offers fans and staff at the game a chance to show their appreciation for the sacrifices these men and women have made.

Part of the season-long schedule of Military Monday dates will be May 27th when the Loons host the Fort Wayne TinCaps on Memorial Day. It will be the first home game on Memorial Day since 2015 for the Loons and will offer everyone in attendance the chance to honor those who have died while serving. The team will wear special-designed jerseys that will be available for bid

during an in-game auction.

For another year, Military Appreciation Night will be held on July 3rd when the Lansing Lugnuts are in town. Players and coaches will wear a second, unique military-inspired jersey for the game that will be available for bid during the in-game auction.

Single-game tickets for the 2019 season go on sale March 4th. Season ticket packages and mini-plans are on sale now.

The Great Lakes Loons have been the Single-A partner of the Los Angeles Dodgers since the team's inception in 2007. Dow Diamond serves as the team's home and also houses the Michigan Baseball Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, and ESPN 100.9-FM. For tickets or information about the Loons, call 989-837-BALL or visit Loons.com.

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- Cameron Brady, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, Executive Director



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