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Making A Difference In Our Community... One Photograph At A Time



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Local Photographic Artists Kathy Woods Booth and Howard M. Sharper met by chance one day after Kathy noticed on Facebook that they were both photographers and seemed to be like-minded in their photography and content. She contacted Howard to see if he would like to have coffee and of course... he said, "Yes!" The rest is history! That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship and what

would also lead to a partnership. Howard and Kathy lost time talking at that first meeting and talked for 5 hours. They shared their love of photography and making a difference in the community. It wasn't all business as they also shared about their families too.

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Kathy and Howard met on a regular basis thereafter and started to plan exhibits/shows to share the beauty of Pure Saginaw, Pure Michigan, and the Great Lakes Bay Region. They planned a Spring and Holiday Exhibit each year. Businesses and individuals helped financially to offset costs incurred. The exhibits and shows were well received as evidenced by the attendees and feedback received so Howard and Kathy knew they had the right focus. Community partners also supported their endeavors. They had such generous support from the community, they wanted to give back, so every year in June they host a Benefit Fundraiser for a

local non-profit. Their goal is to continue to make a difference in their community, through photography, and also through other means. This year they were able to bring an author to Saginaw to talk to under-served children about Bucketfilling which will stay with them into adulthood.

After several years, Kathy and Howard decided to "formalize" what they were doing. Howard still had his business, Drive By Photography, and Kathy had hers, Kathy Woods Booth Photography, and together their "brain child" ... Through Our Lens-Saginaw was born. Everything they do is

through their lens so that just made sense. Through Our Lens was created with a desire to share not only the beauty of the Saginaw area, but also the Great Lakes Bay Region and Pure Michigan. "Through Our Lens" we share the beauty and "awe"some scenes that we have been blessed to capture spotlighting nature, wildlife and the beauty of the Great Lakes Bay Region and Pure Michigan.

Photographs invoke so much emotion and so many memories. People that are unable to get out look to Through Our Lens to experience their adventures. Shared photography introduces people to new things while educating them too. Through Our Lens encourages people to see things in a different light.

Today's society is in an over-drive mode. Our goal is to get people to slow down and "Breathe In The Moment". Look up. Look down. See what is right in front of you. So much beauty around us and you don't have too look far.

Howard passed the latter part of October, 2018, and it left a huge void. It took a while for Kathy to get clarity on what was next. They had events for 2019 already in place and their Mission, Vision and Goals were also created before Howard passed. Kathy's focus was to continue what she and Howard had started and to continue to share Howard's legacy. With the support of the Sharper family she is doing just that.

The hard work that Kathy and Howard has done has paid off... Through Our Lens-Saginaw has expanded to add 2 new branches (Through Our Lens-North and Through Our Lens-Thumb) using the same template created for Through Our Lens - Saginaw. Howard's legacy will continue to live on in everything they do. Through Our Lens will continue to honor his memory by sharing his beautiful photography. The Mission, Vision and Goals created will continue to be in honor of the work started.

Kathy knows that Howard is smiling with the growth of Through Our Lens, the connections made, and the overwhelming support. The passion discussed at that very first meeting continues... Sharing the beauty around us... One photograph at a time! Together... we CAN make a Difference!!

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Congratulations to Mr. Jerome Buckley and The Michigan Banner on its 17th Year Anniversary. Your continued dedication and commitment over the years to serve this community in journalism show your fairness in providing a true perspective of our community and its people. We are thankful and grateful to the Banner and you.

Rev. Dr. Roosevelt & Dr. Nurame Austin



The Michigan Banner is a very important news organization that has served our community and its citizens with professionalism, integrity, and steadfast leadership. Our community is fortunate to have Jerome Buckley and The Michigan Banner and we are very thankful for your dedication and vision for creating a better Saginaw! Thank you for all you do for Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region. We look forward to our continued partnership. Congratulations on your 17th Anniversary!

Peter Shaheen, Shaheen Development



Congratulations on your 17th Anniversary! Our community is fortunate to have The Michigan Banner here to help promote and do business with one another. Keep up the good work.

Miranda Keenan - Event Coordinator, HORIZONS Conference Center



I am happy for this opportunity to congratulate Jerome Buckley and the Michigan Banner for 17 years of continuous service to the greater Saginaw Community.

August of 2001 I was formally installed as Pastor at Coleman Temple Church of God in Christ. I am the second pastor in the 62 year history of our church. It is the church my father founded and the church I grew up in. I am excited to serve.

The view is so much different from this perspective. One has to sit in the chair to truly understand the weight of leadership. I have watched Jerome Buckley sit in the chair of leadership for much more than the Banner, and the Banner has become much more than just a publication.

Institutions become institutions by weathering storms, responding to current and future issues, establishing a history, and becoming embedded in a culture.

I believe that the Michigan Banner is approaching that status. Keep up the good work, and continue sharing the voices and interests of people who are not able to do it themselves.

Congratulations on 17 years of service to this community.

Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr., World Outreach Campus Church



We appreciate the vital role of The Michigan Banner in informing and engaging the people of our community. When we better understand one another through important – and sometimes difficult – conversations, our community grows and creates a better quality of life for all. I salute The Michigan Banner for providing a valuable forum for rich, diverse and thoughtful conversations.

Don Bachand, President, Saginaw Valley State University



Abraham Lincoln once said, "A capacity, and taste, for reading, gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others. It is the key, or one of the keys, to the already solved problems." Our community has solved many problems and continues to tackle those that persist. The Michigan Banner is a valuable community asset to share information about solutions and challenges and how we can work together.

J.J. Boehm, Director of Media and Community Relations, SVSU

Dear Mr. Jerome Buckley,



It is with great pleasure I send this salutation, with congratulations upon achieving the noteworthy mark of 17 years publishing The Michigan Banner Newspaper. Without a doubt the citizens of Saginaw Michigan have continued to read and support your newspaper because it provides them a trusted balance of cultural, economic and political points of view.

I recall my years in the business of publishing The North Star Newspaper in Rochester New York from 1847 - 1851. We faced many challenges, mostly external, from a society that was unfamiliar with the voice and intelligence of the colored race. We sought to challenge the prevailing sentiment that the black man's degradation was essential to the white man's elevation.

We were appealing to the character of men and women of all colors, races and classes to join the coalition for the abolition of slavery. We sort to broaden our party to include every sex and color because we believed - unlike some, that purity at the expense of unity was not a formula for victory.

Mr. Buckley as you go forward with the next 17 years publishing The Michigan Banner, I suppose the most important mark you could make would be to cultivate a new generation of writers and publishers that will take your remarkable vision beyond even your wildest expectations. You and your newspaper are part of the pantheon of great writers in the history of this democracy who know the press was established to serve the governed not the governors.

I charged you therefore, as well as the readers of The Michigan Banner Newspaper to continued to agitate the comfortable and comfort the agitated and make your great state of Michigan a land of opportunity for all men and women regardless of race. Right is of sex, truth is of no color, God is father of us all.

Your Friend in the Cause of Liberty
Frederick Douglass - Abolitionist
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20 Ways You Can Help Immigrants Now

While Congress stalls, you can take other kinds of actions to help immigrants in transition, in detention, and in crisis.

Written by Julia Travers of YES! Magazine
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Immigrant children are dying in federal custody. Children in detention are being denied basic supplies like soap and blankets—and the Trump administration says that’s fine. Trump threatened then delayed mass immigration raids across the country, using the plan as a bargaining chip with Congress, while families are left in an ever-heightened state of uncertainty.

While Congress is continually being called to act, you can take other kinds of actions to

help immigrants in transition, in detention, and in crisis. Here are 20 ways.

1. March and protest. Japanese internment camp survivors recently protested outside of an army base and former internment camp at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where migrant children will likely soon be housed, setting an example of how people can show up and speak out.

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LB Cover Story, Help Immigrants



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2. The Lights for Liberty: A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps event aims to “bring thousands of Americans to detention camps across the country, into the streets and into their own front yards to protest the inhumane conditions faced by refugees.”

3. Helping pay immigrants’ bail is one of the fastest ways to help those who have been separated from their children, advocates say. Community bail funds can reuse the money paid if the person shows up for their court appearance.

4. Help pay for immigration counsel. Find organizations by Googling “indigent immigration defense” along with your state’s name.

5. Host an asylum-seeker or refugee in your home, with a group like Room for Refugees.

6. Immigration is federal law, but all politics are local. Tell your local law enforcement and government officials not to partner with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials for raids or any other purpose.

7. People of significant financial means could play a more active role funding nonprofit organizations that directly serve immigrants and advocate for legal reforms. Philanthropists can fund case management, human rights watchdog groups, research that drives policy, or higher education programs and scholarships for social workers who specialize in immigrant support services. The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy has several articles on how philanthropy can back immigrant causes.

8. Support local and national groups working to help immigrants, like Immigrant Families

Together, RAICES, and the Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights. Local groups often hold community demonstrations and provide sanctuary, transportation, court accompaniment, and resettlement programs to immigrant populations, and they are in need of volunteers. Contact a local group and ask them what they need most.

9. Create a fundraiser. Immigrant Families Together offers a long list of potential fundraiser formats on its site, ranging from movie nights to silent auctions.

10. ActBlue Charities is a registered organization formed to democratize charitable giving. It provides a list of reputable organizations that work to help children at the border.

11. Volunteer locally to mentor and tutor English-language learners. By teaching English as a second language, you can help people navigate American culture more successfully.

12. Join a pen pal or visitation program for detained immigrants, such as the ones run by First Friends of New Jersey and New York.

13. Immigrant-focused groups are creating resources to help people know their constitutional rights if confronted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials. Learn these rules and share them widely in your neighborhood and online.

14. Use art, music, social media, conversation, and other expressions and connections to draw attention to these issues.

15. If you work in education, create school

curricula to help young people learn about human and, specifically, immigrant rights. Teaching Tolerance offers learning materials that facilitate the exploration of topics like race and immigration in the classroom and “explore the value of a diverse society.”

16. Donate air miles. Lawyer Moms of America is one group that contributes airline miles and funds to people in border shelters. This enables those who have achieved asylum to leave and makes space for new arrivals.

17. Donate household goods. Organizations like the International Rescue Committee and U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants give people with the basic supplies they need to establish a new life in the U.S.

18. If you can go to the border, you can join many others taking direct action there, from volunteer doctors and lawyers to those leaving water and supplies in the desert for immigrants.

19. Explore how we got here. To learn more about how the U.S. government can respond to the border crisis and the root causes of migration and displacement in the Northern Triangle (the Central American countries Honduras, San Salvador, and Guatemala feeding much of the migration), check out this blueprint from Human Rights First and other organizations. A few of the recommendations with the U.S. are “restoring timely and orderly” asylum processing at ports of entry and an increase in permitted refugees, immigration judges, and case management services for immigrants (such as the Family Case Management Program, which was terminated by the Trump administration in 2017).

20. Finally, do call on Congress to support legislation like the current Shut Down Child Prison Camps Act and Families Not Facilities Act. Or tell your senators and representatives to stop giving increased funds to the government agencies responsible for the rise in detentions.

What other actions can you take? Remember to practice self-care and do what you can, today.



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What is your brand? An interview with Christopher E. Lee

We hear a lot about “brand” – it is the secret sauce of marketing. It’s what differentiates your nonprofit from another. But what exactly is a brand? How does a nonprofit create a brand, and how does it live into the promise of its brand? For answers to these questions and more we reached out to Christopher Lee, CEO of Think Inspired.

In answering the question, What exactly is a “brand?” Lee turned to Google, an obviously well-established brand. “According to the Google definition, branding is the promotion of a particular product or company by means of advertising and distinctive design. Therefore, any nonprofit organization needs to be able to effectively tout its core objectives in a way that appeals to their various stakeholders.”

Most of us can recognize brands such as Nike, Coca Cola, and McDonald’s. In terms of nonprofits we recognize St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, the American Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity to name a few. Each has a visual identity and we associate the organization’s mission with their name. “St. Jude’s” is about curing childhood cancer, the Red Cross is disaster relief, and Habitat for Humanity is about building houses for local residents. These might not be the “official” definition of each nonprofit, but these are the perceptions

often associated with each. The perceptions and associations – or brand – are what we think of when we hear the organization’s name.

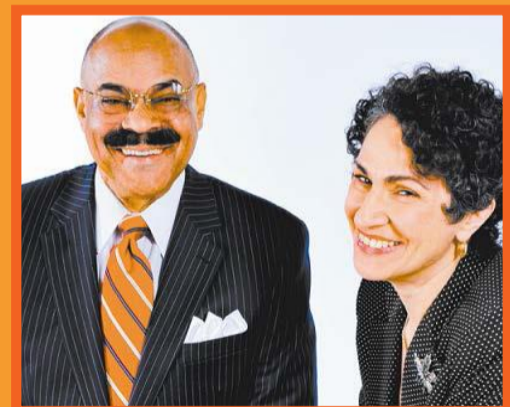
Across the nonprofit sector there can be a reluctance to invest in brand, especially for those organizations that are small or locally based. Donors and funders often want their money – our money – to go to the cause, not to something as “superficial” as brand. We understand, but we also know that if people don’t know your nonprofit, and don’t have positive associations with it, you may have a difficult time raising the money you need to deliver on your mission. We’re not suggesting an irrational investment in your brand; rather that you know what it is, that you build it, and tend to it.

Here’s Lee’s grounding guidance, “Branding is no different for a nonprofit organization than it is for a for profit entity. Successful branding elements go a long way in differentiating one organization from their competitors. In the case of a nonprofits, many compete against other worthy and viable nonprofit organizations for valuable resources; such as funding, board members and governmental support”

Your brand can also help your constituents “better understand the

character and attitude of the organization; while elevating its standing in an ever-growing field of nonprofit organizations globally.” Yes, globally. You may serve local residents, or educate students within a region, but nonprofits from across the country and the globe are competing for philanthropic dollars, resources, and talent. Think of the commercials you see on TV, the direct mail that comes to your home, Facebook campaigns initiated by your friends and family, and internet or email marketing and fundraising campaigns. These are your competitors.

Next week we’ll deepen our conversation with Lee. In the meantime, you can reach him at clee@thinkinspiredmarketing.com or 901-201-4419.



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HEALTH

Children receiving free and reduced school lunches may be eligible for food benefits this summer



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LANSING, Mich. – Sixteen Michigan school districts and intermediate school districts have been selected for a program that provides food benefits during the summer for any child who received free or reduced-price school lunches.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, in collaboration with Michigan Department of Education, is participating in the 2019 Summer EBT for Children program.

The following school districts have been selected for 2019:

- Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District.
- Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Roscommon (COOR) Intermediate School District.
- Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.
- Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District.
- Copper Country Intermediate School District.
- Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District.
- Flint Community Schools.
- Genesee Intermediate School District (Students participating in ISD programs only).
- Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District.
- Huron Intermediate School District.
- Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency.
- Marquette Alger Educational Service Agency.
- Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District.
- Sanilac Intermediate School District.
- Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District.
- Tuscola Intermediate School District.

This program receives a U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded grant that provides food to students eligible for free or reduced-price school meals within select public school districts during the summer months. Summer 2019 will be the eighth year of the program in Michigan. One-hundred percent of families surveyed in 2018 said they would use the program again if it was made available. Over 56,000 students will receive the benefits this year.

Eligible students receive a Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Bridge Card in the mail.

The 2019 Summer EBT for Children program began June 1 and benefits expire on Sept. 2. Each student receives \$30 in nutritious food per month for the three months of summer containing items such as milk, eggs and fresh fruits, and vegetables.

Cards and program materials are mailed directly to families that are eligible to participate. The card comes pre-loaded with a food package containing nutritious foods that families can redeem in any WIC-authorized store. Once the family calls the number on the back of the card and enters a Personal Identification Number (PIN), the family can begin redeeming benefits.

School districts were selected based on recommendations from the USDA, the Michigan Department of Education and the WIC program, and focused on local access to food service programs in the area. Those areas without sufficient summer food service programs given the number of eligible students were prioritized for this summer.

For more information about the Summer EBT for Children program, visit www.sebtc-mi.com, or call 888-265-3291.

Michigan Tobacco Quitline offering free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges through September



LANSING, Mich. – Is quitting smoking on your to-do list this summer? The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) can help with free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges through Sept. 30.

The offer is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tips From Former Smokers® campaign featuring real people who are living with the effects of smoking-related diseases and secondhand smoke exposure. Up to eight weeks of

free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges are available to Michigan residents who call the Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669). Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“CDC’s Tips campaign reminds people of the harmful effects of smoking and connects them with important resources like the Michigan Tobacco Quitline,” says Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “As a physician and public health professional, I know all too well the terrible toll of smoking. MDHHS is committed to helping Michiganders quit tobacco products and reduce their risk of tobacco-related illnesses like cancer and heart disease.”

Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. It kills about 480,000 Americans each year. For every person who dies from

a smoking-related disease, at least 30 more people suffer at least one serious illness from smoking. Nearly 68 percent of smokers say they want to quit. Tobacco users interested in quitting are urged to call 800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) or to visit Cdc.gov/tips for free help quitting and to view the personal stories from the campaign.

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline is an evidence-based service providing free telephone and online coaching and text messaging. More than 140,000 Michigan residents have used the Quitline or the online coaching program to help them in their journey towards a tobacco-free life.

The Quitline offers English, Arabic and Spanish-speaking counselors, as well as interpretive services for a wide variety of languages. For more information, call 800-QUIT-NOW or visit Michigan.gov/tobacco.

CMU, Covenant HealthCare announce long-term agreement

A new 25-year affiliation agreement between the Central Michigan University College of Medicine and Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw will strengthen their collective support of medical student education and research.

Through the agreement, CMU medical students will continue to complete clinical rotations at Covenant facilities under the supervision of physicians who serve as CMU faculty members. It also increases opportunities for clinical research on public and community health issues prominent in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

“Covenant is a regional leader for health care and an important partner to Central Michigan University for medical education and training,” said Dr. George Kikano, vice president of health affairs and dean of the CMU College of Medicine. “By cementing our long-term relationship with Covenant, communities and residents across our region and beyond will benefit from improved

access to health care as we fill the critical need for medical professionals.”

CMU President Bob Davies said the agreement marks a significant milestone in the strong and growing relationship between the two organizations.

“The region, state, our students — and more importantly, the residents and communities of our region — will benefit significantly from this historic agreement, which will be the first of many of its kind,” Davies said.

CMU’s College of Medicine, one of six fully accredited medical schools in Michigan, prepares diverse, culturally competent physicians to improve access to high-quality health care, especially in medically underserved populations.

Covenant HealthCare is a nonprofit health system and the most comprehensive health care provider in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

It offers a broad spectrum of programs and services throughout east-central Michigan and is the primary medical education site for the CMU College of Medicine.

“Covenant has long recognized the critical role that medical education plays in community health. This agreement provides our long-term commitment of resources and support for the CMU College of Medicine and is an affirmation that Covenant will serve as the primary site for medical education in the region,” said Covenant President and CEO Ed Bruff.

“Together we will attract the physicians needed in our communities and elevate patient care through collaboration and advanced research.”

CMU and Covenant increasingly collaborate on education, training, professional development, clinical research, community engagement and public health issues.



Samaritas salutes The Michigan Banner on its 17 years of dedicated service to the community. When we all work together to Lift Up Saginaw, there's nothing we can't do!

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Leapfrog Gives Covenant an 'A' for Hospital Safety



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Covenant HealthCare was awarded an "A" grade for hospital safety in the spring 2019 report card by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization.

It's the second time in a row that Covenant has received recognition for efforts in protecting patients from harm and providing

safer healthcare. The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization committed to improving healthcare quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' or 'F' grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other

harms to patients in their care. Covenant is the only hospital in the Great Lakes Bay Region to make the grade.

"To be recognized nationally as an 'A' hospital is an accomplishment the whole community should take pride in," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an 'A' grade are making it a priority to protect patients from preventable medical harm and error. We congratulate hospital leaders, board members, staff, volunteers and clinicians who work so hard to earn this A."

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public. For more detailed information, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org.



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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Beattie Master Pool and Spa of Saginaw Announces 60th Anniversary



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It is with a tremendous amount of pride that the third-generation owners of Beattie Master Pool and Spa in Saginaw announce the 60th anniversary of the family owned business. Kyle Randolph, and Kari Beattie-Randolph, are excited to offer the excellent service and product lines that Beattie has become known for, continuing the family tradition into their 60th year.

“Beattie was started in 1959 by my grandfather, Aaron Beattie. He was a postal worker who wanted to give his children a backyard swimming pool. He thought he could do it himself, with help from family and friends, and he did”, said Kari Beattie-Randolph. Aaron and his wife, Jane Beattie, continued to build their business, and in 1967, Aaron became a member of the Master Pool Guild, of which there are only two in the state. The Master Pool Guild recognizes excellence in construction and design of in-ground pools. He officially opened the first location of

Beattie Master Pools on State Street in 1978, and it continues to operate seasonally, May through September.

In 1981, Aaron and Jane’s youngest son, David, started Artistic Pools, using experience he had been accumulating since the age of 10. When Aaron stepped aside in 1986, Dave and his wife Gail took over Beattie Master Pool and Spa. They moved the business to the current location at 6232 Bay Road in 2002, where it continues to operate today. In 2014, Dave and Gail retired and their daughter, Kari Beattie-Randolph and her husband Kyle became the third-generation owners.

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Beattie Master Pool and Spa, Beattie Master Pool and Spa had several special events lined up. In support of their strong belief that children need strong water skills, Beattie gave away swim lessons to 60 local children. “Enjoyment of a backyard pool or spa should be safe for

all children. Swim safety has always been the main focus of Beattie, and we’re thrilled to be able to provide instruction to these local children” said Kari Beattie-Randolph. Beattie also hosted a special anniversary event at both locations on the 60th anniversary, June 15th, with special one day pricing on replacement equipment, toys and games and additional 10% off above ground pools as well as giveaways throughout the day.

Beattie Master Pool and Spa is open year-round, and offers custom designed gunite in-ground pools, Sharkline above ground pools and Sundance spas. In home design consultations are always free. In addition, Beattie carries toys and games, a full line of parts and accessories for pools and spas, and eco-friendly chemicals for both. They offer free water testing, and free “Pool School” and “Spa School” to help homeowners make ownership easy and hassle free.



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In addition, The Michigan Banner educates, informs and engages readers, encouraging them to get involved and be empowered to play an active role in creating a positive and healthy community for their families to work, live and play.

Congratulations to the staff of The Michigan Banner on your 17th anniversary!

Sincerely,
Richard Garber, President
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Shaheen Development Announces Partnership with Michigan Sugar & Michigan Milk Producers Assoc.



Shaheen Development is proud to announce their partnership with Michigan Sugar Company and Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) with the Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Company, a new, locally sourced ice cream shop located within Uptown Place at 160 Uptown Drive in Bay City.

The development of Cream & Sugar stemmed from a collaboration of ideas between Shaheen Development, Michigan Sugar Company and MMPA. The Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Company will be owned and operated by HORIZONS Conference Center. All the ice cream will be made using all-natural Pioneer Sugar and dairy products produced by MMPA members.

Scheduled to open this summer, Cream & Sugar's 16 hand dipped gourmet flavors will be produced on site in a peanut-free environment and sold in three forms – cones, cups and ice cream sandwiches that feature a scoop placed on or between one or two fresh-baked cookies.

"We are looking forward to serving our gourmet, freshly churned ice cream to the Great Lakes Bay Region. Working with Michigan Sugar Company & MMPA has been a team effort from the beginning and we will continue to bring the best ingredients and unique flavors to Uptown Bay City," said Krista Scott, Operations Manager, Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Company.

"Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Company provides an invaluable platform for two cooperatives, Michigan Sugar and MMPA, to share their 'Made in Michigan' stories," said Mark Flegenheimer, President and CEO of Michigan Sugar Company. "As we look at new ways to advertise and market Michigan Sugar Company, this endeavor checks all the boxes – our product is at the forefront of the entire operation, our storyline about being 'Locally Grown. Locally Owned.' is woven into the DNA of the business, and it creates a strategic partnership with two other world-class operations."

"MMPA continues to seek innovative relationships that create value for our members and our communities," MMPA CEO Joe Diglio said. "Cooperation with a fellow ag cooperative, Michigan Sugar Company, and the union of two great ingredients, cream and sugar, complement each other with every scoop of locally-made ice cream."

All parties have been involved in the planning process for Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Company, providing input on its look, feel and offerings. The new store joins the lineup of restaurant and retail stores already located within the Galleria at Uptown Place and will feature a variety of indoor and outdoor seating options with picturesque views of the Saginaw river and convenient access to the Riverwalk and Downtown Bay City.



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Braun Kendrick's Bill Ewald Receives National Recognition

Bill Ewald, a partner at Braun Kendrick, has been selected for the second year in a row among America's Top 100 Civil Defense Litigators for Michigan in 2019. Based on his years of exceptional advocacy, litigation success, ethical standards, and extraordinary accomplishments in defending significant civil litigation matters, Mr. Ewald joins the ranks of Michigan's most esteemed Civil Defense Litigators.

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Bill has over 45 years of trial experience

in the practice of law, several years of government service as a former assistant prosecuting attorney assigned to homicide and controlled substance prosecutions in Saginaw County, and as assistant United States attorney in the organized crime and white collar crime sections of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Michigan. He was the lead prosecutor in the only case to come out of the Jimmy Hoffa disappearance, a seven-week trial involving thirty-five witnesses and voluminous documentary exhibits. Bill was also the lead government prosecutor in the controlled substances case involving comedian Tim Allen. He has represented clients throughout Michigan and 19 other states.

Bill is a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel [FDCC] (limited to 1,100 trial lawyers worldwide). In past years

he was a frequent panelist of the Property Loss Research Bureau and lectured in the insurance industry. He has published articles and lectured throughout the country on a variety of topics. For four (4) consecutive years, Bill was also named one of Michigan's top lawyers by the Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine.

Bill is committed to the community serving on the boards of the Field Neurosciences Institute, as well as the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission.

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Dow sponsors the 51st International Chemistry Olympiads in Paris



PARIS - June 18, 2019 - Building on its long-standing commitment to support sciences and technology education, Dow announced it will be a key corporate sponsor of the 51st International Chemistry Olympiads (ICHO), an annual competition gathering the most talented high-school chemistry students from around the world.

From July 21 to July 30, 2019, 320 high-school students from 80 countries around the world will meet Paris to take part in this annual competition. Each participating country will send a team of four of their best students who will have the opportunity to

test their knowledge and skills in chemistry during a practical test performed in a lab and a theoretical one.

“We applaud the highlight given to chemistry and material sciences, two scientific domains which are essential to our everyday life, meeting societal challenges and protecting health and the environment,” said Pierre Burelli, President of Dow France. “The International Chemistry Olympiads are an occasion to showcase the vast positive impact chemists make every day, along with the breadth of career opportunities these fields have to offer to future chemists, scientists and

others. As such it is very logical that our Dow team participates with great enthusiasm in this event and that we are all looking forward to interacting with the participants.”

“We are very proud to host this 51st edition of the International Chemistry Olympiads during France's National Year of Chemistry thanks to the support of committed institutional and private partners such as Dow, who are highly dedicated to supporting training and research within the industry,” said Anne Szymczak, from the French Ministry of education and youth. “This international competition, which achieved a record number of applications in 2019, is an opportunity to show young people and the general public alike, the interconnection and passion bringing all chemists together: students, professors, technicians, engineers and researchers, from schools, universities and the industry. By advancing our understanding of the way matter behaves, this community continuously paves the way to critical innovations helping to solve some of humanity's most pressing environmental, energy, health, and economic challenges.”



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EDUCATION

SVSU Board approves tuition increase of \$505



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The Saginaw Valley State University Board of control approved a tuition increase of \$505 for in-state undergraduate students as part of the 2019-20 general fund operating budget adopted during the Board's regular meeting Monday, June 17.

A Michigan undergraduate student taking 30 credits will pay \$10,813 for the upcoming academic year. SVSU will continue to have the lowest tuition among the 15 Michigan public universities for 2019-20, even after the increase of 4.9 percent takes effect.

"We are committed to supporting our hard-working students and preparing them for the careers that await them," said Donald Bachand, SVSU president. "That requires sufficient resources to ensure our programs remain of the highest quality to meet students' expectations, while understanding the challenging financial circumstances many students and families face."

"We will continue to have the lowest base tuition in the state, even after this increase, and we have made strategic investments to increase the scholarships and financial aid we make available to students. Our budget is based on the guidelines set by the Michigan Senate. We are prepared to adjust if the final state budget differs when it is passed."

The Board also approved a three-year contract with the Police Officers Association of Michigan, which represents University Police

patrol officers. The deal calls for officers to receive wage increases of 2 percent for each year of the contract, and health insurance coverage equivalent to administrative/professional staff.

"The men and women of University Police do an outstanding job maintaining the safety of our campus community, and we think this is a fair contract," Bachand said.

The Board of Control also approved extending President Bachand's employment contract through June 30, 2022.

"We as a Board are pleased with President Bachand's performance and the direction of the university," said Jenee Velasquez, chair of the Board of Control.

"A healthy enrollment is critical to the university's present and future, and despite these challenging times, SVSU managed to grow its freshman class by 28 percent last year and is on pace for another strong class. President Bachand and his team also have done well to secure resources from donors and the state to support construction of an addition for the Carmona College of Business. We think extending President Bachand's contract at this time will allow the university to continue its positive momentum."

In other action, the Board:

- Passed a resolution to amend the charter of

the SVSU Student Association.

- Passed a resolution to change the name of the Scott L. Carmona College of Business & Management to the Scott L. Carmona College of Business.
- Approved the reauthorization of public school academies.
- Approved the confirmation of board members for previously authorized public school academies.
- Authorized establishing a new public school academy, Sigma Academy for Leadership and Early College in Highland Park.
- Authorized establishing Faxon Academy in Farmington Hills as a public school academy under SVSU's auspices. The school had been authorized by Grand Valley State University.
- Approved promotion for 16 faculty members. Promoted to the rank of professor are: John Baesler, history; Fenobia Dallas, rhetoric and professional writing; Olivier Heubo-Kwegna, mathematics; Mazen Jaber, marketing; Emily Kelley, art; Yu Liu, management; Jennifer McCullough, communication; Kaustav Misra, economics; and Matthew Vannette, physics. Promoted to associate professor are: Cal Borden, biology; Tammy Hill, nursing; Maureen Muchimba, health sciences; Travis Pashak, psychology; Sylvia Fromherz Sharp, biology; Izabela Szymanska, management; and Norm Wika, music.
- Passed a resolution granting emerita status to Joni Boye-Beaman, who retired in 2018 after 19 years of service in faculty and administrative roles.
- Passed a resolution to grant emeritus status to Gerald Peterson, who retired as professor of psychology in 2018 after 37 years of service.
- Passed a resolution to approve a construction and completion assurance agreement, a conveyance of property, a lease and an easement agreement, if necessary, for the building addition under construction for the Carmona College of Business.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the issuance and delivery of general revenue bonds.
- Approved an updated parking and traffic ordinance.

Delta College Welcomed Community at Downtown Saginaw Center Open House



courtesy photos

Delta College welcomed the community at the Downtown Saginaw Center Open House on Saturday, June 22 at 319 East Genesee Avenue in Saginaw.

This free event was an opportunity for the whole family to celebrate, explore and learn. Celebration activities included bounce houses, games, PBS characters Peg + Cat and Daniel Tiger, refreshments, prizes and giveaways.

With a focus on learning, children enjoyed

a Dr. Slime science show, participated in hands-on activities in the STEM Explorer mobile science lab and discovered more about our universe with a Delta Planetarium demonstration. Adults learned about the Downtown Saginaw Center’s certificate and associate degree programs, scheduled career exploration sessions and talked with admission representatives.

“Higher education should be as convenient as possible, which is why we are in downtown

Saginaw,” said Dr. Jean Goodnow, Delta College President. “I’m so excited to have had the community come down to visit and see Delta’s phenomenal facility. From our three Downtown Centers to our main campus, our entire staff is committed to providing everyone with the education they deserve on their life’s journey.”

SVSU updates RN to BSN program to better serve working nurses

Saginaw Valley State University is adapting its curriculum to more effectively meet the needs of nurses who are seeking to further their education. This fall, SVSU will expand its academic program for registered nurses seeking a bachelor's degree in nursing, making it better suit the lifestyles of the adult professionals enrolled in the RN (registered nurse) to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program.

“We asked registered nurses who are already in our program what changes might be recommended by their colleagues not enrolled in our program,” said Karen Brown-Fackler, chair of SVSU's Department of Nursing.

“We wanted to see what we should change to convince RNs to enroll.”

In response to that survey, SVSU added elements to the academic program that Brown-Fackler and her colleagues believe will entice nurses once hesitant to embark on an academic endeavor while simultaneously working a full-time job in the field.

The changes include the following:

- Changing courses to completely online. Previously, classes involved attending classroom lectures.
- Allowing students to begin the program at three points during each academic calendar. Before the changes, enrollees could only start the program in the fall semester.
- Allowing enrollees to complete the academic degree at their own pace. Previously, nurses were required to participate in a schedule of courses that began in the fall semester and finished the following fall semester. As a result, nurses now

can enroll when they want and take courses at their own pace.

- Adding electives to the program that allow nurses to enroll in courses that can be used as credits for those also pursuing a degree in SVSU's Master of Science in Nursing program.
- Brown-Fackler said the adjustments create a more flexible program for nurses who are busy people. Both she and Deborah Gibson, SVSU's RN to BSN program coordinator, say the adjusted program is better fit for a schedule that sometimes makes it challenging to tackle academic demands during traditional classroom hours.

“Nurses are often working full time and have families,” Gibson said. “This new program makes it easier for them to get a bachelor's degree.”

Brown-Fackler said the online courses are designed to be engaging. While those courses don't require visiting campus, students will enjoy a supportive connection with SVSU faculty, as well as a dedicated adviser.

“We make our online courses very interesting,” Brown-Fackler said. “A lot of our faculty record their lectures, so students aren't just reading books assigned to them. They're interacting and learning with the faculty.”

SVSU created its RN to BSN program more than a decade ago in response to a growing trend in the medical field to require registered nurses to earn bachelor's degrees.

Registered nurses interested in learning more about the program can contact Gibson at (989) 964-4184 or dkgibson@svsu.edu.

Enroll now to take classes at the Downtown Saginaw Center



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Topics covered include how to register, how to apply for financial aid and how to create a class schedule. Anyone with a high school diploma or GED is eligible to take classes at Delta College.

CMU's Medical residency program fuels Saginaw-area growth

Imagine the Saginaw, Michigan, area if a Central Michigan University College of Medicine and its affiliated CMU Medical Education Partners residency program didn't exist.

Trusted family doctors, surgeons or specialists might be many miles away, making them more inconvenient for many, inaccessible for some.

Fortunately for those in the region, medical visionaries formed the area's first such program in 1947, later transitioning that leadership to CMU. To date, more than 800 physicians have completed their specialty training in Saginaw residency programs, with an estimated 200 of them choosing to stay and practice in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Another seven residents from this year's graduating class of 33 have joined them after the June 14 graduation.

"We are proud to be a leader in meeting the medical needs of the growing Great Lakes Bay Region by educating students, training residents and caring for the community," said Dr. George Kikano, dean of CMU's College of Medicine.

"The College of Medicine remains fixed on its mission of preparing physicians who are focused on improving access to high-quality health care in Michigan with an emphasis on underserved populations."

CMU Medical Education Partners is supported by Covenant HealthCare and Ascension St. Mary's Hospital.

New graduate: Love for community

Two of the seven new residency graduates who have chosen to call the Saginaw area home are Jennifer Romeu from Miami, Florida, and Eric Pitts, from Pigeon, Michigan.

Wrap-Jennifer.jpgRomeu will practice family medicine with CMU Health at the Colony and Concentric primary care clinics in Saginaw Township.

Some Michiganders might expect a Floridian to hustle back south after graduation, but Romeu's time spent in Saginaw during clinical rotations got her thinking it was a place she could call home.

"I got to know and really like the community of Saginaw, and Michigan itself," she said.

Her residency experience with the CMU Family Medicine Residency Program sealed the deal.

"They take a community learning approach to family medicine, teaching all the subspecialties," she said. "I never felt that I wasn't a team member."

Community is important to Romeu.

"I had the opportunity to move, but I truly love working with the people in Saginaw," she said. "They have an immense pride in their community and have been very welcoming to me."

New graduate: Close to family

Pitts, a new emergency medicine doctor, chose to stay in the area to be close to his family in the Flint area.

Wrap-Pitts.jpgThe Michigan State University medical school graduate ended up at CMU's residency program because a medical school friend, a Covenant HealthCare doctor, told him of CMU's Emergency Medicine Residency Program.

It was his last residency interview of the year — and the best, he said.

"I was impressed with the overall program: what it stood for, its support in the community and the push for community service from its residents."

He also liked that it serves a diverse population, stretching from the Upper Peninsula to the mid-Michigan area.

The residency experience came with a few surprises for Pitts.

"Now you are dealing with life-and-death situations," he said. "Although you have the attending physician there to supervise, it's still more scary than reading about it in a book. But the program did a good job of smoothing that transition from medical school life to residency life."

Another surprise was the support of the residents, not only in his education, but also in his personal life.

"I had quite a bit of family loss in my intern year and my second year: grandparents, uncles and father. The program was really supportive. I had faculty text me to make sure that I was doing OK and asking if I needed anything.

"I feel that is a rare thing to find in a program."

His goal is to continue working in the Covenant emergency department and eventually become a faculty member in CMU's emergency medicine residency program.

Training and practicing

Dr. Thomas J. Veverka completed his residency in Saginaw in 1992 and returned to practice after a year's surgical critical care fellowship in Minnesota. He is past president of the Saginaw County Medical Society and a current board member of the Michigan State Medical Society.

"Having residency training programs makes Saginaw much more attractive to quality physicians who like to teach, making recruitment more fruitful. And, of course, residents who train in Saginaw are more likely to stay and practice in Saginaw. I am living proof of this."

Dr. Samuel Shaheen, executive director of CMU Medical Education Partners, said the positive impact of having medical and resident training in Saginaw can't be overstated.

"Because of our efforts, doctors are educated, patients are cared for, and partnerships on health and wellness flourish. We are improving the health of our communities through education."



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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start
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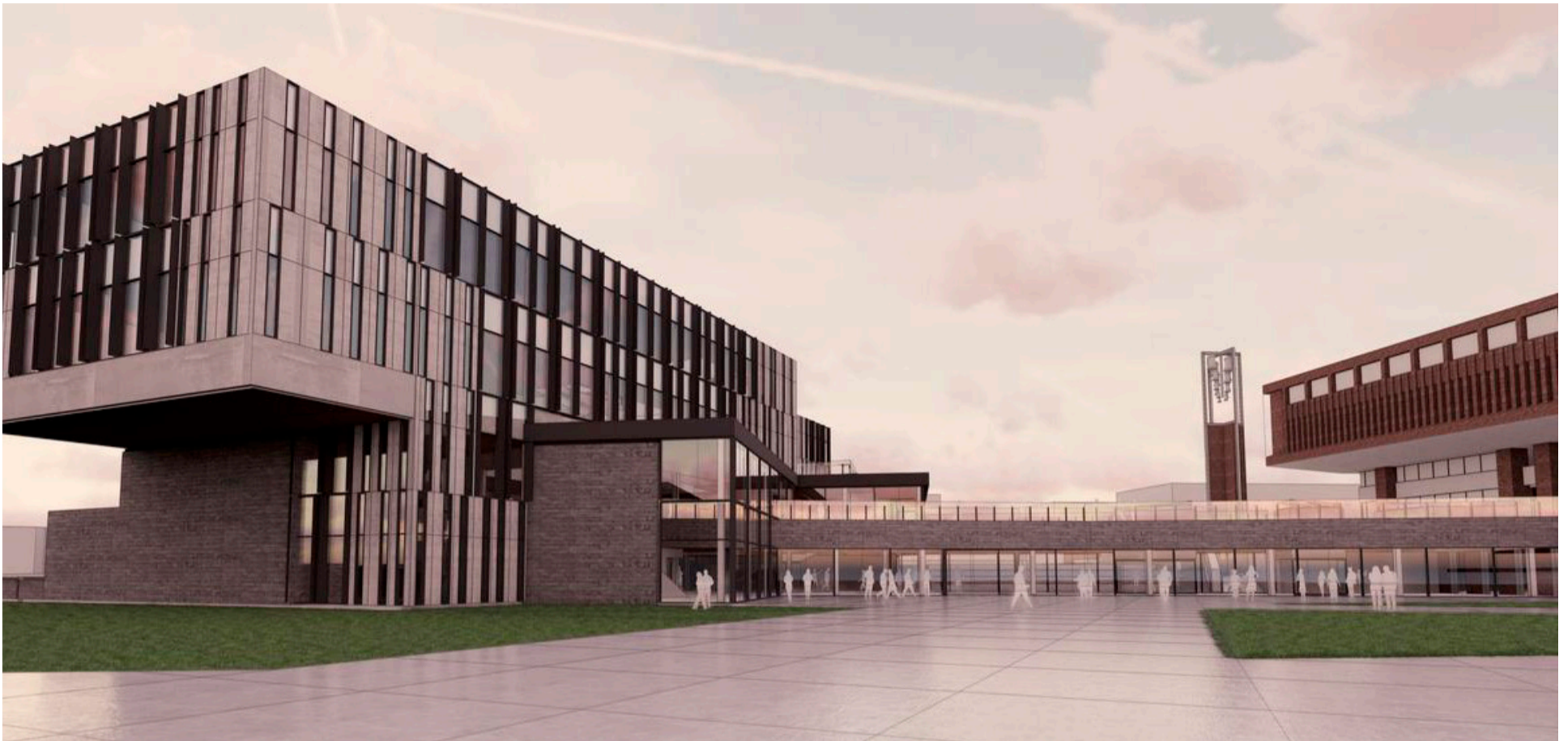
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Kettering University announces \$150 million fundraising campaign, will build state of the art academic hub



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Kettering University has announced a \$150 million dollar fundraising campaign entitled “Boldly Forward” and unveiled plans for a new Learning Commons — a major academic hub to be built on its campus. The campaign has already raised \$103.6 million dollars.

“Boldly Forward” is a comprehensive campaign with the top priority being the new 105,000 square-foot, state-of-art Learning Commons.

“Investments, like the ones we are making, have a host of far reaching implications for us and our community. First and foremost, to our students, through it we boldly affirm our commitment to providing them with an academic environment that remains unrivaled anywhere in the country, with second-to-none learning advantages that guarantee they have a competitive edge when they leave this University,” said Dr. Robert K. McMahan, President of Kettering University. “As a leading STEM institution

and research center, this University continues making significant and impactful investments demonstrating that we are not only steadfastly committed to remaining a world-leader on the technological stage — but, moreover, that we are intent on leading that charge.”

Showcasing the hallmarks of a Kettering education, the Learning Commons takes a leap forward into the future with a digital library, foregoing the conventional book stacks of a traditional academic library. With digital resources such as books and videos available through streaming services, the entire building will serve as a library for students, faculty, and staff. The building will house collaboration spaces, an auditorium, access points for information resources, new dining facilities, and a student worker space that has a focus on mobility and artificial intelligence.

“As we look to the future, this undertaking demonstrates Kettering’s ongoing

commitment to providing a world-class learning environment for students and faculty that is second to none,” said Gary Cowger, Chairman and CEO of GLC Ventures, LLC, a management consultancy on business, manufacturing, and technology strategy and global organizational structures and implementation.

Cowger serves as Kettering’s Campaign Chairman and leads the multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign for the University. The University’s fundraising and advancement activities have set all-time institution records across all levels.

With the addition of the new Learning Commons, Kettering University continues its ongoing investment in the City of Flint. An estimated 118 new construction jobs are expected to be created as a result of the Learning Commons, with additional jobs to follow upon completion of the new building.

Michigan's Special Education Performance Improves on Federal Ranking

LANSING – Michigan's performance on key special education factors improved over last year and the U.S. Department of Education has lifted the state from its "needs intervention" determination to "needs assistance," the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) reported today.

Michigan received the federal determination for its annual performance rating on meeting the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA, Part B for the 2017-18 school year. Michigan's score increased from 59.17 percent to 65.28 percent, an increase of over six percent.

"This is the highest score Michigan has received since 2014, when the federal government moved to Results Driven Accountability," said Deputy State Superintendent Scott Koenigsknecht. "We are pleased with the trajectory of the growth and will continue to work to improve outcomes for every Michigan student. There still is much work to do around the areas of graduation rate, dropout rate, research based best practices, and inclusion."

Koenigsknecht said a lot of work is being done in the school districts across the state, and at MDE, to improve compliance and results outcomes. A steering committee and four work groups have been working since December 2018 to generate recommendations that would lead to continued improvements for graduation rates, dropout rates, M-STEP participation, and NAEP results and participation.

"We appreciate the commitment from our partners across the education landscape in Michigan and look forward to continued growth and improvement," Koenigsknecht said. "To become a Top 10 education state in 10 years, we need to provide a quality education and growth for all students, including those with special needs."

Last year, the Michigan Department of Education was in full compliance with meeting the reporting and submitting of timely and accurate data of specific indicators required by the U.S. Department



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of Education. However, outcomes for students with disabilities for graduation and dropout rates are below the 80 percent target. Also, a greater percentage of students with disabilities needed to participate in the appropriate state and national assessments and show improved proficiency rates in reading and math. Those were the underperforming factors identified in the U.S. Department of Education's report last year.

Federal officials use both compliance and results data for a "letter of determination" on whether a state "meets requirements,"

"needs assistance" or "needs intervention."

The Michigan Department of Education's work to become a Top 10 education state in 10 years is designed to better support Intermediate School Districts to address local school district improvements. This evolving partnership between MDE and each ISD as a subrecipient of the federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant funds further ensures the alignment and coordination that evidence-based practices are implemented and supported in local districts.

COMMUNITY

Saginaw Choral Society Announces 2019-2020 Season



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The Saginaw Choral Society is excited to announce its 2019-2020 season and subscription series tickets on sale now! The season will consist of five concerts appealing to audiences of all ages: Broadway Re-Bent, Holidays with Saginaw Choral Society, Alzheimer's Stories, Come Fly With Me starring Ah Tempo!, and Disney's "Beauty and the Beast!"

Artistic Director, Jeremiah Kraniak, describes it saying, "Our upcoming season has something for everyone. Whether you are looking for the casual atmosphere of Cabaret & Cabernet, the impactful and relevant subject of Alzheimer's Stories, or the timeless tale of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," we have a night out for you! Good things are happening in Saginaw and we are thrilled to be at the forefront of art and culture!"

Season tickets are available by calling the Temple Theatre Box Office at 989-754-SHOW. Several subscription packages offer a choice of three, four, or all five concerts at a 20% savings off single ticket prices.

Auditions for singers to join the Choral Society for the 2019-20 season will be held later this summer. Visit the SCS website at www.saginawchoralsociety.com/auditions/ or follow "Saginaw Choral Society" on social media for all upcoming details.

Concert Descriptions:
Cabaret 2019: Broadway Re-Bent October 4, 2019 at 7:30pm & October 5, 2019 at 3:00pm | Court Street Theatre
SCS Cabaret singers and nationally acclaimed pianist Kevin Cole give another zany gender-bender presentation of some of Broadway's most iconic tunes in this audience favorite!

Holidays with Saginaw Choral Society
December 8, 2019 at 3:00pm | Temple Theatre
Joined by Saginaw Youth Choir, and Bells on High handbells, we will ring in the season with song and good cheer!

Alzheimer's Stories March 21, 2020 at 7:30pm | First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw
Based on Dr. Alois Alzheimer's work with patients of the disease that carries his name, Robert Cohen's breathtaking composition brings us to

our darkest places...yet shows us light!

Ah Tempo! in Come Fly With Me April 18, 2020 at 7:30pm | Court Street Theatre
Frank, Dean, Sammy, Peter, Joey, Liza, and Shirley bring Hollywood and Las Vegas to the Court Street Theatre when Ah Tempo! pays tribute to the entertainers who became known as The Rat Pack.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast May 2, 2020 at 7:30pm & May 3, 2020 at 3:00pm | SVSU Malcolm Field Theatre
"Be our guest" for the Choral Society's production of one of the longest running shows on Broadway. This "tale as old as time" tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end. But time is running out, for who could ever learn to love a beast?

For more information, visit the Saginaw Choral Society's website at www.saginawchoralsociety.com.



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Duperon Corporation Supports Local Domestic Violence Survivor and Author Alisa Divine



Saginaw, MI – June 11, 2019 – Michigan native Alisa Divine has written a new book, #SheWins: Harrowing Stories from Women Who Survived Domestic Abuse, scheduled for release on Amazon and in stores nationwide this month. In it, Divine shares the stories of female domestic abuse survivors, emphasizing the triumph of the spirit to overcome and flourish despite what

has happened to them. The book has an accompanying online community where women encourage other women to speak up, support each other, and thrive.

“I am honored to have contributed the foreword to Alisa’s new book,” said Duperon CEO, Tammy Bernier. “Alisa and I connected at the YWCA’S Women’s Empowerment Symposium. The #SheWins project is inspiring to me. With as many as 1 in 3 women experiencing abuse by an intimate partner, we know that the stories of these courageous, resilient women featured in Alisa’s book are commonplace. Now is the time to shine a bright light on domestic abuse, get it out in the open, and I love how Alisa is getting the conversation started. I look forward to seeing how her powerful book and mission raise awareness and bring healing and community to victims of domestic abuse.”

Divine, who is also a professional photographer, captured powerful black and white portraits of the survivors, shown before each woman’s story. Each piece ends with their victorious, full-color images.

“We are pleased to assist this mission in a

small way, by making a number of copies of #SheWins available to local women in transition from their abusive situations,” remarked Bernier. “All of us have had just the right person or words that moved us beyond fear to hope for a better life. I am proud to say that making a difference and empowerment of dreams is a reflection of the values of the men and women of Duperon Corporation.”

An author, speaker, photographer, and life coach, Divine is also co-owner of Personal Power Press, a publishing company that provides a platform for individuals to tell their stories of turning pain into power. A survivor of domestic abuse herself, Divine’s mission is to “help women and girls transition from where they are to where they want to be in life and in writing.” Divine is also the co-author of Killing Kate, A Story of Turning Abuse and Tragedy into Transformation and Triumph, which will be released in October 2019. Both books raise awareness on domestic abuse.

You can find more information at <https://www.alisadivine.com/she-wins> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/shewinsbook/>

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The Temple Theatre Announces 2019/2020 Shows and Saginaw Silver Screen films



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Saginaw, MI – June 6, 2019 - The Temple Theatre will host a diverse set of shows during the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020. In addition to the shows listed, additional performances will be announced in the coming weeks and months ahead.

"The Temple Theatre creates an experience like no other venue in our region and we look forward to sharing our gem with as many people as we possibly can," says Michael Kolloth, Executive Director of the Temple Theatre Foundation. "As we continue to work to bring impactful programming to the Temple Theatre, we want to engage the community with performances that entertain and evoke emotion,"

In addition to the show line up, the Temple Theatre will also be continuing the Saginaw Silver Screen films this year. "Seeing a movie beneath the cavernous golden ceiling of the Temple is unlike anything a standard movie house or steaming service can offer" Kolloth said. "We aim to provide not only the best possible movie-going experience for guests, but also aim to make it an affordable family outing." Tickets for the films are only \$5 and a pop and popcorn combo is \$3.

Tickets for the listed shows will be on sale

Monday June 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. online at www.templetheatre.com or through the Temple Theatre Box Office (989)754-SHOW. Summer box office hours are 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

2019/2020 TEMPLE THEATRE SHOWS

Deepak Chopra: The Nature of Reality
September 19, 2019 / 7:30 p.m.

"There are countless ways we make our intentions come true, and people are constantly looking for the right one. The promise of making our dreams come true remains baffling, however. Some people manifest their deepest dreams, wishes, and desires while countless others do not.

When you change how you view reality, reality changes. Life is a lucid dream, and everything that happens is a dream come true. When you know who you really are, you will manifest your dreams at the highest level.

Join New York Times bestselling author Deepak Chopra as he addresses these questions as well as practical ways to experience transformation and healing."

The Rocket Man Show: Tribute to Elton John

October 12, 2019 / 7:30 p.m.

Rocket Man gives an insanely energetic performance time after time, throwing around jams such as "Saturday Night's Alright" and "Pinball Wizard" before sending audiences exploding into space with extended 70s instrumental versions of "Rocket Man," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" and "Levon." With thousands of performances under their belts ranging from festivals, to concert halls, to casinos, to cruise liners, Rocket Man musicians actually portray Elton John's intense 70s and 80s concerts down to the finest detail.

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

November 3, 2019 / 5:00 p.m.

"Moscow Ballet brings the Gift of Christmas Tour to Saginaw with Great Russian Nutcracker performances bringing holiday magic to life and creating unforgettable memories for all ages.

Moscow Ballet makes Christmas gift giving easy with the holiday performance that delights all ages...from the life-sized Kissy Doll to the fierce, red-eyed Rat King; and the Russian Troika Sleigh bringing Masha through the Snow Forest to the Land of Peace and Harmony which is populated with 10 foot tall dancing puppets, exotic flying birds and dancing couples from the world's five great heritages.

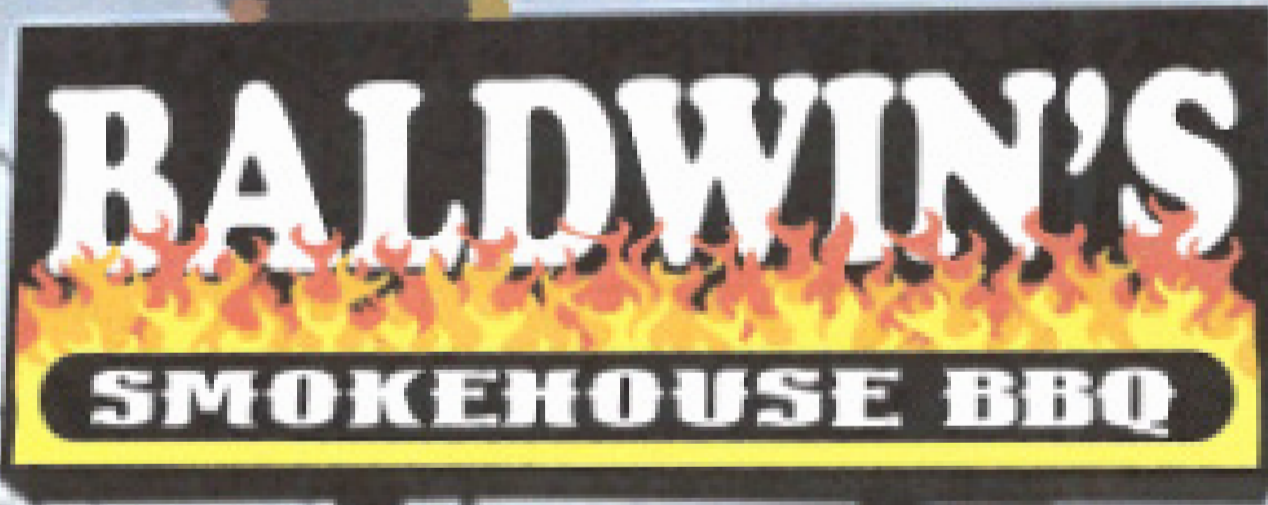
The Great Russian Nutcracker features award-winning Principal Ballerinas and Danseurs from the top ballet academies in Russia and a large corps de ballet.

In addition to the Great Russian Nutcracker and other classic ballet performances, Moscow Ballet advocates for community engagement in the arts and sends advance dancers to tour cities. These dancers audition local ballet students for children's roles in the performances, see Dance-with-Us for more information on this program."

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Flint & Genesee Chamber to Offer 25 Opportunities for Professional Development



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(FLINT, Mich., June 18, 2019) – In support of the region’s workforce, the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce will host 25 professional development opportunities during the second half of the year.

The new workshops, which kick off in early July, will cover a variety of topics including communications, financial planning, grant writing, leadership development, marketing and sales.

“Whether you’re new to your job or are a seasoned professional, it’s important to set aside time for professional development,” said Steven Elkins, director of Member Services and Business Training at the Flint & Genesee Chamber. “It’s a great way to increase your knowledge, sharpen your skills and stay at the forefront of your industry.”

According to Elkins, the Chamber partners with local, regional and national professionals to deliver these workshops.

For instance, Dan Handley, president and CEO of Dale Carnegie Training presented by Handley & Associates, will bring three Dale Carnegie Trainings to Genesee County this year. These include Create Loyal Customers (July 23), Master the Selling Process (Sept. 24) and Rapport: Becoming a Trusted Advisor (Oct. 3).

Other workshop facilitators represent Michigan-based public relations agencies, universities and business consulting firms.

“By partnering with experts in their fields, the Chamber is able to serve as a central resource for a wide variety of professional development trainings,” Elkins said. “And thanks to the generous support of the

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, we’re able to offer these trainings at little cost to attendees.”

As part of its summer/fall training and development lineup, the Chamber is also supporting the Crim Fitness Foundation as it hosts Search Inside Yourself Leadership (Oct. 22-23), a two-day workshop on mindful leadership and emotional intelligence. Early-bird registration pricing is available until Sept. 1, and discounted tickets are available for Flint residents and organizations thanks to the support of the Mindful Cities Flint Initiative.

For more information, or to browse the full list of training opportunities, visit www.flintandgenesee.org/training.

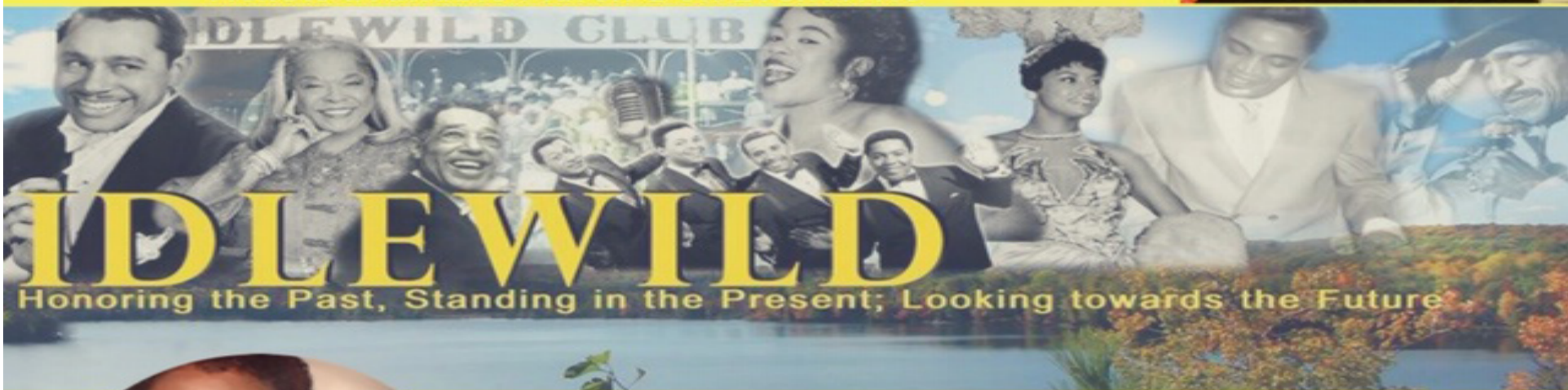
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The Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission, Region 5 administrator for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs regranting program, announces that minigrant funding is available for arts projects and professional development in Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties.

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) minigrant program provides funding for arts projects and professional development to registered non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities and artists in the eight county East Central Michigan Region. The purpose of these grants is to encourage, initiate and facilitate an enriched artistic, cultural and creative environment in Mid-Michigan.

- Arts Projects Minigrants: Up to \$4,000
- Professional Development Minigrants: Up to \$1,500

MCACA Minigrant Arts Projects and Professional Development grant guidelines and application information are available on-line at www.ArtSaginaw.org by clicking on the MCACA Minigrant tab. Minigrant applications must be submitted on-line by August 3, 2019. Funded projects must be completed between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

Project minigrants provide funding for locally developed, high quality arts projects. The Professional Development grant program provides funding to assist arts organizations and artists in acquiring services or skills to strengthen the administrative infrastructure of their organization. Any non-profit organization or government body including service organizations, public schools, cities, townships, etc. from the eight counties may apply.

For more information contact the Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission by email at mbraun.saec@yahoo.com or phone 989.759.1363, ext. 223.

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Thursday, July 25

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***All events start at noon**

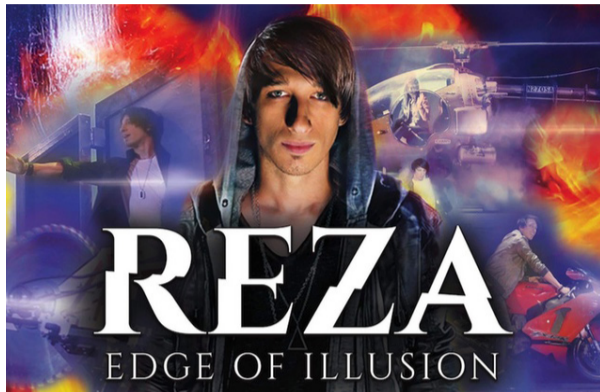


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Reza: Edge of Illusion

December 17, 2019 / 7:30 p.m.



More than a magic show, Reza infuses stage of the art production elements, masterful comedic timing, and numerous interactive; inspirational moments, allowing the audience to experience the magic first hand. Perhaps Reza's greatest secret is his uncanny ability to communicate his performance art on such a personal level. Young and fresh, Reza's new show, "Edge of Illusion," has earned various awards including "Magician of the Year." Reza is intriguing, engaging, and captivating. He isn't just a magician. He is a world-class entertainer.

The Machine Performs Pink Floyd

January 18, 2020 / 8:00 p.m.

"The Machine performs Pink Floyd, America's top Pink Floyd show, has forged a 30-year reputation for extending the legacy of Pink Floyd, selling out theaters, premier showcase rooms and casinos across North America, Europe and Asia, performing at renowned music festivals such as Bonnaroo, Riverbend, and Gathering of the Vibes, and sharing the stage with full symphony orchestras, including the Atlanta, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Jacksonville and San Diego Symphonies, as well as the Buffalo Philharmonic.

When Pink Floyd released The Wall in 1979 it brought the legendary band into a different realm. The Machine presents a special 40th Anniversary performance of The Wall in its entirety as only The Machine can, plus an encore featuring fan favorites from other Floyd albums. Featuring the Interstellar Lights."

ALL-4-ONE

February 15, 2020 / 8:00 p.m.

If you've ever been in love, then you've heard the name All-4-One and their timeless songs "I Swear", "I Can Love You Like That", "So Much In Love", "I Turn To You", "These Arms", "Beautiful As You" and much more. The Grammy Award Winning Group All-4-One is internationally known for making beautiful love songs that not only chart radio airwaves, but also garner countless awards. Celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year, All-4-One continues to tour the world as the original members and a collection of hit songs under their belt.

The Capitol Steps

March 6, 2020 / 7:00 p.m.



Sixteen Scandals Fiscal Shades of Gray Obama Mia! Make America Grin Again I'm So Indicted When Bush Comes to Shove In 1981, a group of Senate staffers wanted to stage a Nativity play for a Christmas party. But after scouring all of Congress, they couldn't find three wise men or a virgin. Bah-DUM-bum!

Instead, the Capitol Steps were born, a hilarious comedy troupe that lampoons the political figures of the day through song parodies and skits. Nearly four decades later, they're still making a mockery of our democracy to the amusement of snowflakes and deplorables everywhere!

Always well received, they're as popular in Washington as they are around the country. They've even performed for the last five presidents – six if you count Hillary. Hey-oh!

Sure, you can enjoy their rapid-fire satire twice a year on NPR's Politics Takes a Holiday or on any one of their 35+ albums.

Or, you can catch their crazy antics LIVE at The Temple Theatre. It's going to be yuuuge!

Drum TAO 2020

March 8, 2020 / 4:00 p.m.

DRUM TAO 2020 is the latest production from TAO, internationally-acclaimed percussion artists. TAO's modern, high-energy performances showcasing the ancient art of Japanese drumming have transfixed audiences worldwide. Combining highly physical, large-scale drumming with contemporary costumes, precise choreography, and innovative visuals, the performers of DRUM TAO 2020 create an energetic and unforgettable production.

Dog Man: The Musical

March 13, 2020 / 6:30 p.m.

"Recommended for ages 6-11

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Saginaw Silver Screen Films

Day of week	Film
8/4/2019	Harvey (1950)
8/11/2019	Star Wars: Empire Strikes Back (1980)
9/8/2019	Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (1990)
9/15/2019	Black Panther (2018)
9/22/2019	The Greatest Showman Sing-A-Long (2018)
9/29/2019	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001)
10/13/2019	The Silence of the Lambs (1991)
10/20/2019	The Exorcist (1973)
10/27/2019	Coco (2017)
12/1/2019	Elf (2003)
12/15/2019	Diehard (1988)

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Gov. Whitmer proclaims June 19 as Juneteenth Celebration Day in Michigan



On the eve of the anniversary commemorating slaves receiving their freedom, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a proclamation that June 19 will be Juneteenth Celebration Day.

According to Juneteenth.com, June 19 is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Going all the way back to the end of the civil war in 1865, Union soldiers were led to Galveston, Texas by Major General Gordon Granger to deliver the news: The war is over, slaves are now free.

While this was two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, it had little effect in Texas due to the lack of enforcement. Instead, Granger's arrival was more closely aligned with the surrender of General Lee in April.

The official beginning of Juneteenth in Michigan came when former "Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm signed legislation designating the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day in Michigan."

There was a range of reactions to the statement. Varying from shock to excitement, many left the plantation immediately. Even with nowhere to go, many felt the logical decision was to leave their servitude. Some left for the north. Others reached out to family in neighboring states.

Over the years, the term Juneteenth would become synonymous with celebration and reassurance, with the city of Galveston becoming a site for many to pilgrimage to in honor of General Order Number 3.

Governor Whitmer Signs Supplemental Appropriations Bill, sponsored by Sen. Jim Stamas of Midland

LANSING, Mich. – On June 24, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Senate Bill 150, a supplemental appropriations bill sponsored by Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland, which includes \$28.8 million in gross spending, while also issuing a line-item veto of an unconstitutional command to the Auditor General.

The legislation includes funding for ensuring accurate counts through the 2020 U.S. Census; implementing provisions in Proposal 3, including automatic voter registration and no-reason absentee voting; administering the Double Up Food Bucks program; and implementing provisions in the new Lead and Copper Rule to protect clean drinking water for Michigan residents.

“This legislation provides critical funding that will expand access to voting, ensure a full and accurate count in the 2020 Census, and help provide clean drinking water to Michigan residents,” said Whitmer. “We’ve got more work to do. It’s been 111 days since I introduced my budget to fix the damn roads, make the largest investment in public school operations in a generation of students, and clean up our drinking water. There’s no reason why the bipartisan work that went into passing this supplemental shouldn’t carry over into passing the full 2020 budget. Instead of going on summer break, the Republican Legislature should get back to work so we can finish the job. Let’s get it done.”

Governor Whitmer also exercised a line-item veto of subsection (105) of the bill, which contained a \$0 appropriation directing the Auditor General to immediately audit the Department of State’s roll-out of the new automatic voter registration and no-excuse absentee voting laws enacted by Proposal 3. The Auditor General’s constitutional powers enable audits to be conducted after the conclusion of the fiscal year or program being examined but do not extend to an audit of an ongoing program during the current fiscal year.

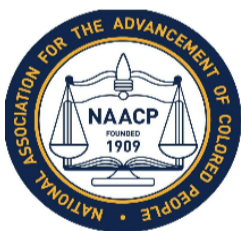
“I applaud the Legislature’s desire to hold the departments, including the Secretary of State, accountable to the people. Nevertheless, the Auditor General may only conduct an audit at the constitutionally appropriate time,” said Whitmer.

Senate Bill 150 includes:

- \$2,000,000 for the Double Up Food Bucks program, which doubles the value of federal nutrition (SNAP or food stamps) benefits spent at participating markets and grocery stores, helping people bring home more healthy fruits and vegetables while supporting local farmers.
- \$635,000 for the Department of Attorney General’s Lawsuit Settlement Proceeds Fund for investigations into alleged sexual assault and abuse in the Catholic church.
- \$3,000,000 for the Department of Health

and Human Services to implement the 2018 changes to Michigan’s lead and copper rules. The appropriation specifically includes \$832,000 for public education, \$484,000 for drinking water investigations in homes, and \$1.7 million for water filters.

- \$5,000,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services to support outreach and preparation for the 2020 Census to ensure accurate counts in rural and urban communities.
- \$5,000,000 for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to support implementation of the 2018 recreational marijuana law, which will fully reimburse the General Fund in FY 2020 with excise tax collections.
- \$2,500,000 for the Department of State to implement Proposal 3. The appropriations specifically includes \$750,000 to implement automatic voter registration and no-reason absentee voting; \$750,000 for education and training services; \$1 million for absentee voter counting board tabulators; and additional \$500,000 for IT costs appropriated in DTMB.
- \$163,600 to the Michigan State Police for Shiawassee County Emergency Relief, which assists first responders and communities with costs related to the recent tornado.
- \$10,000,000 for Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation, which provides funds for payment to wrongfully convicted based on court actions.



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SPORTS

Jared Nightingale named Associate Coach of Saginaw Spirit



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SAGINAW, MI – On June 28, the Saginaw Spirit proudly announced the hiring of Jared Nightingale (@JNighy) as the team's Associate Coach.

"Jared came highly recommended and we are excited to add him to the coaching staff," said Head Coach Chris Lazary. "Jared is a 'hockey guy' through and through. When I spoke to Jared there was instant chemistry. We share the belief that you must not only develop players on the ice, but off the ice into good human beings. Jared's longevity in the game shows he understands the value of hard work."

The 36-year-old Jackson, Michigan native

was previously an assistant coach for the United States Under-17 National Team Development Program and the United States Under-17 National Team, and two years ago, broke into coaching with the Omaha Lancers in the United States Hockey League.

"I am extremely excited to become a member of the Spirit family," said Nightingale. "I would like to thank ownership, Dave Drinkill, Brian Prout, and Chris Lazary for this opportunity to coach in major junior hockey. I spent my entire hockey career around players that came from the OHL, and had nothing but respect for them. I think the league itself, the pro schedule, and the similarities to the National Hockey League game is what

gravitated me to this position. I am looking forward to meeting the players and getting to work."

Nightingale grew up playing hockey in Cheboygan and moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in 10th grade to play midget and eventually junior hockey for the Soo Indians. It was there that Nightingale discovered the Ontario Hockey League, frequently taking trip across the border to watch the likes of Joe Thornton, Trevor Daley, and Jeff Carter play for the Greyhounds.

The youngest of three, Jared had originally committed to play college hockey for Lake Superior State University, where he would play alongside eldest Jason, and middle brother Adam. Due to a coaching change at Lake Superior State, then Northern Michigan head coach Rick Comley recruited Jared and Adam to Michigan State University. Comley had accepted the head coaching job following the retirement of longtime MSU hockey coach Ron Mason.

Jared graduated from Michigan State in 2006 with a criminal justice degree, but had not been selected in the NHL Draft. Following the 2005-06 college season, Jared signed his first pro contract with the Springfield Falcons in the American Hockey League.

Over a 13-year professional hockey career, Nightingale played for more than 15 different teams in 674 professional games between the American Hockey League (472) and the ECHL (202).

Known for his abrasive style on the ice, Nightingale accumulated 1,534 penalty minutes during his professional career.

Nightingale will join Lazary behind the bench for the 2019-20 season, along with an Assistant Coach to be named at a later date.

SVSU's Huebner named to Google Cloud Academic All-America First Team



courtesy photo

AUSTIN, Texas -- SVSU junior Track & Field student-athlete Lauren Huebner has been named to the 2018-19 Google Cloud Academic All-America First Team following her fantastic season for the Cardinals. The national champion earns the national academic recognition after being named to the academic all-district squad in late May.

Huebner, who claimed the national championship in the heptathlon at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships, was one of 16 members of the Division II First Team. Her national title marked the first one for SVSU Track & Field since the 2001 season.

Lauren maintains a 3.90 GPA as an occupational therapy major at Saginaw Valley State University. She posted a pair of all-american honors this year, finishing third at the indoor championships in the pentathlon before breaking through for the outdoor title in the heptathlon. Huebner had two GLIAC titles in this year's outdoor championships en route to being named the Track Athlete of the Meet and the High Point Athlete of the Meet. At the GLIAC Indoor Championships, she had four podium finishes for the Cardinals.

Pacers sign former Arthur Hill Standout forward Brian Bowen II to two-way contract



courtesy photo

After going undrafted in the 2019 NBA draft, Bowen immediately signed a two-way contract with the Indiana Pacers.

Bowen was originally a Louisville commit, but was made ineligible by the NCAA following the FBI probe, making him undrafted in 2018 and forcing his hand to go to Australia to play for the Sydney Kings.

Bowen played at Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw, Michigan, before transferring to La Lumiere School in La Porte, Indiana, in 2015. As a senior at La Lumiere, he had averaged 22 points per contest, while leading his team to a national championship at the Dick's Sporting Goods high school tournament. In the 2017 Jordan Brand Classic, he scored a game high 26 points and was named co-MVP.

He is expected to spend the majority of the 2019–2020 season playing for the Pacers' NBA G League affiliate, the Fort Wayne Mad Ants.

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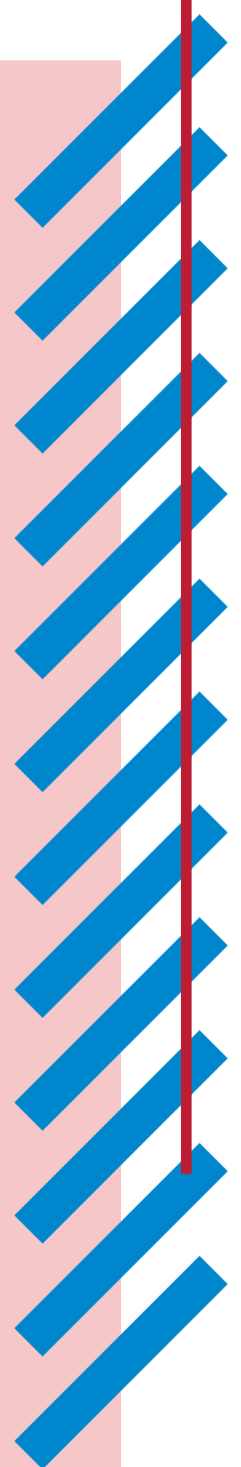
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PIC OF THE WEEK

Yvonne Daniels is pictured at the GRACIE Awards Luncheon on June 26 in New York. Daniels was announced as the winner for “Best Host Non-Morning Drive (Music DJ/ Personality) Small/Medium Market [Radio – Local]” for her long-running “Kiss In The Afternoon” show.



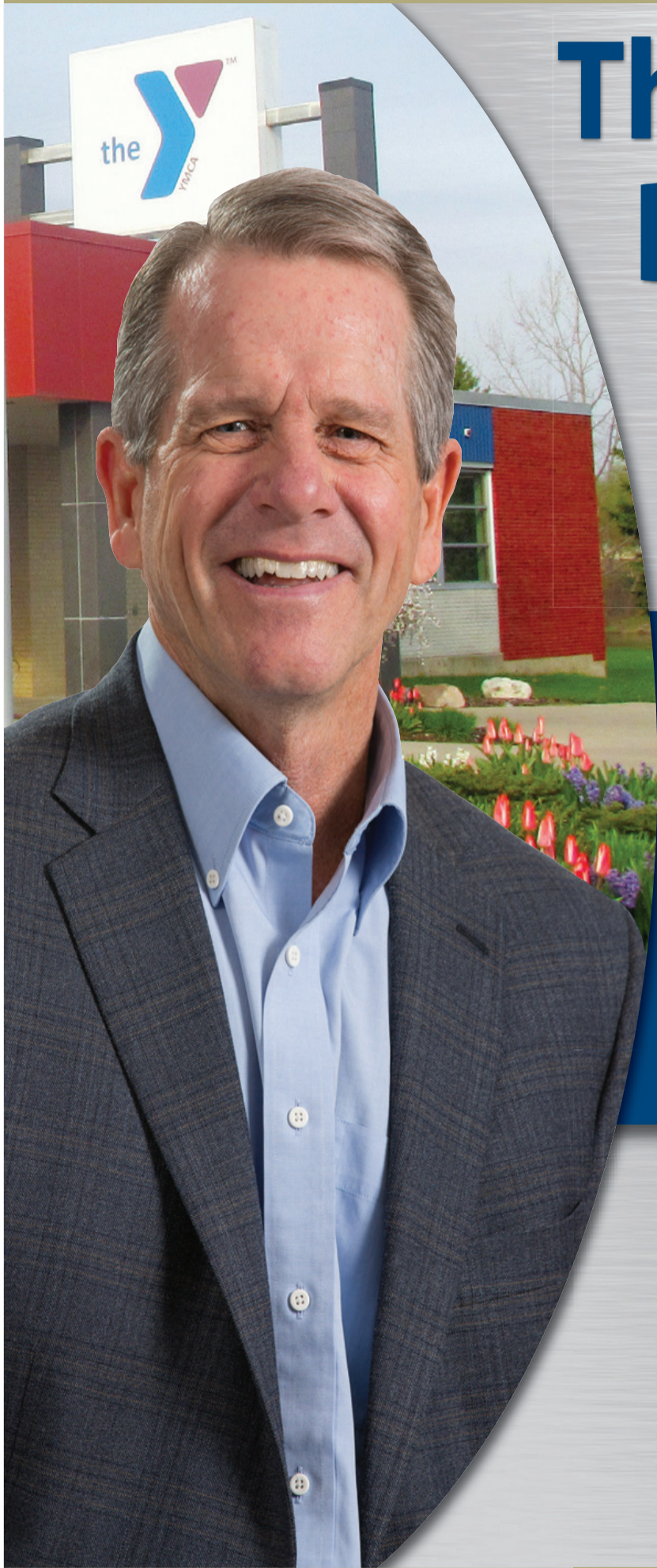


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