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Summer Fun at the Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION

Welcome to the middle of summer programming! This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the nice weather and outdoor activities! Some activities that our Boys and Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region's members include: field trips, sports leagues, and gardening!

Getting outside of the building and enjoying the fresh air is always fun for our members! In June, members went to the Bay City State Park

and learned about archery, how to set up tents, and the basics of fishing! They capped off their State Park trip with some fun keeping cool, at the spray park and wooden playground! We are excited about future activities at the State Park! Some members of our Essexville Unit set sail on the Appledore where they learned about watersheds, oil spills, reading charts, and of course how to sail!

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Every Friday members of the Saginaw Kids CampUs are invited for a free day at the Saginaw Zoo! Members enjoy seeing all of the different animals and of course, riding the train!

Even though it's summer, our members never stop learning! Summer programming is the perfect place to get members excited about learning! Activities focus on critical thinking, decision making, cognitive and emotional skills as well as community builders. Members participated in a robotics club at our Essexville Unit where they worked in pairs to protect a whiffle ball from a large drop - the winners were the two youngest members participating! Members of our Pinconning Unit put all of their STEAM skills to the test building catapults. They had to determine the supplies they needed, build the catapult, decorate it with their own style, and then test how far their objects were catapulted!

Summer programming also sees an abundance of participation with our fundamental and competitive sports leagues! Skills and knowledge that are gained include: sportsmanship, hand-eye coordination, teamwork as well as communication. Check back next month and see how our Soccer, Flag Football, Dodgeball, and Cheer/Dance Leagues are progressing!

Getting healthy with homegrown fruits and veggies! Many of our units have fruit/veggie gardens. A garden helps our youth learn responsibility, work ethic, cooperation and the importance of a healthy diet. They truly enjoy watching their gardens grow!

It is only the first month of our summer programming and so much has happened! We can not wait to see what the rest of our summer programming has to offer!



Congratulations and thanks to Jerome Buckley and his staff at The Michigan Banner for 17 years of great service to our community.

Thanks for reporting positive, inspiring, and enlightening news and events. There are always interesting articles and thought provoking commentary in The Michigan Banner. May the coming years bring you further growth and success.

Kathy Conklin
Executive Director of Saginaw County Business & Education Partnership

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Allow me this opportunity to congratulate you on the 17th anniversary of the Banner!

You have provided excellent coverage on the events that have occurred over the years in a professional manner and with respect and dignity.

Gary Loster
Former Mayor of Saginaw



Congratulations on your 17th Year Anniversary of the Michigan Banner!

Your publication has been a valuable resource to our Region and your commitment to provide quality information is outstanding. We appreciate your support of the businesses, organizations, and leaders who rely upon the Michigan Banner to deliver their communications to a growing audience of readers. Thank you for serving our community with such excellence and may you have continued success in the future!

Rhonda Alexia Webb
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It is with great honor and pleasure that the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and its nearly 1000 Members, offers our heartiest congratulations to Owner, Publisher, Editor, Manager of Circulations and Manager of Marketing & Sales, Jerome Buckley in celebrating the Michigan Banner's 17 years in business!

It is a rare accomplishment for a business to hit such a milestone and is a testament of the hard work of Jerome Buckley and his staff at the Banner.

The Michigan Banner provides local and state news and highlights events, business and news in the community not always covered by other media. The community benefits from The Michigan Banner and we all look forward to each publication.

We honor the hard work and professionalism of Jerome Buckley and his staff and offer our most sincere congratulations on achieving 17 years of operations. We wish them many more years of service to this region!

Sincerely,

Veronica L. Horn,
President & CEO of Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce



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Legendary CMU women's basketball coach Sue Guevara announces retirement



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The head coach of Central Michigan University's women's basketball team has announced her retirement.

"It is time," Sue Guevara said in a press release. "I have been leaning this way since the end of the season but wanted to separate myself from it a little bit to see if I felt the same way, and I do. I love Central Michigan so much – everything about it. When I came in 2007, this place opened its collective arms to me and gave me the support and love needed to build this program. Hopefully, I did CMU

proud because I gave it everything I had over the past 12 years and loved every second of it."

During her 12 seasons with CMU, Guevara has become winningest head coach in the program's history. She has taken the Chippewas to unprecedented heights, transforming the program into a Mid-American Conference power and a team to be reckoned with in March.

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LB Cover Story, Sue Guevara

Guevara led the Chippewas to yet another remarkable season in 2018-19 as they won their third-consecutive Mid-American Conference regular-season championship and earned their second-straight NCAA Tournament bid.

Led by the dynamic duo of guard Presley Hudson and Reyna Frost, CMU finished 25-8 including 15-3 in MAC games and further solidified its position among the premier mid-major programs in the nation.

It marked the fourth-straight season, and the eighth time in the last nine, that the Chippewas have won at least 20 games. The 25 victories is the third-highest total in program history. Eleven times since the program began in 1967-68 has a Chippewa team won 20 or more games; Guevara has coached eight of those squads.

Guevara earned the MAC Coach of the Year for the second-consecutive season in 2019 and for the third time in her career.

The trip to the NCAA Tournament, which ended in a one-point loss to Michigan State on the Spartans' home floor, was CMU's fourth consecutive postseason appearance.

The Chippewas ranked ninth in the nation in scoring at 80.5 points per game, and finished the season with an RPI of 32, a well-earned station that results from seeking out the best competition.

That's become a Guevara trademark as she put her team on the floor against any and all comers in '18-19, when the Chippewas faced six opponents that had reached the NCAA Tournament in the previous season.

The Chippewas posted victories over Miami (Fla.) and Virginia of the ACC, and Vanderbilt of the Southeastern Conference. All three of those wins came on the road, and the Hurricanes were ranked 24th nationally at the time.

The Chippewas welcomed No. 3 Louisville to McGuirk Arena just before Christmas and went toe-to-toe with a squad that had gone to the Final Four the previous season before succumbing, 72-68, before 2,833 partisan Chippewa supporters.

The 25 wins upped Guevara's career ledger at CMU to 231-156, including 100-33 over the last four seasons.

Frost became CMU's second-straight MAC Player of the Year Award winner and All-American after Tinara Moore accomplished both feats in 2017-18.

Frost, who hails from Reese, finished among the nation's top rebounders and completed her career as the MAC's all-time leading rebounder. She scored a program-record 733 points during her senior season, and finished fourth on CMU's all-time career scoring list with 1,794 points.

Hudson, a Wayland native, tops that list with 2,309 points. She is also the program's all-time leader in 3-pointers, steals, and free throw percentage.

The Guevara protégés earned national recognition on several fronts. Hudson won the nationally televised 3-point contest in front of a massive U.S. Bank Stadium crowd in Minneapolis, and was one of 10 finalists for the Nancy Lieberman Award, which goes to the top point guard in the nation. Frost was a finalist for the Katrina McClain Award, which goes to the nation's top power forward.

Both Frost and Hudson are now playing professionally in Europe, joining former teammates Moore and Cassie Breen in the pro ranks.

In 2017-18, Guevara led CMU to the best season in program history, capped by NCAA Tournament wins over No. 24 LSU and No. 10 Ohio State and a berth in the Sweet 16.

CMU finished 30-5, a program record for victories, and was ranked 20th in the final Associated Press Top 25 poll, and with an outstanding RPI of 15. They finished 17-1 in MAC play, the second-highest win total in league game in program history behind the '83-84 squad that went a perfect 18-0.

Guevara took the Chippewas into the NCAA Regional fresh off their second consecutive Mid-American Conference regular-season championship and their first MAC

Tournament title since 2013.

They were seeded 11th in the regional, which was played in Columbus, Ohio, and stunned sixth-seeded LSU to open the tournament, and then pulled off another shocker, this time knocking off the third-seeded Buckeyes on their own campus, 95-78. Ohio State entered the tournament as the Big Ten regular-season and tournament championships.

Guevara was named the Kay Yow National Coach of the Year and earned her second MAC Coach of the Year Award.

The accolades poured in for Guevara's players. Moore became the first in program history to earn All-America honors from the Associated Press. She earned the MAC Player of the Year Award and repeated as the MAC Defensive Player of the Year.

Guevara became the program's all-time leader in coaching victories when she led her Chippewas to a 70-64 win at Ohio on Feb. 15, 2017. It was win No. 172 at CMU for Guevara, who surpassed Donita Davenport (1984-96) atop the list.

In 2016-17, Guevara led CMU its first regular-season Mid-American Conference championship since 1985, and the Chippewas' 23 wins (against nine losses) was the fourth-highest win total in program history.

Guevara's record is even more impressive in light of the fact that CMU regularly takes on all comers, including the aforementioned Louisville Cardinals and Miami Hurricanes, along with the likes of then-No. 1 Notre Dame to open the '16-17 season.

Among the other big-name programs from Power-5 conferences the Chippewas have gone head-to-head with during Guevara's tenure are Purdue, Iowa State, South Carolina, Kentucky, Minnesota, Oregon and Duke as well as perennial mid-major powers Middle Tennessee, Quinnipiac and Duquesne.

Guevara's first MAC Coach of the Year Award came in 2015-16, when she guided

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a young team – led by Hudson, who would earn the MAC Freshman of the Year Award -- to a 22-11 finish and the MAC West crown. She became the first Chippewa mentor to be so honored in more than three decades.

Guevara's lengthy list of players who have earned individual league honors during her time at CMU includes three who have been named the MAC Player of the Year, three who have been named the league freshman of the year, four who have garnered the Sixth Player of the Year Award, nine who have been named to the all-freshman squad, two who have been named the league defensive player of the year, and three who have captured the MAC Tournament MVP Award.

Among those to capture several of those individual honors is Crystal Bradford, who closed a brilliant collegiate career in 2015 and was drafted by the Los Angeles Sparks with the seventh pick in the WNBA draft. Bradford became the first Chippewa drafted by a WNBA team, and, at No. 7, the highest pick in history to come from a MAC institution.

Among the other highlights of Guevara's tenure:

- The first NCAA Tournament victory in program history, a 78-69 triumph over LSU on March 17, 2018.

- A single-game attendance record, 5,195, for a home game against Georgetown on Nov. 25, 2010.
- Defeating the highest-ranked team in program history, No. 12/14 Purdue, on Dec. 11, 2011, which was also the first victory in McGuirk Arena.
- An upset of No. 23 Louisville on Dec. 2, 2010, which was the final win in Rose Center.

Guevara was named to head the Chippewa program in April, 2007, bringing three decades of collegiate coaching experience, including seven (1996-2003) as the head coach at Michigan.

Guevara compiled a 123-82 record at U-M and her 123 victories rank second in program history. U-M had finished a combined 20-88 in the four seasons prior to Guevara's arrival in Ann Arbor.

Guevara took Michigan into the national spotlight, leading it to five postseason appearances including NCAA Tournament berths in 1998, 2000 and 2001. The Wolverines were ranked as high as 12th nationally during the 2001-02 season and again in 2002-03. She was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year in both 1998 and in 2000.

In 1999-2000, Guevara's Wolverines posted 22 victories and finished second in the Big Ten regular-season standings, which remains U-M best finish in conference play. The 22 victories are tied for the second most in program history. Four Wolverines were drafted by WNBA teams during Guevara's tenure.

Guevara served as an assistant at Michigan State under Karen Langeland for nine seasons (1987-1995) before being promoted to associate head coach for her 10th season with MSU. The Spartans posted a record of 149-131 during Guevara's time in East Lansing.

Before MSU, Guevara spent a season as an assistant coach at Ball State after serving as a graduate assistant at Ohio State in 1984-85. She helped the Buckeyes to the Big Ten championship and a trip to the regional final of the NCAA Tournament.

Guevara led the Big Ten All-Star team on a European tour through Austria, Slovakia and Hungary in 2000. She also was an assistant coach for the 1993 Big Ten tour team that recorded a perfect 6-0 record while playing in England and Scotland.

Guevara's coaching career began on the softball diamond as the head coach at Saginaw Valley State from 1979-84. She also served simultaneously as an assistant coach in the women's basketball program. She was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Softball Coach of the Year in 1984.

Before coming to CMU, Guevara worked as an assistant for three seasons at Auburn under Nell Fortner, who coached the United States to the gold medal in the 2000 Olympics and 1998 World Championships.

Guevara is a native of Saginaw, Mich., where she attended Saginaw St. Stephens High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from Saginaw Valley State in 1982 and her master's degree in athletic administration from Ohio State in 1985.

Heather Oesterle will replace Guevara as the new head coach.

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HBCU leadership – the revolving door Part one of a three part series

Running an institution of higher education is like running a multi-million dollar business. There are negotiations for property, talent, capital, innovation, partnerships, and oh – student recruitment, retention, graduation, and curriculum specialization. Both business and education have to focus on ethics, equity, brand, competition, financing, changes in the marketplace, the “customer experience”... The responsibilities and expectations can seem dizzying and overwhelming to those of us who don’t sit in such executive roles.

These responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities are magnified when an institution of higher education is an historically Black college or university. These presidents are often asked to do the impossible; to pull “a rabbit out of a hat;” and to resolve the results of historical inequities and underinvestment in the blink of an eye. “We expect you to hit the ground running,” is a common expectation as a president begins their tenure.

Yes, college presidents and university chancellors represent the top tier of educational leadership. They “should” be up to the task. But the task that most have prepared for has been changing at an accelerated pace, traditional funding streams are disappearing or gone, and the competition for top talent can be next to impossible when institutions are dealing with or facing budget cuts, enrollment

drops, and noncompetitive compensation packages. The challenges are most extreme at private institutions. But the performance expectations only continue to increase.

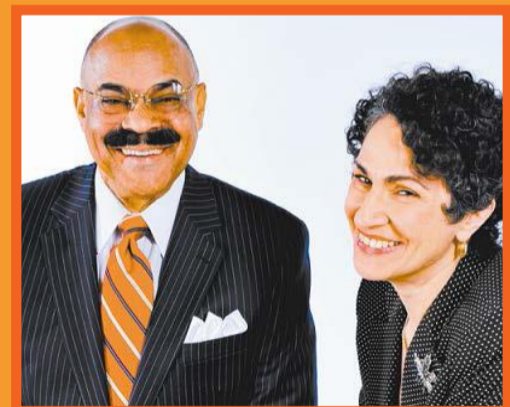
The following represent our observations related to the challenges facing executive leaders at HBCUs. These were gained over recent decades working within and with HBCUs. We share these as a way to help contextualize the conversation, and to help current and potential presidents, and the board’s who hire, support and evaluate them.

1. Lack of resources. This is the number one challenge facing HBCUs and no one person can change this – and the implications – overnight. This includes little or no endowment, encumbered endowment, or endowment “pay outs” that are already pledged to meet prior financial commitments. Today’s current lack of resources is also tied to historical lack of investment and/or disinvestment combined with lack of unrestricted annual funds and major debt. A president or chancellor who takes the reins of an institution with these challenges needs to require board and community engagement and investment to address these. They cannot do this on their own, especially if they are new to the community without a history of strong relationships with influencers.

2. Changing leadership requirements.

Today’s top leaders need c-suite business experience in addition to educational leadership. They need to know business modeling, finance, and fundraising. They also need to be politically informed, connected and astute. They need to navigate, negotiate, build, and sustain mutually beneficial relationships across campus, and across the city, region and state. They need to be attuned to the Congressional agenda and funding opportunities or threats, and they need lobbyists to advocate for the individual and collective HBCU agenda.

Part two of this series highlights topics such as the role of the board of trustees, niche, time, relationships, and fundraising.



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HEALTH

Ascension St. Mary's Offers Free Sport Physicals & Concussion Testing



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Ascension St. Mary's will once again offer free Sport Physicals and Concussion Baseline Assessments for middle and high school students on Thursday, July 25 and Friday, July 26 from 7 am to 11 am at their Towne Centre location. Appointments are necessary and can be arranged by calling 989-497-3200. A limited number of appointments are available and people are urged to call as soon as possible.

A concussion baseline assessment is performed to measure normal functioning in multiple areas of the brain that are commonly affected following a concussion. Baseline assessments allow for comparison

of post-injury state to baseline parameters for accurate diagnosis and proper return to play protocol.

Assessments are performed using the TRAZER where simulations mimic active game play and provide detailed data about an athlete's performance capabilities.

Each student will need to bring a completed Michigan High School Athletic Association Medical History/Consent form and Baseline Consent form signed appropriately by a parent or guardian. Parental attendance is strongly encouraged. Forms are available online at www.fni.org.

Ascension St. Mary's Towne Centre is located at 4599 Towne Centre on the corner of Towne Centre and Schust in Saginaw Township. Please use the Emergency Department entrance doors (Schust side entrance).

Baseline assessments are offered through Ascension St. Mary's and Field Neurosciences Institute Concussion T.E.A.M. (Treatment, Education, Awareness, Management), the first clinic in the area to provide care in the treatment and prevention of concussions.

Residents reminded to stay safe in summer heat as temperatures rise



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LANSING, Mich. – With temperatures across the state expected to remain in the 80s and above through next week, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding all residents to stay cool to beat the heat.

MDHHS routinely reviews emergency department (ED) data for heat-related illness. Since July 1, more than 600 ED visits due to complaints including sunburn and sun poisoning, heat exhaustion and heat stroke and dehydration were reported. Daily temperatures this week are anticipated to again rise above 80 degrees, which generally correlates with an increase in emergency department visits for heat-related illness.

“It’s important Michiganders stay hydrated and out of the sun as much possible to avoid serious health complications during this hot weather,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. “Young children,

older adults and those who are have medical conditions are at increased risk for heat-related illness, so be sure to check frequently on them and others in your community who may need additional assistance.”

To prevent complications from the heat, residents are encouraged to:

- Drink more fluids and avoid liquids with large amounts of sugar and alcohol.
- Limit outdoor activities to when it’s coolest in the morning and evening.
- Spend time indoors in air conditioning.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing.
- Wear sunscreen, as sunburn affects a body’s ability to cool down.
- Check on elderly neighbors and relatives to determine if they need assistance.
- For those without access to air conditioning, contact your local health department to find out if there is a cooling center nearby.

In addition to staying hydrated and out of the sun, residents are reminded to never leave children or pets alone in a car even with the windows cracked. Temperatures inside a car can easily be double the temperature outside, and because a child’s body heats up three to five times faster than an adult’s they are more susceptible to heatstroke.

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke are both forms of heat-related illness. Signs of heat-related illness vary but may include: heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, fainting, an extremely high body temperature (above 103°F) and tiredness. Heatstroke occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature and can result in death if not treated promptly.

For more information about how to protect yourself and your loved ones from heat-related illness, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website.



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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For the past 17 years, The Michigan Banner has helped us to understand each other better. In so doing you have helped us to understand that as neighbors, we share many of the same hurts; we have many of the same questions and strive in many of the same ways to make this community one that we can be proud to call 'home'. This has not been a simple task. To Mr. Buckley and the entire Michigan Banner staff I say, 'Congratulations for another year of service to this community. This year, I'd also like to acknowledge the individuals and organizations who support this wonderful publication through your ads and/or generous donations. Because of your patronage, this very challenging endeavor remains alive and well – a continual source of positive news. Local businesses depend on and thrive because of you – thank you.

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BUSINESS & WEALTH

First of 30 Planned Skymint Cannabis Stores in Michigan Opens in Bay City



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Bay City is home to the first of 30 planned Skymint medical marijuana retail stores in Michigan owned by Lansing-based Green Peak Innovations. The store, at 4330 Wilder Road, opened on .

The establishment, which the company says will feature the “highest quality medical marijuana and marijuana products in a contemporary, thoughtful, and inviting setting that reimagines the cannabis-buying experience,” will be open from 9 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. seven days a week. Customers will need to show identification and a medical marijuana card to gain entry.

“Skymint medical marijuana customers and

employees personify blue sky thinkers who want only the best in life,” says Jeff Radway, CEO of Green Peaks Innovation. “Skymint is reimagining what the cannabis experience feels like. We are launching this industry-setting model right here in Michigan and plan to expand it nationally.”

Additional Skymint stores will open in Newaygo, Ann Arbor, Nunica, Flint/Mt. Morris, Lansing, and Traverse City over the next few months.

“We are excited to launch 30 Skymint stores across Michigan within the next 24 months,” says Joe Neller, chief government affairs officer at Green Peak Innovations. “We have

carefully selected partner communities that are searching for a professional, best-in-class organization.”

Summer Ransom-Cleveland, president of Skymint’s retail division, says, “We want the Skymint experience to feel special for our medical marijuana customers. We strive to serve our communities by providing an environment that offers browsability, discovery, and ease of purchase; one that will continuously evolve alongside our customers’ needs and expectations.”



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Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra Sends Best Wishes to Outgoing CEO, Welcomes New CEO



June 1st marked the conclusion of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra's 83rd season -- a true milestone for the symphony as they performed "Tchaikovsky's Pathétique" to a packed theater. What many concert-goers were unaware of was that the performance also signified a different kind of conclusion within the ranks of the SBSO staff.

SBSO CEO Dan McGee, attended his last concert as a full-time staff member during the June 1st event. He'll be back as a guest of course, but McGee is officially turning in his keys.

"It's been a journey," he said fondly when asked about his 12 years directing the orchestra from the CEO's chair. "Every concert and event brings its own set of challenges so you learn something new every time."

As McGee prepares to pass the metaphorical baton, Bonnie VanVoorhees, Frankenmuth native and former community education director of the Bronner Performing Arts Center, readies herself to take on a new kind of challenge as orchestra CEO.

"I'm excited about getting out in the community, telling SBSO's story and getting the community as excited about the symphony and live performances as I am," VanVoorhees said.

VanVoorhees steps into the role officially in July but she has already been working behind the scenes as the SBSO finalizes their plans for the 2019-20 season.

"This next season -- Soul of the Symphony -- is all about connections," she said. While the orchestra is definitely the heart of the symphony, the conductor its mind, the benefactors its body, it is the audience that is the soul."

"Personable, imaginative, and courteous, VanVoorhees has slotted easily into the symphony family and, with just shy of a month left before he is officially retired, McGee feels confident he is leaving the symphony he loves in good hands.

"Bonnie brings a very capable set of fresh eyes to the role of CEO," McGee said. "Change is often a good thing and I'm excited. Bonnie is going to take the orchestra to different levels and make things happen that haven't happened before.

The Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra kicks off their 84th season on Saturday, October 19th with "Symphonic Kaleidoscope." Season tickets are currently available. Call 989-754-7469 or visit our website www.saginawbayorchestra.com for ticket information. As always, see you at the symphony, Saginaw!



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United Financial Credit Union Breaks Ground on New Office



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United Financial Credit Union, broke ground on a new office on June 18th at 1026 W. Midland Road in Auburn. The one level, 2,257 square foot building will replace the current office located at 4710 N. Garfield Road. Construction of this office has officially started and will be completed Fall of 2019.

United Financial Credit Union has been

located in the Auburn community since 2009 and are excited to bring a new, modern branch to the area. This location will be a full service branch; offering new accounts, mortgages, consumer loans, insurance products and wealth management services. The Drive Thru will also feature a state-of-the art Personal Teller machine, where you are able to speak to a teller or use as an ATM. The Drive Thru will

be open extended hours; Monday – Friday 7:00am – 7:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – 2:00pm, like all of their other locations.

United Financial Credit Union is working with TSSF Architects, Inc. and Serenus Johnson Construction on this project.

Kids Rule Now! Children's Business Fair at SVRC Marketplace



Could a ten-year old invent the next Uber? Find out at the Kids Rule Now Children's Business Fair, showcasing kids' entrepreneurial genius!

On July 27, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the 1st Annual Kids Rule Now Children's Business Fair will host 10 young entrepreneurs at the SVRC Marketplace, at 203 S. Washington Ave in Saginaw, Michigan. This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Kids create a product or service, develop a brand, build a marketing strategy, and then open for customers at this one-day marketplace. The children are responsible for the setup, sales, and interacting with customers and we have made parents aware that their children are responsible for operating their businesses.

The event is sponsored by Acton Academy, the Acton School of Business and Kids Rule Now! Inc., and supported by the involvement of successful business owners and entrepreneurs in the Great Lakes Bay Region, who all believe that principled entrepreneurs are heroes and role models for the next generation. And, we are honored to have Mayor Pro-Tem Brenda Moore, present at the start of the fair to honor the kids/youth in a very special way!

Whether an entrepreneur is famous like

Elon Musk or Oprah Winfrey, or one of the thousands of unsung business owners across the country, these entrepreneurs are the people who make sacrifices to innovate, create jobs, and serve their communities.

“Today's youth are tomorrow's business innovators and leaders. The Children's Business Fair gives students the opportunity to spread their entrepreneurial wings and get a head start on promising business careers,” said Jeff Sandefer, founder of the Acton School of Business, one of the Sponsors of the fair.

Cash prizes will be awarded in the following categories, “Most Business Potential,” “Most Creative Idea,” and “Most Impressive Presentation.”

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EDUCATION

Lineup of dynamic speakers set for SVSU-based education leadership conference in August

Dynamic workshops, engaging speakers, and powerful learning experiences are what audiences can expect at the 2nd Annual Educator Leadership Institute at Saginaw Valley State University Aug. 7-9.

The three-day conference will consist of a wide range of workshops and speakers focusing on the K-12 education system. Guest speakers will discuss topics that impact education including strategies for engaging students, challenging young minds, and tackling discrimination.

The conference also will include activities such as group discussions and a “Human Library,” where volunteers will share their stories relating to the education system.

Lighter fare — such as concerts and karaoke — are on the schedule too. K’Jon, an R&B artist whose 2009 single “On the Ocean” reached the top of the Billboard Adult R&B chart, will be among the performers.

A variety of registration packages are available, ranging from \$300 to \$600 per person. Some of those packages include lodging at SVSU's housing facilities, which recently were ranked No. 1 among all public universities in the U.S. by the website Niche. Other lodging options in the area are available as well.

The final registration deadline is Tuesday, July 30. Early bird registration discount prices are available until Monday, July 15. To register for this event, visit svsu.edu/eli. For further information, contact SVSU's College of Education at (989) 964-7107.

Among the scheduled speakers is Roy Burton, founder of the Michigan Institute for Restorative Practices Trainers and Consultants. Burton, an expert in training

school staff to deal with student discipline issues, will discuss his advocacy for schools to favor restorative justice policies rather than low-tolerance policies that can lead to suspensions or expulsions. Burton calls for an approach that brings together the student being disciplined with the individuals affected by that student's offense in an effort to resolve disputes without disrupting the student's education.

Along with Burton, the lineup of guest speakers and their topics of discussion are as follows:

- Judge Dorene Allen, of the Probate and Juvenile Court of Midland County; her topic is titled “Truancy Matters!”
- Alison Cicinelli, Ed.D, from Midland Public Schools; her topic is titled “MDE New Continuous School Improvement.”
- Dr. Roberto Garcia, Ph.D., director of Multicultural Student Affairs at SVSU; his topic is titled “Hip-Hop as a Legitimate Pedagogy.”
- David Gruber, executive director of the Office of Special Education Intervention services; his topics is titled “Communication & Conflict in Special Education.”
- Dr. Kenneth Jolly, Ph.D., professor of history at SVSU; his topic is titled “Let’s talk about Race in America: Biases & Privilege.”
- William McDonald, educator from the Leona Group; his topic is titled “Creating A Sense of Belonging Through Engagement.”
- Mari MacFarland, assistant professor of teacher education at SVSU; her talk will be titled “Behavior Analysis Matters!”
- John Micsak, founder of National Institute for Resilience & Wellness; he will lead one session titled “Healing the Inside Child,” a second titled “Brain-

Based Approaches With Challenging Students,” and a third titled “Reiliency: Healthy Pathways for Vulnerable Students.”

- Scott Miklovic, director of technology and innovation at Laker; his topic is titled “Problem Based Learning: Engaging All Students!”
- Doug Newcombe, K-12 educational field representative at SVSU; his topic will be titled “Finance and Budgeting For the School Leader.”
- Scott Sawyer, director of Human Resources at Saginaw Intermediate School District; his topic will be titled “Social Media: What You Need to Know!”
- Gina Wilson, Ed.D, of Leadership Consultant; she will lead one topic titled “Who’s Coming to Dinner? Inclusive Practices” and another titled “Relationships 101.”
- Jennifer Woods, behavioral specialist at Midland County Educational Services Agency; her topic is titled “Behavior as A Communication Tool, Not an Offense!”

This conference is made possible through SVSU's College of Education in partnership with the School/ University Partnership Office, the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Michigan Institute for Restorative Practices Trainers and Consultants.



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Delta College Partners with GM on Auto Tech Scholarship



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Delta College is partnering with General Motors to offer a GM Dealer Technician Scholarship that can help eligible students graduate debt-free with an associate's degree in automotive technology.

The scholarship will pay for tuition and fees for two full years of this year-round program. To qualify, students must be enrolled in Delta's Automotive Service Educational Program and work at a Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet or GMC dealership or an ACDelco Professional Service Center during the program's apprenticeship rotation. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

Apply online for the scholarship before July 22 for classes beginning August 24.

"This is a great opportunity for students to learn the technologies inherent in modern GM vehicles while not having to worry about the cost of a degree," said Jim Miller, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Delta

Automotive, GM ASEP and Heavy-Duty Diesel programs. "The automotive technology program at Delta teaches students how to inspect, maintain and repair cars and light trucks as they progress toward a career as an automotive service technician or service writer."

Delta is one of seven community colleges participating in the scholarship program in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

High-Demand Career

GM created the GM Dealer Technician Scholarship to help address the growing demand for highly trained automotive service technicians. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the industry will need 46,000 more technicians by 2026 due to anticipated demand and attrition.

Through coursework and paid co-op experiences, the GM Dealer Technician's

Scholarship will expose 80 students to GM technologies such as battery-electric vehicles, semi-autonomous driver assistance systems like Cadillac Super Cruise, built-in Wi-Fi connectivity and more.

"The service lane is a competitive advantage for GM and our dealers, and we want to keep it that way with the best new talent we can find," said Terry Rhadigan, executive director, GM Corporate Giving. "We're tearing down the barriers that stand in the way of people pursuing these good-paying, high-tech jobs. After two years, we want people to hit the ground running, so we will help them get a quality education, technical training and hands-on experience without the burden of student loans."

For more information about Delta's GM ASEP program, or questions about the scholarship, contact Jim Miller at jamesmiller@delta.edu or 989-686-9258.

CMU College of Medicine launches new affiliation



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Central Michigan University's College of Medicine is expanding its footprint into southwest Michigan through a new affiliation with Spectrum Health Lakeland.

College of Medicine students now will be able to complete their clinical rotations at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph and Lakeland Hospital Niles, along with other surrounding facilities. Last year, CMU medical students began taking part in family medicine rotations at Lakeland.

"The addition of Spectrum Health Lakeland as an affiliate of the College of Medicine allows us another opportunity to train students in Michigan, with a focus on rural and underserved communities," said Dr. Steve Vance, CMU associate dean of clinical education.

Twenty-four CMU medical students eventually will be based at Spectrum Health Lakeland for the third and fourth years of their training. They will be exposed to high-quality care and have the opportunity to learn alongside residents in internal medicine, family medicine and emergency medicine, Vance said.

Southwest and central Michigan face many of the same health care challenges, such as poor access to and a shortage of physicians, he said.

"Lakeland adds a wealth of clinical, teaching and research opportunities,"

Vance said. "The alignment of our missions provides a foundation for a long-standing, mutually beneficial partnership."

Dr. Michelino Mancini, chief academic officer for Spectrum Health Lakeland, is equally positive about the venture.

"Over the past few years, the graduate medical education department at Spectrum Health Lakeland has focused diligently on training future physicians in our community through program growth and strategic partnerships," Mancini said.

"We are confident that our affiliation with Central Michigan University will help further align similar cultures with a shared focus on caring for our communities and educating future leaders in health care."

Dr. George Kikano, dean of CMU's College of Medicine, said he looks forward to starting a long-term collaboration with Lakeland.

"Working together, we will supply a pipeline of top-quality providers for the region, research support, faculty development and continuing medical education opportunities," he said.

The College of Medicine has more than 50 clinical affiliation agreements with hospitals and practices throughout the state.

SISD-Career Technical Education Funds Being Put to Good Use



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Implementation plans and new developments are well underway with Saginaw County's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. In November, the county approved a 1-mil, 10-year CTE millage request to provide students with the academic and technical skills necessary to succeed in future careers. Immediately following, the Saginaw Intermediate School District, in partnership with Muskegon Intermediate School District, received a \$6 million Marshall Plan for Talent grant from Michigan's former Department of Talent and Economic Development.

The millage and grant open new doors and opportunities for all ages, populations, and industries across Saginaw County – particularly K-12 students. Dollars from both the millage and the Marshall plan grant will be used to develop programs and supports that will positively impact employers, helping to meet the demand for skilled employees in the region.

Loeb Charitable Trust awards \$5K to MCC's Early Childhood Program



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Mott Community College has received a \$5,000 grant from the Stella and Frederick Loeb Charitable Trust, administered by Huntington Bank, to help develop an age-appropriate outdoor play and learning environment for the College's nationally accredited Early Childhood Learning Center.

"It is important that young children have opportunities for outdoor play and exploration as part of their overall development," said Valorie Nelson, Site Coordinator for MCC's Early Childhood Learning Center. "We appreciate the support of the Loeb Charitable Trust toward our efforts to provide high-quality educational experiences for children in the greater Flint area."

The Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) is currently under renovation as part of the development of the former Woodside Church into the Lenore Croudy Family Life Center at MCC.

The ECLC Play Space project is part of the renovation and will create an outdoor learning and play space that is focused on whole child development including

playful learning, exercise, vitality, social and emotional development, health, and safety. The project was developed according to National Education Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Learning Standards for Accreditation Criteria.

The Loeb Charitable Trust gift supplements funding from voter-approved bonds and support from the C.S. Mott Foundation, Spina Family Foundation, and MCC's Lenore Croudy Lifetime Friends Campaign.

The Family Life Center will not only house the ECLC, it will allow the Center to increase enrollment from 75 children to 125, and to serve children from six months to five years of age in addition to serving as a resource hub, helping MCC students and their families to address such basic needs as food, housing and transportation. Non-student parents of children in the ECLC program will also have the ability to access family support services on site. The renovation project is scheduled to be completed by January 2020.

The ECLC serves as the laboratory school for MCC students who are pursuing an

Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Early Childhood Education and provides a high-quality learning environment for children of MCC students and staff, as well as for children from the community. The Center is accredited by the NAEYC and has received a 5 STAR quality rating from Great Start to Quality, the State of Michigan's tiered quality rating and improvement system for child care and preschool, preparing children to succeed in school and life.

Early Childhood majors graduating with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education are eligible for positions as classroom assistants in Head Start and Great Start Readiness classrooms, as child care staff, family child care provider and workers in before/after school programs and various other agencies.

For more information about MCC's Early Childhood Learning Center, visit <http://www.mcc.edu/eclc/index.shtml>.

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-Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

SVSU to offer workshops led by award-winning expert on eliminating hospital overcrowding



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A workshop offered later this month by Saginaw Valley State University will help emergency department and inpatient units to better manage patient flow and avoid hospital overcrowding.

Dr. Christopher Strear, an attending emergency physician and award-winning medical facility patient flow adviser, will serve as a keynote presenter during two three-hour workshops planned Tuesday, July

30, at SVSU.

A consultant at several medical facilities in the Pacific Northwest, Strear is recognized for his work in managing patient flow. While serving as director of patient flow at Portland-based Legacy Emanuel Health Center, his work resulted in a dramatic reduction in length of stay for patients, saving the facility an estimated \$3 million. For his work, Strear's team twice won the John G. King Quality Award for accomplishments in clinical quality and process improvement.

“Patient flow is one of the major issues being faced by hospitals everywhere,” said Danilo Sirias, an SVSU professor of management. “When patient flow improves, everyone wins. Patients receive better care, hospitals flourish financially, and employees feel more satisfied. Poor patient flow can lead to deaths and cost hospitals millions of dollars due to patients not receiving timely treatment.”

He said the July workshops will cover strategies providing attendees with an innovative perspective on how to analyze and overcome issues that lead to patient overcrowding.

“In this workshop, participants will hear a case where inpatient lengths of stay were too long, several patients had been in the hospital for over a year, and the emergency department was closed to ambulance traffic for 60 hours every month, on average, due to overcrowding,” Sirias said.

Using strategies that will be discussed during the workshops, those same facilities had “virtually eliminated” emergency department overcrowding and sharply reduced inpatient length of stay in a matter of months, he said.

There are two July 30 workshops to choose from: The first session is scheduled at 9 a.m. and the second at 1:30 p.m. Attendance costs \$75 per person.

For more information or to register for the workshop, go to www.svsu.edu/ocepd/medicalcareproductivity/.

COMMUNITY

Saginaw Super Seniors return to action on Golf Course



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Christina Jones is the "spring chicken" in her tandem at Twin Oaks Golf Course on Wednesday evenings.

She's "only" 84. Her playing partner, Dorothy Harris, is 90.

Both took up the game as they entered middle age, after they encountered one another during the 1950s on Saginaw's bowling lanes, and both are pioneers on the local recreation scene.

The National Golf Foundation reports that about 11 percent of the nation's 14 million

"regular" golfers (at least eight rounds per year) are age 70 or older. The foundation doesn't even bother to compile numbers for age 80-plus or 90-plus.

Christina recalls bowling on 10 lanes at the UAW Local 668 hall near the Sixth Street Bridge, when blacks were not welcome at suburban centers. Dorothy Harris looks back on the early 1960s, when she says that she and a friend were excluded from city recreation golf instruction classes. The friend was Ellen Daniels, sister of civil rights giant Ruben Daniels.

"I had bought my golf dress and everything," Dorothy says, acknowledging that she was accepted in the class several years later, qualifying for her first round at the then-newly opened Beech Hollow.

Golf became Dorothy's stronger sport, with a low career nine-hole round of 38, although in February 2014 -- at age 85 -- she rolled a 677 series (185, 244, 248) at LeFevre Family Bowl to score 200 pins over her 159-per-game average and capture honors as Saginaw News Bowler of the Week.

Christina's top game is bowling. During her prime she achieved a 679 series and competed for Saginaw's all-stars in their annual matches versus Flint's best, a distinction that has been carried on by her daughter, Stephanie Jones. She once rolled 11 straight strikes to barely miss a 300 perfect game.

Both women had semi-retired from golf and bowling during 2017 and 2018 because of assorted aches and pains, especially bum knees, but during this past spring Christina talked Dorothy back onto the golf course.

Their golf scores have increased with their ages, but with the help of an electric cart they still keep a quick pace.

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On a recent round on the Twin Oaks front nine, Dorothy on the opening hole smashed some worm burners along the left side and encountered a pair of trees. After five shots -- the women both call them "hits," not "strokes" -- she was 35 yards from the pin. Then, with the smoothness of a pro, she pitched a spinner that landed on the front of the green and rolled to the back fringe, 20 feet away. And then she chipped in!

"No putts," she said with a laugh. "That really helps, because putting has been the worst part of my game this year."

Christina, meanwhile, played down the righthand side until she smacked her third hit back to the middle of the fairway. She dribbled her fourth onto the front of the putting surface and faced a 50-footer, which she struck at perfect speed but wide left. The result was a three-putt.

Both completed the opening hole with 7s on the scorecard. Less than two hours later, Dorothy finished with 56 and Christina with 69.

"Sometimes I don't really keep count," Christina says. "I just play to have fun."

Dorothy grew up in the Deep South and Christina was born to one of Saginaw's historical first black families. Both took part in the typical school sports for girls, such as volleyball and softball, back when most girls didn't try out at all.

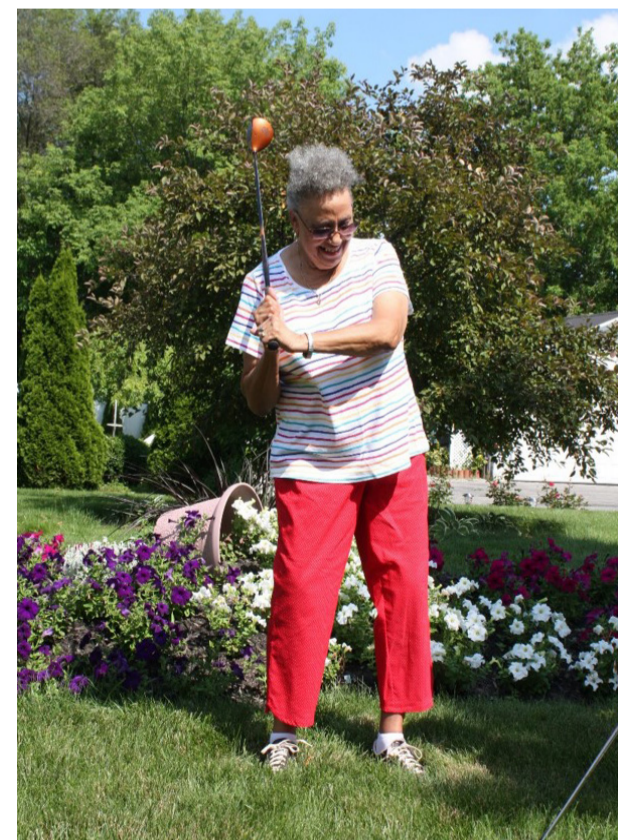
Their husbands also were golf and bowling enthusiasts. Frederick Jones passed away in 2002, while Willie Harris is homebound in the care of his wife. For years, they planned vacations around golf and bowling all across the nation.

When the couples golfed in foursomes, Dorothy and Christina would join their husbands on the men's tees. Christina recalls that Dorothy often would outdrive both of the fellows, along with other men she encountered.

"Sometimes I was the only woman in the group," Dorothy says. "The men were surprised that I could play as good as them, or sometimes better. I sure showed them."

Both women say they concentrate on the position of the golf ball prior to swinging, and then they basically swing away.

"I always try to align my shoulders with the target," Christina explains, laughing. "Of course, when I hit it, the ball doesn't always go in that direction."



2019 Bishop Murphy Award Winners Announced- Both Have Served Their Parishes and Local Community For Decades

SAGINAW — Mrs. Veronica Grusecki and Mr. Don Hire are the recipients of the 2019 Bishop Murphy Award. Mrs. Grusecki is a member of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Bay City. She is known for devotion to her parish community, volunteer work at a local hospital and ministry to the elderly and homebound - which began over 50 years ago. Mr. Hire, a member at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Mount Pleasant, is known for his year-round fundraising for his parish and school community, volunteering decade after decade at the Lenten fish fry, and his work with a “Christmas Outreach” program in Isabella County. Mr. Hire also helps guide a non-profit organization which provides financial assistance to cancer patients.

“These two individuals embody what it looks like to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in today’s world,” said Bishop Walter Hurley, apostolic administrator for the Diocese of Saginaw. “Everyone can learn a little about service and hospitality from them.”

At 94 years old, Mrs. Grusecki is still involved in a variety of projects at her parish and regularly volunteers her time at the local hospital's outpatient surgery center. She started delivering meals to the elderly and homebound more than 50 years ago and continues that ministry today. Mrs. Grusecki has been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for decades and also started the parish’s prayer line. She drives friends and elderly family members to Mass and is an active member of the women’s auxiliary of the local Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Hire is known as the “go-to” person when volunteers are needed at his parish. He is actively involved in a “Christmas Outreach” program in Isabella County – not only carving wooden toys for children by hand, but also organizing volunteers (including teens from area youth groups) and delivering the gifts. Mr. Hire is an energetic member of the Mount Pleasant



Veronica Grusecki



Don Hire

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Rotary Club. He is on the board of directors for the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund, a non-profit community organization providing financial assistance to patients undergoing cancer treatment. At his parish, Mr. Hire is involved in several activities, including selling raffle tickets and volunteering each week during the Lenten fish fry.

The Bishop Murphy Award recipients will be honored during a reception on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m., at the diocesan Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw. Tickets may be purchased now by clicking here. All are welcome.

The Bishop Murphy Award recognizes the lifelong commitment of individuals who share and live their Catholic faith in ways that continue the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ. The award is presented to individuals who have given witness throughout their lives, in word and deed.

The following is a list of past award recipients along with their parish and/or organization and the year in which they

received the Bishop Murphy Award: Sister Elaine Raymond, MSSp, Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Saginaw (2018) and Charles Wargel, Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Saginaw (2018); Leona Jones, St. Elizabeth Parish, Reese (2017) and Patricia Murdock, Holy Name of Mary Parish, Harbor Beach (2017); Olympia DeAgostino, Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw (2016) and Marie Wrocklage, St. Michael Parish, Maple Grove (2016); Oscar Mendoza, Holy Spirit Parish, Shields (2015); Katherine Maurer, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Vassar (2014) and Mark Morand, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Bay City (2014); Kenn Bueche, Chesaning Area Emergency Relief Organization, Chesaning (2013) and Sister Marietta Fritz, S.N.D. de N, Emmaus House, Saginaw (2013); Edna Kujawski, St. Agatha Parish, Gagetown (2012); Sister Maureen Donovan S.C., Sisters of Charity, Bay City (2011); Dr. Donald Campbell, St. John the Evangelist, Essexville (2010); Bishop Robert J. Carlson, Diocese of Saginaw (2009); Sister Corinne Weiss, SJ, Diocese of Saginaw (2008); Stanley Krajkowski, St. Casimir Parish, Saginaw (2007).

Saginaw Economic Development Corporation welcomes new Coordinator



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Kisha Smith is the new Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Saginaw's Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) housed in City Hall. Kisha Smith is a Saginaw native. She is a graduate of Saginaw High School and started her college studies at Delta College. She completed the 3+1 program at Northwood University where she obtained a B.A. in Business Administration, major in accounting. Kisha later continued her education at Strayer University where she obtained a Master's in Public Administration. She counts it an honor and a privilege to work for the City of Saginaw, and wants to give back to the City through her experiences and community involvements to help enhance the economic growth within the area. Kisha currently resides in Saginaw with her husband and

two young adult children.

Kisha works with businesses within the city limits to provide commercial lending through the Saginaw Economic Development Corporation for low-to-moderate income individuals. Her goal is to establish and attract new business services; retain and expand businesses currently located in the city; and to create permanent jobs and retain existing jobs in our city.

SEDC is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing financing up to \$220,000.00 for new or existing businesses in the City of Saginaw. SEDC was designed to provide needed funds when bank financing is not available, or to fill the gap between bank loans and additional needs. SEDC funds can be used to provide capital

to businesses in need of financing for start-up cost, inventory, building and equipment. Some of the benefits of the SEDC Loan program are; low interest rates reflecting those of U.S. Treasury; it enables business owners to establish a business credit report; GAP financing not required; small loan amounts are available to businesses. SEDC objectives are to help stimulate economic growth in our community and create jobs for low-to-moderate households in the city of Saginaw.

SEDC also provides workshops to educate the community on different areas pertaining to business such as starting a business, business plan writing, and fraud within the business just to name a few. SEDC will host a business plan writing workshop this October to help educate our entrepreneurs on the rise.



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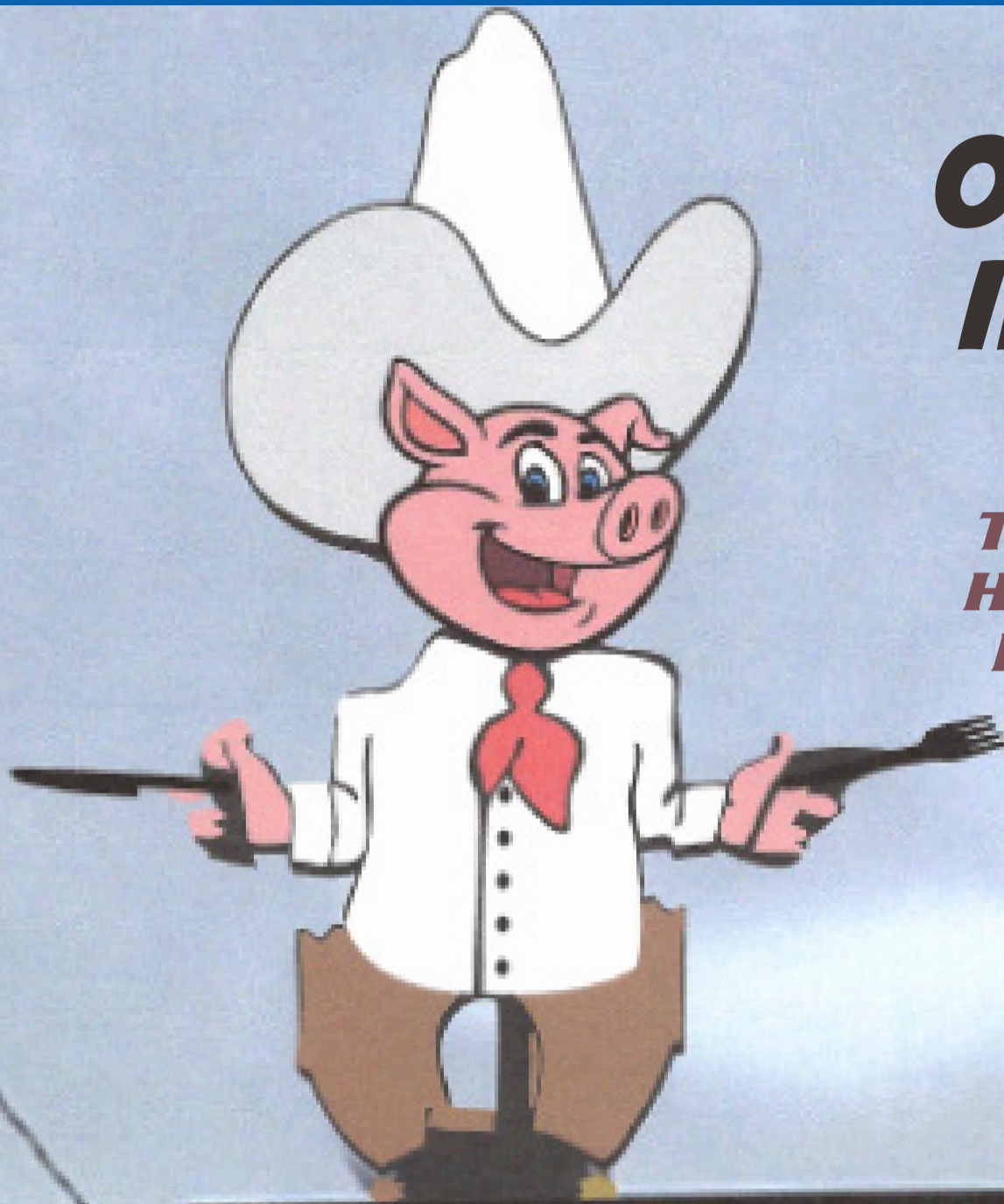
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More than 96 Years of Leadership at the NAACP Saginaw Branch



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The Saginaw Negro community, then totaling about 50 families, decided to organize the NAACP Branch on July 13, 1919 at Bethel AME Church. The purpose was to give the families a chance to meet with each other and discuss their problems in Saginaw. The charter was granted to the Saginaw Branch on August 25, 1919. The President was Rev. Peter S. Marks.

In 1929 the Branch asked the mayor and council to name a city social worker to help Negroes with housing and social problems. The motion was denied.

M.L. Dukes, Branch President from 1942-1944, resolved the challenge of "introducing a Negro teacher into the Saginaw public school system."

The Board of Education agreed to hire one if the Branch could find one. A committee located Lady Margaret Haithco Groves, a state civil service employee in Lansing, and she became the first Negro teacher.

Julian Bond, current Chairman of the Board of the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People, has addressed the residents of Saginaw at least three times, twice in banquet settings.

The 1960's saw unrest in our city and the NAACP was looked upon as a leader and a voice of reason as well as of responsibility. We have never shirked our responsibility to the citizens of our community. Led by the Housing Chair, the City passed an ordinance that finally allowed Realtors to show houses citywide to all citizens. In 1968, Bernice Barlow was elected President and she became one of the longest serving Branch Presidents serving for 30 years - until 1998. In 1968, Open Enrollment was started to provide opportunities for minority students in predominately white west side schools.

The Saginaw Branch has always been involved in equal opportunity for education. In the 1970's the Saginaw Public Schools, and the city, were basically segregated by the Saginaw River. We were involved as Friend of the Court in the suit with The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare which provided integration of the Saginaw Public Schools.

In 1980, Executive Director of the NAACP, Benjamin L. Hooks spoke at our Freedom Fund Dinner on "WE SHALL OVERCOME". It was held at the Saginaw Civic Center in Unity Hall and was a sell-out crowd.

The Saginaw Branch has always been a community leader in equality of educational opportunities and voter education. We have worked on Public Safety millages as well as school operating and building bond elections. We were active in opposing the elimination of affirmative action in Michigan and now are monitoring the effect of its passage as it applies to our community. We have been working for minority representation in our public servant employees. Our Freedom Fund Dinner has become a true melting pot of the community and the participants reflect all community groups as well as the leaders of government, education, philanthropy, and business. Our speakers reflect the major topics of the day and have been leaders of Michigan and the nation in civil rights, public policy, and education.

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The Greater Michigan Construction Academy Receives Grant From the Dow Foundation



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The staff and the Board of Directors of The Greater Michigan Construction Academy (GMCA) are pleased to announce it has received a \$125,059 Grant from the Herbert H. and Grace A Dow Foundation to construct a Pole Barn that will provide shelter against in-climate weather for Habitat For Humanity homes built by its apprentices on its property. This will shorten the timeline on the construction and in turn will create an opportunity to build even more Habitat homes.

Four years ago the Greater Michigan Construction Academy (GMCA) developed a community partnership with Midland County’s Habitat for Humanity organization to construct first homes for qualified families in Midland County. “This relationship was a fantastic marriage of the gifts

that Habitat provides for deserving families and the Midland County high school and adult apprentices that are being educated at GMCA” said Cathy Geiger, Director of Development of GMCA. “With materials donated by Habitat’s partnerships and our building trades students in carpentry, electrical, HVAC and plumbing providing the hands-on skills, we’ve just recently finished constructing our third Habitat home”.

“The result of this partnership between GMCA & Habitat for Humanity has now been forged and we believe that this is wonderful way for us to donate back into a community that has been so great for our contractor members and their apprentices” said Frank Pytlowany of AIS Equipment, Board Chair for GMCA.



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Former Saginaw, Buena Vista Manager Named Deputy State Treasurer



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State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks today announced that Joyce Parker has been selected as the Michigan Department of Treasury's new deputy state treasurer over state and local government finance programs.

In her position, Parker will lead program areas within the state Treasury Department that provide financial services and bonding to local communities and school districts and oversee property tax administration. She will officially begin serving Michigan residents on July 15.

"Joyce is a creative problem solver who will proactively help our communities manage through financial challenges," Eubanks said. "I am confident she will be a tremendous resource for Michigan's counties, cities, villages and townships and school districts, working with our communities and stakeholders to solve some of our state's most challenging financial issues."

Parker is an experienced community administrator, having managed suburban communities, urban cities and charter townships with rapid growth and development. She is a credentialed city

manager and has developed budgets up to \$250 million and led organizations with 800 employees.

"Joyce Parker has worked with our organization and several of our communities for many years with the utmost professionalism and integrity," said Dan Gilmartin, CEO and Executive Director of the Michigan Municipal League. "Her knowledge of Michigan municipalities and the financial challenges they face is immense. Her background, experience and financial acumen makes her an excellent choice as deputy treasurer."

Prior to coming to the state Treasury Department, Parker served as the president and chief executive officer of The Municipal Group, where she was responsible for providing government services to cities, townships, counties and state government. Recent clients included the city of Flint, the Michigan Townships Association and Michigan Municipal League.

Parker has also served as an assistant city manager for the city of Jackson, township manager for Buena Vista Charter Township, city manager for the cities of Inkster and Saginaw and community development director for the city of Flint.

"The Michigan Department of Treasury and local governments are very fortunate to have a person of Joyce Parker's abilities as deputy state treasurer overseeing local government finances and property tax administration," said Larry Merrill, former Executive Director of the Michigan Townships Association. "Joyce is a smart, compassionate and effective public servant who distinguished herself as an exemplary municipal manager. She has first-hand knowledge of the complex challenges facing local governments and the credibility to lead state and local officials to appropriate solutions."

Parker has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Kent State University and master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan-Flint.

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Gov. Whitmer Makes Appointments to Boards and Commissions

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer today announced the following appointments to the Michigan Board of Acupuncture, Michigan Aeronautics Commission, Michigan Board of Audiology, State Construction Code Commission, Michigan Board of Counseling, Elevator Safety Board, Health Endowment Fund Board, Michigan Board of Optometry, Health Information Technology Commission, Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board, Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board, and the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Michigan Board of Acupuncture

Caitlin Bonk, of Royal Oak, is an acupuncturist with Gray Chiropractic and Wellness Center. She earned her Bachelor of Professional Health Sciences and Master of Science in Oriental Medicine from East West College of Natural Medicine. Ms. Bonk is appointed to succeed David Krofcheck, whose term expired June 30, 2019, to represent acupuncturists for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Elizabeth L. Stewart, of Adrian, is the owner of Phoenix Rising: Adrian Wellness Center, PLLC and a senior faculty member at Acutonics Institute of Integrative Medicine, LLC. She earned her Master of Acupuncture and Herbal Certificate from the Academy for Five Element Acupuncture, and Acutonics Certifications from The Acutonics Institute of Integrative Medicine (formerly the Kairos Institute of Sound Healing). Ms. Stewart is appointed to succeed Xiaohong Tan, whose term expired June 30, 2019, to represent acupuncturists for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Dr. Charlotte Yang, of Saginaw, is a physician with an independent family practice. She earned her Bachelor of Medicine from Fudan University Medical School in Shanghai, China and a Certificate by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Dr.

Yang is appointed to succeed Sheryl Blanchard, whose term expired June 30, 2019, to represent the general public for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Michigan Aeronautics Commission

Kelly K. Burris, of Pleasant Ridge, is the owner of Burris Law, PLLC and a former engineer with McDonnell Douglas and Boeing. She is also a licensed pilot who has participated in the Angel Flight program. Ms. Burris is appointed to succeed J. David VanderVeen, whose term expired May 27, 2019, for a term expiring May 27, 2023.

Brian R. Smith, of Detroit, is an adjunct professor of mathematics and calculus at Wayne County Community College District and a former senior engineering specialist with General Dynamics Land Systems. He currently serves as the president of the Tuskegee Airmen National Museum. Dr. Smith is appointed to succeed Peter Kamarainen, whose term expired May 27, 2019, for a term expiring May 27, 2023.

Michigan Board of Audiology

Lauren Dadisho, of West Bloomfield, is a clinical audiologist with ENT Specialists, P.C. in Novi. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders and a Doctor of Audiology from Wayne State University. Dr. Dadisho is appointed to succeed Thomas O'Connor, whose term expired June 30, 2019, to represent audiologists for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Stylianos Dokianakis, of Saugatuck, is an audiologist and owner of Holland Doctors of Audiology. He earned his Master of Science in Communicative Disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Doctor of Audiology from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences. Dr. Dokianakis is appointed to succeed Paul Kileny, whose term expired June

30, 2019, to represent audiologists for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

State Construction Code Commission

Brad D. Bartholomew, of Kalamazoo, is the owner of Bartholomew Heating & Cooling, Inc. and Energy Saving Services, Inc. Mr. Bartholomew is appointed to succeed Donald Staley, whose term expired January 31, 2019, to represent industrial management for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Frank J. Bayer, of Clinton Township, is a plan review coordinator for the City of Sterling Heights and owner of Michicode, LLC. Mr. Bayer is appointed to succeed Thomas Baldwin, whose term expired January 31, 2019, to represent municipal building inspectors for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Glenn A. Davis, of Bloomfield Hills, is the chief of construction inspections for the City of Detroit. Mr. Davis is appointed to succeed William Richard Benoit, whose term expired January 31, 2019, to represent municipal building inspectors for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Mark A. Lee, of Kalamazoo, is a change agent and owner of Better World Builders, LLC and a commissioner for the Kalamazoo County Building Authority. Mr. Lee is appointed to succeed Roger E. Papineau, whose term expired January 31, 2019, to represent licensed residential builders for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Michigan Board of Counseling

Gary Harper, of Ann Arbor, is a professor of global public health at the University of Michigan. He earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Purdue University. Dr. Harper is appointed to succeed Patrick Munley, whose term expired June 30, 2019,

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to represent members who are engaged primarily in teaching, training, or research in counseling, for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Charmeka Whitehead-Newton, of Caledonia, is a psychologist and owner of Legacy Mental Health, PLLC, and an adjunct professor at Western Michigan University's Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Department. She earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University. Dr. Whitehead-Newton is appointed to succeed Diane Parfitt, whose term expired June 30, 2019, to represent members who are engaged primarily in providing counseling techniques, behavior modification techniques, or preventive techniques to clients, for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Elevator Safety Board

Ricardo L. Knott, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is an elevator inspector for the City of Detroit Building and Safety Engineering Department. Mr. Knott is filling a vacancy representing a municipality in the state having a population of at least 500,000, for a term expiring July 22, 2020.

Health Endowment Fund Board

Tina Reynolds, of East Lansing, is the health policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council. Ms. Reynolds is appointed to succeed Cindy Estrada, who resigned in 2018, to represent an individual recommended by the Senate Minority Leader for a term expiring October 1, 2019.

Michigan Board of Optometry

Hrisais "Kris" Skorna, of Perry, is an administrative assistant and grants secretary for the Michigan Laborers' Training and Apprenticeship Institute. Mrs. Skorna is reappointed to represent the general public for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Lisa R. Webb Sharpe, of Okemos, is the executive vice president for finance, administration, advancement, and student affairs at Lansing Community College. Dr. Sharpe is appointed to succeed Sarah Kile, whose term expired June 30, 2019, to represent the general public for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

Health Information Technology Commission

Paul LaCasse, of West Bloomfield, is the

executive vice president of Beaumont Health. He earned his Doctor of Osteopathy from Michigan State University. Dr. LaCasse is appointed to succeed Orest Sowirka, whose term expires August 3, 2019, to represent doctors of osteopathic medicine and surgery for a term commencing August 4, 2019 and expiring August 3, 2023.

Renee Smiddy, of Howell, is the director of research and performance measurement for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in General Business Management from Michigan State University and a Master of Science in Business Analytics from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Ms. Smiddy is appointed to succeed Randall Ritter, whose term expires August 3, 2019, to represent the general public for a term commencing August 4, 2019 and expiring August 3, 2023.

Michael H. Zaroukian, of Okemos, is the vice president, chief medical information officer, and chief transformation officer for Sparrow Health System and a professor emeritus at the Michigan State University Department of Medicine. He earned his Doctor of Medicine and Ph.D. in Microbiology from Michigan State University. Dr. Zaroukian is appointed to succeed Michael Chrissos, whose term expires August 3, 2019, to represent doctors of medicine for a term commencing August 4, 2019 and expiring August 3, 2023.

Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board

Joseph Derocha, of Champion, is a Marquette County Commissioner, and the owner of 41 Auto Sales and MPJ Rentals. Mr. Derocha is appointed to fill a vacancy representing the Marquette County Commission for a term expiring October 4, 2022.

Michael A. Gregory, of Ishpeming, is a plant repairperson with Tilden Mining Company. Mr. Gregory is appointed to succeed Victoria Leonhardt, whose term expired October 4, 2018, to represent the general public for a term expiring October 4, 2022.

Allan E. Koski, of Negaunee, is a retired staff engineer for Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. Mr. Koski is appointed to fill a vacancy representing the mineral industry for a term expiring October 4, 2019.

Victoria Leonhardt, of Marquette, is an associate and the U.P. Census hub coordinator

for Grow and Lead: Community and Youth Development and creative director for Wattsson and Wattsson Jewelers. Ms. Leonhardt is appointed to fill a vacancy representing the City of Marquette for a term expiring October 4, 2022.

Gregory S. Montgomery, of Negaunee, is a retired loader and bulldozer operator for Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. Mr. Montgomery is appointed to succeed Larry Lankton, whose term expired October 4, 2018, to represent the general public for a term expiring October 4, 2022.

James R. Paquette, of Negaunee, is a retired staff employee development and training representative from Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. Mr. Paquette is appointed to fill a vacancy representing the City of Negaunee for a term expiring October 4, 2020.

Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board

John R. Allen, of Allen Park, is the chief of police for the City of Melvindale Police Department. Chief Allen is appointed to succeed Ronald Bush, whose term expired April 30, 2019, to represent local emergency first responders for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

Edwin Miller, of Sterling Heights, is the assistant fire chief of the City of Sterling Heights Fire Department. Chief Miller is appointed to succeed Gregory Janik, whose term expired April 30, 2019, to represent local emergency first responders for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

Matthew Sahr, of Macomb, is a firefighter paramedic with the City of Eastpointe Fire Department. Mr. Sahr is appointed to succeed Michelle LaJoye-Young, whose term expired April 30, 2019, to represent local emergency first responders for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Rachel Genier, of Battle Creek, is the human resources director for the Michigan National Guard. Mrs. Genier is appointed to succeed Melissa LaBruzzy, who resigned June 8, 2019, to represent independent veterans for a term expiring February 25, 2021.

SPORTS

Tigers set to honor cancer survivors on Friday



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KANSAS CITY -- John Hicks had the honor of catching former neighbor Justin Verlander two years ago. Hicks caught Matthew Boyd during his 13-strikeout gem against the Yankees in April, and he caught Spencer Turnbull's first Major League win. But none of that will compare to Hicks getting behind the plate on Friday and catching a ceremonial first pitch from his mother as part of Pink Out the Park Night at Comerica Park.

Karen Hicks has been battling cancer for most of the last four years since being diagnosed HER2-positive, an aggressive form of breast cancer, in 2015. She beat it, but that was only the start.

"She did chemo and had a double mastectomy, got rid of [the cancer]," the Tigers catcher explained. "She found another spot under her arm and that was cancer as well, and they got rid of that. And then after that, she just has regular scans just because of

the type it is, and they found a couple spots on her lungs. She has done chemo, and now it's just about maintenance and keeping them shrinking instead of growing."

Karen Hicks' battle, and her family's experience, is one of many, which is why she'll be joined by hundreds of breast cancer survivors on the field in a powerful pregame ceremony. Anne Liddle, wife of bench coach Steve Liddle, will serve as the Tigers' honorary bat girl in recognition of her battle with HER2-positive breast cancer for the past two years. Stephanie Samuel-Lucas, a six-time breast cancer survivor, will perform the national anthem.

The Tigers are holding a ticket sale for Friday's game (against the Blue Jays at 7:10 p.m. ET) to help raise support for breast cancer research. For every \$15 ticket sold at tigers.com/pink, a portion will be donated to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, the largest

cancer care and research network in Michigan.

John Hicks knows the impact of cancer research. His mom will be undergoing immunotherapy as part of her upcoming treatment. His father has been by her side for every round of treatment.

"When she found out the first time, I was in Spring Training with Seattle," he said. "And that time, I didn't get to see a lot of the stuff that she went through, because I was gone. That was the time when the treatment was the worst. She had radiation and chemo at the time, and it took it out of her really bad. I wasn't there for that one, but since then, I've been home a couple times where she's gone through it.

"Obviously it's saving her life, but it's also wearing her down. It's a give-and-take. She's been through the ringer."

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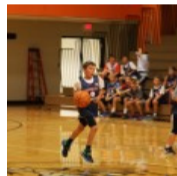
July 22-26: All-Girls Camp at Seaholm HS in Birmingham, MI
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Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 14)



July 22-26: High Velocity Sports in Canton
9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9
Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 15)



July 29-August 2: Pistons Elite Training Camp in Southfield at Franklin Athletic Club
9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 4-9
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 21)



August 5-9: Brighton High School
9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9
Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 28)



August 5-8: Morey Courts in Mt. Pleasant
9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9
Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after July 28)



August 10: Monroe Family YMCA
10am-2:30pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-8
Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$50 (\$65 after July 12)



August 12-15: Aim High in Lansing
9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 3-9
Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$220 (\$260 after August 4)



Aug. 12-16: ULTIMATE HOOPS WEEK in Bloomfield Hills
9am-3pm – Boys and girls entering grades 4-10
Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after August 4)



August 17: Word In Action Christian Center in Detroit
10am-2:00pm – Boys and girls entering grades 2-9
Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$35 (\$45 after August 3)



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Format: All skill levels welcome
Camp Fee: \$240 (\$280 after August 11)

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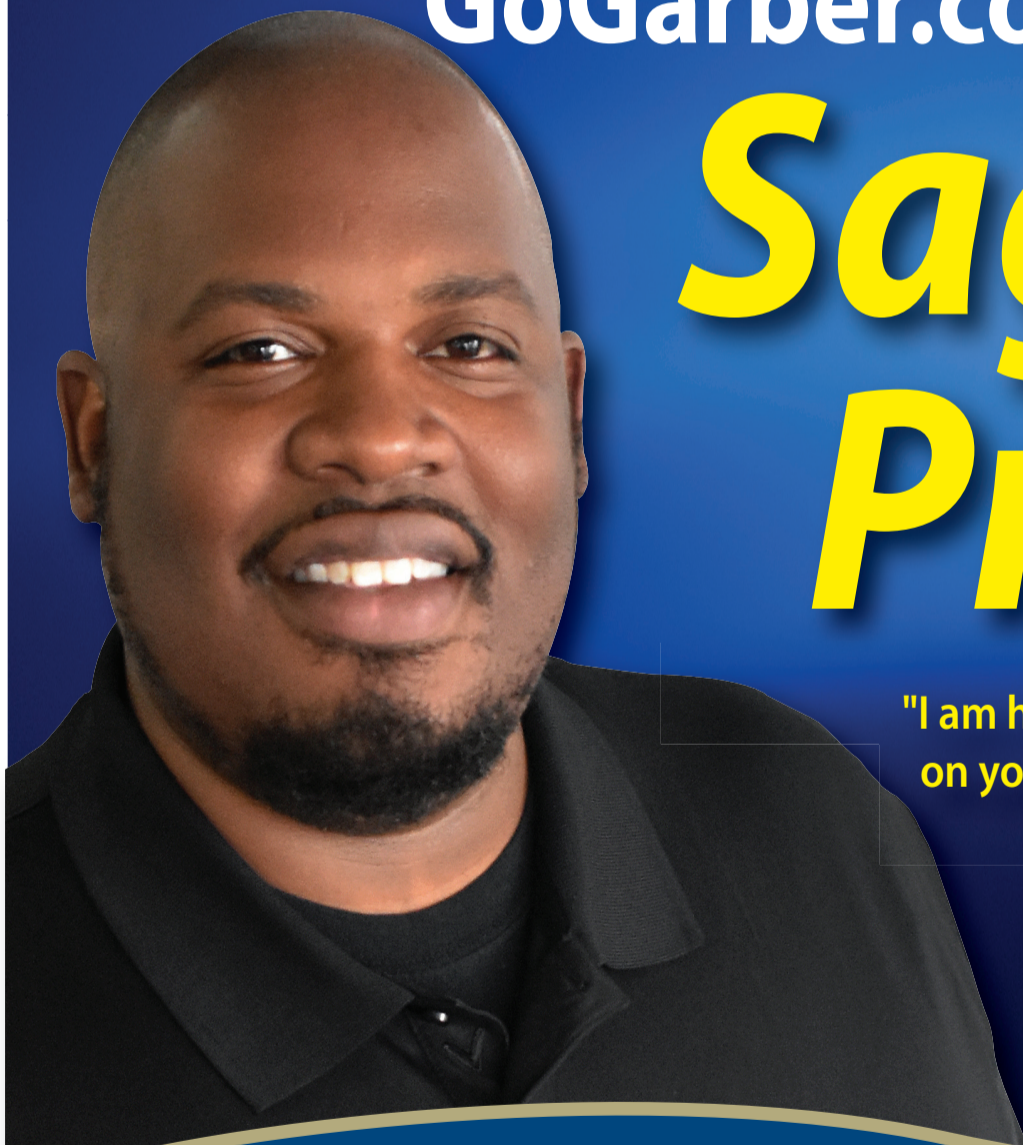
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