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JAZZSPIRATION will feature jazz artists from the Great Lakes region performing at various venues in the city of Saginaw. JAZZSPIRATION Pop Up Music Lounge will offer cultural enthusiasts a communal space to enjoy the rich artistic heritage of live jazz music ranging from avant-garde to vocal jazz. Be sure to check out local and social media outlets for upcoming dates and locations.

The first JAZZSPIRATION event this year will take place on June 22nd and feature Sean Dobbins Organ Quartet.

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Sean Dobbins got his start as sought-after Detroit area jazz sideman at a young age, when he would regularly play with Blue Note artist Louis Smith. As Sean's Career progressed, he found himself the recipient of many awards and accolades including the "Woody Herman Jazz Award", an award for outstanding musicianship, as well as the Louis Armstrong Scholarship. Due to Sean's great talent both as a player and an educator, he has been the focus of countless news articles and jazz radio programs.

Though still young by jazz standards, Dobbins has amassed an impressive list of playing companions. He has performed/toured/recorded with Johnny Basset, Benny Golson, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Frank

Morgan, Joey DeFrancesco, George Cables, James "Blood" Ulmer, Marcus Belgrave, Larry Willis, Rodney Whittaker, Claude Black, Johnny O'Neal, Paul Keller, Tad Weed, Kurt Krahnke, Jon Hendricks, David "Fathead" Newman, Donald Walden, Cyrus Chesnut, Barry Harris, David Baker, Randy Johnston, Marion Hayden, Mose Allison, and a host of other great musicians.

Sean's sound can best be described as hard-driving, solid rhythm with refreshing melodic sensibility. Some of Sean's influences include Art Blakey, Jeff Hamilton, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Ed Thigpen, Sonny Payne, and also Detroit area greats Gerald Cleaver and the one and only Elvin

Jones.

A product of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, Sean has stayed devoted to education throughout his life. Early mentor Louis Smith, an Ann Arbor Public Schools band teacher, impressed the importance of a good education upon Sean at an early age. Sean is known in his community as a band director, drum teacher and positive influence for many.

In 1999 Sean was asked to become the director of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Summer Jazz Program. This program was designed to help educate and inspire young artist as they began their quest of learning jazz. In 1998, a year before Sean's arrival, the program was in jeopardy of being cancelled due to low enrollment. In 2000, a year after Sean took over the reigns, the enrollment more than tripled and a year later, the group was featured on WEMU, a national jazz radio program. As a father of three, Sean knows, understands, and accepts the challenge of

continuing the art from through clinics, master classes, and concerts for up and coming musicians. Sean makes it a point of incorporating educational opportunities into all of his road trips.

Sean is no stranger to local or national headlines; he frequently plays at venues such as the Firefly Club (Ann Arbor), Bake's Keyboard Lounge (Detroit), the Music Hall Jazz Cafe (Detroit), Murphy's Place (Toledo) and Buddy Guy's (Chicago). His recent recordings include "Odyssey" (PKO Records), "Revealing" (Reparation Records), and "Christmas Songs for Jazz Lovers" (PKO Records), and Blue Horizons featuring Sean and his quintet, the Modern Jazz Messengers.

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- Hospitality provided before each walk at the designated meeting location from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Each walk will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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| July 17 | Walk - Q4 | Covenant HealthCare Hospital 1447 N Harrison St, Saginaw, MI 48602 | |
| July 24 | Walk - Q1 | Saginaw County Community Action 2824 Perkins St, Saginaw, MI 48601 | |
| July 31 | Walk - Q2 | Jerome Elementary 1515 Sweet St, Saginaw, MI 48602 | |
| Aug. 7 | Walk - Q3 | Francis Reh Academy 2201 Owen St, Saginaw, MI 48601 | |
| Aug. 14 | Walk - Q4 | Herig Elementary 1905 Houghton Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602 | |
| Aug. 21 | Community Celebration | Ojibway Island | |

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Spring is here and wildlife are active: Be aware of rabies in Michigan prevention



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LANSING, Mich. – Warmer weather creates additional opportunities for outdoor activities in Michigan and increases the chances of wildlife encounters. Michiganders are reminded to adopt practices that protect their families and animals from rabies.

Rabies is a viral disease of mammals that is transmitted through the bite or scratch of an infected animal. Bats and skunks are the most common carriers of rabies in Michigan. In 2018, there were 79 cases of rabies in animals in the state, including 77 bats and two skunks.

Rabies testing at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is ramping up, and as of May 22, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories has identified rabies in five bats and two skunks of 928 animals tested.

Michigan health departments experience increased calls from citizens about bat encounters during the warm weather months between May and September. During this time, bats are more active, searching for food and rearing their young. While bats are beneficial to our ecosystem, they are also one of the species that is a natural host for the rabies virus.

People or pets usually get exposed to rabies when they are bitten by an infected animal.

Other situations that may present a risk are when a bat is found in a room with people who have been asleep, or a bat is found with an unattended child or an impaired adult who cannot be sure they didn't have contact with the bat. In these cases, it is important to collect the bat for rabies testing.

Rabies is fatal to humans. Postexposure treatment is given to people who are exposed to a potentially rabid animal. Treatment is not necessary if the animal tests negative for rabies.

Protect your family and pets from rabies by taking these simple steps:

- Avoid contact with wildlife. Do not keep wild animals as pets and do not try to rehabilitate wildlife yourself. Wild animals can carry rabies without looking sick.
- If a wild animal appears sick, please report it to the Department of Natural Resources online at Michigan.gov/eyesinthefield or at 517-336-5030.
- If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, seek immediate medical attention and alert the local health department. A directory of local public health departments is available at Malph.org.
- If you find a bat in your home, safely confine or collect the bat if possible and

contact your local health department to determine if it should be tested for rabies. More information on how to collect a bat safely can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website.

- If you are unable or would prefer not to confine or collect a bat yourself, you may consider hiring a bat/wildlife removal service.
- Protect your pets by getting them vaccinated against rabies. Even cats that live indoors and never go outside need to be vaccinated, as they can encounter a bat that gets inside the home.
- If your animal is bitten or scratched by a wild animal or if you believe they have had unsupervised contact with wildlife, contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Even if your pet is currently vaccinated against rabies, additional actions may need to be taken to prevent them from becoming infected. If possible, safely confine or capture the wild animal without touching it and contact your local animal control officer or veterinarian, as the animal may need to be tested for rabies.

More information about rabies and a map of rabies positive animals in Michigan can be found at Michigan.gov/rabies.

Find government contracting opportunities at ‘Meet the Buyer 2019’ in Flint, MI



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The Region 6 Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) on June 19 will host the 5th Annual “Meet the Buyer” at the Food Bank of East Michigan, 1939 Howard St. in Flint.

Meet the Buyer, a free, half-day event from 8 a.m. to noon, brings together procurement officials from various local, regional, state and federal agencies and businesses with goods and services for sale. It is a forum designed to establish and nurture relationships that may result in securing a government contract for small businesses

“This is one of the key procurement matchmaking and government contracting events in the state,” said PTAC Program Manager Jasmine McKenney. “For the prospective governmental agency, it’s an opportunity to meet face-to-face with business representatives and to familiarize themselves with businesses in the region that could satisfy their purchasing needs.”

“Likewise, it is a wonderful opportunity for business owners to connect with buyers at the city, state and federal government. Small businesses looking for diversification opportunities should attend.”

Attendees will rotate among different agency

tables, learning how the organization buys, what they are buying, and other valuable procurement information. Each buyer has five minutes to share information about their organization and what they buy, followed by 15 minutes for attendees to briefly present their companies and ask questions.

To help businesses prepare, PTAC will hold a free coaching seminar on June 6, from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Flint & Genesee Chamber, 519 S. Saginaw St. Register now for the Meet the Buyer Prep

PTAC counselors will be on hand to help craft and critique “elevator pitches”; review marketing proposals; and discuss some of the “Dos and Dents” of networking. PTAC can also assist sellers with research on what the purchasers are buying or have bought in the past. Businesses that have participated in previous Meet the Buyer events will also be present to provide some perspective.

“This is kind of developed organically. It helps to make for a richer experience for first-time participants to hear from those who have gone before,” McKenney said.

This year’s roster of buyers include:

- Ann Arbor Transit Authority

- Consumers Energy
- Department of Technology, Management and Budget – State of Michigan
- Great Lakes Water Authority
- Genesee County Road Commission
- Oakland County
- Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
- Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce
- Mass Transportation Authority
- Bay Metro Transit
- Mott Community College
- University of Michigan-Flint
- STARS—Saginaw Transit Authority and Regional Services
- City of Flint
- TACOM—U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command Detroit Arsenal
- Hurley Medical Center
- Michigan Department of Transportation

Resource partners will also be in attendance and available for discussion on how to start, grow and expand businesses, including: the U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center and VetBiz Central/Veterans Business Outreach Center.

To register, visit flintandgenesee.org/meet-the-buyer.

For more information, contact PTAC Counselor Amanda Stuart at astuart@flintandgenesee.org or (810) 600-1414.

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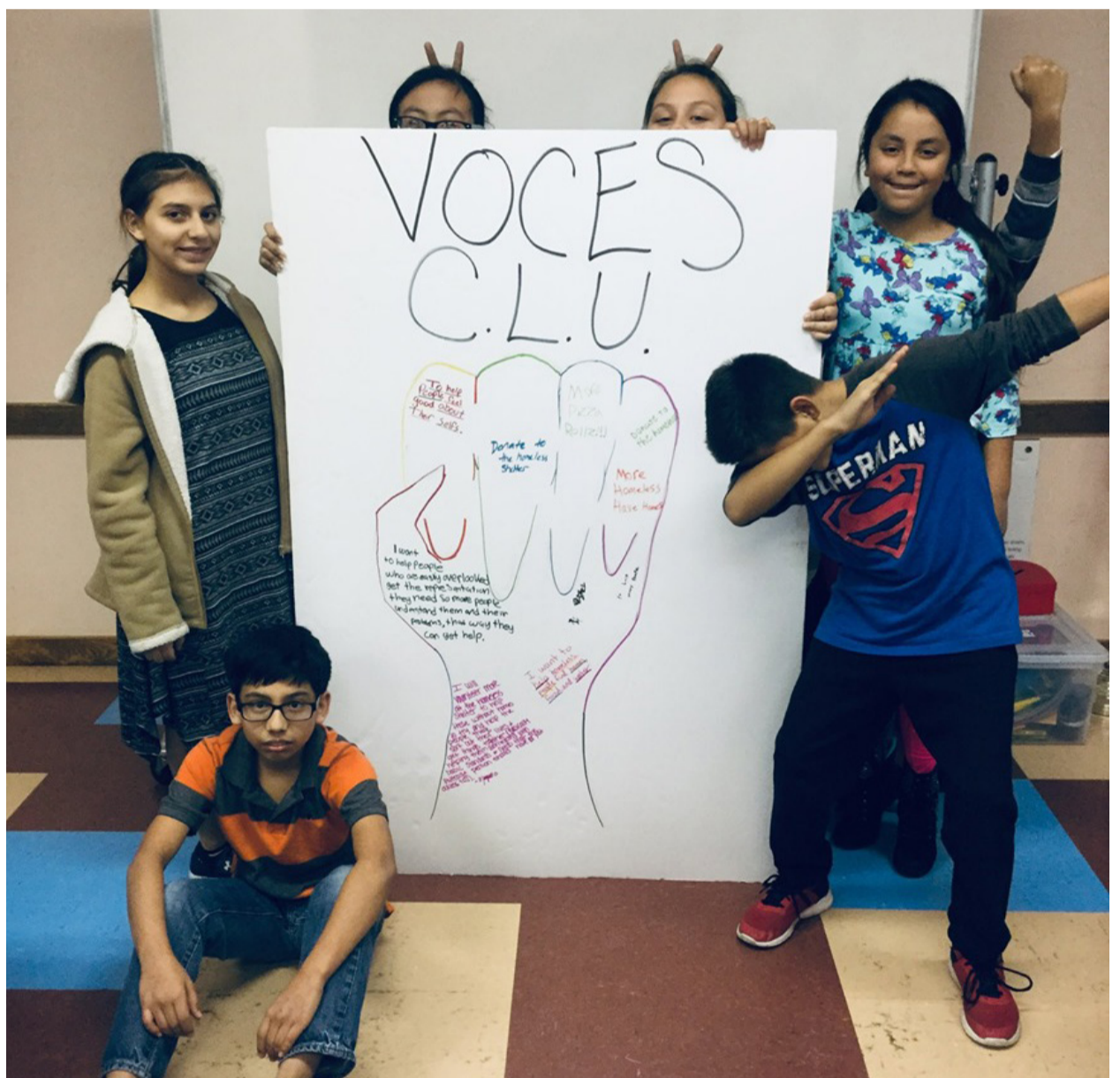


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When I Discovered My Town Is Where Immigrant Families Are Separated

Daniel Blue Tyx



Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden Caravan arrived in McAllen, Texas, in early August 2018 to bring attention to the impact of “Zero Tolerance” at the border. | Photo by Joyce Hamilton

In the summer of 2018, writer Daniel Blue Tyx had just returned home from vacation when the Trump administration’s treatment of undocumented people crossing the U.S.-Mexico border hit the news. Tyx discovered that his home in McAllen, Texas, was close to the processing center where parents and children were being separated and held in cages.

The evening we arrived in McAllen, after the kids were in bed, I opened my computer and pulled up the New York Times website. It was Father’s Day, the day a congressional delegation toured the Ursula Central Processing Center where parents and children were held in separate cages in an area called la perrera, or the dog pound. McAllen was the dateline. I had to search on Google Maps to find out where the center was—7 miles from our house, in the “foreign-trade zone” near the border, a part of town I almost never visited. I found myself crying. This is my actual home, I thought.

For a few days, the initial shock left me paralyzed. As a journalist, and as a border resident, I felt a strong pull to respond. But I wasn’t even sure where to begin until I saw a Facebook video posted by John Garland, an old friend from McAllen who is now a

Mennonite pastor in San Antonio. He’d already spent extensive time at the border documenting family separation for his congregation and the wider faith community. “It’s worse than anyone could possibly think,” he said. “People need to know.”

He invited me to go with him to Nuevo Laredo the following day, where he was meeting with pastors organizing emergency housing for refugees turned away at the international bridge. He also arranged for me to shadow an immigration attorney—her office was housed in his church—the day after that at a detention center halfway between Laredo and San Antonio. In Nuevo Laredo, one of the most violent cities in North America, I saw and heard about the dangers that refugees faced. At La Voz del Cielo evangelical church, an armored tanklike vehicle patrolled the street, while the middle-aged pastora told us about the armed men who’d stormed the shelter, which doubled as the church’s sanctuary. Then, the next morning, I witnessed what refugee families faced on the U.S. side of the border.

For the hour-long trip to the detention center, I rode in the backseat of a Subaru belonging to Sara Ramey, the 35-year-old director of the nonprofit Migrant Center for Human Rights.

Joining her in the front was a retired patent attorney, while next to me was an intern from Brownsville who had just finished her first year of law school and had previously worked at Casa Padre, the infamous Walmart-turned-children’s-detention-center. Intensely focused, with a rapid-fire diction and encyclopedic knowledge of the law, Ramey cut back and forth between a mock hearing with the intern—she would be appearing in court alone for the first time—and an asylum-law crash course for the patent attorney. “Do you speak Spanish?” Ramey asked me during a brief lull. Sí, I murmured. “OK,” she said, “you’re going to be my assistant.” As I was about to find out, the entire system was so overwhelmed that every bit of extra help counted.

The detention center was behind a Holiday Inn Express on the I-35 frontage road, surrounded by a chain-link fence topped with razor wire. Four flags flew at the entrance, those of the United States, Texas, Department of Homeland Security, and GEO Group, the private prison conglomerate. The company logo had a map of the world inscribed inside the letter O. Inside, we stuffed our cellphones and wallets into a locker and passed through the metal detector into a windowless lobby. To one side, I noticed an open door next to a long, narrow, rectangular room lined with stools and labeled “non-contact visitation room.” There was a play table like the one at my kids’ pediatrician’s office next to a Coke machine.

Ramey entered a passcode into a heavy security door, and we walked down a hallway and into a courtroom. Thirteen men in navy uniforms—except for two who were inexplicably in red—sat in wooden pews, watching us. Ramey set out cardboard boxes full of documents on a pair of wooden tables, while a guard in a tan GEO cap hushed the asylum seekers, although no one seemed to be speaking above a whisper. “This is a courtroom,” he admonished. Not seeing any judge, I turned to Ramey in confusion. Court wouldn’t actually begin for another two hours, she said, but this was the only space available to meet with clients. Anyway, we wouldn’t have to wait for each detainee to be called out individually—a process that was often delayed. “If we had more attorneys, if we had more time, we wouldn’t have to do so much at once,” Ramey explained.

She handed me a box full of intake forms and a yellow legal pad and explained my job. On the forms, I was to record names, alien numbers, and dates of birth, as well as information about income and savings. (One father I later interviewed had \$.06 in his commissary account; a mother reported an income of one dollar a week working in the laundry room.) If there was time, I could take additional notes. I jotted down a list of questions: When did you come? How did you come? Why did you come? Were you separated from your children? How were you separated?

“Where are the women?” I overheard Ramey ask one of the guards. The guard mumbled something about a headcount earlier and walked out the door. An hour or so later, I looked up to find three women waiting in the front pew. I’d finished the intake with the men, so I listened in as Ramey delivered the bad news to the young Salvadoran woman in pigtails. I turned a page on my pad and prepared to write down everything I could.

I wasn’t an immigration reporter. To the contrary, ever since I’d left a steady job as a community college professor to begin work as a freelance magazine writer five years ago, I had mostly avoided pitching stories on that beat. I told myself—not unreasonably—that this was because there were already plenty of other writers doing those stories, with more resources than I could hope to muster. But also, I think now, there was another reason. Although I grew up in the Midwest, I’ve lived in McAllen for 15 years, the longest I’ve ever been in one place. McAllen is home, which may explain why I tried for so long to evade the dim realization that our community’s economic, political, and social life is inextricably tied up with the detention of thousands of people every day who’ve come to our country for no other reason than to seek a better life—or to not be killed, or not have their children killed.

The majority of asylum seekers came from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, where heavily armed gangs control entire neighborhoods and swaths of territory. The roots of this violence can be traced to American military intervention in the region, when the Reagan administration supported repressive authoritarian regimes in Guatemala and El Salvador in civil wars that killed as many as 300,000 people. While there was no large-scale civil war in Honduras, the country served as the staging ground for paramilitary Contras fighting in Nicaragua, and the CIA sponsored a military battalion responsible for the disappearance of

hundreds of students, human rights leaders, and members of the political opposition.

In the aftermath of these conflicts, a surfeit of militarized and often unemployed young men provided a breeding ground for the growth of organized crime, as did stepped-up deportations of criminals from the United States. By 2016, El Salvador had the highest murder rate in the world, with Honduras second, and Guatemala 10th. Some 95 percent of crimes go unpunished in the Northern Triangle, creating a culture of impunity that is especially dangerous for victims of domestic violence, which is why, in recent years, women and children have made up an ever-greater proportion of asylum seekers. After the most arduous journeys—by bus, on top of trains, in semi-trailers without ventilation, on foot—these asylum seekers finally arrived at their harbor of safety, only to have the very government they were counting on to protect them take their children away.

Back at home, I felt a sense of urgency to respond, although at first I wasn’t sure how. I began by traveling, alone, to the places where the crisis was unfolding. Often, I felt foolish for even going. I went to the Ursula Central Processing Center, also known as la hielera, or the icebox, on account of the frigid temperatures inside that many detainees described as a form of torture. But what was I going to do except stare from outside the gate, trying to catch a glimpse of the white buses carrying parents and children, separately, that lined up hundreds of yards away, deliberately shielded from view? I had a similar experience on multiple days at the federal courthouse, where even though the proceedings were ostensibly open to the public, the guard kept turning me away because, he said, every seat in the room was already occupied by defendants.

But at the midpoint of the McAllen-Hidalgo International Bridge, where dozens of asylum seekers slept on cardboard boxes and subsisted on ham sandwiches delivered by volunteers, the crisis was in plain view. Mothers, with little to protect them from the elements, waited with toddlers, even babies. They were marooned there, stopped from going to the American side by three armed Customs and Border Protection officers, and fearful of even using the bathroom on the Mexican side, where migrants had been kidnapped for ransom from the foot of the bridge. On most summer days in the Rio Grande Valley, the families had to endure triple-digit heat, but the week I started going to the bridge it rained nonstop, a deluge that would eventually lead to a state of emergency being declared for

the entire county. Everything, and everyone, was soaked; all the kids had coughs.

The bridge was where I first encountered the Angry Tías and Abuelas—or just the Tías, or aunts, for short—a group of ordinary local women who were handing out backpacks full of food, water, menstrual pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, crayons, coloring books, even toy cars and stuffed animals, to waiting families. It was the worst of America, and it was the best of America, all condensed into one narrow stretch of suspended sidewalk that wasn’t technically America at all.

The volunteers I met told me about other volunteers, who told me about other volunteers, and on it went. Across the Rio Grande Valley, from McAllen to Brownsville, more people started showing up at bridges, courthouses, detention centers, shelters, and bus stations. They wrote down the names of separated parents and their children at the federal courthouses. They organized protests. They fed and clothed asylum seekers at the bridges, and, later, at the bus stations where Immigration and Customs Enforcement dropped off parents, often with no ticket and no money. They filled in the gaps left by a government that abnegated responsibility for the well-being of families that had fled the worst violence imaginable.

As I continued my reporting, I also met lawyers and other professional advocates and agitators who, like Sara Ramey, had dedicated their lives to working on behalf of refugees. Over time, I came to think of these dedicated professionals as Angry Tías, too. Equipped with infinitesimally small resources in comparison to the huge government bureaucracies they were fighting, they relied on personal conviction, audacity, and seemingly boundless empathy to accomplish what sometimes seemed impossible even to them, whether that meant creating a database of every separated parent and their children in government custody without the government’s help, or reuniting a child with her mother in a matter of hours when the government insisted it would take weeks.

The Angry Tías of the Rio Grande Valley were—are—doing the work of democracy, in a country that at times seems to have forgotten the meaning of the word.

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A Black community solution to student loan debt



Thank you, Robert Smith and family, for committing to pay off the student loans for the Morehouse College class of 2019. What an extraordinary gift that will make an incredible impact on the lives of graduates, their families, and the African American community for years to come. Like so many others, our jaws dropped in amazement when we heard the news! What a wonderful way to place Black philanthropy front and center. African Americans are not only the recipients of philanthropy – we are philanthropists. Tell ‘em Robert Smith proved the point.

But he’s not alone. Generations of Black individuals, families, churches, sororities and fraternities, and civic organizations are philanthropists. Hundred dollar gifts and million dollar gifts are part of our legacy. Black giving circles, donor advised funds, and foundations change Black lives. Their giving and impact may not be visible in the national media, but it is real.

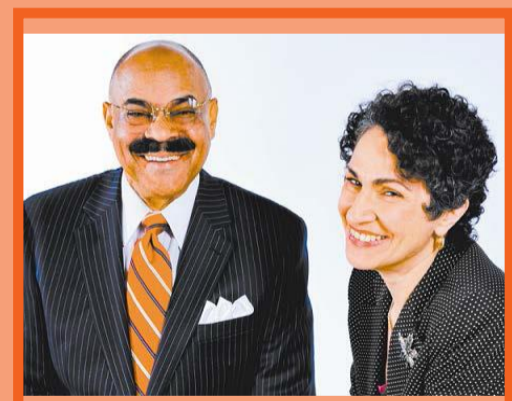
The impact of Black philanthropy is felt across the country every day – at kitchen tables, in living rooms, and dorm rooms. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and their children know the impact of receiving a scholarship. They also know that one or two scholarships is not enough. Too many low income and mid income Black students scramble to secure enough scholarship money to cover the “gap” – the difference between the cost of college, and the grants and family contributions they can pull together. Otherwise, its student loans.

The burden of these loans is borne in neighborhoods across the country as college students, graduates, and those who had to “stop out” or “drop out” struggle to make payments. Young African Americans are burdened by student loans at a higher rate than White graduates, and this will impact them throughout their lives. Employment choices are made with salary as the primary driver. Graduates pass up opportunities in community and government service for career paths that begin with higher starting salaries and greater earning potential.

As a community we are robbed of our growth and potential. Unsustainable student loan debt decreases giving to our colleges, universities, churches, and nonprofits. It influences consumer behavior, delaying the purchase of a home and the asset/wealth accumulation that can accompany homeownership. Savings and investment are also delayed, decreasing future assets and increasing our growing inequality. Student debt changes what it means to be middle class.

But there is something that we can do individually, and most importantly collectively. We can build on our history of raising funds for college scholarships and embrace students throughout their college career. Here’s the idea: before awarding a scholarship, think “can we sustain this gift over the life of this student’s college career?” Plan as a group to support a student through graduation. Form a foundation, work through a community foundation or women’s foundation, or develop a giving circle. Set a financial goal of providing “gap funding” through graduation for students in your community.

It is one thing to be accepted in college. It is quite another to secure the financial resources it takes to complete a degree. We – collectively – can make a difference. We too are the Smith family.



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HEALTH

Beaumont Health selects grad of SVSU master's program for prestigious fellowship



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A two-time alumnus and former staff member of Saginaw Valley State University will pursue his passion for providing leadership in the health care industry after earning a spot in a prestigious program at Beaumont Health centers in southeast Michigan.

Brandon Fjerstad was one of a select few chosen from a highly-competitive field of candidates from across the nation to participate in the health care system's two-year Administrative Fellowship program. The initiative pairs individuals with senior-level Beaumont Health administrators eager to mentor the next generation of health care leaders.

"I was ecstatic. Blown away," Fjerstad said about learning of his selection. "It's a coveted fellowship with many qualified

candidates applying. To know I made it through those tiers of selection, it was humbling."

Fjerstad began his fellowship earlier this month. He was paired with Dr. James Lynch, the interim president for Beaumont Health's Troy and Grosse Pointe acute care campuses. Over the next 24 months, Fjerstad will participate in executive-level meetings, present to leadership, and participate in initiatives that will involve data analysis, business planning, and project-based work involving staff at all levels of Beaumont Health.

Marilyn Skrocki, SVSU professor of health sciences and a mentor to Fjerstad, called the fellowship "a pinnacle" opportunity for an individual at Fjerstad's current stage in his health administration career.

"This is an opportunity you dream of," Skrocki said. "Having the opportunity to work side-by-side with administrators will allow an unparalleled mentorship."

Fjerstad's journey to the fellowship predates his two degrees earned at SVSU and his most recent roles as the university's Human Performance Lab coordinator as well as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Kinesiology. A Hemlock native, his interest in the health care industry began more than a decade ago when he became a patient rehabilitating from a fractured femur and collarbone sustained while playing linebacker for Hemlock High School's football team.

"That experience gave me an appreciation for how health care can positively impact someone's life," he said of his experience working with physical therapists and personal trainers while recovering from the

injuries.

After graduating in 2009, Fjerstad enrolled at SVSU, where he played two years on the football team while eyeing a career in rehabilitative therapies. He earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science from the university in 2014, and after realizing his passion for leading projects related to health care initiatives, he pursued and added a master's degree in health administration and leadership to his résumé last year. He also recently earned the Healthcare Financial Management Association's Certified Healthcare Financial Professional Certification.

While Skrocki was impressed with Fjerstad's selection to Beaumont Health's Administrative Fellowship, she was not surprised by it based on his remarkable early career accomplishments and his engaging personality.

"What likely impressed Beaumont was his professional demeanor and obvious strong emotional intelligence," she said. "Brandon is the type of student all professors would be proud of. I certainly am."

Fjerstad, who recently moved to Sterling Heights because of his fellowship opportunity, said he will continue teaching online courses at SVSU while working with Beaumont Health.

For more information on SVSU's Master of Science in Health Administration and Leadership program, visit www.svsu.edu/healthleadership.

For more information about the Beaumont Health Administrative Fellowship program, go to www.beaumont.org/careers/administrative-fellowship.

SVSU honors outstanding nurses from the Great Lakes Bay Region



Pictured: Sue Gatza, Lisa Kukla, Andrea Frederick, SVSU associate professor of nursing; Renee Dittmar; Kelly Jo Foster; Cathy Lelo. courtesy photo

Saginaw Valley State University recognized the excellence, dedicated care and leadership delivered by six registered nurses in the Great Lakes Bay Region during the ninth annual Carleen K. Moore R.N. Nursing Excellence awards ceremony Thursday, May 16.

Recognized as one of the top nursing programs in the Midwest, SVSU's Department of Nursing annually honors exceptional nurses in multiple career paths, including clinical bedside nurses, nurse educators, nurses in the community and nurses in long-term care and rehabilitation facilities. The awards were established through generous support provided by Terry Moore and his wife Carleen K. Moore

The 2019 recipients include:

- Renee Dittmar is a house supervisor at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital. She is the 2019 recipient of the Nurse Educator Award. Her nomination letter read, "Renee is known for coaching, mentoring, and listening. She has taken a lead role in implementing bedside report and modeling behaviors."
- Kelly Jo Foster, works at the medical intensive care unit (MICU) department at

MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland. She is one of the two recipients of the Nursing in the Acute Care award. Her nomination letter read, "She is a very special, heartfelt nurse. We say in the MICU that there is no one who has a bigger heart than KJ. I believe we would all want this type of nurse if we had a loved one in the ICU."

- Sue Gatza, who is a registered nurse at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital, is the recipient of the Nursing in the Community Award. Her nomination letter read, "She loves to learn and transform her practice to meet the challenges of today's healthcare environment while firmly holding her patients at the center of her practice."
- Lisa Kukla works as a labor and delivery nurse at McLaren Bay Region. Her nomination letter read, "Lisa has established a nursing career that she can be proud of. She has been described in patient 'Thank You' notes as 'nice, friendly, great, very informative, concerned, knowledgeable, wonderful, and excellent.'"
- Cathy Lelo, works at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital and is receiving the

award for nursing excellence as a staff nurse. Her nomination letter read, "Cathy exemplifies what 'nursing' is. She takes time to listen and explain things with patients and their families in a very patient and empathetic manner."

- Nicholas Seliskar, who works in Covenant HealthCare and is one of the two recipients of the Nursing in the Acute Care award. His nomination letter read, "Nicholas is an extraordinary nurse. He is an asset to his unit and an asset to the entire Covenant HealthCare organization and his community."

Carleen K. Moore worked as a licensed practical nurse for almost 15 years before returning to nursing school to become a registered nurse. She then worked in the critical care units at MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland for the next 11 years before retiring from full-time nursing in 2001. Moore and her husband, Terry, believe in the importance of recognizing and encouraging nurses who demonstrate excellence in their field.

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Ascension St. Mary's Employees Honored

Ascension St. Mary's nurses honored with excellence awards for outstanding patient care

On Thursday, May 16, three nurses from Ascension St. Mary's were recognized during the ninth annual Carleen K. Moore R.N. Nursing Excellence Awards presented by Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU). Each year, SVSU celebrates the excellence, dedicated care and leadership delivered by registered nurses in the Great Lakes Bay Region. The awards recognize outstanding nurses in multiple career paths including clinical bedside nurses, nurse educators, nurses in the community and nurses in long-term care and rehabilitation facilities. Ascension St. Mary's nurses were honored by receiving three of the six awards.

Sue Gatza is a registered nurse at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital and was the recipient of the Nursing in the Community Award. Her nomination letter read, "She loves to learn and transform her practice to meet the challenges of today's healthcare environment while firmly holding her patients at the center of her practice."

Renee Dittmar, house supervisor at Ascension St. Mary's, was the recipient of the Nurse Educator Award. Her nomination letter read, "Renee is known for coaching, mentoring, and listening. She has taken a lead role in implementing bedside report and modeling behaviors."

Cathy Lelo works at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital as a med/surg nurse and received the award for Nursing Excellence as a Staff Nurse. Her nomination letter read, "Cathy exemplifies what 'nursing' is. She takes time to listen and explain things with patients and their families in a very patient and empathetic manner."

Physician honored with 2019 Medical Director of the Year Award

The ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation recognized

Ascension Medical Group neurosurgeon, E. Malcolm Field, MD, with the 2019 Medical Director of the Year Award. The ThinkFirst awards program honors individuals and chapters demonstrating excellence with prevention programs that support the three primary components of their mission: education, research and advocacy. The Medical Director of the Year Award honors a physician who has advanced the mission and programs of ThinkFirst by demonstrating a high level of leadership and involvement on local, state and national levels. Dr. Field and his brothers created the Saginaw-based Field Neurosciences Institute in 1988. He has been the Medical Director for ThinkFirst Saginaw since 1999 and ThinkFirst Gratiot since 2001. He was also Medical Director for ThinkFirst Isabella for nearly a decade and sponsored four satellite chapters. His involvement and advocacy helped establish a record-breaking 20 ThinkFirst chapters across Michigan.

President of Ascension Northern Michigan ministries voted to AAPL Board of Directors

Stephanie Duggan, MD, FACEP, CPE, was recently voted to the board of directors for the American Association for Physician Leadership (AAPL). She is one of three new AAPL board members who were selected among 22 candidates to fill vacancies of departing members. In the AAPL announcement about their new board members, Dr. Duggan was recognized for improving the organizational culture, productivity and profits within a few months in her new position. She began in August 2018 as regional president of Ascension Michigan Northern Ministries, and with her leadership team, have increased their overall department productivity from 42 percent to 91 percent. She is also overseeing Ascension's \$50 million investment to revitalize the services and facilities at Ascension St. Mary's, Ascension Standish Hospital and Ascension St. Joseph. Dr. Duggan has been an AAPL member since 2004.

MDHHS appoints new director of aging services

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has announced its new deputy director for Aging & Adult Services.

Alexis Travis, Ph.D., has been named executive director of the Aging & Adult Services Agency at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, MDHHS Director Robert Gordon announced. Travis begins her new job June 3.

Travis came to MDHHS in 2018 after working in public and private health care organizations in Massachusetts. As director of the MDHHS Bureau of Health and Wellness, she has managed the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Control.

"Dr. Travis has excelled as director of the Bureau of Health and Wellness," Gordon said. "Her accomplishments have included working with internal and external stakeholders to develop a state dementia plan and establishing a state-level public health workgroup on healthy aging. I am confident she will help the department make further progress in providing services to Michigan's 2 million older adults while treating them with dignity and respect and providing them with the opportunity to live where they want to live and be free of elder abuse."

She previously worked as chief of community health for the Worcester Department of Health and Human Services in Massachusetts, where she worked effectively with vulnerable populations and diverse community stakeholders – including older adults and people with disabilities. Earlier in her career she was a payer operations manager for Athena Health, and chapter director of program services and state director of program services for March of Dimes New England.

She holds a doctorate in public health, specializing in community health education and promotion, from Walden University in Minnesota; a master's degree of pharmacy from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom; and was a participant in the Socrates/Erasmus Student Exchange Program at the University of Salamanca in Spain.

Travis will report to Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief deputy director for health. Scott Wamsley, who has been acting executive director of the Aging & Adult Services Agency, will return to his previous position as deputy director of that agency.

Great Lakes PACE: Pharmacy Services



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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist Joins DTE and Consumers Energy as Companies Announce \$15 Billion Commitment to Grow Michigan Businesses

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. – Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, DTE and Consumers Energy announced a \$15 billion commitment to spend with Michigan-based companies over the next five years through Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Pure Michigan Business Connect (PMBC) initiative.

The announcement, made at the 2019 Mackinac Policy Conference, includes a commitment to increasing supplier diversity, with Consumers Energy committing to doubling current diversity spend and DTE commitment to \$2.5 billion in spending with diverse Michigan suppliers during that five-year time frame. Those include suppliers that are more than half owned by people who are racial minorities, women, military veterans or who are LGBTQ.

"Today's announcement sends a powerful message about our commitment here in the state – in both the public and private sector – to Buying Michigan," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "Expanding opportunities for the diverse range of business owners right here in Michigan is critical to ensuring the success of our state. I applaud DTE and Consumers Energy for their tremendous support of Michigan suppliers and continued engagement in Pure Michigan Business Connect."

"Whether we are talking about small businesses or skilled trades and training, it is critical that we create equitable opportunities to succeed here in Michigan," Lt. Governor Gilchrist said. "Pure Michigan Business Connect offers exactly the kind of support needed to make that happen, working with key partners like Consumers Energy and DTE."

Consumers Energy and DTE will each spend \$1.5 billion with Michigan suppliers annually through 2024, for a cumulative Michigan spend of \$15 billion. An average of \$0.60 on every dollar being spent by the energy providers will go to a Michigan supplier during that time frame.

"Our Triple Bottom Line commitment to people,

the planet and Michigan's prosperity means that we are looking out for our state, doing business with employers in the communities we serve and putting more people to work in the process," said Patti Poppe, president and CEO of Consumers Energy. "We spent over \$5 billion with Michigan businesses in the last four years and look forward to doing even more in the future."

DTE and Consumers Energy are founding members of the Pure Michigan Business Connect (PMBC) program – an MEDC initiative that works across industries to connect small to medium-sized Michigan suppliers with local, national and global purchasers to explore new business opportunities. Today's announcement builds on \$11 billion previously committed and achieved more than a year ahead of schedule.

"Our investment in Michigan businesses has created or retained 24,000 jobs over the past nine years," said DTE Chairman and CEO Gerry Anderson. "We look forward to continuing to create growth opportunities for hard-working business owners in our state, and we will continue to urge our large suppliers to focus sourcing from within Michigan as well."

PMBC will activate and coordinate a series of buyer/supplier events including two "supplier showcases" for DTE and Consumers Energy purchasing teams respectively, as well as one larger joint activity for both energy providers to bring access and exposure to a diverse, statewide network of suppliers. Concierge-level research and support will also be delivered through PMBC to each energy partner to support and grow the Michigan supplier base.

"Pure Michigan Business Connect provides Michigan companies with access to new opportunities to grow their business here in the state," said Jeff Mason, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "We appreciate the continued commitment and collaboration of Consumers Energy and DTE to utilize Michigan-based suppliers and deliver a

tremendous impact on the economy across the state."

To date, PMBC has spearheaded connections among suppliers and purchasers that have facilitated more than \$8 billion in new contracts and purchase orders between global companies and qualified Michigan-based companies across 76 industries, all while creating or retaining more than 40,000 jobs in Michigan.

SEEL and Commercial Construction Inc. are examples of two companies that have utilized PMBC to help secure new contracts.

"I've been a part of enough minority initiatives to know that it only works when the commitment comes from the top down," said Louis E. James, CEO, SEEL, LLC. "DTE committed to SEEL without quota, allowing us to grow and meet the goals of training, hiring and developing talent in Detroit. As a direct result of DTE, and the Pure Michigan Business Connect program, we've been able to invest in training for nearly 800 individuals, providing them with the skills to have better jobs, not only for today, but jobs for the future. We were also able to make a commitment to spend 40 percent of our available procurement dollars annually with other minority-owned businesses."

"Commercial Construction Inc. has provided contracting services for the heavy industrial processing industry for many years and counts on customers like Consumers Energy and DTE Energy through the Pure Michigan Business Connect Program," said Robert Garcia, Sr. President and CEO of Commercial Construction Inc. "We are pleased to be a part of the program which has connected us to more work in Michigan and within the utility industry, helping us to create new jobs and real investment for our state."

For more information Pure Michigan Business Connect visit: <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/pmbc/>.



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Duperon Corporation Honored with Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Distinguished Alumni Award - Most Engaged Workplace



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Saginaw, MI – Duperon Corporation was recognized as the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Distinguished Alumni - Most Engaged Workplace, by Michigan Celebrates Small Business, an awards program honoring Michigan's successful growth companies.

Duperon was honored at an awards ceremony during the fifteenth annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business gala event on May 8, 2019 in Lansing, Mich.

Established in 1985, Duperon Corporation has spent more than 30 years working in conjunction with municipalities, contractors, and engineers to provide simple mechanical solutions in maintaining water flow. The company's philosophy of "two parts is one part too many," has led to the development of technologies that lead the market in ease of maintenance and cost of ownership. They serve water utilities and industrial water treatment customers, inventing, designing, assembling, marketing, and selling patented liquids/solids separation equipment from their 70,000 square-foot facility in Saginaw. "I'm honored to lead a team that is making a meaningful impact on the world," said Duperon Corporation President Mark Turpin.

"This award is a reflection on our employees, who share their talents and hearts to lift up their communities through organizations like Water for People, Jammin' 4 Water, Child Abuse & Neglect (CAN) Council, YWCA, Girls on the Run, faith-based groups, and many others. Committed to providing Duperon employees the opportunity to engage in their communities, and setting a visible example themselves, founder Terry Duperon and CEO Tammy Bernier have built a legacy of giving back, of being up to something bigger than ourselves."

The Michigan 50 Most Engaged Workplace Award recognizes a previous Michigan 50 Companies to Watch recipient for increased contributions to their community and fostering a creative, collaborative workplace culture. To be considered for this award, Duperon demonstrated an increase in full-time equivalent W2 employees since originally receiving the Michigan 50 award in 2006, obtained at least \$1.25 million in annual revenue or working capital from investors or grants, provided significant contributions to the community through volunteer hours, financial support to families in need or nonprofits,

demonstrated a continued commitment to social responsibility and a track record of a creative, collaborative workplace culture.

Winners were selected by Michigan-based judges from the banking, economic development, entrepreneurship development, and venture capital communities.

The Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Alumni Awards are presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business. The program received over 600 award nominations in 2019.

Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) is a collaboration of trusted statewide founding organizations who offer resources for small businesses. Since 2005, Michigan Celebrates Small Business awards gala has placed a spotlight on how small businesses positively impact our communities and state. The MCSB organization is focused on supporting, promoting and celebrating small businesses in Michigan.

The Michigan Small Business Development Center is the managing partner of Michigan Celebrates Small Business in 2019. Michigan Celebrates Small Business was founded by the Michigan Small Business Development Center, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, U.S. Small Business Administration - Michigan, Edward Lowe Foundation, Michigan Business Network, and the Small Business Association of Michigan.

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EDUCATION

SVSU community to remember its second president, Jack Ryder



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Friends, family and former colleagues will pay tribute to the late Jack Ryder, Saginaw Valley State University's president from 1974-89, during a memorial service on campus Tuesday, June 4.

Ryder, who died in April at the age of 90, helped establish SVSU's value academically and culturally to the region during some of the institution's most formative years.

The June 4 service is scheduled at 3 p.m. in SVSU's Founders Hall, and a reception will follow inside the university's Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum. The ceremony will feature tributes from Donald Bachand, SVSU's current president; as well as Eugene Hamilton and Robert Yien, who each served in

leadership roles during Ryder's administration before they retired. SVSU's Cardinal Singers vocal ensemble will perform at the ceremony.

The SVSU Board of Control appointed Ryder as SVSU's second president on Oct. 17, 1974. He came to SVSU from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis where he served as vice chancellor and dean for administrative affairs. When he arrived as president, he noted that many people mistakenly perceived SVSU – then Saginaw Valley College – as a junior college, in part because the institution was founded a decade earlier by many individuals once associated with nearby Delta College. During Ryder's 15 years as president, he worked tirelessly to create a strong identity for SVSU as a

baccalaureate institution. Many considered him successful in that mission.

Under Ryder's guidance, SVSU grew substantially in terms of campus size, student enrollment and academic stature, adding highly regarded programs in engineering and nursing, among others. The evolving name of the institution also was a product of Ryder's effort to change public perception. Shortly after his arrival, the school changed its name to Saginaw Valley State College, and in 1987 became Saginaw Valley State University.

Under his leadership, SVSU constructed many of the buildings that form the campus' structural backbone today. Among the buildings erected during his presidency were Pioneer Hall, Brown Hall, Zahnnow Library, the Arbury Fine Arts Center, the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and the athletics facility named after him, the Ryder Center.

Enrollment more than doubled during his tenure. In 1974, 2,638 students were enrolled at SVSU. During his final academic year in office, 5,915 students took classes at the university.

Ryder retired in May 1989 and spent his later years in North Carolina with his wife, Lila, who survives him. He was a frequent guest at SVSU over the years. Visiting with his wife during SVSU's 50th anniversary ceremony in 2013, Ryder spoke fondly about his time as president.

“Our experience with all of you has enriched our lives immeasurably,” he told a room of former colleagues and friends during that visit. “Just as Lila and I love the United States of America as the greatest nation the world has ever seen, we love Saginaw Valley State University for all it has been and for all it will become in service of this state, our nation and the world.”

The full text of Ryder's remarks at SVSU's 50th anniversary celebration in November 2013 can be found at www.svsu.edu/50/historyofsvsu/ryderera/

Mott Community College President awarded Golden Apple

The Genesee County Bar Association awarded Mott Community College (MCC) President, Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, with their Golden Apple Award for exemplary work in promoting law-related education. Dr. Walker-Griffea was recognized for the College's willingness to participate in the Second Chance Pell program and to establish the Diversion Program for felons in Genesee County. The award was given at the Association's annual National Law Day Luncheon April 26.

"I am honored to be recognized by the legal community for our partnerships targeted at helping incarcerated and adjudicated individuals turn their lives around," said Walker-Griffea. "Mott Community College is committed to being a positive force for change in Flint and Genesee County."

MCC is one of 67 colleges and universities participating in the Second Chance Pell program of the Department of Education (DOE). The program allows eligible incarcerated Americans to receive Pell Grants and pursue postsecondary education with the goal of helping them get jobs and support their families when they are released.

The College has a memorandum Genesee County with Judge Yuille and Prosecutor David Leyton to create the Community College Court Diversion Program (GC4DP) to give those charged with a first-time felony an alternate path in place of incarceration. The GC4DP partnership is designed to give individuals charged with non-violent, first-time felonies an alternative pathway from traditional probation, conviction and/or incarceration by providing career training and educational pathways at Mott College.

The Genesee County Bar Association exists to serve the professional needs of our members, improve the justice system, and educate the public about the law and the role of lawyers. The Association is committed to providing educational, community service and networking opportunities to help build relationships with peers.



Steven Johnson, vice president of enrollment and student services to leave CMU on June 30th



courtesy photo

Steven Johnson, vice president for enrollment and student services, today announced he is leaving Central Michigan University, effective June 30.

He was the first vice president of ESS at CMU, having started in the role in January 2012. His achievements include:

- Creating the university's first comprehensive enrollment management plan.
- Establishing a comprehensive professional development program for the division, with a leadership conference that has been expanded to serve all CMU staff.
- Reengineering academic advising to promote student success, with emphasis on resource allocation and procedure alignment.
- Introducing a new merit-based financial aid program consistent with the university's recruitment and retention goals. This effort increased CMU's

student profile and first-to-second-year retention rate.

- Creating the Office of Student Success.

"Steven has been instrumental in bringing the concept of strategic enrollment to the forefront," President Bob Davies said.

"He accelerated CMU's emphasis on student success and brought a new level of planning to our student recruitment and retention efforts. I wish Steven all the best as he moves forward."

Johnson said he will be completing his dissertation this summer in advance of beginning another position.

He previously worked at CMU from 1997 to 2000, serving as director of operations and professional development in what was then the College of Extended Learning, now called Global Campus. Following that, he had leadership positions at Howard University and Pace University.

"I am honored to have worked for CMU on two different occasions during my professional career," Johnson said. "I have learned so much through my engagement with the quality faculty, supportive staff and outstanding students here at CMU."

Voisin to be interim during national search for replacement

Davies has named Tony Voisin, associate vice president for student affairs, to serve as interim vice president while a national search is conducted. A search committee will be named soon, as will a search firm to support the committee's efforts.

Voisin earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from CMU. He began his career at Central in 1985, working in residence life before becoming the director of alumni relations in 1999. In 2001, Voisin was named director of student life and subsequently served as interim dean of students before assuming his current position in 2012.

Chemistry Professor Earns MCCA Outstanding Faculty Award

Ron Sharp, a longtime chemistry professor at Delta College, has been named the Michigan Community College Association 2019 Outstanding Faculty Award winner by the organization's executive committee.

The Outstanding Faculty Award is presented each year to a Michigan community college faculty member based on his or her career achievements, service to humanity, honors received and strong commitment to the community college mission.

Sharp, who has been teaching at Delta since 1971, has developed chemistry courses, authored laboratory manuals used in the classroom and represented Delta at other organizations and local employers.

"Ron has influenced the lives of generations of students and is now even teaching the children of many of his former students," said Delta College President Dr. Jean Goodnow. "He has also mentored many new faculty members, and all of them have benefitted from the experience. Many people have said he is one of the best professors they ever had."

Sharp, who is retiring this summer, said he has enjoyed teaching at Delta and sharing his love of chemistry, and was surprised to learn he had been selected for the award.

"I really enjoyed reading the letter of support from Dr. Goodnow, and thinking about all the incredible people that made this journey possible," he said. "My wife and children for allowing me to wander the world, the Delta faculty, support staff and administration for their support, especially covering for me while I was away from campus. And the community for their financial and support in-kind for so many projects. It has been 47-plus years of 'it's a great day for chemistry!'"

He will receive the award at the MCCA Board of Director's Summer Workshop on July 25 in Traverse City.

The Michigan Community College Association is a statewide network of public community colleges whose mission is to provide leadership on issues affecting member colleges.



Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start
Program Director

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Volunteers Needed for Delta College Downtown Saginaw Center Open House

Delta College is opening our new Downtown Saginaw Center this fall and we are planning an Open House. As you all know, hosting a community event of this size means volunteers are needed! You have been so generous with your time and we are hoping you may enjoy volunteering to assist with our Open House!

It is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Saginaw, of course! The address is 319 Genesee. We need approximately 60 volunteers to help us. We will run two volunteer shifts from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, please email rsbarber@delta.edu or call (989) 686-9224.

Some of the activities we have planned include:

- Fun Times: Block party themed fun for the whole family, bounce houses, games, meet PBS characters, refreshments prizes and giveaways.
- Explore: STEM Explorer mobile science lab, Dr. Slime show, self-guided building tours, free STARS shuttle to

SVRC Marketplace, Hoyt Library and Castle Museum

- Learn: 1 and 2 year programs offered at this location, schedule an appointment for career exploration and receive assistance becoming a Delta College student

Feel free to pass this email onto others whom you think may be interested in volunteering! We look forward to seeing you and many others at the Open House on Saturday, June 22!



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Tickets for Kettering Centennial Fest now available



Tickets for the Kettering Centennial Fest became available on Monday, May 20 at various locations in Flint.

The Kettering Centennial Fest, which is free to the community, is a way to thank the Flint community during the University's 100th year as an institution. The celebration will include a music festival in partnership with Beats x Beers Founder Brandon Corder, with multiple stages and bring in local bands, artists, talent, and vendors to showcase their work and to perform. Rapper T-Pain will headline the event with a concert at 7 p.m.

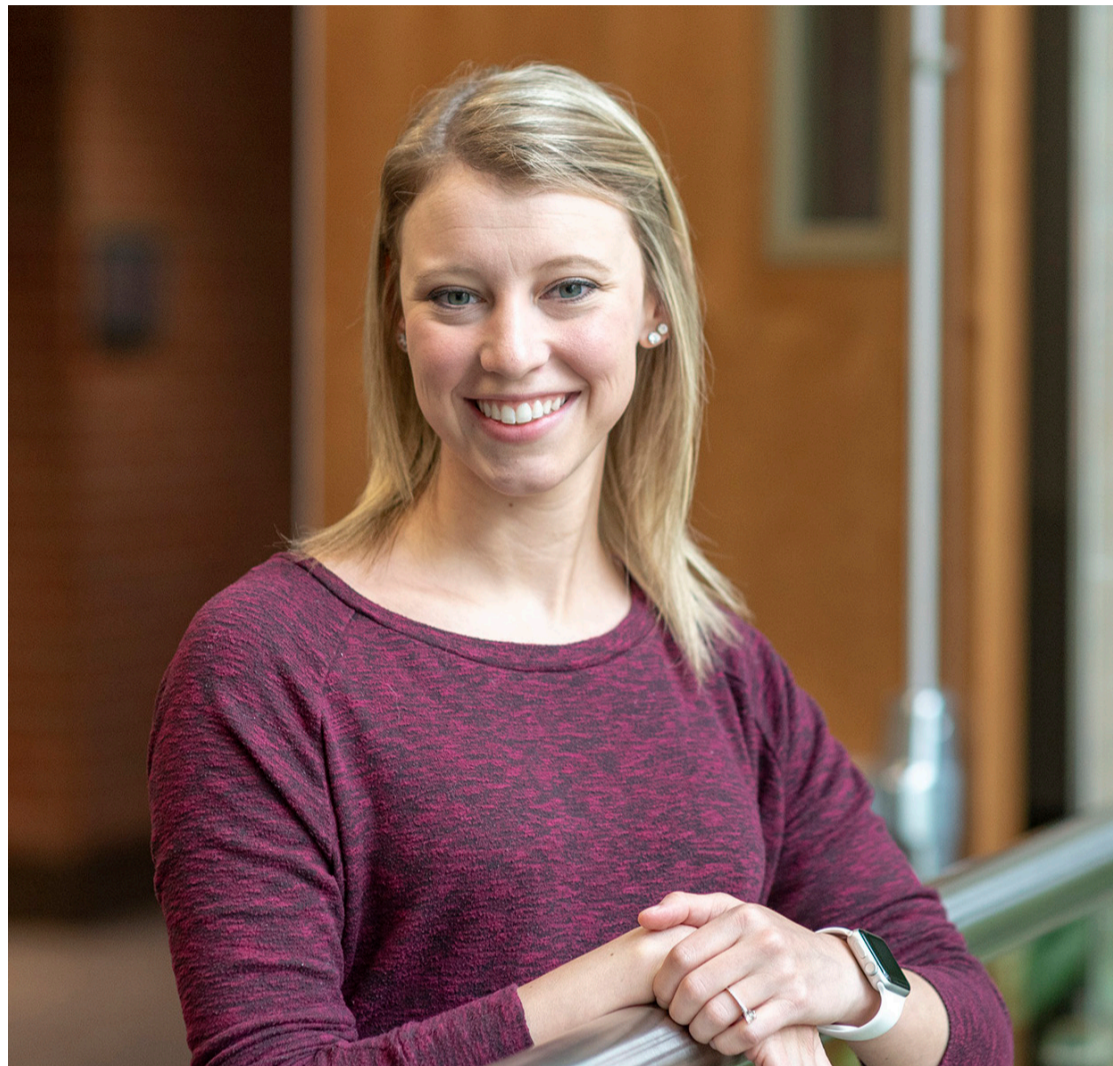
The community event, which is scheduled from noon to 8 p.m. on July 20, will bring a family-friendly atmosphere with food vendors, games, and bounce houses. A Flint Community Car Show will also be held during the event. Come see classic cars, custom vehicles, muscle cars, and more.

All activities during the centennial community celebration will be free and open to the public.

For more details on the Kettering Centennial Fest, visit Kettering.edu/Celebrating100.

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

Delta Grad Gets Highest Possible PTA License Test Score



courtesy photo

Abbie Brown, a 2019 Delta College graduate from Caro, recently earned the highest score possible on the National Physical Therapy Examination.

Brown scored an 800 on the test, the best possible result under its scoring system after graduating with a near-perfect grade point average in the physical therapist assistant (PTA) program. Brown spent eight semesters on the President's List and earned an Honors Program Certificate.

"It has always been me to do the best I can, not just good enough to pass," said Brown, who was the recipient of the 2019 Delta College Dr. William R. Collings Award of Excellence for Academic Achievement and Superior Citizenship. "I took some practice tests and was in the 760s and 780s, so I knew I could do it. I had a lot of support and encouragement from my

professors and many others that really helped me."

License in hand, Brown is starting her PTA career at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie this summer.

While at Delta, she participated in many activities, including serving as vice president of the PTA Club and volunteering at the STEM Festival, Camp Health and Wellness, Thunder in the Valley Paralympic Games, the McBrite Manor Health Fair and more. She also traveled to Kenya and Costa Rica with Delta groups.

"All of the experiences and opportunities Delta provided me were great and really taught me a lot," Brown said. "The PTA program is excellent, and after going through it, I know I am really prepared for my career."

COMMUNITY

Jazz on Jefferson returns on June 5th



courtesy photos

SAGINAW, Mich. –Jazz on Jefferson, a one-night event celebrated on along the historic South Jefferson Avenue, kicks off in just over a week, June 5.

The festival attracts more than 3,000 visitors and counting each summer. It showcases the vitality of the neighborhood and institutions located on the street.

Saginaw High School drum line kicks off the event at 4:45 p.m. and it ends with a free

concert by Cool Lemon Jazz Band at 8 p.m. at First Congregational Church – all other street events will close at that time.

Festivalgoers can enjoy a variety of activities such as: food from local vendors, a classic car and motorcycle show, Hoyt Library’s hospitality tent and so much more. The Castle Museum will also feature its popular strawberry shortcake.

Jazz on Jefferson is a cooperative project of

the Jefferson Avenue institutions coordinated by the Castle Museum. It is sponsored by the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History, Ascension St. Mary’s Hospital, Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission, Saginaw Celebrates Summer, Jolt Credit Union, Hemlock Semiconductor and Public Libraries of Saginaw.

For more information, please contact Tom Trombley at the Castle Museum at 989-752-2861 ext. 304 or visit www.castlemuseum.org

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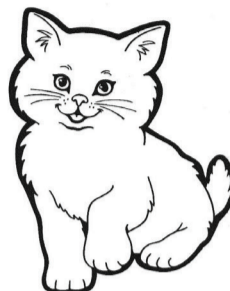
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A Brief History on the Evolution of the Steel Pan: *The Only Non-electronic, Acoustic Musical Instrument Invented in the 20th Century*

The steel drum also referred to as a steel pan, is believed to be the only non-electronic, acoustic musical instrument invented in the 20th century. The first steel drum or pan was invented around World War II in Trinidad, off the coast of Venezuela in South America.

In the 1800s Trinidad was a sugar plantation society. The French and English colonists brought natives from Central and West Africa as slaves for their plantations. The Africans brought their musical traditions with them, especially their drumming and singing, and used it in much the same way as they had in Africa - for celebrations, religious ceremonies, to pass time when they were working, and for communication. The colonists were often threatened by the drumming, thinking that the slaves – and rightfully so in some cases—were sending messages that might lead to a revolt.

In addition to drumming being used to preserve African traditions, drumming was used to accompany kalinda or stick-fighting gangs. These groups would walk the streets playing rhythms and singing. When one “kalinda” gang met another, a fight would usually break out. The fights intimidated the colonists and gave them more reason to oppose drumming. This fear eventually led to laws banning drumming and inadvertently gave way to the evolution of the steel pan into the melodious instrument we know today.

If you found this brief history of the steel pan interesting, you’ll enjoy hearing the steel pan played live by Stephen Lawhorne of Third Coast Steel. Third Coast Steel is a mid-Michigan based ensemble comprised of educators and professional musicians. The band’s unique blend of musical genres and instruments places them at the forefront of steel pan music and showcases the versatility of the instrument.

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July 13TH

Ordination to the Order of Priesthood of Deacon Marc Hopps, Deacon Stephen Blaxton, and Deacon Matthew Federico



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Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, and his Sacred Theology Baccalaureate from the Angelicum in Rome in 2018. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 11, 2017, and served at Holy Family Parish, Sandusky, as a deacon during his pastoral year.

Father Stephen will celebrate the following Masses of Thanksgiving:

- June 2 at 8:30 a.m. Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph Church, 59 North Moore St., Sandusky
- June 2 at 10:30 a.m. Holy Family Parish, St. Elizabeth Church, 6785 West Marlette St., Marlette
- June 9 at 9:30 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 168 East Wright Ave., Shepherd
- June 16 at 10 a.m. Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, 2445 North Charles St., Saginaw
- June 23 at 10:30 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord, 423 West Cedar St., Standish

Deacon Matthew Federico, 36, is the son of Larry and Marilyn Federico and the brother of Ryan. A Saginaw native, he grew up in St. Dominic Parish. He graduated from Nouvel Catholic Central High School and attended Saginaw Valley State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Professional Accountancy in 2005. He received a Master of Divinity in 2019 from University of the St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 18, 2018, and served at Blessed Sacrament, Midland and Our Lady of the Woods, Orland Park, Ill. as a deacon.

Father Matthew will celebrate the following Masses of Thanksgiving:

- June 1 at 4 p.m. St. Dominic Parish, St. Stephen Church, 2711 Mackinaw St., Saginaw
- June 8 at 4:30 p.m. St. Agnes Parish, 300 Johnson St., Freeland
- June 15 at 5 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 3109 Swede Ave., Midland

Transitional Deacons Marc Hopps, Stephen Blaxton, and Matthew Federico will be ordained to the priesthood.

Deacon Marc Hopps, 28, is the son of Gary and Maribeth Hopps. His siblings are Zak, Alyssa and Mykaela. A Bay City native, he grew up in All Saints Parish and attended All Saints Central High School. He received a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Catholic Studies in 2013 from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He earned his Master of Divinity from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit in 2018. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Nov. 30, 2018, and served at Holy Family Parish, Sandusky, during his pastoral year and St. Dominic Parish, Saginaw, as a deacon.

Father Marc will celebrate the following Masses of Thanksgiving:

- June 1 at 5 p.m. All Saints Parish, St. James Church, 710 Columbus Ave., Bay

City

- June 9 at 8:30 St. Dominic Parish, Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 4735 West Michigan Ave., Saginaw
- June 9 at 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Parish, St. Stephen Church, 2711 Mackinaw St., Saginaw
- June 16 at 8:30 a.m. Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph Church, 59 North Moore St., Sandusky
- June 30 at 10:30 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord Church, 423 West Cedar St., Standish

Deacon Stephen Blaxton, 33, is the son of Jerry and Gayle Blaxton. His siblings are Philip, Ruth Ann and Timothy. A Shepherd native, he grew up in St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He graduated from Shepherd High School before attending Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he received a bachelor's degree in Mental Health and Human Services in 2008. He received his Bachelor of Philosophy in 2014, Master of Divinity in 2018 from

Castle Museum offers free admission to military personnel and their families this summer



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SAGINAW, Mich. –The Castle Museum of Saginaw County History announces it will join museums nationwide in participating in the tenth summer of Blue Star Museums, a program that provides free admission to our nation's active-duty military personnel and their families this summer.

This 2019 program launches Saturday, May 18 (Armed Forces Day) and ends Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 (Labor Day).

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps,

NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Participants will have the opportunity to view Castle Museum exhibitions such as: The Goodridges' Art Souvenir of Saginaw, Michigan U.S.A. 1902 open now through June 5, On the River opening June 27, Timber! and other displays. In addition, upcoming events at the museum include: Jazz on Jefferson, Summer Cultural Celebration and the museum's weekly lecture series.

Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums nationwide. First Lady of the United States Melania Trump and Second Lady of the United States Karen Pence are honorary co-chairs of Blue Star Museums 2019.

For more information about this program, call 989-752-2861 or visit castlemuseum.org.

For a list of participating museums visit: arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Green Friday's at Delta

Green Fridays is an annual Delta College summer initiative to reduce our campus carbon footprint by keeping energy and the emission of pollutants to their lowest possible levels, without decreasing the level of education and services provided.

Delta College will be closed on Fridays from May 13 through July 26 and will have extended hours Monday through Thursday to continue the same level of service to students.

Delta piloted Green Fridays in 2008 as a green campus initiative to save electricity, water consumption and other resources after conducting an extensive inventory to determine our carbon footprint – a measure of the amount of greenhouse gases produced by burning fossil fuels for electricity, heating and transportation. In addition to utilities consumption, a major factor for this initiative is the emissions resulting from regular commutes to and from the institution by students and employees.

There will be some areas that will remain open for business on Fridays. Those include the Fitness and Recreation Center and the Delta College Planetarium in Bay City.

If you'd like to learn more about Delta's Sustainability program and how you can help make a difference, visit www.delta.edu/sustainability. If you have questions, please contact sustainability@delta.edu or 989-686-9209.



Kayla Nicole Young

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Kayla Nicole Young is a 2019 graduate from Heritage High School. She is the daughter of proud parents Frederick and Yolanda Irvin. She has been an Administrative Assistant Manger at the family owned business Building Blocks Childcare & Preschool Center since 2005 and is a Xino.

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“Say Cheese” at Photo Opportunity at Frankenmuth Cheese Haus

On Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Frankenmuth Cheese Haus will introduce the five characters that will adorn the 23-foot copper onion dome perched on top of the building’s tower. The figurine movements, called a Figurinespiel, tell an animated story and teach fun facts about popular cheeses from around the world.

This will be the one and only opportunity to get up close and personal with these special figurines. The five figurines will be on display in the platz area outside the Frankenmuth Cheese Haus for only these few hours before being installed into the 74-foot tower.

Guests are encouraged to take pictures next to the five characters, which include:

- Sophie from Holland and her duck Lottie.
- Mario from Italy and his goat Gina.
- Jacob from Germany, Otto the pig and Peter the rabbit.
- Anna from Ireland, her lamb Molly and

her dog Finn.

- Michael from Frankenmuth and Betsey the cow.

Poster boards of each character will be on display, where guests can sign their name to commemorate this special day. The boards will be framed and placed inside the Cheese Haus.

Kay Henning from Henning’s Cheese in Wisconsin will also be in the store explaining their 100+ year old traditions of making mammoth cheeses, with 75 pound, 150 pound and more blocks of cheese being offered in the Cheese Haus. In addition, those present will receive gift certificates, samples, free gifts, and more. The Cheese Trap food truck will be there, and all of this will take place during Michigan’s oldest German festival, The Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival.

The Cheese Haus is a top tourist destination for generations of travelers. To accommodate

more visitors, the Cheese Haus is close to completing its expansion project from its previous 2,700 square feet to a new 16,000 square-foot Bavarian-themed building at 545 S. Main St.

To keep up with updates and the latest information, follow the Cheese Haus on Facebook.





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Angela Hine Joins Wildfire Credit Union



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Wildfire Credit Union is pleased to announce the addition of Angela Hine as Vice President of Business Development. Angela earned a Bachelor of Arts at Alma College, majoring in economics. She has over 25 years experience in the financial industry.

Hine is also active in the community. She is a member and past president of the Midland Rotary Club, Board Member for Midland Kids First, Vice President of the Midland Chemic Wrestling Association, foster parent for the Midland County Humane Society and a volunteer for Families Against Narcotics. Angela resides in Midland with her husband and sons.

Angela is located in the Mt. Pleasant market and will be based out of the CMURC offices located on Dennison Drive.

Tim Benecke, President and CEO commented, "We are excited to have Angela as part of our business services team. Angela is a great asset for our business members and Wildfire."

Hine joins Andrea Hales, Chief Business Officer, Business Services, Darlene Krumpholz, Vice President, Treasury Services, John Harken, Vice President, Business Services, Courtney Douponce, Vice President, Business Services and Michelle Vannest, Vice President, Business Services as a member of the team.

Pope Francis Names Bishop Robert Gruss as 7th Bishop of Saginaw



courtesy photo

SAGINAW — Pope Francis today announced that he has selected Bishop Robert D. Gruss as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw.

Bishop Gruss will be introduced by Bishop Walter A. Hurley, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Saginaw, at a 10:30 a.m. news conference which will be available via livestream on the diocesan website, Saginaw.org.

Bishop Gruss, 63, has served as Bishop of Rapid City (South Dakota) since 2011. His installation in Saginaw is scheduled for July 26.

Bishop Gruss was born June 25, 1955, in Texarkana, Arkansas. He attended the Pontifical North American College in Rome from 1990-1994 and earned a bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology and a master's degree in Spiritual Theology.

Bishop Gruss was ordained to the priesthood on July 2, 1994 by Bishop William E. Franklin, seventh Bishop of Davenport. In 2007, Pope Benedict named him a Chaplain of his Holiness, giving him the title of monsignor. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as Bishop of Rapid City in 2011 and consecrated as a bishop on July 28, 2011.

Bishop Gruss' previous assignments have included chancellor and diocesan vocations director for the Diocese of Davenport, as well as pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He also served as vice-rector at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Bishop Gruss also serves in the following capacities: St. Ambrose University Corporate Board, Member; Catholic Radio Association Episcopal Board, Member; Pope Leo XIII Institute, Episcopal Moderator; Institute for Priestly Formation Bishops Advisory Council, Member; National Assn. of Catholic Chaplains, Reg. VIII Episcopal Rep.; Pontifical North American College Episcopal Board of Governors.

Prior to entering the seminary, Bishop Gruss was a commercial pilot. He attended Madison Area Technical College, in Madison, Wisconsin, and Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw was established by Pope Pius XI on Feb. 26, 1938. Today, it includes 6,955 square miles across Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Sanilac, Saginaw and Tuscola counties. In 1938, The Most Rev. William Murphy, the first Bishop of Saginaw, dedicated the entire diocese under the patroness of Mary of the Assumption.

New Hope Academy to Open in 2020

Late last year, Samaritas received the Outstanding Non-Profit Award at the 16th Heart of the City Community Awards Luncheon, presented by The Michigan Banner.

This award kicked off a year-long Samaritas initiative called Lift Up Saginaw ... One child, one family, one neighborhood at a time. A long-time participant in the Saginaw community Samaritas has programs in foster care, adoption, behavioral health, family preservation, in home care for persons with disabilities, a Senior Living community and a Community Center serving families and youth. Samaritas aims to walk alongside Saginaw residents and showcase its dedication to, and long relationship with, the city of Saginaw.

At the center of this initiative is the Samaritas Community Center, located in a resilient neighborhood from where a lot of Saginaw leadership are from.

The Community Center, formerly known as Neighborhood House or "The Neib," has been supporting South Saginaw for more than 75 years. The center provides after-school and summer educational programming for youth, adolescents and families, who are welcome for a free-of-charge nutritious hot dinner daily. Last year, Samaritas served more than 20,000 hot evening meals to community members.

Samaritas, in partnership with Ferris State University, will also provide a holistic approach to education by combining wraparound human services with an innovative academic approach, leading to improved student success, when New Hope Public Academy opens in 2020. The Academy will incorporate an ecological, full family approach to education. This integrated approach will include a range of support programs geared toward meeting each family's comprehensive needs to support student success.

Also part of Lift Up Saginaw, a full-scale renovation to Samaritas Senior Living Saginaw completes the community, consisting of 40 private rooms in a new state-of-the-art rehabilitation center, private long term care bedrooms, and a secure memory care. Plus, Samaritas is expanding its partnership with Saginaw Valley State University through its Social Work master's degree program, Education Department and Nursing School for case management and support through both prevention and treatment services for chronic health and behavioral care needs of families.

To learn more about the New Hope Academy, visit their Facebook page at New Hope Public School Academy.

85 Years of History

In 1949, Neighborhood House moves into its first permanent house on the south side of Saginaw in a new building funded by generous donors.

From Samaritas' Neighborhood House to Successful Leader | Jerome Buckley

"Reimagine your Situation"



"Reimagine your situation." That's his advice.. And that's advice he has taken many times in his life. From his humble beginnings, growing up in an impoverished area of Saginaw, to working at the General Motors Foundry when he was just in high school, to owning his own beauty supply business and now, as the owner of a successful newspaper,

The Michigan Banner, Jerome has forged his own path by reimagining his situation.

A large part of his early childhood was spent at the Samaritas Community Center, formerly known as Neighborhood House, or "The Neib." Favorite activities, like chess and checkers competitions, fishing tournaments at the nearby Saginaw River, Easter Egg Hunts and Christmas parties...all of these social connections were gently introducing Jerome to "want to do the positive thing."

Ray Culpepper, former director of Neighborhood House, was one of Jerome's earliest influencers, and was "ahead of his time" according to Jerome. "He really was able to pull all of those different groups together and provide programming for all the different ages."



One of Jerome's favorite memories is playing on the Neighborhood All Stars baseball team. "We had three different teams, 11 and under, 13 and under and 16 and under. I played on them all!"

Even with all the fun times at Neighborhood House, Jerome always worked...whether delivering newspapers as a young boy, or at a retail store, or getting the job at GM, where he worked for 25 years, before starting his own beauty supply business.

"My advice is to be out front, anticipate the changes that will come. If you don't happen to it, it will happen to you."

Temple Theatre Foundation and Saginaw Art Museum name new Chairman of the Board and Executive Director

Larry L. Preston Named Chairman of the Board, Temple Theatre Foundation and Saginaw Art Museum



The Temple Theatre Foundation and Saginaw Art Museum Boards of Directors announced the appointment of Larry L. Preston as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the two organizations.

Preston, co-founder and recently retired CEO of Tri-Star Trust Bank, assumes the role of Chairman of the Board immediately.

“Larry brings to our organizations a truly unmatched combination of business acumen, community focus, and service to the arts community,” said Dr. Samuel Shaheen, Temple Theatre Board Member. “He is uniquely qualified to drive our strategic direction, lead our relationship development efforts and play a central role in ensuring the long-term growth and success of these two vital cultural assets for Saginaw and the Great Lakes Bay Region as a whole. The boards are delighted to welcome Larry into this important leadership role.”

Preston’s responsibilities as Chairman of the Board include executive leadership, strategic planning, financial management, fund development, planned giving and driving collaboration among area arts organizations.

“The Great Lakes Bay Region has many cultural treasures and two of the most outstanding are the Temple Theatre and the Saginaw Art Museum,” Preston said. “As a person who loves our community and arts and entertainment having the opportunity to serve in a leadership role with these two wonderful institutions is a great privilege. I thank both boards for giving me this opportunity and look forward to building

relationships with all our staff, volunteers, visitors and other financial patrons.

Preston’s contributions to the arts community include Board membership and service on the Executive Committee of the Michigan Humanities Council. He has also served on the Boards of The Midland Center for the Arts and The Great Lakes Bay Alliance, as chair of its Advocacy and Art and Entertainment Committee.

In Saginaw, he has served on the Boards of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra and the Saginaw Art Museum, as well as chairman of the Board of the Saginaw Community Foundation. He received the Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission Great Lakes Bay All-Area Award.

Preston has also served the community as former Chairman of the Board of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce and Heroes for Kids. Preston recently received the prestigious Outstanding Businessman of the Year Award from Saginaw Valley State University.

Prior to co-founding Tri-Star Trust Bank in 2000, Preston was a partner and member of the Executive Committee at the law firm. Currie, Kendall, Polasky and Meisel PLC. This followed his tenure as managing partner at Polasky, Meisel, Preston and Kolat PLC.

Preston holds a BS degree from Michigan State University and graduated Cum Laude with a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Michael Kolleth named as Executive Director of Temple Theatre Foundation and Saginaw Art Museum



Kolleth, senior director of Public Affairs at Dow, will replace Stacey Gannon who resigned in March to take a role in the financial services industry after six years in Executive Director role. Kolleth will begin his transition into the role immediately. He has served on the Museum’s board of directors and as chairman of its collection committee over the past four years.

“Mike brings 30-plus years of leadership as a Dow executive coupled with a passion for and demonstrated commitment to the arts community in the Great Lakes Bay region,” said Saginaw Art Museum Board chairman, Paul Furlo. “He shares the fundamental belief of our boards that the continued success of these two iconic organizations is vital to the economic and cultural development of our community. We are delighted to welcome Mike to the Museum and Temple teams.”

As Executive Director, Kolleth is responsible for the leadership and strategic and operational management of the two organizations including programming, exhibitions, fund development and community outreach.

During his tenure at Dow, Kolleth most recently led the development and global integration of Dow’s new brand platform following the Company’s merger with DuPont; one of the largest mergers in corporate history he also recently served on the Dow North America Leadership Team and led the company’s digital marketing communication group. Nearly half of his Dow career was spent in Switzerland and England.

In addition to his service on the Saginaw Art Museum Board, and among his many community commitments, Kolleth serves on the Board of operations of the Great Lakes Loons, and recently as vice president of the Friends of Theodore Roethke. Kolleth is also a volunteer photographer for Special Olympics Michigan.

A fourth-generation Saginaw resident, Kolleth holds a BA degree from Michigan State University, an MBA from the University of Cambridge, England and a post-graduate certificate in Corporate Strategy from the University of Oxford, England.

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Nessel Opinion Determines Portions of 2018 Election Law Unconstitutional

LANSING – In response to an opinion request submitted earlier this year by Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Attorney General Dana Nessel has determined that portions of Public Act 608 of 2018 – which was passed during a hasty lame duck session – failed to meet constitutional requirements.

Benson sought the opinion shortly after taking office, saying, “Public Act 608 establishes new grounds for rejecting otherwise valid petition signatures, including the failure to comply with the limit on the number of signatures per congressional district, the requirement to file a paid signature gatherer’s affidavit prior to gathering signatures, and the circulator’s obligation to check a box indicating whether he or she is a paid or volunteer signature gatherer.” Benson asked for an opinion clarifying whether these and other provisions in the new law are constitutional as her department prepares to implement changes required by the new law.

“Several senior staff contributed to the research, analysis and preparation of this opinion,” said Nessel. “Based on our review, this new law clearly violates the Constitution on several – but not all – fronts. With these issues resolved, Secretary Benson and her team can now go forward in the work they need to do in managing Michigan’s election process.”

Attorney General Nessel’s opinion – OAG No. 7310 – found several aspects of the new law unconstitutional:

- 15 percent signatures per Congressional District. Under Michigan’s Constitution, advocates to adopt or reject laws or to propose constitutional amendments must gather signatures on petitions to get those proposals on the ballot. PA 608 added a new limit on voters’ ability to support those petitions by requiring that no more than 15 percent of the total number of signatures counted in support of a petition can come from any one of Michigan’s 14 congressional districts.

This new requirement is unconstitutional because it creates an obstacle for voters without any support in the Constitution itself. The Michigan Constitution gives Michiganders the right to support change in the law, and while the Legislature can write laws to implement the

process, the Legislature cannot cut voters out of the process.

- County Forms v. Congressional District Forms. To accommodate the new 15 percent signature limitation by Congressional district, PA 608 required the SOS to create petition forms based on congressional districts rather than counties.

The opinion concludes that with the signatures-by-district requirement having been found unconstitutional, the Legislature would not have intended the use of district-based petition forms.

- Circulator Affidavit and Check Boxes. As enacted, PA 608 requires that a paid signature gatherer file an affidavit with the Secretary of State indicating they are a paid signature gatherer before circulating any petition sheets and that any signatures obtained before that affidavit is filed are invalid and won’t be counted. This singles out paid circulators with no apparent valid state interest in doing so. PA 608 also requires that the petition forms have a circulator disclosure statement that has “check boxes” on the form for the signature gatherer to indicate they are either a paid or volunteer gatherer.

The opinion concludes that focusing on petition circulators rather than proponents of the petition, singling out paid circulators with a separate procedural hurdle, and requiring “check boxes” that could lead to circulator harassment, are all new requirements that fail to withstand constitutional concerns aimed at preserving free-speech rights.

A number of PA 608’s provisions were found to withstand constitutional concerns:

- Falsification of Certificate and Catchall Form Mistakes. The new law states that if the circulator provides false or fraudulent information on the petition sheet, it invalidates all the signatures on the petition sheet. The new law also includes a general provision that any form or content mistakes invalidate all signatures on the sheet.

The opinion finds that the substantial interest

of the State in promoting the integrity of the process outweighs the potential burden imposed on petition sponsors and electors.

- Optional Approval of Petition Form. PA 608 establishes a mechanism for the Board of State Canvassers to set and approve the summary of the purpose of the petition and, if that is done, then the Board cannot later consider a challenge of the petition based on the summary – but it can take up to 30 days for the summary approval process to take place.

While the Legislature likely intended to create a safe harbor limiting some challenges before the Board of State Canvassers, the opinion recognizes that this additional step is optional and need not be taken if proponents are concerned they will have insufficient time to gather signatures. Consequently, the opinion concludes that this provision is constitutional.

- Challenges to the Board Determination go to the Supreme Court. PA 608 requires that a challenge to the Board of State Canvassers’ determination of petition sufficiency must be filed in the Michigan Supreme Court (rather than the Court of Appeals).

The opinion finds that this requirement is constitutional but notes that the Supreme Court may choose to direct the challenge to the Court of Appeals.

As written, the statute also directs the Michigan Supreme Court to advance the case on its docket “for the earliest possible disposition.”

The opinion recognizes that this directive to the Michigan Supreme Court violates separation of powers principles as the Supreme Court is the branch of government with authority to implement the rules of practice and procedure for the State’s courts, including its own docket.

During the process of preparing this opinion, the Opinions Division received written comments from Samuel R. Bagenstos and Sharon Dolente on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union Fund of Michigan, and from Patrick Anderson.

Gov. Whitmer Signs Historic Bipartisan Auto No-Fault Legislation



courtesy photo: Beth LeBlanc, The Detroit News

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. -- On May 30 Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Senate Bill 1, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, to reform Michigan's auto insurance system to guarantee lower rates for every Michigan driver, protect insurance coverage options, and strengthen consumer protections.

"By signing this legislation, we are providing relief to millions of drivers across the state and guaranteeing a better auto insurance system for everyone," Whitmer said. "This historic deal shows that, when we put party aside, we can find common ground on our state's toughest issues to provide realistic and affordable coverage options for drivers across Michigan."

Senate Bill 1 reforms a broken auto insurance system and offers historic protections for drivers across our state. The bill, negotiated by Governor Whitmer with legislative leaders, will save drivers money by:

- Guaranteeing lower rates for drivers for eight years;
- Protecting people's choice to pick their own Personal Injury Protection (PIP) options with coinciding PIP rate reductions, offering unlimited coverage (10% PIP reduction), \$500K coverage (20% PIP reduction), \$250K coverage

(35% PIP reduction), \$50K coverage for Medicaid eligible recipients (45% PIP reduction), or a complete opt out for seniors or anyone with sufficient private insurance (100% PIP reduction).

- Increasing consumer protections by banning companies from using non-driving factors, such as ZIP code, FICO score, gender, marital status, occupation, education attainment, and homeownership, to set rates.
- Setting fee schedules for hospitals and providers to prevent overcharging for auto-related injuries.

"I am proud to have worked alongside Senate Majority Leader Shirkey, Senate Democratic Leader Ananich, Speaker of the House Chatfield, House Democratic Leader Greig, and all members of the legislature to solve a problem that has been hurting Michigan families for far too long. We still have more important work ahead of us, and I have no doubt that we can seize on this momentum to pass a strong, bipartisan budget that fixes the damn roads."

Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Senator Aric Nesbitt (SD-26), will be filed next week with the Office of the Great Seal and take effect at that time.

Congressman Dan Kildee announce Federal grant to improve transportation

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, and the Flint Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) announced that Flint MTA has been awarded a \$734,752 federal grant to improve transit options for Genesee County residents to travel to health care appointments.

The federal grant, through the U.S. Department of Transportation, will strengthen coordination between health care providers and the Flint MTA to make sure people in Genesee County have affordable transportation to doctors appointments. It also invests in technology improvements like on-demand shared transportation services and smart phone apps for booking services.

"Every Michigander deserves quality, affordable health care. No grandparent, child or other family member should miss an appointment or not get the care they need because they don't have affordable transportation to the doctor. I am proud to announce this federal grant that gives the Flint MTA the resources they need to expand health care access for Genesee County residents. I'm grateful to Flint MTA for their work improving the lives of all families in Genesee County by cutting down barriers to affordable and reliable transportation," said Congressman Kildee.

"MTA is committed to breaking transportation barriers for Genesee County residents who need access to health care. This grant provides MTA the opportunity to build on the relationships it has developed with local hospitals and health care institutions by increasing access and improving health outcomes through an innovative, personalized transportation solution," said CEO of Flint MTA Ed Benning.

SPORTS

Lauren Huebner wins National Championship in the Heptathlon with record 5,364 points



courtesy photo

KINGSVILLE, Texas -- Saginaw Valley State University junior Track & Field student-athlete Lauren Huebner had an impressive opening day on Thursday at the 2019 NCAA Division II National Championships, taking the first place position after the first four events of the heptathlon. Huebner finished the job on Friday, maintaining that lead throughout and capping her performance with a national championship and new program record.

Huebner posted a new record of 5,364 points,

besting her previous best of 5,213 points that secured her an automatic qualifying mark into this year's championships.

She began the day on Friday with a distance of 5.63 meters in the long jump for 738 points and followed that up with 597 points in the javelin throw after tossing it a personal best distance of 36.34 meters. That gave her a slim 12 point margin heading into the final event, which was the 800 meter run.

Lauren left nothing to doubt in her quest

for the title, taking the top spot in the final race after posting a time of 2:19.19 for 835 points to claim the national championship. She became only the program's fifth student-athlete to claim an NCAA national title and the first since Paul Markel in 2001.

It is Huebner's second all-american honor in her career. She finished third overall in the pentathlon at the 2019 NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships earlier this year.

Loons Fall from First

Loons loss to Bowling Green moves Hot Rods into first place

BOWLING GREEN, KY - The top two teams in the Midwest League Eastern Division kicked-off a three-game series on Tuesday night and while the Great Lakes Loons got off to an auspicious start, it was the Bowling Green Hot Rods who secured a 6-3 win and first place in the division.

The Loons (30-19) jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning on the first three pitches of the ballgame. Miguel Vargas and Hunter Feduccia both singled before Niko Hulsizer hit his thirteenth home run of the year. All of the first inning damage was done against Hot Rods starter Caleb Sampen, who formally pitched in the Dodgers organization with the rookie-advanced Ogden Raptors last year.

After the first inning, Sampen settled in and ultimately threw six innings allowing just four hits while walking five and striking out six. Meanwhile, Bowling Green's best power hitter, Chris Betts, went deep in the bottom of the first and then the Hot Rods tied the game in the second inning against 19-year-old starting pitcher Robinson Ortiz.

After early run outbursts for both teams, the game went scoreless until the seventh inning when the Hot Rods plated three runs against Loons reliever Stephen Kolek. Kolek (L, 2-3) ceded three consecutive extra-base hits culminating in a Kaleo Johnson home run giving BG a 6-3 lead.

For the final three innings, the Hot Rods relied on southpaw Trey Cumbie. Cumbie (W, 2-0) pitched a perfect seventh, eighth, and ninth inning to earn Bowling Green's seventh straight win.

The Loons now sit a half game back of the Hot Rods for first place in the division. Game two of three in this series continues tomorrow from Bowling Green Ballpark at 7:35 p.m. EDT.

FROM THE BOX SCORE

Niko Hulsizer: 2-for-3, 3-run HR, 2B, HBP

Hunter Feduccia: 1-for-3, R, BB

Jacob Amaya: 0-for-2, 2 BB

UPCOMING HOMESTAND

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June 8: Breast Cancer Awareness Day feat. Pink Out the Park

June 9: Lou E's Kids Club Takeover feat. Mascot Madness; Pregame Youth Clinic

Spirit sign 2019 second round pick Josh Bloom to OHL Standard Player Agreement



courtesy photo

SAGINAW, Mich – Saginaw Spirit General Manager Dave Drinkill announced Wednesday the team has signed 2019 second round pick, 30th overall, Josh Bloom to an OHL Standard Player Agreement and Education Package.

“We are pleased to welcome Josh Bloom to the Saginaw Spirit family,” said Drinkill. “Josh is a player that we targeted all season long. He brings many of the things we look for in a player to our organization. On the ice, his mix of speed, skating ability, and scoring touch will fit well in our system and allow him to flourish. Off of the ice, Josh is a quality person that is very passionate about the game of hockey and will do whatever it takes to help grow his own game and help the Spirit organization. We are excited to see what the future has in store for Josh in a Saginaw uniform.”

Bloom, 15, spent the 2018-19 season with the Toronto Young Nationals, scoring 85 points (44 goals and 41 assists) in 67 games. The 6’1, 165-pound left-winger also represented Team Ontario in the 2019 Canada Winter Games, winning a silver medal while scoring six assists in six games.

“I am so happy to officially call myself a part of the Spirit family,” said Bloom. “I would like to thank my family, coaches, advisers, and friends for all their help in taking this next step in my career. I am looking forward to stepping out on to the ice in September and doing what I can to help bring a championship to Saginaw.”

According to the OHL Draft Guide, “Bloom is a big, skilled winger that consistently produces and gives his team a chance to win. Josh is very dangerous off the rush. He can beat you wide or stop up and use his tremendous snap shot to create quality scoring chances. He plays a complete 200-foot game and does not take any shortcuts in his own end.”

Bloom will wear No. 17 with the Spirit and will join his teammates at training camp in August.



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Age 5-6 (T-ball)

Age 7-8 (Coach Pitch)

Division Teams: 10U, 12U & 15U

WHEN:

10 Game Season

JULY 9 - AUG 8, 2019

Tuesday & Thursday
Evenings



COST:

Player Fee \$20 each

* Division Teams require a team sponsor
to pay the \$200 sponsorship fee. Division
players are still required to register

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PICS OF THE WEEK

A participant holding a flag, local area veterans and the Saginaw High School Marching Band are shown at the Memorial Day Parade held on Monday, May 27, 2019.





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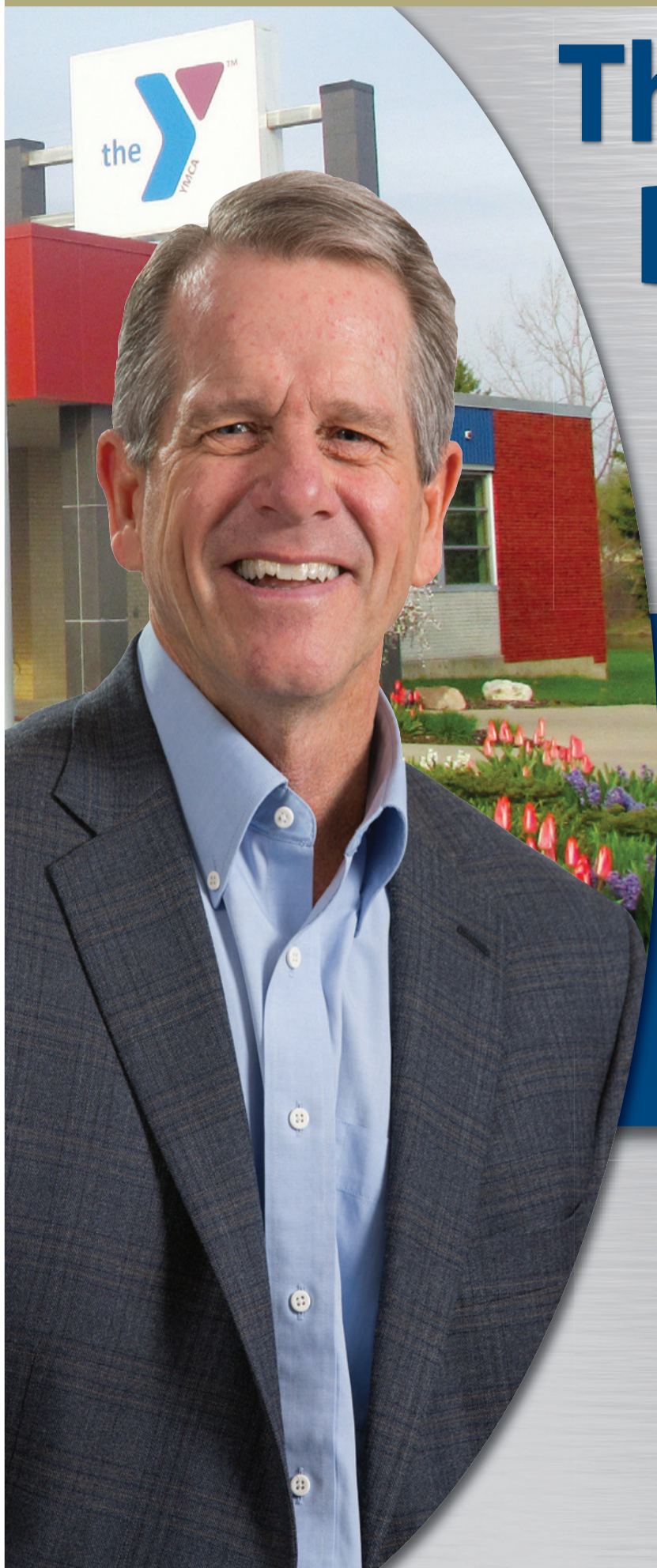


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