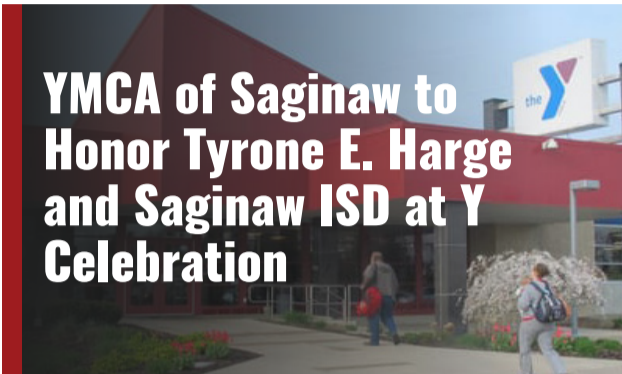


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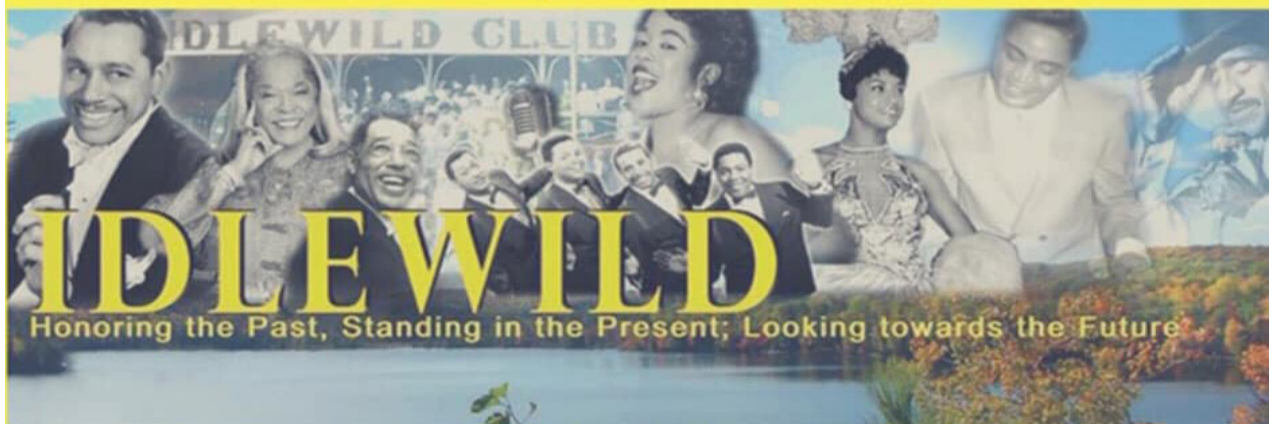


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The 5th Annual Idlewild Education, Empowerment and Music Festival Weekend will be held Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 14, 2019. The event has grown beyond the capacity of the Idlewild Cultural Center, Idlewild, Michigan. Therefore, for the first time, will be held at the University Center on the campus of Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan. Friday night will host an engaging evening of special entertainment;

with Saturday and Sunday hosting two full days of live entertainment and educational sessions. Idlewild historian, Ms. Carlean Gill, former Idlewild Fiesta Doll and Michigan business entrepreneur; and, Michelle S. Johnson, PhD, Professor of African American and African Studies, Western Michigan University will be the event Keynote Speakers.

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The weekend events will include a tribute to former Idlewild performer and late Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin; along with a poetry tribute to former Idlewild vacationer, Langston Hughes. With each tribute, participants will embark on a journey of the legacy of Historic Idlewild, Michigan. The performance lineup is comprised of Michigan vocalists: Athena Johnson (Ypsilanti), Ren Lowe (Flint) and Kamaria Tilley (Kalamazoo); who will each perform selections from Ms. Franklin's catalogue of hits. The Langston

Hughes poetry tribute will be presented by Michigan poets: Sparrow (Detroit), Anita Caprice (Detroit) and Mary Love (Lansing). Each segment will be a catalyst to engage youth and adults as they learn about the historical and cultural impact of music which stemmed from Idlewild. Throughout the day guest presenters will discuss the acquisition and development of Idlewild as a summer resort for African Americans. They will share inter-generational life experiences to illustrate the impact of Idlewild, Michigan; and

empower today's generation to participate in the growth and re-emergence of this Historic community. This annual event is designed to bring forth greater awareness, appreciation and change the perception of Idlewild, with focus on the values of Idlewild's culture, past and present. The events' Title Sponsor is the College of Arts and Sciences, Ferris State University; with additional sponsoring organizations: Express Employment Professionals, Lansing; BetterMade, Detroit; Pure Michigan Radio Show and Michigan Humanities Council. The weekend is presented by T. ROSE Foundation.

About Historic Idlewild, Michigan

This Idlewild weekend event is held to commemorate and celebrate the history of well-known African American entertainers and professionals who owned property and performed at the Historic Resort prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Known as the 'Black Eden', this location was one of the few resorts in the United States where African Americans could vacation and purchase property. The National Resource Team applauded the Idlewild community for holding on to the land; approximately 3,000 acres. It is historically, the largest land based African American resort ever assembled in the USA. Idlewild is a rare and valuable national resource with physical and cultural significance.

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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.

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 nonelectronic, 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 stickfighting 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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House passes latest DREAM Act, hoping to place millions of immigrants on path to citizenship

Washington — With a handful of Republican votes, House Democrats passed the latest version of the DREAM Act, an ambitious expansion of a nearly two-decades-long legislative effort that would place millions of young undocumented immigrants and immigrants with temporary status on a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

The Democratic-led chamber approved the sweeping immigration bill, dubbed the DREAM and Promise Act of 2019, by a

vote of 237 to 187, sending the legislation to the Republican-controlled Senate, which is unlikely to consider it. The White House has also issued a veto threat against the measure.

Seven Republicans in the House joined 230 Democrats in voting for the bill. No Democrats voted against the measure.

The proposal would grant young undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, including those

shielded from deportation by the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, an opportunity to acquire permanent lawful status if they meet certain requirements. The bill would also allow hundreds of thousands of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients — as well as Liberian immigrants covered by Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) — to gain permanent residency.

The Latino Community Foundation to Host 2019 Latino Policy Summit Calling on the Latino Community in California to Make Their Voices Heard in 2020



SACRAMENTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Latino Community Foundation's (LCF) Latino Policy Summit, brings together over 400 Latino leaders to ensure 39% of California's population is ready to lead and participate in two major civic engagement opportunities in 2020 — the Census and Presidential Election. On Wednesday, April 24th from 8:30am – 12:30pm at the Golden 1 Center, the Summit will convene these leaders from across California to set forth a plan to ensure all Latinos are counted in the 2020 Census and to continue building on the historic Mid-term voter turnout of 2018 that led to major victories in local and state elections.

“We are living in one of the most defining

moments in our nation and state's history. 2019 is a year of preparation and sowing the seeds of change we want to reap for the next decade. As our country experiences a seismic shift in demographics, Latinos have a critical role in shaping the moral, political, and economic future of our country,” said Jacqueline Martinez Garcel, CEO of the Latino Community Foundation. “We have already seen the power young Latinos had in the 2018 Midterm Elections, and now we must make sure they continue to make their voices heard.”

California has the largest Latino voting bloc in the nation with over 7.7 million eligible voters (estimated by Pew Research Center). The 2018 Midterm Elections saw the power of the Latino vote, especially among Latinos ages 18-24 who turned out in record numbers. Places like the Central Valley saw a more than 200 percent increase in voter turnout from 2014. The midterms also saw more Latinos elected to offices across all levels of state government.

LCF will unveil a new mapping tool created with Measure of America, a project of the Social Science Research Council that will provide data on the Latino population's health, education, employment, housing, and civic engagement across the state.

The new California Latino Power Map will also provide a first-of-its-kind visual database of Latino nonprofits across the state. The map will serve as a resource to aid philanthropists, grassroots leaders, businesses, government agencies, and elected officials in identifying local Latino leadership and learning about the powerful work undertaken in their communities. The tool will provide journalists access to information to help in their reporting. It will also allow community leaders to connect to nonprofits, advocate for their constituents, and target services.

Scheduled keynote speakers include Ann O'Leary, Chief of Staff to Governor Gavin Newsom, and Senator Maria Elena Durazo. Speakers on the two plenary panels include Luis Sanchez, Executive Director of Power California; Ditas Katague, Director of the California Census Office; and State Senator Melissa Hurtado.

Because of the strong support of organizations such as John F. Kennedy University, Univision, and Oportun, the annual Policy Summit is the largest gathering of Latino civic influencers across the state.

For more information visit latinocf.org.



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Modesty can facilitate harmony, encourage promotion of shared experience, and create

an environment in which the strengths of all within a group, family or organization are valued and uplifted. Combining modesty and pride can help increase resources for the nonprofits you are committed to. Here is our suggestion for becoming a proud donor.

Bring your family together and talk about the organizations that you support with your time and money. Review and discuss the following questions.

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3. Is your giving a “family secret” or do you talk about it openly with family members?
4. Do you let your friends and associates know which organizations you support and why?
5. When you give, do you request your name be kept anonymous? If yes, what are the reasons for this? Are they still important? Do you want to change this?
6. Do you make the case to your friends and associates about why you give as you do?
7. Do you ask your friends to match or surpass what you have given?
8. Have you hosted an event where you share your gift and its impact?
9. Do you encourage the organizations you support to proudly include your name as a donor on their website, donor wall, or in announcements of their

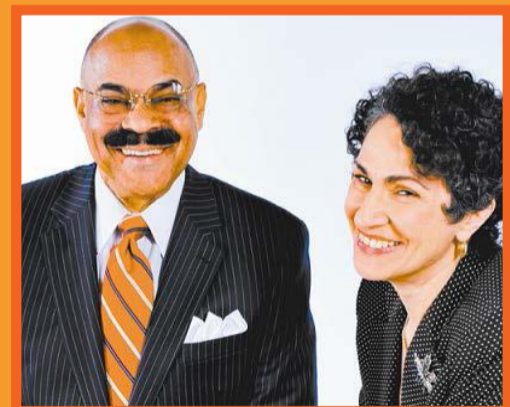
campaign goals? Do you follow up to ensure that recognition for your gift is in place and that it is accurate?

10. Do you check with your employer to see if they will match or surpass your gift?

11. Are you open to share the progression of your giving including how and why you increased your giving over the years?

12. Have you explored how you can increase your gift and what the impact could be?

Discuss what it would mean for you to be a proud donor and how that could benefit the nonprofits you believe in. There are people who will give because of your giving. We're not asking you to be a braggart – we are asking you to offer yourself as an example. Your nonprofit – and the people it serves – will benefit.



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HEALTH

Compassionate Care Home Health Services, Inc. in West Branch Under New Management



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Compassionate Care Home Health Services, Inc., a family-owned and operated home health care agency headquartered in West Branch, Michigan, has been acquired by the founding Wilk's family's second generation and two key non-family executives.

Established by husband-and-wife team Joseph R. and Cathy C. Wilk in 1998, Compassionate Care's new owners are Laura A. Alexander, RN, of Sanford; Edward E. Ferns of Sterling; and Jody L. Wilk, of Omer. Jody Wilk is the daughter of Joseph and Cathy. She started with the company in 2003 as a weekend supervisor, became Director of Operations in 2011 and Chief Operating Officer in 2019.

Laura Alexander and Edward Ferns are non-family key executives. Alexander started with CCHHS as a regional administrator in 2003, became Director of Nursing in

2005 and Chief Executive Officer in 2019. Ferns has been with CCHHS since 2002 as Director of Finance and was named Chief Financial Officer in 2019.

"We recognize that some things necessarily change as time marches on," said Alexander. "For us this has been a recent change in ownership. "Some things should never change, though," she continued. "Our commitment to providing high quality, person-centered care for every client has not changed at all. We sincerely care about every client, and we honor our competent and compassionate caregivers. They are the heroes that make a positive difference in lives across Michigan every day. "We are very excited to continue building upon this legacy of quality care as we move forward," she added.

Compassionate Care Home Health

Services, Inc., serves all of Michigan's Lower Peninsula from Genesee County north, with four regional offices in Saginaw, Alpena and Traverse City as well as West Branch. With 250 employees including nurses, certified nursing assistants, and home health aides, the agency provides a full range of in-home medical and non-medical care services, from in-home and private-duty nursing to companionship and personal care, respite and homemaking services. "Joe and I are proud to introduce Laura Alexander, Eddie Ferns and Jody Wilk as the official new owners of Compassionate Care," said Cathy Wilk.

"We use the word 'official' in a legal sense only, as in reality, along with Jennifer Wilk, who works with the Human Resources Department, and Network Administrator Chris Begres, they have had the responsibility for Compassionate Care for several years.

"The company and our clients are all in good, capable and compassionate hands," she continued. "We proudly assume the title of 'founders' and officially transfer ownership to very capable and proven new owners. We thank all of our employees and clients, past and present, for walking our path next to us." The impetus for the company's founding was Cathy Wilk's diagnosis of multiple sclerosis in 1994, which prompted husband Joe to begin researching and developing a better way to provide in-home health care services. Compassionate Care HHS initially operated out of Joe and Cathy's home, quickly moving to their first office location in Standish, MI and hiring of a professional office manager in 1999.

In their retirement, Joe and Cathy Wilk will split their time between Michigan and Florida. They look forward to spending more time boating, fishing, traveling and visiting family and friends.

Michigan offers free Dental Care to poor kids; more than 400,000 don't use it

SAGINAW—Gaping cavities, exposed nerves and abscesses so deep they swell the gums and cheeks – these are the painful problems Michigan dentists see in some of their youngest patients.

That's because nearly half of Michigan's poor children don't visit dentists' offices even though treatment and follow-up care cost their families absolutely nothing.

That, in turn, means kids with preventable pain, lost school time, frustrated parents and, in some cases, higher costs of care, said Holli Seabury, executive director of Delta Dental Foundation, which provides funds for dental outreach efforts across the state.

Untreated cavities become tooth extractions or worse.

Families without a dental home often turn to emergency rooms – a more costly option – when mouth pain becomes unbearable. In some cases, untreated dental problems can be fatal.

“Does prevention have a cost? Yes, it's going to have a cost. But it's cheaper than an ER visit or the eventual oral surgery because a child has extreme amounts of dental decay,” Seabury said.

In 2018, more than 420,000 Michigan children and young adults age 20 and under never saw a dentist – even for basic cleaning and screening. Several dentists who see those children say it's a struggle to get them back in the chair for follow-up care, including fillings and extractions. Those services also are free for kids in Healthy Kids Dental, Michigan's dental plan for children on Medicaid, which provides medical care for low-income residents.

The plan covers cleanings, screenings, and most common follow-up treatment such as fillings, crowns, and extractions. (Delta Dental was the sole insurer of Healthy Kids Dental until Oct. 1 last year. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan now offers coverage as well.)

That 420,000 figure may be low; it doesn't include families whose income is high enough they don't qualify for Medicaid, but too low to

afford their own insurance if their employers don't provide it.

“It's a rewarding job, but it's disheartening, too,” said Dr. Katie Krafft, a Saginaw-based dentist who sees many of these kids. Children “come in and their little mouths are just bombed out with these giant cavities.”

Not part of the routine

To be clear, more of Michigan's poor children receive dental care than ever before thanks to outreach efforts, partnerships with family physicians and mobile dental clinics, like the converted 40-foot RV that is the main office of “Dr. Katie,” as the children call her.

It's part of the Great Lakes Bay Health Centers, Federally- Qualified Health Centers, or FQHC, serving needy families.

A giant smiling tooth on the outside of this brilliantly-colored clinic recently greeted a steady stream of children from Chester Miller Elementary School, a racially diverse school where 9-in-10 students are economically disadvantaged. Inside the mobile clinic, the sounds of Daniel Tiger, Pinkalicious and the gang of Sesame Street mingle with the whir of polishing tools and suction tubes. Special prizes included sparkly notebooks and stickers.

A line of princess, Spiderman and other cartoon-themed toothbrushes awaited each patient at the end of a visit.

Most kids in this clinic are covered by Healthy Kids Dental. The plan launched in 2000, when the state legislature appropriated \$10.9 million to expand access to oral health for Medicaid beneficiaries, with an initial focus on rural areas.

Over the years, Healthy Kids Dental expanded across Michigan until the final three counties – Wayne, Oakland, and Kent – were added in 2015.

Last year, about 56 percent of Michigan's children on Medicaid visited the dentist about twice, although rates by county vary widely – from more than 76 percent in Charlevoix County near the top of Michigan's Lower Peninsula to less than 50 percent in

Gogebic and Menominee counties in the Upper Peninsula.

The success in Charlevoix and surrounding counties follows a decade of promotion by dentists, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, schools, social workers, doctors, and even faith leaders who promote health clinics and other health-related campaigns, said aid Dr. Erik Stier, Delta Dental's Director of Quality Improvement and Utilization Management.

After all, those are the people who know their communities best and can connect with parents. Together, they have raised awareness in the region that oral health is part of overall health - long before oral decay begins to hurt.

Stier said he often tells people: If your teeth and gums were on the outside of the body and you saw what was going on with them, you'd be at the dentist today.

The biggest barrier to healthcare, he said, “is a lack of perceived need. If it's not hurting or it doesn't show, it is put on the back burner, especially if you have other things on your mind, like food security or finding a job.”

That means dentists continue to struggle to reach hundreds of thousands of young people who qualify for free treatment but don't make it to the dentist. Poor children nationally are twice as likely to have untreated cavities - 1-in-4 poor children and adolescents, compared with more affluent children, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One Michigan lawmaker has introduced a bill that would require parents to make sure their children have at least a basic dental screening before they head to school.

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Dentists told Bridge obstacles to dental care include lack of transportation, a lack of dentists in some areas with hours that fit families' work and school schedules, and little understanding among many parents on the importance of dental health.

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Building a habit

These dentists also note that most poor, working-age adults in Michigan haven't had dental insurance for years because Medicaid traditionally hadn't offered dental care for adults unless they were pregnant or disabled, making it less likely they will seek such care for their children.

Even adults with coverage can have a tough time finding dentists, especially in rural areas. Low reimbursement rates kept all but a few dental offices from accepting patients with Medicaid, said Ruth Kraut, program administrator at the Washtenaw Health Plan in Ann Arbor.

Though more dentists accept Medicaid today, she said, there was a long time when "there were counties where there wasn't a single dentist to take Medicaid."

Bottom line: While health clinics like Great Lakes in the Saginaw area or The Wellness Plan in Detroit offer free or low-cost dental care to Michigan's poor, some habits take a while to catch on.

"If the parents don't go (to the dentist regularly) themselves, they're not going to take the child," said Dr. Michele Bloxson, Dental Director at the Wellness Plan.

Poor oral health is so routine it's not unusual for children among Michigan's neediest families to ask when they'll lose their adult teeth, dentists told Bridge.

"They'll ask me 'When do I lose my big kid teeth.' They want to know when they have to get fake teeth," said Krafft in Saginaw.

All of this may seem incomprehensible to Michiganders with reliable insurance and lessons taught at the bathroom sink, Bloxson and others said.

"It's easy for some of us to think 'Dental care? Who doesn't know that? Everyone knows that.' But that's just not true," said Krafft of the Saginaw clinic.

"For some of these children, regular dental care is just not part of the routine. They don't have someone who can say 'Do as I do.' The public health world is sometimes very different than that of private practice," she said.

Educating parents

Even the most well-intentioned parents – poor or wealthy, rural or urban – may not know of threats to young teeth like baby bottle tooth decay, said The Wellness Plan's Bloxson.

That happens when a baby routinely falls asleep with a bottle in its mouth. For poor parents trying to make ends meet, fruit juice seems an affordable, healthy alternative to fruit. But that liquid – or even milk in the baby's mouth, "is just sitting there saturating and rotting the teeth," Bloxson said.

Bloxson said she recently overheard a conversation in the clinic with a mother exasperated at a report about her son's cavities. Her son made good choices, she said: he chose sports drinks over soda pop. The well-intentioned mother didn't realize that favorite sports drinks still pack a sugary wallop, Bloxson said.

Baby bottle teeth rot, the candy cravings of young children, the popularity among teens of sports drinks – they all take a toll, particularly if dentists can't keep early signs of decay in check.

Dentists say some parents mistakenly believe baby teeth aren't important since they eventually are replaced by adult teeth. They may not realize infections, cavities and other problems in baby teeth can shift adult teeth or even spread the rot to them, leading to extractions, life-long jaw pain, and difficulty chewing.

Before she was the executive director at the Delta Dental Foundation, based in Lansing, Seabury said she asked parents how often they brushed their teeth as part of her dissertation at the University of Florida. She had included four answers, ranging from "twice a day or more" to "I don't brush my teeth."

At the time, she was startled by the number of people who didn't check a box, and instead wrote, "I don't have my teeth."

A few years later, she's no longer surprised. No, she adds, these aren't because of unusual diseases or rare conditions.

Rather, it's that basic oral hygiene – from brushing twice a day to seeing a dentist regularly – simply never been part of the routine. Not for their parents or grandparents.

Not for them.

My parents had dentures by this age, she says they tell her: It's just the way it is.

Root canals before age 10

Dr. Ammar Houssein recently scrolled through records of his most recent pediatric patients in Sidney Township, near Greenville. Like Krafft, Houssein works in a county – Montcalm – where about 1-in-4 children live in poverty.

His first patient the day before he spoke to Bridge needed two rotting teeth pulled, and the infection had swollen her cheek, requiring a prescription for antibiotics.

The child was 6.

"When you have decay in the baby teeth so bad that it has exposed the nerve and it's already in the pulp and there's an abscess, you can't save that," he said.

Losing baby teeth prematurely can mean other teeth shift and newer teeth break through the gums improperly, so he recommended a spacer to hold the remaining teeth in place and keep adult teeth from erupting in the wrong spaces. He also checked on a filling in her 6th-year molar and two root canals on baby teeth – procedures he'd previously done.

Houssein, too, offers prizes to kids and families. Last year, the office gave out a brand new bicycle; anything to reach and educate families on dental care.

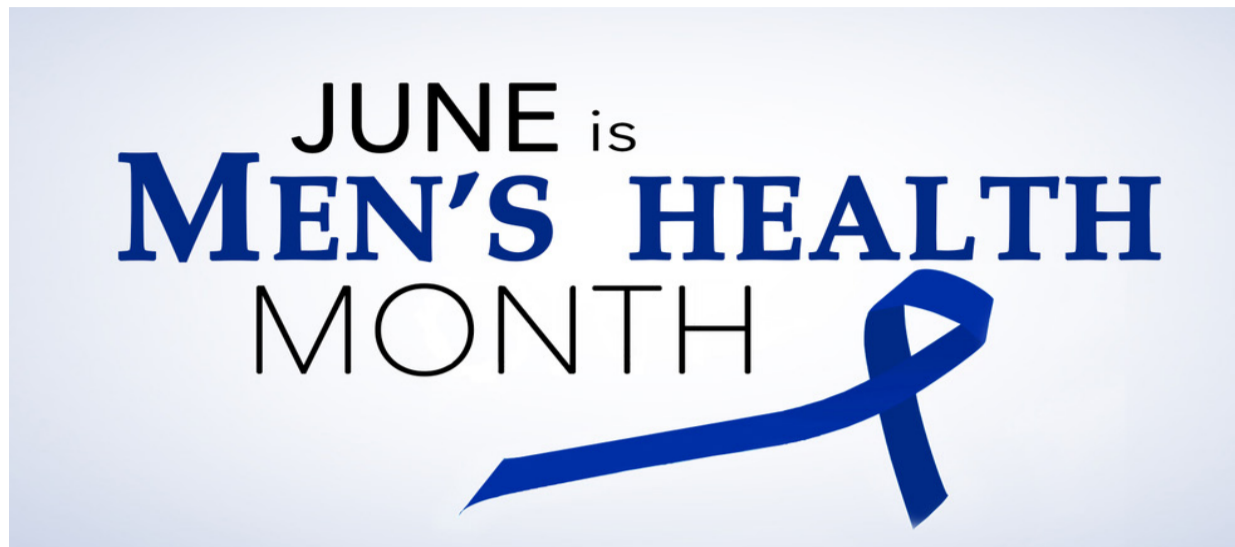
He scrolled through more patient records. Just today he had told a little girl how to properly brush her teeth to avoid plaque build-up so that her gums wouldn't be so "puffy."

"I say 'Honey, you have to brush. You have to floss. You need to not eat so much candy, and you have to let Mommy and Daddy help you when you need it,'" he said.

But ultimately?

He sighed. "She's 8."

Celebrate National Men's Health Month



June is National Men's Health Month. Hosted by Men's Health Network since 1992, the month of June is dedicated to enriching men's health and wellness through a broad spectrum of national screening and educational campaigns.

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can improve your mental health and mood. Find fun ways to be active together. Adults need 2½ hours of physical activity each week.

Set an example by choosing not to smoke and encourage the men in your life to quit smoking. Quitting smoking has immediate and long-term benefits. You lower your risk for different types of cancer, and don't expose others to secondhand smoke—which causes health problems. Call your state's tobacco quitline (for English speakers, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW [1-800-784-8669]; for Spanish speakers, call 1-855-DÉJELO-YA [1-855-335-3569])

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BUSINESS & WEALTH

Wineman Technology of Saginaw, one of ten Michigan companies that will join the Michigan Economic Development Corporation at the International Paris Air Show



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LANSGING, Mich. – Business leaders from ten Michigan companies will join the Michigan Economic Development Corporation at the International Paris Air Show, taking place June 17 through June 20 in Paris, France. Participants will meet with prospective partners, distributors and customers to increase export opportunities in the global aerospace industry.

Automation Alley is coordinating the trade mission in partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's International Trade Program in a combined effort to promote bilateral trade. Since its inception in 2012, the International Trade Program has worked with Michigan companies to support more than \$2.8 billion in export sales and 13,287 jobs across the state.

“Aerospace is more important to our state and

nation than ever before. Michigan has placed a special emphasis on this sector, helping both Michigan suppliers and engineers within the state to diversify into the industry,” said MEDC Chief Executive Officer Jeff Mason. “The International Paris Air Show will open doors for these companies by connecting them with aerospace commodity buyers from around the globe, ultimately growing their businesses and bringing more and better jobs to Michigan residents.”

The International Paris Air Show, which is held in odd years and began more than 100 years ago, is the largest and longest-running aerospace trade show in the world. The 53rd show will take place at the Le Bourget Parc des Expositions June 17-20 and will bring together players from the global aerospace industry.

In addition to co-exhibiting in the U.S. Pavilion, participants can engage in pre-arranged vetted business-to-business meetings during the show. Also available is private meeting space as part of Michigan's exhibition, several networking events, travel arrangements and other in-country support.

MEDC's Pure Michigan Business Connect (PMBC) program will once again participate at Paris Air Show to generate new leads for Michigan companies. The show has been a driving force for the program's success in the aerospace industry. Through PMBC's matchmaking service, the program has facilitated over \$29 million in revenue from purchase orders and 639 aerospace-related contracts and purchase orders. Since 2011, PMBC has supported 29 aerospace matchmaking initiatives and will continue to leverage future activities to help Michigan continue to grow as a top state for aerospace manufacturing.

Wineman Technology of Saginaw will be participating in the Paris Air Show. The technology company develops software and hardware components to create test systems for projects in the aerospace, defense, medical, automotive, energy, consumer electronics and industrial industries.

Other Michigan companies attending include: Acromag (Wixom), Aircraft Precision Products, Inc. (Ithaca), AlphaUSA (Livonia), Ascent Aerospace (Macomb Twp.), Avon Aerospace (Shelby Twp.), Detroit Engineered Products (Troy), Hydra-Lock (Mt. Clemens), Tecomet (Lansing) and United Precision Products (Dearborn Heights).



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Groundbreaking Set For United Financial Credit Union In Auburn



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United Financial Credit Union, will break ground on a new office on Tuesday, June 18th. The ceremony will begin at 3:00 p.m. at 1026 W. Midland Road in Auburn, with light refreshments to follow. The one level, 2,257 square foot building will replace the current office located at 4710 N. Garfield Road. Construction of this office will begin in late June and be completed fall of 2019.

United Financial Credit Union has been located in the Auburn community since 2009 and are excited to bring a new, modern branch to the area. This location will be a full service branch; offering new accounts, mortgages, consumer loans, insurance products and wealth management services. The Drive Thru will also feature a state-of-the art Personal Teller machine, where you are able to speak to a teller or use as an ATM. The Drive Thru will be open extended hours; Monday – Friday 7:00am – 7:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – 2:00pm, like all of their other locations.

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

Associated Builders and Contractors and Greater Michigan Construction Academy Appoints New Leadership to Board of Directors

Associated Builders and Contractors Greater Michigan Chapter

Associated Builders and Contractors Greater Michigan Chapter (ABC/GMC), announces new Board of Directors leadership! Board members set an organization's strategic direction by establishing policies and goals to guide the chief executive and other leadership in accordance with the bylaws of the organization.

The votes are in and a majority has selected Glenn Hengesbach (Albin Hengesbach Carpentry) to fill the term of Doug Shafer (Shafer Redi-Mix) 2021. Also, voted in was Kevin Wray (Valley Electrical Contractors) to fill the term of Mike Parsons (Valley Electrical Contractors) 2022. ABC, Greater Michigan Chapter thanks Shafer and Parsons for their service and for the impact that they have had while serving on the board. Best of luck to Hengesbach and Wray, ABC/GMC is looking forward to their time on the board and the impression they will make.

ABC/GMC's Board of directors is an elected committee functioning in an organization at the top level. It comprises appointed members overseeing activities of the organization. Their responsibilities are mainly concerned with exercising power to determine various policies of the company or organization. The tenure of the members is minimum three years, which is subject to renewal after consecutive terms.

ABC Greater Michigan Chapter serves a membership spanning 23 counties providing craft and professional education, up-to-date

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Greater Michigan Construction Academy

The Greater Michigan Construction Academy (GMCA) announces new Board of Directors leadership for 2019. GMCA's board strives on appointing members that visualize beyond the present, look at the organization as a whole, and make decisions that are in the best interest of the organization.

The Greater Michigan Construction Academy Board of Directors appoints Dan Kozakiewicz to fill the term of Jon Lynch 2021, Justin Trent to fill the term of Jason Johnson 2020, Ronnie Neumann to fill the term of Mike Laundra 2021, and Chad Reed to fill the term of Ken Misiewicz 2020. GMCA thanks the past board members for their service and for assisting in making the academy into what it is today. As far as the newly appointed board members, GMCA, would like to congratulate each and every one of them and extend their gratitude during this time.

With the high demand for craft skill workers, Greater Michigan Construction Academy began its apprenticeship training program in 1983. Currently GMCA trains 11 different trades from plumbing to carpentry. GMCA's main campuses are located in Lansing, Midland and Saginaw, Michigan. For more information please visit, www.gmca.edu.



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EDUCATION

SVSU students to 'Battle' support to support teens with The ROCK Center for Youth Development



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Saginaw Valley State University students inspired to continue supporting community-engaged nonprofits today selected a Midland-based organization to serve as the beneficiary of a week-long annual fundraising tradition in October.

Enthusiastic student leaders organizing SVSU's Battle of The Valley – formerly known as Battle of the Valleys – selected The ROCK Center for Youth Development as the tradition's next benefactor during a live online announcement Monday, June 3. (Video link: <https://bit.ly/2IlzVrg>) The center provides after-school programs and community-based activities for middle and high school students in Bay, Midland, Isabella and Saginaw counties.

Nora Lipetzky, one of the student leaders involved in the selection, said the nonprofit's focus on engaging and empowering teens heavily influenced her decision.

“It is my hope that our partnership this year with The ROCK will help shift a focus on investing in our youth” said Lipetzky, a native of Palos Heights, Illinois who earned a bachelor's degree in political science in May

and is pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

“The youth are the future of the world we live in, and by providing positive activities and programs to students in the Great Lakes Bay Region – just like The ROCK has for so many years – we are investing in the futures and well-beings of our young people.”

The ROCK Center for Youth Development's activities include summer camps, opportunities to connect with mentors, pool parties, experiential learning initiatives and a variety of social events aimed at connecting the region's youth to the community while also promoting a healthy lifestyle.

“These activities provide alternative avenues for teens, rather than engaging in harmful and detrimental activities,” said Lipetzky, who serves as speaker of the house for SVSU's student government, known as Student Association.

Lipetzky and her Student Association peers picked The ROCK Center for Youth Development from among 56 regional nonprofit organizations whose representatives applied for Battle of the Valley.

Teresa Gwizdala, director of programs at The ROCK, said she was honored her organization was selected from such a large pool of applicants.

“We were so excited to hear the news,” she said. “It's a great thing to forge this kind of connection with SVSU.”

Beyond receiving the proceeds, the relationship is valuable because of the network it will strengthen between The ROCK's teenage participants and the SVSU community, she said.

“We are trying to promote college attainment among our kids,” Gwizdala said. “Partnering

with a university can help with that.”

The age group for much of The ROCK's staff is about the age of the typical college undergraduate. Because of those demographic similarities, Gwizdala said she anticipates – and hopes – the Battle of the Valley experience also will lead to SVSU students establishing mentor relationships with The ROCK's teens.

“There are so many benefits to this,” Gwizdala said of her organization becoming this year's charity partner.

Many nonprofit organizations have reaped the benefits of SVSU students' commitment to improving their community. SVSU students have raised \$425,657 for organizations since the first Battle of the Valleys in 2003. Last year, they collected \$36,000 for the Barb Smith Suicide Resource and Response Network.

When students host Battle of the Valley during the week spanning Oct. 6-11, the event will take on a slightly different form than in the past. The tradition began as a fundraising competition involving Grand Valley State University. Through last year, the institutions combined to raise \$652,385 for nonprofits and organizations. But GVSU student leaders withdrew from their role in March.

SVSU students - passionate about philanthropy - acted quickly to keep the tradition alive despite the absence of a partnering university. Now the fundraising will be championed exclusively by SVSU students. Student Association representatives, though, say they hope to identify a partnering university in time to reinsert the tradition's competitive elements for the 2020 fundraiser.

For more information about The ROCK Center for Youth Development, go to therockc4yd.org.

For more information about Battle of the Valley, go to svsu.edu/battleofthevalleys.

Students seek education in a storm

CMU becomes Michigan's only university with a weather research vehicle



courtesy photo | Students Haley Scott and Nick Bogen get a lesson from faculty member Jason Keeler on the workings of the mobile weather station.

This summer, it will be impossible not to notice the CMU meteorology students and new earth and atmospheric sciences faculty member Jason Keeler driving along the southwest coast of Lake Michigan.

They'll be inside a silver Ford Explorer with whirling gadgets attached to a metal frame on the front bumper.

Officially, it is the department's first mobile weather observation vehicle, also known as a mobile mesonet. It is outfitted with computers and meteorological instruments to measure temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity, and more.

CMU is the only Michigan university to have such a vehicle, and one of only a handful in the country, said Keeler, who recently finished his first academic year at Central.

The department also expects to add drones this summer or fall.

"This is the beginning of a new era in our meteorological research and education at CMU," said Larry Lemke, chair of the department in the College of Science and Engineering.

"As a department, it allows us to continue to be a leader in the field of meteorology and severe weather prediction. It's going to be a very visible sign to the community of our range of opportunities."

New era, new opportunities

The new era of research starts in early July when Keeler and students will drive along the southwest Michigan coast for several weeks, gathering data on the cool afternoon breezes you feel near the shore. They are associated with cold fronts that can develop into thunderstorms.

Knowing the data on how storms form or fall apart will allow forecasters to give residents earlier and more accurate predictions, Keeler

said.

The team is made up of meteorology juniors Haley Scott, from Westland, Michigan, and Alec Kownacki, from Armada, Michigan; Nick Bogen, a geography and environmental studies graduate student from Dowagiac, Michigan; and Christian Boyer, an incoming doctoral student finishing his master's at Texas Tech University.

"I am calling this project CMU STORM (Student Training for Observational Research in Meteorology)," Keeler said. "You have to have an acronym."

Keeler also envisions future work with National Weather Service offices to learn more about Lake Michigan's impact on clusters of thunderstorms known as mesoscale convective systems (MCS) as they move across the water.

Separately, Keeler has sent two soon-to-be seniors to join TORUS (Targeted Observation by Radars and Unmanned aircraft systems of Supercells), a National Science Foundation-funded project in the Great Plains states. They will be part of a group trying to answer the question of why some storms trigger tornadoes and others don't.

These are examples of the kind of student-focused research that Keeler came to CMU to do.

Keeler envisions planning a weather-related campaign each year that will include undergraduates working side by side with graduate and doctoral students.

His goal is for all students who are interested in learning the equipment to have the opportunities to do so.

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courtesy photo | Jason Keeler inspects the wiring for the computer systems in the back of the vehicle.

"I don't want this to be some elite club that has access to the equipment at the expense of others' knowledge," he said. "And that includes outreach, either on campus or at local schools."

Experience and accuracy

The benefit of having your own equipment is knowing the data is scientific and accurate, and you get the experience of gathering it, Keeler said.

"You can learn things from a lecture, but when you can go outside and watch, say, a thunderstorm evolve and do the things you've learned about but haven't observed, you see the lightbulbs go on. It's a much more rich understanding of weather. That's what we are after."

He plans to use the student-gathered data in the classes he teaches and in related courses.

Lemke sees the mobile weather station "becoming part of the core of what we do and how we educate our students."

It also will make CMU more competitive in receiving grants to study weather and attaining more cutting-edge technology, he said.

Proud to be part of the growth

One of the first students to benefit from the mobile weather station is Bogen. He has his undergraduate degree from CMU in meteorology and is a first-year geography and environmental studies graduate student.

Bogen and the other students involved in STORM will help Keeler write an operations manual for the vehicle and help him train more students on how to use the equipment.

His excitement over being part of the summer project is eclipsed only by his pride in CMU becoming part of the small group of universities nationwide with a mobile weather station.

"You never would expect a university the size of CMU to have something like this, compared to a university like Oklahoma. But we are growing the program.

"It's all about having the resources needed to do better research and to collect quality data with your own tools," he said.

Town Hall meeting to discuss Public Education Funding



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The Ezekiel Project in partnership with 482forward, State Representative Vanessa Guerra, NexGen America, Saginaw Public School District (SPSD), and the Intermediate School District (ISD) will be offering a town hall June 18th at the Bradley House, 403 S. Jefferson, Saginaw, MI 48607. The town hall will be addressing public education funding.

There will be a moderated panel discussion, which will include the following presenters, Dr. David Arsen of Michigan State University, Rep. Vanessa Guerra, Dr. Ramont Roberts Superintendent of SPSD, Superintendent Cathy Steward of ISD, and also Saginaw Public School student Ms. Layla Hernandez and Saginaw Township School student Ms. Brianna Pruitt. The panel will discuss funding of Michigan's public education system and the 2019/2020 State budget, with regards to public education. There will be an opportunity for public comments and questions. We are inviting the community to come and learn about the direction of public education in Michigan. Registration is required before attending said event. Please register at the link provided, <https://www.482forward.org/budget-townhalls.html> under the June 18th, Saginaw tab. We look forward to seeing you there.

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SVSU community remembers life and legacy of former President Jack Ryder

Family, friends and colleagues recalled how former Saginaw Valley State University President Jack M. Ryder used grit and determination to mold an institution that stands stronger today because of his hard work during a ceremony honoring the late president. Ryder, who led the institution from 1974-89, died in April at the age of 90.

In a tribute to Ryder that filled SVSU's Founders Hall Tuesday, June 4, attendees listened to stories about the former president's tireless efforts to seek support both for developing outstanding academic programs and for funding many of the buildings that form the campus' structural backbone today.

Among former colleagues who paid tribute was current SVSU President Donald Bachand, who began his career at SVSU as a criminal justice professor when Ryder served as president. Bachand said Ryder's commitment in the 1970s and '80s to developing strong academic programs by hiring top-talent faculty continues to impact the university in 2019. Under Ryder's guidance, SVSU added highly-regarded academic programs in engineering and nursing, among others.

"I couldn't imagine what this institution would look like today if we hadn't created those programs back then," Bachand said. "He brought everyone into this dream for a stronger campus; a better community. He was a man of great vision, character and kindness - and he was a great friend to me."

Robert Yien, a retired SVSU administrator who served alongside Ryder, recalled how his former colleague was determined to change the name of Saginaw Valley College to Saginaw Valley State College in 1974 because of the frequent public confusion with nearby Delta College at that time. In 1987, Ryder went a step further in strengthening SVSU's identity as a baccalaureate institution when he mobilized several state colleges in a successful campaign to become known as state universities.



courtesy photos

"I learned a lot from him," Yien said. "I learned how to be a dreamer, a risk-taker, a gentleman and how to get things done."

Under Ryder's leadership, a number of buildings were constructed that remain part of SVSU's central campus. During his first years as president, Ryder's administration struggled to secure funding from state politicians for those structures.

Eugene Hamilton, a retired SVSU administrator who worked with Ryder, recalled how the former president's determined efforts - despite several failed meetings with seemingly invincible legislators - eventually swayed Lansing to support the projects.

"He was a man of true grit," Hamilton said. "Jack M. Ryder was wise, humble, considerate, relentless and persevering. His legacy is clearly evidenced at this university."

Among the buildings erected during his presidency were Pioneer Hall, Brown Hall, Zahnow Library, the Arbury Fine Arts Center, the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and the athletics facility named after him, the Ryder Center.

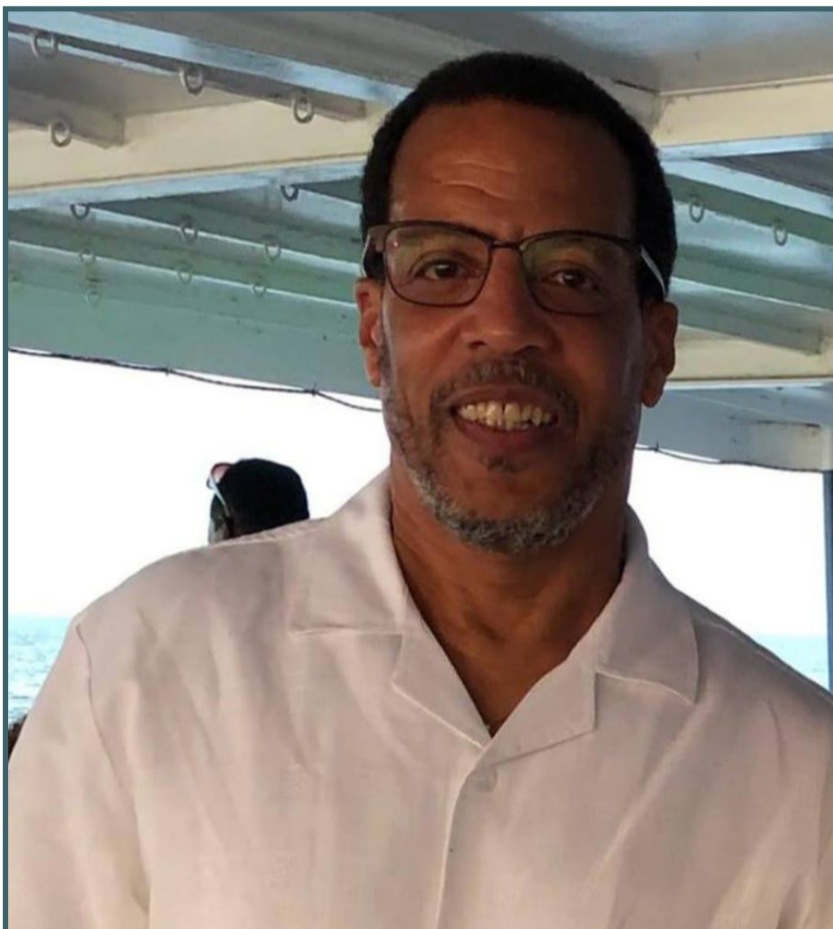
Ryder spent his last years living in North Carolina with his wife, Lila, who attended Tuesday's ceremony. Her son - Ryder's stepson - told those in attendance how the former president continued to advocate for higher education in his later years. Ryder sought support for an initiative that would allow students to exchange time spent performing public services for tuition savings.

"He wanted to figure out a way to get education to more people," said Thomas Owens, Ryder's stepson. "This was what he was thinking about until his last day."

Tuesday's memorial was captured on video. To watch the 40-minute ceremony, visit: https://youtu.be/DXvKZIs_5MA

COMMUNITY

YMCA of Saginaw to Honor Tyrone E. Harge and Saginaw ISD at Y Celebration



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The YMCA of Saginaw is celebrating its volunteers, 50-year Life Members and others during a special event Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Saginaw YMCA, 1915 Fordney Street. The community is invited to join in the celebration. Michael Webster, Chair, Saginaw County Board of Commissioners and Saginaw Y Board Chair will serve as emcee.

During the event volunteers will be spotlighted and recognized as well as the presentation of 50-year Life Members, Philip Grimaldi, Matthew Hicks and Rev. Charles Stuart. Tyrone E. Harge, a long-serving Y volunteer and YMCA of Saginaw member for over 34 years, will receive the Max Fisher Spirit of the Y Award. YMCA Lead Program Director, Tina Swanton, said the following about Tyrone, “As a Y member for over thirty

years, Tyrone is a strong advocate for the YMCA and our cause. He walks the walk and gives of his time, talent and treasure. I wish that we had hundreds more just like Tyrone. Our Y is blessed to have such a great supporter!” The award was named after Max Fisher, a long time YMCA of Saginaw executive, who brought a spirit that embodies everything that is good about the YMCA of Saginaw.

The YMCA will also present the Spirit of Collaboration award to the Saginaw Intermediate School District. The YMCA and the Saginaw ISD have worked together for a number of years training students for employment and in the Fall of 2018 began the YCAN program, an innovative curriculum blending academics and vocational

skills allowing students to work alongside Y employees to learn life enhancing skills like customer service, independent work, teamwork, listening, and entrepreneurship.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Y’s Endowment Fund which exists to ensure the Y’s secure financial future by providing support to enhance Y programs.

The Y Celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. Reserved seats for the event can be purchased online at SaginawYMCA.org/Ycelebration or by stopping by the Welcome Desk at the Y. Guests attending the Y Celebration will also have a chance to tour and see the results of the renovations following the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club’s joint venture KidsCampUs capital campaign.



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18th Annual DEAR (Drop Everything and READ) at the Zoo

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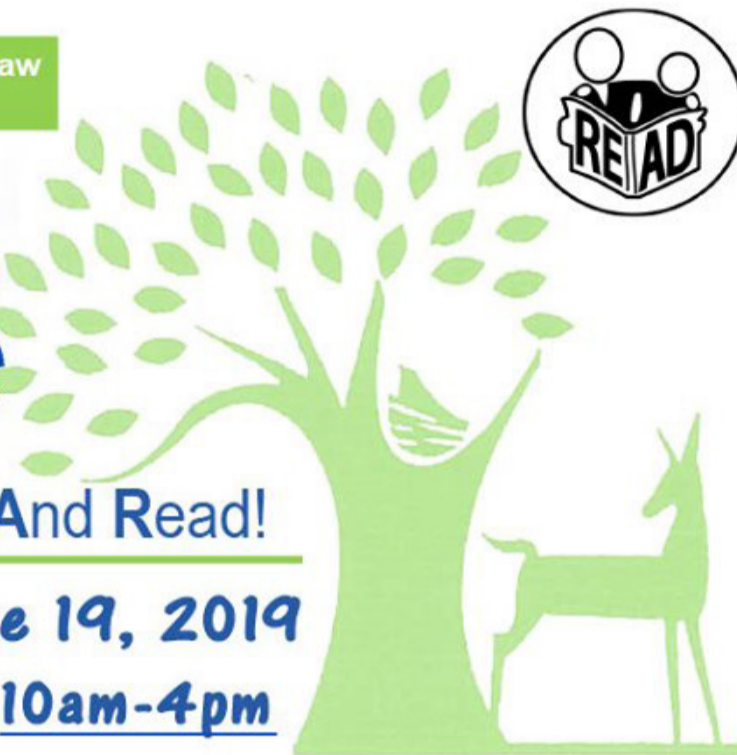
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and prizes throughout the zoo. Booth sponsors and partners include the following: Barnes and Noble Saginaw, Bethlehem Little Stars Preschool, Scouting BSA Troop #342, CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region, Castle Museum of Saginaw County History, Children's Grief Center, Saginaw Children's Zoo, PhotoPro's Photo Booth, Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, Public Libraries of Saginaw, Saginaw Intermediate School District, Covenant Healthcare Foundation's Reach Out and Read Program, Saginaw Community Foundation FORCE Youth Advisory Committee, SPSD Birth to 5 Program, SPSD Pre-K, St. Mary's Hospital, and St. John Amelith School. Local musicians, Leo and Merry Feith, will provide afternoon entertainment.

All activities of D.E.A.R. at the Zoo are included in the zoo's admission price, which is \$5 for adults and children (infants through 11 months are free). Group rates are available by calling 989-759-1408 prior to the event. Carousel and train rides are \$1 per person per ride. Zoo members get in and ride FREE. For directions and more information about the Zoo, visit www.saginawzoo.com. This event is held rain or shine, except for severe inclement weather. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, 315 W. Genesee.

D.E.A.R. at the Zoo is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, the Saginaw Celebrates Summer Program, sponsored by Hemlock Semiconductor Group and coordinated by the Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission, and READ Business Novel Sponsors: Erie Custom Signs and Means Industries, Inc.

The READ Association of Saginaw County's mission is to help students improve their reading skills and discover the joy of reading. We accomplish this through the READ Mentor Program, Book Giveaway Program, and community events such as "Books for Breakfast" and "D.E.A.R. at the Zoo" with the support of many volunteers and financial donors. Helping children to read is one of the most precious investments that can be made to ensure student success in our community.

Visit our website at www.readinsaginaw.org or call 989-755-8402 for more information on volunteering or supporting our programs. We can also be found on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates, pictures, and information regarding the READ Association. Please join us on June 19 to enjoy a fun, literacy-filled day with your family and friends!

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Special thanks for the generous support of the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, Saginaw Celebrates Summer, sponsored in part by Hemlock Semiconductor Group and our Business Novel Sponsors: Erie Custom Signs & Means Industries.

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Enjoy a day of literacy at the zoo by attending the 18th Annual D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) at the Zoo, sponsored by the READ Association of Saginaw County. Not only does summer reading keep literacy skills active and ready for the next school year, but it's a great time to read for fun! Join us on Wednesday, June 19, 10:00am – 4:00pm, at the Saginaw Children's Zoo, 1730 S. Washington in Saginaw. Each child attending will receive a free book for their reading enjoyment.

Michigan authors, Tracy Foster and Shannon Cooper-Toma, will share their books featuring Benson's Adventures in Michigan and Benson's Seasonal Adventures in Michigan. Attendees will be inspired by the authors' motto: "DREAM BIG," as they share their

travels with student groups to Michigan's most treasured destinations. These authors will begin their national debut this summer with Benson's Adventures in the United States, coming in August. Books will be available at the zoo for purchase and author signing as well as a special presentation in the Zoo Amphitheater at noon. Local authors, Jayda & Devonya Brown (*Always in my Heart*), Sa'Veya Jackson (*Exploring Bath Bombs*), Colleen Coffey (*Bubba Beetle and the Bexley Twins*) and Trashina Conner (*18 Ingredients to Make a Daddy*) will also be on hand with their first-time books to share how they got started and to autograph copies for purchase.

Seventeen organizations and businesses will partner with READ, providing literacy activities

JFK Exhibition in Final Weeks at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum



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An acclaimed photographic exhibition commemorating President John F. Kennedy's private life and public trajectory is coming to an end. "American Visionary: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times" will close on Saturday, June 29, ending a highly successful run at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum. The exhibition is free to the public through closing. One of the most exhaustively researched collections of Kennedy photos ever assembled, "American Visionary" brings together images from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Getty Images, private collections, and the Kennedy family archives that capture public and private moments from Kennedy's life.

Some of the photographs on display are iconic; others have never been seen publicly.

"The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is the only Michigan venue where this historically important exhibition will be shown," said museum director Megan McAdow. "We are honored to commemorate the centennial of John F. Kennedy's birth with this powerful and important exhibition."

Highlights of "American Visionary" include images from Kennedy's political and private life. Unforgettable images are featured, such as Jacques Lowe's 1961 photograph of

Kennedy standing hunched over his desk in the Oval Office, and a haunting photograph of the shattered First Lady departing the White House on the day of Kennedy's state funeral in 1963, captured by I.C. Rapoport as a brief glimpse through the crowd.

The exhibition is based on "JFK: A Vision for America" (2017), the award-winning book celebrating the history of Kennedy's historic life by Stephen Kennedy Smith and Douglas Brinkley, and the visual re-telling through exhibition curator Lawrence Schiller's unique photojournalistic perspective. The exhibition has traveled extensively around the United States, including to the Smithsonian American Art Museum, The New York Historical Society and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The museum has a robust schedule of fun and engaging programs for the exhibition's final weeks, including "Tacos & Trivia: JFK Edition," a trivia event based on the Life and Times of JFK. The event takes place on Monday, June 24 from 5–7 p.m. and includes a free taco buffet. Those interested must RSVP by emailing mfsm@svsu.edu or calling 989-964-7125 by Monday, June 17.

Exhibition Credits

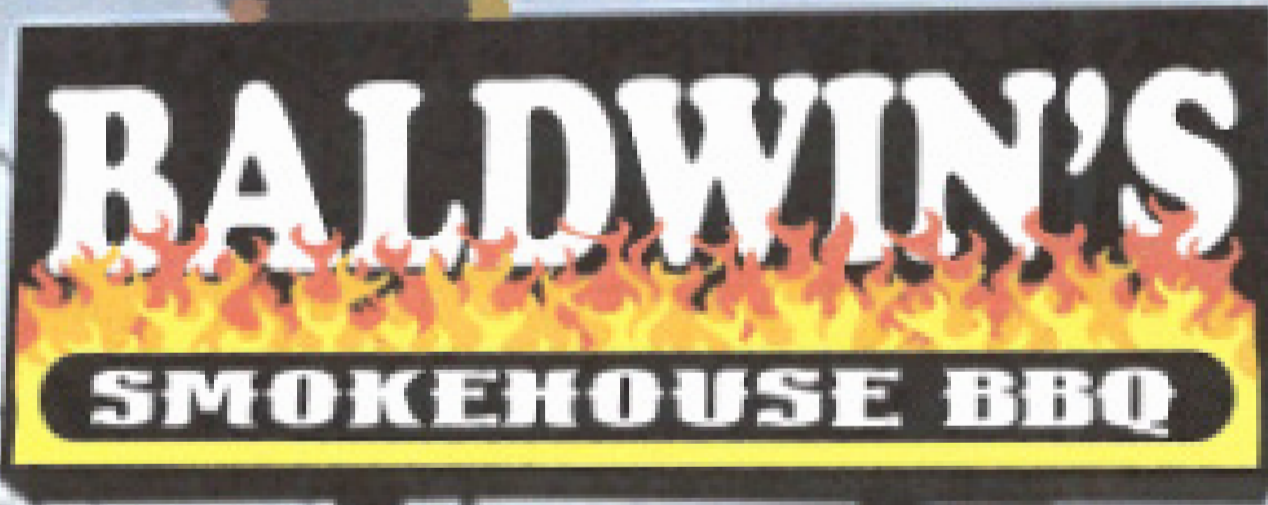
"American Visionary: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times" is presented by the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum and Wiener Schiller Productions in cooperation with the John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation. Additional support is provided by Stephen Kennedy Smith and Getty Images.

The exhibition is made possible at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum with grant support from the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, MI. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum's website at www.marshallfredericks.org.

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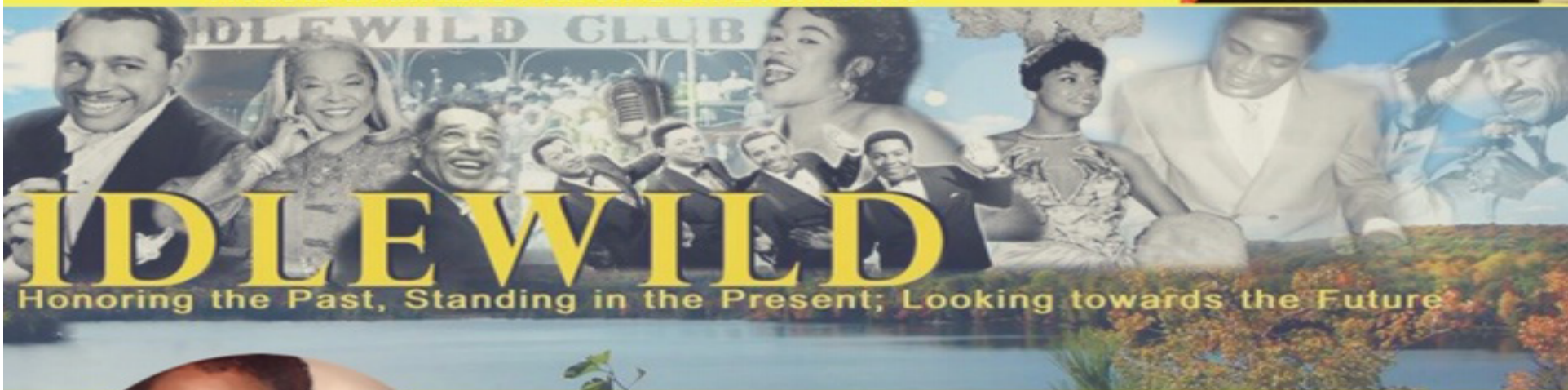
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Read about Sojourner Truth's tim in Saginaw at the Hoyt Library's Eddy Room



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Sojourner Truth was born a slave in New York and used Dutch as her language - learned English later.

She became a famous speaker about equality for African Americans and women in the 1800s.

She visited and spoke in East Saginaw twice - June 13, 1871 and October 18, 1877.

Sojourner Truth spoke at the M.E. Church that became the Jefferson Ave. United Methodist Church and now called Kingdom Life Ministries - 310 S. Jefferson Ave, Saginaw, Mi - near & across the Hoyt Library.

Admission was 15 cents and in the church's basement.

She sold photo cards - like this photo- to pay for her home mortgage in Battle Creek, MI.

She spoke at Bay City, Mt. Pleasant and other towns in Michigan. She moved to Battle Creek in 1857 where she died in 1883.

Read articles about her Saginaw visits at the Hoyt Library's Eddy Room.

Idlewild Festival to premier Aretha Franklin documentary



The 5th Annual Idlewild Education, Empowerment and Music Festival's Producer, Theresa Randleman, received screening license for "Amazing Grace" the Aretha Franklin documentary movie. The screening will be a celebratory launch to a musical tribute weekend to the Queen of Soul. The Festival is presented by Ms. Randleman's non profit organization, T. ROSE Foundation and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Ferris State University (FSU). The screening will be held on Friday evening, July 12 at Williams Auditorium on FSU's Campus in Big Rapids, Michigan.

In 1972, Aretha Franklin's performances at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles were recorded and made into a film titled "Amazing Grace". However, it was never released by Warner Bros. due to technical issues. Forty-seven years later, the gospel concert movie is now released and has been viewed by many across the County. It might seem odd to suggest that the most enthralling film you are likely to see this year is not a thriller or love story, but the Aretha Franklin documentary.

Ms, Franklin was at the peak of her career and her creative powers when her gospel album "Amazing Grace" was released (in 1972). It sold more than two million copies and became her best-selling record. Franklin's performance captured on film for the movie showcases her talents through the penetrating power of gospel music and; at some point, during the screening you will realize you are witnessing a holy, spirit-filled performance of a lifetime.

"Amazing Grace" is a must see' movie that allows us the great, rare privilege of seeing and hearing the Queen of Soul reclaiming her soul to the mountaintop and back.

The Festival weekend will also host live musical performances as a tribute to Ms. Franklin, a poetry tribute to Langston Hughes (former Idlewild vacationer); luncheons, Exhibits, Museum and Idlewild tours, along with historical presentations pertaining to the history of Idlewild, Michigan; a location where Ms. Franklin once performed. The Festival is held to commemorate and celebrate the history of well-known African American entertainers and professionals who owned property and performed at the Historic Resort prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Known as the "Black Eden", this location was one of the few resorts in the United States where African Americans could vacation and purchase property. The National Resource Team applauds the Idlewild community for holding on to the land; approximately 3,000 acres. It is historically, the largest land based African American resort ever assembled in the USA. Idlewild is a rare and valuable national resource with physical and cultural significance.

For more information: www.idlewildmusicfestival.com or call: 231-465-1702.

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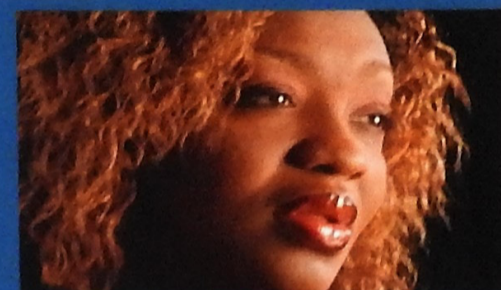


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Nationally Recognized Summer STEM Program Coming to Midland



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Chestnut Hill Elementary School in Midland will host, Camp Invention®, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment camp program on June 17 - June 20.

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Governor Whitmer Makes Stop At Saginaw Career Complex, speaks at Saginaw Promise Luncheon



(photo by Michael Percha)

Saginaw, MI - Governor Gretchen Whitmer was the keynote speaker at a Saginaw Promise luncheon Monday, June 10.

The luncheon celebrated the ten years the Promise legislation has been in effect for Saginaw schools. Saginaw Promise provides scholarships to Saginaw students who go on to two-year or four-year schools or who receive vocational training. \$830,000 in scholarship money has been given out to 492 students since 2012. Since that time, Saginaw schools have seen graduation rates go up and drop out rates decrease.

Whitmer says the Promise program aligns with her educational plan for Michigan

residents.

“The Michigan Opportunity Initiative will give every graduating senior the chance to pursue a debt-free community college opportunity or bring down the cost of a four-year degree. It works with Promise, because Promise programs are last dollar, and the MI Opportunity Initiative is first dollar.”

The MI Opportunity Initiative will provide scholarships for up to three years, 60 credits or an associates degree, which ever comes first.

Whitmer hopes to see the plan increase the number of Michigan adults with a post-

secondary certificate or degree at 45 percent to 60 percent by 2030. She says it’s an attainable goal.

“We have to meet it because other states are moving faster than we are to get to more aggressive goals. If we get to 60 percent by 2030, we’re going to be in a really good position to make Michigan a high wage state, where businesses can thrive and full locate to. And more importantly, where our people can get ahead and take care of themselves and their families, and live a good life.”

Whitmer says Saginaw Promise can do much more to meet student’s needs if the price of higher education becomes more affordable.

Governor Whitmer Declares June 2019 as Pride Month in Michigan



courtesy photo

LANSING, Mich. – On June 3, 2019, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed a proclamation declaring June 2019 as Pride Month. June 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City, which served as a catalyst for the gay rights movement both in the United States and throughout the world.

“This is an important step in ensuring LGBTQ Michiganders are treated with the respect they deserve, but there’s still more work to do,” said Whitmer. “We must all press forward to ensure Michigan steps up to the forefront of advancing civil rights for LGBTQ individuals, and that includes expanding the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to protect everyone, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity. Nobody should lose their job or their home because of who they are or who they love. Making Michigan a more open, inclusive state benefits our communities, our businesses, and our economy.”

During her first week in office, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2019-9 to ban discrimination in state government based on sexual orientation and gender identity. In her first State of the State Address, she called upon the Legislature to pass legislation to expand the state’s Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identification in employment, education, housing and real estate, as well as the use of public accommodations and public services.

“When we work together to ensure our state requires that everyone is treated equally under the law, we are able to recruit and retain the talent Michigan needs to thrive,” said Whitmer. “No matter who you love or how you identify, you are welcome and wanted here.”

Congressman Dan Kildee announces federal grant to improve infrastructure and safety on railroad tracks running throughout mid-Michigan

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus, Congressman Jack Bergman (MI-01) and Congressman John Moolenaar (MI-04) today announced a federal grant to improve infrastructure and safety on railroad tracks running throughout mid-Michigan, operated by Lake State Railway.

The \$8,669,657 federal grant, through the U.S. Department of Transportation, will help to invest in Lake State Railway’s Mackinaw Subdivision, which operates hundreds of miles of track running from its headquarters in Saginaw up to Gaylord and Alpena. Lines also run to Midland, Bay City and Paines, as well as down to Plymouth. The company operates approximately 375 miles of railroad track that help Michigan businesses and farmers ship their products and commodities across the state, country and world.

“Improving Michigan’s infrastructure—including railroads—will help make our region more economically competitive,” Congressman Kildee said. “Railroads help to play an important role in connecting mid-Michigan businesses, including automotive suppliers and farmers, with markets around the world. I am proud to help announce this federal grant to help Lake State Railway make much-needed infrastructure updates and make our rail system more reliable,” Congressman Kildee said.

SPORTS

Saginaw Spirit release 2019-20 regular season schedule



courtesy photo

Saginaw, MI – The Saginaw Spirit, in collaboration with the Ontario Hockey League, are proud to announce their schedule for the 2019-20 regular season.

The Spirit are coming off of their most successful season in franchise history, setting a regular season record for wins and points, clinched the West Division Championship for the first time since 2011, and advanced to the Western Conference Final for the first time in team history.

After opening the 2018-19 season at home, the Spirit head on the road to open their 18th season in the Great Lakes Bay Region on Friday, September 20 in Kitchener to face the Midwest Division's Rangers at 7:30 p.m.

The next night, the Spirit will raise the West Division Championship banner to the rafters at The Dow Event Center when they host their Coors Light I-75 Divide Rival Flint Firebirds on Saturday, September 21. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at The Dow Event Center in Saginaw, MI.

The Ontario Hockey League plays a 68-game regular season schedule, splitting home and away games so that each team plays 34 at home and 34 on the road.

Saginaw's schedule features 28 home weekend dates, and three months (Oct, Dec, and Feb) with six home games at The Dow Event Center. 20 of those 28 weekend home games will be played on Saturday night.

Saginaw Spirit non-Sunday home games will begin at 7:05 p.m. with Sunday games beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Spirit have also maintained their schedule format against the rest of the league. The Spirit will play the West Division a total of 30 times, with eight games against Flint, Sault Ste. Marie, and Windsor, and six games against the Sarnia Sting.

In the Midwest, the Spirit will play Guelph, London, Erie, and Kitchener four times, and play the Owen Sound Attack twice.

The Spirit will play each Eastern Conference opponent twice, once at home and once on the road.

At home, the Spirit will play once on Monday, twice on Wednesday, three times on Thursday, five times on Friday, 20 times on Saturday, and three times on Sunday.

On the road, the Spirit will play four times on Wednesday, six times on Thursday, 15 times on Friday, three times on Saturday, and six times on Sunday.

Statement from President and Managing Partner Craig Goslin: "Our players and fans are our main focus as we work with the league to draw up our annual game schedule. The player development, on and off the ice, are priorities in our game schedule as our players are student athletes. Spirit fans have communicated to us that they prefer as many Saturday night home games as we can get. With these two main factors in mind, we have requested and the league has obliged us with 20 of our 34 home games on Saturday night and 29 of 34 home games are hosted on the weekend. This schedule is also very user friendly to our players as we have only six three-game-in-three-night scenarios.

"Going into our 18th season, it is an honor for the Saginaw Spirit Hockey Club and the OHL, to provide the Great Lakes Bay Region with world class sports entertainment. We are grateful to our season ticket members, our group ticket partners and our corporate sponsors for their support in making the Saginaw Spirit an 18-year community success story. This year is full of great promise and hope for the Spirit as many feel that your team, this upcoming season, will compete to win. The game schedule reflects a great opportunity for our players to develop as student athletes and for our fans to see world class athletes during times that they prefer."

Cabrera among top ASG vote-getters for AL 1B



courtesy photo

DETROIT -- Though Miguel Cabrera's balky right knee has forced him into a designated hitter role, the former Triple Crown winner remains on the All-Star ballot at first base. He ranks seventh in votes among American League first basemen in the first balloting update released on Monday.

Cabrera is the only Tiger who appears in the Top 10 in voting at his respective position. He's an 11-time All-Star, last selected in 2016, and he entered the week with 180,803 votes. AL leader Luke Voit of the Yankees has 393,356 votes, followed by Twins slugger C.J. Cron (302,586) and White Sox masher Jose Abreu (286,145).

Though Cabrera began last week with the difficult diagnosis of chronic changes in his right knee as the result of attrition from a long career, he experienced a rejuvenation of sorts at the plate with a pair of three-hit games against the Rays and Twins, raising his OPS for the season by 37 points. His grand slam in Tuesday's win over Tampa Bay was his first since June 1, 2013.

Fans may vote in "The Primary" at MLB.com and all 30 club sites, the MLB At Bat and MLB Ballpark apps up to five times in any 24-hour period. Fans in the US and Canada can also vote on Google Search for every position, or up to 17 unique players per day, by searching "MLB Vote" or the names of their favorite players. Primary voting ends at 4 p.m. ET on Friday, June 21.

The top three vote-getters at each position per league (including nine outfielders) will move on to "The Starters Election," which begins at noon ET on Wednesday, June 26. The votes will reset for a 28-hour voting window that ends at 4 p.m. ET on Thursday, June 27. Starters for the 2019 Midsummer Classic will be unveiled on ESPN that night at 7 ET. The pitchers and reserves will be announced on Sunday, June 30, at 5:30 p.m. ET.

Then on Tuesday, July 9, during the 2019 All-Star Game presented by Mastercard, fans may visit MLB.com and the 30 club sites to submit their choices for the Ted Williams Most Valuable Player Award presented by Chevrolet.

New Semi-Pro Hockey League Coming To Bay County This Fall



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Single A semi-professional hockey for adults is coming to the Bay County Civic Arena beginning in October.

Civic Arena Operations Manager Al Cowan (COW-an) says there will be 12 teams in the Interstate Hockey League, all based in Michigan. Cowan added the Bay City Americans will play 16 home games at the Civic Arena. The I-H-L will purchase a video and scoreboard combination and donate it to the Civic Arena, replacing the current scoreboard which is over 20 years old.

The Board of Commissioners will approve a contract with the league next week after passing it in the Ways and Means Committee Tuesday.



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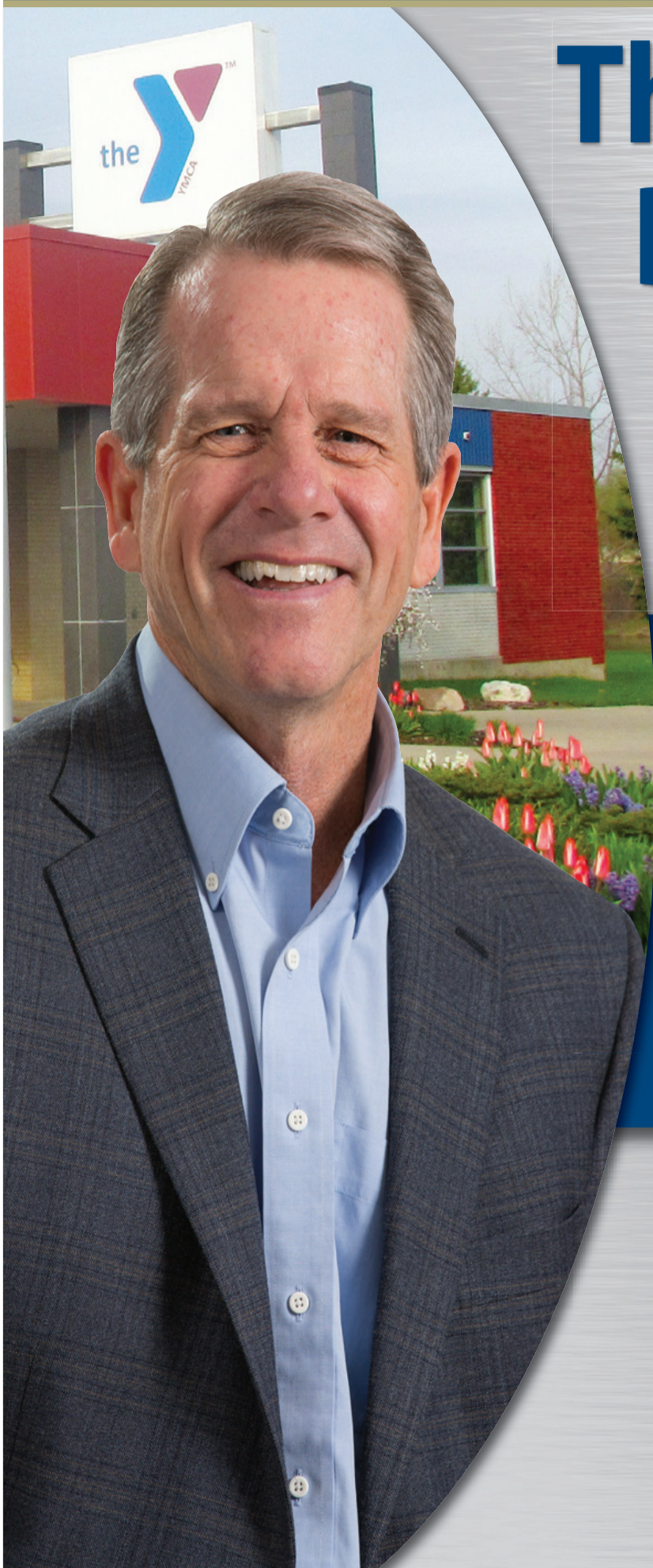
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