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Great Lakes PACE is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Great Lakes PACE is three years old! It has been joyous watching the quality of life improve for PACE participants. Many people are in need of help; but are clueless to the great benefits provided by PACE. We desire and appreciate your support in sharing this resource with others.

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Custom Hand-Made Hats for any Occasion By Design Specialist Yvonne Cabine

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On any given Sunday, you can see milliner Yvonne Ellison Cabine headed to church in a fancy Sunday hat, and ironically this has been routine for her since the young age of 14. The Saginaw Native has been designing and making elegant hats for over 18 years. Her talent for creating one of a kind designs has won her notice among hat enthusiasts both nationally and internationally. The first hat she made was for her mother; a straw hat with silk flowers and pearl beads. As an honor and privilege, she also laid her mother to rest in a special designed hat only to be created once for her.

Known to some as "The Grandest Hat Lady", she lives, loves and makes hats with enthusiasm and dedication. She runs her own custom hat design business, Where Did You Get That Hat? out of her Saginaw Township home with her daughter as her personal assistant.

She has studied under noted milliners in several places across the U.S. including Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco, Tennessee, and Saugatuck. A highlight of Yvonne's hat career was attending a course in Toulouse, France in 2010, where she studied under the master teacher who has made hats for Princess Diana and Queen Elizabeth.

Yvonne's hats have been featured in notable publications as, "Hat Talk" and "Hat Life." Several of her one-of-a-kind designs have been chosen as hat of the month by "Hat Talk." She also made a hat for R&B legend Gladys Knight, which was gifted to her in Las Vegas.

Yvonne retired from Dow Corning Corporation in 2017, and now spends several days a week working at Saginaw Gold & Diamond Center. When she is not making hats or cheering her grandson's victory on the basketball court, she fits hat making in whenever she can often working late into the night.

Every spring, Yvonne looks forward to displaying her many new designs at her annual hat show. This year's theme is Jazzin with the Hats, with live music, food and of course hats galore. The admission is \$10 and will go towards any hat purchase. The show allows her the opportunity to share her impressive one of a kind designs with the community and many of her clients from pastor's wives, church mothers, brides and derby goers just to name a few.



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Remembering Pastor Ernest W. Bothuel



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A Time to Serve

Ernest was ordained as a minister in 1949 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Saginaw, Michigan under the leadership of Pastor G.F. Moore. In 1950, he was called to the south side of Saginaw and founded Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he served as the Pastor for over 63 years.

He was a founding member of the Saginaw Valley District Association and a current member of Measure of Faith Church under the leadership of Pastor Charles Dallas.

He was employed at General Motors Corporation Malleable Iron, retiring in 1959.

A Time to Die

Pastor Bothuel departed this earthly home for his home in heaven on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the age of 100 years.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Flora; son, Marvin; parents, Charles and Lulu Bothuel; brothers and sisters.

A Time to Appreciate

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to Dr. Eugene Seals, his caregiver Christopher Walker, Rev. Charles Dallas, Ivan E. Phillips and the others who assisted him over the years.

A Time to Be Born

Ernest W. Bothuel was born April 7, 1918 in Smithville, Georgia, the son of Charles and Lulu (Steward) Bothuel. He was the sixth of eleven children.

A Time to Love

He married Flora M. Thomas on December 25, 1937. To that union was born a son, Marvin Bothuel,

and a daughter, Ernestine B. Walker; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren. Flora predeceased him on June 19, 1983.

He married Doris Nichols on December 25, 1985 and added to his family, daughters Debra (Vaughn) Murray, Dianne Gissendanner and Faye Presley; five grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



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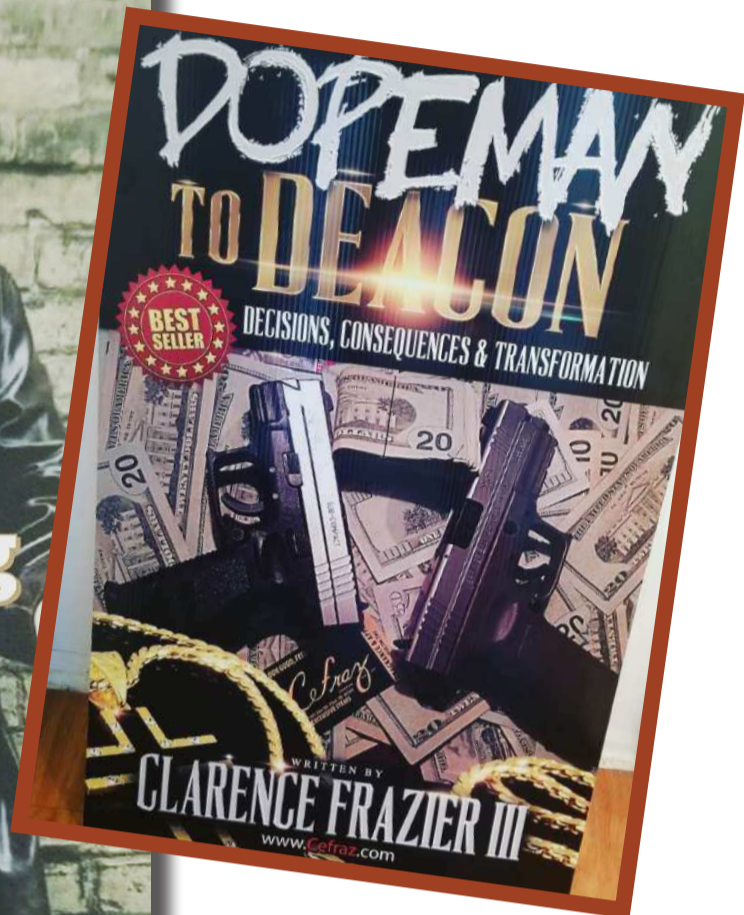
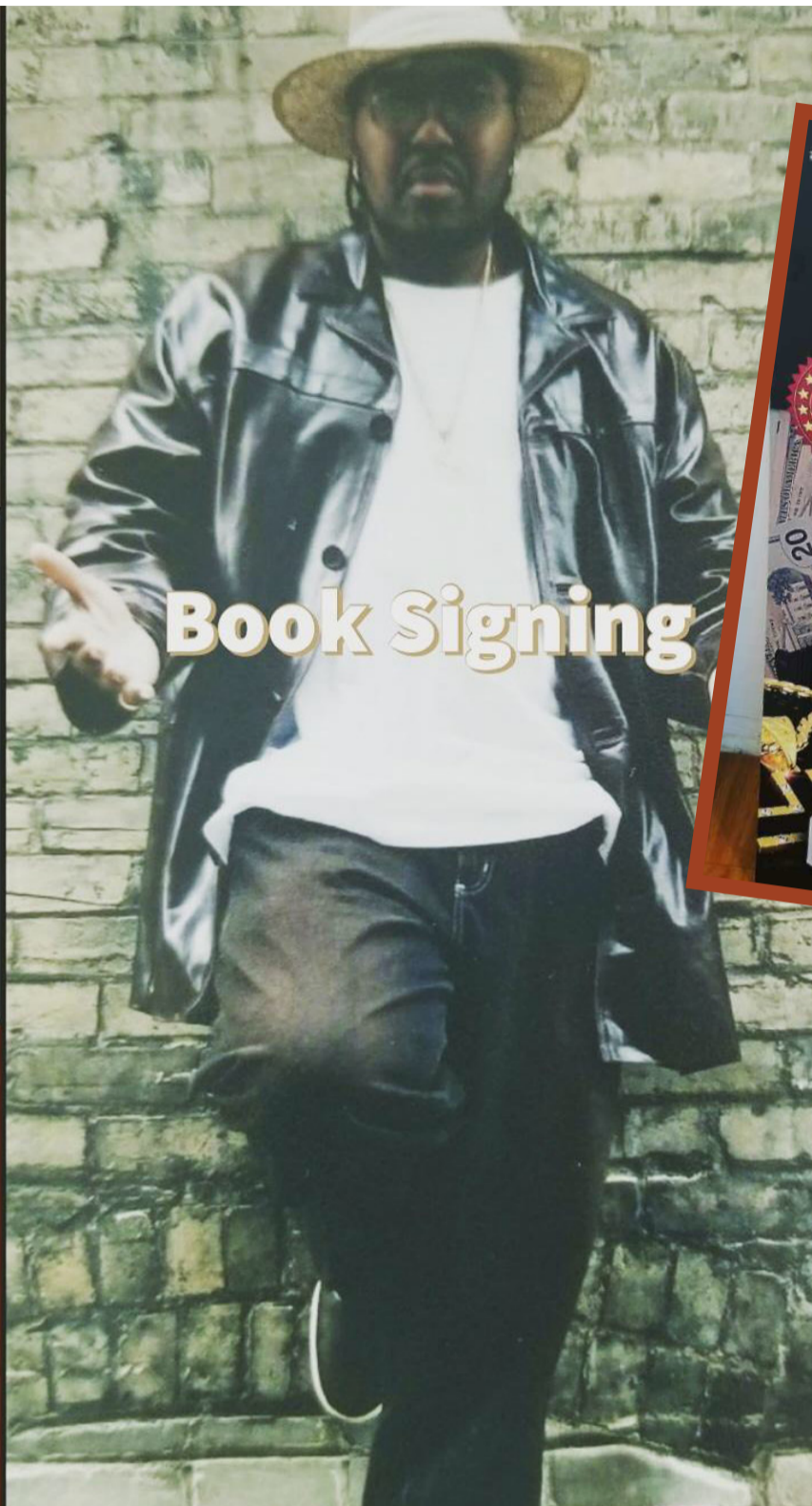
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Clarence Frazier III is an **Award-winning writer**. He has written screen plays, including 3 gospel albums; *The Great Commission*, *Design To Succeed* and his newest release, *Wisdom. Power. Freedom*. He has also appeared in two movies (*8mile*) and (*Poverty Cops*).

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**Seen on the Scene:
Hispanic Latino
Commission of
Michigan Meeting at
Muskegon Community
College**

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Chris Pérez, the late Selena's husband will perform at the 40th Anniversary Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festival

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As the Great Lakes Bay Region Celebrates the 40th Anniversary of Cinco de Mayo, La Union Civica Mexicana is pleased to welcome Chris Perez to Saginaw to celebrate this special milestone with a Parade and Festival appearance with his band The Chris Perez Project.

Christopher Gilbert Pérez (born August 14, 1969) is an American guitarist, songwriter and author best known as lead guitarist for the Tejano band Selena y Los Dinos. He married the frontwoman of the group, Selena, on April 2, 1992. Pérez grew up in San Antonio, Texas as one of two children of Gilbert Pérez and Carmen Medina. In 1986, he joined Shelly Lares' band. By the late 1980s, Pérez was reputed among Tejano musicians for his guitar

skills. This caught A.B. Quintanilla's attention; at the time, Quintanilla was seeking another guitarist for the band he produced, Selena y Los Dinos. Between one and two years after Pérez joined the band, he and Selena began a personal relationship.

In the early 2010s he formed a new group (the Chris Pérez Project) with Puerto Rican singer Angel Ferrer, releasing "Todo es Diferente".

The concert will take place after the parade at Huntington Event Park. There will be a \$3.00 cover for attendees and kids 10 and under can get in free. There will also be other performances, inflatables and food vendors.

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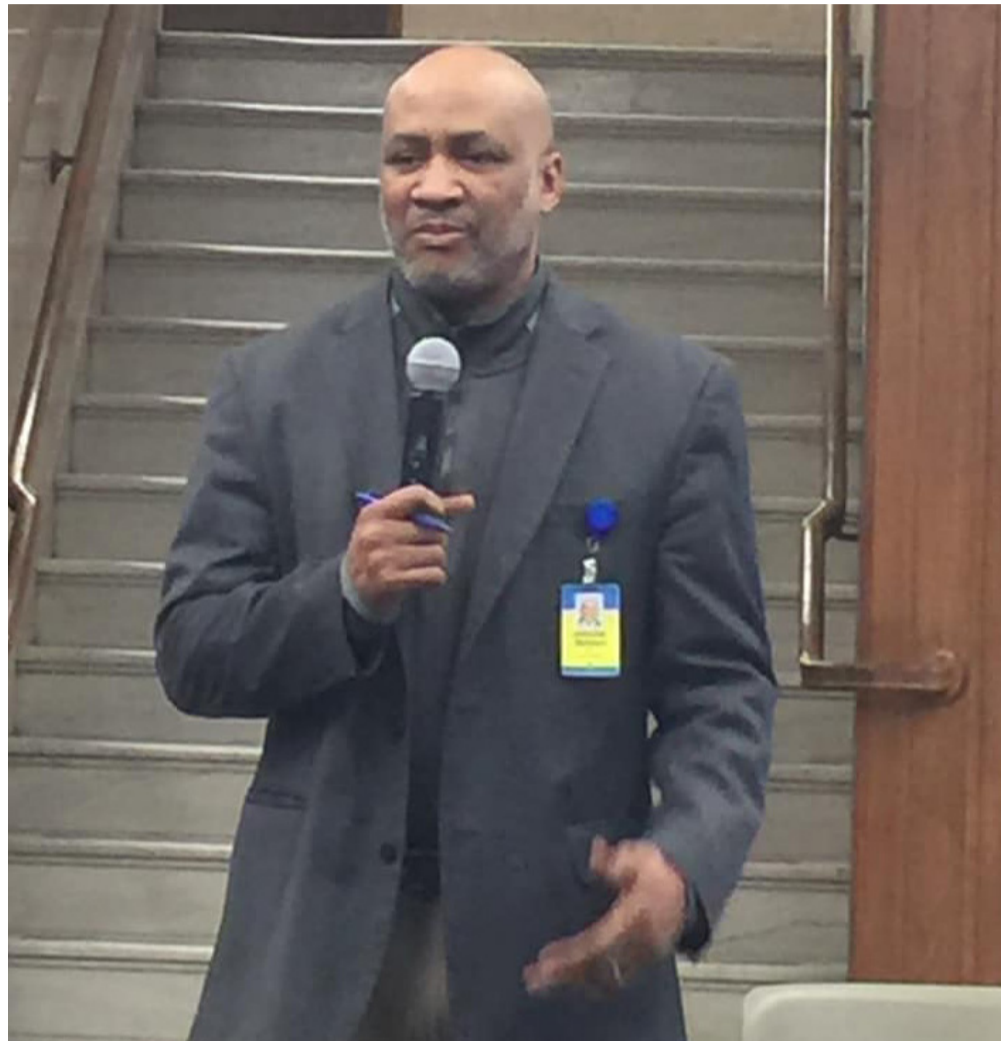
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Seen on the Scene: Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan Meeting at Muskegon Community College




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388 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon, MI 49440

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Is there a campaign deal breaker in your midst?

You're ready to launch a fundraising campaign. You know what you want to raise money for and how it will impact your organization's ability to deliver on its mission and vision. You are ready to go. Or are you? Could there be a deal breaker lurking amongst all the perceived "green lights."

Here's what we have learned: as you move forward in planning a major fundraising endeavor it is important to take time to build consensus both internally and externally. You may think you have consensus, but it can be fractured if you and your team haven't openly discussed all aspects of campaign preparation. As an exercise we suggest you review the list below to see which area could be hiding a deal breaker now or during the life of your campaign.

1. Capacity and infrastructure. There are many things related to this area that could become a deal breaker. Here are just a few to consider and openly discuss with your leadership. Do you have a campaign fundraising plan that integrates with your annual fundraising? How will you protect your annual campaign while raising additional funds for your special campaign? What about your data management system? Is the data current and accurate? Do you have adequate staffing to provide project management and administrative support as well as fundraising support? Does the

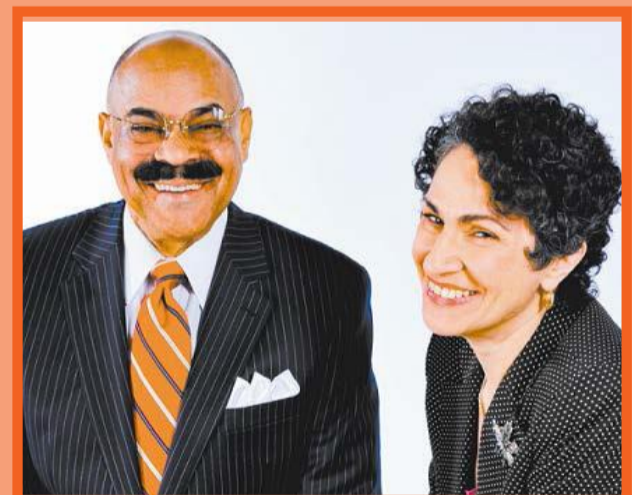
organization have the "will" to embark on and sustain a campaign? Do you have committed fundraising volunteers? How will you create awareness for the campaign and your donors?

2. Proper funding. Have you created a proposed campaign budget? Do you have funding for campaign staff and other requirements? Do you know who could provide these funds, and are you in discussion with these prospects? Are you intending to "find a way" or "do more with what we have?"

3. Fundraising history. Do you have a history of meeting your fundraising goals? Has your annual campaign grown year over year? Do you know your donor retention rate? Have you had a wealth screen performed against your data base and are you working with the results of that screen? Do you have a process in place for prospect identification and research? Do you have "real" donor prospects – that is people with the interest in your organization and the ability to make major gifts? Have you identified prospective donors who could make a lead gift, for example 20% of your campaign goal or more?

4. External conditions. Have you identified the competition in the marketplace, for example which organizations are also preparing for campaigns? Have you assessed the level of community buy-in as it relates to your campaign priorities? How will the financial and social climate impact your efforts?

In spite of the need and perceived urgency, you cannot achieve fundraising success without sustained buy-in from your stakeholders both internally and externally. Take time to regularly review and discuss the above issues to make sure that those items which could stop your campaign are addressed and resolved.



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HEALTH

Cover Story, A Social Outlet for Seniors



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Holly McBride is our Activities Director and has worked with seniors for 18 years. She plans live entertainment, social outings, spiritual and group activities and more to meet diverse social needs of participants. Great Lakes PACE services are often mistaken. PACE has homecare but it is not just a homecare program. It has socialization; but it is not just a socialization program. We have therapy; but it is not just a therapy program. PACE is a managed care 3378 Fashion Square Blvd. Saginaw MI 48603 program and has all the services provided by both Medicaid and Medicare. An exam is completed by our PACE doctor with close medical follow-up. Assessments are done by our PACE team to address changing needs. Those enrolled in PACE will be responsible for cost of medical services received from out-of-network providers without prior approval- except for emergencies.

Great Lakes PACE serves those who are 55 or older and who live in our service area. This includes the Great Lakes Bay Region

and parts of Gratiot, Tuscola, Shiawassee and Arenac counties (see zip codes below). You must be able to live safe in the community with PACE services and meet the medical guidelines. A brief assessment by our PACE staff assess eligibility. For most people PACE services are covered by Medicaid and/or Medicare. If not eligible for Medicaid, PACE does offer a private pay option.

Call today if you would like to learn more about Great Lakes PACE services. We are open M-F from 8AM-5PM. Walk-in tours are welcome or schedule a group tour of any size for your family, church or organization.

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Flint families can get nutritious food at mobile pantry next month; Help Center locations making more proteins available



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LANSING, Mich. – Flint families may get nutritious food that can limit the effects of lead exposure during mobile food pantry hours set for April at locations throughout Flint.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services also are announcing that Flint's three help center locations – Bethel United Methodist Church, Asbury United Methodist Church and Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ – now have more proteins to distribute to Flint residents in addition to the produce that's available at all locations. Along with the produce available at all locations, the three help center sites now have ground turkey and ground burger.

All mobile food pantry sites distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron. More than \$300 million has been provided to help the residents of Flint, including this initiative. Food distribution sites remain open while supplies last.

April dates by location are:

Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 Ballenger Hwy.

Monday, April 1, at 10 a.m.
Monday, April 8, at 10 a.m.
Monday, April 15, at 10 a.m.
Monday, April 22, at 10 a.m.
Monday, April 29, at 10 a.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road

Tuesday, April 2, at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 9, at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 16, at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 23, at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 30, at 10 a.m.

Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, 6702 N. Dort Hwy.

Thursday, April 4, at 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 11, at 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 18, at 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 25, at 10 a.m.

Salem Lutheran Church, 2610 Martin Luther King Ave.

Wednesday, April 10, at 10 a.m.

Flint Muslim Food Pantry, 4400 S. Saginaw St.

Friday, April 12, at 9 a.m.

St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center, 3115 Lawndale Ave.

Friday, April 19, at 10 a.m.

Hispanic Technology & Community Center of Greater Flint, 2101 Lewis St.

Wednesday, April 17, at 10 a.m.

Second Chance Church, 5306 North St.

Saturday, April 13, at 9 a.m.

Fairhaven Seventh-Day Adventist Church, G-1379 W. Louis Ave.

Wednesday, April 24, at 11 a.m.

Ascension St. Mary's Offers Free Colorectal Cancer Screening Kits on April 3

Colorectal cancer remains the nation's second leading cause of cancer-related deaths for men and women. The good news is that with regular screenings, lives can be saved.

March – National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month – is the perfect opportunity to learn more about this disease and obtain a screening.

Ascension St. Mary's Seton Cancer Institute will offer a free colorectal cancer prevention and screening program Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the first-floor conference room of Ascension St. Mary's Towne Centre.

All eligible participants will receive a take-home colorectal cancer screening kit (must be age 50 and older and have a primary care physician). The high sensitivity in-home screening test is painless, easy to perform and takes only a few minutes. Once the test is completed, participants simply mail their test kit in a postage-paid envelope to the Ascension St. Mary's lab where the



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samples are analyzed. Results will be sent to participants as well as their primary care physician for review and follow-up.

In addition, Maggie Rettelle, a registered dietitian and clinical nutrition manager at Ascension St. Mary's, will discuss how eating a healthy diet can help prevent and fight colorectal cancer.

Registration is required; call Ascension St. Mary's Seton Cancer Institute at 989-907-8115 to reserve your spot.

Ascension St. Mary's Towne Centre is located at 4599 Towne Center Road in Saginaw Township at the corner of Towne Centre and Schust (Conference room is located off the Towne Centre Road entrance).



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Open Up: Michigan launches "Inclusion" campaign during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



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LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) is advocating for the inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) with a multi-year campaign aimed at creating fully inclusive communities, educational environments and employment opportunities.

“Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have the right to be full and active members in their community, and to be valued as equals to all residents,”

said Vendella Collins, executive director of the DD Council. “This new Inclusion campaign shows that every person has a role in creating a fully inclusive society – it starts with opening your mind and inviting individuals to participate.”

The initial campaign focuses on building inclusive communities through employment opportunities. People with disabilities are a large, untapped pool of loyal, hardworking and highly motivated workers. As of 2017, only 19 percent of people with I/DD are

employed in the state.

Including people with disabilities in the community requires intentional practices and policies that identify and remove physical, communication and attitudinal barriers.

To be more inclusive, communities should be welcoming and engage all members of the community. It is important to see people as a friend, a neighbor, and as a contributing member to the community. An inclusive community treats all of its members equitably and recognizes their value.

The DD Council is an advocacy organization that helps people with developmental and intellectual disabilities have the opportunities and support to achieve their full potential and life dreams. The DD Council is housed within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Learn more by visiting Michigan.gov/DDCouncil. To view the campaign, visit the MDHHS YouTube page.

MDHHS seeks proposals to enrich lives of nursing home residents; proposals due by May 3

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Long Term Care Policy Section has issued a Request for Proposal for nursing home quality of life enrichment.

The purpose of the Nursing Facility Enrichment Program is to fund projects and activities that benefit and enrich the lives of nursing facility residents. All proposals must include enhancements to nursing facility services and go beyond the services required to be provided by a nursing facility.

Eligible applicants include hospitals and health care organizations, academic institutions, nursing facilities, nonprofit organizations, private businesses, Native American tribal organizations and other

organizations able to plan, implement and evaluate projects, programs and process system improvements designed to protect or improve quality of life and care for residents of nursing facilities.

The enrichment program’s priorities are projects that support resident and/or family councils and other consumer involvement in assuring quality care. Priority will be given to projects that include resident and other stakeholder input in the development of the project and improve the quality of life for residents through innovative approaches to implement person-directed values within the nursing facility.

Grants starting at \$5,000 are available for organizations to provide these services.

Grant applications must be submitted electronically through the MI E-Grants program. Applications will be accepted through May 3, 2019, at 3 p.m. The Nursing Home Enrichment Program period is Oct. 1, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020.

For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grants website and select the "About EGrAMS" link on the left side of the screen to access the "Competitive Application Instructions" training manual. The complete Request for Proposal document can be accessed on the MI E-Grants website in the 'Current Grants' section by selecting the "Medical Services Administration" link and accessing the "NFEP-2020" grant program.

Visiting Angels-Frankenmuth Receives 2019 Best of Home Care



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Visiting Angels-Frankenmuth announced today that it has received both the 2019 Best of Home Care® – Provider of Choice and Employer of Choice Awards from Home Care Pulse. These awards are granted only to the top-ranking home care providers, based on client and caregiver satisfaction scores gathered by Home Care Pulse. Visiting Angels-Frankenmuth is now ranked among a small handful of home care providers across the country who have proven their ability to provide an exceptional working experience to employees and the highest quality care to clients.

“We want to congratulate Visiting Angels-Frankenmuth on receiving both the Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice Award and the Best of Home Care – Employer of Choice Award,” says Erik Madsen, CEO of Home Care Pulse. “Since these awards are based on real, unfiltered feedback from clients and

caregivers, Visiting Angels-Frankenmuth has proven their dedication to providing a great work environment and solid training to employees, while maintaining their focus on client satisfaction. We are pleased to recognize their dedication to quality professionalism and expertise in home care.”

Best of Home Care providers have contracted with Home Care Pulse to gather feedback from their clients and caregivers via live phone interviews each month. Because Home Care Pulse is an independent company, it is able to collect honest and unbiased feedback.

“Visiting Angels partnership with Home Care Pulse has been so important over the past 7 years. Using Home Care Pulse surveys allows Visiting Angels to get real time feedback from clients and employees. Visiting Angels uses this information to ensure both our clients and employees are happy working with and for

Visiting Angels. Having the best quality home care services in our area has always been and will continue to be a top priority for Visiting Angels as we move into our 20th year in business.” Says Doug Hammond President of Visiting Angels-Frankenmuth.

“Our goal at Home Care Pulse is to empower home care businesses to deliver the best home care possible,” says Erik Madsen, CEO of Home Care Pulse. “We are happy to recognize Visiting Angels- Frankenmuth as a Best of Home Care award-winning provider and celebrate their accomplishments in building a team of happy, qualified caregivers who provide outstanding care for their clients.”

To find out more about Visiting Angels-Frankenmuth’s commitment to excellence, please visit www.visitingangels.com/greatlakesbay or call 989-652-6435.

BUSINESS & WEALTH

Global Panel of Judges for 2019 Packaging Innovation Awards Brings Diverse Expertise, Perspectives to Program



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MIDLAND, Mich. - March 26, 2019 - Leaders from around the world and representing many facets of the packaging industry make up the independent panel of judges for Dow's 2019 Packaging Innovation Awards. The 14 judges represent a global perspective across the fields of design, engineering, retail, converting and academia, from organizations including Amazon, Bemis, Mintel, P&G and others.

The judges will come together in Houston in May to draw on their experience and industry insights to select the winners of this year's awards. The judging panel evaluates each entry based on the criteria of Technological Advancement, Responsible Packaging and Enhanced User Experience and selects winners based on the total scores.

"This independent, international and cross-functional panel of packaging experts is the key to recognizing the best packaging innovations on the market today," said Diego Donoso, business president for Dow Packaging & Specialty Plastics. "Innovation in packaging can be better protection

for e-commerce shipping. It could be finding a way to make a classic package with far fewer resources. Or it could be something that seems simple but makes the package a lot easier to use, like an easy-to-open cap or closure. These judges have the experience and expertise to recognize those game-changing innovations."

This year's judges are:

- Lead judge David Luttenberger, global packaging director, Mintel
- Philippe Blank, head of Innovation & Sustainability, Henkel
- Aparecido Borghi, senior business manager of Packaging and Supply Chain, Daymon Latam
- Olaf Clemens, President & CEO, SN Maschinenbau GmbH
- Scott Fisher, design director, Blue Clover Studios, powered by Berry Global
- Eileen Franer, section head of Global Oral Care Packaging, P&G
- Nina Goodrich, director, Sustainable Packaging Coalition and executive director of GreenBlue

- Kim Houchens, worldwide director of Customer Packaging Experience, Amazon
- Qiang Lu, vice president, R&D Asia Pacific, Bemis
- Claire Sarantopoulos, senior scientist, Instituto de Tecnologia de Alimentos (ITAL)
- Gisela Schulzinger, president, Brazilian Packaging Association (ABRE)
- Tim Sykes, Head of Content, Packaging Europe
- Marzban Thanevala, senior vice president for Innovation, Business Development and Marketing, Huhtamaki-PPL
- Frank Wang, packaging R&D director, Mengniu Dairy

"This year's panel of judges represents the entire packaging industry which allows them to recognize the most innovative packaging that is commercially available today," said Marco Amici, global marketing leader, Dow Pack Studios and Packaging Innovation Awards leader. "The panel operates completely independently which allows the truly innovative packaging to rise to the top and be recognized regardless of the company that submitted the entry, the country where it was developed or the material that is used."

This is Dow's second year sponsoring the independent awards program that brings together the most innovative packaging the world has to offer, carrying on the tradition started by DuPont more than 30 years ago.

More information is available at www.DowPackagingAwards.com.

Submitting a nomination is free and applicants are not required to use Dow or DuPont materials in the products they enter. Innovations can be submitted through March 29, 2019, by visiting www.DowPackagingAwards.com. All submissions in the 2019 Packaging Innovation Awards must be commercially available when they are entered. This year features a streamlined entry process with a simplified online form to submit and track entries, as well as upload accompanying images and videos.



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Nearly 1,000 job openings in the Flint area is a welcomed sign of the economic times



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Recent news that Lansing-based Peckham, Inc. is looking to hire up to 200 sewing machine operators at its new facility in Flint Township was roundly applauded by area business and community leaders. And for many, it is a welcomed sign of the economic times.

The apparel manufacturer and vocational rehabilitation organization is one of several companies in Flint & Genesee looking for talent. With the county's unemployment rate at 4.6 percent (as of December – the most recent data available – and the lowest since 2000), there are nearly 1,000 job openings with various local companies.

“At the Chamber, we believe Flint and Genesee County offers some great employment opportunities. The news of 1,000 open jobs available proves this,” said Tyler Rossmassler, director of economic development at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce. “We’re working to help to connect people to these jobs.”

Other local companies with openings to fill:

- Lear Corp. at its Flint manufacturing facility. More information available at lear.com and candidates may submit their resumes to flintjobs@lear.com.
- Android Industries is accepting resumes for various positions at avancezassembly.com/careers.
- Rassini Brakes has openings in Mt. Morris Township. Listing will be posted at mitalent.org.
- Huntington Bank has several job openings; learn more at careers.huntington.com.
- Diplomat Pharmacy needs patient service coordinators, communication specialists and other positions. Check out diplomatpharmacy.com/careers.
- Molex, formerly Laird, has openings for engineering positions at molex.com.
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- Nagel Paper in Swartz Creek. Contact Nagel human resources at hr@nagelpaper.com.
- Mass Transportation Authority is looking to fill a variety of positions. Visit mtaflint.org.
- The Flint & Genesee Chamber is seeking qualified candidates for Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Coordinator and Learning Guide for the YouthQuest program. Learn more at flintandgenesee.org/about/open-positions/.

Security Credit Union Expands Field of Membership



Grand Blanc-based Security Credit Union (SCU) is pleased to announce its recent regulatory approval for their expanded field of membership to include any “Persons who live, work worship, or attend school in, or business or other legal entities located in any county within the state of Michigan. This expansion positions Security Credit Union for

further growth in new markets throughout Michigan.

As a not-for-profit organization, SCU is a trusted and secure financial cooperative dedicated to providing exceptional value, service, and convenience. “On behalf of Security Credit Union, we are honored to now serve the entire State of Michigan and

offer financial solutions to meet current and future member’s needs,” said Christopher Estes, President & CEO of Security Credit Union.

“Security Credit Union will continue to actively participate in the communities we serve by sponsoring events and volunteering time and talents to organizations and charities that help to enrich the lives of members” stated Estes.

Funds at Security Credit Union are federally insured up to \$250,000 and IRAs are insured up to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund. It's administered by the National Credit Union Administration and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. Security Credit Union is an Equal Housing Lender.

Morley Expands Saginaw Operations



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With the addition of new business from a new Fortune 100 global client, Morley is adding more than 200 new customer service, case management, process support, and management positions. It is also adding another office to its Saginaw footprint.

“Our clients place a tremendous amount of trust in our ability to handle critical parts of their business. We can live up to that expectation for exceptional service,

innovation and technical knowledge because of our talented team. Morley associates make the difference every time,” Morley President and CEO Paul Furlo said. “Also important is the partnership and support we have from our community. Saginaw Future, the organization that keeps economic development and opportunity visible and growing, has been a significant partner that we greatly value.”

“This expansion from one of our top employers and taxpayers reaffirms that the Great Lakes Bay Region is a world-class location for global leaders like Morley Companies,” said JoAnn Crary, President of Saginaw Future. “We are pleased to assist with this expansion along with our partners from the MEDC and are excited about the company’s continued growth.”

The new office will be located within the state-of-the-art Horizons Center on State Street in Saginaw.

Anyone interested in the new positions should go to Morley’s Careers page and apply.

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EDUCATION

SVSU program empowers math teachers in region's middle schools



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Education advocates say a Saginaw Valley State University-based leadership education initiative for teachers will bolster math studies and achievement in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Based at SVSU's Regional Mathematics and Science Center, the Great Lakes Bay Region Mathematics Specialist program provides leadership training to local middle school teachers — grades 5 to 8 — specializing in math. The initiative graduated its first class of 13 teachers in August 2018. The second class has already met and organizers are still accepting applicants.

The initiative is vital for bolstering student achievement in math across the region,

advocates say. The goal is to prepare the program's trainees to return to their schools to support colleagues and administrators in math-related assessment, curriculum and instruction strategies.

The program works, said Amy Kolb, a member of the math specialist program group that graduated in August.

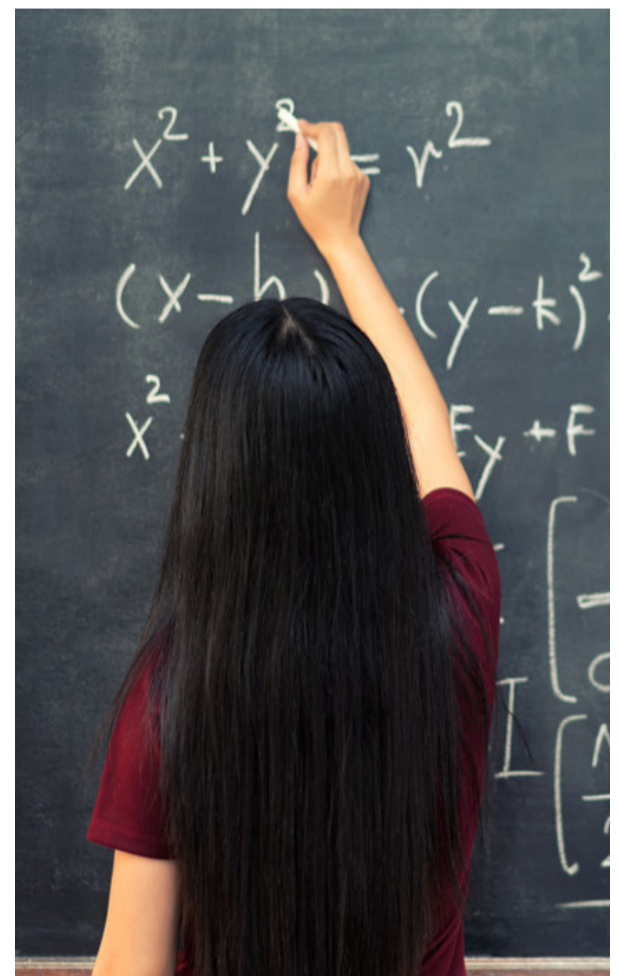
“In my 20 years of teaching, the math specialist program at SVSU is the most valuable professional development tool that I have ever participated in,” said Kolb, who teaches math at E.F. Rittmueller Middle School in Frankenmuth.

“I have developed a deeper understanding

of mathematics, and I am better prepared to support my students - especially students who struggle with math. My experiences in the program have also taught me how to develop and lead professional development for other math teachers.”

A \$65,637 grant from the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance is funding the training for the second group of participants. The cohort earlier this month met for the first of nine training sessions scheduled throughout the winter, spring and summer seasons.

Teachers interested in applying for the remaining eight sessions of the program can contact Tamara Barrientos, director of the SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center, at tarizola@svsu.edu or (989) 964-4636. There is no cost to participate.



Delta College Building on 30 Years of Collaboration in Kenya



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When a Delta College team of current and retired faculty, students and alumni travels to Kenya in May, it will continue a 30-year tradition of collaboration with medical and educational institutions in the African nation. This journey will provide a larger variety of services than any previous trip by a Delta group.

Among the planned activities on the May 4–20 expedition are a three-day medical camp in the remote village of Haji, which the Delta group visited for the first time last year, and a two-day camp in the slum area of Nakuru. The first Delta team traveled to Kenya in 1990, and this year's members are looking forward to building on the work of those who have gone before.

"We had some really cool cases in the

medical camp in 2018," said Delta Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Professor Dr. Christopher Hausbeck. "One lady, who was 100 years old, walked three miles just to come see us."


Delta is continually striving to improve conditions in Haji, an Internationally Displaced Persons (IDP) community. At the building holding the medical camp, as well as the library established by Delta, the team plans to continue work being done to install more secure windows, obtain more books, improve internet connections and complete a \$20,000 water project to pump water from a natural spring to the building and the community.

"The trip is total immersion with very rewarding work and such great people," said

Nursing Professor Kelli Prena. "I have been to Kenya 10 times, and every time is special. We live within that culture versus looking at the culture from the outside."

Partnerships like these with institutions overseas, give students and faculty unique and exciting learning opportunities, along with the chance to explore the planet, help others and study abroad.

"I loved the trip," said Abigail Brown, a PTA student and member of last year's expedition. "I brought back so many great experiences, not only hands-on experiences that I can use in the future, but I had so much fun and met new people. It was humbling, and being able to see so many different things, apart from helping with the clinic, made it a very well-rounded and great experience."



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Flint Promise Adds More College Options for 2019-2020 School Year



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Cristian Rodriguez is in his first year at Mott Community College, where he's working on general education and business credits with plans to pursue a degree in finance. When he's not in class or studying, he can be found working in the college's financial aid office and spending time with his friends in TMOT (Talented Men of Today).

A highlight of his college experience thus far? He's not worried about student loans.

That's because Rodriguez is a recipient of the Flint Promise scholarship, which is designed for Flint residents who graduate or earn a GED from a high school located in

the city. The scholarship covers up to 100 percent of a student's tuition and book fees after federal grants and other scholarships are applied.

According to Rodriguez, it feels as though a weight has been lifted off his shoulders.

"I can focus on school," says Rodriguez. "And when I graduate, I won't have to worry about paying off any loans – I can just focus on my career. That's huge."

Flint Promise first launched in 2018 and currently has more than 70 students enrolled in its scholarship program. And

as everyone gears up for the 2019-20 school year, the program is expanding its collegiate partnerships to include four-year pathways at both Kettering University and the University of Michigan-Flint.

Students can also use the scholarship at Mott Community College for up to three academic years as a student pursues a certificate, associate degree or transfer certificate.

"We're fortunate to have three outstanding undergraduate schools right in our own backyard," says James Avery, director of Education & Training at the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce, which administers the scholarship program. "And we're proud to partner with each of them to make college more accessible for Flint students."

According to Avery, the scholarship program goes beyond financial support. In fact, each Flint Promise student receives academic and personal support throughout his or her college career.

To meet the scholarship's eligibility requirements, applicants must:

- Graduate from a high school located within the City of Flint, or receive a GED in the City of Flint, in or after 2018
- Reside within the City of Flint at the time of graduation
- Graduate with a 1.8 GPA or higher
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Apply to a participating college or university
- Be age 24 or younger

Flint Promise was established through \$2 million in combined gifts from the Consumers Energy Foundation and Tom Gores, Founder of FlintNOW, and is housed at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint and administered by the Flint & Genesee Chamber.

For more information or to apply, visit theflintpromise.org. Applications for the fall semester are due July 15, 2019.

Against the Odds - The Jasper Curell Scholarship

Jasper Curell was not your typical 16-year-old. His 4.0 grade point average, young college enrollment, 98% national percentile on his PSAT test and an invitation to Harvard's "Future Doctors of America" were impressive, but did not define who he was.

Jasper, although all the above, was known for his kind heart, love toward fellow humans, generosity, consideration, compassion for the underdog, and willingness to help anyone. He was positive, upbeat, charming, full of charisma and life – an example to us all.

No one knew about his hopelessness – until he chose to end his life.

Although a brilliant young man, Jasper showed us all the meaning of being a humanitarian. He set the bar high and will always be remembered for his love and service.



A scholarship in his honor will offer a Swan Valley High School student an opportunity to advance their future – a future of their choosing. The recipient will be someone who displays compassion, kindness, service, support, and volunteerism as well as someone who shows true character despite troubles. After all, grades are not everything.

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Joe Baca, former Dem. Calif. Congrmn., Dist. 43.

“Our mission is to provide high quality services, developing school readiness and family empowerment for prenatal to age five children and families by working in partnership with parents and the community.”
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Michigan Department of Education and MSU Partner to Study Competency-Based Education



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LANSING – Michigan State University (MSU) researchers will help the state understand how districts are implementing personalized approaches to student learning, with a nearly \$1.5 million in private grant funding from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Seven Michigan school districts are piloting competency-based education (CBE) programs, which give students individualized support and opportunities to advance, based on their own levels of mastery.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is partnering with the Education Policy Innovation Collaborative (EPIC) at MSU to study how those districts implement the concept. Research will include surveys of principals, teachers, and students, as well as classroom observations and assessments of overall patterns and trend data.

“Innovative methods of teaching help address the individual learning styles of students,” said Interim State Superintendent Sheila Alles. “Keeping students engaged in a manner that aligns with their style of learning will drive achievement and help

Michigan become a Top 10 education state in 10 years.”

The project is part of EPIC and MDE’s ongoing strategic research partnership, intended to provide the state with evidence to help inform and improve policy and practice.

By conducting research in close collaboration with state officials, EPIC will help educators and policymakers learn more quickly how education reforms are working, as well as why and for which students and teachers. CBE is a key strategy in the state’s plan to make Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years.

“We are thrilled to work with MDE and the seven pilot districts to better understand how CBE is being implemented and the successes and challenges of this approach,” said Katharine Strunk, Professor of Education Policy and Economics at MSU and the co-director of EPIC. “There is a lot of rhetoric but very little evidence about the details and efficacy of CBE. We applaud MDE for asking the tough questions early in their process.”

The seven school districts – Alpena, Armada, FlexTech High School-Novi, Fraser, Kenowa Hills, Schoolcraft and Tecumseh – each received a share of \$500,000 in competitive state grants to use competency-based learning in classrooms. Efforts include implementing competency-based curricula; developing formative assessments; providing professional development for teachers; and building partnerships with business and community members.

In addition to conducting research, the project will help train local administrators and educators to develop local student assessments tailored to CBE systems. With the competency approach, grades are based on confirmation that students have mastered key concepts and skills, and not rely on tests or homework alone.

“This effort is an exciting example of what is possible when researchers are able to work in partnership with state and local educators to ask questions that are immediately relevant to the work of educating kids,” said Deputy State Superintendent Dr. Venessa Keesler. “That is the kind of work we have seen the Hewlett Foundation supporting for years. We are thrilled to be engaged in this project.”

COMMUNITY

CAN Council Names Emily Yeager New President/CEO



Emily Yeager of Midland has been named the new president and chief executive officer of CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region, a local nonprofit organization focused on preventing child abuse and neglect.

Yeager, who currently serves as director of the organization's CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program, will officially assume the president/CEO role on April 8. She replaces Suzanne Greenberg, who recently left the CAN Council after nearly 25 years to become executive director for the Michigan Children's Trust Fund, a statewide organization that supports child abuse and

neglect prevention programs.

"The CAN Council has tackled the heart-wrenching issues of child abuse and neglect for decades. Our dedicated professionals, volunteers and contributors have built innovative programming and services with the sole pursuit of saving our children," Yeager said. "I'm proud to have counted myself among each of these groups during the past 15 years, and I'm incredibly honored to serve as the organization's next leader to further advance these efforts. My greatest hope is that each member of our community feels compelled to end child abuse and neglect – and that we all work together toward this goal."

Yeager, who holds a Master of Business

Administration degree from Northwood University and a bachelor's degree in clinical/community psychology from The University of Michigan-Flint, served the CAN Council in public awareness and donor relations roles from 2012 to 2016 before becoming president and CEO of the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum in Saginaw for two and a half years. She rejoined the CAN Council in September 2018 to lead the CASA program, which places highly trained volunteers as advocates who serve as the voice for children who are in the court system due to abuse and neglect. Yeager was a CASA volunteer herself from 2003 to 2008.

"We are excited to have Emily Yeager take over leadership of the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region and help us write the next chapter of this great organization," said CAN Council Board of Directors Chairman Don Gaertner, who also chaired the six-person search committee that recommended Yeager's hiring. "Emily's proven leadership and demonstrated belief in our mission will serve our organization well."

The CAN Council president/CEO is accountable to board, staff, stakeholders and the community in maintaining the integrity of the organization's mission of building communities where children are free from abuse and neglect, as well as driving the organization's outcomes. The president/CEO leads the CAN Council's strategic planning process; implements and sustains strategic initiatives; identifies emerging trends and recommends new initiatives that will accelerate growth to accomplish the mission; and works closely with board members and across all programs to establish plans, deliverables and measurable objectives. In this role, Yeager will report to the Board of Directors and will be responsible for directing the professional development and performance management of the CAN Council's program directors.

"I am excited for and extremely proud of Emily; her hiring as president/CEO is great news for the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region," Greenberg said. "Emily is passionate, energetic, and dedicated to the organization and its mission. With her progressive experience from the program level to the administrative level, she has exactly what it takes to be highly successful – as well as the ability to inspire those around her as she leads the CAN Council into its next 40 years."

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Livestrong at the YMCA



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As part of the Y's commitment to provide services "for all" in the community they once again are expanding their program offerings to impact the health of many through Evidence Based Health Initiative Programs: Blood Pressure Self Monitoring, LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, and Healthy Weight and Your Child.

According to the American Heart Association, nearly 80 million adults have high blood pressure in this country. Less than half have it under control. "I feel that this program has helped so many to realize how important having a normal blood pressure is. As a result of my participation in the program, I am making better eating choices and I have lowered my blood pressure drastically. I have been told I may be able to come off my medication as soon as within six weeks if this type of progress continues." –Participant from the Birmingham Metropolitan YMCA.

The LIVESTRONG foundation has been the YMCA's partner since 2007 in developing

and delivering LIVESTRONG at the YMCA. "You go to work for your paycheck. You go to LIVESTRONG at the YMCA for your life!" – Participant from the Hockomack Area YMCA.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the prevalence of obesity in youth has remained stable at about 17 percent and affects about 12.7 million children and adolescents. Today, obesity affects one in six children and one in three are overweight, which poses greater risks for many health problems such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and some cancers. In Michigan 32 percent of all children are considered overweight or obese.

"For years parents have heard the dangers of childhood obesity but making the necessary lifestyle changes—as a family—remains the biggest barrier to real progress," said Tina Swanton, Lead Program Director, YMCA of Saginaw. "It is time to overcome that barrier."

The Healthy Weight and Your Child program is currently in about 100 YMCA's across the country. There have been 1,666 children enrolled and 81% of those children have reduced their BMI.

The YMCA is excited to say that although we are offering these wonderful programs we are not and cannot do this alone. We have wonderful community partners, such as CMU School of Medicine and MiHIA, working with us to better the health and lives of those in our community.

CMU Health provides primary and specialty health care services throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. Its more than 60 faculty-physicians are involved in the education of CMU medical students and residents, and care for patients. "We at CMU Health recognize the impact well-structured exercise can have on the health of our patients and the greater community," says Evan Paulus, Operations Director for CMU Health. "It is in this light that we encourage participation in local health and wellness programs. Our many health care providers in the Great Lakes Bay Region are delighted to partner with the Saginaw YMCA and are excited to offer this benefit to patients of all ages."

The Michigan Health Improvement Alliance (MiHIA) has been focused on improving population health as one of their four aims since 2007. In 2015 MiHIA set the foundation for a regional implementation of the Diabetes Prevention Program, creating the infrastructure for now more than 35+ Lifestyle Coaches to provide the program throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. Building on this momentum, in 2016 MiHIA led the Million Hearts initiative focusing on improving hypertension and controlling high blood pressure with Great Lakes Bay Health Center and St. Mary's of Michigan – Saginaw. Recently MiHIA expanded their focus to incorporate obesity reduction for Youth through a 16-week virtual program called KURBO. "MiHIA is always looking for ways to collaborate with clinical and non-clinical partners to improve the health and well-being of our region. We are excited to join forces with the YMCA of Saginaw to produce great impact for our communities." B. Roszatycki, CEO, MiHIA

We would like to invite you to a press conference on March 15th at 10:00am at the YMCA of Saginaw to meet all of the partners, learn more about the new programming coming to our community. One of the speakers will be Michael Webster, Saginaw County Commissioner Chair of District 11.

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Saginaw workers will now be able to travel to the many more employers in that area including Fed Ex, Means, Michigan CAT, McDonalds, Kenworth, Wendy’s, Meekhof Tire, Wieland Sales Inc., Midway Signs, Nexteer Prototype Center, InCal Technologies and Airway Oxygen.

Schedule rides a day in advance by calling (989) 907-4040 or (989) 753-9526. Express is a first-come first-serve service.

Team One Credit Union Supports Our Nation's Heroes



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Team One is proud of our continued support of our nation’s Veterans with the donation of 7 wheelchairs to the Saginaw VA Medical Center. These wheelchairs will help transport heroes within the facility and to their vehicles. In attendance to support this donation were Senator Ken Horn, Saginaw County Sheriff Bill Federspiel and Saginaw Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Veronica Horn. Also represented from Team One Credit Union were current and former Board members Rebecca Sanchez, Jim

Flannery, Chuck Hegg, and Frank Cerny.

“The credit union learned of the need for the wheelchairs in a conversation with Jeffery Wendt, Director of Voluntary Services earlier in the year and we were very pleased to help meet this need for our nation’s heroes.”, said Gerald Hutto President/CEO of Team One.

Special thanks to Jeff Wendt and his fellow VA Hospital team members.

Saginaw Exchange Club awards Money to YMCA Veteran’s Program



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President-elect Jeff Wood recently presented Doug Adams with a \$500 check for the Veterans Program at the YMCA.

YMCA commitment is to provide Veteran specific programming and membership opportunities to address the diverse need of all who have served. 150 hours committed

annually, to supporting Veteran Service Outreach Programs. A goal of 600 YMCA Veterans and family’s members by 2020. 50 Youth of active military or Veterans in a YMCA Camp Timbers experience by 2020 and 2,000 visits by Veterans through partner programs with the Aleda Lutz VA Medical Facility and Veteran Service Organizations.

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

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SVSU Concert Choir joins Saginaw symphony, choral society for 'massive' concert



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With a strong communal spirit, Saginaw Valley State University's Concert Choir will join forces this week with The Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra and Saginaw Choral Society for a concert event presented at a grand scale.

"It's pretty massive," said Kevin Simons, director of the SVSU Concert Choir and SVSU associate professor of music. "This is probably the biggest choir I've ever worked with."

The concert, titled "Music & Voices: Saginaw Rising," is scheduled Saturday, March 30, at 8 p.m. in the Temple Theatre in downtown Saginaw. Tickets remain available online at <https://www.startickets.com/events/item/sbso-music-voices-saginaw-rising>.

Fouad Fakhouri, the music director for The Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, said he's never worked with so many musicians during a single concert.

"These types of performances don't happen often," he said. "I'm tremendously excited for this collaboration."

There are 50 students involved in SVSU's choir

and about the same number of Saginaw Choral Society musicians, he said. Simons also will perform as one of seven soloists.

Their vocals will join forces with the 70-piece Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra for an evening featuring classical pieces created by historically-celebrated musicians such as 18th century German composer Beethoven, 19th century Austrian composer Anton Bruckner and 20th century English composer Vaughan Williams.

Simons said his choir and its community companions recently began rehearsals, and the early chemistry between the groups has him excited for Saturday's event.

"The music was thrilling," said Simons.

Organizers of the event say they have hoped for such a collaboration for years.

"I've always wanted to do this," said Fakhouri, who joined The Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra in 2016. "I know Kevin quite well, and I know the choirs will be ready for this level of performance."

The concert will be an experiential thrill for students with the SVSU Concert Choir, Simons said. While the group has worked with the Saginaw Choral Society before, this will mark their first teaming with a symphony.

"I remember the first time I sang with an orchestra like that," Simons said. "It was memorable. You never forget it."

What will add to the experience is the prestige of the venue, he said. The Temple Theatre represents one of the region's most historic performing arts centers. The 1,750-seat theatre - which first opened in 1927 - features an intricate, neo-classic design reinforced by large-scale restoration work over the years.

"This is going to be a great opportunity for our students to play in the Temple and perform with people in the community," Simons said. "It will be a great day for SVSU singing, and it shows what a leader we are in the culture of this region."

Date Announced for 2019 Jazz on Jefferson



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SAGINAW, Mich. –Jazz on Jefferson, a one-night event celebrated on along the historic South Jefferson Avenue, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

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.

The event kicks off at 4:45 p.m. and 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.

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

Diocese of Saginaw Announces Partnership with Catholic Family Service for the Protection of Children

“I am announcing today the creation of a renewed framework of roles and responsibilities to address matters related to sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults for the Diocese of Saginaw,” Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, said. “I believe this new framework will assist us in strengthening our overall practices and programs for the protection of children, as well as to properly segregate responsibilities of the various roles to best serve all members of our community. This framework includes a partnership with Catholic Family Service.”

Sister Mary Judith O’Brien, RSM, Chancellor of the Diocese, is appointed the Delegate for Safe Environment, reporting to the Bishop. Sister O’Brien will oversee all aspects of program prevention of abuse which include: education and training of adults and children; the protective measures of criminal history background checks for all employees and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth; and fingerprinting for Catholic school employees and those authorized under the law. She will work closely with the Bishop and the Diocesan Review Board, a committee that advises the Bishop on specific cases of abuse and policies to ensure a safe environment for children, recommending modifications as appropriate. Further, Sister O’Brien will supervise the monitoring of ministerial standards by clergy who are on administrative leave due to allegations under investigation.

Catholic Family Service (CFS), a separately incorporated professional care provider, will now provide contract services for the diocesan Victim Assistance Program, including the services of the Victim Assistance Coordinator, who is specifically charged to assist and advocate for victims of sexual abuse by clergy. Ms. Cynthia Bublitz, LMSW, has been named the Victim Assistance Coordinator and is responsible for ongoing victim assistance and coordination of pastoral care. Ms. Bublitz is well qualified to respond to and assist victims in recovery and reconciliation; to compassionately listen, communicate and identify needs of victims and their families; and identify resources to support healing.

“It is my judgment that offering victim advocacy by a separate agency is more satisfactory to victims and better clarifies the various roles in addressing matters related to sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults,” Bishop Hurley said.

CFS will also provide education and training for the Diocese of Saginaw Safe Environment programs VIRTUS for adults and an age appropriate program for children and youth.

“We are grateful to Sister Janet Fulgenzi, OP, PhD, for the many contributions she has made to the Diocese during her generous and dedicated service here,” Bishop Hurley said. “While she decided not to transition to CFS, we recognize she has gently mentored many individuals throughout her career, and demonstrated great concern for those in her care, most especially in her role in the Office of Child and Youth Protection and as Delegate for Religious. We ask for God’s blessing on Sister Fulgenzi as she continues her ministry in new areas.”

An interim Delegate for Religious will be appointed to serve the members of religious institutes throughout the Diocese.

Exciting Staff Changes for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region



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As the seasons change outside the walls of the Boys and Girls Clubs, there are also changes happening within our walls as well. Just like the arrival of spring signals a time of new beginning, we are pleased to announce the arrival of our new CEO and Board President who see this as a time of energy and vigor.

A new leader brings new ideas. She or he offers a new vision. They may even help the organization imagine better ways to remain relevant and thrive in the future.

Nancy Davis - Board President

Nancy Davis is the Vice President of Lending at Team One Credit Union. She will be serving a two year term as the Board President. Nancy has found her passion for youth after having four children of her own. She joined our Board of Directors back in 2015 hoping to make an impact on the youth of our communities.

"I have a passion for kids and helping make sure youth have a safe environment to become productive adults. The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region is doing just that and I couldn't have picked a better organization to be a part of!"

Mackenzie Kastl - CEO

Mackenzie Kastl is a communications professional with a background of experience in strategic initiatives, public relations, and marketing. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Michigan State University and completed graduate work at Central Michigan University. Born and raised in Mid-Michigan, Mackenzie has served in Young Leaders United through United Way in Midland County. She is also a member of the Detroit Economic Club's Young Leaders and the Public Relations Society of America.

Mackenzie is the middle child of three and both of her brothers serve in the military. Growing up she was taught to be disciplined and respectful, she is the "rose between two thrones." Her family structure has shaped who she is today, because, as she was a peace keeper for her brothers, she finds herself trying to keep peace in her day to day life. Mackenzie also lives on the quote her mother always tells her, "treat others the way you want to be treated." This is how Mackenzie wants to approach her new position as the CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region, but also how she approaches all situations.

Mackenzie was first drawn to the CEO position because of the Boys and Girls Clubs' impact on the community and its mission and vision: To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Mackenzie's excitement for the organization only grew stronger after meeting with the Board of Directors and seeing their passion for our organization.

Settling in as the new CEO Mackenzie is driven to grow membership within the organization. She believes in the impact of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region and believes all youth should have the opportunity to be positively impacted. Mackenzie also wants to get our story out. We are one of those "best kept secrets" and now is a great time to tell our story!



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Saginaw's Brenda Moore Receives Ambassador Award from Michigan Municipal League



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LANSING, Michigan – The Michigan Municipal League honored Saginaw Mayor Pro Tem Brenda F. Moore with its Ambassador Award for exemplary service. Moore received the recognition during the League's annual Capital Conference Awards Gala March 19 in Lansing.

The Ambassador Award is given to Michigan Municipal League members who successfully complete all four levels of the League's Elected Official Academy program. Moore is among just a handful of leaders to complete all four levels. Moore also is president of the Elected Official Academy Advisory Board and vice president of the Michigan Municipal League Board.

"Brenda has been a tremendous supporter of the League and an active participant in many League programs over the years. Accomplishing the highest level of the League's EOA program demonstrates her commitment to be the best public servant to her community and to the state," said Caro Mayor Joe Greene, vice president of the League's Elected Officials Academy Advisory Board. "This is a tremendous achievement that she has accomplished."

The goal of the Ambassador Award is to encourage and recognize the exemplary service of locally elected officials to their community, to the communities of the state of Michigan, and to the Michigan Municipal League. The Ambassador Award demonstrates

the practical application of acquired education and skills and requires a portfolio of achievement reviewed by the Elected Officials Academy board.

"Reaching the highest level of the League's Elected Officials Academy has been a long-time goal of mine," Moore said. "It's a lot of work, but it's definitely been worth it as the training and knowledge I've received over the years has made me a better public servant for my community and state."

About the Ambassador Award: The Ambassador Award demonstrates the practical application of acquired education and skills.

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SPORTS

Ryan Brady Named Head Coach of Saginaw Valley State University Football Program



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Head Football Coach
RYAN BRADY



"Coach Brady emerged as our clear choice at the end of a highly competitive selection process, in which we had several strong candidates, so we are extremely pleased," stated director of athletics John Decker. "Ryan brings the entire package in terms of what we were seeking for a head coach to lead our program, and Cardinal supporters everywhere should be very excited about the future of SVSU football."

Prior to Ferris State, Brady coached at Grand Rapids Community College from 2009-2011 as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. The Raiders posted a 30-4 overall record in the three seasons and had the highest scoring offense in the nation all three years.

His collegiate football career saw Brady play quarterback at Grand Valley State University, leading the Lakers to a national title game appearance in 2001 and winning a national championship with the 2002 squad. Brady served as the Lakers' quarterbacks coach on their '03 championship squad before going to Muskegon High School as a strength and conditioning coach in 2004.

He served as the head freshman coach at Chesaning High School in 2005 and then took over as the offensive coordinator and QB coach at Montrose High School in 2006.

Brady moved on to become head coach at Perry High School in 2008 before joining the staff as quarterbacks coach at Grand Rapids Community College in 2009.

In high school, Brady led Chesaning to a state football championship as the school's signal caller in 1998 and was a first-team all-state honoree.

He holds a master's degree in educational leadership from SVSU and a bachelor's degree in professional instruction from GVSU.

A news conference to introduce Coach Brady is planned for Monday, Mar. 25.

UNIVERSITY CENTER – Saginaw Valley State University Director of Athletics John Decker has announced that Ryan Brady has been named the seventh head coach of SVSU Football. Brady comes to Saginaw Valley after serving as the co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Ferris State University.

"I want to thank President Bachand, the Board, John Decker, Angela Pohl, the Committee, and everyone who was involved in the process," said Brady. "I cannot express how excited and honored I am to be the Head Football Coach of Saginaw Valley State University. I look forward to meeting my new players, putting together an outstanding staff and to begin focusing our efforts on spring football. I want Cardinal fans to know it will be our mission to give Saginaw Valley State University a football program that everyone can be proud of. I am eager and excited to get to work!"

At Ferris State, Brady has helped lead the Bulldogs to three GLIAC championships and five straight NCAA Division II Playoff berths in the past five seasons. Ferris State advanced to the national quarterfinals each of the past three seasons, semifinals twice and competed in the 2018 NCAA Division II National Championship game this

past fall. FSU compiled three undefeated regular seasons and an overall mark of 75-15 with Brady on staff since the 2012 campaign.

"I thank all my supporters who reached out on my behalf," Brady added. "The spirit and enthusiasm that has been demonstrated to myself and my family has been unbelievable. My wife Jessica, daughter Isabelle, and I feel blessed to come home to Saginaw and reconnect with family, friends and the community. Also, I would like to thank Coach Tony Annese, the staff, and the players at Ferris State for an incredible seven years. I love you all!"

A Chesaning native, Brady began his tenure with the Bulldogs in the 2012-2013 seasons as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, helping two-time Harlon Hill Award winner Jason Vander Laan to GLIAC Freshman of the Year and All-GLIAC honors. He has spent four of the past five seasons on the defensive side as the Co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach, leading Ferris State to an overall record of 48-5 with him at the helm of the defense. In the 2016 season, Brady served as the offensive coordinator, offensive line and tight ends coach, helping lead FSU to the playoffs and a national semifinals appearance.

Spirit take Game One in comeback win over Sting

Saginaw, MI – The Saginaw Spirit took game-one of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) playoffs’ Western Conference Quarter-Final series Thursday evening, 6-3 against the Sarnia Sting.

The Spirit recovered from a sluggish start to score six times in the last two periods.

Arizona Coyotes prospect Ivan Prosvetov made 34 saves for the victory in his OHL post-season debut.

2017 Florida Panthers first round pick Owen Tippett collected first-star honors with three points.

March’s OHL goaltender of the month Ivan Prosvetov was tested early and often in the first period. Sarnia controlled most of the play in the first frame and the Spirit net-minder had to make several big saves.

The Sting’s Hugo Leufvenius opened the scoring 4:41 into the first period of play. Overager Franco Sproviero slid a puck to the left face-off circle for Leufvenius to one-time into the Spirit net.

Leufvenius led all Sarnia players with 37 goals and 81 points in the regular season.

Arizona Coyotes fourth round pick Prosvetov came up big for the Spirit after the Sting was given a long five-on-three man-power advantage.

The Russian goaltender stopped point shots from defenseman Nick Grima and Vancouver Canucks signee Mitch Eliot to help kill a huge power play.

The Spirit’s best scoring chance in the first period came shorthanded on a two-on-one rush. Detroit Red Wings prospect Brady Gilmour sent a nice saucer pass over to 2019 NHL Draft prospect Nicholas Porco. Porco’s wrist shot from the right face-off beat Sarnia net-minder Ethan Langevin but clanked off the post.

The Sting took a two-goal lead with three seconds remaining in the opening frame with Leufvenius’ second goal of the game. Sproviero pass from behind the net set up the Sarnia left-winger in the slot for the tip-in goal.

Saginaw struggled to get momentum in the first period and the Sting outshot the Spirit, 14-2 in the first 20 minutes.

The Spirit opened the second period with a flurry of scoring chances.

Jackson, Michigan native Blade Jenkins put Saginaw on the goal with his first career OHL playoff goal. New York Islander’s second round pick Bode Wilde’s pass deflected off Gilmour’s skate right on to Jenkins’ stick in the slot. Jenkins deked around Langevin and slid the puck into the open net.

2018 New York Islanders fifth round pick Jenkins notched his first career OHL playoffs goal on the play. The Spirit center had three assists in four career post-season games.

Two Saginaw rookies combined to bring the Spirit even just under two minutes later. Regular season OHL rookie scoring leader Cole Perfetti’s nice lead pass sprung right-winger Ethan Cardwell on a breakaway.

Cardwell sped into the Sarnia zone and sent a wrist shot through the Sting net-minder’s five-hole for his first career OHL playoff tally.

Saginaw’s third goal came just 15 seconds later with a nice wrist shot from 2017 Florida Panthers 10th overall pick Owen Tippett.

Edmonton Oilers prospect Ryan McLeod sent a pass from the corner over to Tippett in the left face-off dot. The Spirit right-winger sniped a shot top-corner for his 15th career OHL playoff goal.

The Spirit notched three goals in just 2:02 to take their first lead of the game.

Penalties remained an issue for the Spirit in the second frame. Prosvetov’s continued strong play helped Saginaw kill all three of Sarnia’s second period man-power advantages.

Saginaw took a one-goal lead into the third period despite being outshot through two periods, 28-10.

The Spirit took a two-goal lead just over six minutes into the

third period on the man-power advantage with Perfetti’s first career OHL post-season goal.

McLeod sent a perfect cross ice pass over to the Saginaw rookie in the left face-off circle. Perfetti sniped a wrist shot top-shelf on the short-side.

The Sting’s Grima answered just 22 seconds later to make it a one-goal game again. Leufvenius found the Sarnia defenseman in the slot and Grima beat Prosvetov with a backhand.

Saginaw got the goal back with just over seven minutes remaining in regulation on a great individual effort by Wilde. The Spirit defenseman deked around two Sarnia defenders and popped a snap shot through Langevin’s five-hole for the goal.

The Spirit added an empty-net tally with Tippett’s second goal of the game with a shot from the neutral zone to make it a 6-3 game.

Applebee’s Three Stars of the Game:

1. Owen Tippett(SAG) 2G, A
2. Hugo Leufvenius (SAR) 2G, A
3. Bode Wilde(SAG) G, A

Game two of the first-round match-up between Saginaw and Sarnia is Saturday, March 23 at The Dow Event Center. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. as the Spirit will attempt to take a first-round two-game lead.

Watch live on OHLLive.com or listen live on the flagship WSGW 100.5 FM Talk and Sports and fntalk1005.com with the voice of the Saginaw Spirit Joey Battaino and Dennis Desrosiers on the call. “Countdown to Faceoff” with host Domenic Papa starts 15 minutes prior to puck drop.

To purchase tickets to any Saginaw Spirit home game call (989) 497-7747, visit saginawspirit.com, or by visiting the Saginaw Spirit Store at 5789 State Street, Saginaw, MI.



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Saginaw Spirit and Great Lakes Loons will Partner on 'Hockey Night'

MIDLAND, Mich. - Just a few years before the Great Lakes Loons were born in 2007, the Spirit came to Saginaw in 2002. There was the instant connection that both franchises provide professional sports and family entertainment to the region throughout the entire year. Many Loons fans also frequent The Dow Event Center during the hockey season to see the NHL's stars of tomorrow.

In 2019, the teams will become more closely tied than they ever have before. For the penultimate home game of the regular season on Thursday, August 29, the Loons will host Hockey Night with the Saginaw Spirit.

"The Loons are excited to expand our relationship with a terrific community partner in the Saginaw Spirit," Chief Revenue Officer Chris Mundhenk said. "Our organizations have been aligned with our efforts since the Loons came to the region over a decade ago and look forward to launching fresh, new initiatives for both our fan bases to enjoy."

With the season winding down for the Los Angeles Dodgers prospects, the 2019-20 Spirit roster will just be arriving in Saginaw to prepare for the upcoming season. As in past years, many of the players will be at the game that night to interact with fans, sign autographs, throw out first pitches and participate in on-field promotions.

But, the Loons will be taking it one step further by donning brand new, one-of-a-kind jerseys that have the look and color scheme of a Spirit hockey sweater, but featuring the Loons logo on the front. Those jerseys will then also be auctioned off during the game.

Fans can expect the ballpark to feel a little more like an arena that night, just without the ice.

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PICS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Saginaw High School for winning Best Performance against Hemlock High School during Saginaw County Law Day. SHS lawyers included My'Eisha Lee, Dy'terres Lindsey, and Cameron Williams for the defense. Senethea Frazier, Deont'anay DeGroat, Dakendric Goodman, and Armonn Goods were witnesses. Additionally, Michiele Boone, Havien Gibson, Anita Johnson, and Jamontae York served as jurors.





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