

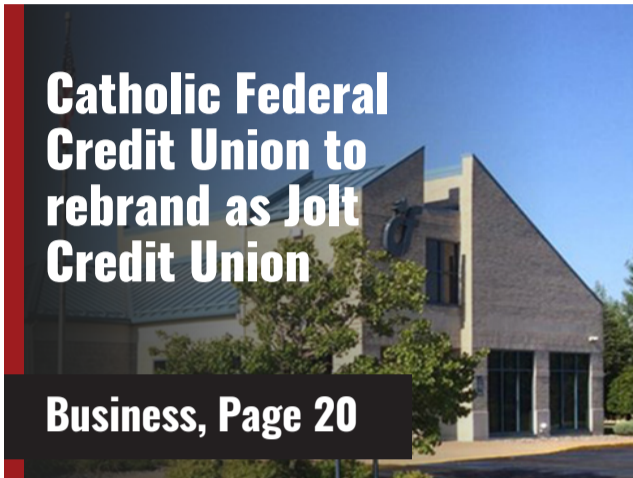
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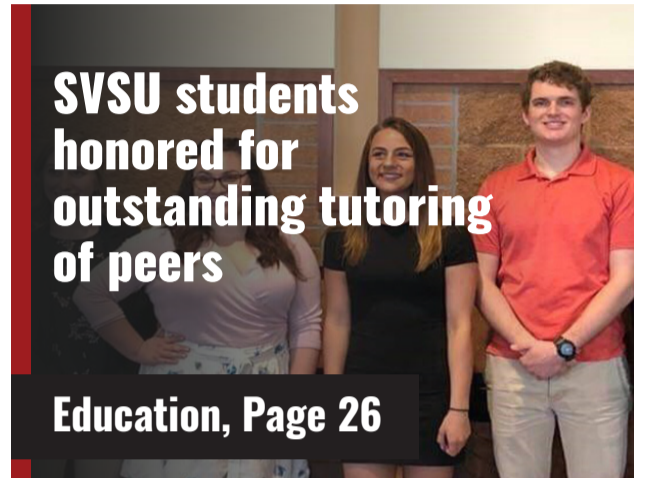

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## Federal judge and civil rights icon Damon Keith dies at age 96



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Damon J. Keith, the federal judge whose rulings in several high-profile cases catapulted him to the status of national civil rights icon, died on Sunday, April 28 at the age of 96.

Keith was born and grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where he graduated from Northwestern High School in 1939. Keith then moved on to West Virginia State College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He then attended Howard University School of Law where he received

a Bachelor of Laws in 1949, and Wayne State University Law School where he received a Master of Laws in 1956. He was in the private practice of law in Detroit from 1950 to 1967. He was an attorney in the Office of the Friend of the Court in Detroit from 1951 to 1955. In 1964 Keith was elected co-chair of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission with John Feikens and was a key player in the tumultuous times following the Detroit race riots.

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*Pictured: Supreme Court Justice Otis M. Smith, Damon J. Keith, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin, 1965. (WSU Press)*

Keith married Rachel Boone in 1953 and they had three daughters. Rachel died on January 4, 2007.

### Federal judicial service

At the suggestion of United States Senator Philip Hart, Keith was nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 25, 1967, to a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan vacated by Judge Thomas Patrick Thornton. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on October 12, 1967, and received his commission the same day. He served as Chief Judge from 1975 to 1977. His service was terminated on November 22, 1977, due to his elevation to the Sixth Circuit.

Keith was nominated by President Jimmy Carter on September 28, 1977, to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit vacated by Judge Wade H. McCree. He was confirmed by the Senate on October 20, 1977, and received his commission on October 21, 1977. He was a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States from

1975 to 1978. He assumed senior status on May 1, 1995.

### Memberships and honors

In 1974, Keith was awarded the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP. Keith is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. In 2008, Keith received an honorary doctorate in law (Legum Doctor) from Harvard University.

### Notable cases

In *United States v. Sinclair* (1971), Keith famously ruled that Nixon's Attorney General John N. Mitchell had to disclose the transcripts of illegal wiretaps that Mitchell had authorized without first obtaining a search warrant. Keith's decision was upheld by the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's landmark decision in *United States v. U.S. District Court* (1972) (also known as "the Keith case") contributed in 1978 to president Jimmy Carter signing the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). That

decision is commemorated as a "Michigan Legal Milestone" called "the Uninvited Ear" and erected by the State Bar of Michigan.

In *Detroit Free Press v. Ashcroft* (2002), Keith, writing for a unanimous panel of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, found that absolute closure of deportation hearings in "special interest" cases was unconstitutional. Under the authorization of Attorney General John Ashcroft, Chief Immigration Judge Michael Creppy told all immigration judges to close to the public and media all hearings associated with immigration that were thought to be related to September 11 investigation. These cases were advised to be handled in seclusion, "closed off from the public", and were held in special interest of national security. Officials terminated public records of the case and removed them from the court's docket. This rule of closed deportation hearings became known as the "Creppy directive". Members of the press and public filed two of the cases challenging the Government's closure of removal proceedings. The plaintiffs in those cases are (1) the Detroit Free Press, Inc. and Herald Co., Inc. (d/b/a the Ann Arbor News) (the "free press plaintiffs") and (2) the Detroit News, Inc., Congressman John Conyers, Jr., and Metro Times, Inc. (the "Detroit News plaintiffs"); the two are collectively the "newspaper plaintiffs". The third case, filed by the ACLU of Michigan representing Rabih Haddad ("Haddad"), one of the men against whom the government had instituted removal proceedings stated that Haddad, a native of Lebanon, resided in Ann Arbor, Michigan, off and on since 1988. Haddad came to the United States in 1998 on six-month tourist visas. On December 14, 2001, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service ("INS") took Haddad into custody for overstaying his visa and initiated removal proceedings in Detroit before Immigration Judge Elizabeth Hacker.

Keith donated his personal papers to the Walter P. Reuther Library in 1994. The materials come from milestones in his career, including his precedent-setting judicial decisions, his commitment to equality for all in the American justice system, and the many forms of recognition he received for his dedication to civil rights and Detroit.

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# John Singleton, creator of 'Boyz N the Hood,' dies at 51



(AP Photo/Nick Ut)

John Daniel Singleton, famed film director, died on April 29, 2019 at the age of 51 after suffering from a stroke.

Singleton was best known for directing *Boyz n the Hood* (1991), for which he was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Director, becoming, at age 24, the first African American and youngest person to have ever been nominated for that award. Singleton was a native of South Los Angeles, and many of his films, such as *Poetic Justice* (1993), *Higher Learning* (1995), and *Baby Boy* (2001), had themes which resonated with the contemporary urban population. He also directed the drama *Rosewood* (1997) and the action films *Shaft* (2000), *2 Fast 2 Furious* (2003), and *Four Brothers* (2005). He co-created the television

crime drama *Snowfall*.

Singleton was born in Los Angeles, the son of Sheila Ward-Johnson, a pharmaceutical company sales executive, and Danny Singleton, a real estate agent, mortgage broker, and financial planner. He attended Blair High School, Pasadena City College and the USC School of Cinematic Arts. He graduated from USC in 1990, and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Singleton had considered pursuing computer science, but enrolled in USC's Filmic Writing program under Margaret Mehring. The program was designed to take students directly into the Hollywood system as proficient writer/directors. He cited the

original *Star Wars* film as one of his strongest influences, and the work of Steven Spielberg as a source of inspiration.

Singleton's film debut *Boyz n the Hood* (1991), an inner city drama starring Cuba Gooding, Jr., Angela Bassett, Ice Cube, and Laurence Fishburne, was both a critical and commercial success. For his efforts, Singleton received Academy Award nominations for Best Original Screenplay and Best Director. The film has since attained classic status and, in 2002, the United States Library of Congress deemed the film "culturally significant" and selected it for preservation in the National Film Registry.

His directing ability led to the VFX-driven "Remember the Time" music video for Michael Jackson, which featured Eddie Murphy, Iman and Magic Johnson. His next films were *Poetic Justice* (1993) and *Higher Learning* (1995), which were similarly socially conscious and received mixed to positive reviews.[citation needed]

The film *Rosewood* (1997), Singleton's historical drama about racial violence, was entered into the 47th Berlin International Film Festival. Both this film and *Baby Boy* (2001) received very positive reviews and helped establish Singleton's critical reputation. Additionally, his adaptation of *Shaft* (2000), starring Samuel L. Jackson in the title role, was successful critically and commercially.

Singleton later turned to directing action films, such as *2 Fast 2 Furious* (2003) and *Four Brothers* (2005), which received mixed reviews. In 2005, Singleton teamed with Craig Brewer and financed the independent film *Hustle and Flow*, once it was clear that most other major backers would not clear it for release.

It was announced in 2013 that Singleton was attached as director of a Tupac Shakur biography film. On April 3, 2015, Singleton reported that production was put on hold. Four days later, it was announced that following creative differences with Morgan Creek Productions, Singleton had stepped down as director, and was replaced by Carl Franklin. Singleton also stated he was planning on making a competing film about Tupac.

After directing episodes of the critically acclaimed TV shows *Empire* and *American Crime Story*, he served as an executive producer of the crime drama series *Rebel* for BET and co-created *Snowfall* for FX.

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# How the Disappearance of Immigrant Workers Created a Movement in a County That Voted for Trump

Written by Dori Cahn



Left to right, Ann Reeves, Sandy Nielson, and Stephanie Serrano of Pacific County Immigrant Support. Photo by Dori Cahn.

Pacific County, in rural southwest Washington state, has the uncommon beauty of expansive coastal beaches and the spreading arms of Willapa Bay. Tidal sloughs, free-flowing rivers, and abundant wildlife provide a rich environment for shellfish beds and cranberry bogs, making Willapa Bay the largest producer of farmed shellfish in the U.S. The bay is nearly separated from the Pacific Ocean by the Long Beach peninsula, home to a thriving beachfront tourist economy. These industries are vital to the county's economic health.

And they have all also grown to depend on immigrant workers.

The first wave, originally from Mexico, came in the late 1980s, many gaining legal status under Reagan's 1986 amnesty program. Their numbers grew over the next two decades, stabilizing about 10 years ago. "There was a real thriving, really dynamic and unique immigrant community here," says Erin Glenn, former director of Migrant/Bilingual programs for the Ocean Beach school district.

The small towns along the coast and Willapa Bay easily absorbed the families into their local communities. And workers became skilled at setting out lines of oyster seedlings, navigating tides to dredge shellfish beds and mastering the delicate

work of flooding cranberry bogs for harvest. Local employers relied on their experience.

Then, about two years ago, they began to disappear.

Immigrants were being picked up at work, or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers were showing up at their homes, as the Trump administration stepped up immigration enforcement. Fear spread among local immigrants who had been made to feel safe and welcomed.

Pacific County had just voted for a Republican presidential candidate—one who was elected on a platform of anti-immigrant rhetoric—for the first time since it went for Dwight D. Eisenhower more than 60 years ago.

And if locals were hoping that Trump would create jobs to offset the region's declining timber industry, they instead got immigration policies that eroded the industries that are still thriving.

Ann Reeves, a local activist who organized a workshop to help employers learn how to protect their workforce in the face of ICE raids, recalls one shellfish company owner who began losing thousands of dollars a day when ICE arrested three of his best employees. Another was considering closing down because he, too, had lost too many workers, she says.

Reeves got involved in the issue when she was organizing an ACLU People Power group early in 2017, and learned that Glenn was looking for others to help families disrupted by arrests.

A fourth-generation resident of the Long Beach peninsula, whose family owns a historic cranberry farm there, Glenn had watched the community grow and change over the years. She personally knew 30 people at that point who had been arrested



by ICE and was doing her best to help them.

Together the women created a rough framework to help support those facing deportation, providing transportation and accompaniment to court hearings and letters of support for their cases. Their work attracted people from surrounding communities who were looking for ways to fight back against the administration's hateful policies.

And it got a boost when a series of stories in the local newspaper showed that people being arrested and deported had strong ties to the community. They were neighbors, not the ugly labels the president had used.

The organization evolved into a formal nonprofit now called Pacific County Immigrant Support. They know of nearly 100 arrests but acknowledge that there could be many more they have not heard about.

Some volunteers work actively with affected families, or put on workshops to help community members and employers understand their rights in such circumstances. Others help raise funds, lobby legislators, organize public protests, or buy Christmas presents for children whose parents have been detained or deported. Immigrant support members have also met with local law enforcement to discourage their cooperation with ICE, an ongoing problem that has broken the community's trust.

Sandy Nielson, who volunteers with the immigrant support group as a family advocate, began to learn more about the community after befriending her neighbors, Miguel and Maria and their three children. The retired teacher became part of their wide circle of friends and family who gathered each weekend for volleyball games at Miguel and Maria's home.

In fact, they had been there, in the kitchen, joking about how Miguel could "get his papers" a few weeks before ICE came knocking at the couple's door in spring 2017.

"It was a Thursday morning, there were a couple of men standing there. They asked for a name that neither Maria nor Miguel

recognized," Nielson says. They took Miguel instead.

Miguel had been a crew chief at a seafood company, and his detention and eventual deportation left his family struggling. The group raises money to help families like Miguel's when a breadwinner is taken. "In the early stages we'd just pass a hat at meetings," Reeves says. "People really care about their neighbors and want to help. That's what gives me hope."

As the support group's main organizer, Stephanie Serrano does everything from coordinating with local allies and organizing fundraisers, to meeting with families soon after someone has been arrested to help them plan their next steps.

Recently, she helped Claudia's husband find a lawyer after he and two co-workers were arrested as they left work at a shellfish cannery in September 2018. Then she went with a local council member into the cannery's office to ask why the company hadn't sent anyone to the group's workshop on employers' rights. They got no response.

Because her family's situation is precarious, Claudia did not want her real name used in this article. She had crossed the border twice. The first time she nearly died during three days walking in the desert; the second time, traveling with her husband, they were robbed at gunpoint by accomplices of the coyote guiding them.

They'd come from Michoacán, an area rife with drug cartels and violence. A few years ago, her husband's sister was taken from the family's house there. The family was warned not to look for her, and they never saw her again. "In Mexico, nobody sees anything," Claudia said. "They come to your house and take your kids or take you; next day, nobody knows anything," she says. "She left two kids; my mother-in-law is taking care of them."

Claudia's husband hopes to get his deportation order waived on the basis of their three U.S.-born children. She doesn't know what she would do if he is deported. "We are a really close family," she said. "It will be a really hard decision. We have to be together."

Her husband had admitted to ICE when he was arrested that he wasn't authorized to work in the U.S. He didn't know he had the right not to answer their questions. "Your silence is your best protection," Serrano tells her.

Several of the immigrants helped by the support group are now volunteering as interpreters and serving in other support roles—building bridges between the organization and the Latino community.

One of them is Mario Rodriguez, an educator who worked with Glenn for 12 years in the school district's Migrant/Bilingual program. He has been active in the community since he came to the peninsula, volunteering to interpret in hospitals and helping at community events. Everybody knew him.

That's why his arrest in July 2017 was so shocking. Rodriguez had stopped at the post office to check for a package and was getting out of his truck when ICE officers approached him. His arrest stunned even supporters of Trump's harsh anti-immigrant policies. "The outrage in this community when they took Mario was unbelievable," Serrano says. "Everybody was like, 'Mario? Of all the people! No way!'"

Rodriguez filed for asylum and his case is moving through the immigration system. "At first I said, I will fight until the last minute," Rodriguez says. "But now that it's a long time, it's a nightmare."

He's channeling his energy into volunteering with the immigrant support group to help families going through similar experiences with ICE, and interpreting for the group's advocates and lawyers. Grateful for all the support he has received from them, he recently joined the group's board.

"I have ups and downs," he says. "[But] I don't want to regret in the future that I didn't fight."

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If reading the above leaves you feeling overwhelmed or intimidated, take a deep breath. You don't need to know everything and do everything to be successful. What you need is exposure to trends, emerging technology, and best practices so that you can make decisions and take actions that are appropriate for your organization.

We believe that all people associated with nonprofits and fundraising should invest time in professional development to learn more about best practices, trends, and the diversity and sophistication of today's donors.

We encourage nonprofits to make fundraising-related professional development part of their operation. Investing time and money in people at all levels of your organization can help your nonprofit stay current, increase its impact, and sustain the edge needed to be successful. Training is more accessible than

ever before. Consider webinars, conferences, workshops, coaching, newsletters, blogs, use of consultants, internships (and externships), participation in professional associations, and good old fashioned books. These are all ways to increase individual knowledge and collective ability.

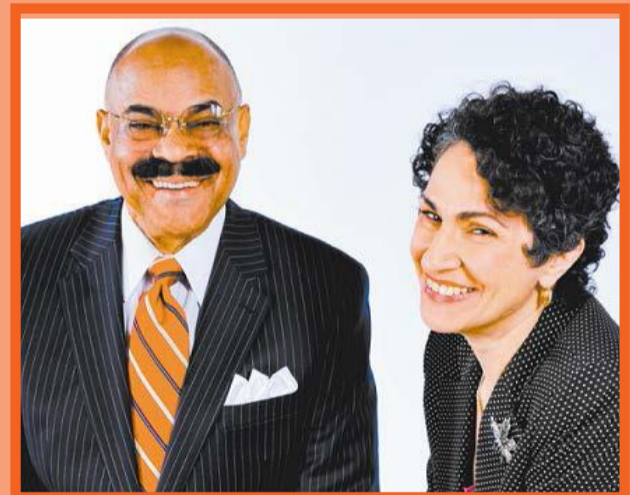
The traditional model of sending people to a conference can be expensive. But today everyone can gather around a screen to watch a webinar and discuss. We say "everyone" because we know there are very few organizations who can depend solely on development staff and board members to secure the funding and resources they need. There are others within your organization who can play a role if you welcome their involvement.

For staff and board members who do have the opportunity to participate in professional development, we recommend a program of shared learning. Here's what we mean: after attending a workshop or conference, the participant should come back and share what they have learned with the rest of the organization. Time should be scheduled for a group "debrief" from the person who attended the training. The person who attended the training should prepare five to ten minutes of remarks and share any printed or online materials that

were distributed. A debrief can be focused on the following: Three key points of the training; one or two things we can do differently; how our nonprofit can benefit from the information shared at the training. Be sure to include a Q&A session for full participation.

Invest in continuous learning – your organization and the people you serve and advocate for are worth it.

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# HEALTH

## May is Hepatitis Awareness Month

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May is Hepatitis Awareness Month and May 19<sup>th</sup> is national Hepatitis Testing Day in the United States. Millions of Americans have chronic viral hepatitis and most of them do not know they are infected. Hepatitis Testing Day is an opportunity to remind health care providers and the public who should be tested for viral hepatitis.

### Four Things You Should Know About Viral Hepatitis:

**Hepatitis A, hepatitis B and hepatitis C are all different diseases.**

Each type of hepatitis is caused by a different virus and spread in different ways. Hepatitis A does not cause a long-term infection, although it can make people very sick. Hepatitis B and hepatitis C can become chronic, life-long infections and lead to serious health problems.

- Hepatitis A is easily prevented with a safe and effective vaccine. In recent years, widespread outbreaks of hepatitis A have been occurring across the US.

- The hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for all infants at birth and adults at risk, but many people were infected before the vaccine was widely available.
- Treatments are available that can cure hepatitis C. As little as one pill a day can cure hepatitis C within 8 to 12 weeks.

### Chronic hepatitis is a leading cause of liver cancer.

Chronic hepatitis B and C can cause serious damage to the liver, including liver damage, cirrhosis, and even liver cancer. In fact, more than 60 percent of liver cancer cases are related to hepatitis B or C.

### Most people with chronic hepatitis do not know they are infected.

There are an estimated 2.4 million people living with hepatitis C and 862,000 people living with hepatitis B in the United States, but most do not know they are infected. Many people live with chronic hepatitis for decades without symptoms or feeling sick.

### Getting tested could save your life.

Lifesaving treatments for chronic hepatitis B can slow down liver damage and new treatments are available that can cure hepatitis C. Still, getting tested is the only way to know if you are infected. Take CDC's Hepatitis Risk Assessment to see if you should be tested for viral hepatitis.



# Oak Street Health to Expand into Flint, Michigan to Deliver Quality Healthcare in Partnership with Health Alliance Plan

Oak Street Health, a network of centers that provide innovative primary care services to Medicare recipients, will bring a uniquely holistic healthcare option to Flint, Michigan with two centers in 2019. Through a continued partnership with Health Alliance Plan (HAP), Oak Street Health will support Medicare beneficiaries in Genesee County with a more personal, equitable and accountable approach to healthcare.

"Oak Street Health's expansion into Flint is deeply meaningful to all of us. Flint has dealt with a series of municipal and economic challenges that have deeply affected its most important asset - the local community," said Rafe Petty, Division President of Michigan for Oak Street Health. "Our centers will bring jobs to where they are needed most and give residents reliable access to primary care and other health care services. We're excited to extend our partnership with HAP to improve the lives of adults on Medicare in Flint."

## A Community-Based Approach to Healthcare

Ranked 82 out of 83 Michigan counties for overall health outcomes, Flint has made effective care delivery for the aging population and healthcare access a top priority, according to The Joint Flint Health System's Community Health Needs Assessment.

Oak Street Health will address many of the community's unmet needs, including mental health, food insecurity and access to care for the aging population. The company offers a 24-7 support line for patients, and its care teams typically spend 20 - 40 minutes per patient visit, twice the industry average. To improve accessibility to care, Oak Street Health offers complimentary transportation to and from appointments, as well as supplemental in-center services such as podiatry, pharmacy and behavioral health support.

Combined, these services have reduced hospital admissions by 44 percent and emergency room visits by 46 percent, which will provide major cost savings for Genesee County, where emergency room visits are 43 percent higher than the national average.

## Bringing Jobs to Flint

Oak Street Health puts a strong emphasis on



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creating jobs in the communities in which it operates and will bring new opportunities for employment in Flint. Throughout the next year, the company will bring close to 50 new jobs to the Flint community, where the unemployment rate is currently more than 50 percent higher than the national average, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. By hiring from the local community, Oak Street Health patients gain a more personalized level of care from people they know and trust - most of whom live near the center at which they work.

"We're thrilled to continue working with Oak Street Health and expand access to our Medicare Advantage network in Flint to ensure our members receive the high-quality, affordable healthcare they deserve," said Dr. Michael Genord, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for HAP. "There is a deep need here for a community-driven

support system that meets residents' needs inside and outside the doctor's office. We look forward to working together to change the lives of Medicare beneficiaries in Flint."

Oak Street Health's first center in Flint will be in the Burton neighborhood at 3525 Saginaw Road, with a second location at 102 W. Pierson Road, Flint, Mich., 48505. Oak Street Health will accept multiple health plans at these locations. Michigan is already home to five other Oak Street Health centers, located in Southgate, Hazel Park, Cherry Hill (Inkster), Jefferson Village (Detroit) and Rosedale Park (Detroit).

To learn more about Oak Street Health's value-based primary care model, visit [www.oakstreethealth.com](http://www.oakstreethealth.com).



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## Flint families can get nutritious food at mobile pantry in May



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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 May at locations throughout Flint.

All mobile food pantry sites distribute foods rich in calcium, vitamin C and iron. Food available in May will include potatoes, watermelon, apples, oranges and grapefruit. More than \$300 million has been provided to help the residents of Flint, including this initiative. Food distribution sites remain open while supplies last. May dates by location are:

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

Thursday, May 2, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, May 9, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, May 16, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, May 23, at 10 a.m.  
Thursday, May 30, at 10 a.m.

**Calvary United Methodist Church, 2111 Flushing Road.**

Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m.

**Refuge Temple, 6031 Dupont St.**

Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m.

**Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309**

**Ballenger Hwy.**

Monday, May 6, at 10 a.m.  
Monday, May 13, at 10 a.m.  
Monday, May 20, at 10 a.m.

**Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road**

Tuesday, May 7, at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 14, at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 21, at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 28, at 10 a.m.

**Salem Lutheran Church, 2610 Martin Luther King Ave.**

Wednesday, May 8, at noon

**American Muslim Community Services, 4800 S. Saginaw St.**

Saturday, May 11, at 9 a.m.

**Flint First Wesleyan Church, 3825 Davison Road.**

Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m.

**Hispanic Tech Center, 2101 Lewis St.**

Wednesday, May 15, at 10 a.m.

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

Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m.

**Second Chance Church, 5306 North St.**

Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m.

**Urban Renaissance Center, 2505 N. Chevrolet Ave.**

Tuesday, May 28, at noon.

Flint residents can also pick up free nutritional food at the three Flint Help Center locations. They are Bethel United Methodist Church, 1309 N. Ballenger Highway, open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays; Asbury United Methodist Church, 1653 Davison Road, open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Greater Holy Temple, 6702 N. Dort Highway, open Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The three help center locations 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.

This schedule is subject to change, and information about additional food distribution dates will be announced as they are scheduled. For more information or to find out about any changes in the schedule, visit the Food Bank website at [www.FBEM.org](http://www.FBEM.org) and find the updated schedule on the Mobile Pantry Distribution page, or call 810-239-4441.





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## *Janes Street Optical Department Open House*

*Date: May 17th, 2019*

*Time: 11:30am—1:30pm (ribbon cutting at 12:15)*

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*We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our newly remodeled optical department located at Great Lakes Bay Health Centers - Janes Street. We are excited to provide more optical care services to everyone throughout our Great Lakes Bay region! Stop by, say hello, and help us celebrate! Light refreshments will be provided.*



## Delta student chosen to attend national symposium



*courtesy photo*

Brooke Maguire, a Radiography student at Delta College, has been selected to participate in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) 2019 Student Leadership Development Program.

Maguire, from Essexville, will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2019 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Meeting, June 20-23, in Orlando, Florida. In addition, Maguire will attend educational courses specifically designed for students, attend the House of Delegates meetings and be assigned a professional mentor. Maguire was one of nearly 100 radiologic science students from around the country chosen to participate in the program.

“I was so pleased to see Brooke receive this recognition and have this national leadership opportunity,” said Cindy Kramer, Radiography Program Coordinator

and Associate Professor. “State and national organization involvement shows a dedication to radiography as a profession and not just a job.”

Delta College has one of the top radiography programs in the area. Last year, 100 percent of graduates passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification examination and 100 percent found jobs in their field.

The ASRT represents more than 155,000 members who perform medical imaging procedures or plan and deliver radiation therapy treatments. The Society also provides radiologic technology students with the tools, services and support they need to prepare for careers in medical imaging and radiation therapy.

## Six-Week “Healthy Weighs” Program Begins in May

MidMichigan Medical Center – West Branch will hold the next series of weight loss classes at the Medical Arts Center on Houghton Ave., in West Branch beginning at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

“Healthy Weighs” is a six-week class that helps attendees learn how to manage portion size and make healthier food choices. In addition, the program discusses how to stay active to promote weight loss and reduce serious health risks related to obesity, including: high blood pressure, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, stroke, heart disease, high triglycerides/cholesterol, gynecological disorders such as infertility/erectile dysfunction, osteoarthritis, non-alcoholic liver disease, cancer, as well as skin conditions, such as poor wound healing.

The purpose of these classes is to promote a healthy life and learn lifestyle changes that will last. Participants will be asked to commit to attend the entire six-week series, as well as a follow-up class one month later. Each class session lasts approximately 90 minutes. Participants will be weighed privately at the beginning of each class. Weights will be recorded and tracked throughout the series. Participants will also be asked to keep journals of food consumed throughout the course, to initiate some type of exercise/activity and to record the minutes of this activity on a Weight and Activity Log.

Those interested in learning more about the program may call Bev Mason, R.N., at (989) 312-2269.

Early registration is encouraged as class size is limited. The cost is \$20 for the six-week series. To register, visit [www.midmichigan.org/healthyweighs](http://www.midmichigan.org/healthyweighs) or call MidMichigan Health Line at (800) 999-3199. Those who need help paying for this series, please call MidMichigan Health Line and inquire about scholarship opportunities. 1

# Great Lakes PACE: A Team Effort



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Great Lakes PACE is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. It opened May 1, 2015 and yet many remain clueless about our services. Physical decline that comes with aging can make it unsafe for seniors to remain in their homes. Family members desire to help; yet they find that the strain is too much. Great Lakes PACE has a team waiting to offer support. We can reduce the burden on the family while helping to prevent nursing home placement.

Everyone in PACE has a medical team. This team has Doctors, Nurses, Certified Nursing Aides, a Dietitian, Activity Director, a Center Manager, a Transportation Coordinator, an Occupational and a Physical Therapist. Our medical staff addresses on call issues after hours, weekends and holidays.

If you call during the evening with an issue, we will begin to work on it right then. We are always there when you need care. This program also addresses a person's changing needs throughout their enrollment in PACE. You set your goals; we help you achieve them.

PACE is a managed care program with all Medicaid and Medicare services. Our team method does not need prior authorizations like most traditional insurances. Plans to deliver services begin once the team approves. Great Lakes PACE really is ALL-inclusive care reached by a single phone call. Whether it is in-home

care, home delivery of medications (with no prescription co-pays), Adult Day Health services or Urgent Medical Care, we are there when you need us! All Medical Services including Primary Care Physician must be through PACE.

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. (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 989-272-7610 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.

Great Lakes PACE services available in these Zip Codes:

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# BUSINESS & WEALTH

## Catholic Federal Credit Union to rebrand as Jolt Credit Union



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SAGINAW, MI – Catholic Federal Credit Union (CFCU) is changing its name and brand identity as part of a strategic initiative to be inclusive and welcoming to everyone in the community as well as reflecting the entire membership. CFCU will change its name to Jolt Credit Union and begin the transformation in June 2019.

“Our new name reflects our energy and dedication to making a difference in the lives of everyone we help and serve,” said Alan Watson, President/CEO at CFCU. “Jolt captures the essence and commitment to giving our members and community all we’ve got, every day and everywhere. These are the benefits of membership our members have come to know and expect from us and our dedication to serving our membership remains as strong as ever.”

“This is an exciting evolution for our

credit union,” said Bridget Looby Staffileno, Vice President Community Affairs at CFCU. “We have always been ‘all in’ whether it is with our members or when we are out volunteering in the community. Our vibrant new name and brand reflects who we are today and symbolizes our dynamic future of welcoming anyone to join!”

Founded in 1956, to exclusively serve Catholic parishioners and their families, the credit union membership approved in February 2019 to convert to a state charter to serve persons who live, worship, work, or attend school in Bay, Saginaw, Midland, Gratiot, Gladwin, Isabella, Clare, Arenac, Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Osceola, Wexford, Mecosta, Montcalm, Iosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon, and Missaukee counties in Michigan.





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# The Burger Bar and Tap Now Open in Flint, Michigan



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Flint has a new addition to its family of local restaurants and hang out spots. The Burger Bar and Tap officially opened its doors earlier a few months ago at 5516 Fenton Road.

The Burger Bar and Tap is taking a new approach to the gourmet burger joint with a proprietary blend of one part brisket, one part beef, and one part proprietary beef blend burgers, craft libations, and some of the flare of a more eclectic dining experience with toppings like pancetta, short rib meat, and mac-n-cheese medallions.

With a speakeasy-themed room for private events and large parties, the Burger Bar and Tap is "a relaxed, family-friendly, and contemporary dining experience complete with the spirit and warm service you expect from a night out," said General Manager Nicole Simaan.

The Burger Bar and Tap has a diverse, seasonally changing menu, including seafood, salads, and veggie patties, and weekend brunch items, but its primary offering is a build-your-own-burger featuring over 55 standard and gourmet options.

"People aren't just coming in for the burgers though," said Simaan, "they're also taking advantage of the 40 different beers we have on tap. Even the pickiest beer snob could find something here they'll enjoy."

Like the menu, the tap list consists of a handful of domestic and full-time staples, but most of the options will rotate regularly, keeping a steady flow of local and national craft beer cycling through, with tasting flights available.

"We felt there was an opportunity for a business like this to be really successful here

in Genesee County," said Simaan, "and so far we've had a very warm welcome from the community. We're getting a lot of calls with questions about everything from our current tap list to how many TVs we have," said the General Manager. "We're inviting people to come down and see for themselves."

The Burger Bar and Tap is open seven days a week with hours from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to midnight on Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. You can view their entire menu and tap list and find more information about the restaurant on their website at [www.burgerbarandtap.com](http://www.burgerbarandtap.com) or by calling them direct at 810-484-2200.

# March Jobless Rates Rise in Most Michigan Regional Labor Markets



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Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in March rose in 16 of the state's 17 major labor markets, according to data from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Total employment declined in most regions while workforce levels were mixed over the month.

"Michigan's labor market area trends were mixed in March," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Monthly jobless rate changes were minor across the regions, while unadjusted payroll jobs edged up slightly in most areas."

During March, jobless rate increases ranged from 0.1 to 0.4 percentage points with a moderate median advance of 0.3 percentage points. The only region to exhibit a slight unemployment rate decline over the month was the Monroe MSA, edging down by a tenth of a percentage point in March.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DOWN OVER YEAR

Unemployment rates fell in 14 Michigan regions since March 2018, increased in two regions by a tenth of a percentage point, and remained unchanged in the Detroit MSA. Over-the-year rate declines ranged from 0.1 to 0.8 percentage points. The Northeast Lower Michigan Region and the Northwest Lower Michigan Region exhibited the largest over the year jobless rate cuts, down by 0.8 and 0.6

percentage points, respectively.

## TOTAL EMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER MONTH, UP OVER YEAR

Over the month, total employment levels receded in ten regions, increased in three, and remained unchanged in four (the Detroit, Jackson, and Monroe MSAs as well as the Northwest Lower Michigan region). Employment declines ranged from 0.1 to 0.8 percent with a median reduction of 0.5 percent. The most notable employment cut occurred in the Upper Peninsula (-0.8%).

Over the year, total employment advanced in 13 labor market areas. Employment gains ranged from 0.2 to 2.1 percent with a median rise of 0.8 percent. The largest over-the-year addition occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan Region (+2.1%). Four metro areas had employment declines over the year, including Midland, Lansing, Bay City, and Niles-Benton Harbor.

## LABOR FORCE LEVELS MIXED OVER MONTH, UP OVER YEAR

Between February and March, workforce levels were up in seven Michigan regions, down in six, and flat in the Kalamazoo, Midland, Monroe, and Muskegon metro areas. Labor force changes were mostly minor over the month, with the largest advance posted in the Niles-Benton Harbor region (+0.6%). The most pronounced over-the-month reduction occurred

in the Bay City (-0.4%) and Upper Peninsula (-0.4%) regions.

Since March 2018, labor force levels rose in 11 regions and declined in six. Workforce advances ranged from 0.1 to 1.5 percent with a median increase of 0.8 percent. The Detroit MSA recorded the largest over-the-year labor force advance of 1.5 percent. Midland exhibited the most pronounced workforce decline since March 2018 (-1.0%).

## PAYROLL JOBS ADVANCE IN MARCH IN MOST MICHIGAN REGIONS

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted March payroll jobs in Michigan moved up slightly by 11,000, or 0.3 percent, to 4,396,000. Notable job gains were seen in seasonal industries such as Leisure and Hospitality (+5,000), Construction (+2,400), and Government (+2,300) as the very beginning of spring hiring occurred in a few industries and schools returned to session.

During March, nonfarm jobs rose in 11 of the state's 14 metro regions. Metro area job advances ranged from 0.2 to 1.5 percent with the largest percent addition reported in the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA (+1.5%). Payroll employment fell in the Bay City (-0.6%) and Battle Creek (-0.2%) MSAs, and remained unchanged on a percentage basis in Grand Rapids and Midland.

Over the year, unadjusted nonfarm jobs rose statewide by 21,000, or 0.5 percent. Nine Michigan regions advanced in employment over this period. On a percentage basis, Muskegon led the way with a 1.6 percent job gain. Four areas receded in payroll employment over the year, and the Saginaw area job level remained unchanged.

## COUNTY JOBLESS RATES UP OVER MONTH AND DOWN OVER YEAR

Eighty of Michigan's 83 counties reported jobless rate advances in March while three reported rate declines. Over the year, unemployment rates fell in 67 counties, increased in ten, and remained unchanged in six.



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# EDUCATION

## SVSU students honored for outstanding tutoring of peers



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Four Saginaw Valley State University students who support their classmates have received the annual Mayme Hamilton Award in Excellence in Tutoring by Students.

The award was established by the family of the late Mayme Hamilton to recognize the efforts of outstanding SVSU student tutors, who are selected by judges from the three on-campus tutoring centers. The applicants submitted an essay that explains the characteristics of a good undergraduate tutor, and how they personally demonstrate those attributes.

The four students who received the award are:

- Brendon Cousino, a mechanical engineer major from Ottawa Lake, tutors

at SVSU's Math and Physics Resource Center

- Carlee Giordano, a social work major from Alpena, tutors at SVSU's Center for Academic Achievement
- Katelyn Hejza, a marketing major from Fraser, tutors for the accounting and economics departments
- Emma Kirsch, an elementary education major from Clinton Township, is a tutor at SVSU's Writing Center

Helen Raica-Klotz, director of SVSU's Writing Center, said she is thankful for these awards, because they support the tutors who do so much for students across campus.

"We are grateful to the family of Mayme

Hamilton for honoring these student tutors, who work to support other students' abilities to succeed at our university," Raica-Klotz said.

Hamilton became a teacher in Canada when she was 18 years old. After moving Michigan in 1929, she put her career on hold to raise her 10 children. Still wanting to educate others, she used her teaching education to begin tutoring her children, neighbors, nieces and nephews. Soon after, she began to voluntarily tutor at SVSU as well.

The students were presented with their awards during a luncheon on Friday, April 19 in SVSU's Emeriti Room.

# Isaiah Oliver appointed to Central Michigan University Board of Trustees



*courtesy photo*

He received Central's Alumni Service Recognition Award in 2018.

"It's an honor for me to serve as a Central Michigan University Trustee. I hope to continue the university's legacy of growth and excellence for current students and future generations," Oliver said. "In this economy, education is the most useful tool our state has for increasing statewide economic competitiveness and citizen level economic self-sufficiency."

He took the helm of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint in June 2017, becoming the organization's fifth chief executive and its first to be born and raised in Flint. Prior to that, he was vice president of community impact for the foundation. He also served five years on the Flint Community Schools Board of Education, including two as president. He served four years on the Hurley Medical Center Board of Managers and was associate administrator for workforce, community and grant development at Mott

Community College.

"Mr. Oliver's background in education and mentoring, in community service through the nonprofit world, in grantmaking and fundraising will be invaluable to Central Michigan University," Board Chair Tricia Keith said. "I am thrilled to have him join the trustees and look forward to working beside him."

Oliver is a past president of the Flint Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He and his wife, Shay, live in Flint with their daughters, Zaiyah Rene, Carrington Elyse and Chelyn Elizabeth.

CMU's eight trustees are appointed by Michigan's governor, as outlined in the state constitution.

Oliver replaces Joe Anderson, who stepped down from the board earlier this year. He will complete Anderson's term, which ends Dec. 31, 2024.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer today appointed Isaiah M. Oliver, president and chief executive officer of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, to the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees.

"It is my honor to welcome CMU Chippewa Isaiah Oliver as a trustee," President Bob Davies said. "His remarkable commitment to leadership and community reflect the values and mission of Central Michigan University. His perspectives in supporting, mentoring and upholding youth and his insights as an alumnus will enrich our board."

Oliver is a graduate of Flint Northwestern High School and earned his Bachelor of Applied Arts from CMU in 2007. He was an art: design/graphic design major with a minor in art history. He has been keynote speaker at Central's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. brunch and a mentor for CMU's Pathways to Academic Student Success program, which helps low-income and first-generation college students.



*Isaiah Oliver sits along side U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (Mike Naddeo)*

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If you have questions or would like to register, please visit [davenport.edu/ipex/project-management#CPM](http://davenport.edu/ipex/project-management#CPM) or call Bethany DeVine at (616) 233-2589. A private loan payment option is now available! If you're interested in this option, please call us before registering.

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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start  
Program Director

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# Consumers Energy CEO, Patti Poppe, to deliver SVSU Commencement address



*courtesy photo*

Saginaw Valley State University graduates will hear from Patti Poppe, president and CEO of Consumers Energy, during Commencement exercises Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11.

Through their hard work and commitment, nearly 1,100 students are expected to complete degree requirements, and 992 individuals have indicated they plan to don regalia and participate in their respective ceremony.

SVSU has 921 students expected to complete bachelor's degrees and 177 who will receive master's or other advanced degrees.

Students graduating in the colleges of Business & Management and Health and Human Services will participate in the Friday ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Students graduating in the colleges of Arts & Behavioral Sciences, Education, and Science, Engineering and Technology will take

part in the Saturday ceremony at 11 a.m. Both ceremonies are held in O'Neill Arena of the Ryder Center.

As is tradition, SVSU President Don Bachand will congratulate each graduate as they cross the stage.

Poppe is president and chief executive officer of Jackson, Michigan-based CMS Energy and its principal subsidiary, Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest utility and the nation's fourth largest combination utility. Consumers Energy provides electricity and natural gas to 6.7 million of Michigan's 10 million lower peninsula residents. She was named to this position in July 2016.

Poppe held a variety of automotive management positions and served as power plant director at Detroit, Michigan-based DTE Energy before returning to her hometown of Jackson to join Consumers Energy in 2011.

Poppe earned a master's degree in management from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. She also completed a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University.

As president and chief executive officer, Poppe has focused on the company's triple bottom line commitment to people, the planet and Michigan's prosperity.

The Consumers Energy Foundation supported the Consumers Energy Talent Program for SVSU engineering students, as well as high school students who enrolled in SVSU's Engineering Careers and Concepts course. Senior electrical or mechanical engineering students at SVSU applied for funding from Consumers Energy for senior design capstone projects focused on alternative energy. To qualify, students were required to propose a novel idea, plan the time line, budget for supplies and conduct research and development activities accordingly for a two-semester project.

For those unable to attend Commencement exercises, SVSU will provide a live video stream of each ceremony. The link and additional information can be found online at [svsu.edu/commencement](http://svsu.edu/commencement).

## Michigan Kids to See More Summer Technology, Literacy Programs at Public Libraries Under 2019 Grant



*courtesy photo*

LANSING – Michigan children and teens will enjoy more summer technology and literacy programs at 90-plus public libraries with grants of up to \$2,000 each, the Library of Michigan (LM) announced today.

Under the 2019 Public Library Services grant program, now in its third year and made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 92 public libraries in Michigan have received total funding of \$153,554 at levels of \$500 to \$2,000.

Grant recipients across the state have a wide range of creative ideas for using their grants, and Michigan's youth are the beneficiaries. Among the programs these grants will fund include:

teens may participate in an arts and ecology program on Rabbit Island through the Portage Lake District Library in Houghton; teens and "tweens" statewide can learn coding through various robotics activities; and Southfield Public Library will offer space-science programming based on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. For more information about the LSTA Public Library Services grant program or for a list of individual grantees, please go to [www.michigan.gov/lsta](http://www.michigan.gov/lsta).

## SVSU student earns national title in collegiate forensics competition



Participating in only his third competition ever on the college forensics circuit, a Saginaw Valley State University senior this week became a national champion.

Dan Visnovsky, a political science major from Sparta and a member of SVSU's forensics team, qualified to compete against the best U.S. college talent at the National Forensic Association Tournament April 18-22 in Santa Ana, California. A panel of judges at the public speaking-based competition crowned him the first-place award recipient in the novice category of extemporaneous speaking, which featured students who had participated in fewer than six college forensics competitions.

In total, 180 college students competed in the extemporaneous speaking category, where the finalists participated in four rounds of play.

Success requires intense study and preparation. In each round, participants are asked to respond to a question related to world politics, allowed 30 minutes to research and develop an answer, and then must deliver their statement in seven minutes to a panel of three judges – all in front of a crowd of their peers.

Visnovsky had competed in only two forensics tournaments before winning the national title in his third appearance.

"I was a little nervous," he said. "I had very little concept of how well I would do. They were challenging questions."

Visnovsky said his interest in reading about world politics aided in his performance.

"Although at this tournament, the questions were more focused on international economics, and I'm more familiar with foreign policy," he said.

For the fourth and final round, Visnovsky was asked to present a strategy for defeating a political party in Finland. Ryan Rigda, an SVSU lecturer of communications and an assistant director for the university's forensics team, was in the audience when Visnovsky delivered the winning speech.

"It just amazed me how he was able to speak about the subject so logically and coherently," Rigda said. "It was like he was from Finland."

Visnovsky and Jessica Carpenter, a communication major from Saginaw, were the first students ever to represent SVSU at the national tournament level.

"It was a blast," Visnovsky said of the experience at the five-day tourney. "I was not expecting that I would win."

As a senior about to graduate from SVSU next month, it marked Visnovsky's final tournament, but SVSU's forensics program is building for the future. It was founded in 2000 by Amy Pierce, an SVSU associate professor of communication who remains the team's coach.

Rigda said he hopes the team's appearance in the nationals inspires more student participation for next academic year. Rigda's sister, Mikayla Rigda – who competed at the nationals this week as a Delta College student – plans to enroll at SVSU in the fall and join her brother's team. And five members from this year's team are expected to return.

After Visnovsky graduates in May graduation, he said he will participate in a fellowship program at a state policy organization in Austin, Texas. He hopes one day to attend graduate school in pursuit of a career working for political nonprofit organizations.

# Mott Community College Staff and AAWCC Chapter recognized by AAWCC



*courtesy photo*

Two Mott Community College staff members are winners of the American Association of Women in Community College's Under 40 Award for 2019, and the College's AAWCC Chapter won the Model Program of Year Award at organization's annual awards breakfast the April 14.

Aubrey Foltz, TRiO Student Support Services Coordinator in the Student Success Center, and Clarissa Uelsmann-Crisp, GED Facilitator/Trainer in the MCC Workforce & Economic Development Division, are two of a select group of women from across the nation to receive the Under 40 award from the AAWCC. The award recognizes outstanding female leaders under the age of 40 working at a community college.

"Supporting the advancement of women in community colleges is a core value of AAWCC. These 40 rising stars are making a difference for the colleges that they serve. We honor them for their extraordinary efforts to support the community college mission," said MCC President, Dr. Beverly

Walker-Griffea.

The MCC Chapter of the AAWCC won the Model Program of the Year Award for their Bowling Scholarship Fun-Raiser. The AAWCC Model Program of the Year Award recognizes exciting and effective programs in community colleges that address the needs of women.

"This is a tremendous honor for our Chapter," said Dr. Sounya Walker, MCC Chapter President. "It would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of our members."

The MCC Chapter of the AAWCC was founded in 2015. At 56 members strong, the chapter has forged partnerships both on and off campus, and participated in various service projects since its inception. Service projects include those related to Breast Cancer Awareness through Think Pink activities, Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake, the Equal Pay Day Women's Luncheon, and the MCC

AAWCC Scholarship Brunch. The Chapter also supports professional development initiatives including leadership development, volunteering as mentors through the MCC Women In Education (WIE) Mentoring Program for female students, the Bowling Scholarship Fun-Raiser, and empowerment programs such as the recent AAWCC Day of Dialogue/Campus and Community Basic Needs Resource Fair in providing hygiene bags for students on campus.

"As we approach our five year anniversary, we look forward to continuing to be a positive force for change as we will support each other and our community," said Walker.

Founded in 1973, AAWCC is a national organization dedicated to changing women's lives through education, service and leadership development. AAWCC has 60 chapters in 10 regions across the nation, 67 institutional members and 1612 individual members.



# COMMUNITY

## Saginaw Choral Society Presents "We Are Saginaw"



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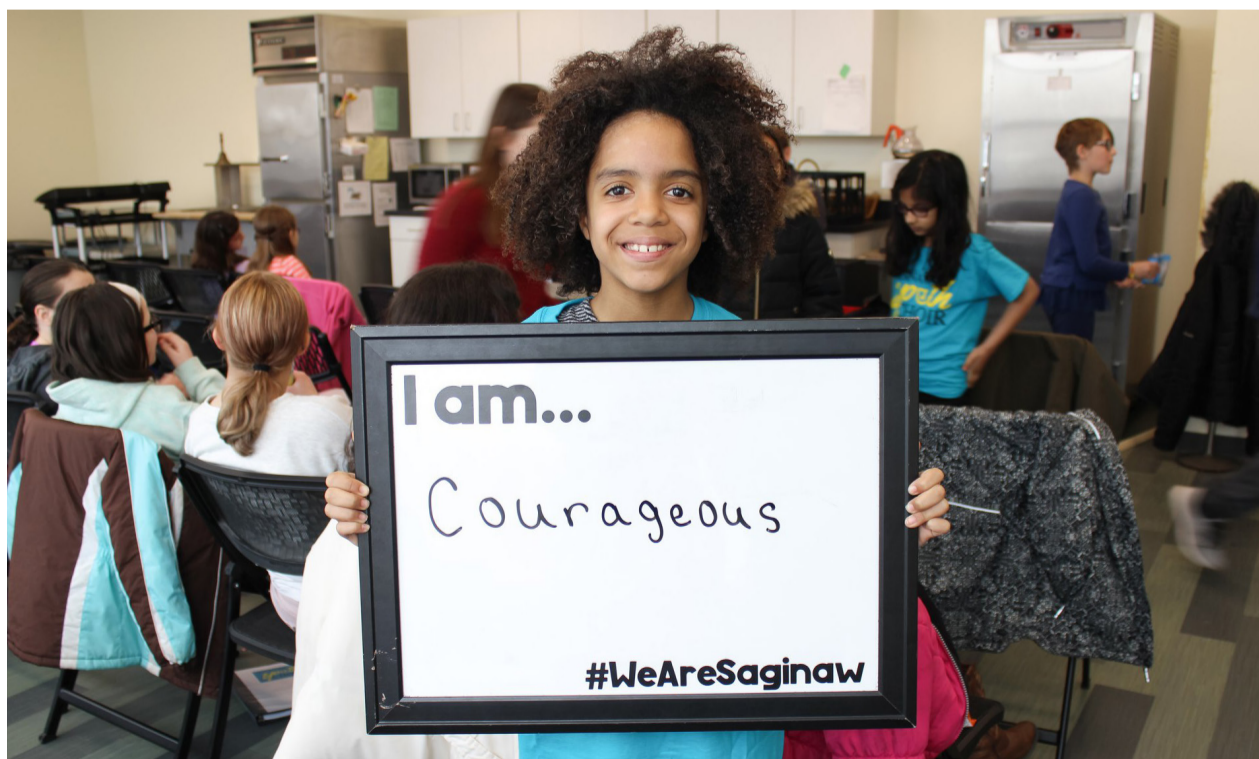
A year of community participation culminates in one awesome night of building and uniting our community through music! Led by Artistic Director Jeremiah Kraniak, Saginaw Choral Society invites you to We Are Saginaw, their season-ending multimedia event taking place at 7:30 PM on Saturday, May 4, 2019, in the beautiful Temple Theatre.

Over the past year, members of Saginaw Choral Society, in partnership with United Way of Saginaw County, have been attending community events with camera in hand, photographing individuals who write a personal response to the prompt "I am..." All the photos have been uploaded to event galleries on a special website, [www.wearesaginaw.com](http://www.wearesaginaw.com)

After a year of asking "Who is Saginaw?..", SCS has had many captivating conversations and collected hundreds of endearing photos. In We Are Saginaw, the Choral Society uses music to bring those stories to life. Artistic Director, Jeremiah Kraniak, chose music to represent the words on the whiteboards. As each piece is sung and photo images are projected onto the Theatre's huge screen, an exciting and revealing look at our community will unfold right before your eyes.

When asked about this concert, Artistic Director Jeremiah Kraniak said "We Are Saginaw is my way of giving a voice to my community. In a world with so much division, my goal is to find the commonalities among all of us. When

you see the images of people and their families expressing in a single word what they value most about themselves, it is uplifting and endearing. Essentially, the songs in this concert have been chosen based on your whiteboard responses and the photos will be utilized in the performance. It is a musical representation of our community and, although they may not be singers onstage, the photo participants become performers in this project. Together, we get to share in the creation of music!"



At the bottom of every whiteboard is the hashtag #WeAreSaginaw. Every photo then becomes part of this ongoing social media campaign, as individuals begin sharing them with friends and using them as profile pictures. Little by little, folks are becoming connected through social media and the music that will tie everything together at the We Are Saginaw concert.

Doors will open at 6:30 pm for the Beer-for-a-Buck Bar pre-concert mixer. Enjoy a gallery style display in the Leopard Lounge as you view the 400+ #WeAreSaginaw photos taken throughout the year!

A FREE concert shuttle service will be available compliments of Great Lakes Bay Financial. The shuttle will run one hour before and after the concert from the Chamber of Commerce Towers lot at 515 N. Washington Ave.

Reserved seating is \$25, \$20, or \$10 and student tickets are just \$5. Tickets can be purchased from the Temple Theatre Box Office at [www.templetheatre.com](http://www.templetheatre.com) or by calling (989) 754-7469. The concert is open to the public and welcomes families and children of all ages.

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# Flint Mayor to headline Mott, Motown & More



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Tickets are going fast for the “Mott, Motown & More” celebrity lip sync show, the Flint area’s longest-running lip sync review. This year there is an exciting lineup of acts, including Flint Mayor Karen Williams Weaver, among others.

David Smith, Vice President of Skaff Carpet & Furniture Company, longtime emcee of the show, will be joined by DJ AJ from WCRZ-FM (Cars 108), to serve as Mott, Motown & More co-emcee this year. ELGA Credit Union is the title sponsor for Mott, Motown & More.

Performances will be Thursday, May 9, and Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m., in the Mott Memorial Building Auditorium on the Mott Community College (MCC) campus in Flint.

Tickets are \$30 per person and available for purchase, but seating is limited. Discounted tickets for students at \$10 per person are available for Thursday’s show only. To purchase tickets, call the Foundation for Mott Community College at (810) 762-0425 or visit [mcc.eventsonline.com](http://mcc.eventsonline.com). All proceeds go toward assisting students with their academic goals at MCC.

Mott, Motown & More features performances by a host of local celebrities, members of the community as well as MCC staffers, lip-synching to recordings from Motown and other record companies. It has become a hot-ticket item for many, and a must-see event for others.

“We’re so pleased to be back for the 13th year,” said Lennetta Coney, President of The Foundation for Mott Community College. “Mott, Motown & More continues to be well-received by the community and we’re so appreciative of the volunteers who perform in the show for us.”

Interpreting services for the deaf and hard of hearing will be provided by MCC’s Sign Language Interpreter Training Program Student Interns, and Certified Supervising Interpreters.

For tickets or more information, please call (810) 762-0425 or visit [mcc.eventsonline.com](http://mcc.eventsonline.com).



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**Forward Together**  
A Shared Vision for Economic Prosperity



## Join the conversation!

The Forward Together Steering Committee will host its first public meeting; a Visioning Summit on Economic Prosperity. The event will be held on May 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Baker College, Flint Campus in

the gymnasium. It's open to the public and community members are encouraged to invite their full network to attend. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. During the two-hour session, the planning team will introduce the Forward Together process, share initial findings from the economic research and engage participants

in a series of fun and interactive discussions and activities. Free pizza and light refreshments will be provided for attendees.

The Visioning Summit on Economic Prosperity presents a special opportunity for you, the people of Genesee County, to become directly involved in the process. Forward Together is led by a 24-member Steering Committee representing a wide variety of community interests. They have committed to a community-driven process where you will inspire, shape and, ultimately affirm the final Action Agenda. The Visioning Summit is the first opportunity for you to interact with the Planning Team and share your ideas. Make plans to attend and consider inviting your network as well.

## What will happen at the Visioning Summit on Economic Prosperity?

At the Summit community members can expect to receive information on the County's economic potential based on the real-world conditions in 2019. Nationally recognized economist Kevin Hively, with Ninigret Partners, will deliver a keynote address focusing on the Ten Points of Potential, or the brightest economic opportunities in the community today. Participants will be challenged to think creatively with the Planning Team and develop their thoughts around major question prompts.

## Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas?

Absolutely not! By living, working or raising a family in Genesee County, you know this place. Your intuition is vital to our success. Whether you're just moving to the area or a fourth-generation life-long resident, your perspective is important and critical.

## How will my input be used?

Following the meeting, the Planning Team will enter all input received into a database and develop a report. Upon completion, the report will be published on the Forward Together website and findings will be integrated into the countywide vision planning process.

## Delta to Host Adjunct Hiring Fair

Delta College is looking for adjunct instructors in many programs and invites you to discover more about these rewarding opportunities at a hiring fair on May 9 from 3–6:30pm in Founder's Hall on campus.

"Adjunct teaching is a great way for people to share their professional experiences with students and make a difference in their lives," said Darrin Johnson, Delta College Manager of Recruitment. "Delta is a great place to learn and work. We are nationally recognized as one of America's leading community colleges and the hiring fair is a great opportunity to connect with people who share our values and who believe in our mission and vision."

Benefits of being a Delta College adjunct teacher include:

- Full-time faculty mentoring
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- Qualify for a grant for additional coursework outside Delta, up to \$300 per year
- Various workshops and professional development opportunities available with stipends for participation

Prospective adjunct instructors should bring résumés and transcripts. Interviews and

teaching demonstration opportunities will be available for qualified candidates.

Convenient parking is available on the east side of campus, with entry through the G-Wing.

For more information about becoming a Delta College adjunct instructor, contact Delta College Human Resources at [humres@delta.edu](mailto:humres@delta.edu) or 989-686-9107.

## Kiss 107.1 Director Earns National Recognition



The Content Director for WSGW's sister station WTLZ Kiss 107.1 at Alpha Media Saginaw has been recognized by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation.

Yvonne Daniels received a 2019 Gracie Award for Host of Non-Morning Drive Music DJ/Personality in Small/Medium Local Radio Market. The Gracie Awards recognize exemplary programming created by, for and about women in radio, television, cable and interactive media. Recipients are selected in national, local and student markets, including both commercial and non-commercial outlets.

Daniels is the host of the Yvonne Daniele's in the Afternoon Show. She has been with WTLZ since 2009 as the Content Director and has enjoyed a career in broadcasting for 26 years. She says she is honored by the recognition and is grateful for the role she plays in ensuring Kiss listeners have the best radio experience. Daniels will attend the Gracie Awards ceremony June 26 in New York City.

## Saginaw Bay Underwriters Wins Accident Fund President's Club Award



Local insurance agency Saginaw Bay Underwriters recently received a 2018 President's Club Award from Accident Fund Insurance Company of America.

The President's Club Award is given annually to the company's highest-performing agency partners. Only 65 agencies in the entire nation received the award for 2018.

"These agencies are the best of the best," said Al Gileczek, president of Accident Fund and CompWest.

"Their commitment and dedication to delivering our products and promoting our value to their customers greatly contributed to our joint success. We deeply appreciate their continued support, ongoing feedback and valued insight into the individual needs of their clients."

"We're very proud to accept this honor," said Saginaw Bay Underwriters President/CEO Peter N. Ewend.

"By partnering with great insurance companies like Accident Fund, Saginaw Bay Underwriters is able to provide our clients with excellent insurance coverage, as well as strategies and resources to reduce risk and minimize the need for insurance in the long run."

## Kayla Nicole Young

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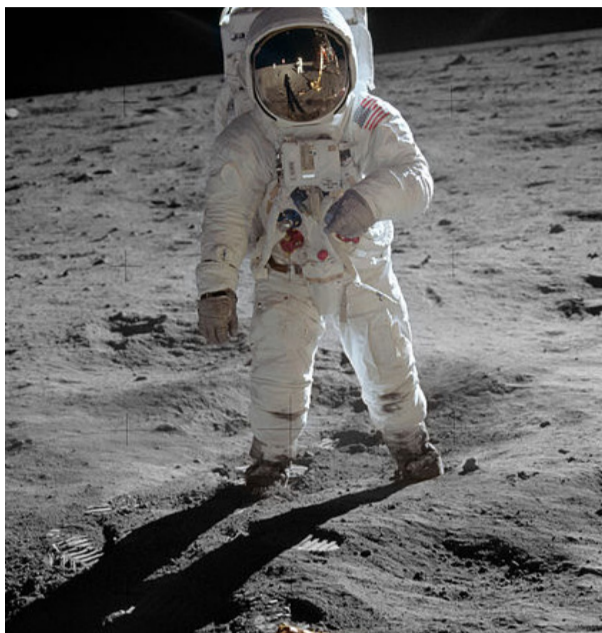
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# Delta College Planetarium Celebrates the First Moon Landing



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American ingenuity, the epic event answered the challenge set forth by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 to "achieve the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth." The goal was met on July 20, 1969, when Apollo 11 touched down on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility.

The Delta College Planetarium will celebrate the occasion with a new dome show, exhibits and special presentations. Beginning Saturday, May 4, the Planetarium will debut the U.S. premiere of "Capcom GO! – The Apollo Story" in its Dome360 Theater, a fully immersive experience that relives the excitement of the Apollo era. That same day brings the opening of "Many Inspired Steps," a special exhibit by Dr. Thomas Lesser of the American Museum filling the entire Space Explorers Hall. Adding to his displays will be a case with simulated moon rocks from the NASA Johnson Space Center, Apollo

landing site panoramas, and an "Apollo Memories" wall for the public to add their own recollections and impressions.

Both the show and exhibit will run through August 31. In addition, the Planetarium's huge atrium lobby will display other features including a 15-foot tall Saturn V rocket, an Apollo moon suit replica, moonwalk videos and more. On the anniversary date of the moon landing, July 20, the Planetarium will feature a special in-house production called "First on the Moon," to share the story with full-dome animations, rarely seen footage and photography.

For more information, go to the Planetarium's website at [www.delta.edu/planet](http://www.delta.edu/planet) or call 989-667-2260. The Delta College Planetarium is located at 100 Center Avenue in downtown Bay City.

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A logo for Valley Hospice Care featuring a purple heart with radiating lines above two hands cupping the heart.

## Local Financial Professional recognized for top performance



*courtesy photo*

SAGINAW, MI—Jacob Kokaly, a Financial Representative with VantagePointe Financial Group, has qualified for the 2018 ACE Best in Class Awards. ACE stands for “Achieving Client Excellence.”

VantagePointe Financial Group is headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The ACE award is granted to the top 250 advisors each year based on total weighted premium from the sale of both proprietary and non-proprietary protection and wealth products. No other factors are considered.

Jacob currently resides in Bay City, Michigan. He has lived in Bay City for 24 years. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family & friends, watching/playing sports, boating, as well as simply being outdoors. He can be reached at 989-891-7688.



## Medical Marijuana Now Available to Patients Immediately After Receiving Online Approval



*courtesy photo*

Effective today, medical marijuana patients in Michigan who apply for their marijuana registry card online may now use their approval email as a temporary substitute for a valid registry card in order to obtain their medication the same day they are approved.

The Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) has implemented a change to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Program (MMMP) to ensure that patients with debilitating medical conditions are able to obtain marijuana for medical use as quickly as possible.

“A process that used to take several weeks now can be done in a single day,” said MRA Executive Director Andrew Brisbo. “We are excited to offer this new online approval option for the state’s medical marijuana patients.”

The email that patients receive after an online application has been approved may serve as a temporary substitute for a valid registry card. This approval email is valid until patients receive their card in the mail or for up to 10 days from the date of the approval email. As a result, patients will not have to wait to receive their registry cards in the mail and will be able to purchase or obtain medication the same day they are approved. A valid driver’s license or government-issued identification card with a photographic image is also required to purchase marijuana.

To utilize this online service please visit [www.michigan.gov/mmp](http://www.michigan.gov/mmp) and note the following:

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- A patient must register for an online account.
- The patient must submit an online application.

In the past, registry cards could only be obtained through the traditional mail-in process, which took up to five weeks for patients to receive their card. The process was recently updated to allow for online processing – but a patient still had to wait for 7-10 business days to receive their registry card. This new process allows for medical marijuana patients to gain access to their medicine immediately after receiving approval.

The Marijuana Regulatory Agency will publish guidance for licensed provisioning centers to verify the validity of an approval email serving as a temporary substitute for a registry card. If you have questions about the temporary card or about the online application process, please email [MRA-MMMPinfo@michigan.gov](mailto:MRA-MMMPinfo@michigan.gov) or call 517-284-6400.



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# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

## Congressman Dan Kildee introduces bill to set drinking water standard for PFAS chemicals



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Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Chief Deputy Whip of the House Democratic Caucus and Co-Chair of the PFAS Task Force, introduced bipartisan legislation that would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set an enforceable, nationwide drinking water standard for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Protect Drinking Water from PFAS Act would require the EPA to set a drinking water standard within two years by mandating a safe level of PFAS in drinking water. Currently, the EPA only has voluntary advisory guidelines for two types of PFAS chemicals, PFOA and PFOS.

The bill is also sponsored by Congressman Brendan Boyle (PA-02), Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone (NJ-06), Subcommittee on Environment Chairman Paul Tonko (NY-21) and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01).

“President Trump’s Environmental Protection Agency is entrusted with keeping our drinking water safe but has delayed protecting our families from toxic PFAS chemicals in drinking water. This is unacceptable. We know that PFAS chemicals are harmful to human health and families deserve safe water from their taps,” said Congressman Kildee. “I

am proud to stand with my colleagues today to protect drinking water in Michigan and at the thousands of sites across the country impacted by PFAS.”

“It is past time we address these contaminants with the seriousness they merit,” said Congressman Boyle. “Public health is at stake while the EPA continues to dither and delay setting enforceable limits on these chemicals. This is unacceptable. The more we look, the more contamination we find. The more we wait, the more we learn about the seriousness of these contaminants. No American should question the safety of their drinking water – period. We must address these contaminants with the full force of the Safe Drinking Water Act.”

“PFAS contamination is one of the greatest public health crises of our time. This bill directs EPA to at long last take that crisis seriously, and set a strong, binding nationwide drinking water standard,” said Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr, Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee. “I’m proud to co-sponsor this important legislation, and I thank Congressman Boyle for his leadership and hard work in getting this done. Americans deserve to know their drinking water is safe.”

“PFAS chemical contamination is a public

health crisis and the EPA must act with an urgency that matches the scale of the problem,” said Congressman Fitzpatrick. “If the EPA won’t act, then Congress must take action to protect American communities from these dangerous chemicals. Since we’ve first become aware of this contamination, my constituents have been forced to take drastic action, at personal expense, to reduce their exposure to PFOS and PFOA. Establishing a Maximum Contaminant level will force those responsible for this crisis to clean up toxic sites and ensure drinking water isn’t contaminated with PFAS chemicals.”

For decades, toxic PFAS chemicals have been used in manufacturing, consumer products and firefighting foam and have been found to be dangerous to humans. These chemicals have been used around many military bases and industrial sites, including the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan, where PFAS has leached into groundwater and local-area wells used for drinking water.

Congressman Kildee has worked with Republicans and Democrats at all levels of government to address PFAS contamination. Congressman Kildee introduced legislation to ensure that veterans and their families exposed to toxic PFAS chemicals at military installations get the health care services and benefits they need through the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA). Kildee has also introduced legislation to speed up clean-up efforts and detect PFAS contamination at other sites across the country. Additionally, working with Michigan’s U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, Congressman Kildee included language authorizing a health study on PFAS exposure in the National Defense Authorization Act, which became law in December 2017.

## MI GOP to appeal "gerrymandering" case

Michigan Republicans filed a notice of an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of a bombshell ruling that the state's political districts were illegally gerrymandered and must be redrawn in time for 2020 elections.

The short filing Tuesday includes no legal arguments, which will be filed separately. Republicans are also expected to ask that the lower court's ruling be stayed, or delayed, until the high court decides similar cases involving redistricting disputes in Maryland and North Carolina.

Amber McCann, a spokeswoman for Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake,

said arguments in support of a stay will be included when the request is filed in court.


Signing on to the appeals were the Republican-controlled Michigan Senate and GOP Sens. Jim Stamas of Midland, Ken Horn of Frankenmuth, and Lana Theis of Brighton; and House Speaker Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, state Rep. Aaron Miller, R-Sturgis, and Michigan's Republican congressional delegation, according to federal court records.

The parties said little about the procedural action Tuesday, following last week's ruling in a lawsuit brought by the League of Women

Voters of Michigan and several Democrats.

In the meantime, the state Senate will comply with the lower court's order to redraw existing districts by Aug. 1, McCann has said, though Senate leaders have not yet said how the map-drawing process might operate.

"The Senate is reviewing (the ruling) and will be deciding next steps in the next few weeks," McCann said Tuesday via email.



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  - McLaren Health on the health impact of marihuana use.
  - Clyde Robinson, Kalamazoo City Attorney, presentation on marihuana facilities in Michigan.

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# Seen on the Scene: Baseball Tournament at Hoyt Park

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, 48 youth teams ages 8 to 13 participated in a baseball tournament run by the Saginaw Sugarbeets at Hoyt Park in Saginaw, MI.

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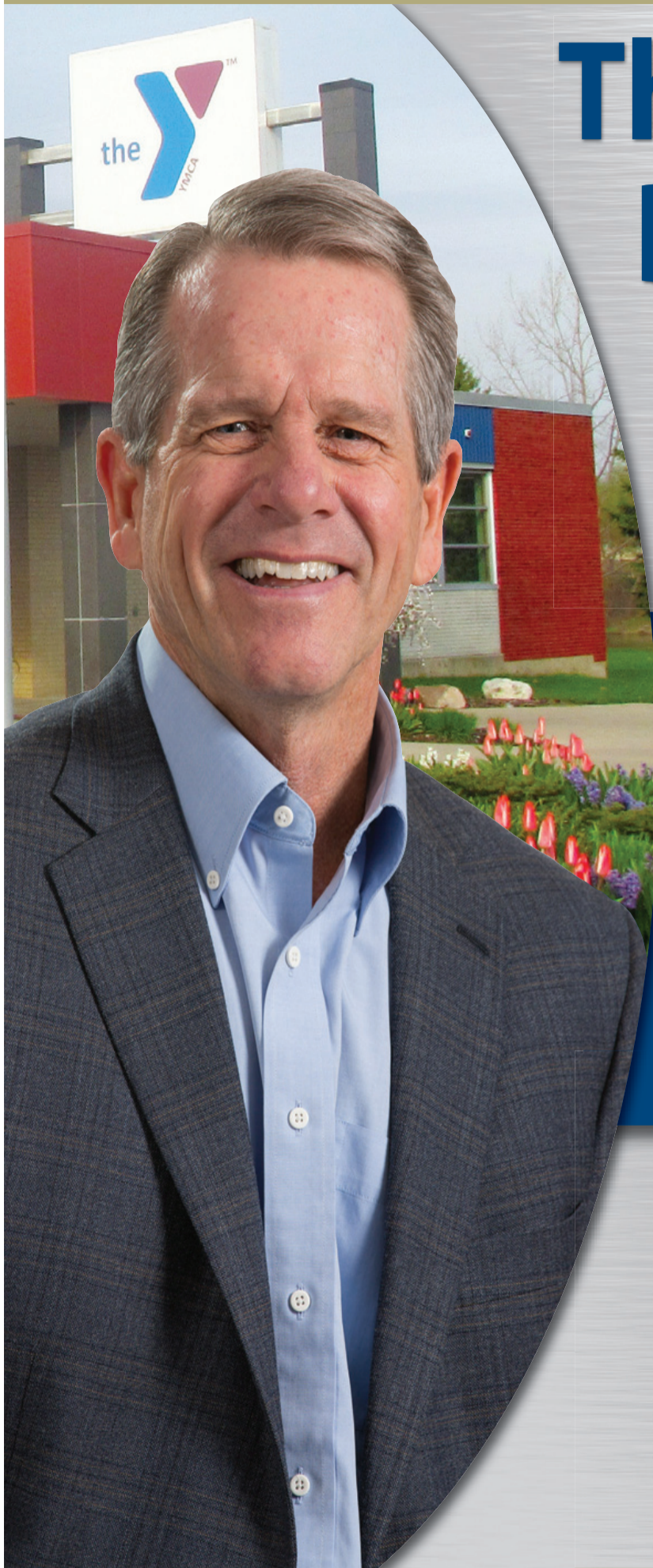


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