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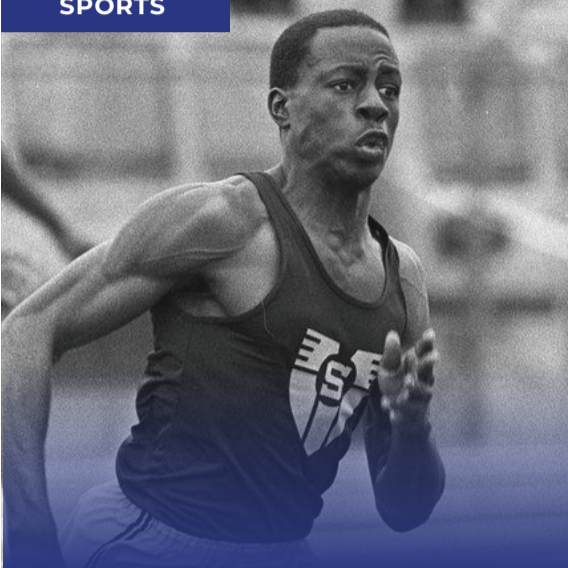
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The Michigan Banner is an independent, nonpartisan media outlet that has been reporting diverse & multicultural news, happenings and stories in the Great Lakes Bay region and surrounding areas since 2002.

On Thursday, June 9th at 5:00 pm, we will host our 20th Year Anniversary Celebration and 4th Annual Heart of the City Awards Banquet at Horizon's Conference Center. The black tie event will also pay tribute to local trailblazers and businesses who have made significant contributions to the Great Lakes Bay Region. We understand the vitality and growth of a community depends greatly on its individuals and

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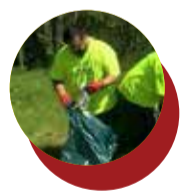
Tickets for the event are \$100 or \$640 for a table that seats 8. For more information about The Heart of the City Awards Banquet or to purchase tickets, visit michiganbanner.org/hoc or call Reneé Johnston (Saginaw Community Foundation) at 989-755-0545.

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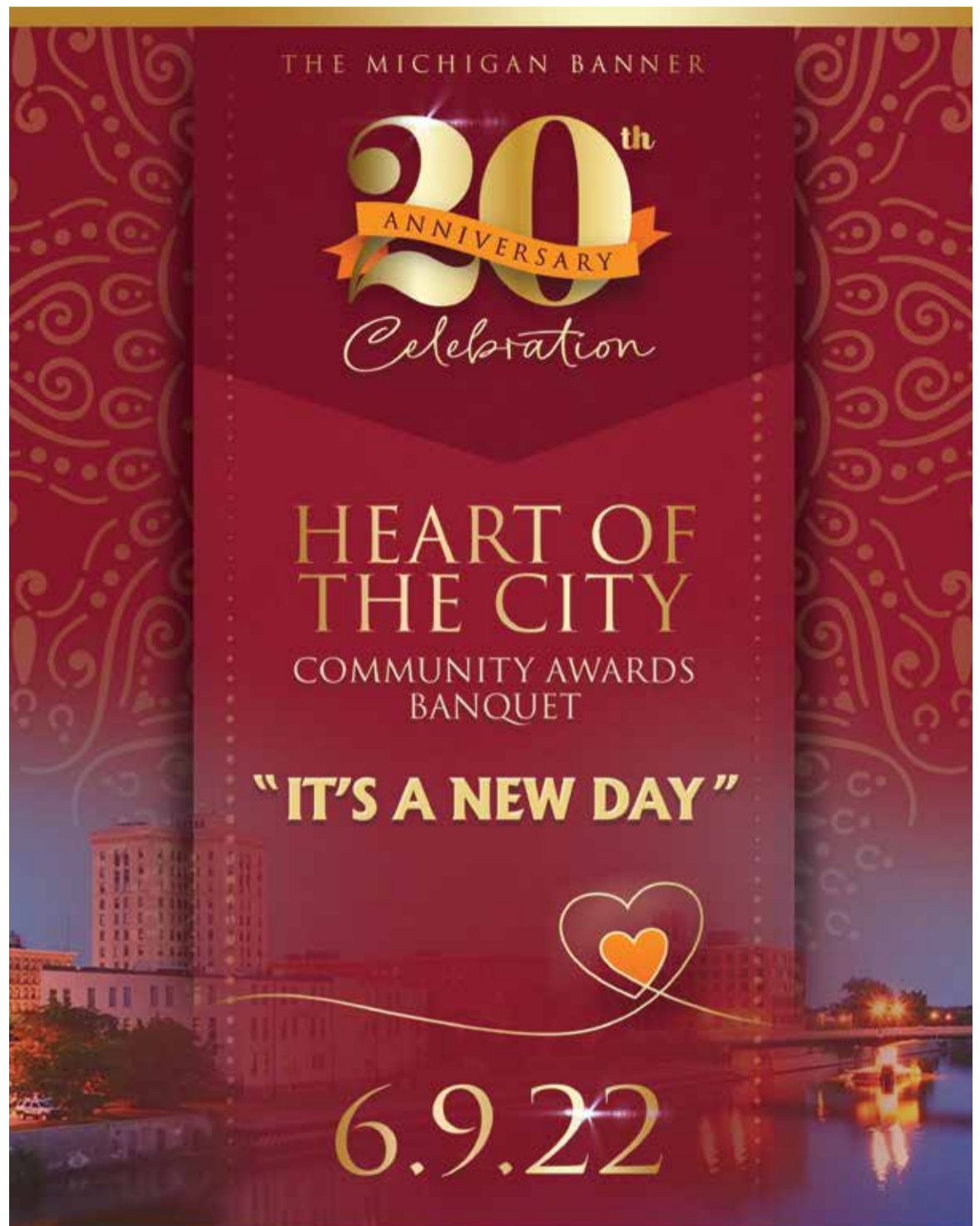
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Meridian shines a light on cyberbullying and encourages Michigan youth to make a difference



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In today's world of technology, many youth experience the negative consequences of increased connectivity and socialization in the form of cyberbullying. Cyberbullying differs from traditional bullying in several ways, and as a result, Meridian wants to educate adults and youth across Michigan about the risks of cyberbullying and how it impacts overall health.

Cyberbullying is harassment that takes place over digital devices, social media platforms, and gaming experiences. According to the Pew Research Center, 59% of U.S. teens have been bullied or harassed online. Unlike traditional bullying, cyberbullying can take place 24 hours a day and includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, sharing personal information to humiliate, excluding someone on purpose, and more.

"The pervasiveness of technology has created new avenues for bullying, making it more difficult for our youth to escape its harmful effects," said Dr. Kay Judge, Meridian's Chief Medical Officer. "Cyberbullying can be uncharted territory for parents and caregivers from past generations, so Meridian wants to help raise awareness to help adults and youth recognize negative behavior and provide support."

Cyberbullying can lead to social and emotional distress, behavioral problems, and mental health issues. Additionally,

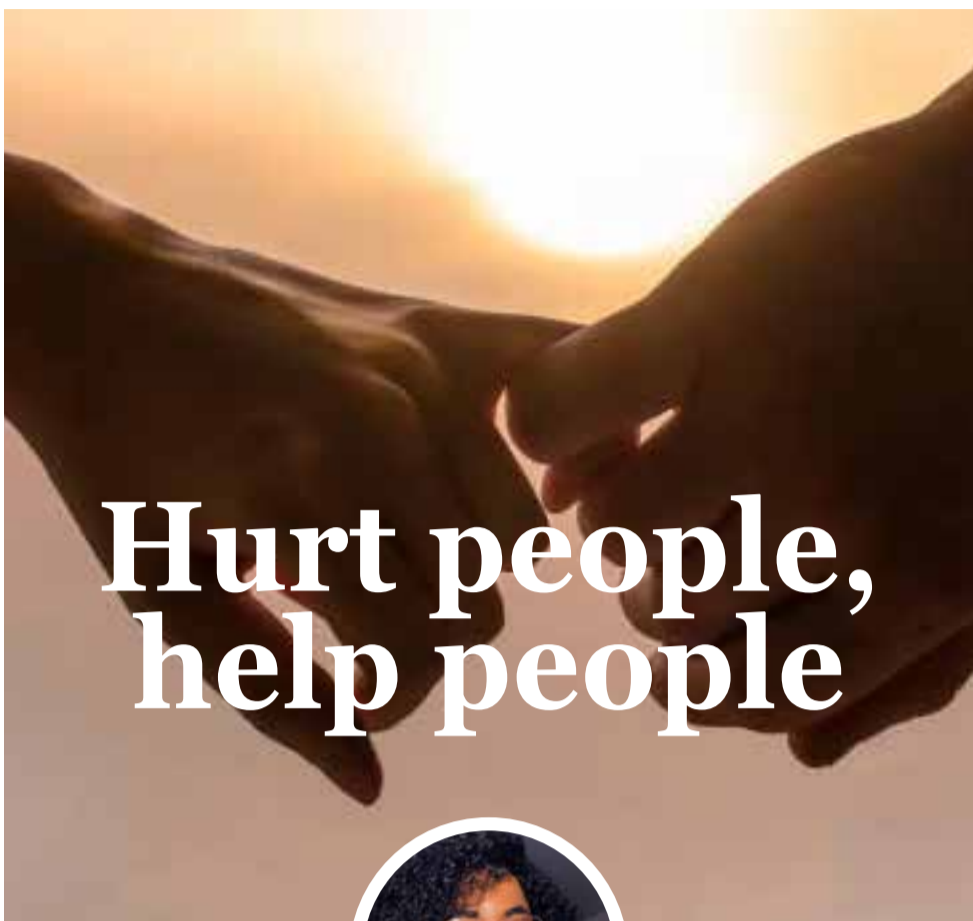
youth who are bullied are at increased risk for substance misuse, academic problems, and violence to others. These effects on the mental wellbeing of youth can translate into physical health challenges later in life, extending the impact of cyberbullying long after it stops. The U.S. Surgeon General recently issued an advisory stating the youth mental health crisis has been further exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To further spread awareness, Meridian is encouraging youth in Michigan to take action to promote prevention with their peers and community by participating in the Centene Institute Youth Impact Award for Cyberbullying Prevention. As part of the Centene family, Meridian invites youth ages 14-19 to watch a short video and read a fact sheet on cyberbullying before submitting their own original visual art entry that conveys cyberbullying awareness and prevention. The contest is open to eligible youth nationwide. All submissions are eligible to account for up to 10 hours of community service. The contest is now open and runs until May 20, 2022.

Below are some tips from the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Department of Health and Human Services to raise awareness and prevent cyberbullying that can inspire contest entries as well as be used to handle situations in everyday life:

- Talk about bullying to reduce stigma and identify potential instances of cyberbullying
- Plan for what to do if witnessing or experiencing bullying
- Teach youth to treat others respect and practice inclusivity
- Create positive community environments that build confidence and social skills
- If bullied, immediately stop communication and block the person via digital channels
- Speak up if you feel uncomfortable with the comments or actions of someone
- Understand the possible warning signs of emotional distress

For more information about the Youth Impact Award and how to enter, visit <https://www.centeneinstituteaward.com/cyberbullying-prevention/2022>. For more information on Meridian and its activities, visit mimeridian.com.



Hurt people, help people



By **DONIQUA SOVIA**

We've all heard the phrase; Hurt people, Hurt people, but what if that isn't the case all of the time? Sometimes, the most broken people are the ones who possess one of the purest souls and gentle hearts that there ever could be.

Damaged doesn't always mean deadly. We often hear stories of serial killers and how their past dictates the way they became, but on the other side of the coin, there are those who went through the worst, unimaginable things and rather going around, treating people the same way they were, they make a vow to treat people the exact opposite.

We see this illustration in the likes of; Kneau Reeves, Princess Diana, Ronald Reagan, Johnny Depp, among many others. Their sincere genuineness, kind gestures, role model like statuses due to their strength through awful times, is the other side of what hurt people can do to others.

I recall making a vow after having endured a year and a half of physical, verbal, mental and emotional abuse, that should anyone step in my presence, they would never feel the way I felt both during, and after the abuse. I was hurt, and I was hurt bad, but I didn't go about destroying other people's lives because of it.

I channeled the hurt and the pain, and used it in a way that would benefit others, and bring healing to those who have traveled or were traveling down the same path. Hurt people, Help people, Heal, it comes full circle and has an effect on all who partake in it. So, try helping someone, it could help your hurt soul heal.

Seen on the Scene:

Emily Kinnicutt, a student at Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy (SASA) & Saginaw Career Complex, won 3rd place in C# Programming at the National Competition in the 2022 Business Professionals of America conference in Dallas, TX.



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Immigration action: In this case, simple as a driver license

By MIKE THOMPSON

Lupita has lived undocumented near Benton Harbor for 18 years with her husband and four children. She is an organizer with We The People Michigan, a group that is pushing for "Drive SAFE (Safety, Access, Freedom and the Economy)," state legislation that would clear the way for non-citizen residents like herself to attain driver licenses.

"I live here," she says, "and I feel I'm a part of the community.."

But she does not feel comfortable enough to allow release of her full name, although The Latino Banner verifies she is not a made-up person for a news article.

Non-citizens were able to obtain motor vehicle registration and driver licenses until Michigan's ban took effect in 2008. Lupita admits odds strongly are against Drive SAFE succeeding in a Republican-dominated Legislature, but she intends to remain in the fight onward.

"We at least can share stories of the difficulties we encounter," she says, beginning with incidents of her own family members being denied medical treatment.

She adds, "We pay taxes and we purchase insurance and registration for our cars. Why should we be denied driver licenses?"

For years, she has volunteered to assist migrants and undocumented immigrants with the challenges and issues they face.

A website, drivemichiganforward.com, says universal license restoration "would pave the way for basic dignity and security for members of our community. Undocumented folks can participate in society without additional fear of being separated from their families."

Along with their pleas for mercy and sympathy, advocates say everyday residents would benefit from Drive SAFE. The state's estimate of undocumented people in Michigan is 130,000. They often face no choice but to drive for groceries,

household supplies and other basic needs, Lupita says, and safer roads would result from them taking driver training and tests required for licenses.

Another selling point, according to organizers, is that police officers on traffic patrols would be placed in fewer difficult situations.

Many non-official citizens are parents of children who are U.S.A.-born and would qualify for protection from deportation under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, but continued blockage of DACA keeps them ineligible for citizenship and thus, for driver licenses when they reach their teen years..

Among more than a dozen advocate groups backing Drive Michigan Forward is LLEAD, Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development

Concerned residents may contact We The People Michigan, wethepeoplemi.org, (810) 210-9745.

Seen on the Scene: Cinco de Mayo Parade (May 7, 2022 // Saginaw)





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Latinos face health care challenges

By MIKE THOMPSON

Benito Garcia didn't hesitate 10 years ago to attend the inaugural Saginaw County All Men's Health Fair.



BENITO GARCIA

He's Latino, of course, and the founding group was and is a well-known Black group, the Saginaw Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Near the close of his work career at the Malleable Iron Plant, he simply wanted to learn as much as possible about his health.

"I've always wanted to know what's going on in the medical field," says Garcia, who has taken part in more than half of the health fairs that have transpired dur-

ing the past decade, regardless of whether he's feeling good or not-so-great about his weight and his Type 2 diabetes. "I still keep up with my doctor appointments, but if I can learn more, then it is all for the good."

This year's event, free to the public, is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at TheDow Event Center.

"My question always has been, how does this reach the Latino community?" Benito says. "Lots of us don't speak or read English especially well. We may have different support systems. We need to participate in these health workshops and screenings, just like anybody else. My goal is to help spread the word."

John Ayala of Saginaw's Mexican American Council is familiar with the challenges of overcoming barriers. When the COVID-19 outbreak started two years ago, he worked with MAC and with his home parish, St. Joseph Catholic, to inform and persuade reluctant Latinos to get vaccines. This involved full days devoted to telephone calls and to door-knocks, when necessary.

John responded to Benito's concerns as follows:

"In working with the effort to provide a 'clinic' for the purpose of providing vaccinations, I made over 300 phone calls to get people registered for a shot. These were not random calls. These people either reg-

istered themselves by calling the church secretary, or they were directly signed up by someone who knew them. Our message was spread by announcements at Mass, by a billboard in front of the church, word-of-mouth, and referrals."

"Those who made the effort to self-register were easy sells. They represented by far the largest portion of those who were vaccinated. Others were a bit skeptical. Many wanted to take a wait-and-see approach, while others flat out refused."



JOHN AYALA

"Language was less of a problem than, for example, computer literacy. If the English seemed strained, I could ask in Spanish for the person I was trying to reach. I also found that English-first speakers were in the household. And they helped with the information needed to register a participant in the Saginaw County Health System and the St Joseph's tracking system. Our effort was centered in a very specific area."

"Yet, we had participants from as far away as Pontiac. Such is the power of word-of-mouth. In the end, the coalition of Saginaw Latino Organizations, leveraging their internal communications networks, effectively provided a healthy pool of recipients. The billboard brought in neighborhood residents, a good cross-section of people. No one was refused who was eligible to receive a shot."

Readers are invited not only to take part in the All Men's Health Fair on June 4, and also to share their own thoughts on future Latino Banner pages.

(For more Health Fair info, see a report on Health section, page 28.)

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SERMONETTE SERIES

"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

Isaiah 66:13



By PASTOR AUGUSTINE DELGADO
NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRIES

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Please note: As of March 19, 2022, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers COVID-19 drive-thru testing locations will be closed.

You can find a COVID-19 testing site at michigan.gov/coronavirus, by calling the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 - press 2 for help finding a test site or by contacting your local health department.

COVID-19 Vaccine / Booster

All Great Lakes Bay Health Centers primary care sites offer the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine or booster. No appointment necessary.

The Pfizer vaccine / booster is available for ages 5 years and older at:

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City, County, Schools: One year into big fed \$\$\$

By **MIKE THOMPSON**

Some of the major municipal news in Saginaw's history continues to fly largely under the radar, but steps to begin spending more than \$150 million in federal anti-poverty funds in the name of COVID-19 relief are moving forward.

City government is receiving a record-setting \$52 million and the county is reaping \$37 million from ARPA, the American Rescue Plan Act, while city schools are in line for \$64 million via ESSER, Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief. Suburbs and small towns are getting smaller per-capita shares.

Most local forums and information sessions have attracted only handfuls of residents during an era when national news and social media dominate, compared to the original 1960s War on Poverty, when Saginaw rooms were packed and meetings sometimes grinded into the wee hours.

Local participation has increased, but not a whole lot, since a few years ago, when there nearly were not enough City Council candidates to fill the nine seats.

Here is the upcoming schedule for anyone who wishes to take part in the 2022 chapter of Saginaw history:

- Tuesday, May 17, noon, City Hall, ARPA info
- Tuesday, May 17, 5 p.m., Courthouse, County Board
- Wednesday, May 18, 11 a.m., Ascension St. Mary's, ARPA info
- Wednesday, May 18, 4 p.m., Andersen Enrichment Center, ARPA info
- Wednesday, May 18, 5:30 p.m., Board of Ed
- Thursday, May 19, 5 p.m., City Hall, ARPA info
- Thursday, May 19, 5:30 p.m., City/School/County Liaison, Board of Ed hosts
- Thursday, May 19, 6 p.m., New Birth MBC, 3121 Sheridan, ARPA info
- Friday, May 20, 1 p.m., dawn of a new day, 210 S. Washington, ARPA info
- Monday, May 23, 6:30 p.m., City Council
- Monday, May 23, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge, M-13 at M-81, ARPA info
- Tuesday, May 24, 3:30 p.m., City Hall, ARPA info
- Wednesday, May 25, 3 p.m., Saginaw Community Foundation, behind Temple Theater, ARPA info
- Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m., Thompson Middle School, ARPA info

Many of these meetings (schedule subject to change) are set up through an ARPA advisory group. Others include regular sessions of the City Council, or the Board of Ed, or the County Board. Regardless, the windfall now is a main topic.

Mystery money

Our Social Security office is closed. Our Post Office remains at risk. Federal funding cuts have been the story for years. So, how in the world did all this special-use money suddenly get approved in Washington?

Explanation: It was a reaction right away after the pandemic first struck, with

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large sums of money approved during those first emotional times, so big that they would have no chance in today's politics. The biggest money is from President Biden's first few months, but some actually is from Trump's final year.

This is why we say the ARPA story has been under the radar. National media currently report on "Brandon" Biden being blocked or voted down on budget issues, seeming to overlook that all these record-setting funds already have been in place for more than a year. And simply, this has not caught Trump's attention to a degree that registers on network news, and we have seen no MAGA protests.

Nobody involved here locally ever would have expected such an Oprah-type splash of cash, for the entire community rather than for a studio audience. The sums highly surpass amounts even from President Clinton's tenure and under President Obama, or under President Johnson, for that matter. The pandemic relief dollars are in FDR range.

Rare gains in the recent past were far smaller. For example, the longtime block grants have been sort of like mini-ARPAs, and a big deal was when they rose to \$5 million under Clinton, instead of the usual \$3 million. The extra couple of million bucks at the time was a top news story. Compare those dollars to the combined \$153 million that now is in the kitty.

During a recent meeting, civic old-timer Jim Doane and emerging Councilwoman Monique Lamar Silvia made similar points. They do not speak of ARPA and all the jargon, unless asked, because they aim to keep things simple.

The simple outlook for mostly all involved is: "We now have more money, a once-in-a-lifetime event, which means more resources and opportunities than we ever would have imagined. We may have various outlooks on what to do, but we have this big chance. We need to get it right."

Set an agenda

An odd aspect is that these millions

are granted in the name of COVID-19, but funding can go far beyond medicine and health aspects into a general aim of making an historic impact to reduce financial and social hardship. It's like it's about the pandemic, but not totally.

Liberals in Congress for years have tried to get more funds for an action agenda, and have been voted down. Now comes COVID.

Top goals that have emerged may seem obvious: Public health, better neighborhoods, jobs from economic development, improved education and activities for young people.

The City Council has been in the top spotlight because, after all, who goes to County Board meetings at the Courthouse? As for the Board of Ed, Superintendent Ramont Roberts says their source of money (ESSER) is different than ARPA, which means the District cannot accept fund proposals from nonprofit agencies in the same manner as the City and the County. Furthermore, the school board's top priority is carrying out the \$100 million millage for a building construction and renovation, highlighted by the new Saginaw United Community High School.

Still, school trustees say they will work with City and County officials to meet the goals, which signals far more teamwork than usual among the three governing bodies.

The Council and the County Board have committed up to \$850,000 apiece for a national consulting giant, Guidehouse, to help oversee the decision-making process and to deal with the federal bureaucracy.

In addition, the Council appointed a citizen advisory group, and the new members selected their chairwoman to be Renee Johnston, Saginaw Community Foundation president, who says she volunteered as a lifelong Saginawian and because her experiences with SCF finances and grants may bring value to the tasks at hand.

The 15 panelists come from an array in civic groups. Each of them suddenly are devoting dozens of hours that they would not have foreseen at the start of the calendar year, with temporary service that will go just as quickly to the archives when

the Council receives their report and their fund recommendations.

Keep it going

A pair of main questions have emerged for any proposal:

- Sustainability. How would the funded agency or project continue to function once the federal startup money expires later in the decade?
- Synchrony. Are you able to team with partners, and to attract matching funds from other sources?

The city's ARPA panel still is accepting third-party fund proposals. In addition, residents may submit outlined ideas for how to use the money, an aspect that was not a part of last fall's initial survey. Information is via the City Clerk's Office, (989) 399-1311, or by a search for "Saginaw ARPA Portal."

Superintendent Roberts, City Manager Tim Morales and County Controller Robert Belleman all have suggested using roughly half of their fund allotments within their own budgets (including pandemic risk bonus checks for employees), which would leave the remainder for the community group proposals.

Councilman Michael Flores, often a lone voice, says the city is keeping too much money on hand and should give more weight to the outside ideas. Some applicants have expressed a similar view, but not publicly.

During the summer months, citizens may begin to learn details of the various proposals, The Michigan Banner will continue with updates. For the initial Banner report, readers online may check the archive for June 1, 2021.

Info also may be found at saginaw-mi.com and spsd.net.

Free smoke alarm installation event



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The Saginaw Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross to support the American Red Cross—Michigan Region's Home Fire Campaign 2022. On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the American Red Cross will host a Smoke Alarm Installation Day across Saginaw County. Teams will be set up through the Red Cross to visit homes and install smoke alarms free of charge to those who call 1-810-893-6645 and place their names on the list. Fire Department officials encourage City of Saginaw residents to take advantage of this outstanding free program.

Residents can also get involved in this event by volunteering to be a part of the installation team. Citizens who are interested in volunteering can contact the Saginaw Fire Department at (989) 759-1393 or contact the Red Cross at (810) 893-6642. Residents will receive training to assist in the installations and be a part of the effort to keep Saginaw families safe.

For more information on this event, contact the Saginaw Fire Department at (989) 759-1393.



The Michigan Banner announces 2022 'Heart of the City' award recipients



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Psalms 134



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This psalm contains a "call to worship" and a "benediction." In the beginning of the worship experience, the people are called upon to bless the Lord. At the end of the worship experience, the Lord is called upon to bless His people. Some scholars suggest that the verb "bless" derives from the noun "knee" and may imply the bending of the knee in blessing. I believe that as the saints come into the presence of God for worship, they should literally and/or figuratively bend the knee. If nothing else, in a figurative sense, the saints should bend the knee in humility, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God. The saints are sometimes called upon to worship and bow down before the Lord as a way of rendering reverence and respect to Him. Also in a figurative sense, the Lord bends the knee when He blesses us with daily provisions, answered prayers, and all that we receive from Him. It is said that He bends His ear when He listens to our prayers. In bending the knee, He is not paying homage to us, but simply meeting us where we are. For He is the Most High God, Maker of heaven and earth. Because heaven is His throne and the earth is His footstool, the Lord daily stoops to bless His people. This is why the saints bow down to bless Him. Bless Him for His manifold blessings.

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Annual cleanup a success, but the work only has started

By MIKE THOMPSON

Scattered rain clouds broke up near dawn on Saturday, May 14, clearing the way for Saginaw's second annual Meet Up to Clean Up event.

More than 100 volunteers took part, an increase from last year's inaugural event, ranging from elders to students. They gathered on City Hall's front lawn and headed for more than a dozen sites where litter and trash were most abundant, such as near busy intersections, railroad crossings and abandoned properties.

The task was pickup, not mowing or clearing. That will come from City Hall and County Land Bank crews. At The Banner, we have tried to obtain details, at least

in general, about how ARPA federal wind-fall funds for Saginaw might be devoted to cleanups that involve heavy equipment. So far, The Banner has received no response.

Their modest celebration was a picnic lunch from Woody's Hot Dogs, located for everyday business across from Huron Fish at Old Town's triple intersection of Gratiot, Michigan and Mackinaw. Neon green work shirts, along with general support, were provided by the Saginaw Community Foundation.

Mayor Brenda Moore says she views the spring Meet Up/Clean Up as more than an annual highlight event, but as a startup to more ongoing efforts by neighborhood associations and by civic groups. Examples of volunteer efforts include One

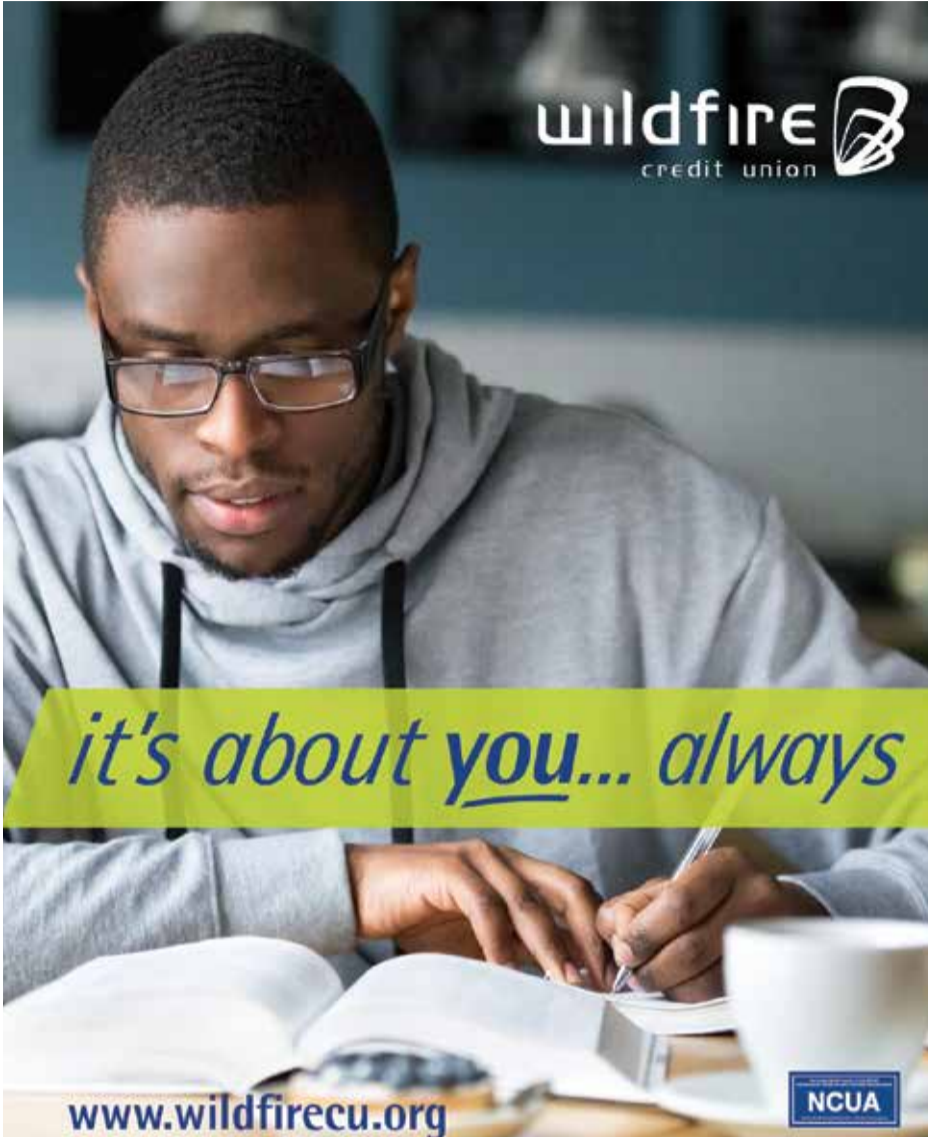
Week/One Street late in June, and Bethel AME Church's urban garden project in the Arthur Eddy area.

Another avenue to extend the spirit into the summer is the city's Saginaw Neighborhood Improvement Awards, says James Martin, chief environmental inspector. Residents may nominate any eye-catching property that they observe, even their own. Twelve winners will receive packages of yard and garden products that are donated by a dozen local sponsors, both corporate and family-owned.

Past awardees are displayed at saginaw-mi.com/scenic. For info, contact Martin at (989) 759-1530 or via jmartin@saginaw-mi.com.

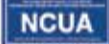
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Saginaw water shutoffs debate resumes

By MIKE THOMPSON

Saginaw water service shutoffs may resume, and opponents may face a less receptive City Council than a year ago.

At their May 9 meeting, City Manager Tim Morales told council members that nonpayments have risen to \$1.6 million, a \$600,000 increase from last May, when city leaders responded to public pressure by resuming a no-shutoff policy that had started with COVID-19's arrival in March 2020.

Mayor Brenda Moore responded to the new numbers when she said City Hall is "going backwards" with the more lenient approach. Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Balls was even stronger, saying, "It seems like people are taking advantage."

Saginaw is home to about 18,000 households. Roughly 7,000 families have incomes below the federal annual poverty cap, which for example is below \$22,000 for a family of three. Some 1,200 residential properties, said Morales, are water debtors with bills at least 60 days past due, up from 800 last year.



JEFFREY BULLS

Jeffrey Bulls, who helped lead last summer's protests with Community Alliance for the People, promises renewed shutoff opposition.

"Just disappointing, but hardly surprising," was Bulls' reaction to the May 9 discussion, "They didn't learn one lesson from our previous fight, it seems. Round Two upcoming."

Less forgiveness coming?

Bulls and his group have advocated total debt forgiveness, sparking backlash among others in hardship who assert that they struggle and sacrifice to pay household bills and that their peers in poverty should do the same.

Moore attempted to find some middle ground a year ago when she invited water

debtors to visit City Hall directly, and then joined staff in steering them to agencies with programs that offer debt relief and extended payment plans. These include the Saginaw County Community Action Committee, CAC, along with United Way (coordinators of the 211 call line) and First Ward Community Center.

City officials reported that more than half of debt troubles were resolved, and that many more proved to be abandoned properties,

In a twist of irony, Morales said a lack of shutoffs has started to create a barrier for city applicants for payment aid, because unlike suburbanites, they cannot prove they are in danger of losing service. Resumption of a more strict city policy would help to solve the dilemma, he said.

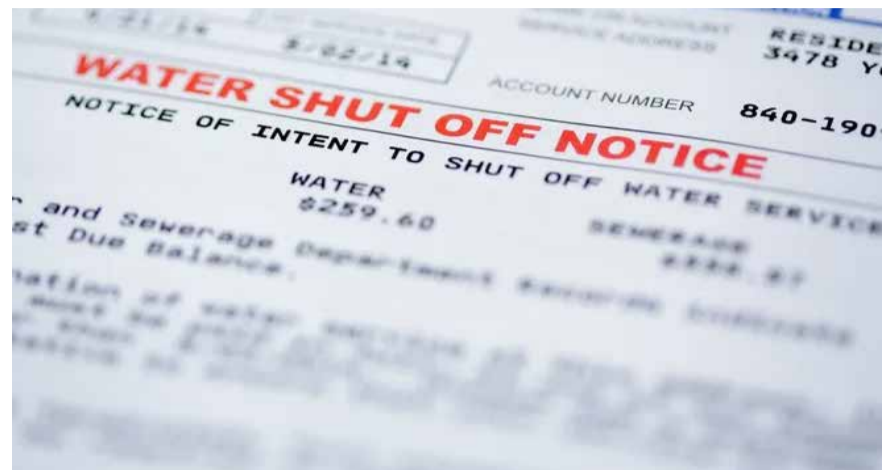
The city provides water from Lake Huron pipelines to the suburbs and small towns under bulk supply contracts, but each local unit oversees its own billing and payment deadlines.

Council choices, or manager's?

As far as Saginaw city payment rules, lines of authority are somewhat blurred. The 1936 City Charter states that the council sets overall policy while the manager, Morales, is responsible for "day-to-day operations." For example, the council has washed its hands of closing Ojibway Island to motorists on the premise that this is a day-to-day decision by Morales. Water shutoff procedures, so far, have not reached a similar point of bringing the City Charter into play.

Protesters in 2021 described water shutoffs as "genocide." At one rally they demanded resignations of city administrators and staffers, which did not transpire.

Bulls last year recruited ACLU of Michigan support. The ACLU stated, in part: "Given Saginaw's racial and economic circumstances, these shutoff practices likely



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violate the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and various provisions of international law."

The statement added: "As a practical matter, disconnecting water access in a home during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic creates imminent health risks, exacerbates housing instability, and could threaten parents' rights to keep their children in their homes. ... A good first step in that direction is a permanent moratorium on water shutoffs, and we urge that you impose one forthwith."

A majority of city leaders are not willing to go that far, saying the wide majority of residents who pay their bills would be forced to subsidize those who do not or cannot.

The city's water fund is separate from the cash-strapped general fund, which means water policy has nothing to do with cutbacks in public safety and other basic services.

Also, roughly half of a so-called "water bill" is for sewers, including more than \$100 million in retention basin improvements that are required by the federal EPA.


For residents to appeal a water bill problem, city officials say it's best not to let the matter slide. Make a report and appeal for assistance and/or a payment plan to catch up. The number is (989) 759-1540.

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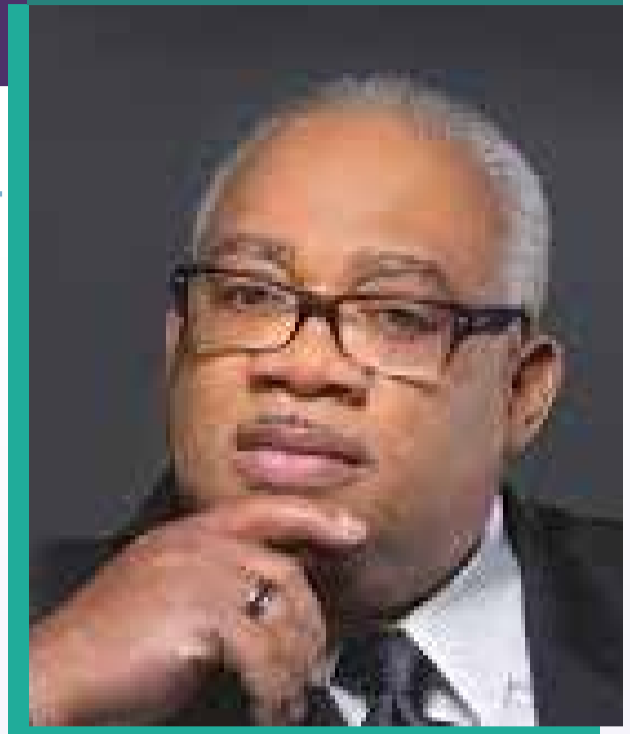
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I'M JUST THINKING.....

By PASTOR HURLEY J. COLEMAN, JR., WORLD OUTREACH CAMPUS CHURCH



The amazing gift of Mother

I woke up recently with a picture in my mind of an amazing creation of God, my Mother. I saw her warm smile, heard her voice (that soft caressing one), and smelled the aroma of her awesome gift of work in the kitchen of our home. My mother, Martha Willette Chatman Coleman was a true example of the handiwork of God - Mother.

I thought of what it took for her to give birth to eleven children, all of whom survived her. She watched us grow up, nurtured our individual gifts, celebrated our successes, soothed our hurts, challenged us in our failing moments, and keep a stern environment of moral and spiritual teaching. She was a Mother. I was often amazed at her ability to says much without opening her mouth. She could moved from a strong disciplinarian to angel of mercy in moments. Her hands were full of dexterity: seeing, cooking, applying bandages, soothing with balm and salve, and creating wonderful experiences for her family. She could play basketball with the boys, dolls with the girls, teach like we were in school, pray like we were in church, and everything in between. We watched her love our father and make him feel like the king in his castle. Everything she did for him was done with an amazing flourish of love. She never seemed to run out of whatever that was that made every one of us special.

Our house was a haven for so many. My mother was the mother of so many

people; all of our friends were welcome at her table. All of the children we grew up with at church and their parents called her Mother Coleman. In fact, when the first grandchild came, he gave her a new name. Reverend Dr. Charles Coleman, was the first to bring grandchildren to the table. His son, Charles II, heard us all saying "yes Ma'am and no Ma'am" and thought it was her name. He started calling her "the Ma'am", and it became the name the everyone called her from that point on. Ma'am was a well of comfort, a spring of joy, a song of peace, and the example of love.

Recently, I sat with family and friends of the late Ruth Marsh. I couldn't help but recognize the unique wonder of Mother's in our midst. She and my mother were married to men of great leadership our community. Mayor Henry Marsh and my father were great friends and cohorts in time of our community that demanded the sacrifice of their time and effort. Our mothers stood with them, and cared for the home and family, ultimately serving in the capacity of mothers for many more than those who came from their physical wombs. They were not alone, there were and are many mothers who did and are still doing this. For me they join the ranks of marvelous mothers that include names like Nurame Austin, Claudine Wickes, Louise Archer, Iola Williams, and so many more. I cannot even name them all.

My mother was in that kind of company. She became the example of a Proverbs 31 woman.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchant's ships; she bright her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considerate a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out

her hands to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself covering is of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen and selleth it, she delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Giver her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:1-31 (KJV)

We can celebrate mothers all month and never be able to include them all. As you are reading this, a list to be included in the Hall of Fame of Mothers is being created in your mind. We will never have enough time and space to name them all. We can thank God for his creation of that Magnificent Marvelous Machine called Mother....

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What's for dinner today, Della?

By Dolores Grant-Fall, former Neighborhood House cook

This week I'm on vacation with some of my grown children and my little grands, and so I asked my friend Mike Thompson to do the recipe. Here it is, for better or worse:

Breakfast

Ingredients

- Bacon, sausage, steak or ham
- Eggs
- Bread or toast or pancakes or waffles or biscuits or bagels (there's a dif between gluton-free and glutton-free)
- Potatoes
- Grits
- Juice



Instructions

1. Cook everything the night before so we only need to reheat in the a.m.
2. Don't turn on more kitchen lights than we need.
3. First thing, put the glass of juice in the freezer so that it's like a slushy when it's time to eat.
4. Precook both bacon or sausage links/patties around 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes. We can do entire packages, or just enough for tomorrow morning's breakfast.
5. We may attempt eggs sunny side or over easy, but they usually break and we have scrambled. They're all the same, so don't be picky. And don't overcook, they continue cooking after we turn off the burner.
6. Grits. nuke by the minute and stir and re-stir to desired consistency, through thin and thick.
7. Hash browns are easy. Get those Mickey Dee-type patties and use the toaster, and when they begin to fall apart in there, blame me.

Well, it looks like your Miss Della should not have trusted Michael with this chore. I'll be back next time!

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“Lock It or Lose It” program more effective than ever before in Saginaw Township

Thefts from vehicles in Saginaw Township are at the lowest level ever recorded, with only 69 incidents reported in 2021.

The Saginaw Township Police Department (STPD) attributes this historic statistic to the “Lock It or Lose It” program, which begins its 2022 campaign this month.

Residents and media are invited to attend the 2022 “Lock It or Lose It” press conference kickoff, taking place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the STPD headquarters, 4930 Shattuck Rd. in Saginaw, Mich.

This event will feature a short presentation from the newly appointed Chief of Police, Scott Malace, as well as Sergeant Chris Fredenburg of the department’s Crime Prevention Unit and representatives from program sponsors Saginaw Bay Underwriters (SBU) and Frankenmuth Insurance.

“Lock It or Lose It” is an awareness campaign, designed to reduce thefts from parked vehicles. It runs annually from Memorial Day to Labor Day, when this crime occurs more frequently. The program promotes three simple tips for all residents:

- Remove valuables from vehicles
- Make sure vehicles are locked
- Report any suspicious activity

“Our three tips are definitely proving effective,” said Sergeant Fredenburg. “The stats for 2021 exceed all expectations I had when we started this effort.”

“We’re very proud of the program’s success,” said Chief Malace. “Before ‘Lock It or Lose It’ began in 2010, the township averaged 220 larcenies from vehicles per year. That average is now below 120 per year.”

Program sponsors are similarly excited about “Lock It or Lose It.”

“SBU looks forward to the kickoff each year,” said SBU President/CEO Peter Ewend. “This initiative has proven so simple and effective in making our community safer.”

“Frankenmuth Insurance was founded on the philosophy of neighbor helping neighbor, and we are pleased to continue supporting a program that keeps our communities safe,” said Frankenmuth Insurance Marketing Director Marcia Merando.

“We are very excited about the momentum ‘Lock It or Lose It’ has built!” said Sergeant Fredenburg. “The numbers are a testament to the program and the partnership between our department, sponsors, and community.”

#TeamUp for the Great Lakes Bay Region Nonprofit Partners Announced for the 2022 Dow GLBI

The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (GLBI) announced the 36 nonprofits that will be participating in the 2022 #TeamUp for the Great Lakes Bay Region charitable program. More than 100 nonprofits in the Great Lakes Bay Region applied for this opportunity. Seven charities were selected from four of the region's counties – Saginaw, Bay, Midland, and Isabella – and eight regional nonprofits were also selected.

The following 501(c)(3) nonprofits were selected based on their organization's impact to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education; sustainability; diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I); community resiliency; and/or innovation.

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- Shelterhouse
- Phoenix Community Farm
- The Legacy Center for Community Success
- Arnold Center, Inc.
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- Midland Recyclers

Saginaw County

- PartnerShift Network
- Saginaw Youth Robotics Academy (Women of Colors)
- Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity
- Saginaw Partnership Center
- Saginaw County Community Action Committee (SCCAC)
- Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw
- Child & Family Service of Saginaw County

Bay County

- Studio 23/The Arts Center

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Isabella County

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Isabella County

- Adoption Option Inc. Child Welfare Organization
- Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
- Delta College Public Media
- Great Lakes Bay Region Mental Health Partnership Initiative within the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance
- Michigan Crossroads Council,
- Boy Scouts of America
- The Children's Grief Center of the Great Lakes Bay Region
- Girls on the Run Saginaw Bay
- Greater Michigan Construction Academy

Each of the 36 nonprofits will be paired randomly with two of the 72 teams competing in the 2022 LPGA event. A total of \$237,500 will be donated through this program with each selected nonprofit guaranteed to receive at least one \$4,500 grant. There will be additional grant opportunities based on the teams'

performance in the tournament. Teams in the lead after Round 1 and Round 2 will receive a total of \$3,000 each. At the conclusion of the final round, each of the top 10 teams will receive a \$5,000 contribution and the first-place team will earn an additional \$11,000. Selected nonprofit organizations will also have the opportunity to earn bonus funds during the Dow GLBI. More details about these additional funds will be available soon.

"It is incredibly rewarding to see the lasting impact the #TeamUp for the GLBR program has had in the communities that we live and work in," said Dow GLBI Executive Director Chris Chandler. "We look forward to working alongside our selected nonprofits as they Team Up with the world's best LPGA players."

Tournament staff will continue to #TeamUp with the Midland Area Community Foundation, Bay Area Community Foundation, Saginaw Community Foundation and the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to manage the program.

"We are so appreciative to have the continued support of the community foundations in the Great Lakes Bay Region," said Dow GLBI Tournament Director Wendy Traschen. "By working together, we have been able to build a charitable giveback program that we are proud to have a part of our event's history."

For more information, please visit www.dowglbi.com/community-impact.

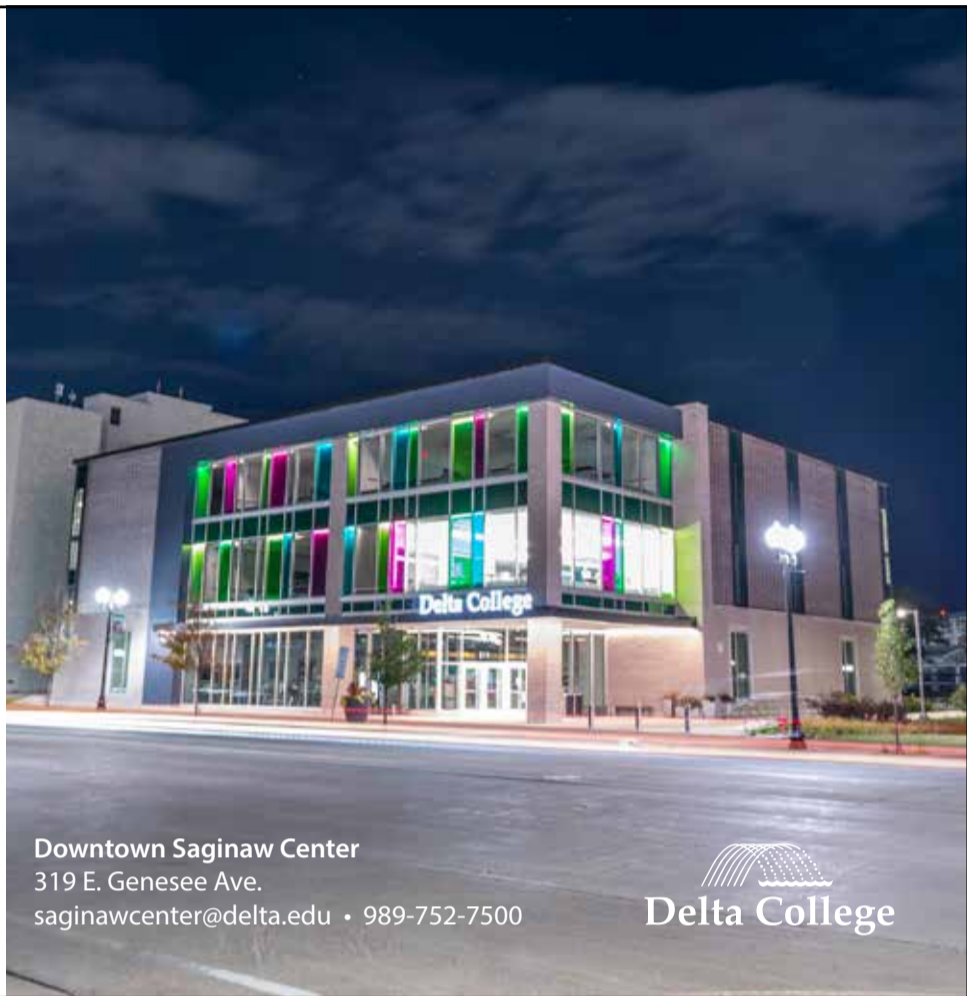


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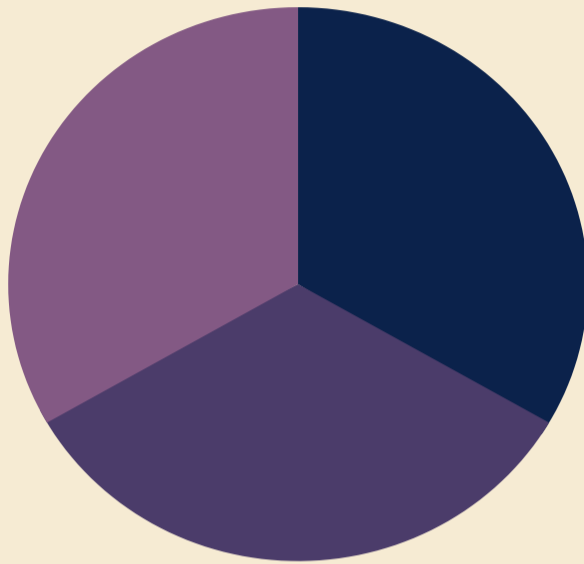
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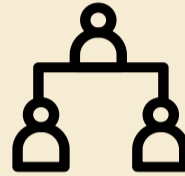
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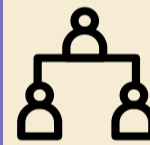


The MI Tri-Share Pilot (Tri-Share) is an innovative public/private partnership that shares the cost of child care equally between employers, employees, and the state of Michigan.

Overview

- **Tri-Share aims to:** (1) make child care affordable and accessible for working parents; (2) help employers retain and attract employees; and (3) help child care providers secure slots.
- Facilitator Hubs coordinate and administer the program in three regions currently representing the **Great Lakes Bay region, Northwest lower peninsula and Muskegon County.**
- Hubs serve as a **central liaison to facilitate connections** between employers, employees and providers.
- Eligible employees are those who are **Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE)** to alleviate one financial burden and remove a barrier to work.

Benefits



For employers, Tri-Share hopes to aid employers recruit and retain talent, and remove barriers to employment



For working parents, this will reduce the out-of-pocket cost of child care, and alleviate the burden of finding child care

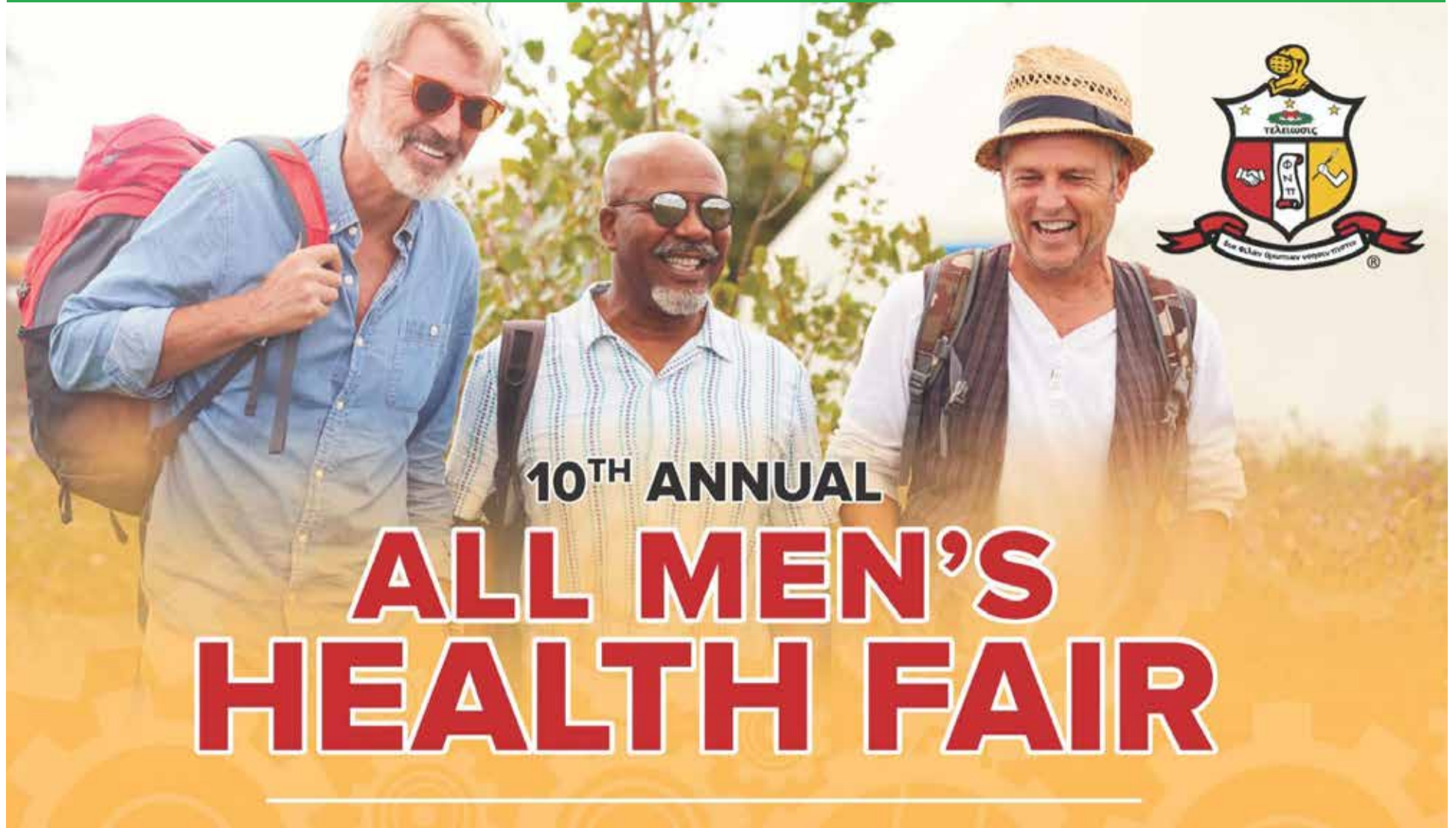


For providers, this pilot will secure slots for reliable payments of child care, as well as help with recruitment.

For more information, visit-
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Health care: Check it out, fellas

By **MIKE THOMPSON**

Imagine it's "Family Feud" on television, and Steve Harvey asks, "Name one thing that most guys won't do."

Number One answer, ask for traffic directions when lost.

Second answer, get their health checked.

There may be no solution for stranded and stubborn male motorists, but the 10th annual Saginaw County Men's Health Fair, a free-of-charge event, will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at The Dow Event Center.

"Most men don't go see a physician until something is very wrong. We are inviting men to come in and to get checked out, before it's too late," says Dr. Christopher Allen from Covenant HealthCare.

Allen adds, "The main barrier is of-

ten those three words: 'I feel fine.' We all are tempted to believe that if we don't know, it won't hurt us."

Among many examples of health issues that may gradually grow more severe for an otherwise healthy man are high-blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes.

Those types of concerns will be evaluated as part of a mini-health assessment that offers an array of tests and screenings. But for fellows who remain reluctant, health and wellness information will be offered with followup care available.

For guys who still are skeptical, here are some eye-openers:



DR. CHRISTOPHER ALLEN

- Men in the United States, on average, live seven fewer years than women.
- Out of the top 10 causes of death, men die at a higher rate for nine of them.
- Half of all men will face some sort of cancer.

The health fair is organized by the Saginaw Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Sponsors along with Covenant HealthCare are Ascension St. Mary's, Faith and Family Health Services, Molina Healthcare, Humana, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Great Lakes Pace, Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC), ComForCare, Great Lakes Bay Health (formerly Health Delivery), and HealthSource Saginaw.

Mental health, a 24-7-365 health crisis

By **LISA CONEY**
LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL
WORKER

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. There may be more focus on mental health during this month as well as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in July and Mental Illness Awareness Week in October. However mental health is a 24-7-365 health crisis. As a Social Worker/Mental Health Practitioner I have seen the perils of mental illness impact a number of students that I've served in the 20 plus years I've worked in the Saginaw Public School District and Saginaw Intermediate School District. Diagnosis range from anxiety, trauma and PTSD to depression with suicide ideations. Mental illness can stem from a number of factors including inherited traits, negative life experiences (traumatic), environmental exposures before birth (toxins, viruses, drugs

and alcohol) and brain chemistry. Many children, youth, adolescents and adults are suffering in silence for years due to limited knowledge and/or resources. As a newly appointed board member to the Saginaw County Mental Health Authority Board of Directors I will respectfully consider the needs of our community relating to the delivery of mental health services by establishing good public policies and being a good steward of public resources. This is also one of my whys for seeking the position as Saginaw County Commissioner for the "New" District 10 (new redistricting maps were approved by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC). Affordable quality health care (including mental health) is not a privilege but a right for all. We are ONE community bonded together for the betterment of ALL!



LISA CONEY

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Mental health and students



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

On May 3rd, WNEM TV 5 aired a report that asked, Are the kids alright?

The report covered many of the challenges students have faced in the pandemic: Online instruction, social distancing, masks, schedule changes, vaccination, tests for the COVID virus to name a few. It begs the question: How can we help support students to make sure they are alright?

The purpose of this article is to share a few ideas of what parents, grandparents and guardians can do to help students. Resources and ideas for such an important topic come from the Bay Arenac Intermediate School District (BAISD) and their Mental Health Counselors group, Stacey Meininger, Jessica Glenn, and Cherie Coopersmith. They prepared a complete set of resources for educators, very appropriate in light of the fact that May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

It is likely other schools and educators have ideas to share. I urge all parents, grandparents, and guardians to stay in touch with their local educators for advice

and support. I cannot overstate how impressed I am with the efforts that schools and their teachers and staff continue to give during the pandemic. Recently I have seen political television advertisements that support candidates for governor, and in at least one of them, backhanded criticisms are leveled at educators. These advertisements are untruthful, in my opinion. I have been in and around schools my entire life, and I reject labels that imply schools are disorganized or in disarray.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Therefore, for this article I will use the BAISD resources for substance; they are well done and represent the dedication of all educators in these challenging times.

The beauty of what the BAISD Counselors suggest is found in the practicality and simplicity of each one. They emphasize the important roles parents, grandparents, and guardians play in students' mental health and wellness. Recent political advertisements imply that schools somehow are no longer supportive supportive of parents; again, nothing could be further from the truth.

I would like to highlight three for your consideration found on the website, parentswithconfidence.com, selected from the BAISD resources.

- 1) Move; 2) Slow down; and 3) Play.

Move

Physical activity and body movement

are effective for relieving tension. Activity helps reduce stress creating hormones while releasing ones that help calm us. Experts suggest that parents give their child a chance to choose the activity or offer to do it for them, giving them a voice in the decision without pressuring.

Slow down

We all are on the "run," so to speak. Racing from one appointment to another. One meeting to another. When stress mounts, that is a perfect time to slow down. To reflect. To sit for a few minutes and relax. In other words, sometimes it is wise to go slow in order to end up going at the pace we may want or need (fast!). Slow down, and "go slow" to "go fast."

Play

Children learn from play. Plus playing can help a child "blow off some steam" and channel some energy into activity. Parents who step up and "act silly" can really win over their child and make a strong bond even stronger.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and strategies like the three I selected are low-cost / no-cost and can help prevent problems from growing. Teaching children how to prevent problems from occurring at all is a great pre-emptive measure.

Let's work together with educators to help students be stable and well.

Resources:

<https://www.wnem.com/2022/05/04/are-kids-alright-mid-michigan-educators-hope-meet-mental-health-challenges-difficult-climate/>

<https://www.baisdcounseling.com/>

https://parentswithconfidence.com/mental-health-day-activities-kids/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=mental-health-day-activities-kids

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SVSU Board approves investments to new nursing lab

The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control approved spending up to \$2 million to fund enhancements to the university's nursing simulation center and its advanced automation and technology laboratory during the Board's regular meeting Friday, May 6.

Much of the funding – \$1.75 million – comes from a Michigan Enhancement Grant to support workforce and talent development projects in critical areas. SVSU will contribute \$250,000 toward the project from existing reserves for capital projects.

The Board also approved spending \$460,000 to make needed improvements to network infrastructure in Pioneer Hall, Gilbertson Hall and the Health & Human Services building.

The Board also approved adding new bachelor's degree programs in computer

engineering, and in environmental studies and sustainability. Both programs will begin with the 2022 fall semester.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved granting undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- Approved granting an honorary degree to Weiju Chen, director of the First Affiliated Hospital of Jinan University in China; SVSU and Jinan have longstanding partnerships in the nursing field.
- Extended SVSU's existing strategic plan through 2022.
- Approved a revised Code of Student Conduct for the 2022-23 academic year.
- Approved a revised alcohol and

other drugs policy for the 2022-23 academic year.

- Approved the reauthorization of four public school academies: Branch Line School, Charlevoix Montessori Academy for the Arts; Faxon Academy and Saginaw Preparatory Academy.
- Approved the sale of property at 7371 Glen Eagle Drive.
- Elected Board officers for 2022-23, as follows: Vicki Rupp, chair; Raj Wiener, vice chair; Bhushan Kulkarni, secretary; Lindsay Eggers, treasurer.
- Passed a resolution thanking Thomas Metiva, president, and members of the SVSU Student Association for their service during the 2021-22 academic year.

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AUGUST 2, 2022 SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE ELECTION



The August 2, 2022 Special Education Election affects all students in all Saginaw County public school districts and public school academies.



1. When is the election?

The election will be held in every local school district served by the Saginaw Intermediate School District on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available after June 23rd, and can be cast through Election Day.

2. What is on the ballot?

Registered voters residing in school districts served by Saginaw ISD will vote on a 10-year Special Education Millage Proposal that calls for a 1.5583 mill tax increase.

3. What is the primary purpose of the election?

Special education services that are required by law have not been fully funded by the State of Michigan. Hence, this year Saginaw ISD will be forced to make-up the \$8.1 million special education funding shortages by invoicing local school districts for unfunded special education services. Local school districts will pay the \$8.1 million from their general operating budgets, reducing the amount of revenue available to pay for programs and services provided to all 26,140 students in Saginaw County.

The Special Education Millage Proposal will greatly reduce the special education funding shortages, providing Saginaw County's twelve local school districts and six public school academies with annual relief to their operating budgets.

4. What school districts are served by Saginaw ISD and are affected by this election?

This election will affect Saginaw County's twelve school districts and six Public School Academies listed below:

School Districts

- Birch Run Area Schools
- Bridgeport-Spaulling Community Schools
- Carrollton Public Schools
- Chesaning Union Schools
- Frankenmuth School District
- Freeland Community School District
- Hemlock Public Schools
- Merrill Community Schools
- Saginaw City School District
- Saginaw Township Community Schools
- St. Charles Community Schools
- Swan Valley School District

Public School Academies

- Covenant Academy
- Francis Reh
- International Academy
- North Saginaw Charter
- Saginaw Prep Academy
- Saginaw STEM Academy of Excellence

Registered voters who live in Saginaw County can vote on the Special Education Millage Proposal by absentee ballot after June 23rd, or at the polls on August 2nd.



5. How much money will each local school district receive if the Special Education Millage Proposal is approved by voters?

The approximate amount of revenue that will be returned to local school district and public school academy operating budgets is based on the number of special education students residing in the school district.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	APPROXIMATE REVENUE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE
Birch Run Area Schools	\$ 323,000
Bridgeport-Spaulling Community Schools	\$ 484,000
Carrollton Public Schools	\$ 546,000
Chesaning Union Schools	\$ 497,000
Frankenmuth School District	\$ 283,000
Freeland Community School District	\$ 467,000
Hemlock Public Schools	\$ 323,000
Merrill Community Schools	\$ 237,000
Saginaw City School District	\$1,100,000
Saginaw Township Community Schools	\$1,300,000
St. Charles Community Schools	\$ 210,000
Swan Valley School District	\$ 516,000
LOCAL ACADEMIES	
Covenant Academy	\$ -0-
Francis Reh	\$ 13,000
International Academy	\$ 48,000
North Saginaw Charter	\$ 92,000
Saginaw Prep Academy	\$ 44,000
Saginaw STEM Academy of Excellence	\$ 76,000

6. How will the revenue from the Special Education Millage Proposal be used?

Each local school district will determine how the revenue returned to its general operating budget will be used. All districts are committed to using the revenue to enhance educational programs and services for all of their students.

Revenue from this election will benefit 26,140 students served by local school districts and public school academies in Saginaw County.

7. How much revenue from this election will go to local school districts and public school academies?

If voters approve the Special Education Millage Proposal, all revenue will be distributed to Saginaw County's twelve local school districts and six public school academies.

8. How much revenue from this election will go to Saginaw ISD?

None, all revenue will be pro-rata to Saginaw County's twelve local school districts and six public school academies.

9. How are the revenue distributions to local districts determined?

The distribution of millage revenue to local school districts is consistent with the special education funding priorities jointly established by local school district superintendents and Saginaw ISD in 2017.

The distribution formula is part of Saginaw ISD's Special Education Plan approved by local school district superintendents and submitted to and approved by the Michigan Department of Education.

10. What will the Special Education Millage Proposal cost?

The 1.5583 mill proposal will cost the average Saginaw County homeowner (living in a \$100,000 home) \$6.49 per month or about 21 cents per day. Some Saginaw County homeowners will pay more, but most will pay less.

To calculate your exact cost, multiply the assessed value of your home by 0.0015583. The assessed value of your home is a maximum of one-half its market value. So, if you live in a home with a \$100,000 market value, the maximum assessed value will be one-half that... or \$50,000. Multiply \$50,000 by 0.0015583 to get your annual cost (\$50,000 X 0.0015583 = \$77.92 per year)... or about 21 cents per day.

11. Will homeowner property values be affected if voters approve the Special Education Millage Proposal?

Research indicates that real estate values tend to be higher in communities with school districts that offer students a quality educational program. Voter approval of the Special Education Millage Proposal will enhance educational programs in all local school districts and are likely to reflect positively on homeowner property values and each local school district's reputation.



12. What special education programs/services are provided for students in Saginaw County?

Michigan law requires school districts to provide special education services to individuals with disabilities from birth through age 26 or upon graduation from high school. Students are eligible for services under one of 13 disability areas, including...

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Early Childhood Developmental Delay
- Emotional Impairment
- Cognitive Impairment
- Severe Multiple Impairment
- Physical Impairment
- Otherwise Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech and Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

The Saginaw ISD Special Education Department in combination with providers in our local districts, provides programs and services that support the academic and functional achievement of over 4,600 students with disabilities. These students comprise approximately 15 percent of Saginaw County's student population.

Over 370 special education staff members from the Saginaw ISD serve students across all twelve local school districts, six public school academies, and numerous parochial schools. These individuals provide a variety of supports and services to meet students' individual academic needs. In order to support the diverse needs of our students, Saginaw ISD also operates four center-based programs which service low-incidence disabilities. These programs include the Millet Learning Center, Transitions Center School, Saginaw Therapeutic Education Program, and Early On.

In addition, Saginaw ISD provides county-wide special education transportation services to ensure equitable access to a variety of special education programs across Saginaw County.

13. A YES vote typically means that a voter supports a proposal. Is that the case in this election?

Yes. Voters who support the Special Education Millage Proposal should vote YES. Voters who oppose it should vote NO.



14. What will happen if voters do not approve the August 2nd Special Education Millage Proposal?

Saginaw ISD will be required to continue invoicing its twelve local school districts and six public school academies over eight million dollars annually for unfunded special education costs. This will negatively affect educational funding for all students in all Saginaw County public schools.



15. Who can vote in this election?

Saginaw County residents who are 18 years of age or older and are registered to vote can vote in this election.



16. Where can I get information about voting (such as how to register, where to vote, and absentee voting)?

Go to the Michigan Voter Information website (www.michigan.gov/vote) or call the Clerk's Office where you reside.

17. Do I need to update my voter registration?

Registered voters need to update their voter registration if they have changed their name or address since the last time they voted. You can do this at any Secretary of State Office or at the Clerk's Office where you reside.

18. Can registered voters vote by absentee ballot?

Yes. Any registered voter can request an absentee voter application from their local clerk or online at www.michigan.gov/vote. After June 23rd, absentee ballots will be mailed to registered voters who have submitted an absentee voter application. Absentee ballots can be cast through 8 p.m. on Election Day, August 2nd.

19. How will the August 2nd ballot be worded?

The exact ballot wording appears below:

**SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special education millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the 1.9417 mills limitation (\$1.9417 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Saginaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of students with a disability be increased by 1.5583 mills (\$1.5583 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2022 to 2031, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately \$8,638,119 from local property taxes authorized herein?

**YES
NO**

For more information:

- Go to www.sisd.cc and click on *Special Education Millage Election*
- Contact Erin Senkowski, Executive Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8708 | email senkowskie@sisd.cc)
- Contact David Krantz, Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8754 | email dkrantz@sisd.cc)
- Contact your local school district superintendent for additional details

Share your thoughts about Saginaw ISD's Special Education Millage Election.

Scan the QR code or visit www.research.net/r/SISDmillage



**SPECIAL EDUCATION
MILLAGE ELECTION
AUGUST 2, 2022**

...an election to benefit Saginaw County's twelve public school districts and six public school academies.

What is on the ballot?

A 10-year Special Education Millage Proposal that calls for a 1.5583 mill tax increase. If approved by voters, most Saginaw County voters will pay 21¢ per day or less.

Why is this on the ballot?

Special education services that are required by law have not been fully funded. This year Saginaw ISD will be forced to make up the \$8.1 million shortage by invoicing local school districts and public school academies for unfunded special education services. They will pay for the \$8.1 million shortage from their general operating budgets, reducing the amount of revenue available to pay for programs and services provided to all 25,653 students in Saginaw County.

Will all twelve school districts and six public school academies in Saginaw County benefit if this special education millage is approved?

Yes. Students in all twelve school districts and six public school academies in Saginaw County will benefit if this millage is approved. Revenue from this millage will be used to pay for services mandated for special education services in Birch Run Area Schools, Bridgeport-Spaulling Community Schools, Carrollton Public Schools, Chesaning Union Schools, Frankenmuth School District, Freeland Community School District, Hemlock Public Schools, Merrill Community Schools, Saginaw City School District, Saginaw Township Community Schools, St. Charles Community Schools, and Swan Valley School District. In addition, revenue will be available to Saginaw County's six public school academies.

Share your thoughts about the millage proposal with us!
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**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
SAGINAW ISD'S SPECIAL
EDUCATION ELECTION**

What if this millage is not approved?

Over \$8 million will not be available to support the education of the 25,653 students in Saginaw County's twelve public school districts and six public school academies. Public school districts and academies will continue to fund the special education funding shortage out of their general fund.

Why is this a Saginaw Intermediate School District millage proposal?

Saginaw ISD is the only educational entity in Saginaw County that can place this proposal on the ballot.

Saginaw ISD has placed this proposal on the ballot on behalf of the twelve local school districts and six public school academies that it serves. Saginaw ISD is committed to using the increase of revenue to directly support special education services.

Who can vote in this election?

Registered voters residing in Saginaw County's twelve school districts can vote in this election at the polls on August 2nd or by absentee ballot from June 23rd through Election Day.

To register to vote, locate your voting precinct, or apply for an absentee ballot, go to www.michigan.gov/vote or call your local Clerk's Office.

Where can I get more information or ask questions about the election?

- Go to www.sisd.org and click on Special Education Millage Election
- Call or email Erin Senkowski, Saginaw ISD's Executive Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8708 | email senkowskie@sisd.cc) or David Krantz, Saginaw ISD's Director of Special Education (phone 989/249-8754 | email dkrantz@sisd.cc)
- You may also contact your local school district superintendent for additional details



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Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) initial information for potential community partners

What is GSRP?

GSRP is Michigan's state funded Pre-K program. It serves children who meet income and/or other criteria in the year before they are eligible for Kindergarten. All classrooms use an approved research-based curriculum and comprehensive child assessment tool. Each classroom has a lead and associate teacher who meet credentials specified in the State School Aid Act. Parents are involved in the program in multiple ways. The program operates in part and school-day options. More can be learned about program requirements at: www.michigan.gov/gsrp.

Who can be a GSRP provider?

GSRP is provided in sites licensed as child care centers. They may have either a regular license or a provisional license as a new or relocated center. Those with one of these types of provisional license

must agree to submit a Self-Assessment Survey in the Great Start to Quality (GSQ) system as soon as the regular license is issued. Centers with licenses that have been modified to provisional status are not eligible. All centers that have eligible licenses must also have at least a three star rating in GSQ.

Would I have to meet all program requirements to be chosen as a GSRP provider?

No, but if funded, you will be expected to hire qualified staff and have staff trained in the curriculum and assessment tools. You will have to operate in compliance with child care licensing rules and GSRP statute, policies and procedures. You would also have the support of a Saginaw Intermediate School District Early Childhood Specialist to implement a program that meets requirements.

Are there any other criteria and what do I have to do to apply?

Once additional funds are identified, you will receive an application to be completed.

If I want my center to be considered in the future what can I do?

Complete the GSQ Self-Assessment Survey to be star rated. Take advantage of all opportunities and support that the local GSQ Resource Center has to offer (contact Julie Bash at bashj@sisd.cc). Join the Great Start Collaborative (contact Julie Kozan at jkozan@sisd.cc). Let your SISD Early Childhood Contact, Ericka M. Taylor (etaylor@sisd.cc) know of your ongoing interest. There may be professional development that you can take part in as you prep for next year's application process.

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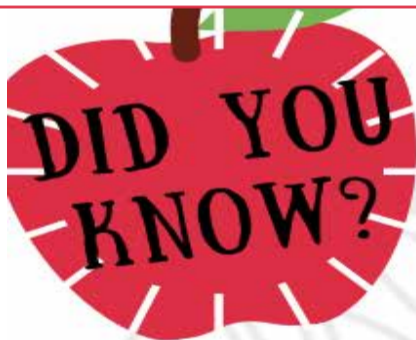
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GUIDELINES

What are the guiding principles for the MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot program?

The following principles will consistently be used in decision making around the implementation of the MI Tri-Share pilot program:

- Choice of provider(s) will be made by the employee.
- Limit the burden to employers and providers in determining employee eligibility by requiring hubs to determine eligibility.
- Help ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) eliminate barriers to employment.

Who is responsible to pay for child care using the MI Tri-Share Child Care pilot model?

The MI Tri-Share Child Care Program, in its pilot phase, is an innovative approach to increasing access to high quality, affordable child care for working families, with the cost of child care shared by an employer, the employee and the State of Michigan. In all cases, child care costs must be divided equally between the employer, employee and the State.

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. What are the employee eligibility requirements?

Employee eligibility will be determined based on the employee's family size and household income. Employees must have a household income between 186%-285% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Employees must not be eligible for the Development and Care Program (commonly referred to as child care subsidy). Once an employee is deemed eligible, they are eligible for the entire year of the pilot.

2. How is eligibility determined?

Hubs will gather income data and determine final eligibility of employee.

3. Are employees eligible if they have seasonal work?

Seasonal income is considered contractual income if it is income meant to cover the other six months when not working. In this instance, you would take the income for six months and determine monthly income based on the year.

4. What is the process for determining which employees are eligible for child care slots?

Employers have flexibility in deciding which

family will receive a child care slot. Possible ways to make this determination include:

- First come, first serve process
- Employee lottery/random selection
- Employee needs (i.e., closest to 186% FPL)
- Each family receives one child care slot/
Family receives multiple child care slots

5. How many child care slots are employees eligible for?

Employers have flexibility in deciding how many child care slots should be offered to participating employees and their families. Possible ways to make this determination include:

- Each participating family receives one slots
- Participating families receive multiple slots based on how many children need care
- Participating families receive one or multiple slots based on greatest need

6. Can child care providers and employees outside the designated regions participate in the Tri-Share program?

Eligible employees may reside outside the designated region of the hub.

7. Do employees choose their own child care provider?

Employees are encouraged to select a licensed child care provider that meets their needs, this includes an existing child care provider (so long as they are currently licensed). Employees may utilize before and after care for schoolagers, summer care for schoolagers, and part-time and full-time child care for their children.

8. Can children be placed at multiple child care providers, if the employer has more than one child care spot given to their family?

Families do not have to have the same provider for all children to participate in the Tri-Share program. Family choice of care is a guiding principle in this pilot.

9. Are there additional responsibilities of the employees enrolled in the MI Tri-Share program?

Eligible employees must complete a survey providing information around their children and child care. The information gathered through this survey will be used in informing future policies related to the work of this pilot. Personal information (like names or child names) will not be shared with any person outside the work of the project. Employees also must sign and follow any type of MOU or contract put forth by the participating hub.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Is there flexibility for providers to increase rates based on their participation in the program?

No, child care providers will not increase rates for families because they are participating in the MI Tri-Share pilot. This does not include when child care rates for all families increase (based on annual tuition increase, cost of living, etc.).

2. Can child care providers outside the designated regions participate in the MI Tri-Share program?

Eligible child care providers may reside outside the designated region of the hub.

3. What type of child care facilities are eligible to participate in the pilot?

All participating child care providers must be licensed by the state of Michigan. Before and after school care, summer care, and part or full time care are acceptable forms of child care for this pilot.

4. Can a child care provider who offers free child care to staff (as part of a benefit package) participate as an employer in this pilot?

In all cases, the cost of child care must be divided equally between the employer, employee and the State of Michigan. If an employee does not contribute to the costs of child care, then the employer (in this case the child care provider) would not be eligible to participate in the pilot.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Are there additional responsibilities of employers when they are enrolled in the MI Tri Share program?

Employees must sign and adhere to any type of MOU or contract put forth by the participating hub. Employers will be asked to participate in data collection processes implemented by the evaluation team. These may include, but are not limited to, focus groups, surveys, interviews etc. Employers should be willing to actively participate in gathering this information, to the best of their ability.

2. Can tax deductions be used by participating employers?

There may be possible deductions for employers, please always consult with your tax professional/advisor if you have questions related to tax deductions.



About Saginaw ISD HE/EHS

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For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit: www.saginawheadstart.org

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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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Joe Baca, former Dem. California Congressman

“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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Economic Development Week in the Great Lakes Bay

Collaboration is not foreign to the Economic Development Organizations in Region 5, and neither is business attraction, but in response to the COVID pandemic, these economic development organizations have thought it necessary to partner together to develop and employ a plan to attract new businesses to Region 5 in Michigan which includes the eight counties of Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw.

The initiative, launched by seven regional economic development organizations who represent more than a half million people in the middle eastern portion of Michigan, bordering Lake Huron, has branded the geographic area as Great Lakes Bay. Michigan. Centered. The objectives of the plan are to secure investment in targeted industries by promoting regional assets to decision makers of companies through a process called site selection as well as engage key stakeholders within the community to accentuate the benefits of doing business here.

The committee collaborated to develop and produce a variety of materials to market this area of the state of Michigan. Along with branding the geographic area as Great Lakes Bay. Michigan. Centered., a description of the area was developed to tell the story of what it's like in the region which were included in advertorials that have been published in national periodicals such as Business Facilities and Site Selection Magazine.

Streamlined property templates were developed to better market the most shovel ready and developable land parcels and buildings available in each county which have been utilized in site selection tours and at national shows. The region includes these sites in their property database <http://www.greatlakesbaysites.com/> which is a comprehensive site detailing information about available properties in partnership with regional realtors.

That collaboration allowed for the regional economic development organizations to solidify their processes of business attraction and marketing in a cohesive effort. Another aspect of that includes identifying targeted industries to attract to the communities. Targeted industries are businesses that could be best supported in terms of natural resources, geographic location, workforce, and available infrastructure. Those identified throughout the region included advanced manufactur-

ing, agribusiness, and healthcare. The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance is also collaborating with Region 5 by continuing to support site consultant outreach and event sponsorship. The Alliance will also promote the overall region at state and national events.

The initiative to market and brand the eight counties as a region, Great Lakes Bay. Michigan. Centered. has led to additional momentum and outside attention, including a \$105,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to fund the efforts at a larger scale throughout 2022. The funds make it possible for the committee to expand their efforts in highlighting premier sites for businesses and marketing and promotion.

Each of the eight counties have experienced unique successes over the past year, and each county has its own unique attributes in terms of population, talent, and industry legacy. While the counties in the region all have similar resources in common, they also all have the same goals, to continue to grow the local economy by creating jobs and supporting capital investment.

This week marks Economic Development week, which was created by the International Economic Development Council to increase awareness of local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities and improve communities' quality of life everywhere.

Bay Future, Inc.

"If we don't continue to aggressively bring businesses to our region, they'll go elsewhere and talent will go along with them. Our local economies require growth and reinvestment. Marketing our area is critical to making that possible. We have to be able to compete with communities across the State of Michigan and throughout the country in order to continue to grow," said Trevor Keyes, President & CEO of Bay Future, Inc. Headshot

Gladwin County EDC

"The effort to maintain a solid economic base and to grow after the devastation of COVID and flooding has been continual and we're pleased that we've worked together as a community and region to increase opportunities during this period of trials," said Scott Govitz, Gladwin County EDC

Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance

"The Great Lakes Bay Region is a remarkable STEM powered region with a proud history in manufacturing, agriculture, health care, higher education, and tourism," said Matthew Felan, President & CEO of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance. "The Great Lakes Bay, Michigan. Centered. marketing campaign is an important initiative that will lead to additional prospects who are looking to capitalize on opportunities in our thriving region."

Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.

"Working regionally for business attraction purposes helps put our smaller counties on the map for site selectors. Without this program, hosting site familiarization tours, traveling to national and international trade shows, and advertising in publications would not be feasible. This initiative allows us to take part in what Gratiot County, and many of our partners, could not do on its own due to budget and time constraints," said Jim Wheeler, President of Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.

Middle Michigan Development Corporation

"Having a cohesive regional attraction strategy makes us more competitive in promoting our combined assets to potential businesses, who might be interested in locating here," says Jim McBryde, CEO and President of Middle Michigan Development Corporation. "In 2021, we attracted several new businesses to Clare and Isabella counties, and I believe our regional attraction strategy was key to these successes."

Saginaw Future Inc.

"There isn't a better time than Economic Development Week to share these regional wins and the collaborative efforts that took place amongst the region's local EDOs to ensure that we are growing forward together. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate this than by announcing the work happening right now in our region," states JoAnn Crary, President of Saginaw Future Inc.

Dow advances to #15 on DiversityInc's 2022 company diversity list

Dow (NYSE: DOW) advanced to 15th place on the 2022 DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity list, which was announced on May 4 at DiversityInc's celebratory event in New York City. Dow's placement on the list for the fifth consecutive year showcases the Company's continued commitment and progress in advancing inclusion, diversity and equity across the organization.

"Team Dow delivered a record-breaking year of financial performance for our Company, fueled by our commitment to advance inclusion, diversity and equity for all," said Jim Fitterling, Dow chairman and chief executive officer. "This is further evidence for what we already knew – our business succeeds when our employees thrive. Dow's placement on the DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity list is a recognition of our progress, because it allows us to be measured among the best and motivates us to continue to achieve progress and results."

In 2021, Dow refreshed the Company's Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Strategy – ALL IN 2025 – which focuses on leading with inclusion, elevating diversity, and embedding equity into practices, policies and processes. Through deliberate focus and intentional actions, Dow delivered meaningful results and visible progress.

"Last year, we again faced many challenges, but with Team Dow's perseverance and commitment to our core values and strategic priorities, we kept moving forward," said Karen S. Carter, chief human resources officer and chief inclusion officer. "We are honored and humbled to be recognized by DiversityInc for our intentional efforts to build an inclusive culture, advance diversity in our workforce and ensure equity for all."

Dow was also included on six of DiversityInc's Specialty Lists: Top Companies for Executive Diversity Councils, Top Companies for People with Disabilities, Top Com-

panies for Black Executives, Top Companies for Latino Executives, Top Companies for Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) and Top Companies for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG).

Issued annually since 2001, the DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity list recognizes companies with at least 750 employees in the United States for their management of diversity, inclusion and equity. The list is based on data from a survey with more than 200 questions, which tracks human capital outcomes and connects them with best practices utilized to attract, retain, develop and promote the advancement of underrepresented groups in the workplace. The survey also tracks organizations' diversity spend and practices related to supplier diversity and philanthropy as a reflection of a company's broader commitment to diversity and inclusion.

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Whitmer announces funds awarded to support entrepreneurial growth in Central Michigan

On May 10, Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo to announce that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$1.4 million grant to Central Michigan University for renovations to the Central Michigan University Research Corporation incubator and accelerator.

This investment will support local entrepreneurs through office renovation and upgrades to provide a safer working environment following the coronavirus pandemic. The EDA investment will be matched with \$352,320 in local funds and is expected to create 100 jobs, retain 30 jobs and generate \$5 million in private investment.

“Today’s investment will help the Central Michigan University Research Corporation improve its facilities and empower entrepreneurs,” said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. “This investment will help us continue growing our economy, creating good-paying jobs, and building on our manufacturing and R&D strengths. This month, we opened the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams at Michigan State University and the Wacker Innovation Center in Ann Arbor. We must keep investing in every region of Michigan to tap into the entrepreneurial energy in every county of our great

state. Our efforts to grow the economy are working—unemployment is 4.4%, we’ve added 174,000 jobs year over year, and we are working together to lower the costs of essentials like childcare and housing and putting money in people’s pockets with \$400 auto refund checks and proposed tax cuts for seniors and working families. Let’s keep Michigan moving by investing in our economic development and the kitchen-table issues.”

“President Biden is committed to helping communities tackle the unique challenges that the coronavirus pandemic presented,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo. “This EDA investment in the Central Michigan University Research Corporation will enhance its facilities to support home-grown high-tech entrepreneurs, who will be a long-term source of jobs and private investment for the region.” “The Economic Development Administration is pleased to support Central Michigan University and its efforts to build a more resilient regional economy,” said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Alejandra Y. Castillo. “The Central Michigan University Research Corporation is an anchor facility for entrepreneurs in the region where they can safely meet in-person and return to pre-pandemic productivity.”

“This investment will strengthen the University’s efforts to provide our entrepreneurs and small businesses with the space and resources they need to get their businesses up and running,” said Senator Debbie Stabenow. “Congratulations to Central Michigan. It’s exciting to see the University transform new technology and innovation into new jobs and new businesses for Michigan.”

“Central Michigan University continues to play a vital role in creating jobs and spurring growth throughout Michigan by supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses – the lifeline of our economy,” said Senator Gary Peters. “This federal support will ensure the Central Michigan University Research Corporation can effectively continue working to uplift innovation in the region.”

“CMU’s Research Corporation helps bring local businesses together to collaborate on investments that benefit mid Michigan residents and our local communities,” said Congressman John Moolenaar (MI-04). “Renovating CMURC’s incubator will help foster future partnerships that contribute to the region’s economy and I congratulate the leadership at CMU for their work in securing this funding.”

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Jolt Credit Union to open new branch in Midland

Jolt Credit Union is excited to announce their newest location in Midland, Michigan!

“For years, members and nonmembers have asked us to open a Jolt Credit Union branch in Midland. Done! This location aligns with our strategic plan to meet our members where they need us, and it gives us an opportunity to welcome new members,” said Alan Watson, President and CEO of Jolt Credit Union. “We look forward to partnering with local organizations to make an impact in the Midland Community.”

Jolt has purchased the former Chemical Bank branch at 2106 N. Saginaw Rd. Renovations to match Jolt’s fresh and exciting brand will start soon. The target for opening is the first quarter of 2023.



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Are you a donor cultivator or a donor chaser?

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

Some professional fundraisers love “the chase.” Others pride themselves on their skill at developing longstanding relationships with donors who stay with the organization and grow their giving over time. We refer to these two types of fundraisers as “chasers” and “cultivators.” Similarly, some organizations need money now, from wherever they can get it. Others are busy fundraising in advance of their need, proactively sharing their vision and securing resources. Again, we use the terms “chasers” and “cultivators.” Is one type better than the other? We think it depends on your situation. What’s important is to know the differences in individual and organizational style so you can build a team that meets the needs of your organization now and in the future.

Take a close look at your staff and volunteer fundraisers to see if you can identify which have the characteristics of a “cultivator” and which more closely resemble “chasers.”

Chasers love the hunt. They want to bring in big gifts and make a big impact. They like instant reactions and are not afraid of cold calling, believing that “if you don’t ask, they won’t

give.” They are fearless and creative, looking under every rock for an opportunity. Some cultivators become chasers in a crisis. Others are “forced” into chasing by a boss who says, “so and so gave to the organization up the street, call them up and get a gift.” Chasers delight in instant opportunity and are not adverse to “twisting” the organization’s programs and priorities to meet those of a donor or funder. People can become chasers when there is a high need for funding, very little staff, limited infrastructure, and/or low volunteer support. When you chase, the costs can be low, but the risk of alienating potential funders can be high. This type of fundraising is often transactional with low transparency and accountability within the nonprofit. The fundraiser’s rationale is this: if it works that’s great; if not, we will keep moving. They feel pressured to pull a rabbit from the hat and save the day.

Cultivators pay attention to data management, recording interactions with donors and volunteers, and look-

ing at giving trends. They plan their solicitations, conducting formal and informal research prior to asking. They work with a pool of qualified prospective donors and have determined an ask amount for each, along with the appropriate solicitation method. They believe that creating awareness for the organization is as important as asking, knowing that if people don’t “know” the organization their interest in giving can be limited. They focus on communicating how the organization meets a need, and they share the tangible and intangible benefits of giving, stressing the development of a mutually beneficial relationship.

Our question is this: how will you sustain and grow? For those who look at development and fundraising with an eye to balancing the short-term and long-term, you need to know where to put your resources when. Sometimes you need to chase; we believe that all times you must also cultivate.



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Big anniversary for Terry McDaniel

By MIKE THOMPSON

Forty years ago, Terry McDaniel of Saginaw High School achieved a major step toward his pro football career.

This took place not on the gridiron, but on the track at the old Flint Northwestern High School.

He captured 1982 Class A state championships in the 100-meter dash and then in the 200, and anchored a Trojans 400-meter relay quartet that finished as runner-up.

Saginaw High was in a football slump at the time, but college coaches and recruiters took note of Terry's sizzling speed during the spring track season. He chose the University of Tennessee, where the football coaches, unlike at some other schools, gave him permission to also run track at the expense of missing some spring practice.



TERRY MCDANIEL AT HIS CHURCH, KNOXVILLE'S CHILDREN OF GOD MINISTRIES

"To have success on the track, this really made a difference in being noticed for football," McDaniel said, in a telephone talk from his home in Knoxville, where he volunteers in religious outreach. He returned to his college town during the late 1990s after completing 10 seasons, half of them All-Pro, with the NFL's Oakland Raiders. His final year was with the Seattle Seahawks.

He added, "Track was a big plus for me. It opened a lot of doors."

After dozens of football clashes through



TERRY MCDANIEL AT SAGINAW HIGH TRACK MEET

the years, he must dig deep into his memory banks to recall his landmark day in Flint.

Coach James Perry had guided Terry to widen his feet in the starting blocks for a more explosive launch, and to avoid any extra running motion that might bring the atmosphere and the wind more into play.

"Those were my best two starts ever, at the state meet in the sprints," McDaniel said, "but right at the end of the 200, I raised my arms to celebrate. That wasn't like me usually, or my time may have been a little bit lower.'

Still, his clockings at the state meet were his career bests. They were 10.46 in the 100 meters (the same as 9.5 for 100 yards) and 21.2 in the 200 meters, about the same distance as old-timers will remember for the 220-yard dash.

In the 400 relay, even though they were runners-up, the Trojans' 42.2 time was a record both for Saginaw High and for the entire Saginaw area.; Terry ran the anchor leg behind Victor Mosson, Elvernie McGee and Frankie Green, passing two rivals down the stretch to ensure silver medals for himself and his teammates.

Tennessee coaches didn't recruit him just for track. Even though the Saginaw High gridgers won only a pair of games during his senior season, he managed to pile up 1,582 all-purpose yards on runs, pass catches, interception returns and kick runbacks.

He first was pegged in college as a weapon on offense, but he shined his brightest when coaches shifted him to defensive back, which continued in the NFL after he was the ninth top draft pick overall.



TERRY MCDANIEL, OAKLAND RAIDER CORNERBACK

His 34 interceptions with the Raiders included five for touchdowns, still a team record. His quintet of All-Pro honors came during consecutive seasons, 1992 to '96.

He was one of the original inductees into the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame, which marks its 20th birthday this fall.

Near the close of his playing career, McDaniel returned to Saginaw and sponsored a football camp, conducted at Saginaw High and dedicated to Neighborhood House community center and his old South Side stomping grounds. One individual who says this was influential is LaMarr Woodley, who continued from Saginaw High with University of Michigan and then the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Players were nowhere near as highly compensated back then, compared to nowadays, but Terry always was frugal in caring for the bride he first encountered as a college sophomore, Janna, and their two now-grown children, Shayla and Isaiah. This gives him time to serve as Sunday School superintendent at Knoxville's Children of God Ministries.

"To teach Bible studies, in a way, is similar to football," Terry says. "You prepare all week to perform on Sunday."

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SVSU receives \$300,000 donation to its athletic program

Saginaw Valley State University announced the largest donation in the history of its athletic program. The gift of \$300,000 was given by Fred Haring '84, a former Cardinal track and cross-country runner, to honor his coach, the legendary Dr. Douglas Hansen, and support current and future student-athletes in those programs.

At Fred's request, the donation will both support scholarships and provide something tangible that SVSU student-athletes can enjoy for years to come. Half will go towards scholarships for the men's and women's cross-country and track and field programs to support student-athletes, while the other 50 percent will finance a new high-definition video scoreboard in the SVSU Fieldhouse. Fred cited his pleasure working alongside Deputy Athletic Director Angela Pohl, praising her active and thoughtful counsel and vision in overseeing the effective deployment of the donation.

Director of Athletics John Decker said the gift would be transformative for Cardinal athletics. "Providing scholarships and elevating our video and multimedia capabilities are a huge priority for us, so this donation is a real game-changer for SVSU," he said. "We are thrilled and grateful that we have generous-spirited donors like Fred whose support is aligned with these priorities and who understands the impact that both increased scholarships and an enhanced video display will have on current and future Cardinals who visit and compete in our Fieldhouse."

There were many things to like about MSU, but Fred realized he would be better served at a university that could provide him with a more personalized education, as well as the opportunity to run competitively. In his search, he found SVSU and the coach who would change his life. "Leaving Michigan State and attending SVSU was without question the best thing I could have done," he said.

Growing up in Spring Lake, Michigan, Fred had never even been to the Saginaw area, but he had heard good things about SVSU and Coach Hansen. So, he went out on a limb and wrote him a letter about why he wanted to join his team.

That led to a phone call, and Dr. Hansen told Fred that he was the type of athlete he loved to develop and that if he came to SVSU, there was a spot on the team for him. "I wasn't the typical state champion Doug was recruiting," Haring recalled, "but he saw something in me and gave me a chance."

Fred walked on to the team and was a

mainstay of SVSU's 1982 and 1983 teams that won the indoor track and field national championships. Those titles, won thanks to Hansen's innovative training and coaching methods, are shocking in retrospect, given that SVSU did not even have an indoor track at the time.

While Fred is quick to point out many of his teammates often posted faster times, he did set a 5,000-meter meet and SVSU track record in 1982. Many of the lessons he learned from Dr. Hansen have stuck with him to this day. "He singlehandedly built a program from scratch, and against incredible odds turned it into a national powerhouse within a couple of years," said Fred. "He never raised his voice yet was quietly – and completely – in control; even though he was 20 years older than we were, he ran with us every day, showing that he could, literally, lead from the front."

His training programs made an impact, too. "There were no hills in and around Saginaw," said Fred. "So Doug improvised – and would have us run up and across highway overpasses over and over. We won major meets against larger and better funded programs. He could have coached anywhere. Doug showed me that with creative thinking and a commitment to hard work, there was nothing that couldn't be achieved."

Fred took that same determination to make the most of his college years in the classroom as well. He was immediately inspired by SVSU's academic offerings, the smaller class sizes in which they were offered and the care and creativity with which students were taught by first rate professors. Fred received numerous academic awards, graduated magna cum laude and served as President of SVSU's Student Government.

After pursuing post-graduate studies at Georgetown and Marquette University, Fred received his law degree at Wayne State University, also magna cum laude, and was editor of The Wayne Law Review, followed by a prestigious two-year judicial clerkship for renowned Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice James H. Brickley.

Fred's legal career took him into "Big Law" as well as work at smaller firms and pursuing public interest law before he took on his current role of General Counsel for a prominent global investment firm. During Fred's nearly 20 years at the company, it has grown from 250 to nearly 7,000 employees with offices worldwide and he currently oversees numerous internal teams and the work of scores of

legal and regulatory compliance professionals across the globe.

With his wife and two children, Fred lives today in the Pacific Northwest. But he still traces much of his success to lessons learned during daunting SVSU practices and competitions.

It all starts with discipline. Every day for the past 16 years, whatever the weather or other pressures he faces, Fred has run for at least an hour. "Going out every day at any hour has become central to who I am," he said. "Like Doug taught us, whenever I see a hill, I attack it. I try to take that mentality into every aspect of my life. Don't shrink from a challenge. And finish strong."

Rod Cowan, head coach for the men's and women's cross country and track and field at SVSU, said that the impact of Fred's gift could not be overestimated. "The establishment of an endowed scholarship fund for walk-on student-athletes, who comprise over fifty percent of our roster, will allow us to expand our recruitment efforts," he said. "Earning a scholarship demonstrates great motivation and a strong work ethic, qualities that Fred embodies. I can't wait to recruit and develop future Cardinals like him with this generous gift."

Cowan also believes that the new high-definition video scoreboard, which is scheduled to be installed before the 2022-23 indoor track and field season, will be a massively important addition for Cardinal athletics. "What makes this gift so impactful is that it is something that can be shared by current and prospective students who are a part of the track & field community and beyond," he said. "We are tremendously proud of our ability to host large, quality, and efficient track and field meets. This addition will allow us to provide a best-in-class experience that matches the championship-level program we have."

Coach Hansen stated, "There is no higher honor for a professor than to have an endowed scholarship for students, donated in your name by a former student. I am sincerely humbled and thankful for Fred's generosity. I hope we can run together forever."

For Fred, the benefits are simple: "I want to show my gratitude, as I reflect on my time at SVSU and how Dr. Hansen transformed my life – and the lives of hundreds of others. This is a small thank you to him, my teammates and SVSU for the wonderful gifts they gave me that resonate to this day."



PICS OF THE WEEK

On Friday, May 13, Saginaw Valley State University leaders, public officials and others cut the ribbon on SVSU's Riverfront Saginaw Center site, marking the culmination of years of university planning to expand community outreach.

In 2019, The SVSU Board of Control approved spending up to \$275,000 to renovate the building at 200 S. Washington Avenue in downtown Saginaw. The SVSU Riverfront Saginaw Center houses office space, a classroom and two breakout rooms.



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Whatever your dreams, whatever your goals, your professors and friends at SVSU will fly with you every step of the way.

Kevin Finley admits that hard work and persistence has helped him achieve many of his goals. *"In life, you need the support of others to become successful. SVSU has a strong community focus that I really appreciate. I signed up for many high-profile positions as an SVSU student — from working as a resident assistant and a campus tour guide to being an orientation leader. Through these experiences I learned how much I enjoyed helping other students become acclimated at SVSU." A 2017 SVSU grad, Kevin is now working as an accountant for The Dow Chemical Company.*



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