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988 crisis line helping connect Michigan residents experiencing behavioral health crises to resources

Michiganders in crisis now have an easy-to-remember three-digit number to call for help – 988. Michigan has joined the nation in transitioning to the 988-dialing code, which will operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's network of more than 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.


“The 988 number is another step toward strengthening and transforming crisis care and mental health services in our state, which is a key focus of the department,” said Elizabeth Hertel, Michigan Department of health and Human Ser-

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vices (MDHHS) director. “This universal number means no matter where you live or call from, you can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help. We encourage Michigan residents or their family members to call 988 if they are experiencing mental health-related distress, emotional distress or a substance use crisis.”

In 2020, Congress designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This action expands the existing Lifeline beyond people who are feeling suicidal to all individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including suicidal thoughts or substance abuse issues.

“Crisis is defined by the caller,” said Dr. Debra Pinals, medical director for Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. “And by providing an easy-to-remember number we are making help more accessible and strengthening support to those in need. Trained counselors will be available 24/7 to field calls. They will listen to the caller’s problems, assess their needs and provide support by connecting them with resources, and alert local emergency crisis teams, if necessary. The roll out of 988 as an easier number to

remember will provide a natural extension to the already promising work of the department in implementing the Michigan Crisis and Access Line.”

Anyone with these concerns can call:

- Mental health-related distress
- Thoughts of suicide
- Substance use crisis
- Emotional distress

There are specialized services available for veterans, LGBTQ individuals and other groups.

People who are worried about a loved one who may need support also can call.

The 988-dialing code does not replace the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-TALK (8255)) or other locally operated crisis lines. Instead, it serves as a universal entry point to connect individuals in need to trained crisis counselors who can help. MDHHS is working to ensure a solid infrastructure is built through coordination with 911 and other crisis service providers as the 988-dialing code launches.

Prior to the development of 988, the Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL) was funded by the Michigan Legislature in December 2018. MDHHS was charged with the development of MiCAL, which is currently operating in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula, and with 988 implementation.

MiCAL is built on the SAMHSA’s National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care which is also the foundation for 988. In Michigan, MiCAL is responsible for answering 988 calls in all areas of Michigan. In Macomb and Kent counties, Macomb County Community Mental Health and Network 180 will answer 988 calls with MiCAL providing back-up call coverage.

Crisis center calling services are available in English and Spanish, and a Language Line Solutions to provide translation services in more than 250 additional languages is also available. Text and chat are currently available in English only.

TTY users will be served either through their preferred relay service or by dialing 711 then 800-273-8255.



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Boys & Girls Clubs of America team up with retailers & businesses to help kids and teens thrive this back-to-school season

On July 14, as the organization prepares kids and teens for the best school year yet, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, alongside over 20 trusted partners, launched its 2022 Back to School cause campaign to support youth on a path toward a successful school year.

As a leading youth organization dedicated to meeting kids right where they are, Boys & Girls Clubs of America is committed to helping kids and teens across the country thrive as they head back to school this year. From providing academic support and homework help to social emotional wellness tools and resources and of-

fering a safe place with positive mentors, Clubs provide new opportunities to help every young person reach their full potential.

"We know that young people need the support of Boys & Girls Clubs more than ever, and we are committed to meeting youth where they are as we create new access and opportunities to help kids and teens thrive in an ever-changing world," said Jim Clark, president and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of America. "Local Clubs will continue to meet young people where they are, remaining dedicated to keeping youth on track through safe places, caring men-

tors and life-enhancing programs."

As a part of the Back-to-School promotion, corporate partners are coming together to support America's youth through donations, employee volunteer events, transportation solutions, homework help and more, and encourage the public to do the same.

Comcast NBCUniversal, Darden Foundation, FedEx, Kohl's, Krusteaz, Lenovo, Panda Express, Papa John's, Planet Fitness, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Toyota and UScellular have stepped up to ensure America's youth is prepared to succeed this back-to-school season.

DARE TO DREAM

CALLING ALL YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS!
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ABOUT

In 2021, Duperon Education launched an exciting new program: Dare to Dream with Terry Duperon! We partnered with Kids Rule Now to create an opportunity for young local entrepreneurs to share their dream, get entrepreneurial coaching, present to a team of innovators, and the chance to win a **\$1,000 cash prize** to help them with the next step towards their dream!

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

To participate in the 2022 Dare to Dream competition, you must be 12 to 16 years old and live within the Great Lakes Bay Region. You will also need to be able to submit a video about a new idea you have, a business you want to start or a new idea for an already existing business!

- JUNE 13, 2022** *Application open*
- JULY 1, 2022** *Application closed*
- JULY 13, 2022** *Top 5 dreamers announced*
- JULY 23, 2022** *The Boss Factor coaching*
- AUGUST 2, 2022** *Present to Team of Innovators*

For more information please check out our website and Facebook page!



Reconditioned for a Purpose



By Doniqua Sovia

It takes someone really special, to not only see the hurt in you, but also the healed in you, and want to bring it out. For me, that person is my uncle. He sees the hurt, the pain, the anger, the second guessing of my worth and potential, the easily being triggered, and moves past all the walls I've built up, and goes for all the potential that's being held hostage behind the walls that have been put up, and has made up his mind to bring out the healed in me.

It takes patience. It takes having the same conversations and affirmations over and over again. It takes correction, be it tough, or be it gentle. It takes reworking someone's brain so that they can see their potential and all around intelligence and capability they possess in themselves to reach whatever goal they have set.

Don't let fear stop you from, obtaining what you want in life. If you got to get up every morning and read affirmations; Do it. If you have to listen to the same motivational message all day to the point of memorization; Do it. If you feel comfortable enough sitting under someone's guidance, and leadership until you're strong enough to take on the healing process fully; Do it. You are capable of being healed just as capable as you were of being broken.

You're current situation doesn't define you're final destination. Find someone who is willing to put in the effort to mentor, guide, love, and pull out the healed in you. I assure you, you won't regret it. Healing takes time. Healing is a process. Recondition yourself to fulfill your purpose. It'll be the best decision you make.

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VAMOS ADELANTE



Seen on the Scene: St. Joseph 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Elvis Machul is seen with players from the St. Joseph 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



Parts Mexico: Lots of love, but little respect

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Parts Mexico: Lots of love, but little respect

(Anthony Bourdain (1956-2018), who was host of CNN's "Parts Unknown, once wrote the following.)

Americans love Mexican food. We consume nachos, tacos, burritos, tortas, enchiladas, tamales and anything resembling Mexican in enormous quantities.

We love Mexican beverages, happily knocking back huge amounts of tequila, mezcal, and Mexican beer every year. We love Mexican people -- we sure employ a lot of them.

Despite our ridiculously hypocritical attitudes towards immigration, we demand that Mexicans cook a large percentage of the food we eat, grow the ingredients we need to make that food, clean our houses, mow our lawns, wash our dishes, and look after our children.

As any chef will tell you, our entire service economy -- the restaurant business as we know it -- in most American cities, would collapse overnight without Mexican workers. Some, of course, like to claim that Mexicans are "stealing American jobs."

But in two decades as a chef and employer, I never had ONE American kid walk in my door and apply for a dishwashing job, a porter's position—or even a job as a prep cook. Mexicans do much of the work in this country that Americans, probably, simply won't do.

We love Mexican drugs. Maybe not you personally, but "we", as a nation, certainly consume titanic amounts of them—and go to extraordinary lengths and expense to acquire them. We love Mexican music, Mexican beaches, Mexican architecture, interior design, Mexican films.

American exploiters

So, why don't we love Mexico?

We throw up our hands and shrug at what happens and what is happening just across the border. Maybe we are embarrassed. Mexico, after all, has always been there for us, to service our darkest needs and desires.

Whether it's dress up like fools and get passed-out drunk and sunburned on spring break in Cancun, throw pesos at strippers in Tijuana, or get toasted on Mexican drugs, we are seldom on our best behavior in Mexico. They have seen many of us at our worst. They know our darkest desires.

In the service of our appetites, we spend billions and billions of dollars each year on Mexican drugs—while at the same time spending billions and billions more trying to prevent those drugs from reaching us.

The effect on our society is everywhere to be seen. Whether it's kids nodding off and overdosing in small town Vermont, gang violence in L.A., burned out neighborhoods in Detroit, it's there to see.

What we don't see, however, haven't really noticed, and don't seem to much care about, is the 80,000 dead in Mexico, just in the past few years—mostly innocent victims. Eighty thousand families who've been touched directly by the so-called "War On Drugs".

Mexico. Our brother from another mother. A country, with whom, like it or not, we are inexorably, deeply involved, in a close but often uncomfortable embrace.

Mexico's beauty

Look at it. It's beautiful. It has some of the most ravishingly beautiful beaches on earth. Mountains, desert, jungle. Beautiful colonial architecture, a tragic, elegant, violent, ludicrous, heroic, lamentable, heart-breaking history. Mexican wine country rivals Tuscany for gorgeousness.

Its archeological sites are the remnants of great empires, unrivaled anywhere. And as much as we think we know and love it, we have barely scratched the surface of what Mexican food really is. It is NOT melted cheese over tortilla chips. It is not simple, or easy. It is not simply "bro food" at halftime.

It is in fact, old -- older even than the great cuisines of Europe, and often deeply complex, refined, subtle, and sophisticated. A true mole sauce, for instance, can take DAYS to make, a balance of freshly

(always fresh) ingredients painstakingly prepared by hand. It could be, should be, one of the most exciting cuisines on the planet, if we paid attention.

The old school cooks of Oaxaca make some of the more difficult and nuanced sauces in gastronomy. And some of the new generation, many of whom have trained in the kitchens of America and Europe, have returned home to take Mexican food to new and thrilling heights.

To feel welcome

It's a country I feel particularly attached to and grateful for. In nearly 30 years of cooking professionally, just about every time I walked into a new kitchen, it was a Mexican guy who looked after me, had my back, showed me what was what, and was there -- and on the case -- when the cooks like me, with backgrounds like mine, ran away to go skiing or surfing or simply flaked. I have been fortunate to track where some of those cooks come from, to go back home with them.

To small towns populated mostly by women, where in the evening, families gather at the town's phone kiosk, waiting for calls from their husbands, sons and brothers who have left to work in our kitchens in the cities of the North.

I have been fortunate enough to see where that affinity for cooking comes from, to experience moms and grandmothers preparing many delicious things, with pride and real love, passing that food made by hand from their hands to mine.

In years of making television in Mexico, it's one of the places we, as a crew, are happiest when the day's work is over. We'll gather around a street stall and order soft tacos with fresh, bright, delicious salsas, drink cold Mexican beer, sip smoky mezcals, and listen with moist eyes to sentimental songs from street musicians. We will look around and remark, for the hundredth time, what an extraordinary place this is.

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MICAELA'S PRAYER



By MICAELA DELGADO
NEW BEGINNINGS
MINISTRIES

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”

-- Plato

I've loved music for as long as I can remember. As a child, I figured that since I had such a great love for music, that it meant I was destined to be a famous singer or musician of some kind.

Let's just say I feel very differently about that dream now. Nonetheless, my passion for music has grown just as much as I have. Music has a strong way of portraying such emotion that would be hard to channel otherwise, which is why worship is so powerful.

Worship is a way of self-evaluation and communication. The significance of worship in general is to allow us to submit our worries and sorrows, it's an open door for us to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

The sound of music helps to assist in digging deeper within our spirits.



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Saginaw's Mexican American Council is taking preliminary steps to recognize and honor local Hispanics for their achievements, past and present.

Nominees may have held important positions, or simply made contributions in everyday life for the community's well-being.

Alberto Jiminez is volunteering to coordinate the start-up effort.

If you wish to offer general suggestions or specific nominees, please send him an email at aaajiminez9@gmail.com.

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SOZO SAGINAW (2617 BAY ST, SAGINAW, MI)

More reefer stores in Saginaw

By **MIKE THOMPSON**

Five marijuana dispensaries now are open in the City of Saginaw, with three added this spring and summer.

The newly opened shops are Sozo Saginaw, 2617 Bay at Weiss; Great Lakes Network Remedies, 3465 Sheridan at Williamson (the old TimberTown); and Court Street Wellness, 1215 Court at Woodbridge.

They join the pair that started last year, which are Luma Cannabis, 3446 State at Court; and Premier Provisioning, 911 East Genesee at Janes.

Michigan voters in 2018 approved a referendum through which local communities may allow limited sales of recreational marijuana. Most of the state's larger cities have offered approval, seeking revenue from license fees and from a 10 percent sales tax which is added to the regular 6 percent. A few smaller towns have followed suit.

Meanwhile, most of the state's affluent communities have turned thumbs

down.

Sozo reflects the geographic and demographic trend, with its city-based location at the edge of Saginaw Township, which does not allow cannabis stores.

Based on license applications, Saginaw by this time possibly will be home to up to 11 more shops.

Customers take turns

To make a purchase is similar to visiting a neighborhood party store for beer and/or booze. The difference is that a customer remains in a waiting area, similar to a doctor's office, until their turn comes up to enter one-by-one.

The City Council studied the question in 2019 and adopted zoning rules in September 2020. A trio of protests have emerged during the past 12 months, but each died out quickly.

Two council members have expressed second thoughts about moving ahead. Reggie Williams was a newcomer at the

time and Monique Lamar Silvia wasn't elected until November 2020.

However, while allowing the marijuana marts, the council as a whole has acted with caution. By comparison, Bay City was home to 16 shops before Saginaw had its first.

City planners crafted a 1,000-foot minimum distance from schools, but the limit is only 100 feet from churches. Zoning officials said there are too many churches for a stricter rule in that regard.

Community relations

At Sozo Saginaw, trained and educated staffers are on hand to answer questions, providing in-depth consultations and advice on product selections, says Aaron Rasty, founding owner and CEO of Sozo Health.

"We offer many varieties, with differences in the effect profile, duration and price," he notes.

The facility is well-lit and security always is on hand, he says.

Active THC content may come through smoking, vaping, or eating. Cannabis-laced brownies and cookies sometimes were home-produced during the illegal years. They now are offered as edibles, along with gummies and chocolate bars and other candy, as more consumers opt to avoid the lung damage that comes from smoking. The THC effect in the bloodstream is slower to arrive but is longer-lasting, according to research studies.

The impact on local budgets is not as large as many advocates had promised during the statewide vote. The Michigan Department of Treasury reported reefer revenue of \$31 million in fiscal 2000-01, less than 2 percent compared to the lottery's \$1.18 billion.

(See Michigan Banner archives, March 16, 2021, and July 1, 2021.)

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Pair of education taxes on Aug. 2 ballot

By MIKE THOMPSON

In addition to choosing a new local judge, Saginaw County voters on Aug. 2 will face a pair of property tax proposals for education.

For the choice of a 10th Circuit "Family Court" judge, information on the five candidates is found in The Michigan Banner's most recent edition, July 1. If you missed it, you are encouraged to check our archives.

The main tax plan is for special education. It states, "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?"

First, the reason for all the digits and fractions is the state's 44-year-old Headlee Amendment, which includes limits based on the inflation rate.

With the help of our pocket calculators, we can inform you that a property owner annually would pay an added 78 cents for each \$1,000 of sale value, which is double the taxable value or SEV on your latest statement. Owners of a \$30,000 home would pay an increase of \$23, or for an \$80,000 house the hike would be \$64.

The SISD would share 100 percent of the cash with the county's 12 local districts. They are Birch Run, Bridgeport, Carrollton, Chesaning, Frankenmuth, Freeland, Hemlock, Merrill, Saginaw city, Saginaw Township, St. Charles and Swan Valley. Public charter school academies also would reap funding.

Public school charter academies also would gain funds. These include North

Saginaw Charter Academy, Francis Reh Academy, Saginaw Preparatory Academy (originally Mosaica), Saginaw Academy of Excellence (formerly Woodley), Saginaw International Academy, and Saginaw Learn to Earn Academy.

"The (millage) election is necessary because the State of Michigan has not fully funded mandated special education programs," a press release states. "As a result, SISD has had to invoice local school districts and public school academies on a per annum average of \$8.1 million to cover the funding shortages. The money to pay these shortages has come from the operating budgets of local school districts and public school academies. This has had a negative effect on educational programs and services provided to Saginaw County's 26,140 students."

Dr. Jeffrey Collier, SISD superintendent, stated, "If approved by voters, the special education millage proposal will nearly eliminate the funding shortfall." He added, "The revenue from this millage will go to Saginaw County's public school districts and public school academies, and positively affect every student in every public school throughout the county."

According to SISD Board of Education President Ruth Coppens, the SISD will continue the comprehensive special education services it provides to public schools and academies while using millage revenue to alleviate funding shortfalls.

President Coppens added that each local school district and public school academy will determine how revenue returned to its general operating budget will be used.

"All school districts and public school academies are committed to using the revenue to enhance educational programs and services for all of their students," she emphasized.

They explained that the current Saginaw ISD millage covers county-wide administration of the special education

programs as its priority one function. It funds the Millet Learning Center, Transition Center, Deaf and Hard of Hearing supports, Michigan School for the Deaf and services for the blind as its priority two function. Its third priority is to provide physical therapy, occupational therapy (early-on), transition services, teacher consultants and special education supervisors.

Approval of the tax plan would eliminate invoices to local districts for speech therapy, occupational therapy, school social work, school psychology, nursing, secretaries, STEP, transportation and early-on special education.

MSU Extension 4-H tax

The proposal states, "Shall the County of Saginaw, Michigan (County) impose an increase in its levy of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes upon real and personal property in the County, as provided in Article 9 Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, which will result in an increase of up to 0.1 mill (\$0.10 per \$1000) of the taxable valuation of such property as finally equalized for a period of ten (10) years, 2022 through 2031, both inclusive, which increased levy is estimated to raise up to \$546,000 in the first year, for the purpose of providing funding for 4-H youth development, Master Gardener, urban agriculture, agriculture/agribusiness, health and nutrition, natural resources, veteran services, and other community education programs through a contract with Michigan State University Extension?"

Voters defeated a similar plan in 2018 by a razor-thin margin, and so supporters are trying again.

The tax annually would cost 5 cents for each \$1,000 in sales value. The owner of a \$30,000 home would pay an added \$1.50 per year, and the owner of an \$80,000 house would shell out \$4 more.

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Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum exhibition celebrates the art of inclusion during Disability Pride Month

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum at Saginaw Valley State University is celebrating Disability Pride Month with the opening of a new exhibition focused on the art of inclusion. “Mosaic: A Collective Art Experience,” is opening to the public on July 16 with a free event with music, refreshments, and a collective art activity that will be added to the exhibition. The event is from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and all are welcome.

“Mosaic” celebrates artists of all backgrounds and abilities making their mark. Every piece included in this show is equally important to the overall visual impact. Just like every small piece in a mosaic is needed for the final image to come together, we need many ways of thinking and creating to make this initiative a success.

“This exhibition aims to shed light on the diverse talents of individuals with disabilities from the Great Lakes Bay Region and surrounding communities,” states Megan McAdow, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Museum. She continues, “we hope that the exhibition leads to meaningful partnerships with the organizations that support people with disabilities, and we increasingly become a place where all people feel welcome to visit and enjoy art. Colleen

Dolan, a Midland area artist says “I’m excited for the opportunity to show my work. I love making art because I don’t like being bored, and it gives me a purpose in my day.”

The Museum has been working with the Disability Network of Mid-Michigan and several other organizations to connect with artists for inclusion in the exhibition. The Museum provided each artist with a 16” x 20” canvas and various art supplies free of charge but left it up to the artists to choose what media to use in creating their artworks. Additionally, staff have been facilitating workshops both at the Museum and in the community to support the creation of new works of art. The works will be hung ‘salon style’ — mounted floor to ceiling throughout the gallery to create one large mosaic work.

There will also be opportunities during the run of the exhibition for visitors to make their own artworks at the Museum and be added to the gallery installation. This ‘collective art experience’ is available for all to participate in, including families and friends. An online version of the exhibition will further accessibility with options to submit artworks digitally for inclusion in the virtual exhibition. Participants are also encouraged

to submit images of their works through the Museum’s social media pages to be added to the virtual exhibition on the Museum’s website.

In addition to the Saturday, July 16 opening event, the Museum will host two drop-in art workshops including “Pop Art Pets” on July 23 and “Creative Cubism” on August 13. Both programs are free and open to people of all ages and abilities. Visit the Museum’s website for times and detailed program descriptions at www.MarshallFredericks.org/mosaic.

Running through August 27, 2022, the exhibition’s timing is also aligned with July’s 32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Groups interested tours or workshops should call to schedule their visit with Museum staff by calling 989-964-7096. Anyone with accessibility questions or concerns is also encouraged to contact the Museum so that we can ensure each visit is enjoyable.



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Seen on the Scene: Miss Saginaw County Indigo Dudley

"I guess it's time I write this..."

When I made the decision to compete I promised myself 2 things: 1) that I was going to do my absolute best to represent my city and 2) I was showing up throughout this year and on that stage as my authentic, unapologetic self.

I knew it was a risk, I knew it would be a challenge, and I definitely knew it wouldn't be easy; and every time I doubted this path, I couldn't help but think of the little black girl at the African Cultural Festival who's eyes got so wide when she saw me, and her mom who cried because of that experience. I thought about the people in my community and how they DESERVED to be heard and uplifted. Lastly, I thought of a younger Indigo, who was scared, bullied, tired, and broken, and all she wanted to do was play sing, and be heard. She deserved that moment, and I was determined to give it to her.

Saturday I was blessed to be called as one of the top 10 finalist for the competition. I am content knowing I kept my promise to my community and myself. Congratulations to @melissabeyrand our new @missamericami, and thank you Saginaw for a great year. It will truly be unforgettable"

- Indigo Dudley, Miss Saginaw County 2021-2022

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Saginaw STARS thanks Flint MTA, four buses loaned to STARS

On July 14, the Flint Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) approved loaning four buses to Saginaw Transit Authority Regional Services (STARS). STARS sought help as production of vehicles has slowed and costs have tremendously increased. Services in the area also have been difficult to maintain due to part delays and unavailability.

“Saginaw is beyond grateful for MTA’s help in an hour of need. These buses will enable us to continue bus services without major disturbances or reductions for the remainder of the summer. The pandemic is still rocking us to this day. Many transits are struggling across the state and I’m thankful that we can rely on each other in this case to make do,” said Glenn Steffens, STARS Executive Director.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Kroger’s First Responders Food Drive

Forgotten Harvest is looking for volunteers to help support Kroger’s First Responders Food Drive. Volunteers will create engagement with Kroger customers to help drive food and monetary donations for Forgotten Harvest.

Kroger and local First Responders including Fire Fighters, Local Law Enforcement, and Emergency First Responders have stepped up to help feed hungry families this summer. Responders have donated their time to collect

food and funds at local Kroger stores all over southeast Michigan. It is through these donations that Forgotten Harvest can carry out its mission.

This opportunity will take place on Saturday, July 30th, and Saturday, August 6th. Shifts are from 11:am until 2:00pm. You can sign up for both time opportunities if you are interested, please visit https://forgottenharvest.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail/?agency_id=87199 to register.

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Two more chances to take part in downtown's Food Truck Faceoff

By MIKE THOMPSON

At the opening night for Downtown Saginaw Food Truck Faceoff early in June, Connie Crawford joined her husband and two children as rain threatened their fairgrounds-style stroll along the line of vendors.

Why didn't they simply head for the safe cover and air conditioning at one of the chain restaurants out near Fashion Square Mall?

"I work at one of them," Connie said, laughing at the coincidence. "This is downtown, open air, and it is more friendly."

The next Food Truck Faceoff is from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, July 29, which will have the benefit of a nearby Friday Night

Live concert in Morley Plaza. The grand finale is at the same time Thursday, Aug. 25.

Hannah Watson, proprietor of the Nom Nom Ninja truck serving Asian food, said camaraderie exists among the vendors in spite of the "faceoff" title.

"We put in a lot of work, 16-hour days, sometimes up to 20, and we sleep on cots in the back of the truck," she says. "Instead of going to all the chain restaurants, support a family-owned instead."

Patrons may opt for anything from a \$25 rib tip dinner with all the sides to a \$3 ala carte taco.

Admission is free, with a kids' play area within Jolt Credit Union Event Park. To sign up as a food truck vendor, send an email to info@doweventcenter.com.



Saginaw Police Department welcomes its newest K-9 member

The Saginaw Police Department will welcome its newest K-9 member, a Belgian Malinois named Krixus. Saginaw City Council approved the purchase at the Monday, July 11 meeting.

Krixus, a 2-year-old male Belgian Malinois, has begun his training program and will soon join his partner, Police Officer Megan Nelson, as an official member of the Saginaw Police K-9 unit. Krixus will replace Saginaw K-9 Deebo, who retired earlier this year.

Krixus' training will include tracking and imprinting him with odors for detection work. This training will prepare him to detect narcotics, search for lost children and vulnerable adults who wander away from their homes. Krixus will soon be ready to go out on patrol with his new human partner.

The addition of Krixus takes the Saginaw PD K-9 unit total to five K-9 officers. The police dogs' capabilities are broad as "dual-purpose narcotics" dogs. The Saginaw Police K-9 Division plays an impor-



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tant role in the department's efforts to curb drug activity on our streets and in the community.

Krixus will be patrol and narcotic certified which means he will be able to seek out hidden drugs and contraband and help to track lost children. The Police Department acquired Krixus through Magnum K9, the source of the Police Department's K-9 officers since 2019. This current purchase was made using funds donated directly to the Saginaw Police Department.

Saginaw Police Chief Bob Ruth expressed his appreciation for the overwhelming support of this program. "The Saginaw Police Department is very grateful for the support from our community for our K-9 unit. The addition of Krixus is a huge benefit for the department and the citizens of our city. The contributions our K-9 unit brings to our force is immeasurable."

For more information on the Saginaw Police Department and the K-9 unit, visit the Saginaw Police Department Facebook page at

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MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE STATUE IS UNVEILED ON JULY13

A statue honoring Mary McLeod Bethune is unveiled at the U.S. capitol

Educator and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune makes history as the first Black person to have a state-commissioned statue in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall, replacing a confederate statue.

The monumental step in history took place on July 13 as the statue was unveiled at the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall.

Bethune was an avid activist and educator who was committed to advancing civil rights for all, with a focus on Black Americans, women, people in colonized nations and children. Bethune was an advocate for women's suffrage years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment and advocated for civil rights long before the Civil Rights Movement. Her ambition and dedication to change landed her a role as an adviser to five U.S. presidents and a seat at the founding of the United Nations.

Her ties to Florida lie in Daytona Beach, where she opened a school for young Black girls, which eventually merged with another academic institution to become Bethune-Cookman University. Ortiz says students from Bethune-Cookman and people across the world hope to continue her legacy.

Bethune's statue will represent Florida, making her the first Black person selected by a state for National Statuary Hall. Florida's other statue is of John Gorrie, the inventor of an air-cooling machine.

"Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune was an accomplished Floridian whose efforts as an influential leader, educator and civil rights activist made her one of our nation's most notable figures," said Nancy Rae Lohman, who led fund-raising efforts for the statue. "Dr. McLeod Bethune's statue will repre-

sent the best of who we are as Floridians."

Bethune's statue was created from the last piece of statuario marble taken from Michelangelo's cave in Italy. It was crafted by Nilda Comas, the first Hispanic American woman to sculpt a piece for Statuary Hall.

Statuary Hall is home to 100 statues of influential figures in American history, with each state contributing two statues for the display. The Bethune statue replaces one of Edmund Kirby Smith, a Confederate general, that was removed in 2021.

Learn more about Statuary Hall at this link: <https://www.aoc.gov/explore-capitol-campus/art/about-national-statuary-hall-collection>.



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TIME names Detroit as one of the World's Greatest Places of 2022

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II celebrated Detroit's selection as one of TIME's World's Greatest Places of 2022. The announcement highlights the success of the investments into the City of Detroit and its residents made by public and private entities, which has helped the city secure recent honors such as the 2024 NFL Draft, the best emerging startup ecosystem, and more.

"The Motor City is on the move and will continue to put the world on notice as a top-tier destination to live, work, play, and visit," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "Already recognized as the number one emerging ecosystem for startups and selected as the home of the 2024 NFL Draft, Detroit continues to grow, attracting talent, events, and investments from across the country and around the world. In Michigan, we will continue getting things done on the kitchen-table issues that matter most so we can keep growing the state's economy, ensure families have a great quality of life at a good cost of living, and build on our rich, diverse culture. The

story of Detroit over the last century is one of resilience and strength, and the future looks bright."

"As a Detroiter, this means the world to me," said Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. "Detroit is one of the best places to raise a family, enjoy world-class entertainment, and live a full life. It is full of diverse, talented, spirited, resilient, and deeply friendly people. It is a center of arts, culture, and innovation, where Detroiters are chasing their dreams and blazing new trails into a bright future. Governor Whitmer and I are proud of the strong partnership we have forged with Detroiters, and we celebrate this unique achievement. We are committed to continuing our work to put Detroit not only on the list of greatest places, but at the very top."

In addition to showcasing destinations, TIME also highlighted its selection as the site for the nation's first electric-vehicle charging road that Governor Whitmer announced in 2021, resolidifying its title as the Motor City for the modern age.

"Detroit is truly the textbook definition

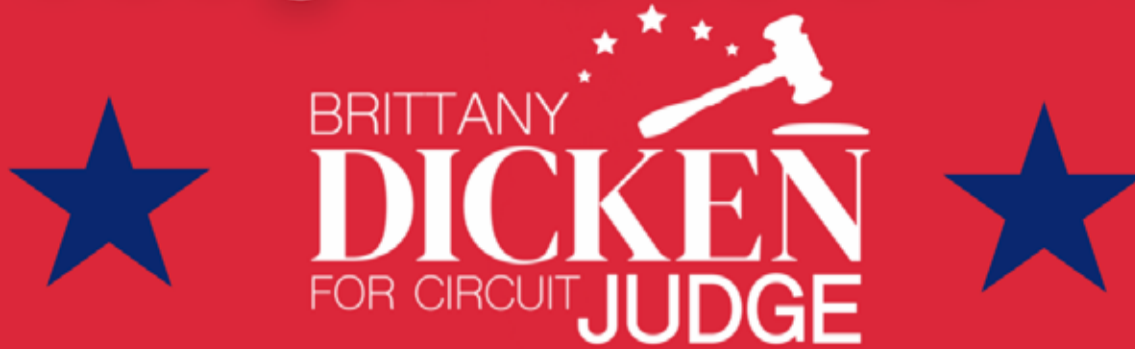
of a great American city, and not simply because it is the largest city in Michigan, said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. "What powers Detroit is the same energy that fuels Wayne County; the inherent strength of our cultural and ethnic diversity, our history of confronting and overcoming near-crippling adversity, and our ferocious spirit. The Spirit of Detroit is a flame that can never be extinguished."

"It's gratifying that TIME has recognized what Detroiters always have known: that Detroit is a great city with an extraordinary history," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "We still have work to do, but Detroit is in the midst of a real rebirth - one that many had thought was impossible just a few years ago. Thanks to the efforts of city residents and employees, and the support of our business and philanthropic community, the reinvestment that began in our downtown core has spread to neighborhoods across the city. Opportunity is more abundant and equitable today than at perhaps any time in our city's history. All of this adds up to more people seeing Detroit as a great place to live, work, visit and invest in."

"Visitors come to Detroit to experience our world-changing music scene, the heartbeat of American innovation, and vibrant culinary possibilities, but they fall in love with the people and the stories of our region," said Visit Detroit President and CEO Claude Molinari. "Visit Detroit proudly embraces our role in attracting millions of visitors every year, and now that TIME has named Detroit one of the World's Greatest Places, we look forward to welcoming even more."

The TIME article highlights many dining destinations that are uniquely Detroit, including the Midnight Temple, Rosemary, What's Crackin, and Basan. Each of these restaurants offer authentic cuisine from a variety of cultural backgrounds. In addition to Detroit's cuisine, TIME also encouraged tourists to visit Detroit's plethora of museums, including the Motown Museum, which is set to reopen this summer following a \$55 million renovation and expansion.

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What's for dinner today, Della?

By Dolores Grant-Fall, former Neighborhood House cook

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Guyana Black Cake

Ingredients

- 1 pound sugar
- 1/2 pound flour
- 1/2 pound real butter
- 2 pounds raisins
- 1/2 pound prunes
- 1/2 pound holiday cherries
- 1/2 pound preserve orange peel
- 1/2 pound mixed nuts
- 6 eggs
- 1 tablespoon nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange zest
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon almond extract
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon powder
- 1 teaspoon clove powder
- 1 pint of Bacardi rum
- 1 pint of sweet red wine
- 2 bottles of Guinness Stout



Instructions

The day before, prep the fruits by washing, draining and chopping in a blender. Cook the wine and stout, and 1 pint of rum, over low heat at 325 degrees for 2 hours, with half the sugar. Allow to cool overnight. Day two, cream butter with remaining sugar. Add eggs, extracts and spices. While mixing, add the fruits a little at a time and work them into the mixture very well. Grease and dust pan with flour, and pour batter. Baked slow for 2 hours at 325 degrees. Test with toothpick to make sure it is well cooked. Leave to cool in pan. This cake is heavy and dense. One can get drunk on it. Only for adults.

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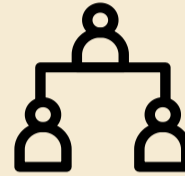


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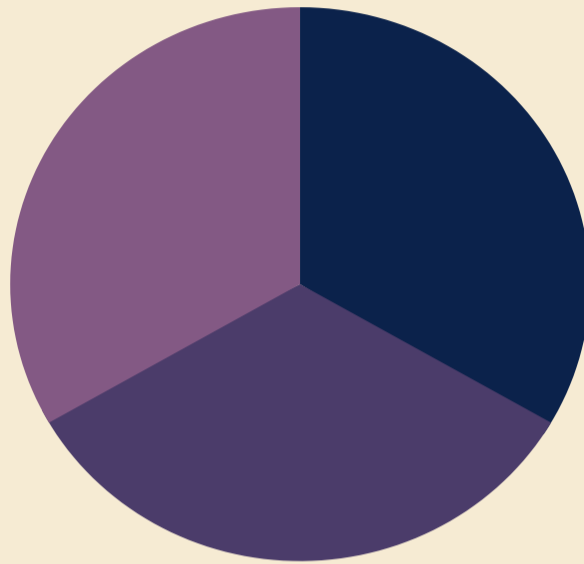
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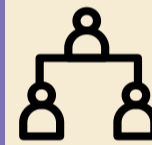


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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION



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Gun violence is out of control



BY KEN H. SIMMONS, II
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News headlines were shocking on Monday in South Africa when it was reported that at least 21 people were dead after three tavern shootings over the weekend.

That, along with the seemingly non-stop mass shootings in the U.S. this year, is the reason for this article.

Guns have played both a direct and indirect role in the rise and progression of global powers and industrial development over the course of history. From the beginning, guns were designed for the purposes of war and killing, and that design has only been modified and perfected over time. Eventually, they made their way from the battlefields to civilian communities, and in my humble opinion gun violence in this day and age is out of control. Before we get into the issues of guns today, let's look at the origins and history of guns.

The origin of firearms began with the invention of gunpowder in China over 1,000 years ago. Chinese alchemists, as early as 850 A.D., discovered the explosive properties of gunpowder (a combination of potassium nitrate, sulfur, and charcoal) while seeking an elixir of immortality. They called this volatile black powder "huo yao", which means fire-chemical. It was first used for fireworks, and then soon found its way into weaponry. Cannons and grenades were among the earliest weapons to incorporate gunpowder,

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followed by primitive handheld firearms, which consisted of a hollow bamboo tube packed with gunpowder and small projectiles, which got the name, “fire-spurting lances”, according to History Cooperative, “The Complete History of Guns”. They are recorded as the first guns and also the first known use of gunpowder in war.

By the 13th century, adventurous traders like Marco Polo on the Silk Road trade route were bringing the fire-spurting lances and the concept to Europe where they were further developed as weapons in the form of matchlock, wheel lock, and flintlock firearms. By the time early colonists arrived in America in the 15th century, firearm design had advanced significantly and the weapons were routinely included in journeys to the “New World”. Skilled metalsmiths developed the American long rifle, which also became known as the Kentucky, Ohio, or Pennsylvania rifle. The most critical quality was its extended barrel which featured twisting grooves along the interior bore (called rifling) that would guide a lead ball or other projectile to spin as it exited the barrel, ensuring a straighter line shot and a better aim for the shooter.

During the Revolutionary War, some American militia fighters engaged in guerilla-style tactics using their hunting rifles to shoot and kill British soldiers from distant cover. In 1776, General George Washington ordered the establishment of the Springfield Armory in Massachusetts to boost the fledgling nation's home-grown arsenal. Rifling was one of the many improvements on firearms, and over the next 183 years, gun manufacturers, like Remington Arms, Colt, Auto-Ordinance Company, and others solved the problems of reloading, reliability, and maintaining a sustained rate of fire. And in 1959, the now infamous, AR-15 semi-automatic assault rifle rose to fame when Armalite sold the design to Colt Manufacturing. It has since grown to become one of the most common guns throughout the continental United States.

The American Revolution was fought and won with guns, and the weapons have become ingrained in U.S. culture. Gun violence has surged amid the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June, guns have killed approximately nineteen thousand people in

the United States this year alone, according to “U.S. Gun Policy: Global Comparisons” published by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) on 10 June 2022. The majority of killings were in acts of suicide. Mass shootings (those with at least four victims) were occurring at a rate of nearly two per day with an estimated total of 341 mass shootings by the end of June.

Gun ownership in the United States is rooted in the Second Amendment of the Constitution: “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” The United States has 46% of the world's civilian-owned guns with less than 5% of the world's population, according to the most recent report by the Switzerland-based Small Arms Survey (2018), as cited by CFR. “It ranks number one in firearms per capita. The United States also has the highest homicide-by-firearm rate of the world's most-developed nations.”

The Harvard Injury Control Research Center published a brief summary of six different books, articles, and studies about guns and homicide that highlights five findings, as follows:

1. Where there are more guns there is more homicide”. Evidence indicates that gun availability is a risk factor for homicide, both in the United States and across high-income countries. Where there are more guns, both men and women are at a higher risk for homicide, particularly firearm homicide (Aggression and Violent Behavior: A Review Journal, 2004).
2. "Across high-income nations, more guns = more homicide". Using data from 26 developed countries from the early 1990s, the findings were that across developed countries, where guns are more available, there are more homicides (Journal of Trauma, 2000).
3. "Across states, more guns = more homicide". Using a validated proxy for firearm ownership, the relationship between firearm availability and homicide across 50 states was analyzed over a ten-year period (1988-1997). People in states

with many guns have elevated rates of homicide, particularly firearm homicide (American Journal of Public Health, 2002).

4. "Across states, more guns = more homicide (2)". The association between gun availability and homicide across states, 2001 – 2003, showed that states with higher levels of household gun ownership had higher rates of firearm homicide and overall homicide (Social Science and Medicine, 2007).
5. "A summary of the evidence of guns and violent death". Where there are higher levels of gun ownership, there are more gun suicides and more total suicides, more gun homicides and more total homicides, and more accidental gun deaths (Reducing Gun Violence in America, 2013).
6. "More guns = more homicides of police". Homicide rates of Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) were examined from 1996 to 2010, and in high-gun states, LEOs are 3 times more likely to be murdered than LEOs working in low-gun states. This article was cited by President Obama in a speech to a police association (American Journal of Public Health, 2015).

On Monday, 11 July, President Joe Biden called again for Congress to strengthen gun restrictions including banning military-style rifles, while lauding a new law that modestly advanced gun safety after a series of mass shootings. Biden said, "If this law had been in place years ago, even this last year, lives would have been saved", and he added, "nothing of what I am talking about infringes on anyone's Second Amendment rights", as reported by Bloomberg.com.

Removing guns from society might not stop violence altogether, but it will certainly help. It is an indisputable fact that guns were designed for war and killing, and it is evident that civilian communities have become a battlefield with gun violence being out of control.



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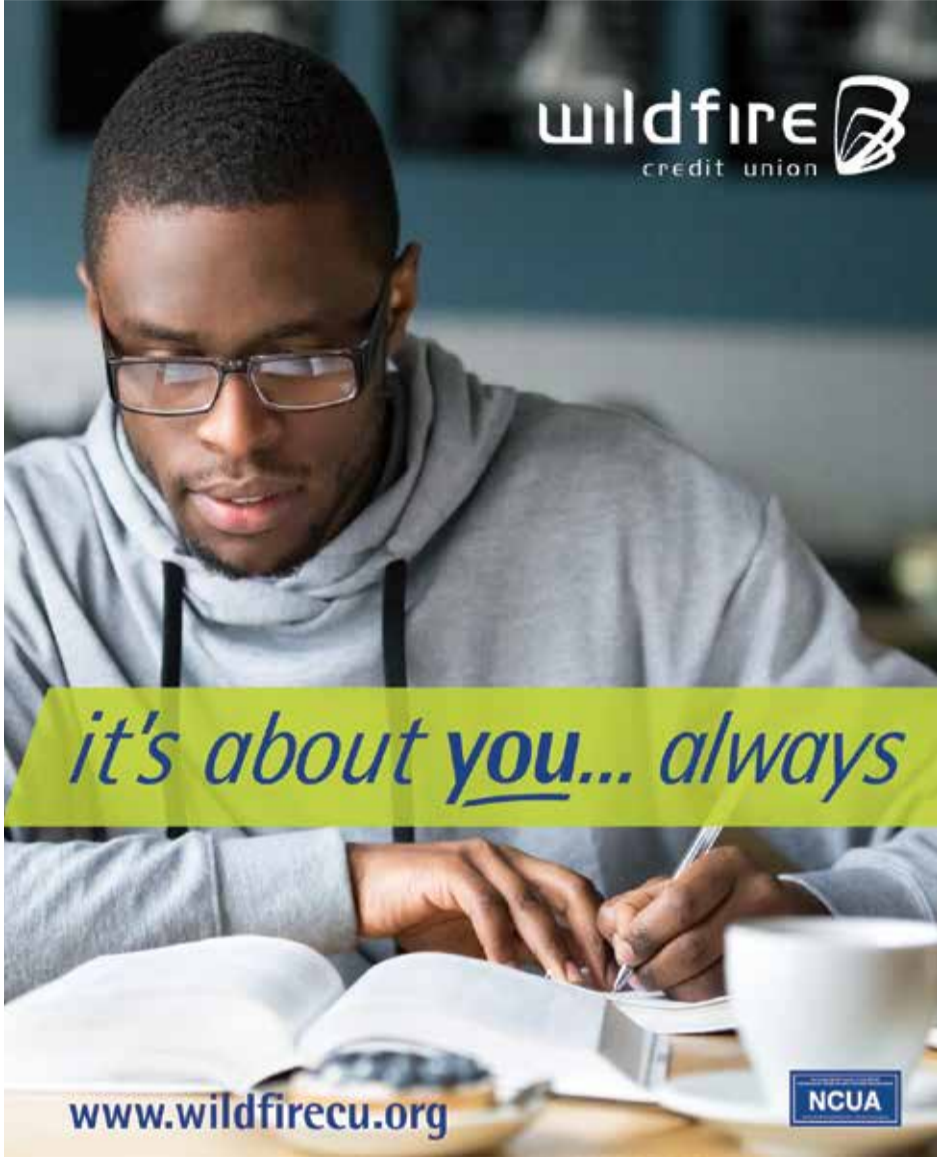


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Stephanie Duggan, MD, FACEP, FAAPL, CPE, has been named regional president and chief executive officer for Ascension Michigan, leading health ministries in Mid and Northern Michigan including Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Ascension Standish Hospital in Standish, Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City, and beginning August 7, 2022, Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc.

Dr. Duggan has been serving as president and CEO of Ascension Michigan's three northernmost hospitals since August 2018 when she returned to her home state of Michigan following the announcement of Ascension's \$50 million investment to grow the health ministry. She will assume leadership of Ascension Genesys Hospital on August 7, with the retirement of Christopher Palazzolo, who served as president and CEO of the Grand Blanc hospital for 18 years. Palazzolo's healthcare career spanned more than 40 years of dedicated service.

A board-certified emergency medicine physician, Dr. Duggan began her career at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw in 1997. Prior to returning to Michigan in 2018, she served as chief clinical officer at Ascension St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Before that, she held various leadership positions at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida, including chief medical officer, interim pharmacy medical director and interim emergency department director.

"Based on her outstanding credentials, her experience within Ascension, her commitment to our Mission, and her knowledge of the Mid and Northern Michigan communities, Dr. Duggan is an excellent choice to lead these hospitals and care sites for continued growth and excellence in care," said Joseph Hurshe, FACHE,



DR. STEPHANIE DUGGAN

chief operating officer, Ascension Michigan. "She is a vibrant, quality-driven servant leader who easily connects with associates, physicians and the communities we are privileged to serve. Her commitment to collaboration and her belief in making a long-lasting difference in the communities we care for will help Ascension Michigan continue as a leading Catholic healthcare provider well into the future."

Since 2018, Dr. Duggan has been instrumental in leading multiple teams toward the completion of capital investments in facility renovations and upgrades, patient care enhancements, new technology and the recent expansion of the emergency care center at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital. In 2021, Ascension announced

an additional \$125 million in operational capital to continue their investment in the Northern Michigan facilities, patient care and services.

Dr. Duggan earned her medical degree and completed her residency at Wayne State University. She has received numerous awards and recognitions during her career and served on many national, state and local boards. She was recently named chair of the board of directors of the American Association of Physician Leaders. Dr. Duggan served as vice chair and is now chair of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association Legislative Policy Panel. She also serves as a board member for Saginaw County Board of Public Health.

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THE TCAR PROCEDURE IS BEING PERFORMED BY VASCULAR SURGEONS (LEFT TO RIGHT) YETUNDE BALOGUN, M.D., M.P.H.; JACOB FRISBIE, D.O.; AND CONSTANTINOS CONSTANTINOU, M.D.

that blood flow is temporarily reversed during the procedure so that any small bits of plaque that may break off are diverted away from the brain, preventing a stroke from happening. A stent is then placed inside the artery to stabilize the plaque, minimizing the risk of a future stroke.

Prior to TCAR, the main treatment option for severe carotid artery disease was an open surgical procedure called carotid endarterectomy (CEA). CEA removes plaque from inside the carotid artery to restore normal blood flow to the brain, but the large incision leaves a visible scar the length of the neck and carries risks of surgical complications, including bleeding, infection, heart attack and cranial nerve injuries that can cause issues with swallowing, speaking and sensation in the face.

Innovative procedure to treat carotid artery disease now offered locally

An innovative new procedure to treat carotid artery disease and prevent future strokes is now being performed at MyMichigan Medical Center Midland. This procedure, TransCarotid Artery Revascularization or TCAR (tee-kahr), is a minimally-invasive, clinically proven approach for high surgical risk patients who need carotid artery treatment.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke. Worldwide, nearly five million people die from a stroke, and another five million are left permanently disabled every year. Carotid artery disease is a form of atherosclerosis, or a build-up of plaque, in the two main arteries in the neck that supply oxygen-rich blood to the brain. If left un-

treated, carotid artery disease can often lead to stroke. With up to a third of strokes caused by carotid artery disease, MyMichigan Health offers patients minimally invasive options such as TCAR to prevent future strokes.

“This minimally-invasive procedure is an important option in the fight against stroke and is particularly suited for the large portion of patients we see who are at higher risk of complications from carotid surgery due to age, anatomy, or other medical conditions,” said Vascular Surgeon Constantinos Constantinou, M.D. “Because of its low stroke risk and faster patient recovery, I believe TCAR represents the future of carotid repair.”

The TCAR procedure is unique in

The TCAR procedure was developed by Sunnyvale, California-based Silk Road Medical, Inc. and includes the ENROUTE® Transcarotid Neuroprotection (N.P.S.) and Stent System – the first devices designed and FDA-approved specifically for TCAR. Over 35,000 TCAR procedures have been performed worldwide through clinical trial and commercial use. TCAR has been studied extensively, and the clinical data have been excellent. Those interested in more information about the TCAR procedure may visit <http://silkroad-med.com/disease-and-treatment-options>.

The TCAR procedure is being performed by Vascular Surgeons Yetunde Balogun,

M.D., M.P.H.; Jacob Frisbie, D.O.; and Constantinos Constantinou, M.D. Those who would like more information about these surgeons or MyMichigan’s comprehensive Heart and Vascular Program may visit www.mymichigan.org/heartandvascular.



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Special education performance improves again on federal rating

Michigan's performance on the U.S. Department of Education's (USED) key special education factors improved for the 2021-22 school year, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) reported.

Michigan received a score of 75 percent for its federal determination annual performance rating on meeting the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B factors for the 2021-22 school year. In 2017-18, Michigan scored 59.17 percent and was identified by USED as "needs intervention." This year's increase was five percentage points, which brings the five-year growth rate to 15.83 percentage points.

"This is the highest score that Michigan has received since 2014, when the federal government moved to results-driven accountability," said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. "We are pleased with the

trajectory of the growth and will continue to work with ISD and local educators to improve outcomes for Michigan students with disabilities. There is still much work to do in the areas of graduation and dropout rates, research-based best practices, and inclusion, as we are still in the 'needs assistance' category."

Federal officials use both compliance and results data for a "letter of determination" on whether a state "meets requirements," "needs assistance," or "needs intervention."

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht said a lot of work is being done in school districts across the state, and at MDE, to improve compliance and results outcomes. A steering committee and four work groups formed in December 2018 to generate and implement recommendations designed to lead to continued im-

provements for graduation and dropout rates, M-STEP test participation, and national NAEP test results and participation.

"We appreciate the commitment from our partners across the education landscape in Michigan and look forward to continued growth and improvement," Dr. Koenigsnecht said. "To become a top education state, we need to provide a quality education and growth for all students, including those with special needs."

MDE's work to become a top education state is designed to better support intermediate school districts (ISD) to address local school district improvements. This evolving partnership between MDE and each ISD as a subrecipient of the federal IDEA grant funds further ensures the alignment and coordination that evidence-based practices are being implemented and supported in local districts.

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Team registration is \$660 and individual registration is \$165, which includes Four Person Scramble, Driving Range, 18 Holes with Cart, grilled “Lunch at the Turn”, “Parmesan Chicken” buffet dinner, Door Prizes, Awards and Trophy Presentation; other event surprises to be announced. Sponsorships and promotional opportunities are available! To register using a check or credit card telephone Deborah Sanchez (989)755-0545 or by email dsanchez@saginawpromise.org.

Since 2012, the Saginaw Promise has awarded \$1,072,000 in scholarships to 609 scholars. To learn more about the Saginaw Promise and its scholarship, visit www.saginawpromise.org.



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SAGINAW
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

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**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



+ EDUCATION

Lt. Gov. Gilchrist highlights \$6M investment to help students overcome barriers to higher education

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II launched a statewide tour from Washtenaw Community College to spotlight Michigan's \$6 million bipartisan investment in grant funding designed to ease the path for working-age adults who returned to college or enrolled for the first time through the Michigan Reconnect or Futures for Frontliners programs.

The new grants, which will be distributed by the state's community and tribal colleges, can be used for books, childcare, internet access and transportation to help students pursue tuition-free associate degrees or skills certificates. Washtenaw Community College and other eligible institutions can distribute the allocated funds directly to the student – with as much as \$550 available per student per academic year.

“Michigan Reconnect is helping tens of thousands of hardworking people take the first step toward a brighter future, and it is providing employers with the highly skilled workers they need to keep and grow their businesses throughout the state of Michigan,” said Lt. Governor Gilchrist. “We need to spread the word to more Michiganders. These new grants are an example of how government can and should partner to put every Michigander on the path to prosperity.”

In launching the statewide tour, Lt. Gov. Gilchrist was joined by officials from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity's Office of Sixty by 30 Director Sarah Szurpicki, Washtenaw Community College President Dr. Rose Bellanca, Ann Arbor SPARK Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff Phil Santer, and WCC and Michigan Reconnect student Carmen Samaniego.

The tour's aim is to highlight how programs such as Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners are creating a rewarding path to in-demand careers for tens of thousands of Michiganders and celebrating the state's latest Sixty by 30 achievements. It also seeks to encourage more participants in the Michigan Reconnect program.

“We admire all those Michiganders who have used Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners to take the first step to achieve their educational dreams. We know it's not an easy path, and we want to keep providing the support they need. This is a critical investment to help more people successfully complete a certificate or degree program,” said Szurpicki. “By removing barriers to education, we can help more hardworking Michiganders stay on the path to bigger paychecks and a successful future.”

Michigan's public community colleges and tribal colleges will use the \$6 million in wraparound grants from LEO to provide additional financial support for Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners students.

Dr. Bellanca called the additional support for Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners students an important step in overcoming the barriers that often stand in the way of a college education for so many adult students. Washtenaw Community College has enrolled 2,038 Reconnectors and 2,287 Futures for Frontliners students.

“Michigan Reconnect is an important key to helping community colleges like WCC attract, train and graduate students for the high-paying and high-demand jobs that will drive Michigan's future,” said Dr. Bellanca. “We are a proud partner in that effort.”

Santer praised Michigan Reconnect and the new investment as vital to economic growth in the Ann Arbor region.

“The reliability and adaptability of talent is a key factor in keeping existing jobs in a community, and in attracting new companies to a region,” Santer said. “The talent pipeline is strong in the greater Ann Arbor region. Michigan Reconnect and this new investment will make it even stronger.”

A single mom, Samaniego and her young family understand the value of the Reconnect program. In her early thirties when the COVID pandemic hit, Samaniego found her job as a cosmetologist at risk due

to pandemic restrictions. With two young sons to support, she never thought college was an option. Then she heard about the Michigan Reconnect program and its free tuition provision. She took advantage of this opportunity and is now enrolled in WCC's computer science program.

“College is very difficult to do on your own and just didn't seem doable for me with two little kids to support,” Samaniego said. “WCC and the Reconnect program are making a college education attainable for me. If you're over 25, you can go to college for free. It sounds too good to be true, but it is true.”

To be eligible for the grants, students must:

- Be Michigan Reconnect or Futures for Frontliners scholarship participants.
- Have completed at least one semester within the respective scholarship program they are participating in.
- Be enrolled or be in the process of enrolling for a following qualifying semester.

Grants will be awarded based on the proportion of Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners students at each community college or tribal college. Institutions will have one calendar year from the date of the award to distribute funds — up to \$550 per student per academic year — and Frontliners and Reconnect students are encouraged to talk to their community or tribal college about these grant opportunities.

The wraparound grants build on Michigan's network of people and resources in place to provide students with the critical support they need to successfully enroll in classes and complete a skill certificate or associate degree program.

More information is available at Michigan.gov/Reconnect.

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The value of community service



By **CRAIG DOUGLAS**
RETIRED EDUCATOR

As summer moves along, it is a great time to remind ourselves of the value of community service opportunities for kids.

There are many reasons why “service” benefits the community... when volunteers step up, the community gains in return. Our Lion’s Club has adopted a stretch of road in Carrollton, and we meet twice each summer to pick up trash and debris. The community benefits from the time we offer in service.

However, as a volunteer I know the benefits as volunteers that WE receive are as just as valuable. The sense of accom-

plishment and knowing that we are helping to make the world a little better extremely satisfying.

Motivating!

This is true for young people, as well. One resource on the web offers twelve reasons students should experience community service, advocating that it be a school graduation requirement. That is a suggestion for others to consider, but for now I would like to cite three of the reasons shared.

Academics. There are many studies showing a correlation between community service and grades. Those who perform community service tend to do better in school. One theory is the activities involved with community service apply the concepts taught in various subjects.... for example, communication skills are sharpened when students work on projects in a team setting.

Self-efficacy. When students serve others, they feel a greater sense of accomplishment and value of worth. They gain in confidence and feeling the satisfaction of accomplishment.

Voters. This one may surprise you... students who have served their community are more likely to be engaged in their community. They are more likely to participate in civic duties such as voting. Being involved and informed in community is a significant outcome, in my view.

With the needs in our communities, what a tremendous time for students to step up and serve others.

Resource: <https://www.youtern.com/thesavvyintern/index.php/2012/11/16/12-reasons-community-service-should-be-required-curriculum/>

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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?

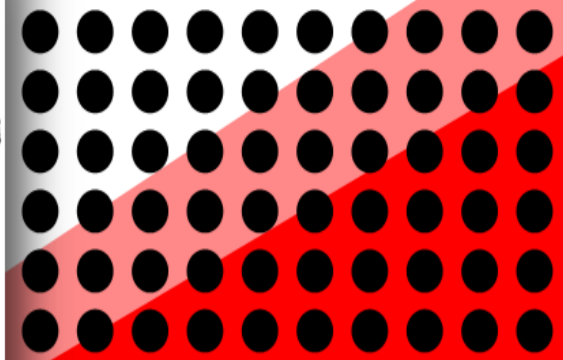
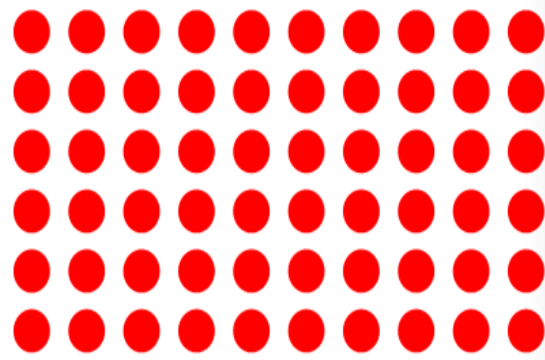
No, but if funded, you will be expected to hire qualified staff and have staff trained in the curriculum and assessment tools. You will have to operate in compliance with child care licensing rules and GSRP statute, policies and procedures. You would also have the support of a Saginaw Intermediate School 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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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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Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Early Head Start, launched in 1995, provides support to low-income infants, toddlers,

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Together Head Start and Early Head Start have served tens of millions of children and their families.

At Saginaw ISD Head Start our attentive staff is available Monday through Friday to answer all your questions and make every effort to ensure you are 100 percent satisfied.

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

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Sabrina Beeman-Jackson

Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

“Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school and less likely to need special education, repeat a grade, or commit crimes in adolescence.”

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Another way for your nonprofit to give back

By MEL AND PEARL SHAW

Have you built out your social media platforms and mailing lists, so you are communicating with hundreds or thousands of people? Do you have hundreds of thousands of followers? A million? If you have been able to grow a strong communication strategy maybe you can use it for the good of others, and not just your own nonprofit.

Do you know people who only talk about themselves? They're really not fun to be around for too long. A conversation should be open and free flowing, not controlled by one party. And so can it be with our nonprofit communications. We don't have to talk about "me, me, me" all the time. Yes, the purpose of your communications strategy is to ensure open lines of communication with those you serve, your community, and your donors. But does everything have to be about your nonprofit? Are you the only organization in town that provides services or advocacy? Are you not part of a larger community?

We know the answer to that question: yes, you are part of a larger community. We all are. And we all need each other. One way your nonprofit can extend its service is to share information about other nonprofits, or updates from government agencies. Here's what we mean: your social media, emails, and newsletters can become a go-to location for important – or fun – information. You can post about upcoming job fairs, promote scholarship opportunities, and let people know where free food and vaccines are available. When it's super-hot out you can send an email blast about local cooling stations; when it's freezing cold you can let people know where to find a warming center. You can include links to vital information such as dates for local and national elections with links to voting sites and the dates/times these are open and what the voting requirements are within your community.

These are general ways to use your communications platforms to benefit the community. Other ways are more

specific. For example, if you have a lot of people over 65 who read your communications, share news about mini-grants for home repairs: many want to stay in their homes but cannot afford home repairs. If you target young people, provide links to mental health services, job fairs, and free concerts. Here's something novel to consider: promote other nonprofits that provide services similar to yours. Think of it this way: you can't serve everyone, so why not let people know about other options they have?

We encourage those who haven't yet taken the plunge, to use your social media platforms and email lists to share information of value to those you serve and your donors, even if it isn't about you. You can help extend the reach of smaller organizations who provide vital or specialized services and who may not have the extensive reach that you do. We are all part of a larger community, and that's a beautiful thing.



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CAA has on student-athletes, while providing reassurance that student-athletes are not only smart enough and talented enough to play at higher level but rather choose to make the NJCAA your home.

Delta College continues to provide career opportunities and support through the athletic programs.

“Athletics is a safe space for student-athletes,” McCollum added. “Pioneer Athletics will continue to use athletics to build not only championship caliber teams but also nurses, electricians, business owners, IT professions and future leaders. We hope the impact that we leave on their lives will be one that they can carry with them forever as proud two-year college products, just as I have.”

Pioneer Volleyball will take the court in the Fall of 2022 as their first season back in over ten years.

Delta volleyball returns

Delta College Pioneer Athletics is excited to announce the return of women’s volleyball as a varsity sport. The long-anticipated wait is officially over as Pioneer Volleyball will hold their first season of competition in the Fall of 2022.

Pioneer Athletics would like to thank the NJCAA Foundation for awarding pioneer athletics \$2,000 via the NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant to aid in the addition of women’s volleyball.

“The NJCAA Foundation is excited to further support the growth of NJCAA member colleges and the sport programs they offer through the newly created NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant,” said Brian Luckett, NJCAA Foundation Executive Director. “The ability to provide this funding for the first time ever is a testament to the importance and growth of two-year collegiate athletics. The NJCAA Foundation looks forward to this initiative’s impact as NJCAA member colleges continue to

create opportunities for student-athletes across the country.”

Dionne McCollum, Director of Athletics, was asked the significance of adding volleyball as a sport at Delta College. “The addition of volleyball has been a three-and-a-half-year process. I take pride in providing opportunities for student-athletes to use sports as a tool to reach academic and athletic goals.”

“When I applied for the NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant I found the opportunity to be a sign that adding the sport was truly meant to be. It shows that the NJCAA supports its organization schools and the dreams to build successful thriving programs. We are honored to be a recipient of this grant.”

Pioneer Athletics has adopted the motto “JUCO Tough”! This simple statement expresses the importance of two-year college athletics, the positive impact the NJ-

Palmateer to Coach Women’s Volleyball

Pioneer Athletics is proud to announce the hiring of Mandy Palmateer as the new head volleyball coach. We are extremely excited about this hire and are looking forward to the creation of a championship culture as we restart the volleyball program at Delta College.

Coach Palmateer has 24 years of coaching experience, most recently with Swan Valley High School.

Palmateer is holding an open tryout on July 13, beginning at 7pm in the Pioneer Gym. Please email Dionne McCollum (dionnemccollum@delta.edu) if you are interested. Must have a valid physical to participate.

Dow announces long-term extension of the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational

Dow, the LPGA Tour and Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (Dow GLBI) tournament officials have teamed up today to announce an extension for Dow GLBI to run through 2029. The extension marks one of the longest extensions on the LPGA Tour currently and comes as the 2022 event kicks off at Midland Country Club this week, where 72 two-person teams will compete for a share of a \$2.5 million purse.

“As we celebrate our 125th Anniversary, I couldn’t think of a better way to kick off this year’s event and look ahead to the future than by sharing the news of Dow’s continued commitment to the Great Lakes Bay Region and to the LPGA Tour,” said Jim Fitterling, Dow Chairman and CEO. “Our partnership with the LPGA Tour continues to be a perfect platform for us to positively impact our region while showcasing our efforts in sustainability and inclusion as well as our customer-centric approach to doing business. And we couldn’t have accomplished any of this without the support of our many community partners.”

Since its inception, the Dow GLBI has donated more than \$1 million to local charities and organizations. The event partners annually with more than 250 local companies and suppliers and is estimated to have brought more than \$25 million in economic impact to the Great Lakes Bay Region. In addition to the official LPGA tournament, the week-long event features



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many ancillary events and activities meant to engage the entire community including the Eat Great Food Festival, an onsite STEM Center for kids and families, SOAR – an inclusion summit, and more.

The Dow GLBI made its debut in 2019 as the first official team competition in LPGA Tour history. That same year the tournament won LPGA Tournament of the Year – the first time this award was presented to a first-year tournament.

“Dow continues to be a leader in sustainability and inclusion on the LPGA Tour, and we are thrilled to continue this incredible partnership,” said Mollie Marcoux Samaan, LPGA Commissioner. “Partners like Dow not only help elevate the playing field for our golfers, but also allow us to use our collective platform for maximum impact. The longevity of our partnership is a true testament to Dow’s commitment and leadership.”

The Dow GLBI became the first event on the LPGA Tour to receive and retain full GEO® Certification for its sustainability efforts and was also the first-ever professional golf tournament to receive this recognition in its first year of operation. In 2021, the Dow GLBI also became the first-ever event on the LPGA Tour to achieve carbon neutrality, tournament officials announced last week. Dow is the Official Sustainability Resource of the LPGA Tour and the Ladies European Tour offering the league and tournaments strategies and a blueprint to become more sustainable.

“Dow’s purpose is to deliver a sustainable future for the world through our materials science expertise and collaboration with our partners,” said Dow GLBI Executive Director Chris Chandler. “That’s why this partnership with the LPGA family is so critical – and why it’s a privilege to be a part of it. Together, we believe we can imagine a better future through sport – harnessing the power of sport to drive meaningful and actionable change for our planet.”

The tournament will remain at its host course, Midland Country Club, through 2029, where the 2022 Dow GLBI kicks off today. More information and a detailed schedule of events for this year’s tournament can be found online at www.Dow-GLBI.com.

Mike Grier becomes the first Black general manager in NHL history

Mike Grier has been named the general manager of the San Jose Sharks, making him the first Black GM in National Hockey League history.

“I am extremely proud and grateful to be given the opportunity to be the general manager of the San Jose Sharks,” the 47-year-old hockey veteran said in a statement. “Along with my staff, I look forward to the challenge of building a fast, competitive, and hardworking team that Sharks fans will enjoy watching and be proud of.”

Grier has been an NHL hockey player, scout, coach and executive. He spent 14 seasons in the league as a top defensive forwards and leader. Prior to the Sharks GM position, he was the New York Rangers’ hockey operations adviser.



MIKE GRIER



PIC OF THE WEEK

Members of The John Shippen Invitational are spotted at the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational in Midland on July 15. The John Shippen aims to create opportunities in golf for Black men and women, ensure his story is told and preserve his tremendous legacy, which is one of Black History, but also of American History. John Shippen, Jr. was the First American-Born Golf Professional AND the First Black Golf Professional.





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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 compus 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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