



Subscribe to our notifications for the latest news and updates. You can disable anytime.

Later

Subscribe



Kettering University's robotics team will be heading to Dallas this week for the VEX U world championships. // Photo courtesy of Kettering University

Our roundup of the latest news from metro Detroit and Michigan businesses as well as announcements from government agencies. To share a business or nonprofit story, please send us a message.

Kettering University Robotics Team Heading to World Championship

The VEX U Kudos team from Kettering University' in Flint will join nearly 100 teams at the VEX Robotics World Championship from April 27-29 in Dallas.

ADVERTISING

The challenge this
robots they design
1-minute, 45-second
for points and spirit
university level, te



Subscribe to our notifications for the latest news
and updates. You can disable anytime.

ces with the
period followed by a
ective goal areas
s wins. At the

“I’ve had more fun
engineering student and team member. “Going to worlds in our rookie year is outstanding.”

chanical

Callicutt competed in VEX Robotics while attending Wade Hampton High School in Greenville, S.C., but the team never made it to the world championship. Although having a VEX U team wasn’t a requirement for her when selecting a college, it was something she wanted.

“Robotics is a passion of mine,” she says. “It gives me a way to escape. It can be frustrating and stressful, but it’s something I have always worked hard toward. I like working with my hands creating things and seeing them succeed.”

KUdos consists of six first-year students and one senior. Students from both sections are on the team, which made communication and organization top priorities to ensure the build was complete.

KUdos received the Judge’s Award in January at a competition in Monroe.

To qualify for the Judge’s Award, teams must exhibit a high-quality interview, display special attributes, exemplary effort, and perseverance at the event, overcome an obstacle or challenge, and achieve a goal or special accomplishment.

In Kettering’s case, only two team members could attend the competition to run both robots. The pair not only made it through, but they also doubled the team’s programming skills score.

For more information about robotics at Kettering University, visit [here](#).

Dean Chiropractic Becomes Oakland Lifestyle Medicine in Bloomfield Hills

Dean Chiropractic, a family-owned provider of holistic chiropractic and health care services, has become Oakland Lifestyle Medicine (OLM) and relocated to Bloomfield Hills.

The company’s new name reflects the beginning of a trend in the chiropractic field to help patients achieve optimal health and wellness through chiropractic and lifestyle medicine services.

The move comes as part of Michigan’s reworked Corporate Practice of Medicine law (H.R. 2654) allowing for multidisciplinary practices, which permits chiropractors to form professional corporations with physicians. Due to the updated law, OLM is doubling both its staff size and clinic space to accommodate a growing list of patients seeking more expansive care to both treat and prevent the impact of injury.

“Though the Dean Chiropractic name, established by my father, Dr. Christophe Dean, has become well known in this community for nearly 50 years, we feel Oakland Lifestyle Medicine reflects our commitment to helping our patients identify, address and treat the root cause of their health issues through a revolutionary, comprehensive approach,” says Dr. J
Medicine. “Moving and expanding our facility will also allow us
and diverse portfolio of services, which will allow us to better

OLM offers a diverse
education, massage

Among the newer
viscosupplemental

The company's new
oaklandlifemed.com.



Subscribe to our notifications for the latest news
and updates. You can disable anytime.

omuscular re-

asma therapy,

Hills. Visit

STIIIZY Cannabis Wants to Hire 430 Fired Burger King Workers in Metro Detroit

Ferndale-based STIIIZY Cannabis says it wants to employ the 430 Burger King workers who recently lost their jobs due to their restaurants closing.

STIIIZY Michigan Managing Partner Ryan Jundt says he'll hire more than 200 of the workers immediately and the remaining 200 or so in the coming months. Interested men and women should email mioffice@shrynegroup.com and leave their name, e-mail address, phone number, and attach a resume if possible. ALL applicants will be interviewed.

"It's unfortunate that Burger King pulled the rug out from under 430 good men and women, but I want their loss to be STIIIZY'S gain," says Jundt. "We are ready to put ALL of these folks to work."

Workers will be hired for the STIIIZY Orion Township Manufacturing facility where STIIIZY makes a variety of products sold in STIIIZY stores in Ferndale, Kalamazoo, and Battle Creek, in addition to more than 500 independent cannabis dispensaries throughout the state of Michigan.

Workers will be paid between \$16-\$17/hour to start and will be eligible for benefits after 90 days.

Inclusive Corporate Culture Supports Indigenous STEM Professionals at Stellantis

For the fourth year in a row, Stellantis in Auburn Hills has been selected as one of the best companies for Indigenous STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) professionals.

Winds of Change magazine named the company to its Top 50 Workplaces for Indigenous STEM Professionals list, which will be featured in the magazine's spring edition.

"Our commitment to developing and recruiting diverse STEM talent is vital to our business strategy to design innovative products that excite our customers," says Lottie Holland, vice president of diversity, inclusion, engagement, and EEO compliance at Stellantis North America. "We are very proud of our Indigenous Cultural Opportunity Network (ICON) business resource group for enhancing our company's reputation as a strong career option for talented Indigenous technical professionals."

Winds of Change is published by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), a national nonprofit organization focused on substantially increasing the representation of Indigenous peoples of North America and the Pacific Islands in STEM studies and careers.

"It is rewarding to see that AISES recognizes our hard work," says Kaitlyn Mulkey, a community outreach and marketing analyst for the Jeep brand at Stellantis. and president of the company's ICON business resource group. "It's also wonderful to see the comp space that encompasses both our culture and our STEM work.

The ICON business
affinity community
well as engagement



Subscribe to our notifications for the latest news
and updates. You can disable anytime.

present a range of
investment programs, as

Detroit's Benzinga

Detroit-based investment firm Benzinga is hosting a Sports Betting Summit, a new event and honors franchise that will expand this year to additional industries. Titans will provide a deep dive and insights into the trends, challenges, and opportunities for which the investment community is searching.

The Titans Sports Betting Summit will be streamed live via Benzinga.com at 11 a.m. May 24.

The Titans Sports Betting Award winners, determined by Benzinga editors, analysts, and leadership, will spotlight the “hottest and most innovative” public companies, sportsbooks, apps/platforms, and service providers to watch in 2023 — both for investors, industry players and avid bettors. The awards will be announced at the conclusion of the summit and shared across all Benzinga platforms.

As one of the fastest-growing private media companies, Benzinga is excited to bring together and honor some of the biggest names in sports betting to share insights into how this nascent business is evolving and scaling.

Speakers will include:

- Adam Greenblatt, CEO of BetMGM
- Christian Genetski, president of FanDuel Group
- Jason Robins, co-founder and CEO of DraftKings
- Vinit Bharara, co-founder and CEO of MOJO
- Joe Solosky, managing director of sports betting at NASCAR

Registration for the summit is open and free. To do so, visit [here](#).

Registration Now Open for the Annual Small Business Workshop

The LEE Group (TLG) will be conducting its Ninth Annual Small Business Workshop — themed “Navigating a Business during an Uncertain Economy” — from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. May 24 online.

It is being presented by Fifth Third Bank and focus on business recoverability and sustainability. The event is free for all registered attendees.

Attendees will hear from business experts, entrepreneurs, and community leaders who will discuss practical solutions needed as businesses continue to navigate economic uncertainties.

The event will explore issues confronting Detroit’s small business community as they

continue to navigate the ongoing challenges potentially impacting sustainability and growth. It

will be a solutions-based event featuring speakers, panelists, workshop leaders, and a “Fireside

Chat.”

The purpose of the small business conference is to provide the information needed as businesses



Subscribe to our notifications for the latest news and updates. You can disable anytime.

strengthening the al solutions

“With COVID-19 n Mark S. Lee, presi understand there providing attendees with practical solutions.”

the future,” says it’s important to t will focus on

To register, visit [here](#).

Zekelman Holocaust Center Receives \$1M Dollar Grant from The Claims Conference

The Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills has been awarded \$1 million from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany toward fabrication expenses of the center’s core exhibit, which will be undergoing a complete renovation starting in June 2023.

The update will be the first since the center moved to its permanent home in Farmington Hills in 2004. The new exhibit will center Michigan survivor voices in its telling of one of the most horrific events in world history, utilizing updated historical information, cutting-edge technology and modern museum design, media, and lighting.

Tours will align with best practices in museum and Holocaust education. Visitors will learn about pre-war Jewish life, the onset of World War II, and the liberation of the concentration camps through information, testimonies, and artifacts that summon inquiry and contemplation, to help guests draw meaning from their visit.

“As the population of Holocaust survivors dwindles, we must find a way for future generations to continue to connect to their experiences,” says Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld, CEO of the Holocaust Center. “Our new exhibit elevates our local survivors’ stories for perpetuity, and ensures they have the first and last word as visitors move through our exhibit. Thanks to this generous grant, we can accomplish this goal, and position ourselves as a 21st-century leader in Holocaust education.”

While construction is taking place, the center will remain open for events, programs, and a temporary exhibit. The new core exhibit will debut in January 2024.

WCC Receives \$2M Grant from Wilson Foundation for Job Training, Education

Washtenaw Community College (WCC) in Ann Arbor has been awarded a \$2.09 million grant to launch a jobs and education initiative to boost the quality of life and outcomes for underrepresented populations in Ypsilanti.

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation grant will fund WCC’s new Advance Ypsi initiative to strengthen pathways to prosperity through education and career development.

Advance Ypsi is part of the Detroit Regional Chamber’s Detroit Drives Degrees Community College Collaborative (D3C3), which has announced more than \$30 million in support from Ballmer Group and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation.

The D3C3 initiative is a partnership with seven southeast Michigan Community Colleges in Washtenaw, to ensure students have equitable educational opportunities.

value credentials c
the region's overal



Subscribe to our notifications for the latest news and updates. You can disable anytime.

ployers, boosting

Advance Ypsi will l
transportation, ma

focused

Shelving Inc. Op

Shelving Inc. in Madison Heights has opened applications for its ninth annual *Shelving.com* Business Scholarship contest.

The scholarships will be awarded to three eligible Michigan residents currently pursuing a major in business and/or enrolled in a business-related field of study. One student will receive a \$3,000 first place scholarship with \$2,000 going to the runner-up, and \$1,000 to the second runner-up.

"Given that we are a family-owned business, we are honored to give back to the youth of our community and aim to do our part in assisting students during their academic journey," says Michael Schodowski, president of Shelving Inc. "In the nine years we have run this annual scholarship, we have been incredibly impressed by the motivation and hardwork displayed by students to utilize their degree to make a positive difference in their community. We are eager to again review the applications of the de-serving students that apply this year."

The scholarship is accepting applications from Michigan residents who are presently attending an accredited university or college, or high school seniors currently enrolled or planning to enroll in college beginning no later than the fall 2023 semester. Those interested in applying must be pursuing a major in business or a business-related field of study, have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA, and submit a copy of their transcript, resume, and essay.

If not presently attending a college or university, proof of college or university enrollment is required. Michigan residents are eligible if attending an accredited college or university outside of the state.

To apply, visit [here](#).

U-M Receives Grant to Expand Disabled Access to Competitions

The University of Michigan Adaptive Sports and Fitness (ASF) program has received an unspecified grant from the Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America (Guardian) in New York to create the Adaptive Student Athlete Program (ASAP).

This national program is designed to expand access to competitive opportunities in para track and field, wheelchair tennis, and wheelchair basketball for collegiate student athletes with disabilities, paving the way for them to increase their participation and receive equitable recognition alongside their able-bodied peers.

U-M's ASF is working with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to create opportunities for para athlete participation at competitive events.

"As a leading disability insurer and financial services provider, says Jonathan Mayhew, head of the group benefits business a

well-being for the
we hope to help p



Subscribe to our notifications for the latest news
and updates. You can disable anytime.

With this grant,

The first major eve
in Des Moines, Iov
will be crowned. T
para athlete travel

the Drake Relays,
track and field
event as well as

Other events include:

- Wheelchair Tennis National Championship Finals (Held alongside NCAA DI-DIII Collegiate Tennis National Championships), May 19-20, in Orlando, Fla.
- A University of Michigan wheelchair basketball tournament at Saint Clair County Community College, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, in Port Huron.

Southfield City Hall to Host Asian Pacific American Art Exhibition

Southfield Mayor Kenson Siver and the Southfield Public Arts Commission will host Perspectives: An Artist Exhibition and Opening Reception to celebrate nine extraordinary Asian Artists in recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The event will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 5 in the Southfield City Hall Main Lobby (26000 Evergreen Road).

The Southfield Public Arts Commission, in collaboration with Southfield Cable 15 director/producer Gary Watts, curated the exhibition featuring nine Michigan-based Asian artists: Hiroko Lancour, Myong Neff, Luzhen Qiu, Nobuko Yamasaki, Ben Kim, JenClare Gawaran, Kyoko Fujii, Julius Hwang, and Mino Watanabe.

The event also will feature a special music performance by Xiao Dong Wei, Ikebana floral displays, a Chinese tea brewing table, and Asian hors d'oeuvres.

All of the artwork exhibited is offered for sale to the public. The opening reception is free and open to the public.

Facebook Comments
