Mott Community College is seeking to renew its existing operating millage with a ballot proposal scheduled for voters to consider this month. The election is Tuesday, Aug. 7 -- the traditional primary election date in Michigan. This proposal comes before voters on a regular basis, and is not a new tax or a tax increase. The renewal is for an existing tax, and will actually cost voters slightly less than what was approved before. In 2001, voters approved 0.65 of a mill.

This year, MCC is asking for voters to renew only 0.641 of a mill, which is equal to about 64 cents per $1,000 of taxable property value. At 64 cents per $1,000 of taxable property value, the owner of a $100,000 home (which has a state equalized value of $50,000) would pay about $32 a year. Despite steadily rising enrollment at MCC, state funding is sharply down. Over the last ten years, state funding has fallen almost $50 million below the state's own formula. Officials at MCC have found it necessary to do more with less by tightening budgets and controlling spending to keep the college's tuition affordable for Genesee County residents who need it most. A diverse team of volunteers has launched a robust campaign to get the vote out for MCC.

New MCC Trustee

New MCC Trustee and former Flint Township Supervisor Sally Shaheen Joseph is welcomed to the MCC Board of Trustees, as she is sworn in by Genesee Circuit Judge Judith Fullerton during a special meeting on Monday, July 10. She replaces Ehren Gonzales on the MCC Board of Trustees.
Heather Brewer, a former MCC student and sister of Student Life coordinator Dawn Vanniman, is the author of The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod: Eighth Grade Bites, a novel written for youth ages 9-12 about vampires. She will be visiting the MCC Library and signing copies of her book on Friday, August 17 at noon on the 2nd floor of the Library. Published by Dutton Juvenile, the book will be released on Aug. 16. A description and price is listed on amazon.com. The book will also be available at Borders. For details, call (810) 762-0408.

Author and Former MCC Student to Visit MCC Library

Psychology Prof. Lillie McCain and Political Science Prof. Paul Rozycki presented a paper at the "First International Conference on Service Learning in Teacher Education" in Brussels, Belgium in July. They gave a presentation on the MCC COPC program and a project that was inspired by the COPC program - "The Clio Project." "The Clio Project" model involved dually enrolled Clio High School students, who were also enrolled in MCC's Service Learning course. In that class the Clio students conducted a housing survey of the city of Clio. The data was then published and presented to the Clio City Council and Planning commission. Northern Tier Center Site Coordinator Desiree Londrigan was instrumental in putting the project together, along with Clio city officials.

Nursing Tutor/Mentor Coordinator Teri Hill lets us know that the Nursing Tutor/Mentor Office is hosting five days of "Review Sessions" for nursing students who have successfully completed NURS 101. Students are encouraged to attend (pre-registration is necessary). The sessions will be held Monday, Aug. 20-Aug. 24 in the RTC Auditorium. Speakers are current and emeritus faculty members. Registration information may be obtained through the Nursing Tutor/Mentor Office at 762-0310. Topics include: Stress Management for Nursing Students; Math for Nurses; Fluid and Electrolytes; Cardiology; Renal; Nursing Process; Complete Physical Assessment; Pharmacology; Diabetes; Endocrinology; Oncology; Learning Styles; and Study Strategies.

Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator Carlos Cisneros wants us to know that he and Public Safety Supervisor Nancy Metcalf and Emergency Response Coordinator Tammy Parillo participated in a four-day workshop at Kettering University, entitled Kettering Child Seat Course. They became certified technicians for proper installation of child safety car seats after successful completion of the course.

Here's news from SLBC Interim Site Director Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez: The Southern Lakes Branch welcomed the addition of new cacti and a succulent garden planted by Genesee County Master Gardeners on June 20. The plants were rescued from the MSU campus to make way for road improvements. Alicia Ellis, Advanced Master Gardener and project coordinator, organized the rescue and planting efforts. The site preparation was completed by Dave Streeter in cooperation with Shun Smith and Larry Kocher of the Physical Plant Office. In addition, a courtyard garden was planted and paid for by the MCC Gardening Association, with special thanks to Sasha Betcher, club president. "Many thanks to the following master gardeners for their help and advice: Alicia Ellis, Jerry Redoutey, Melville Kennedy, Sheila Henzi, Maggie Greg and Guy Sheldon and a very special heartfelt thanks to the SLBC angels, you know who you are," Rebecca added.


Congratulations to Tamara Hunt in her new position as Standards & Procedures Coordinator, Office of Physical Plant. She started her new job on June 18.

Administrative Assistant Jennifer Young-Sedlow, Technology Division, tells us that Mechanical Operations Technology Adjunct Prof. William Thompson, is co-author of the recently released sixth edition of Welding Principles and Applications Study Guide/Lab Manual. His name is listed, with MCC after it, in the "Acknowledgements" section of the book where he is recognized for making recommendations that were invaluable to the author and publisher.

Workforce Development Relocates to Wagner Building

With some minor renovations, fresh paint and new carpeting, the Wagner Building became MCC's Garfield G. Wagner, Jr. - Workforce Education Center and the official home of our Workforce Development Department, effective July 1, 2007. Under the direction of Workforce Development Director Robert Matthews, all staff associated with MCC programs formerly housed at the North Pointe Center (Sylvester Broome Center) and its One Stop Center that was housed in the lower level of the Career Alliance Building have moved into this new Workforce Education Center. Leasing expenses that were covered within some of the contracts listed below with Michigan Works! The Career Alliance, Inc. facility will now be used to supplement the cost of operating these programs out of the Wagner Building. This initiative is not only a benefit fiscally; it helps further enhance the College's mission by centralizing these operations. The benefits of a centralized system will provide enhanced services to the clients and community MCC serves. Additionally, working collaboratively with Michigan Works! Career Alliance, Inc., this new venture will help support the type of empowering educational experiences Workforce Development offers in truly a 'one stop' fashion. Training, programs and initiatives at the Workforce Education Center include:

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs: Adult and Dislocated Worker; Incumbent Worker; and Year Round Youth Programs
- Building & Construction (BCON) Training
- YouthBuild Training
- Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC)
- Operation Fast Break Program
- Computer Repair/A+ Certification Program
- Direct Care/Assisted Living Worker Job Opportunity Program
- Distance Learning Program / GED
- Flint Health Care Employment Opportunities (FHEO) Project
- GED / ABE Prep / Literacy Skills Enhancement Program (formerly known as P.A.L. - Partnership for Adult Learning)
- Jobs for the Future - Breaking Through Initiative (BTI)
- Simulation Certificate Programs

For more information about MCC Workforce Development, call 232-2501.
MCC Golf Outings Benefit Education

Area golfers will have two opportunities to tee up in support of educational opportunities for students. The Bruin Club of Genesee County is sponsoring the Mott Community College Golf Outing with proceeds earmarked to benefit student-athletes of the MCC Men's and Women’s Cross Country Team. The event is Sunday, Aug. 26 at Fenton Farms Golf Club, 12312 Torrey Road in Fenton with the shotgun start scheduled for 9 am. Entry fee is $100 per player, which includes continental breakfast, door prizes, beverages and lunch. Checks should be made payable to Bruin Club of Genesee County. Groups of less than four are encouraged and will be paired with others. If you are unable to play, please consider supporting the team by sponsoring a hole. For more information, contact Winston Stoody, MCC Head Cross Country Coach at (810) 629-9234 or standys@aol.com or Linda McKay, MCC Athletics Fundraiser at (810) 762-5044 or Linda.Mackay@mcc.edu.

The annual MCC Lapeer Learner Scholarship Golf Outing is scheduled Friday, Sept. 7 at 8:30 am at Devil's Ridge Golf Club in Oxford. Opportunities to play golf, network with area businesses and organizations and or become an outing sponsor are available. Proceeds benefit students at the MCC Lapeer Extension Site. The fee for an individual golfer is $100 and $400 for a foursome. Various sponsorships and participation levels are available. Checks should be made payable to the Foundation for Mott Community College. For details, call (810) 762-0425 or (810) 423-2321.

Hispanic Technology & Community Center Community Fun Day

MCC’s Hispanic Technology & Community Center, along with the Latinoamerican Church, is presenting their annual Community Fun Day. The event, scheduled to begin at noon on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Center located at 2101 Lewis St., is free and open to the public. Event organizers will be providing refreshments, including snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, water and food. There will be a puppet show, face painting and a lot of fun and games for children. In addition, the group will be giving away two computers and two bikes. “This is a way of showing our appreciation to the community and the organizations that work with us throughout the year,” said Orlando Garcia, Interim Site Coordinator at the Hispanic Technology & Community Center. For more information, call (810) 762-0425 or (810) 423-2321.

Foundation for MCC Events

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming activities and call the Foundation for Mott Community College at (810) 762-0425 for more information:

Sept. 6
September Soiree to benefit MCC at Lake Fenton home of Ghassan and Manal Saab, 6-8 pm. Tickets: $250 and can be purchased by calling the Foundation at 762-0425.

Sept. 7
MCC Lapeer Learner Scholarship Golf Outing at Devil's Ridge Golf Course in Oxford. Shotgun start at 8:30 am. Proceeds fund scholarships for students at MCC Lapeer. Cost per play is $100. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Sept. 16
Motown, Mott & More featuring Flint's favorites & MCC “stars” lip syncing at 6 pm in the Recital Hall of Mott Memorial Building. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Additional acts are welcome. Call the Foundation for details and ticket prices.

Oct. 4
The Ballenger Lecture Series offers a free lecture by Morris Dees, Chief Legal Counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Center at 7 pm, Recital Hall, Mott Memorial Building. A VIP Reception is scheduled with Dees before the lecture, along with an afterglow for Friends of the Ballenger at a ticket price of $500. Proceeds benefit the Ballenger Lecture Series.

Oct. 8
Peace & Dignity Ceremony celebrating the four colors will be held on the lawn in the front of the Curtice-Mott Building at 10 am.

Business Division Receives Prestigious Accreditation

The Business Division received its first accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), thanks to the efforts of Business Division Dean Robert Loth, Vice President of Academic Affairs Amy Fugate and Business Professors Paul Londrigan and Beverly Bliesseth. ACBSP is the premier accrediting association for business schools and programs with a focus on teaching excellence. It is the only accrediting body to offer accreditation to associate degree institutions. The accreditation required about three years of preparation with a preliminary self-study and formal four-day evaluation of all programs not currently accredited thorough another accrediting agency. This accreditation benefits MCC in several ways: the process of preparing an accreditation self-study enhances the focus on quality of student learning and renews a commitment to the educational mission; the recognition of effective business units through accreditation contributes to a more positive review by regional accreditors, as specialized accreditation is a confirmation of quality programming in a specific division; accredited status creates greater visibility for the institution and leads to more successful articulation of business credits.
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8-10 p.m.
CM 2142

**Glima East Seminar Series**
3-5 p.m.
RTC 1005

**Heather Brewer Book Signing**
Noon
2nd Floor MCC Library

**Continuous Safety Improvement Meeting**
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
RTC 1301

**MSU Employment Related Field Orientation**
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
RTC 1301