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Bay County Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Bay County by the [Government Finance Officers Association](#) of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Fiscal Year 2009 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



Interim Finance Officer Tim Quinn stated this is an outstanding achievement on part of the Finance Department and all others who contributed to the success. Bay County has a long-standing tradition with excellence in financial reporting as this is the 21st consecutive year we received this [award](#).

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user grounds to read the CAFR.

New Generator for the Public Safety Radio Tower Project

In January, Bay County reported on our [Facebook page](#) the Public Safety Radio Tower Project had begun with the construction of a concrete pad to hold the 45-foot Motorola 800-megahertz tower on top of the Bay County Building roof. This tower will provide a clearer radio system for first responder (such as police, fire, EMS and dispatch) communication in Bay County.



On Tuesday, February 15th, the 100 KW generator arrived on the grounds of the County Building. This generator will be used in emergency situations as a back-up power source for communication during times when the electricity is down.

We will continually keep you updated on the progress of this nearly \$1 million federal grant-funded project.

March Board of
Commissioners
Meetings



March 1st
Ways & Means
Committee
Meeting

March 8th

Board of
Commissioners
Meeting

March 15th
Personnel Judicial
& Human Services
Committee
Meetings

[March 2011 Board
Calendar](#)

Please note: You
can find Agendas
and Meeting
results on the
[Board of
Commissioners
webpage](#).

*All meetings are
held at 4:00 PM in
the chambers on
the 4th floor of the
Bay County
Building

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For more information, see the [Bay City Times Article](#) or view
the pictures in our [Facebook Photo Album](#).

MI Locator

MI Locator is a tool from the [State of Michigan](#) to help
citizens search any location for state government services,
state parks and recreation, or educational entities. By
plugging in a zip code, MI Locator produces a map with icons
for each state government service or facility in that area.
Searches can be tailored to suit your need by turning on and
off "turn points" or features.

[MI Locator](#)

**2011 Home, Garden & Lifestyle Show at Civic
Arena ~ February 25th - 27th**

The Bay County Home
Builders Association is
hosting the 2011 Home,
Garden & Lifestyle Show at the Bay County Civic Arena,
4231 Shrestha Drive, Bay City, on February 25th - 27th.



Admission is \$3.00 for adults and kids 16 and under are free.
\$2.00 tickets are available in advance at:

- **Sequin Lumber** - 3881 N. Euclid - Bay City
- **Wildfire Credit Union** - 2936 Wilder Rd. - Bay City

Show times are:

- Friday, February 25th - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, February 26th - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Sunday, February 27th - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

For more information and a list of exhibitors, see the [Bay
County Home Builders Association](#) webpage.

Information from Division on Aging

~Fraud Alert~

Bay County Division on Aging was informed a person is
calling area senior citizens to request personal information,
such as bank account numbers, monthly income, and Social
Security numbers. This person is misrepresenting himself as
a Division on Aging employee. Please **DO NOT** give out any
personal information of this nature. Bay County **DOES NOT**
have staff, or any representatives, calling seniors to request
personal information of this nature. For more information,
see the [press release](#) from Director Rebecca Reimann.

Also, a grandparent scam has been reported. A person is
calling grandparents to request money to be bailed out of

Winter Safety Tips

Even with the Spring-like temperatures we've experienced in the last week or so, Winter is still with us.

Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Izworski has a list of [Winter Safety Tips](#) to keep you safe and warm during the next snow storm.



Michigan League for Human Services Distributes 'Money Back in Michigan'

The [Michigan League for Human Services](#) is offering an informational packet to promote awareness of various federal and state tax credits for low and moderate - income households.

View the 2011 edition of ['Money Back In Michigan'](#) by clicking on the link.

jail. The person is crying and misrepresents himself/herself as the jailed grandchild. Another person will get on the phone acting as a jail guard to give instructions on where to wire money. Do not fall victim to this scam! For more information, call 989-895-4100.

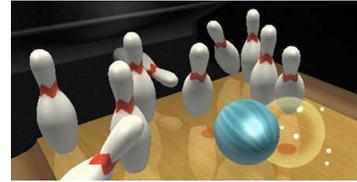
~Special Events~

Wii Bowling League

The Bay County Division on Aging will host a Wii Bowling League on Tuesdays from 9:45

AM to 11:45 AM, with lunch to follow, starting March 1st and running until the Mock Banquet and Awards Ceremony on April 26th.

For more information on the league, please see the [event flyer](#). To learn about [Wii Bowling](#), please browse the [Nintendo Wii Website](#).



Community Health Program on Strokes and Prevention

The Saginaw Valley State University School of Nursing Students will present this free program on Monday, March 14th at 10:45 AM at the Riverside Center with lunch to follow. For more information, check out the [event flyer](#).

A Conversation with Erica

Author, Motivational Speaker and Positive Approach Coach Erika Oliver will speak at the Riverside Center on Tuesday, March 8th at 1:00 about her unique and positive approach to change attitudes and ways of thinking! This exciting event is free and **open to the public!** A book signing and Q & A session will follow. For more information, visit the [Event Flyer](#).

Barnum, The Musical

On Wednesday, March 16th, Division on Aging will be taking a group to see the musical, Barnum presented by Garber High School's Drama and Music Department. Dinner will be held at the Riverside Center at 5:30 PM and the group will depart for the musical at 6:30 PM. For more information on the outing, please see the [Event Flyer](#).

Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

Wear your green on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th, to the Annual St. Patrick's Day Party at the Riverside Center. Festivities start at 9:45 and include shuffleboard, money bingo, special treats, lunch and a drawing. Here is the [Event Flyer](#) for more information.

For more information on these events and others, please visit the [Division on Aging's Special Events webpage](#).

~Division on Aging Employee Recognized by MMCAA~

Division on Aging Special Events / Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Keyes was recognized by Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency ([MMCAA](#)) for her dedication and outstanding efforts in assisting their agency in the, "Helping People, Changing Lives" partnership. In January, Debbie received a Certificate of Partnership Appreciation for her generous

contribution of time, energy and resources. Congratulations Debbie!

Information from the Health Department: Article Discredits 1998 Study Linking Autism to MMR Vaccine, and Other Resources

The Bay County Health Department posted the article, [*How the Case Against the Measles, Mumps and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccine was Fixed*](#) by Brian Deer on their website which details the faulty study that triggered the decade long public health scare. For all those readers with small children or grandchildren in their life, this may be an informative read.

You can find other articles and information on the [Bay County Health Department](#) page, such as how to get [Free text messages](#) to help you through your pregnancy and the baby's first year from the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition or the [Statement on Reports of Febrile Seizures in Infants Following Influenza Vaccine Administration](#).

Sincerely,

Tom Hickner
Bay County

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