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### Welcome - Independent Bank

Founded as First National Bank of Ionia in 1964. Today, Independent Bank Corporation is a Michigan -based bank holding company with a total assets of approximately \$3.4 billion, and 68 locations across Michigan's lower peninsula. Independent Bank provides a full range of financial services, including commercial banking, mortgage lending, investments, insurance, and title services, with a commitment to providing exceptional service and value to customers, stockholders, and the community.

### Welcome - Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation

Globe Fire Sprinkler is a family owned fire sprinkler manufacturer, headquartered in Michigan. We celebrated 100 years of continuous production of Globe Sprinklers and Valves in 2014; the Globe name has persisted in its enduring identity since the introduction of the first Globe Issue "A" Sprinkler in 1914. Globe developed the earliest lever-fulcrum dry pipe valve, Globe Save All center strut sprinklers, and eventually became the first US company to utilize 5mm and 3mm Glass Bulbs in its commercial and residential sprinklers. Its modern era began in 1988 with the guidance and dedication of Golden Sprinkler Award recipient Robert Worthington, P.E. until his passing in 2016. The Worthington family continues to own and operate Globe, under the leadership of Steven Worthington and a team of some of the industry's most seasoned professionals. Globe's heritage as a leading sprinkler manufacturer is reflected in the introductions of the RCW, UM, UMC valves, and other new products the company develops to meet the demands of the world market. The company proudly maintains strong relationships with approval authorities including Underwriters Laboratories Inc, FM Approvals and the Loss Prevention Certification Board (UK). Globe has the LPCB (UK) certification for ISO 9001:2015 series Quality Assurance, therefore exhibiting proof of the quality it continuously builds into each of its 100% factory-tested products.

## GLBMA Feature

### Thank you - Duperon Corporation



Thank you to Mark, Tammy and Terry for opening your doors to the GLBMA members and guests. The story and passion for clean water applications certainly show through the company culture. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the evening.

## Coming Soon! - Quality Special Interest Group



If you attended the Duperon plant tour, you heard the news! The GLBMA is happy to announce we are putting together a Special Interest Group for Quality. The group will start meeting in September, but we are looking for input on topics for the meetings.

If you have a quality manager, coordinator, supervisor, champion, or quality control employee, you would like to sign up, we are asking for interested parties to provide some input over the next month or two. They will be asked to provide topics as well as select issues. In July, we plan to announce our calendar of meeting dates and selected speakers/subject matter. To sign up for this group, [click here](#) or call 989-964-2881.

We tentatively have this group set to meet at SVSU bi-monthly in the afternoon for 1.5 hours.

## Patrick Curry accepts The Center board position



PLYMOUTH, Mich. - March 6, 2019 -- Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (The Center) has announced the addition of three new members to its Board of Directors, including Patrick Curry of Fullerton Tool, Peter Hungerford of ADAC Automotive and Tim Reedy of Lear Corporation. They will fill the remaining vacancies on the Board left by Kevin Alder of Brighton NC, David Beemer of Terryberry and Bill Henderson of Aircraft Precision Products, whose term limits ended in 2018. The announcement was made by Mike Coast, President of The Center.

Curry is a leader in Michigan manufacturing. As President and Partner of Fullerton Tool and President and Owner of Endurance Carbide in Saginaw, Curry has generated significant impacts in sales, quality improvement and on-time delivery at his companies. Curry gives back to the manufacturing industry and local community through his service on a variety of Boards and Committees, including the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA), Great Lakes Bay Manufacturing Association and Saginaw Future. In the past, Curry was named Michigan Manufacturer of the Year in 2014 by the MMA and received the Michigan Economic Bright Spot award from Corp! Magazine.

[Read the complete press release here!](#)

## Opportunities Abound

### Join The GLBMA's Business Solutions for Recruiting, Hiring and Retaining People with Disabilities

This Program will introduce you to the resources available to develop and access a talented pool of individuals to meet your recruiting needs. Learn how accommodation services can help you on board or retain qualified workers, diversify your workforce, and strengthen your team. Presented by Gary M. Holik, MA, CRC with Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

This program is for Hiring Managers, Human Resource Managers, Human Resource Assistants and anyone that is responsible for hiring.

Thursday, May 16, 2019  
8:30 am - 10:30 am  
SVSU - Curtiss Hall, C203

This event is free but we do ask you register to ensure we have enough materials.

## Looking to Hire a SVSU Summer Intern? We may have some \$ for you!



Michigan Corporate Relations Network Small Company Internship Award is available now!

### [Apply for this grant for funding for a Summer Intern!](#)

- Company of less than 250 employees in a STEM-related field.
  - Hire a SVSU intern for the summer.
  - If approved, intern's compensation will be funded 50% from the grant up to \$3,500 at the end of the summer.
  - Limited paperwork and guidelines.
  - A company that has already benefited from this grant is not eligible to apply.
- For more information contact Hali Motley at 989-964-2884 or [hkmotley@svsu.edu](mailto:hkmotley@svsu.edu)

## Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA)

Delivering guidance on emerging issues is at the forefront of MMA's mission. Join them for the 2019 MFG Forum on Tuesday, 4/23/19, in Novi to learn about manufacturing's current boom period and what every business owner needs to think about to survive possible future slowdowns. [Click for more information](#) or to register for this event.

### Don't Just Take Our Word for It!

Past attendees praise the value of the MFG Forum, with 92% saying they are likely to use the information they learned and 93% saying they'll likely attend the Forum again. Check out the full session descriptions at [mimfg.org](http://mimfg.org).

## MICA 2.0 Employer-Led Collaborative Grants

State of Michigan  
Workforce Development Agency (WDA)  
Michigan Industry Cluster Approach 2.0  
Employer-Led Collaborative Grants

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Existing Employer-Led Collaboratives Wednesday, May 8, 2019 (5:00 PM)

New Employer-Led Collaboratives

Cycle 1: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 (5:00 PM)

Cycle 2: Monday, July 15, 2019 (5:00 PM)

Cycle 3: Monday, September 16, 2019 (5:00 PM)

[Click for complete details.](#) [Click for grant template.](#)

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## Saginaw ISD Career Center Round Table



May 13  
7:30am-9am

SISD Transitions Center, 3860 Fashion Square Blvd,

Students from around Saginaw County had the opportunity to visit several manufacturing plants, as well as Delta College, to learn more about careers and training in this industry. We would like to bring our student participants together to discuss their experiences and perceptions with manufacturers, as a follow-up to our January educator round table discussion. In order to build an effective talent pipeline for the future, it is important that we connect with students. We would also invite our manufacturers to engage with the students, helping to further educate them about related careers. Please join us for the conversation! No reservation required. Please share information with other

interested parties.

## Central Michigan Manufacturers Association (CMMA) invites you

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, the CMMA is hosting a tour of Consumer Energy, 1325 Wright Avenue - Alma from 5:30 pm to 8:00pm.

For more details [click to go to the CMMA website](#). [Or registration now!](#)

## You're invited to attend the Fastner Fair USA

Fastener Fair USA will be holding their annual show in Detroit, May 22 & 23. To support the local manufacturing community, they are offering GLBMA members complimentary industry registration. To take advantage of this offer you need to [click here to register](#). More information about the event, please go to [FastenerFair.com/usa](http://FastenerFair.com/usa).

## The Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development

The Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development at Saginaw Valley State University will be offering [Understanding for Non-Financial Managers](#) and [Essentials of Business Analysis](#). Please click on the title for more information and details on how to register. You may also call 989-964-4048.

## Save the date for the Michigan Works! 1st MiCareer Quest

Save the date for October 30, 2019 for the first Great Lakes Region MiCareer Quest event. For more details about the event, please [download the information flyer now](#).

## National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) -

Check out Doug Devereaux's blog on [Smaller Manufacturers Get Lean with Artificial Intelligence](#).

# Save the Date

Save the date for our upcoming events! Check our website for complete details.

Tuesday, June 18 The next GLBMA round table on Succession Planning.



### MFG Champion

Thank you [AVU Registrations](#) for your support of the GLBMA!

Learn how to become a MFG Champion. Call Tanya at 989-964-2881 or email [tblehm@svsu.edu](mailto:tblehm@svsu.edu)



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