



April 2021

CAN Council works to protect our children

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, so we are shining the spotlight on the CAN Council. As the recognized leader in children's advocacy,

CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region empowers communities through innovative programming, comprehensive services, and effective collaborations enriching generations to come.

CAN Council has continued to serve children and families throughout the pandemic. Children who have been abused or neglected can enter this safe environment to find safety and support from the CAN Council's staff and begin their healing journey. Their CASA program provides volunteer advocates for children who enter the court system due to abuse or neglect until these children end up in a safe, permanent home. CAN Council also provides education to strengthen families, giving parents the ability to cope throughout the pandemic, so they are less



likely to hurt their children. CAN Council works to prevent child abuse through education and support. During the pandemic, they have provided diapers to every local family who is

struggling. They are also offering free online parenting classes to help parents cope with the hurdles and stress of parenting to prevent abuse from happening.

Major congratulations to CAN Council for raising almost \$190,000 during their 28th Annual Mardi Gras Auction in February with DTE amongst their supporters! Your ability to pivot and adjust during these difficult times has truly been inspiring to all of us at DTE.

This month challenges our community to examine the impact of child abuse and what we CAN do to prevent it. Help the CAN Council further their impact on the Great Lakes Bay Region in April by getting involved! Call 989.752.7226 or email cancouncil@cancouncil.org.

Project Manager Minute



One of DTE's core, and most important values, is Safety. All employees and contractors of DTE know that safety is the top priority at work. From working safely during construction activities, to driving down public roads, to following COVID-19 CDC protocols, everyone's safety in the community is important to us.

Throughout the course of project construction and operations of Meridian, we will demonstrate that DTE safety procedures far exceed industry best practices. Our goal is to deliver best-in-industry safety performance in the communities where we work and live.

From Jason Hannath

This month, DTE was privileged to support many worthwhile organizations in our local community. We were thrilled to join forces with CAN Council for their Annual Mardi Gras Auction and support their efforts to protect our children. We also look forward to sponsoring the Wine and Girl Scout Cookie Pairing event, as we believe in all

the Girl Scout program offers to our future women leaders. A special shoutout to the Merrill Community Scholarship Fund Committee for giving local students the opportunity to receive funds for post-secondary education. We're elated to be able to share these updates and hope you enjoy seeing the growth and prosperity that's hard at work in the community. Please be aware that as we get ready to kick off

construction, there will be multiple forms of communication to keep you informed on what's to come. Together, Barton Malow and DTE are committed to partnering with our landowners throughout project development. Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding during this time.

Jason A. Hannath

Merrill Community Scholarship

The Merrill Community Scholarship is now open for applications. Any Merrill High School Student who is planning on continuing their education Post Merrill High School should submit an application to the High School Office. Applications are available at the Merrill

High School Office and are due to the office by May 1st.

If any business or person would like to donate towards the scholarship efforts, they can send their donation to the Merrill High School Main Office at 755 W. Alice St. Merrill, MI, 48637.



Girl Scouts creates strong female leaders



At Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, girls can expect their next big adventure, from conducting a science experiment, to helping the community, or even climbing a rock wall. With Girl Scouts, girls make new friends and have experiences that show them how awesome they are, over and over again.

For over 100 years, Girl Scouts has been forming girls with courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Girls are invited to experience Girl Scouts through classic troop activities, virtual programming, camp, our world-famous Cookie Program, and more.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan thanks DTE Energy for being a sponsor for our first virtual Wine & Girl Scout Cookie Pairing event with St. Julian Winery on April 22. This event will be a fun-filled evening from the comfort of your home, complete with a wine consultant who will present several wine and Girl Scout Cookie pairings. We will also be holding an online auction with a variety of packages to bid on.

Be the role model she'll always remember and volunteer today! You'll introduce girls to new experiences that show them they're capable of more than they ever imagined. Volunteering is a rewarding experience that gives back as much as you give to it.

For more information, please visit our Girl Scout Heart of Michigan website at: www.gshom.org.

Meridian Wind Project Milestones

Timeframe	Major Activity
Spring 2021	Start construction on Wind Turbine access roads, foundations, temporary intersection improvements, and electrical underground collection cable.
June 2021	Start Wind Turbine component delivery.
September 2021	Finish Wind Turbine component delivery.
Fall/Winter 2022	Wind Turbine testing (commissioning) starts.
Spring 2022	Wind park is operational.
Spring/Summer 2022	Restoration work and finishing late summer.

Barton Malow Construction Corner

During the month of April, our teams will begin mobilizing to start construction. With the increasing crew sizes on site, safety will be our number one priority. Driving safely will be critical because it's our job to keep the community safe with the increase of traffic in the area.

You will start seeing us installing access roads in Mt. Haley township, with wind turbine foundation and cable trenching crews following shortly behind. Equipment you can expect to see driving on and to turbine sites are dump trucks, concrete trucks, and rubber tire cranes.

In addition, our laydown yard at the corner of Meridian and Tittabawassee is nearing completion. Our staff and crews will be mobilizing to that location in the coming weeks. Additional communications will be issued in the near future regarding our work sequence and project construction the community will see throughout the year.

Due to COVID-19, please do not stop into the office trailers in the laydown. Please contact us by the phone number listed on the project sign if any questions or concerns arise.