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Sunday Series Talks at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum focus on Science and History

Join the Kalamazoo Valley Museum for science and history programs on second and fourth Sundays from January through April at 1:30 p.m.

JANUARY 27 - THE K-WINGS IN THE INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Stephen Doherty

Stephen Doherty spent 23 years in management with the Kalamazoo Wings/Michigan K-Wings of the International Hockey League and the United Hockey League. His presentation will focus on the history of the K-Wings during the period in which they played in the International Hockey League, from 1974 to 2000. This includes their early affiliation with the Detroit Red Wings, two Turner Cup Championships, and the invention of the "Green Ice Game," which came from Doherty himself.

Doherty is Director of Development at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Executive Director of the KVCC Foundation. He has a bachelor's degree from Nathaniel Hawthorne College in Antrim, NH, and a master's degree from Springfield College in Springfield, MA.

FEBRUARY 10 - A CHANGE IN THE WEATHER

Keith Thompson

Join Keith Thompson, chief meteorologist at WWMT, as he discusses the weather and climate changes he's observed in West Michigan during his illustrious career. His vast knowledge of climatology and earth sciences helps him be an excellent forecaster and interpreter of weather phenomena. Keith began his broadcast career in his home state of Florida. His first job gave him hands-on experience as a news reporter, anchor, and weather anchor at WCJB-TV in Gainesville, Florida. He joined the NEWS 3 team in 1989 and became the chief meteorologist in 1996, making him one of the longest-serving on-air personalities in the station's history. He's also a member of the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harding University in Arkansas. Keith completed post-graduate studies in Broadcast Meteorology at Mississippi State University and holds a Master of Arts in Communication from Western Michigan University.

FEBRUARY 24 - THE DOUGLASS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: THEN AND NOW

Sidney Ellis

Douglass Community Association Director Sidney Ellis will take a look back at the history of the organization, its members, and the lasting impact that it has made in the Kalamazoo community. Around one hundred years ago, the Douglass Community Association was created in response to the need for entertainment and recreation among African American servicemen training at the nearby Fort Custer. Because of the racial divide between blacks and whites at the time, men of color were not welcome in the mainstream social clubs that had been built in Kalamazoo for the same purpose during World War I. Since that time, the Association evolved into a multi-faceted resource for African Americans living on Kalamazoo's north side.

Ellis has longtime connections to the Northside and Douglass neighborhoods and for six years was the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Black Arts and Cultural Center. He has been a board member of Heritage Community of Kalamazoo, the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo,

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Northside Business Association, Western Michigan University Theater Guild, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, and Public Media Network.

MARCH 10 - UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES

Dr. Deborah Coates

Whet your astronomical appetite in anticipation of Statewide Astronomy Night (SWAN), coming in April! Dr. Deborah Coates will regale visitors with explanations to some of the mysteries of space. She will use a variety of NASA images to highlight the oddities in space. By relying on what we know about Earth processes, we can make determinations about what we see in space...or can we?

Dr. Coates is the Dean of Instruction at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, where she directs the Early Middle College program. She joined the faculty in 1995. During her tenure, she served as Lead Flight Director of the Challenger Learning Center at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Dr. Coates was also selected to serve as one of NASA's Galileo Europa Mission Educator Fellows.

MARCH 24 - WORDS THAT DAMAGE THE SISTERHOOD

Coty Dunten and LaSonda Wells

Gain awareness of words that damage the "Sisterhood" of all women by connecting the historical context of language used to describe them. Explore how certain words are oppressive and victimizing, and how society perpetuates their inappropriate use. This presentation will start the discussion on how to change the narrative and uplift women. All are welcome and needed to begin the conversation.

APRIL 14 - MOST UNUSUAL PRODUCTS OF THE UPJOHN COMPANY

Jeremy Winkworth

The Upjohn Company started selling products in 1886 during what is called the quack era, where the majority of pharmaceutical products just didn't work. Even worse, toxic substances such as mercury and arsenic were routinely sold to treat minor health problems. W. E. Upjohn's major advance was to make drug products that dissolved within the body. However, he did sell many products with active ingredients that are unacceptable today. He also tried non-pharmaceutical products such as candy, mints, and soap, usually with little success. Jeremy Winkworth, Upjohn historian, shares about some of the most unusual products produced and sold by the Upjohn Company from 1886 to 1995.

APRIL 28 - FROM UNDERCOVER TO OUTFRONT, THE STORY OF KALAMAZOO'S LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Denise Miller

For more than thirty years, the Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center—a non-profit, charitable organization now called OutFront Kalamazoo—has sought to serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied community of southwest Michigan. Director Denise Miller will discuss the organization's past and future. Miller has over twenty years of nonprofit, academic, and anti-racism work. Prior to joining OutFront, she was an anti-racism and intersectionality facilitator and member of the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation team through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Admission to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum is free.

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.