

New mural from local artist on display at Seventh Street bridge

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Daniel Millstone, from left, Alan Haber and Jim Soto gather at Lakeport State Park on Oct. 9 for the unveiling of a Michigan Historical Marker honoring The Port Huron Statement.

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‘It started right here in our county’

Port Huron Statement remembered with new historical marker at Lakeport

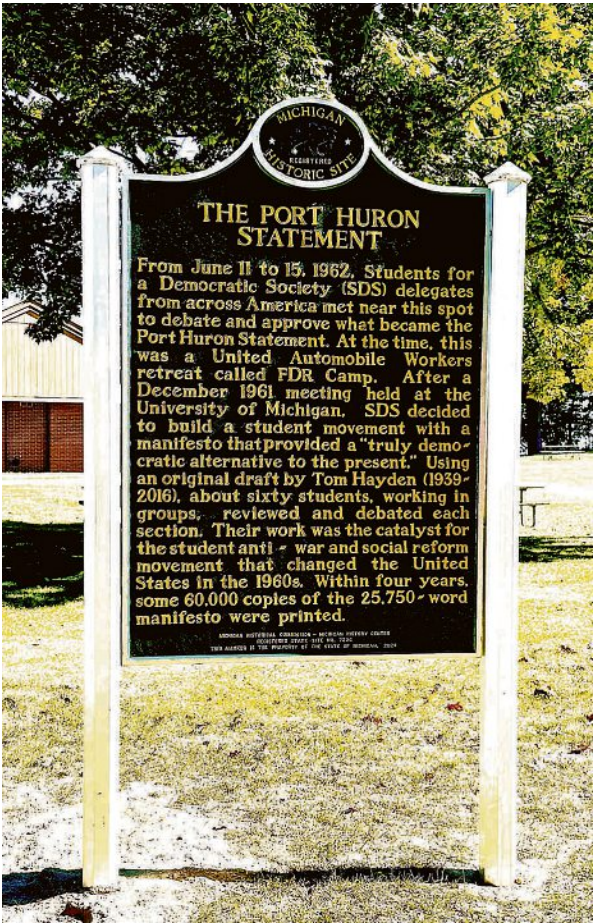
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More than six decades after a group of idealistic students drafted one of the most defining manifestos of the 1960s, the words that once called for a “participatory democracy” have come home to where they were first written — the Lake Huron shoreline north of Port Huron.

On Thursday, Oct. 9, a small crowd gathered at Lakeport State Park for the unveiling of a new Michigan Historical Marker commemorating the creation of “The Port Huron Statement.” Among those in attendance were two of the document’s original contributors — Alan Haber and Daniel Millstone — along with Jim Soto, the St. Clair County Community College philosophy professor who spent more than a decade working to make the marker a reality.

The marker now stands near the same woods and waterfront where, in June 1962, a small gathering of college students began articulating their hopes for a more just and democratic society.

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The new Michigan Historical Marker for The Port Huron Statement stands at Lakeport State Park, marking where students gathered in 1962 to draft the manifesto that called for “participatory democracy” was unveiled on Oct. 9.

SC4 board approves purchase of Sperry’s, CityFlatHotel

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The St. Clair County Community College Board of Trustees has approved a plan to purchase both the CityFlatsHotel and Sperry’s Moviehouse.

The board voted unanimously in favor of paying \$5,450,000 for the two buildings, both of which are owned and developed by Charter House Innovations.

During the board meeting, Oct. 9, SC4 President Kirk Kramer said that though both buildings would be put to use for students, they would also remain open to the public. Kramer said CityFlatsHotel will continue to remain open for booking and events, and that the college would continue to operate Sperry’s Moviehouse as a theater open to the public.

CityFlatsHotel will be used to house students, Kramer said. The college already began leasing space from the hotel to use for student dormitories beginning with the Fall 2025 semester. Kramer said SC4, the only community college in southeast Michigan to provide student housing, had seen a 19% in student enrollment this year and was struggling to keep up with the demand for dormitories.

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Bat with rabies identified in St. Clair County

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The St. Clair County Health Department announced Friday, Oct. 10, a bat found in the county tested positive for rabies.

The bat was identified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services after one person was bitten. That person was referred for medical treatment.

About 60 animals with rabies are identified each year in Michigan, according to the health department, and about 90% of those are bats. In response to the incident, the department is publishing information about rabies and what to do if exposed to an animal with the disease.

According to the Michigan website on emerging diseases there have been 39 animals across the state that tested positive for rabies in 2025, all of them bats. Two were found in Sanilac County and two in Macomb County.

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