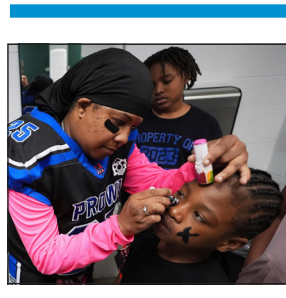


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More good news for the Wright House

Restoration project
wins \$50,000 grant;
\$1.3M still needed

By Linda Gittleman
For the Morning Sun

Alma's Ammi Wright wasn't exactly a Yankee Doodle Dandy but who knows if his July 5th birthday was close enough to have helped win a \$50,000 grant for the res-

toration of his home.

The Wright House Restoration volunteers who aim to turn his mansion into a museum, were delighted to learn of the grant from America250MI, a state group planning to celebrate America's 250th birthday next year.

According to Pat Benson, who heads the group of volunteers, there were several themes the Wright group could choose from in the grant application.

"We chose 'Power of Place' and 'Doing History,'" she said.

Those themes easily relate to the nation and the state with Wright, who was the founding father, so to speak, in developing businesses, farms, and industry in Gratiot County.

Although nearly \$1 million has been raised and spent so far on the restoration, about \$1.3 million more is needed, Benson said.

Following the rules of the grant, that \$50,000 will be spent largely on landscaping, along



A 3D rendering of the refurbished Wright House.

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MEMOIR OF PAIN

Professors edit,
translate Korean
War book that
describes No
Gun Ri Incident

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A Central Michigan University professor emeritus has translated to English a book that helped spark international awareness of Korean War atrocities and shaped how the war and its moral dimensions are currently understood.

As the 75th anniversary of the start of the Korean War on June 25, 1950 approaches, the Cora di Brazza Foundation — a small non-profit founded by Dr. Hope Elizabeth May, an attorney and Central Michigan University professor of philosophy — has announced the first publicly available English-language edition of "Forgotten Pain," a 1994 memoir by Eun Yong Chung.

The memoir launched a movement that led to a bi-lateral investigation by the United States and the Republic of Korea into whether the U.S. committed war crimes during the Korean War, and CMU Professor Emeritus Dr. Won Kwang Paik, who taught political science at CMU, translated the book, May said.

The investigation happened during the Clinton administration and has been largely forgotten, according to May, who is scheduled to go to Washington, D.C. in July for a conference sponsored by the Korean War Legacy Foundation.

The memoir is important today given current events, and is a teachable moment to educate the public about the Geneva Conventions, a series of international treaties, first established in 1864 and significantly revised in 1949, that aim to protect people during wartime.

These treaties outline funda-



The English version of 'Forgotten Pain,' translated by CMU Professor Emeritus Won Kwang Paik, Ph.D., will be available in paperback and Kindle editions on Amazon June 25.

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CMU NEWS

From mentoring baristas to leading engagement, student builds community

Lori Driessnack jumps at chance to launch student engagement office

By CMU Communications

When Lori Driessnack closed the doors of her beloved Mt. Pleasant coffee shop, University Cup, she wasn't stepping away from students—she was stepping toward them.

"I realized that what I was doing every day with my baristas—supporting, encouraging, guiding them through college—wasn't all that different from student success coaching," Driessnack said.

After years of informally mentoring CMU student employees, Driessnack made it official—first as a success coach, then as an academic advisor in the college of business during the pandemic. When the opportunity arose to help support students beyond the walls of the classroom, she knew it was the right fit. The chance to build something from the ground up—centered around relationships, support, and community—aligned perfectly with her strengths and passion.

"When the opportunity came to help launch a new student engagement office in Grawn Hall, I jumped at it," she said. "I love building things. I did it with the coffee shop. I was excited to do it again—this time with students at the center."

Today, Driessnack is the associate director of student engagement and professional development and director of the CMU Business Residential College (BRC), where she's helped build

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