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36 Companies Honored for Growth Saginaw Future 31ST ANNUAL AWARDS Luncheon

Frankenmuth, Mich., part of the Great Lakes Bay Region, March 6, 2023 Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) celebrated its 31ST ANNUAL AWARDS Luncheon and another year of economic development in Saginaw County at the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Lodge. More than 400 business and community leaders attended the event.

Saginaw Future honored 35 developments announced in 2022 valued at more than \$577 million. More than 1,800 jobs were created and retained through projects assisted by Saginaw Future. These projects represent transformations taking place in the solar and semiconductor supply chain, electric vehicle industry, tourism and urban investment. In addition to the Economic Excellence Awards, Duro-Last Roofing was selected as the Saginaw Future APEX Accelerator (formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Center) Contractor of the Year.

“From multi-million dollar projects to entrepreneurial start-ups, Saginaw County is well positioned to capitalize on new economic opportunities,” said 2022 Saginaw Future Chair Philip Dembowski.

The Featured Speaker was Michael Keller Zehnder, President of the Bavarian Inn Lodge, who spoke on the expansion plan for the Lodge, which will make it the largest indoor waterpark and family entertainment center resort in Michigan.

Saginaw Future also highlighted the legendary business leader, Judy Zehnder Keller, who recently passed away.

“Judy was such a visionary and was always one step ahead in her understanding of what visitors wanted,” said Saginaw Future Inc. President JoAnn Crary. “She followed in Tiny and Dorothy’s footsteps, helping build Frankenmuth into what it is today and always had a vision of what the future could be.”

Established in 1992, Saginaw Future Inc. (SFI) is a public-private alliance of local businesses, the County of Saginaw, City of Saginaw, 16 local municipalities and the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. SFI’s strategic partners also include education, labor and government. Since its beginning, SFI has remained dedicated to fostering quality job creation through expansion of local industry and attraction of new business projects to the community.

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