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PAUL W. SMITH TO HOST WJR MORNING SHOW LIVE FROM MCCC ON MAY 15

MONROE, Mich. – Nationally known WJR-AM (760) radio anchor and Monroe County Community College alum Paul W. Smith will broadcast a special edition of his morning news and talk show live from the college's La-Z-Boy Center from 5:30-9 a.m. on Friday, May 15.

The special broadcast of "The Paul W. Smith Show" – which is being sponsored by Monroe County Community College, DTE Energy, La-Z-Boy Inc., Monroe Bank and Trust, Monroe County Intermediate School District and ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital – will focus the many strengths of Monroe County, new local initiatives, and summer travel and tourism opportunities.

The broadcast, which is free and open to the public, is part of Smith's annual Pure Michigan Tour of broadcasts at tourist destinations around the state.

Smith will interview the following individuals live on the show from MCCC:

- **6:20 a.m.:** Doug Chaffin, president and CEO, Monroe Bank & Trust, and Michelle Brahaney, assistant superintendent for special education and early childhood services, Monroe County Intermediate School District
- **7:20 a.m.:** Randy Oostra, CEO of ProMedica, and Steven Kurmas, president and chief operating officer, DTE Energy

- **8:20 a.m.:** Kurt Darrow, CEO of La-Z-Boy, Inc., and Dr. Kojo Quartey, president of Monroe County Community College

A native of Monroe and a 1973 MCCC graduate, Smith is an avid supporter of the region. His show has consistently been rated the top morning radio show in metro Detroit and is also heard throughout the Midwest. He has an extensive background in talk radio, television and the entertainment fields. Smith has been a host on the ABC Radio Network and at the former Financial News Network in New York City. He has also hosted morning shows on both radio and television in Toledo, Ohio, on radio stations WABC and WMCA in New York City, on WWDB-FM in Philadelphia from 1990-1996 and then back home to WJR in Detroit.

Smith has also served as fill-in host for the “The Rush Limbaugh Show,” “Paul Harvey News and Comment” and “The Sean Hannity Show.”

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