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# The County Journal Celebrates 16 Years, and Counting

The County Journal celebrates 16 years in business this week! Although it's hard to believe that much time has passed, it is a welcome opportunity for reflection. There have been so many changes in our communities, including highs and lows, in the past sixteen years. Upon taking a closer look, the saying seems true: the more things change, the more they stay the same.

When John Gaedert founded The County Journal in 2006, the primary goal of the paper was to become "Eaton County's Advertising and News Journal." It is the tag line on our letterhead, and at the center of what we believe our role to be in serving our local communities.

Throughout the rise of social media, uncertain economic times, and even the pandemic – which we continue to navigate today – The County Journal has remained dedicated to publishing this community newspaper each and every week. We are honored to share your stories, family news, school news, local government issues, and business highlights. We invite you to celebrate new beginnings and milestones; to mourn losses and mark endings; to be informed, and to become involved. These are moments that bring a community together, and it happens weekly within the pages of The County Journal.

"Reporting on the positive activities taking place in our communities has always been our foundation, and we are confident that there will be plenty of good news to share in the coming year," said Cindy Gaedert-Gearhart, Publisher and co-owner of The County Journal. "Our pages are filled with local businesses that continue to be the backbone of our communities, and we continue to be ever grateful for their support. It has been a partnership with our advertisers and readers that has carried us this far, and we don't plan on going anywhere!"

With a small staff of just ten employees, an excellent

team of creative and resourceful contributing writers, and a delivery crew of independently contracted carriers, The County Journal has had to adapt and be flexible in order to meet deadlines while tending to the needs of our customers and readers.

Meet our staff! Publisher and one of the newspaper's three owners, Cindy Gaedert-Gearhart leads the way, managing sales and overseeing all other functions on a daily basis. You may find Cindy on any given day walking downtown to call on customers, or at the front counter helping someone submit a family news item. She assists with pagination and proof reading, and on Fridays you'll even find her lending a hand in the Circulation department, where papers are "hot off the press" and getting into the carriers' hands (or wagons, or cars), ready to deliver to our readers throughout Eaton County. Every week, everyone pulls together to get the job done.

Also fulfilling multiple roles is Christi Whiting, who serves as the editor, as well as an advertising representative for the Eaton Rapids area. Christi also coordinates classified advertising.

Pennie Lake is an experienced advertising representative for multiple communities in our distribution area, serving her customers with the knowledge and skills needed to provide solutions and get results.

Customer service specialist Addie Kimmer fills an important role as she greets customers in the front office as well as assisting them over the phone with all aspects of the newspaper's business. Addie covers advertising for the Marshall area as well as some local Charlotte businesses.

Pam Caruthers provides customer service support, coordinates legal notice advertisements and performs some of the business-office activities.

Our award-winning designers include Charlene Tondreau and Christine



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Back Row L to R: Pennie Lake, Cindy Gaedert-Gearhart, Carter Wing, Pam Cauthers, and Christi Whiting. Front: Christine Waugh-Fleischmann, Addie Kimmer and Charlene Tondreau.

Waugh-Fleischmann, who take care of all the graphic design needs and weekly pagination. Their creativity and keen eye for detail contribute to the quality, readability and success of every edition.

Carrier Supervisor Carter Wing oversees the Circulation department, making sure carriers have what they need to deliver each week; updating and maintaining routes and responding to delivery inquiries.

Travis Silvas and Denise Denton are also co-owners and original members of the newspaper staff – who are more "behind the scenes" these days while remaining an integral part of the newspaper's success. Travis assists with layout and pagination, as well as other functions behind the scenes. Denise provides essential business administration support each week.

As with every business, the staff has changed some over the past sixteen years of serving this community, but each person has played a vital role during their time here helping move the business forward.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to my wonderful staff, writers and carriers! This would not be possible without all of you. It surely is a team effort," Gaedert-Gearhart stated.

Members of the community are also invited to participate by submitting their news, ideas and human-inter-

est stories anytime! Readers may submit information by emailing [news@county-journal.com](mailto:news@county-journal.com), calling (517)543-1099 or even stopping by our office, located in downtown Charlotte at 241 S. Cochran Avenue. Business hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Additional contact information and forms for submissions are available online as well at [www.county-journal.com](http://www.county-journal.com). (You can also view the digital edition or check out the archives on our website, too!) And of course we are on Facebook: @MICountyJournal.

With every edition, we remain committed to bring you local news, events and stories while delivering our advertisers' messages each week. No matter what issues impact your life, we are here – and will remain here – to help our communities connect and grow.

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# Charlotte Fire/City Issues Remain Unresolved

**Deb Malewski**  
Contributing Writer

Emotions ran high in a packed house at Charlotte City Hall for the March 28 special meeting. The meeting was called after the resignation of 23 volunteer firefighters and their chief was given a week ago, leaving the city protected by a small staff of full-time firefighters and mutual aid assistance, if available, from neighboring fire departments.

The intention of the meeting was to give the public the opportunity to address the council and staff with their thoughts and feelings.

The volunteers and the public wanted to see the volunteers hired back by the city at the meeting.

Charlotte City Attorney Thomas M. Hitch opened the meeting with an explanation of the relationship between the city manager and the council.

"We are constrained by the Home Rule City Act and the City Charter," Hitch explained. "Council cannot dictate what the City Manager can or can't do and cannot interfere with the city manager in her conduct of duties regarding the appointment of employees."

"Understand first that council members have no say in this matter," explained Hitch. "The power is between the fire chief and the city manager. The council does not have the power to negotiate. I'm disappointed that the chief is not here."

Fire Chief Robert Vogel's last day with the City is April 4. He was hired in October of 2021.

Mayor Michael Armitage explained that there could not be any back-and-forth dialogue between the Council and the speakers, a standard rule in governmental meetings.

"It's not appropriate for the council to deal with questions and answers or negotiate in a meeting," Attorney Hitch said in agreement.

Representing the fire department, former volunteer Ron Smith gave a list of reasons why the group resigned en masse. Some of the reasons involved incidents from several years ago and most involved Charlotte Mayor Michael Armitage.

A proposed upgrade in the emergency radio system several years ago with Eaton County 911, which the firefighters did not want was part of the problem, he said. The mayor's questioning of overtime pay and expenses was resented by the department. The volunteers took offense to the mayor's questions regarding a personal post on Facebook from a fire volunteer which he felt was not in good taste. An incident with Armitage's wife with an unknown, out-of-town fire volunteer in a parking lot left them feeling that he was overstepping his position. The entire city government budget "put on the back of the fire department" when the council discovered a major budget deficit for the city was another issue that the volunteers resented. Problems with



Photo by Deb Malewski

the Rural Fire Association (RFA) also played into the situation.

"Why does the mayor have anything to say with the day-to-day operations of the Charlotte Fire Department?" Smith asked.

On March 21, Chief Robert Vogel resigned, Smith stated, due to city and RFA politics and some personal issues. "It was impossible for him to stay," Smith added. Smith referred to Vogel as a "unicorn" for CFD with the improvements he made and the grants he found for new equipment.

Smith added that for the firefighters to return to work, they would like an apology. He promised that this situation would never happen again and that they would find new ways to work with City Council.

Members of the public addressed the council with their thoughts and feelings, most stressing their appreciation for what the volunteers do, the value of the department, and the importance of a timely resolution to the situation. Several asked for the resignation of the mayor. Some added that they felt unsafe in their own town.

A letter of support was read from Jessica Droscha, who recently lost her husband in a fire. "We've lost sight of the heroes. We need to build trust and respect for our first responders," her letter stated.

City Council members, most visibly shaken, were allowed to comment at the end of the meeting.

Councilmember Anthony Rodriguez felt that the mayor needed to be able to speak in response to the allegations made against him. He was concerned that the current situation could "allow innocents to die over the sins of one." "You're also welcome to get rid of me as well, but I hope you don't," he added.

Councilmember Ronald Horvath asked for the immediate resignation of the city manager and the mayor.

Councilmember Tammy Weissenborn told the group that all reports from the fire chief had been positive up to that point and that she had no idea of the cause of the walkout. "I feel safe with you on the job. Grievances are

fixable and not worthy of walking out. You left the community feeling vulnerable and open to disaster." Her comments at the previous meeting regarding a community development were an attempt to find the positive and were not meant to be disrespectful, she explained.

Councilmember Brandon Dyer felt a resolution needed to be obtained, and direction provided to the city manager on how to proceed towards that resolution. "A resolution is needed to ensure the safety of the city going forward."

Councilmember Christopher Lake met with the volunteers last week, after being shocked by their resignation. "I understand their hardship, but I am concerned for my family and the citizens' safety."

Mayor Armitage expressed his deep level of frustration, likening the situation to a game of "telephone." "I thought these incidents were behind us."

"I will always try to do better," he added. "I am not perfect."

City Manager Erin LaPere felt blind-sided by the walkout, she said. "I knew there were some issues, but the chief never gave the impression that the department's morale issues were so bad."

"They are fixable problems," she said. "We need a commitment from each other that we're not going to give up."

The meeting ended with no resolution. The city manager will

work towards a resolution over the next week, she said. The next council meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2022, at 7 p.m.

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# 2022 Top Michigan Banker: Tim Jewell

**Deb Malewski**  
Contributing Writer

Tim Jewell, the president and CEO of Eaton Community Bank, was recently selected as the 2022 Banker of the Year by the Michigan Bankers Association (MBA). The MBA Board of Directors recognizes an industry leader annually for this honor. The selection is determined by their commitment to the Michigan Bankers Association, their contributions to the industry, the success of their bank, and a strong record of community service.

"Tim is a leader in the banking industry and is committed to his community," said William B. Kessel, MBA Chairman and President, and the CEO of Independent Bank. "Eaton Community Bank has had great success and growth under Tim's leadership, which is a testament to his abilities." Eaton Community Bank has recently gone through rebranding and the

renovation and upgrading of its seven branch offices.

"It really is an honor to be chosen for this and to be recognized for my past efforts," Jewell said. "I owe my staff at Eaton Community Bank credit, also. I'm getting the credit for so much that they make possible."

Jewell advises others to get involved in their local trade associations and to be an advocate for their own industry. He has been part of Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and has served on their board, in addition to serving on the MBA board.

"Jewell has dedicated his career to Michigan banking and the development of our industry's future bankers," T. Rann Paynter, MBA President and CEO said. "Tim is a leader in our industry. He has been devoted exclusively to community banking and exemplifies the professional and leadership qualities set forth in the criteria for the nominees for



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the award. I'm grateful to Tim for his advice and guidance as a board member and past chairman of the MBA."

Jewell is a third-generation community banker. His grandfather, Huey Stall, served as the president of Charlotte Federal Savings and Loan when it first opened in 1937. His father, Floyd Jewell, became president in 1973. Jewell joined Eaton Community Bank in

1999, when it was known as Eaton Federal Bank, and was appointed its president in 2005. Charlotte is his hometown. He attended Western Michigan University and Walsh College, studying finance.

Jewell will be honored at the 136th annual MBA Convention in June on Mackinac Island.

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- Contest is open to children ages 4-12. Children of employees of this newspaper or participating contest sponsors are not eligible.
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- Entries will be judged on neatness, use of color and overall appearance.
- One winner will be chosen from each age category, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.
- Adults or older siblings may assist with entry form, but may not assist with coloring.
- First & last name, age and phone number **must** be neatly written.
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### Optimist Club Donates to Charlotte Community Library

On March 15, during National Reading Month, Optimist member, Gene Conley presented a check for \$800 to Christina Stuck, Children's Librarian at the Charlotte Community Library. She will use the funds to purchase Children's Books for the library. The Optimist Club joins the library in asking everyone to encourage children to read and visit our library to check out the new books.

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# Third Generation FFA Member Qualifies for National Leadership Contest

**Isabelle Whiting**  
Contributing Writer

Samantha Stanke is a third generation FFA member in the Charlotte FFA Chapter. She currently serves as the chapter Vice President and competed in this year's leadership contests. Samantha finished first and gold in Extemporaneous Public Speaking at district contest at Maple Valley High School qualifying herself for regionals. Stanke then moved on to Regionals on March 22 at Olivet High School where she finished first and gold in her contest qualifying her for the State contest during State Convention at Michigan State University March 9-11.

Stanke went on to receive an Outstanding Junior and Academic Excellence awards as well as finish first in Extemporaneous Public Speaking to move on to the National contest at the National FFA Convention next fall in Indianapolis, Indiana. It took Stanke a lot of work to get to this point. "It took a lot of research, talking to industry people, pretty much absorbing any and everything I could," said Stanke.

And getting to the point of qualifying to compete at the National Convention came as a shock to Stanke herself. "It was a huge shock, I cried for a bit, lots of hugging. It was great to feel my hard work paying off in a



From Left to Right: Lynn Stanke (1st generation) Cindy Stanke (1st generation) Samantha Stanke (3rd generation) Elizabeth Stanke (3rd generation) Katy Stanke and Mike Stanke (2nd generation)

huge way. Honestly, I wasn't worried about my placing because I walked out feeling like I did good," continued Stanke.

Just getting to go to National Convention is a great experience but getting to compete at the National level brings whole new levels of scary and exciting. "Competing at National Convention is super exciting and scary all at the same time. I'm taking the time right now to keep studying and learning as much as I can so when I go, I have all the knowledge I need," stated Stanke.

Being a third generation

FFA member may also come with added pressure as well. "To me being a third generation is really cool. I push

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myself though to make sure I live up to my legacy," finished Stanke.

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# Harringtons Becomes Outdoor Equipment Co. Under New Ownership

**Deb Malewski**  
Contributing Writer

In July of 2021, Mr. Jim Sape took ownership of Harrington's and turned the shop into Outdoor Equipment Co. (OECO) - a thriving upbeat family business with the aim to become the one-stop-shop for the community. OECO hit the ground running & hasn't stopped. OECO has greatly expanded the inventory in the store, expanded the showroom, and has done renovations on the building which has increased the display and service areas. A mezzanine that looks over the showroom has recently been added as well. Overall a surplus of 4,000 square feet of storage has been added to meet all expectations of continued growth.

To introduce all these updates OECO will have a grand opening event on April 2 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Visitors to the event will receive special deals and will be able to see and pet live animals in a petting zoo. Free food and drink will be available to visitors. A lucky winner will go home with a Milwaukee chain saw.

OECO will soon add a rental component to the business with small tractors,

trenchers, skid loaders, and more. Having two locations helps to make sure the store always has good inventory on hand and increases the buying power for the business, Mr. Sape explained. "If they don't have an item in stock, we'll have it. It might be in the warehouse or the other store or can be ordered within a few days."

OECO carries all the best brands, including brand name lawn mowers: Bad Boy, Wright, Gravely, & Grasshopper. Trailers: Liberty, H&H and other great products from LS Tractors, Buyers Products, handhelds: Husqvarna, Red Max, Milwaukee, Generacs, SnowEx salters & plows, Kawasaki, Kohler, Honda, and Yamaha engines, and many more. "It's all to better serve our customers," Mr. Sape explained. "We set up a new automated Point of Sale (POS) system to keep better track of our service orders. It was specifically tailored to fit our business, and service work is tracked from start to finish so that nothing is overlooked. It's audited weekly to make sure nothing slips through the cracks."

"We offer the same small-town service to our customers but handle more volume and expanded our services," Sape said. "We have the same great technicians with many years of experience in our service department that worked for Harringtons." OECO will service all makes and models of equipment.



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"I've checked," Mr. Sape added, "and our price-points are right in line with the big box stores, so there's no reason to burn expensive gas for a drive into Lansing. We like to think of it as more of a fully stocked hardware store now, with so much space and so many products available," Sape said. "We carry paint, paintbrushes, all kinds of tools, including lawn and garden tools, plant pots, t-shirts, mowers, trailers and more, in addition to everything that we had before."

Almost 30 years ago, Leonard and Judy Harrington started a lawnmower business out of their home in Dimondale. The business grew, and they ended up moving to a spacious building at the corner of M99 and Vermontville Road. Fast forward, and Leonard has passed away, and Judy was ready to retire. In Mr. Sape

the business will continue to the Harrington legacy of being family-owned and an integral part of the local community.

This is a second location for Outdoor Equipment Co., with the first being in Ray, Michigan. Mr. Sape has plans for additional locations throughout the state eventually. He also owns Unique Clips, a landscaping company. He employs about 60 people in his businesses, 15 in Dimondale.

Outdoor Equipment Co. is located at 10895 Vermontville Highway, Dimondale, Michigan. Call them at (866) 688-7847. Visit their website [outdoorequipco.com](http://outdoorequipco.com) or on Facebook @OutdoorEquipmentCoGreaterLansing. The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

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### What is your favorite thing about Spring?



"Detroit Tigers - baseball is back."  
Pete, Owosso



"No more snow and hearing the birds talk and sing, all the new life around and everything full of color!"  
Julie, Grand Ledge



"Rebirth, new growth. Reminds me that no matter what we go through, there will always be growth from it!"  
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"Flowers!"  
Julia, Charlotte

# Why Recycle?

By Jennifer Davis  
Contributing Writer

As spring approaches and people begin to get outside in the fresh air, what a perfect time to reflect on how we are taking care of our environment. Of all the ways to do our part, recycling is one of the simplest and easiest things you can do. Over time, the world has gone through many changes in terms of how things are being produced. We are now in an era where things like diapers, individually packaged food and other disposable items are commonplace, which means we are creating more garbage now than ever before. According to Stanford University, the average American discards seven and a half pounds of garbage every single day. By choosing to recycle certain items, less garbage will end up in landfills, thus reducing the strain on our landfills and our resources, as well as creating less air and water pollution. Although recycling as a whole is trending upwards, there is still so much more we can do. A recent national study found Michigan to have one of the top recycling rates at 48%, but according to Quinn Underwood, director of the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority, "Considering we are a Great Lakes state, it would be

wonderful to see a much higher number." Quinn says, "A lower number would indicate a lack of public awareness as well as a lack of convenient access to recycling. At CARA we are trying to change this by promoting as much public awareness as possible."

So, how can we help? I am a firm believer that every little bit helps and that everyone has the power to make a difference. Making a difference starts with you and it starts at home. If you have regular trash service, consider reaching out to your trash company and ask if they offer curbside recycling. For a small additional fee, certain areas are eligible to have their recycling picked up right from their driveway. For the rest of us, Eaton County is home to six local recycling centers, located in Olivet, Charlotte, Delta Township, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge and Sunfield.

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Something else to keep in mind when recycling items is to pay close attention to what can be recycled and what cannot. Both recycling centers and curbside recycling services will provide specific lists of recyclable items. By following these provided guidelines, we can keep recycling free of contamination, thus reducing the risk that any of those materials will end up back in landfills. One benefit to staffed recycling centers, such as CARA, is their ability to sort through materials as they come in, therefore being able to keep contamination rates extremely low. For more unique items that are not specifically accepted at local centers, such as hazardous wastes,

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or difficult to recycle materials, you can contact the Eaton County Resource Recovery Department for help.

Other ways to aid in the recycling movement include volunteering and providing donations. Since recycling is a free service, monetary donations and the generous time of volunteers are incredibly important. Recycling is really just common sense. It's free, it's easy, and it makes a huge impact on the environment. For questions on how to get started or ways to get involved in our county, you can email the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority at [cara@charlottemi.org](mailto:cara@charlottemi.org).

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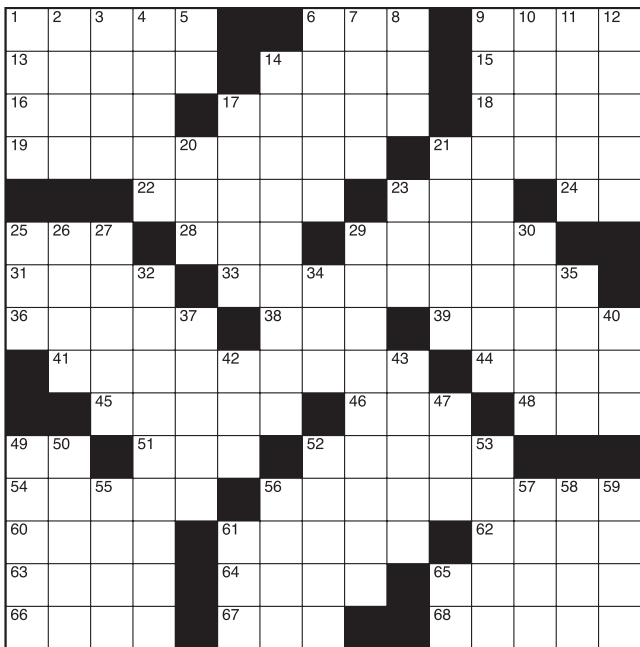
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- 6. Science degree
- 9. Database management system
- 13. Desert
- 14. Inventor Musk
- 15. Welsh valley
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Saying
- 18. Comedian and TV host
- 19. Uppermost portions of the brain
- 21. City in Transylvania
- 22. Where astronauts go
- 23. Men's hairstyle
- 24. Indicates position

- 25. One point east of due south
- 28. Businessmen may have one
- 29. Grass part
- 31. Running back
- 33. Unwavering
- 36. Options
- 38. Annoy
- 39. Greek mountain
- 41. Pastas
- 44. Fishes
- 45. Wrap
- 46. Potentially a criminal (slang)
- 48. Seize
- 49. The Constitution State

- 51. Upset
- 52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ
- 54. Central Chinese province
- 56. Predisposition
- 60. A notice of someone's death
- 61. One-time Kentucky Rep.
- 62. Swiss river
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. Finger millet
- 65. Allan Poe
- 66. German river
- 67. Brew
- 68. Kenyan river

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Millisecond

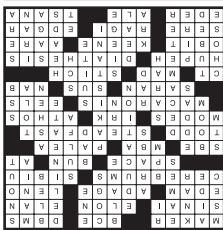
- 2. Acts as military assistant
- 3. Knot in a tree
- 4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers
- 5. The Ocean State
- 6. Point the finger at
- 7. Parts in a machine
- 8. Midway between northeast and east
- 9. Portray precisely
- 10. Blister
- 11. Mental illness
- 12. Nose of an animal
- 14. What students receive
- 17. Semitic peoples
- 20. Beats per minute
- 21. Family of drugs
- 23. Atrocious
- 25. Type of microscope (abbr.)
- 26. or bust
- 27. Icelandic poems
- 29. A citizen of Pakistan
- 30. Very pale
- 32. Metric linear unit
- 34. Sea eagle
- 35. Biblical judge of Israel
- 37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- 40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 42. Cool!
- 43. Large hotel room
- 47. Type of boat (abbr.)
- 49. Picked
- 50. Type of hookah
- 52. Attack
- 53. Directs
- 55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter
- 56. Finished negotiation
- 57. Heroic tale
- 58. Middle Eastern country
- 59. Protein-rich liquids
- 61. Malaysian Isthmus
- 65. Spielberg's alien (abbr.)

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- 2. Bird that migrates the farthest.
- 3. Once one of the most common American birds but is now extinct
- 4. What is an aviary?
- 5. What bird is also

- known as an apteryx.
- 6. What is a capon?
- PH.D. LEVEL
- 7. In Japan and China this bird is trained to catch fish.
- 8. Some ciccus are brood parasites. What does that mean?
- 9. The dodo was a flightless bird endemic to which island?

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# Spring Sports Return

**Isabelle Whiting**  
Contributing Writer

High School spring sports have returned started with many spring sports programs holding tryouts for a fraction or the full duration of the week, just two weeks before the students' much anticipated spring breaks. With the programs setting their teams and starting their seasons soon, there are a few programs that are starting completely fresh with new coaches.

Charlotte has hired new baseball and softball coaches as well as Olivet Softball and Potterville Baseball. Char-

lotte's Baseball program's new coaching staff consists of Lance Beasley, Digger Towe, Brock Cook, Mark Traver and returning JV coach Kyle Jones. Charlotte's Softball program's coaching staff includes Jason Porter, returning coach Shana Lipsey, Bethany Ballard, and Allie Cates. Olivet's Softball program's new coaching staff includes Michelle Cooper, Joy Priddy, and Lindsey Stewart.

The spring sports season's return was accompanied by frigid temperatures and more winter weather that forced the programs to hold tryouts and practices inside for another week, unlike last

season when the weather allowed programs to move tryouts outside.

All Michigan schools participating in spring sports competitions began on Monday and will continue until ending with the state tournaments being held early to mid-June. For spring sports schedules including golf, soccer, softball, baseball, track and field, and tennis, community members can visit the athletic pages for the local high schools.

High School spring sport families and supporters of the Grand Ledge, Vermontville, Nashville, Potterville, Eaton Rapids, and Charlotte

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  - ergreyhounds.com
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# American Pickers Is Coming To Michigan!

**By Jennifer Davis**  
Contributing Writer

The hit television series, American Pickers, will be making a trip through Michigan this coming May. The History Channel series is famous for discovering some of America's most amazing antique collections. Their mission is to "recycle and reuse forgotten relics." Skilled pickers travel the country searching for unique collections and learning the fascinating history behind them. Viewers have the pleasure of soaking in bits of historical facts through collectors' stories, as well as seeing how the

pickers decide to use and transform the artifacts. Their adventures can range from hilarious, to creepy, to downright disgusting. So far this year the show has already included episodes filmed in California, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

They do not visit museums, flea markets, or stores, focusing instead only on privately owned collections. This allows the documentary series to showcase items that would not normally be seen by the public. Their route through Michigan is not yet determined, as travel will depend on who applies and who is chosen. Filming will begin in May, so

producers are encouraging anyone with a large, private collection of antiques who would like to be featured to apply as soon as possible, preferably by the beginning of April. Their main focus is on discovering artifacts that

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## Kalamazoo College Salutes Students' Success

More than 300 students were recognized Friday, November 5, during the annual Honors Day Convocation for excellence in academics and leadership at Kalamazoo College. Students were recognized in six divisions: Fine Arts, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Social Sciences, and Physical Education. Recipients of prestigious scholarships were recognized, as were members of national honor societies and students who received special Kalamazoo College awards. Student athletes and teams who won Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association awards also were honored.

Payton Fleming of Olivet earned Honors Day recognition. Fleming was named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll.

Alex Stolberg of Charlotte earned Honors Day recognition. Stolberg was named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll.

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# Dimes Brews for Ukraine

**Deb Malewski**  
Contributing Writer

The recent invasion of Ukraine by Russia has inspired beer brewers from around the world to help by doing what they do best—make beer. Dimes Brewery in Dimondale is one of those that have stepped up to help Ukrainian relief efforts and is brewing “Red Eyes,” a mildly hoppy American red beer. A portion of the beer sales will go to relief efforts in Ukraine.

“It’s a smooth drinking, somewhat hoppy, classic amber-hued ale,” said Dimes owner Chad Rogers.

“It started in one of my Facebook international brewing groups,” explained Rogers. “We were hesitant initially, concerned about the validity of the efforts. A GoFundMe account was started, which solved the problem of how to contribute and be sure that the money went to where it was supposed to.”

“This gives people a chance to help through us,” Rogers added. Donations will be used for humanitarian relief and a food mission in Ukraine.

Pravda Brewery, located in Lviv, offered five of its recipes and artwork to the world’s craft brewers, hoping that those who make and sell the Ukrainian beer would then donate to their relief efforts.

The March 10 invasion

of Ukraine by Russia has resulted in the death of 10,000 people and \$100 billion in property damage, according to the news agency Reuters.

Alcohol and brewing are forbidden in Ukraine now.

“But brewing, like giving birth or a marriage, is hope,” the brewery wrote. “Beer takes several weeks to be ready. We hope we win by then.”

Nick Mulder and Nick Holbrook, assistant brewers at Dimes, started the process last week using a basic recipe, Rogers explained, with ingredients they readily had on hand. Two-row barley, malted oats, dark crystal malts, and some Michigan hops were used, allowing for a quick turnaround in making the brew.

The “Red Eyes” American Ale will be available for a limited time only, starting April 15. Dimes cans its own beer using a single head canner, along with designing and printing its own labels.

“Right now, we have the most diverse beer selection we’ve ever had,” Rogers said. “We are hitting our stride in production and optimizing our production schedule.” There are usually 12 beers on tap at Dimes, in a broad range of styles, in addition to flavored seltzers, kombucha, wine, and ciders.

“We hope what we are doing will bring people out to donate,” Rogers said. “There are 2,000 people

who live in Dimondale.



Photo by Deb Malewski

Brewers work together in support of relief effort.

Even if everyone donated just one dollar, that would really help.” To donate to the Go Fund Me account, visit <https://gofund.me/f94fdd09>.

“We are not being prescriptive about how much you donate,” the Pravda brewers wrote online, “but the people of Ukraine need you to be generous.”

Dimes opened in 2018, and the business continues to grow. A kitchen was added in 2020 and food is on the menu. A back patio, perfect for summer nights, has also been added. Artwork from local artists and open mike nights are scheduled. A summer solstice party is scheduled for June 24, live music will be available after the annual car show on June 17, and lots of musical acts are planned for the summer. Dimes is located at

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# Locals Help Bald Eagles

**Deb Malewski**  
Contributing Writer

Chris and Tammara Arsulwicz were thrilled to see a pair of Bald Eagles nesting near their home near Murray Lake in Lowell, Michigan. For several months their neighborhood has delighted in observing the birds mating, nest building, and both birds taking turns sitting on their eggs. It was just a matter of time, they believed, before they would experience the thrill of watching the eggs hatch and the parents caring for their fledglings.

Things changed last weekend, however. Neighbors noticed that the female bird was sitting on the ground under its nest. They had never seen the bird do this. The bird started having what was later determined to be seizures. They were able to wrap the bird in a blanket, as it repeatedly fell over and struggled to breathe.

Not knowing what to do, Arsulwicz contacted the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The hope was to get the bird, which they named Liberty, to a specialized veterinarian who could help the bird. A phone call to Blandford Nature Center in Grand Rapids was made, and they instructed her on how to transport the bird in a dog crate to the DNR. The neighbors worked together to accomplish this, with the bird being cooperative and not aggressive towards them. Liberty was very sick, they feared.

Sadly, the bird died within minutes of arriving at the vet. She was determined to be a five-year-old female, based on the band on her leg.

That just left Justice, the male bird, to incubate the eggs, which is difficult for just one bird. They contacted Louise Sagaert at Wildside Animal Rehabilitation in Eaton Rapids, hoping to find a way to save these motherless eggs. Wildside rehabilitates native Michigan wildlife and returns them back to their homes.

Erik Lauchie from Carbon Stories, a media company in Grand Rapids, sent a drone up to capture footage of the nest to determine if eggs were actually present in the nest. They were unable to make a determination from the footage, but the wildlife teams present believed that the bird's behavior and stance indicated that there were eggs present.

Bald eagles are protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Moving the eggs requires a special permit from the United States Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. The biologists who make that determination refused to issue a permit, Sagaert said and felt that nature should be allowed to take its course. So, the group wanted to help Justice continue his parenting.

"It's very important to make sure that the male eagle has easy access to food," Sagaert told the group. "The



Photo provided

Justice on the nest

longer he is away from the nest, hunting or fishing, the greater the chances are that something could go wrong."

The next day area residents, Wildside Rehabilitation and Education Center volunteers, and Tree Monkey Tree Trimming and Removal built and mounted a feeding platform to allow Justice easy access to food. The nest is about 84 feet up in a tree. Tree Monkey, a tree trimming service owned by Joshua Wruble in Charlotte, used their bucket truck to lift the feeding platform up into the tree near the nest. Tree Monkey donated their services, making the drive from Charlotte to Murray Lake with their truck.

Every other day Chris Arsulwicz climbs a ladder to feed the bird fresh fish, including salmon and trout, on the platform. Justice has been joined at the nest by two juvenile birds. One of the young birds appears to be taking turns in sitting on

the eggs.

Sagaert was able to test Liberty for lead poisoning and found no evidence of that. The bird will be tested for other possible causes of death, including bird flu. Bird/Avian flu is a big concern; if Liberty had it, so will Justice. So far, he seems healthy, Arsulwicz said, and continues to act "normal."

"We are awaiting necropsy results to find out what caused Liberty's death," Sagaert said. "We are not sure at this point."

"The community came together to make this happen," said Arsulwicz. "We will continue monitoring the nest and keep our hopes up that we will have a happy ending."

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Katherine Kalmbach of Pottsville at Grand Valley State University

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puter, he would remove the program. He also claimed "the program was installed on my computer illegally and they are no longer allowed to conduct business in the U.S." I took his number, then called my credit union and they verified that I made no such purchase. I called him back...no such number... SCAM!

Some online warning signs include the gift card offered by collecting data or having you take a survey. Professional looking sites can trick you into sharing a lot of personal information. If you are making a purchase or paying a bill online make sure you are on the official site. Also, be careful when you are told it is "Free" to enter and then they want your credit card number...it is NOT free. Scammers on the telephone, easily obtain private information by asking you to donate to what sounds like a good cause by appealing to your giving nature. Take their information. Do not share your information!

Watch out when the caller is giving you a deadline, such as "Last day" for this "Great low price" or a "One-time offer only." Hang up! Do not be bullied or talked into something with their "threats." When they sound professional with an urgent tone of voice, tell them you will call them back. If you continue to receive persistent calls,

go to your settings to block the number. If you cannot figure it out, call your phone company or ask someone from a younger generation; they seem to know how to do everything on the cell phone and the computer.

Deleting and hanging up is okay. It's not rude...but it is rude and a crime when someone hacks your information and goes on a cruise or buys a new refrigerator with your credit card. If you are paying medical bills on a payment plan, many collection/payment companies are now using only

routing and account numbers instead of your debit card number. Still, do not give out your information. Call them back on the phone number you have on your invoice or bill.

More and more individuals are shopping online. Make sure you are on a legitimate site when you order your items. I know this is a lot of information but it is worth taking note to protect yourself financially and emotionally.

Thanks for writing to askandyforadvice@gmail.com

Dear Celeste,  
Thank you for the heads up. Unfortunately, telephone fraud occurs every day. I have given this advice previously but here it is again...

If you do not know the person or you did not call them, you should never give personal information or confirm information to a stranger on the computer or the telephone. You must be absolutely sure, even if they claim to know your information. Online and telephone scams can look and sound legitimate.

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# Celebrate Spring in Dimondale

Mary Burleson  
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Spring has finally sprung in Eaton County! The frogs are singing, there are leaf buds on the trees, and Red-Winged Blackbirds can be seen flying to and fro. After a long winter, it's a great idea to get out of the house and explore all the festivities that local communities have to offer.

One village that always has a lot going on is Dimondale. Located just south of Lansing in the far east side of the county along the Grand River; it's a hidden gem with a lot to discover. Natural beauty, delicious eateries, fun community events and much more is what one has to look forward to when visiting Dimondale.

On April 14th, explore the downtown area of Dimondale during the community Easter Egg Hunt from 5-7 p.m. It's a great excuse to check out local businesses and all they have to offer. April 17th offers the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. for

the kiddos ages 0-10. This will take place in Lions Park and feature a visit from the Easter Bunny! "We are excited to have this event in the traditional style this year, rather than a drive-thru," shared local business owner Lori Conarton.

May 14th, Discover Dimondale is a huge event featuring a flea market, the spring farmers market, and sidewalk sales at local businesses. There are also kids events in Danford Park, live ukulele music, dance demonstrations in Lions Park, and the Fire Department will have their equipment out for the public to see. "We want both locals and people from other communities to see what we have here in Dimondale at this event," encouraged Conarton. May also features the annual Memorial Day Parade on the 30th, which is a must attend event.

June brings the return of the Farmers Market each Thursday from 3-7 p.m. through October. The market features around 15 vendors and has



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a little something for everyone.

There will be a pickleball tournament, with the date yet to be determined. If you don't know how to play, there will be someone there to help teach you about the game so don't worry!

Another June event that is very exciting is the Oldsmobile Car Show on the 17th. Each year Lansing has a huge event called the Oldsmobile Homecoming, which features many classic Oldsmobile vehicles from all over the country. The night before the event, they make

a stop in Dimondale and the downtown area is pedestrian only! Locals can also bring out their classic cars to the event. It looks to be a fun event for classic car lovers.

For more information about the events in the Village of Dimondale, check out their Facebook page @dimondalemichigan. You can also contact Lori Conarton, Village Council Member and Dimondale Business Association Member. She can be reached via the Facebook page or moringlorydimondale@gmail.com.

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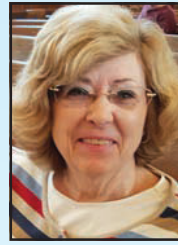
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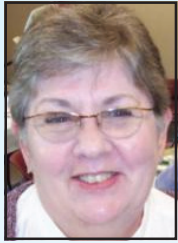
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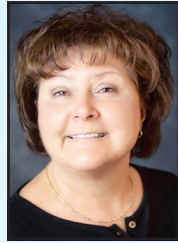
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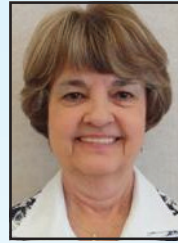
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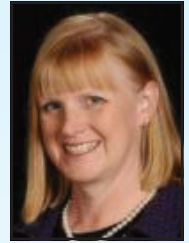
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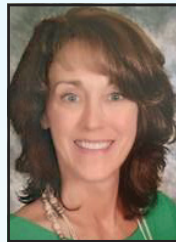
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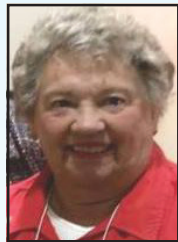
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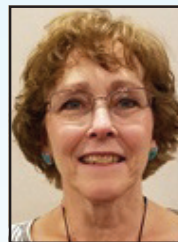
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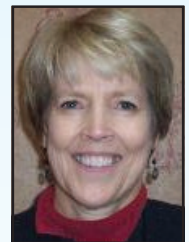
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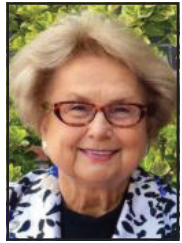
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Members support fellow members through our Hand-to-Hand project that provides help with meals, errands, transportation to medical appointments, or companionship and a friendly presence to members who are experiencing times of need.

We host the SIREN Holiday Tea which is a fundraiser which benefits SIREN/Eaton Shelter and GFWC-Charlotte.

As a federated club, GFWC-Charlotte is part of an organization that has national and international impact. In 1898, GFWC unanimously passed a resolution against child labor. GFWC has also supported legislation for the eight-hour workday, workplace safety and inspection and workmen's compensation. In 1906 members took part in a letter and telegram writing campaign which was essential to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act. Women from GFWC-Charlotte marched on our state capital to show support of the 19th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution which was finally ratified in 1920 granting American women the right to vote. By 1930, women's clubs were credited by the American Library Association with establishing 75 percent of America's public libraries. In 1961, GFWC's Women's Crusade for Seat Belts program resulted in the installation of more than one million seat belts over the course of one year. GFWC continues its tradition of addressing social issues affecting women and families through programs that combat violence against women and promote human rights. Currently a GFWC International Signature Program is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and one of GFWC Michigan's Special Projects is to bring more awareness and action to end Human Trafficking. GFWC-Charlotte continues its tradition of service to Charlotte.

Any woman interested in learning more about joining GFWC-Charlotte is invited to contact Membership Chair Sherry Myers at 517-749-6762 or email her at myerslsherry@gmail.com



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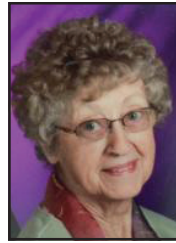
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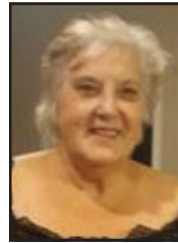
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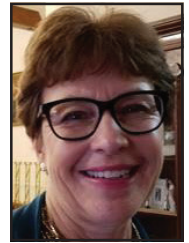
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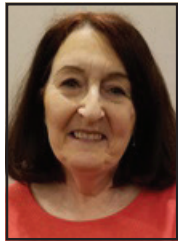
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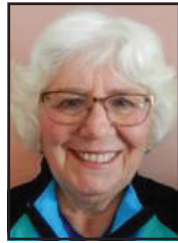
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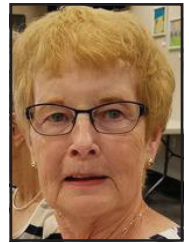
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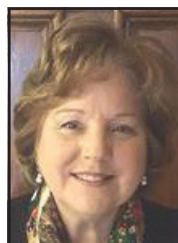
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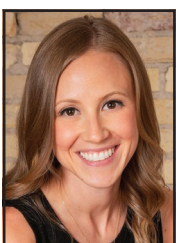
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# Charlotte students compete at State Leadership Conference

Matching skills with over 2,000 of their counterparts from across the state, outstanding business students from Charlotte High School participated in the 50th Annual State Leadership Conference of the Michigan Association of Business Professionals of America.

Business Professionals of America members are provided an opportunity for the development of leadership skills, personal and professional growth, and career-related competencies. Involvement in Business Professionals of America will enhance social awareness, civic responsibility, and understanding of the business community. The state leadership conference is the highlight of the Michigan Association year and helps accomplish these objectives.

The Business Profession-

als of America State Leadership Conference was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on March 11-13, 2022. This was the first SLC in 3 years due to the COVID pandemic. The BPA Olympics, parade of presidents, legacy launchers, career fair, college fair, campaign rally, state officer elections, assessment event competitions, formal dinner and movie night were the highlights of the conference. Delegates had the opportunity to meet people and make many new friends. More than 100 schools located throughout the state were represented at the conference.

Coached by advisors Georgianna Baldwin and Tina VanSyckle, the Charlotte BPA chapter members shined as students competed in various contests. Chapter members include Esa Robles competing in

Advanced Interview Skills and Business Law & Ethics, Faith Horton competing in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, Lydia Grey competing in Interview Skills, and Walker Merriman competing in Legal Office Procedures. Business Professionals of America is a national career/technical student organization for business students on the high school and college levels with over 54,000 members across the country. The organization strives to prepare a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills. Through membership in Business Professionals of America, students gain valuable real-world experience as they network with students and business professionals from across the state and nation, better their community through

service-learning projects, and compete in demonstrations of their business technology skills on the regional, state, and national levels.

The 2022 National Leadership Conference May 4-8, in Dallas, TX, where students compete with other students from across the country, network with students and business professionals, and set higher standards like never before. The Charlotte BPA Chapter would like to thank chaperone Mrs. Marlo Wiltse for her support and guidance during the conference. Congratulations to all members on your hard work!

Business Professionals of America is today's students, tomorrow's business professionals.

Submitted by Charlotte Public Schools

# Eaton County Pheasants Forever

The Chapter was organized in 1996 and in 2021 we hosted our 25th Annual Banquet! Attendance was the most we ever had with over 300 attending. The support of our community, members and businesses was overwhelming. Thank you all very much!

This year we will continue several programs, projects and events we plan throughout the year. We will support the Olivet Shooting Sports, Eaton Conservation District, and Capital Area Shooting Sports. We will host a Pheasants Forever Youth Day, Women on the Wing events and our Annual Banquet.

Our Chapter will assist in planting and improving habitat at DNR Pottersville State Game Area (PSGA). We will be planting two four-acre flood plots and 48 acres of Warm Season grasses. The areas to

be planted are designated by the DNR. Our chapter will be erecting information kiosks at each parking area at the PSGA.

The Chapter is planning a workday at the PSGA on April 22. Volunteers are invited to assist in clean up, help in erecting a kiosk, begin removing barbed wire and fencing, etc. The Eaton Conservation District is cooperating with PHEASANTS FOREVER and will be greatly involved in this project also.

With our savings and some key donations, we were able to purchase a new Truax OTG 7512 native grass drill. This drill does require more horsepower (50+) than our previous drill but has some added features. Call the ECD at (517)543-1512 for rental and information.

We are planning a youth day on May 21 at the Chief Okemos Sportsmen's Club in

Dimondale. This event is open to the public with prior registration. Bring your children and grandchildren for a great experience related to conservation and the shooting sports! Registration is required. Contact Taelor at (517)667-0966 or Gary Pruden at (517)204-7473.

The Eaton County Pheasants Forever Women on the Wing will be holding an event on July 23 at the Chief Okemos Sportsmen's Club. They have shooting sports and other activities - a good time for everybody! Contact Taelor at (517)667-0966 for details.

Our 26th Annual Banquet will be September 24, 2022 at the American Legion in Charlotte. We will have a limited capacity, and expect to sell out fast to it will be important to register early! We usually give away about 18 firearms and many other items.

Our seed distribution will be Sunday, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5621 Island Hwy., Charlotte. We should have a good supply of RR Corn and Soybean Seed available, first come, first served. Although we don't provide chemicals, many of you probably know the price of chemicals and fertilizer has gone up considerably and are already in short supply.

In summary, here are the dates to remember: PSGA April 22; Seed Distribution May 1; Youth Day May 21; Women on the Wing July 23; and Annual Banquet September 24. For questions about these events, or for more information about Eaton County Pheasants Forever, please contact Gary Pruden at (517)204-7473 or Taelor at (517)667-0966.

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# City Manager Seeks Best Path Forward

At the March 21, 2022 City Council meeting the volunteer members of the Charlotte Fire Department made the announcement that all the members were resigning from their positions with the city. In the past week, City officials have met with members of the volunteer division to understand their reasons for leaving, and also held a public meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022 to provide a public forum to address those reasons and provide the opportunity for public input. Given the community-wide impact this decision had, I felt it was important to listen to the community as part of my process for analyzing the best path forward.

As the City Manager, I am charged with conducting my duties in a fair and impartial way, using my professional judgment to make decisions in the best interests of the city as a whole. I have conferred with the City's Labor Attorney regarding state and federal employment laws, along with reviewing the city's charter, ordinances, and other personnel and departmental policies. Based on all the information available and the discussion with the City's legal counsel, the determination is that the city cannot re-hire the volunteers as a group.

At this time we are announcing that we are actively and aggressively conducting recruitment for volunteers.

Most, if not all, of the volunteers have indicated that they wish to return to duty. The City strongly encourages those who wish to return to apply. It is our desire to retain as many of our former volunteer firefighters as possible.

I cannot express enough gratitude to our six full time firefighters who have shouldered the burden of emergency response during this time. Having sufficient emergency protection is our top priority and accordingly, we expect to fill these positions in short order. We will be reviewing applications on an ongoing basis beginning immediately.

Anyone interested in applying can complete an

employment application on the city's website here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/serviceadministration/human-resources/job-application-form/>. In order to be eligible for employment as a volunteer firefighter, the applicant must complete an application, have earned a high school diploma or GED, pass screening of criminal background and drivers license record, and pass the drug screening and physical/medical exam.

For additional information, contact City Manager Erin LaPere at [elapere@charlottemi.org](mailto:elapere@charlottemi.org) or 517-543-2750.

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Many major holidays got their beginning by celebrating the changing of the seasons. Easter seems to be one of those holidays. Prior to Christ there was a pagan goddess named Eostre who was worshipped and celebrated during the coming of spring. The name Easter seems to have come from Eostre. Early Christians may have used the name Eostre or Easter to refer to the season, but the true celebration was now directed to the message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was the message of new life, new beginning, new hope that comes by placing your faith in Jesus. The message is one of Jesus dying on the cross to take the penalty of our sins and then rising from the dead three days later proving that He truly was God in the flesh.

Easter, Resurrection Sunday is now celebrated not by looking to a false goddess but to a risen Savior.

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# Sunfield Farmers Picnic seeks your help and support

The 2022 Sunfield Farmers Picnic Committee is gearing up to put on another fantastic Picnic for you this year, the third full weekend in August, the 18th and 19th.

The Committee is always looking for new

committee members and volunteers to help with the many events that take place during the weekend. We would like to invite a representative from local organizations such as the Sunfield churches, Welch Historical Museum/Sun-

field Geological Society, SPY's, Firemen, Sunfield District Library, Daughters of Union Veterans and Sunfield's local businesses to attend our regular meetings. Your input is important to the success of the Sunfield Farmer's Picnic. The Board meets at 7 p.m. May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, July 20th, and August 3rd at the Sunfield Community Room and 6 p.m. August 17th at Van Buren Park with the Wrap up meeting at 7 p.m. September 7th at Van Buren Park.

Please consider a tax-deductible financial donation to help provide the beautiful fireworks display at the end of the event, frog jump contest, cake walk, prize and participation ribbons for the open craft exhibit and other events and the ox roast sandwiches. Donations of prizes

would also be welcomed for the Merchants Raffle held on August 19 under the Big Tent during the Entertainment Show. Don't wait too long - the Picnic will be here before you know it.

If you are interested in helping with any event including the open craft exhibit, frog jump contest, entertainment, grand marshal reception, parade line-up, prince and princess contest, please join us and consider becoming a valuable member of the Sunfield Farmers Picnic Committee. If you are interested in helping with any aspect of the Sunfield Farmer's Picnic or know someone who might be, please send an email to [sunfieldfarmerspicnic@gmail.com](mailto:sunfieldfarmerspicnic@gmail.com), mail to Sunfield Farmers Picnic P.O. Box 12, Sunfield MI 48890 or call Jeff Gibbs at 517-930-6989.



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**CHS students visit IQHub**

The Charlotte High School students in the Functional Independence Program (FIP) took a trip to the IQHub in St. Johns, Michigan. The IQHub is an educational center for agricultural history and exploration. The students had an opportunity to explore the exhibits and learn more about the history of agriculture. They attended a session about vermicomposting and how that can help our environment. One of the favorite activities of the day was also a chance to "drive" a tractor and plant some seeds using the tractor simulator. They discovered that driving a tractor was a lot more work than they thought!

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# Optimist Club donates to Guardian Angels



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Mike Bruce presenting Jennifer DeLeeuw with a check

On March 15, Optimist member Mike Bruce presented a \$300 check to Jennifer DeLeeuw, director of Guardian Angels Suitcases 4 Kids.

Guardian Angels Suitcases 4 Kids is a Michigan charity that helps ease the transition of children in the foster care system in Eaton County and surrounding areas since 2014.

Many of these children are taken from an abusive or neglectful home and have already suffered a great deal. They have no one they trust and nothing but a garbage bag with a few belongings. This is where we come into play.

Guardian Angels helps to provide a care bag to each child when they come into care that contains age-appropriate items that they can keep forever. Having something they can call their own is our way of making their transition a little bit easier and letting them know that someone really does care.

Guardian Angels also has an inventory of no charge items that are available to foster children in need. We work with the DHHS and private foster agencies to help meet the needs of every child we can, whether it be a calculator for school or a wardrobe to get them started in their new home. We are located at 600 S. Cochran Ave. Charlotte, MI 48813 with walk in hours on Tuesday 5-8 p.m. and most Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-2p.m.

How can You help? Guardian Angels Suitcases 4 Kids accepts many forms of donations. We accept new and gently used clothing, toys, and bedding. We also accept donations of new undergarments of all sizes and hygiene products. Monetary donations are also helpful for us to use to purchase needed items we may not currently have in stock at the time of need. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit and are tax exempt. For more information, call 517-231-0735.

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# Obituaries

## Gerald Fielder

Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Fielder, a caring, kind, generous, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, died on Sunday, March 27, 2022. Jerry, 71, of Potterville, was born November 18, 1950, the son of Moten and Ruth (Carpenter) Fielder. Jerry graduated from Potterville high school in 1969; in school he earned the nickname Fearless Fielder. Following graduating from high school Jerry earned an Associated Degree, and later began working for the State of Michigan as a Corrections Officer. In 1985 Jerry married Julie Loveland and together they created their legacy. Jerry was a simple man who was a fan of the Detroit Tigers and Lions. He enjoyed movies, especially ones with John Wayne and the Blue Brothers. Jerry was a very smart man who enjoyed challenging his mind from doing crossword puzzles, trivia, and anything history related. He also was known for being a collector of many things. His biggest enjoyment in life was his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

Jerry is survived by his wife Julie; children, Elizabeth Loveland, Jon Loveland; grandchildren, Ericka (Bryan) Stauffer, Kimmi (Zack) Platschorre, Dalynn (Cody Hamilton) Loveland, Hannah Loveland; great-grandchildren, Braxton, Christian, Maya, Chloe, Kolt, Wesley, and one on the way; sister, Meredith (Bob) Kaiser; sister-in-law, Pam Slaughter; many nieces and nephews; close friends, Aaron, Greg, Mike, and Randy. He was predeceased by his parents; daughters, Carli Fielder, Heather Fielder; siblings, Bonnie Halbeisen, Dan Fielder, Becky Cain; niece, Bethany Halbeisen; nephews, Jon Cain and Kevin Holland; brother-in-law, Mike Domangue.

Friends are encouraged to support Jerry's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of your choice in his honor. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Gerald Fielder

## James Vogel II

James H. Vogel II went home to be with the Lord Saturday afternoon, March 26, 2022, surrounded by his wife and family members.

Born on September 10, 1947 in Mt. Pleasant, MI, to James Henry Vogel and Alma Mae (Gross) Vogel, he grew up there where he attended school and graduated in 1965. He then joined the Army and served in Vietnam.

Upon returning home, he began working at Oldsmobile and married Gladys Perez. They had five children. In 1989, he took the GM buy-out and moved his family back to Mt. Pleasant where he purchased and operated Stan's restaurant. After the marriage ended, he moved back to the Lansing area.

He married Diane (Wawiernia) Kirby Weaver. They lived in Charlotte for a time and then built a house outside Eaton Rapids. They enjoyed traveling and camping with the dogs, and just going for drives. They purchased guitars and each learned to play.

Jim could fix anything, build anything, and was always there to help anyone who asked. His favorite thing was time spent with grandchildren.

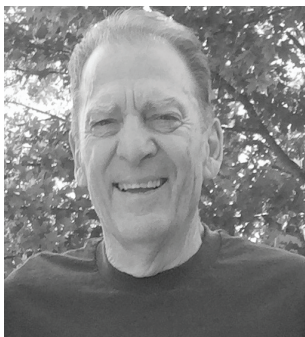
Jim is survived by his widow, Diane; daughters Christine (Parsons), Michelle, and Johanna; sons Jim (Jennifer), Matt (Michelle); stepdaughters Erin (Cameron) Bramer, and Jess (Joe) Carey; and stepson, Ben (Kayla) Kirby; eleven grandchildren; his sister, Nan Topor, and brother Jack; two nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, Anna Demrell, as well as her father, Steve Topor.

Jim's greatest passion was the Gospel and sharing the Good News with others. When asked about a funeral, he said, "Nope. Everybody should know what I stand for and what I would say: Come to Jesus!" And he calls to us from the other side, "Come to Jesus!"

Jim designated that his body be donated to science, so even after he has left this world, he continues to be of use and help to others.

Those wishing to make a charitable contribution in Jim's honor may consider Voice of the Martyrs or Samaritan's Purse. Also gifts to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice of Lansing would be appropriate and appreciated.



James Henry Vogel II

## Marlene Wilber

Marlene Wilber, age 54, died in Cadillac, Michigan on March 21, 2022. Marlene was born December 14, 1967. She graduated from Charlotte High School in 1986. No services are planned at this time.

### FOR SALE

**PUBLIC SALE:** 2011 Ford Taurus 1FAHP2EW-6BG1216110. Monday, April 4, 2022 from 2-4 p.m. at Durotech Towing LLC, 627 E. Lansing Road, Potterville, Michigan 48876.

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## Richard Moulton

Richard C. Moulton was born in Owosso, Michigan, on July 3, 1937. Richard was the first son of Lloyd M. Moulton and Edith E. (Bailey) Moulton. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Robert L. Moulton, and his two children, Kyle R. Moulton and Kristen R. Moulton. Richard is survived by his wife, Shirley Jean (Swanson) Moulton; and two grandchildren, Andrew J. Moulton and Lauren J. (Moulton) Anderson (Josh).

Richard and Shirley met in high school (Lansing Eastern) but didn't date until a year or so later after a chance meeting at the Lake Lansing Amusement Park. They were married on March 30, 1957. For the first five years of their marriage, Richard worked for the Michigan State Highway Department (now MDOT), first as a surveyor helper and then in the office for the local government division. On October 1, 1962 he began what became a 35-year career in the life insurance industry. He began his career with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company as a salesman for four years and then a unit manager for the next three years. On October 1, 1969, he joined the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in their training department. In 1972, he became a marketing specialist in the company's annuity division. Here, Richard found his true calling. For the next 25 years in a row, Richard qualified for the National Quality Award and the Million Dollar Round Table. In his last five years before his retirement, he also qualified for the Top of the Table Award. At that time the T.O.T. was the highest marketing award attainable in the life and annuity industry.

Richard, along with Shirley, enjoyed traveling and did so extensively both nationally and internationally. In retirement, they traveled the entire contiguous US in their RV. Together, they enjoyed the theater (both Broadway and local), and motorsports (mostly NASCAR). For a time, Richard also owned, operated, and drove for his own racing team. Richard came out of his 15-year retirement at age 75 to drive a semi-truck. Richard was fortunate to work for Pat Reilly/Mann Brothers Trucking for the next eight years, until at age 82, when he was diagnosed with cancer. Richard was a grand and humorous storyteller and was exceptionally loyal to his friends and family.

Richard passed peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving family, on March 12, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to The Salvation Army Lansing Capital Area, 525 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI 48912 or online at [www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org](http://www.centralusa.salvationarmy.org). A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Vickers Springport Funeral Home, 121 Pearl Street/P.O. Box 235, Springport, MI 49284. 517-857-4848.



Richard Moulton

## Lillian Slater

Lillian Slater, 91, of Charlotte, died March 27, 2022. She was a line worker at Owens Illinois. Funeral services were held March 31, 2022.

## Dennis Smith

Dennis Allen Smith, age 69, of Charlotte, passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his side. He was born May 31, 1952, in Lansing, the son of Aubrey and Kathlyne (Bishop) Smith. On September 11, 1971, he married Linda Lee Ray in Charlotte. Dennis was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren perform at their dance competitions and bowling tournaments. When he was not working, Dennis enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling and bowling. He always looked forward to his yearly fishing trips up north with Pastor Todd and members of Faith Assembly of God. Dennis proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired after 32 years of service from General Motors in Lansing.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda; daughters: Denise (Josh) Neusbaum, Diane (Edward Hoxworth) Smith; grandchildren: Abbi (Dillon Domack) Neusbaum, Alyssa (George Hammond) Cornell, Gage Neusbaum; great granddaughter: Aurora Domack; sister, Karen Smith; brothers: Steve Smith, David Smith; in-laws: Dawn (David) Moore, Kriss (John) DePue, Felix (Cathie) Ray; special friends: Tim and Dawn Kepler, Jim and Addriett Balgoyen, Orval and Robin Whitmore, Vince and Sue Lettau, Ron (Ruth) Puffpaff; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and granddaughter, Bailey Rae Fletcher.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Burkhead-Green-Kilgo Funeral Home with Pastor Todd McLane officiating. The family received friends two hours prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial took place at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Those desiring, may make contributions in Dennis's honor to the VA Hospice House in Battle Creek.

To view Dennis's obituary online or to leave a condolence for the family please visit [www.burkhead-green-kilgo.com](http://www.burkhead-green-kilgo.com).



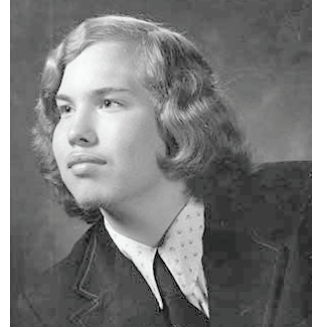
Dennis Smith

## Steven McDonald

Steven Paul McDonald, 65, a "Jack of all Trades," and man of the outdoors, died peacefully at home on Sunday, March 27, 2022 in Charlotte. Steve was born September 15, 1956 in Connerville, IN, the son of Harold and Vera (Browne) McDonald, Sr. He graduated from Charlotte High School on June 3, 1974, and married in November of 1976. Steve enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1980, proudly serving most of his time in Charleston, SC. Steve was talented with his hands, making woodcrafts for his family, and helping to fix anything and everything. He worked as a painter, and was a truck driver with Thrifty for over 10 years. He loved the outdoors, and spent much of his time off camping and fishing. He was a member of the Saint's Church of Jesus Christ in Charlotte, and, above all, he loved and devoted his life to his family.

Steve is survived by his brother, Harold "Butch" McDonald, Jr.; daughters, Nicole (Jerry) Proffitt, Melissa (Tim) Hall, and Heather (Jeremy) Storm; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and his beloved dog, Buddy. He was predeceased by his parents and three grandchildren, Taylor McDonald, Skylar Bowers and Jacob McCormick.

Friends are encouraged to support Steve's family by attending services or sharing memories on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A Celebration of Life will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Pray Funeral Home Charlotte with Pastor Randy Carlson officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Steve's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Promedica Hospice of Mason. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.



Steven McDonald

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# Oaklawn's virtual benefit auction surpasses goal for purchase of medical equipment

Oaklawn's volunteers and staffers are celebrating the success of their 32nd annual Benefit Auction, which raised enough money to purchase two new Dräger medical ventilators for the hospital.

"We were able to pass our goal of \$100,000, raising \$100,500 over the course of the event," said Jenna Ellis, Oaklawn's development manager, adding that the amount was the highest net revenue in recent auction history.

"This allows us to purchase two new Dräger ventilators along with many of the necessary accessories to provide breathing support for our patients."

"We are incredibly grateful to our community and all who donated so that we could receive additional Dräger ventilators this year," said Jeannie VanKampen, director of cardiopulmonary and sleep for Oaklawn.

"Last year, we cared for more than 100 patients requiring ventilatory support," VanKampen added. "Having these new multifunctional units will allow us to continue to provide high-quality care to patients requiring respiratory support before, during and after intubation."

An additional, emotional result exists beyond the positive impact the ventilators have on patients, VanKampen said.

"There is a great impact on our respiratory therapists to see that our community stands behind us and supports us, as they

have in this benefit auction, and we thank all who donated," she said.

The health-care organization's "Feelin' Lucky" auction – a response to the global coronavirus pandemic – kept participants safe and healthy because it was held online for the second year in a row.

Jennifer Huff of Homer and Bill DeSmet of Marshall won prizes during the event's two raffles, sponsored by BluFish Consulting of Marshall and the Marshall Community Credit Union, said Jenna Ellis, Oaklawn's development manager. More than 1,200 raffle tickets were sold, Ellis said.

For nine days ending March 25, online bidders competed for hundreds of items donated to the virtual auction, including trips, event and show tickets, memorabilia, specialty products, services, and gift certificates.

To encourage participation and donations, all entry fees were waived this year, rendering all videos, Facebook postings and other online content available for free to anyone with internet access.

More 300 people supported the event in some fashion, and more than 1,000 bids were submitted during the event's silent auction, Ellis said.

"We cannot thank all our donors, community members, volunteers, and sponsors enough,"

Ellis said. "Because of them, we are able to provide the best equipment for some of our



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The goal of the 32nd annual Oaklawn Benefit Auction was realized when enough money was raised to purchase two new Dräger ventilators such as this one displayed by John Radziszewski, clinical application specialist in ventilation for Dräger medical devices.

most vulnerable patients."

Videos of events and offerings made during the auction remain available for viewing at oaklawnhospital.org/benefit-auction.

Those with questions about

the event may contact Ellis at (269) 789-7494 or jlellis@oaklawnhospital.com.

"We cannot thank all of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers enough for all they put into this event," Ellis said. "We at Oaklawn are the lucky ones to have the support of such a generous community."

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# Sheriff's Report

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Sheriff Reich



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County Sheriff's Office will be conducting this class:

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The class will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night in the Sheriff's Office Dep. Donald E. Rice Training Room, 1025 Independence Blvd, Charlotte.

Class size is limited to 25 students. Any student under the age of 10 will need to have a parent stay with them. Students will need to bring 2 #2 pencils and a face mask if you choose.

The class is free and registration is done online at [www.michigan.gov/DNR](http://www.michigan.gov/DNR). Click on Education and Safety, click on

Recreational Safety and Hunter Education, click on Search for Classes, scroll to find the type of class you are interested in, click on View Upcoming Events, scroll to find the class being taught at the Eaton County Sheriff's Office, then click on View to register.

If you have any questions, please call Allison Bowers at 517-543-5257 or email her at [Abowers@eatoncounty.org](mailto:Abowers@eatoncounty.org). Thank you for your interest.

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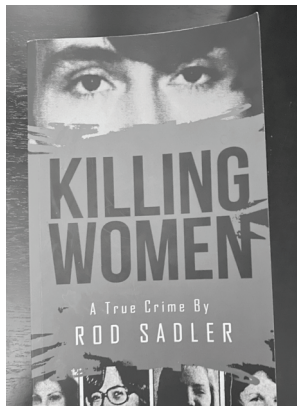
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# Local Author Book Review: Killing Women

By Jennifer Davis  
Contributing Writer

If you are local to the area and interested in true crime, *Killing Women* by Rod Sadler is an absolute must read. Sadler's book brings to life the gruesome true story of a serial killer in the 1970s whose crimes haunted the communities of Eaton and Ingham Counties. Don Miller was a local resident, a graduate of Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice, and a former youth pastor. Unfortunately, he was also a serial killer. His rape and attempted murder of two teenagers would ultimately lead detectives to the discovery of more murders, and a controversial plea bargain in exchange for women's bodies



would leave many second guessing the judicial system. In exceptional detail, Sadler brings to the table every angle of Donald Miller's crimes, leaving nothing out. I appreciated many aspects of this book, but most importantly I admired the

author's ability to convey facts without bias. Although this does leave the book a bit void of emotion, it also allows the reader a fair chance to absorb the facts without persuasive opinion. Sadler clearly did his research, digging into viewpoints from each aspect of the judicial system, law enforcement, friends and family members of all parties involved, and even the killer himself. A good documentary is defined by its ability to portray what truly happened, and *Killing Women* is an excellent example of truth. At 448 pages long, this is not a quick read, but it is a book definitely worth your time.

Rod Sadler is a thirty year veteran of law enforcement, which gives him a unique and educated outlook

on crime. His writing career developed later in life, allowing his books to reflect decades worth of knowledge in the field. He is also the author of two other true crime documentaries. A *Slayer Waits*, which I also highly recommend, is the story of a double murder which took place in Stockbridge, MI in 1955. And finally, *To Hell I Must Go*, which I hope to read soon, is the story of a woman in Williamston, MI who committed a bizarre and brutal murder back in 1897. You can find more about Sadler and all three of his books on his website, [www.rodsadler.com](http://www.rodsadler.com).

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### CARMEL TOWNSHIP UNAPPROVED MINUTES MARCH 17, 2022

**Budget Hearing call to order:** 7:01 p.m. Call of the Board: All present. Call to Public: Software comes from ITRight. **Budget Hearing closed and regular convocation opened at 7:15 p.m.** Call to Order: 7:15 p.m. **Reports and Presentations.** Sheriff's Report: 38 Calls. County Commissioner's Report: Renew 911 millage and juvenile millage August. Applied for grant for dock for Crandell Lake. Losing deputies through attrition. Eaton County Road Commission Report: Tri county trails. Working on gravel roads. Letter from Carmel Board to Road Commission, repave Carlisle Hwy 2 miles. Treasurer's Report: Financial statement of position-paper and pencil. Clerk's Report: Getting ready for Election. CARecreation Council: Ready to use ball field. Cemetery Sexton's Report: 2 funerals. Building & Grounds: Surveillance wait for state requirements. Generator needs lock on. Supervisor's Report to the Board: Rural Fire Board meeting. Ambulance service through Sparrow. Request clarification from the Hospital. \$60k per year from RFA. Eaton County Board of Commissioners committee on broadband-supervisor will take position. **Board of Review March 2021:** 16 petitions (2 hardship exemption, 9 veteran). Call to the Public: Charter Township may be considered, concerned about higher property taxes. With a library card you can borrow an internet hot spot. Rural fire meetings posted at Hall, will add township website. Minutes approval: Trustee Montgomery motioned to approve, Treasurer Wise second, carried. **New Business.** Presentation of Warrants: Treasurer Wise motioned to approve, Trustee Montgomery second, carried. Tax Agency Funds Warrants - Checks Disbursed. Settlement: Clerk Goostrey motioned to approve, Trustee Montgomery second, carried. 2022.06 Site Plan Review BA-4-22-2 Cords: Clerk Goostrey motioned to support, Trustee Goostrey second, carried. 2022.03 Comcast Metro Act Permit Application 2022: Trustee Montgomery motioned to accept, Treasurer Wise second, carried. **Consent Agenda:** Trustee Montgomery motioned to approve, Treasurer Wise second, carried. 2022-04 Carmel Township CRFA Budget Adoption 2022-23. 2022.05 Adoption of Change in Budget 2021-22 Cost Centers. 2022-08 2022-2025 Sexton Contract for Cemeteries. Offices. 2022-10 Remuneration Resolution 2021. 2022-11 General Appropriations Act 2021-22. 2022-12 Manor Consterisan PC-Audit 2021-2022 TBD. 2022.13 I-Cloud contract 2022-23. Gesticulation to adjourn: Treasurer Wise motioned to adjourn 8:28 p.m., Trustee Montgomery second, carried.

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# Remember When: Liberty Hicks-An Artisan in Stone

**Deb Malewski**  
Contributing Writer

It's long gone, but years ago a unique stone house stood on the east side of Michigan Road, near the city limits. It was built from fieldstones of all shapes and sizes. Upon closer inspection, you might notice the addition of broken glass, bottles, light bulbs, and other sparkly objects embedded into the mortar. The house was built by Liberty Bell Hicks; he began construction on it when he was more than 70 years old. He began building his "castle," as it was known, gathering all the stones himself, and the sparkles were brought to him by school children. It took him six years to finish it.

The house had short turrets at the corners, and each turret was topped with a lightbulb. It was situated on the north bank of the Grand River.

City directories have the address as both 812 and 848 Michigan Street, depending on which year you look. Benjamin Hicks, his son, was a contractor living at 790 Michigan Street. His grandson, William, lived at 773 Michigan.

Liberty Hicks was born

in March of 1839 in Ohio. He and his family traveled to Michigan in 1861 where they settled. He helped his parents build a small cabin just east of the city of Eaton Rapids. Later he moved to the Michigan Road property and lived there until he died.

He was a man who was known as a jack of all trades—and the master of many. He was good at anything he tried, it was said. He started out working as a baker's helper. His brother, Byron, was employed as a contractor and as a mason, so Liberty was encouraged to learn masonry. He excelled at it. Their father was a potter, so perhaps they inherited his talents with clay. Hicks specialized in stone fireplaces and stone foundation walls.

In 1861 Liberty and his brother Byron enlisted when the Civil War broke out. They joined Company G, 13th Michigan Infantry. With his previous baking experience, Liberty was assigned to the commissary as a private. An incident on the battlefield, however, left a drummer boy injured in battle and prompted Hicks to step up and seize the drum to inspire his comrades to victory as their new



Photo provided  
Georgina Hicks and family standing on her porch

drummer boy. He had been a member of a drum and fife corps in Ohio.

He served two terms in the Civil War and was honorably discharged. He then re-enlisted in Company G, the 8th Michigan Infantry, and served two more years. His pension documents say that he was disabled after the war.

He returned home after the war. He married Georgina ("Georgie") Matilda Sabin on October 11, 1867, in Eaton Rapids. They had nine children.

Hicks was a member of the Eaton Rapids James Brainerd Post #111 Grand Army of the Republic, and his wife was a member of

the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC).

His plans were to start a wholesale bakery business and built a bakery in Eaton Rapids. The bakery was destroyed by one of the many fires that the village suffered. Being somewhat astute when it came to business, however, Hicks saw this as the opportunity to help rebuild the city. He chose masonry to be his life's work and taught his sons the trade, also.

It was said that up until the last year of his life, at age 82, he never required the services of a doctor. Hicks died in 1921. Georgie died in 1934. Both are buried in Rosehill Cemetery.

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## Maple Hill Cemetery

**Notice:**  
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# From the Pastor's Pen

## I AM the Gate



In my sophomore year at MSU I found myself flying quite often. Many of my flights required that I had to find a connecting flight to get where I wanted to go. That was where the challenge was. It seemed like each time I had to get off one plane to board another, I found myself having to run for dear life to get to the correct gate I needed. As I ran, I remembered how my focus would zero in on this one objective of getting to that gate. In those moments it was the only place I wanted to get to because that was how I got to where I needed to be, through the gate. I would not be at peace until I went through that door.

Jesus explains that he is both Savior and Lord through multiple illustrations during his ministry. Appropriately enough, one such illustration is the GATE. In John 10:7-10 Jesus says, "Truly, truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

As Jesus taught, he was warning and speaking against false teachers such as the Pharisees. To follow the counsel of the Pharisees would result not in saving the lives of lost souls, rather to commit them to their own destruction. So it is important that we listen carefully to good teachers that rely on Scripture and we ourselves take the time to know God's Word to be certain what we learn is true.

We see here indeed; Christ is the one and only gateway to everlasting life and a reconciled relationship with our heavenly Father. We should be wary of any information or false teacher that would point us in the wrong direction.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him," John 14:6-7.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
56th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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EATON COUNTY**

**PUBLICATION OF HEARING**

CASE NO. 20-20390-NA  
PETITION NO. 2020-01

TO: Austin Balowski; Kathryn Johnson-Ecker

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
Faith Balowski; Jacob Carmell

A hearing regarding Disposition and Termination of Parental Rights will be conducted by the court on April 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Eaton County Probate Courtroom at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI, before Hon. Thomas K. Byerley.

You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by judge or jury.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Austin Balowski; Kathryn Johnson-Ecker personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in Termination of Parental Rights.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
56th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –  
FAMILY DIVISION  
EATON COUNTY**

**PUBLICATION OF HEARING**

CASE NO. 21-20611-NA  
PETITION NO. 2021-01

TO: Sara Joppie

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Kaedan Wright

A hearing regarding Termination of Parental Rights Hearing will be conducted by the court on May 4, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Eaton County Probate Courtroom, 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813 before Hon. Thomas K. Byerley.

You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by judge or jury.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Sara Joppie personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in Termination of Your Parental Rights

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### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:**

Of the Eaton County Townships of Benton Charter, Brookfield, Carmel, Chester, Delta Charter, Eaton, Eaton Rapids, Kalamo, Oneida Charter, Roxand, Windsor Charter and City of Charlotte.

Please take notice that an election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

**For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:**

- Charlotte Public School District Millage Renewal Proposal
- Lansing School District Bonding Proposal

Any qualified elector who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their Local Clerk, the office of their County Clerk, a Secretary of State Branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms may be obtained at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote) and mailed to or dropped off at the office of their Local Clerk. Any qualified elector that has a Michigan Driver's License or Personal ID can also register to vote at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote). Voters who are already registered may update their voter registration at [www.Michigan.gov/vote](http://www.Michigan.gov/vote).

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with their local Clerk's office is **Monday, April 18, 2022**. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person at their local Clerk's office with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

Municipality	Address	Regular Business Hours	Hours on Saturday, April 30 Sunday, May 1	Hours on Tuesday, May 3
Benton Charter Township	5136 Windsor Hwy. Pottersville, MI 48876	Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Brookfield Township	2508 E. Five Point Hwy. Charlotte, MI 48813	By Appointment Call 517-543-1289	Saturday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Carmel Township	661 Beech Hwy. Charlotte, MI 48813	Monday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Others by Appointment	Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Chester Township	5044 Moyer Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813	By Appointment Call 517-543-7750	Saturday 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Delta Charter Township	7710 W. Saginaw Hwy. Lansing, MI 48917	Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Saturday 7:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Eaton Township	3981 E. Clinton Trl. Charlotte, MI 48813	Tuesday 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Saturday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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# April is Autism Acceptance Month

**Isabelle Whiting**  
 Contributing Writer

April is Autism Acceptance Month and begins on World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. Previously known as Autism Awareness Month, The Autism Society is promoting not only a change in the way communities see autism but promote acceptance throughout these communities. The autism community is making this change by calling on media outlets to shift from using

the word awareness to acceptance to promote inclusiveness and change.

Throughout the month parents, special education teachers, non-profits, and people who have been diagnosed with autism share stories and provide opportunities for members of their communities to develop a better understanding and acceptance of people with autism and help to build more support for them within their world.

In 1970, the Autism Society launched a continual

nationwide effort to promote autism awareness and ensuring that those affected by autism can attain the best quality of life possible. In 1972, the Autism Society set in motion National Autistic Children's week which eventually became what today is known as Autism Acceptance Month. Even then the mission was to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and spark change.

Autism Acceptance Month is designed to build awareness of the signs, symptoms, and realities of autism; while focusing on providing information and resources for communities to be more aware of autism, promote acceptance, and be more inclusive. According

to The Autism Society, the goal for Autism Acceptance Month in more depth is to further increase awareness about autism signs, symptoms, and opportunities through information and referrals, events, printable and digital resources, and community partnerships with businesses and organizations dedicated to building exclusive experiences.

In 2020, almost one in every 54 children had been diagnosed with autism this number has risen from one in 125 children in 2010. The Autism Society has many different resources to inform and encourage communities to celebrate differences and be more inclusive to those with autism.

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# Connie's Professional Pet Grooming

**Jennifer Davis**  
Contributing Writer

Connie Friedly of Olivet has been pursuing a passion for animals since she was a young child. At just eight years old, Connie began grooming the dogs of her friends and family. Decades later, she is the proud owner of Connie's Professional Pet Grooming. Her in-home business has now been a staple in the community for over 38 years, providing grooming services for dogs, cats, rabbits and even guinea pigs.

Connie welcomes and appreciates each of her clients like family. She loves being able to create a safe environment for animals in her own home, allowing animals who are easily stressed or prone to anxiety to feel as comfortable as possible. Not only is she able to provide excellent care to her customers but being at home allows her to stay close to her own pets, as well as the animals she rescues. In addition to running a thriving grooming business, she also heads up Pawsibilities Rescue.

After almost 50 years in the field of rescuing animals, Connie is well versed in what it takes to be successful. She ran and operated a humane society for over two decades, deciding later to go her separate way and begin the Pawsibilities Rescue on her own farm. She takes pride in the services she provides, giving personal attention to each animal that comes through her doors. These animals include dogs, cats, livestock, horses, rodents and even exotics. Pawsibilities only accepts what animals

they have adequate space for, so each and every animal on the property is able to receive quality care. Adoption fees are in place and potential adopters must go through a screening process, but anyone is welcome to schedule a time to view the animals and walk the farm. Unlike her grooming business, the rescue is run solely on donations. Regarding support from her community, Connie says, "I cannot thank people enough. So many people have spread information through networking, provided dona-

tions and been here for me through emotional support." She says she never has to worry about having enough donations, "People always come through with whatever is needed."

Having worked with animals in these various fields for nearly her entire life, Connie has a broad understanding of animal behavior. She sees each pet as a unique creature with specific needs and behaviors. She considers herself to be "not just a groomer," aiming to always go above and beyond

for her clients. Her business motto is to be caring, honest and communicate clearly. Grooming clients can expect each appointment to include a bath, ear cleaning, nail trim and haircut. Prices naturally range according to size, species and hair coat. Vaccinations are not required, and she is available for scheduling seven days a week. Connie's Professional Pet Grooming can be reached at (269) 749-9451, or via e-mail at [connie.friedly@gmail.com](mailto:connie.friedly@gmail.com).



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**Deb Malewski**  
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