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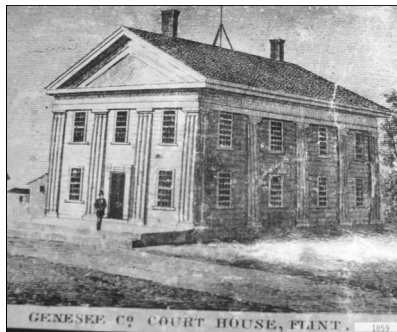
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HISTORY OF THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

The Legislative Council of the Michigan Territory recognized Genesee County as a governmental entity in 1835. The land currently occupied by the Genesee County Courthouse has been the site of the center of justice for the county since 1838.



2nd Courthouse

A two-acre parcel of land, originally owned by early settler John Todd, was deeded to the county by Wait Beach. The land was to be used for a courthouse and public square.

The first courthouse was built in 1838, a solid log structure serving as the courthouse and jail. It was very typical for a courthouse and jail to be adjacent during this period.

A second courthouse was built in 1839 and destroyed by fire in 1866.

A third courthouse was constructed in 1867, at a cost of \$50,000, and it remained in use until 1903.

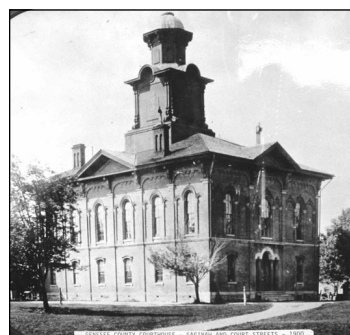
In 1904 an impressive domed courthouse was built. It was destroyed by fire in 1920.

After a few years of debate, the 1926 courthouse was constructed and still stands. It is one of a few neo-classical revival county buildings in Michigan. Frederick D. Madison of Royal Oak was the architect.

In 1930, a jail was designed by the same architect that closely matched. It was located on the corner of Beach and Court Street.

The 1926 courthouse was completed in 16 months at a cost of \$710,000.

A *Courthouse Square* project was undertaken by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners beginning in 1997, which started the next phase of history when the addition to the 1926 courthouse was undertaken. At the same time, the historic Genesee County Courthouse was restored.



3rd Courthouse



4th Courthouse

The "new side" of the courthouse was completed in 2001, with a formal public grand opening on July 10, 2001. The footprint of the courthouse nearly doubled with the addition.



5th Courthouse

It required the implosion of the McAvinchey Building, the former location of the Probate Court. It was located on the corner of Beach and 5th Street. The 1930 jail was also imploded to make way for the addition.

The jail had been closed by federal court order due to outdated conditions and already replaced by the existing jail. It was located on the corner of

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

In a previous Hearsay piece, I used the movie Toy Story as a metaphor for court management. The movie's two protagonists each capture an essential dynamic—Woody's catch phrase "Let's get this wagon train a-movin'" represents achievement through hard work, while Buzz Lightyear's exclamation "To infinity and beyond" represents the use of innovation.

In this issue, I would like to highlight how we have used hard work and innovation in service of our responsibility to ensure security for staff, court users and the public.

We all know that our current times present new challenges to our courthouse security. To meet them we have been working together collectively to

produce a good plan as to the county courthouse, the McCree building and the out-county courts. Participants have included circuit and district judges, court staff, the sheriff and the county commissioners.



In the fall of 2022, the circuit and district courts created the position of Director of Court Security, who reports directly to the chief judges. This position is contracted through the Office of Genesee County Sheriff.

We are fortunate to have an incredibly talented and enthusiastic person in this role, Lt. Ryan Ulshafer. Lt. Ulshafer has hit the ground running, completing a top-to-bottom review of our security situation and produced a plan to address all needs. In doing this, he has utilized the Michigan Supreme Court Security Guidelines in coordination with their security specialist.

Lt. Ulshafer has instituted a comprehensive upgrade of our security systems. Our surveillance camera coverage at the Courthouse and McCree have been increased, upgraded and coordinated. As such, we have drastically increased the coverage and quality of surveillance viewing and reviewing.

Also, for the first time ever, all the out-county court locations

have surveillance cameras in and around each court location.

Panic buttons were replaced, updated and are now tested monthly to ensure operability. In the out-county courts, these panic buttons place a call directly to 911.

New walkthrough magnetometers have also been purchased for circuit court, as well as new security equipment utilized during trials. Additional security screening equipment is in the works.

We have also instituted security staffing for the out-county courts. This is in the form of a cadre of part-time court deputies, who are as-

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ADMINISTRATOR CORNER

The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) requires all of the courts in the State of Michigan to participate in a weekly survey of court users to evaluate the performance of courts and identify areas of excellence and those that may require review. A minimum number of surveys for each court is determined by SCAO.

The surveys are anonymous and take only a few minutes to fill out either in person or by electronic submission for those participating remotely in a court hearing.

Statewide results are compiled and released to the public.

This year the Genesee County Courts participated during the week of September 11-15.

The court administrators would like to thank the court staff who participated.

CIRCUIT COURT

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Shamonja Atkins
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The total number of surveys collected by all courts was nearly 1000!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Left to Right: Andrew Odette, Brieanna McAuliffe



Megan Cottington-Heath



Rebecca Kerr



Left to Right: Shamonja Atkins, Michelle Myers, Cindy Wells, Brenda Becker



Probate Court

Andrew Odette is the judicial advisory assistant (law clerk) for Probate Court Judge, Jennie E. Barkey. Andrew graduated from University of Michigan-Flint and received his law degree from Cooley Law School.

Michelle Myers is a deputy register for the Probate Court. Michelle formerly worked as an administrative associate.

Cindy Wells is a deputy register for the Probate Court. Cindy formerly worked as a residential title examiner for a title company.

Circuit Court

Shamonja Atkins is a family court clerk in the juvenile rec-

ords division. Shamonja was previously a dispute specialist for a bank.

Brenda Becker is a family court clerk in the juvenile records division. Brenda formerly worked as a production typist for a title agency.

Brieanna McAuliffe is the judicial advisory assistant (law clerk) for Criminal/Civil Division Judge, Celeste D. Bell. Brieanna graduated from Albion College and received her law degree from Wayne State Law School.

Friend of the Court

Megan Cottington-Heath is an attorney referee for the Friend of the Court. Megan was formerly in private practice.

Nicole Dee is a program clerk for the Friend of the Court. Nicole formerly worked for the Linden Community Schools.

Rebecca Kerr is an attorney referee for the Friend of the Court. Rebecca was formerly in private practice.

Jessica Pantone is a program clerk for the Friend of the Court. Jessica formerly worked as a receptionist.

Kellie Taljonick is a program clerk for the Friend of the Court. Kellie formerly worked as an optician. -js



Left to Right: Kellie Taljonick, Nicole Dee, Jessica Pantone

- This edition of Hearsay marks the 9th year of publication. When the first committee considered a name for the e-newsletter, there were 16 titles suggested and Hearsay was the winner! It has been a good name and has stood the test of time. Not offered for the truth, just observations and a state of mind.
- Thank you to the leadership and staff at the Genesee County Buildings and Grounds Department, now known as Genesee County Facilities and Operations, for their assistance with the court survey requirements and recent exterior projects.



Happy Halloween from the Legal Beagle (Chief Judge Emeritus Duncan M. Beagle)

FOR THE COURTHOUSE HISTORY BUFFS



When the mural was recreated in courtroom 308, artist Stefan Davidek was commissioned to recreate the original mural from one black and white photo and a small portion of the original mural that was above the suspended ceiling that had been installed in the courtroom when air-conditioning was added.



The mural represents the development of Genesee County from lumbering to agriculture and then the industrial age. Mr. Davidek was an artist of great accomplishment both locally and elsewhere. He had the true artist eye for color and composition.

He asked if he could make an addition to the composition of the mural. The original mural depicted molten metal being poured into a form, likely in a foundry at Buick or Chevrolet.

The original mural would be considered a triptych or having three parts.

He was given permission to add an automobile element to the industrial section. Who were we to question the maestro, simply his customer. He

never let us forget that the court was his customer.

At the time, there was a vintage automobile being displayed at Bishop Airport. Mr. Davidek went there to determine make, model and year. He only wanted to include a vehicle that was consistent with the year of the original mural (1926) creation or before.

He painted in a vintage vehicle and then became concerned as to whether the vehicle that he included was a Buick or a Patterson, both made in Flint. He was really in the weeds here, with no one from the court or his team questioning his work.

One day he brought in a hard bound book to show me a photo of a Buick and a Patterson of around the same age.

I was asked, "Barbara, do you notice anything?" Quickly trying to engage my best critical thinking and observational skills, I told him that the headlights are not quite the same on both vehicles. I can still remember the chuckle and twinkle in his eye. I was given the gold star.

The Patterson and the Buick, at least outwardly, had only one difference. The head-

lights. He wanted to be certain which manufacturer he included.

Fast forward to April 2023, Greg Davidek, the nephew of the late Stefan Davidek, was here from Connecticut to consult with me on other artistic endeavors for the court.

Greg is part of the remaining Davidek family who is also artistically gifted and a living treasure. I told him about the Buick and Patterson story, as we toured the court.

He recalled that before Sloan Museum was a "big place," Stefan was involved with its earliest beginnings. He was hired to make small figures for a diorama to be displayed. It was about Egypt. Steve made the figures, while Greg and another cousin were told to paint Egyptian hieroglyphics on a wall which was part of the diorama.

One day an Egyptian scholar came through the exhibit and made it known that the hiero-

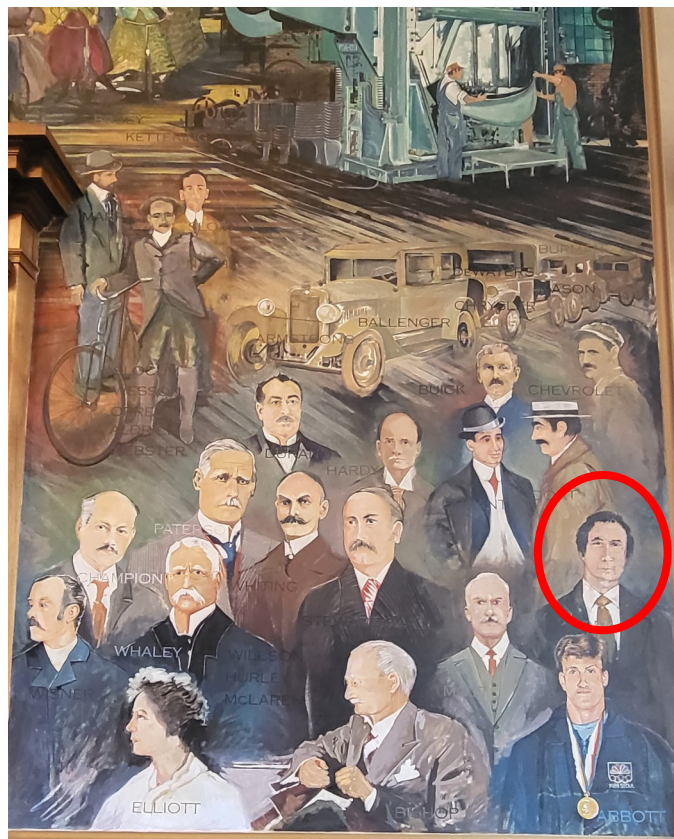
glyphics were not from the Cleopatra period as presented by the Davidek work.

Steve did not like the criticism, even though perhaps accurate, and shared his displeasure with Greg and his cousin. They were middle school age at the time and Greg still remembered it.

Greg linked the Sloan experience to Steve's detail-oriented creation of the vintage automobile. I think he is spot on. This comparison would never be known if it were not for Greg Davidek and the fantastic couple of hours that I spent with him.

The last Stefan Davidek mural is located on the 5th floor, courtroom 515. He was commissioned to paint a new mural as part of the Courthouse Square Project. It would show the development of Genesee County through its small cities, communities and the people who have contributed to

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MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE TURNS 100

MCC turned 100 years old on September 23, 2023.

As the automobile industry grew post WWI, so did its birthplace. Flint had a population of 38,000 in 1910. By 1920, the population was up to 91,000 and by 1930 it was 156,000. Education and training became big issues for the community.

The first new high school was built in 1923 and initially called Oak Grove High School. The name was changed to Central High School in 1927. Also in 1923, the Teachers Committee of the Flint Board of Education recommended that a junior college be started.

The recommendation was accepted and the first class of Flint Junior College included 114 students. Most of the students were Central High School graduates. The junior college was located in the south wing of the new Central High School and shared some facility resources. The new junior college was under the



Distinguished Alumni
Judge Robert M. Ransom (retired)
and Judge Elizabeth A. Kelly

direction of the Superintendent of Flint Schools and would remain so until 1969.

Things began to change in the 1950's and 1960's, after General Motors celebrated its 50th Anniversary and civic pride led to establishing the College and

Cultural Center.

The new campus of Flint Junior College was to follow. The Oak Grove Campus, plus 32 acres of land donated by C.S. Mott for the purpose of building an athletic field house and eventually a new campus was the beginning of what we know today as its current presentation. William Ballenger, Sr. died in 1951 and left a substantial trust to establish chairs of learning and for the construction of an athletic field house. The Ballenger Field House was completed in 1954. Other buildings were to follow, including the Charles Stewart Mott Library built in 1960, from a grant from C.S. Mott.

Also, in the 1960's protests on college campuses were prevalent. The issues were primarily the Vietnam War and civil rights. MCC was no exception. The faculty also became unionized in 1969 and the first contract was completed in 1970. The college also pursued independence from the Flint Board of Education and that was completed in 1969, followed by the voters approving a countywide community college district, a millage and election of a seven-member Board of Trustees.

The institution became Genesee Community College on July 5, 1970. C.S. Mott died in 1973, during the 50th Anniversary of the college. It was renamed after him. The 1970's also was a time of financial turmoil for the college, faculty received pink slips and the Board ultimately ended the reign of the then president of MCC.

The continuing years of operation saw many changes, including branch centers, partnerships with the University of Michigan, creation of Mott Middle College, Job Corps training and the Regional Technology Center (RTC). The RTC was the largest ad-

dition to the campus in decades. The \$35M, 190,000 square foot facility is located on the site of the former St. Joseph Hospital.

The above is a peak into the history of Mott Community College and what can be found in a book, *A Clearer Image*, written by MCC Political Science Professor Emeritus Paul Rozycki and a current Genesee County Jury Board Commissioner.

Courthouse MCC Attendees

Melissa S. Bishop
Jessica Clemens
David Combs
Catrina Crane
Heather Davis
Barbara Hardaker
Holly Haynes
Sheonna M. Hill
Sharee Hubbard
Alyssa Hunt
Kati Hutchinson
LaTivia Johnson
Judge Elizabeth A. Kelly
Lisa Lanxton
Ashley Lovett
Michelle Orvis
Samantha Rivera
Julie M. Schriener (Leineke)
Andrea Seiter
Jennifer Strauel
Tim Sweeney
Patricia Umphrey
Kristany Wilmoth
Scarlett Younglove-Tagge

MCC's FAVORITE SON

In November 2016, The Foundation for Mott Community College held a tribute for retired Judge Thomas E. Yeotis. Having been a Flint Central football, basketball and baseball star (Tim Bograkov was later a triple threat at Flint Central), he had been honored many times. His charity work and commitment to MCC was the spotlight for the event.

Yeotis has served as a trustee for the Foundation for MCC,

president of the Mott Alumni Association and on the Bruin Club board for many years. He was named a Distinguished Alumni, along with other credits for his support for charitable and athletic endeavors.

He started at the former Flint Junior College in 1947 and joined the basketball team. He later attended Michigan State University and earned a degree in business. A business law class piqued his interest and the rest is history.



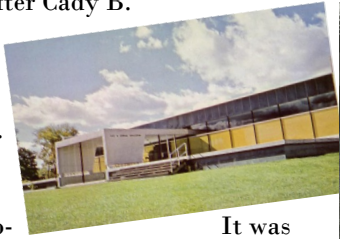
judge, probate judge and circuit court judge. In 1967, he co-founded the Bruin Club.

In 1980, Yeotis and Bruin Club members founded the Greater Flint Sports Hall of Fame, with Yeotis serving as its first president. —bam

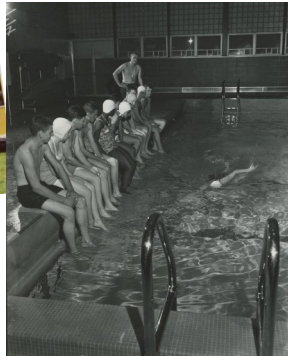
Yeotis was admitted to the bar in 1956 and began his judicial career in 1967. He served as a municipal court

REMEMBER “DURHAM POOL” ON THE CAMPUS OF MCC?

It was named after Cady B. Durham, retired vice-president of General Motors. It was properly referred to as Durham Natatorium. The pool is gone and a fitness center took its place. For the scores of youth who learned to swim, became life-guards and attended competitive swimming events, it will always be referred to as Durham pool.



It was built in 1957 but closed in 2012 because the upkeep was too expensive. In 2014, MCC announced that the facility would be reinvented to become a fitness center, with classrooms for fitness instruc-



The 16,500square foot space remains an important part of the campus.

Michelle Orvis, judicial secretary to Judge Brian S. Pickell, related that she taught swimming at Durham

Pool. “Swim meets” was the phrase that was mentioned by others, local “swim teams” competitively swimming against other schools. –bam

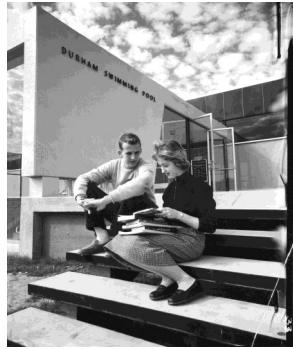


Photo credit: Michelle Orvis

CLARENCE LEONARD “KELLY” JOHNSON (1910-1980)

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER

FLINT JUNIOR COLLEGE (FLINT JC) ALUM

“Kelly” Johnson was a young man from Ishpeming in the upper peninsula of Michigan who came to Flint in the summers to work in the factory at the Buick Motor Division of General Motors. He stayed to attend Flint Central where he graduated in 1928, went on to attend Flint Junior College and then the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, for his bachelor’s and master’s degree in aeronautical engineering.

He was hired by Lockheed as the chief research engineer in 1938. In 1952, he was appointed chief engineer of Lockheed’s Burbank, California plant and in 1956 became vice president of research and development.



In 1958 he became vice-president of the Advanced Development Project (ADP), where his secretive team built the first *P-38 Lightning* prototype. The first offices were in a former bourbon distillery and had an unappealing stench, it became known as “*Skunk Works*.”

Johnson was instrumental in the development of aircraft too numerous to mention here. He led the development of the *SR-71 Blackbird* family of aircraft that flew so high they could neither be intercepted nor shot down. No other airplane has matched *Blackbird’s* performance.

His awards and recognition are 4 pages long, single spacing.

His management rules were, “Be quick, be quite and be on time.”

His life and accomplishments are staggering, even without the local connection to Flint

Central and MCC. With those connections, take pride in a Michigander that made a difference. Look him up and take the time to read about what he accomplished beyond this brief summary.

To read additional information on Clarence Leonard “Kelly” Johnson, [CLICK HERE](#).

GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Genesee County, Michigan was named after Genesee County, New York.

Many of the early industrialists who came to Michigan and settled in Flint and the surrounding communities either were born in New York, or their ancestors were from there.

Genesee is from a Seneca word Gen-nis'-hee-yo, which means *beautiful valley*.

Genesee County, New York is in western New York in the Rochester, Batavia, Seneca Falls area and has a long archeological history going back to the Ice Age, some 10,000-12,000 years.

Varying cultures of indigenous people lived in the area, hundreds of years before European exploration. The Seneca were Iroquois speaking. This brings an additional connection to some of the indigenous people who lived in Michigan.

Genesee County, New York was not fully organized until

1803. It was partitioned several times to create smaller counties. In 1808, it was partitioned to create Livingston and Monroe Counties. Again, a Michigan connection was to come. – bam

SOME 'MIRANDA WARNINGS' FACTS



67th District Court Judge Mark C. McCabe writes "*Ask the Judge*" for the *Tri-County Times*.

Some 'Miranda Warnings' Facts appeared in the September 5th, 2023 edition.

The term "Miranda Warnings" comes to us from the 1966 United States Supreme Court case of *Miranda v Arizona*. Miranda held that a person's statements in response to police interrogation can't be used against them unless certain warnings are given as to their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination and they waive those rights.

Although "Miranda Warnings" may be a familiar

phrase, what they are, when they must be given, and the exceptions probably aren't.

Accordingly, the following are some basic Miranda Warning facts.

Although they can vary by the state, the basic warnings are as follows:

- You have the right to remain silent;
- Anything you say can and will be used against you in court;
- You have the right to be represented by an attorney at any questioning you consent to;
- If you can't afford an attorney, one will be provided. Miranda Warnings are required only when a person is in "custody."

To determine custody, courts consider many factors including (1) The location of the questioning; (2) the duration of the questioning; (3) statements made during the interview; (4) the presence or absence of physical restraints during the questioning; (5) the release of the interviewee at the end of the questioning.

"Interrogation" refers to express questioning by the police or their actions, that they should know are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.

If a defendant makes a "spontaneous utterance" which is incriminating and not a response to a question, Miranda doesn't exclude it.

Generally speaking, traffic stops for drunk driving are not covered by Miranda as

the person isn't considered to be in custody.

In emergency situations such as a gun being in a crowded supermarket and the police asking a suspect "where's the gun," the questions aren't prohibited by Miranda, nor is questioning a person who is not in custody and merely the focus of an investigation.

Finally, if there's a Miranda violation, and at a trial the defendant takes the witness stand and denies committing the crime, the defendant's interview statements can be used against them.

Miranda warnings have been an effective way of protecting a defendant's rights for over 57 years. They are but one example of how our justice system works both fairly and effectively.

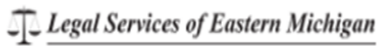
MICHIGAN LEGAL HELP



The Circuit Court law library is officially designated as a Michigan Legal Self-Help Center. Other locations in Genesee County include The Gloria Coles Flint Public Library, Genesee District Library - Grand Blanc and the Offices of Legal Services of Eastern Michigan.

The Self-Help Center Network has staff on-site who are trained to assist visitors to use

the Michigan Legal Help website. These staff members are called “navigators.” Although not attorneys, they can provide direction on how to access information related to court case types that are frequently filed by parties representing themselves.



Legal Services of Eastern Michigan is now at Circuit Court, every Monday from

10am to 3pm. The staff is located on the 2nd floor, room 201 (where vital records was previously located). There is income eligibility criteria to receive services.



The YWCA is also onsite to help with PPO's (personal protection orders). Staff is located on the 2nd floor, room 203. There is staff available every Monday from 9 am to 12pm

and every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm. The YWCA is onsite to provide assistance, particularly to individuals who are concerned about domestic violence. –hh



NOT ALL REFEREES CALL GAMES

The author of the below article is Attorney Referee Mary Hood. The article appeared in Grand Blanc Living, Fenton Neighbors, as well as Davison and Flushing newspapers.

Most recognize a referee as a sports official who presides over competitive athletic or sporting events. These officials ensure that all the rules and regulations of the game are correctly followed. The role of a court referee and a sports official referee are similar, only different arenas. Self-represented litigants with a family law dispute generally appear before an attorney referee in Genesee County. Most are unfamiliar with the referee's role, which could compromise an accurate and fair determination of their case. It is my hope that this article will provide a clear understanding of what a self-represented litigant can expect

when before an attorney referee in Genesee County.

Many litigants opt to appear in court In Pro Propria Persona (In Pro Per). Merriam-Webster defines the Latin phrase In Pro Propria Persona as “in one's own person or character.” Although the right to self-representation exists, there is a glitch, or quite possibly an insurmountable mountain to climb; the law holds self-represented litigants to the same standards binding attorneys, even in a referee hearing.

Understanding that when you appear before a court referee, you are appearing for a court proceeding, is the first step to understanding what to expect at a referee hearing. Procedures and decorum in courtrooms generally apply at a court referee hearing: you must be on time, you must dress appropriately (no tank tops, crop tops, shorts, sandals, etc.), you must be civil,

and you must come prepared to present your case. Being prepared for a referee hearing means knowing statutory law, case law, the Michigan Rules of Court, and the Michigan Rules of Evidence. Compliance with these laws and rules forms the basis for the referee to reach a fair and just result. Referees cannot help litigants try their cases nor give legal advice.

Most referee decisions are recommendations, which do not take immediate effect, unlike an order entered by a judge. Parties have 21 days to object to a referee's recommendation. Objections are heard by a judge at a judicial hearing. The judge decides whether to grant or deny the objection. If the objection is denied, the judge signs an order adopting the referee's recommendation as the court's order. If the objection is granted, the judge enters an order setting forth his/her decision. It is important to have your “ducks

in a row” at the referee hearing because the judge has discretion at the judicial hearing and may not, for example, allow new witnesses to testify at the judicial hearing. MCR 3.215 (F)(2)(c).

In closing, while attorney referees are not judges, they must ensure that legal rules and regulations pertaining to a proceeding are correctly followed. This is hindered when a case is not adequately litigated. Most pro per litigants are not licensed to practice law. However, if you plan to represent yourself in court, you must acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively do so before your day in court. –mh



geneseeLIVING

Fredricka Savage is the columnist for geneseeLIVING.

Fall is here and even though we have to say goodbye to warmer weather and pack away our summer clothes, that does not mean it is time to stay indoors. The color changing leaves makes for a beautiful canvas for some outdoor fun! Check out some of these local events.

2023 Scrumpy Skedaddle 5K/10

Fall running out in the country is as good as it gets and Almar Orchards in Flushing is the real deal. This hard working Michigan family farm makes the award winning, organic, J.K.'s Scrumpy Hard Cider, the perfect post run remedy. Hard cider mavins travel from all over the world to come to visit the home of J.K.'s Scrumpy, a Pure Michigan treasure. Besides a beautiful fall run through the orchards you'll get a soon to be collector's item finishers glass, fun and useful bottle opening finisher's medal and the best hard or soft cider you've ever swilled.

After the race plan on sticking around for some fun at the orchard! Hard cider tasting, take a walk around the orchard, playscapes for the kids, farm animals, live music and all you can eat pancake breakfast from Chris Cakes of MI. Start Times

Price: 5K - \$45 10K - \$50
Cider Skedaddle Kids 1K -

\$25 Early registration discounts available.

Date: Sunday, October 1, '23

Time: Kids' 1K - 9:30 a.m.;

5K - 10:00a.m.; 10K -

10:45a.m.

Location: 1431 Duffield Road, Flushing, MI 48433

Spooky Trails Farm Pumpkin Picking Hayride & Corn Maze

Enjoy a leisurely wagon ride across the 122 acre farm right to the pumpkin patch. The perfect fall activity for family, friends, and loved ones to experience together. Afterwards, get lost in our family-friendly corn maze. Don't turn back until you find all six check points! Children under the age of 2 are admitted for free under the condition that they do not get a pumpkin. All other customers are required to pay the \$12 admissions in order to get on the pumpkin picking hayride, even if not picking a pumpkin.

Price: \$12 per person (children under 2 free if they do not get a pumpkin)

Date: October 1-October 29

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: 8266 Baldwin Road, Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Outdoor Explorers: Terrific Turtles

Did you know Michigan has 10 different species of turtles? Four of those are at risk of becoming endangered! Join us as we play a game to learn how scientists keep track of at risk turtles. Then, we'll get to meet some of our turtles here at For-Mar and hopefully see some in their natural habitat! **Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Time: 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m..

Location: 2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509

Price: \$5 per student

International Music Festival Concert

FYSO + Ahrensburg Youth Symphony Orchestra Flint School of Performing Arts Production

Join the Flint Youth Symphony Orchestra (FYSO) in welcoming the Ahrensburg (Germany) Youth Symphony Orchestra to Flint!

The Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ahrensburg (Germany) has been in existence since 1968 and has gained experience on many international stages. In over 50 years, the young musicians have performed not only works from Beethoven to Wagner, but also film and musical music as well as premieres of international contemporary composers. Furthermore, many of the orchestra's instrumentalists have also gained unique stage experience through solo concerts. More information on jsoa.de and on Instagram @jsoahrensburg **Date:** Thursday, October 5, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: 1241 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503

Admission: \$8-\$15 Genesee County residents receive 30% off (discount applied at checkout)

Center of Hope Chef Showdown

After a three year hiatus the Center of Hope Chef Showdown is back bigger and better than ever! Chef Matt Scitney was the 2019 winner as head chef of

Andiamo Fenton. This year the current head chef of Andiamo Fenton, Chef Amanda Nedler will be defending their title! The Center of Hope Chef Showdown is a fast-paced, exciting evening focusing on the three course competition in which the competing chefs are challenged to use a secret ingredient that must be used in each course. Enjoy fantastic food from a wide variety of local restaurants, enjoy live entertainment and more! The Chef Showdown benefits the Center of Hope.

Date: Friday, October 6, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Flint Farmers Market 300 E. First St. Flint, MI 48502

Admission: \$100 per person

2023 Flushing Harvest Fest

Come downtown to enjoy the Flushing Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm! Our autumn extravaganza showcases all that is fall in Michigan. Main Street is lined with homemade scarecrows created by community members and businesses. Prizes will be awarded to the top three scarecrows. Other activities include, apple pie baking contest, pie eating contest, chalk art contest, beard contest, and chili cook off, along with local entertainment, dance shows, pumpkin painting, arts/crafts, and more! **Date:** Saturday, October 7, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Downtown Flushing

5K On The Runway

5K on the RUNway is back! Racers will take the runway for a flat, fast 5K at Bishop International Airport. Go to cri.org/runway for more info. IMPORTANT: Any spectator that plans to attend MUST pre-register in order to enter bishop

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International Airport. To pre-register, sign up under the Spectator Pass event tile.

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023 **Time:** 10 a.m. **Location:** Bishop Airport 5081 Torrey Rd. Flint, MI 48507

5th Annual Downtown Swartz Creek Trunk or Treat

6th Annual Downtown Trunk or Treat! Tons of food, fun and goodies for the entire family. OUTDOOR MOVIE AT DUSK! We will be screening THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS! Bring your chairs and blankets and watch in the Holland Square Parking Lot. **Price:** Free

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: 8047 Miller Rd. Swartz Creek, MI 48473

5th Annual Jeepers Creekers Costumed Fun Run & 5K

The Jeepers Creekers 5K is a COSTUMED fun run that's a great time for the entire family! Early sign up gets a medal & shirt.

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 8047 Miller Rd. Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Fall Harvest Festival

Celebrate the season at Applewood and join us for free family fun in Flint! Fall Harvest Festival celebrates everything that makes Applewood special: A place where family and friends can enjoy nature's beauty, have fun, learn about history, eat locally grown food, acquire a new skill, and experience the enduring legacy of C.S. and Ruth Mott.

Date: Saturday, October 7, '23

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Applewood Estate 1400 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48503

Ghosts & Goodies at Crossroads Village

Halloween is coming. That means making your way to Crossroads Village for one of autumn's greatest traditions: Halloween Ghosts & Goodies. Through October, you'll find treats and tricks, cider and doughnuts, little monsters and big fun for the whole family. From the magic show at the Colwell Opera House to our straw maze and the 20 treat stops throughout the Village, it's sure to put you in the spirit of the season — all of it included with your admission. And if you're looking for a Halloween memory to last a lifetime, don't forget to top off your visit with a 40-minute ride through the autumn countryside on the famous Huckleberry Ghost Train Express.

Date: October 7 - October 29, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad 6140 Bray Road Flint, MI 48505

20th Annual Octoberfest

Indulge in a spirited celebration at St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center's Octoberfest, a fund-raising event where good times meet a great cause! Join us for an unforgettable evening of a live and silent auction along with mouth-watering food, all aimed at raising funds to empower lives and transform communities in Flint. Come together, make a difference, and experience the magic of Octoberfest while supporting St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center's mission of changing lives one step at a time.

Date: Sunday, October 8, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: 1505 West Court Street Flint, MI 48503

Price: \$45 per person

34th Annual Exhibit of the Flint African American Quilting Guild

Members of the Flint African American Quilters Guild will display the work of their hands and hearts in the C.S. Mott Foundation Community Room all day October 12-14. In addition, sewers from the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center will display quilts they have made through the program. Quilting artist and former Flint native Mary Henley will share her quilted art work and speak about her life journey as a quilter and quilt entrepreneur on Saturday, October 14 at 2 p.m.

Dates: October 13—15, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 1026 East Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48503

Art on Tap: Beer, Bourbon & BBQ

Join us to sample an exclusive selection of craft beers and sip on unique bourbons under multiple tents in the crisp fall air. Guests will enjoy a delicious barbecue buffet and donut bar, live music, art demo, giant games and more! Enter to win amazing raffle packages on site. Proceeds from the event support museum programming and outreach programs for PreK-12 students. A limited amount of rare and hard to find beers and bourbons will be available so reserve your Early Access tickets to ensure you get a taste! Visit flintarts.org/events/beer-tasting or call us at 810.234.1695 for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

Date: Friday, October 13, '23

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: 1120 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48503

Halloween Arts & Craft Market

Join SLPR and the Fenton Community & Cultural Center for a 'Halloween Arts & Craft Market' followed by a 'Witches & Wizards Ball'. Register online to be a Market Vendor. Space is limited so register early!

Date: Saturday, October 13,

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: 150 S. Leroy St. Fenton, MI 48430

Halloween Bounce Bash

Get ready for a weekend filled with family-friendly frights and delightful bounces! Share the excitement using

Date: October 13-15, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: 5432 Hill 23 Dr. Flint, MI 48507

Howling Haunted Trail

The Howling Haunted Trail is a truly terrifying adventure through the haunted woods behind the shelter. Better than other haunts as you do NOT have to stand in a line. Simply check in at the gate, while you wait we have cozy fires and corn hole, a beer tent, table games, spooky music and a great food truck. When it is your turn we will text you to come to the front of the trail! Enjoy the long walk through the forest as our volunteer actors test your nerve. Don't worry if you lose control of your bodily functions, you are not the first, we will add you to our tally of victims. Not recommended for children.

Dates: Fridays and Saturdays October 13-28, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Location: 13575 N. Fenton Rd. Fenton, MI 48430

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Price: \$25 Fridays and \$30 Saturdays when purchased online

Trunk-Or-Treat on Main Street

Bring your little ones to our annual trunk-or-treat! Enjoy an evening of costumes and candy. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors at a local church.

Price: Free

Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Downtown Davison

Witches' & Wizards' Ball

Join the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and the Fenton Community & Cultural Center for a Witches & Wizards Ball. DJ and Dancing – 8:00-11:00pm. Prizes for the best costume at the Ball. Advance Tickets: \$10 per person, At the door after 5:00 p.m.: \$15 per person. FREE admission to the Craft Market 5:00-8:00pm
Date: Friday, October 13, 2023
Time: 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Location: 150 S. Leroy St. Fenton, MI 48430

Zombies, Scarecrows and Monsters

Two nights of Family Fun. It all starts with a Zombie walk on Friday Night followed by a walk through one or more of our trails. We have the Trick or Treat Trail for all ages and the Scary Trail for those that like an adventure. Heaven on a Roll and The Fry Guy will be on hand to satisfy the cravings of all the Ghouls and Goblins as well as vendors and other activities in the Pavilion.

Date: October 13 & 14, 2023

Time: 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Location: Eagle's Wooden Park 120 Walmar St. Linden, MI 48451

3rd Annual Harvest Festival

Included in the purchase of a wrist band will be inflatables, pony rides, hay rides, a petting zoo, face painting, glitter tattoos, carnival games, trick or treating, crafts and MORE! Wristbands MUST be purchased in advance. Wristbands are necessary for anyone who plans to participate in the activities (carnival games, inflatables, face painting, etc.) Please keep in mind these activities are geared towards children ages 3-12. Adults and children who are too young to participate are FREE.

Price: \$25 per person (\$30 after October 1)

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Bicentennial Park 1505 E. Grand Blanc Rd. Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Clio Can Do Color Run/Walk

Grab the family for a FUN, FALL COLOR RUN on Saturday, October 15 @ 10AM. Support the Clio Cross Country Team, the Youth Sports Complex, the Compassionate Life Foundation, and the Freedom 4 Veterans project!

Featuring three optional color stations.

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 13141 N. Linden Rd. Clio, MI 48420

Price: \$25 per adult registrant 18 & Under \$15

Fall Harvest Festival & Fall Color Rides at For-Mar

We are excited to invite you to the Fall Harvest Festival at For-Mar. This program includes Fall Harvest Garden Time, Cider Making Demo and harvest themed crafts & activity area.

The combo includes the Fall Harvest Festival activities as well as a colorful tram ride through the For-Mar Arbore-

tum & Nature Preserve where we will share fun fall nature facts and history of the For-Mar property.

Date: October 14, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: 2142 N. Genesee Rd. Burton, MI 48509

Flint NAACP Branch 42nd Annual Freedom Fund Dinner

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with celebration, inspiration, and community. This in-person event will be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Grand Blanc, located on Regency Park Drive in Grand Blanc, MI, USA. Get ready to indulge in a delectable dinner while enjoying the company of fellow advocates for equality and justice. The Freedom Fund Dinner has been a long-standing tradition, and this year promises to be our best yet.

Price: \$100 per person

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: 3405 Regency Park Dr. Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Grand Blanc City Firefighters 5K Walk/Run

Grand Blanc City Firefighters 5k Run/Walk to raise money for the Grand Blanc City Firefighters Association, money raised will go towards Scholarship(s) for Grand Blanc High School Seniors perusing careers in Fire/Police/Emergency Medicine careers.

The course is 5 kilometers or 3.1 miles. Race will start at Grand Blanc High School West Campus parking lot and complete at the Grand Blanc City Fire Department on High Street, approximately 1/4 mile from the start and parking. The race will kick off the annual Grand Blanc City Fire Department Open House, free food, station and truck tours,

Jaws of Life demonstrations, and live fire hoses for the kids!

Date: Saturday, October 14

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 1 Jewett Trail Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Price: \$25

Pumpkin Festival

Come and enjoy all the fun, family friendly activities at the Davison Pumpkin Festival! Located on Main Street in downtown Davison, the festival will feature family activities, crafts, contests and so much more!

Date: October 14, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Downtown Davison

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Join the original Magenta - Patricia Quinn - for a screening of the original unedited movie with a live shadow cast and audience participation. Plus a costume contest, and more! *Get exclusive tickets to the V.I.P. Meet & Greet to meet Patricia Quinn herself, have a personal photo opportunity, and get an autograph.

Date: October 14, 2023

Time: 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Location: 140 E. Second St. Flint, MI 48502

Trunk-Or-Treat and Zombie Walk

Come dressed in your best costume and trick-or-treat at our decorated trunks full of candy and goodies.

Price: Free

Date: October 14, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: 301 Rogers Lodge Dr. Clio, MI 48420

For a list of more events visit exploreflintandgenesee.org —fs

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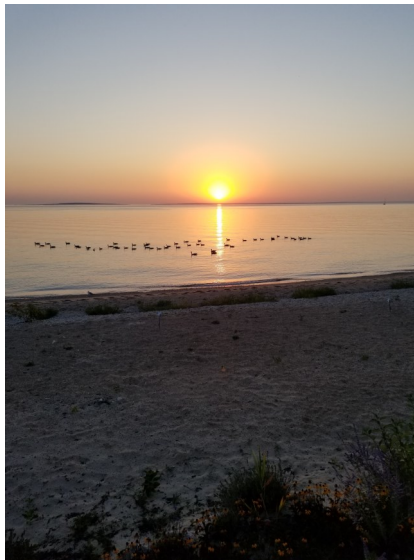
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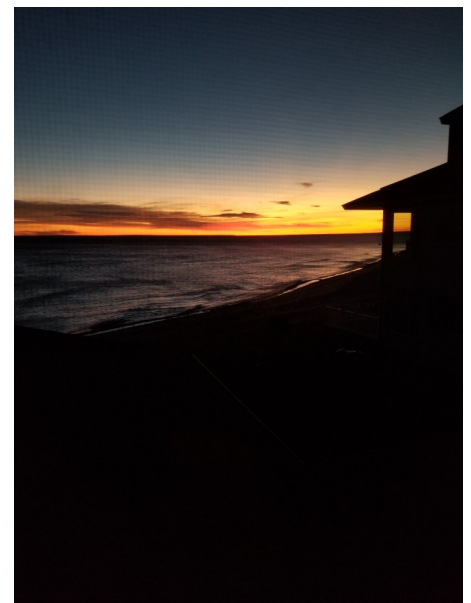
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Sunrise on Lake Huron



Pictured Rocks



Sunrise after a storm on Lake Huron

FOR THE COURTHOUSE HISTORY BUFFS (CONT'D)

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our local history. Steve painted himself in the mural.

On September 28, 2007 the court hosted a reception to honor Stefan Davidek and formally receive the mural.

His entire family was in attendance to honor the artistic patriarch. It was the last Davidek mural and I think that he knew that it would be the last.

The Courthouse is, in many ways, a celebration of the life of Stefan Davidek.

During the Courthouse Square Project, some early Stefan Davidek paintings were discovered at an auction in Lansing. Weekend phone calls gauging the interest of the court to purchase and the logistics of buying the paintings will be covered in another

article. You might say, the rest of the story. –bam



THE CHIEF SPEAKS (CONT'D)

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signed based on a review of scheduling activity at each out-county location. They are employed through the Office of the Genesee County Sheriff.

Walkthrough magnetometers and handheld magnetometers were also purchased for the out-county court locations. Now with ample personnel and equipment, visitors on court dates can be screened.

A special work group proposed an enhanced security protocol with regard to criminal jury trials. This has been adopted by the criminal division judges.

The protocol includes: more stringent procedures with regard to jury management, expanded use of the double jury courtroom, increased hallway security, expanded notice and enforcement with regard to impermissible electronic device use and many other measures.

Lt. Ulshafer has offices in the Courthouse and at McCree. He is on duty every day to ensure security.

He is the point person with regard to any security concern and can quickly access the sheriff or other police agencies or first responders as needed. He is always just a phone call away.

I am proud of how the Genesee County Courts have accepted the challenge to enhance our

security in response to the challenges of our modern world.

While it is an on-going process, we have already achieved a great deal.

It certainly makes me feel a lot feel safer just to know that Lt. Ulshafer—the best mixture between Woody and Buzz I can think of—is walking the beat. –cjdjn

HISTORY OF THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE (CONT'D)

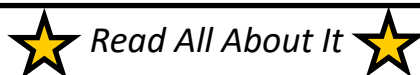
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Beach and Court Street. With the implosion of both structures, the deeded land was once again returned to the original use and anchor tenant,

the Genesee County Courthouse.

A side note, until the Genesee County Administration was built in 1969, most county offices were in the 1926 Courthouse, including the auditori-

um for the governing body known as the Genesee County Board of Supervisors. The meeting room was on the 5th floor, spanning the width of the building which now encompasses a courtroom and parts of two judicial offices. –bam



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