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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONORING SARAH EMMA EDMONDS AND EVA BELLES

In recognition of March as Women's History month, the *Hearsay* committee is highlighting two courageous women from Flint who are memorialized in the Courthouse Square – Sarah Emma Edmonds and Eva Belles.



Sarah Emma Edmonds

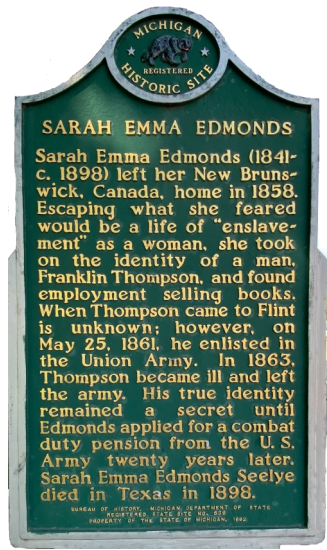
Canadian-born Sarah Emma Edmonds, escaping what she feared would be a life of "enslavement" as a woman, took on the identity of a man, Franklin Thompson.

On May 25, 1861, Edmonds (as Thompson) enlisted in the Union Army and fought in the American Civil War. Edmonds enrolled in Company F, Second Michigan Infantry, disguised as Franklin Thompson, and saw action at the first Battle of Bull Run and, as part of the Army of the Potomac, at Second Bull Run and Fredericksburg.

Thompson's true identify remained a secret until Edmonds applied for a combat duty pen-

sion from the U.S. Army twenty years later. On July 3, 1886, Congress granted Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye an honorable discharge from combat duty and a pension.

A historical marker of Edmonds / Thompson is located on the grounds of the Courthouse Square, at the intersection of West Court Street and Saginaw Street.



In April 1888, Eva Belles tried to vote in a Flint school election. However, because she was a woman, the election inspectors refused to receive her ballot.

Belles sued in Genesee County Circuit Court and won. The election inspectors appealed, and the Michigan Supreme Court upheld the lower court.



MRS. EVA BELLES,
Drawing.

As a result, women like Eva Belles won the right to vote in certain school elections.

Belles' battle paved the way for women's suffrage in Michigan, which would not be achieved until 1918 when the Michigan Constitution was amended to provide full voting rights for women.



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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

For this edition of *The Chief Speaks*, I'd like to get a little philosophical and pose the following question: What is the law?

In a way, it's easy to answer this: it's what we all do every morning after we brush our teeth and drive to the courthouse. But on the other hand, it can be surprisingly hard to pin down.

Why? Well, for one thing, the law keeps changing. Take any area of the law and you can see it. And you don't have to be a lawyer. All you have to do is read the news and you can see enormous changes in the law with regard to guns, abortion, marijuana and on and on. So the law isn't so much a thing as it is a process. But if there is a big idea, it's that law exists to resolve conflicts. If you and your neighbor are fighting over where the fence goes, you can either have a shootout at the OK Corral or you can file a lawsuit.

But how does the judge decide where the fence goes? A system of government was set up by the US Constitution to determine how law would be made.

However, the Constitution wants to have its cake and eat it too. It features two contradictory things: effective power, but also limited power. How do you have both? This is how it the Constitution solved it: the effective power would be



vested in a president and a congress, while the limitation of that power would be tasked to the judiciary. Judges.

It was none other than Alexander Hamilton who wrote about judges in the *Federalist Papers*. (Yes, that Alexander Hamilton, the star of the Broadway show.) He certainly didn't throw away his shot when he described the judiciary as the weakest of the three branches of government. He noted that the president held the sword and the congress held the purse. But what did judges hold? Absolutely nothing! Nothing! (The gavel doesn't count because we can't

throw it at the people.)

So the only thing judges have is their good judgment. Think of it—our entire system of government depends on judges making good decisions. That's a lot of pressure for us judges.

And that's why we write opinions about how we come to our decisions. Like in eighth grade algebra, we must show our work. This is for the benefit of the parties—it's a lot easier for the losing side to accept the decision when they understand why they lost. But we also must show our work so that our decisions can be appealed.

My brother is an emergency room doctor. If he makes a mistake, there's no appeal. If I make a mistake, appellate judges can correct it. And I'm grateful that they do. But sometimes appeals courts don't reverse us because we made a mistake. Sometimes they do it because they want to change the law.

So a case can serve two purposes—one to resolve a conflict between litigants and the another to change the law for all cases. We've all heard

about *Brown v Board of Education*. This was a case that started at the trial level when Oliver Brown thought it unjust that his daughter Linda should have to ride a bus to a far away segregated school when she could just walk a few blocks to the closest school.

It would end with the landmark Supreme Court ruling that racial segregation violates our Constitution. And so, this decision changed not only the life of Linda Brown, but it changed the course of history for our entire country.

As for the question I posed at the beginning, what is the law? The answer is provided every day by all of us—judges, lawyers, staff, clerks, etc—who play important roles in producing the good decisions that aggregate to form the law.

As such, it's important to remember that Linda Brown's case started as a lawsuit in front of a trial judge in a courthouse just like ours. — cjdjn

ADMINISTRATOR CORNER

Specialty Court Services Office Created – Director Hired

The various specialty or “problem-solving” courts in the probate and circuit courts – mental health court, veterans treatment court, family dependency treatment court, and adult felony recovery court – now have a central administrative office and a newly-hired director.

Breana Benham has been hired in the inaugural role to man-

age the office. Breana joins the court after five years in a treatment agency administrative role working with an agency serving seven Michigan counties, and has experience working closely with the courts, Michigan Department of Corrections, jails, and other community stakeholders.

She teaches a course related to sexual violence and the screening and assessment of substance use at Saginaw Valley State University as an adjunct professor. “Partnership and



continuum of care are both concepts I think are extremely important and I'm looking forward to how I can drive that home in Genesee County. I'm excited and eager to see what opportunity this new position can bring, how we can ramp up our existing program-

ing, and help the most amount of people to rehabilitate instead of reoffend.”

The office will look to create a more centralized intake model for referrals to specialty courts. A new email address has been created to centralize referrals to the various programs – specialtycourtrefferrals@geneseecountymi.gov.-so

Welcome Breana!

CHILD SUPPORT NAVIGATOR PILOT

Around two-thirds of families with Friend of the Court cases start their case with the Michigan Office of Child Support and the Family Support Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

In the State of Michigan, this partnership of the Office of Child Support, Prosecuting Attorneys, and Friend of the Court make up the child support program.

Over the last several years, there have been efforts to get feedback from families about how they would like to see the child support program improve. One of the suggestions from families was to have "Child Support Navigators" who can assist families as they navigate the challenging child support system. To meet that end, the Office of Child Support

partnered with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to fund and develop a pilot program in 4 Michigan counties: Calhoun, Kent, Wayne, and Genesee. The Genesee County Friend of the Court was selected in part due to the existing community partnerships with non-profit agencies who serve families.

Each pilot community receiving the grant funding will be testing out a different model of the navigator program.

In Calhoun, the efforts will be focused in the Michigan Works office. In Wayne, there will be navigators embedded in multiple different locations around the county. Genesee County will build on the existing relationship with InvolvedDad and a new sub-organization, Family Forward, will offer navigator services to families in Genesee County.

The Child Support Navigators will get training from the Friend of the Court and will be able to assist families who are navigating the family court system, without providing legal advice, in locations that will be easy and accessible for those families.

It is expected that navigators will be out at community locations and will be connecting families to valuable resources.

The Genesee County navigator pilot will begin this summer and will last for one year. At the end of the one-year pilot, there will be a one-year evaluation of the program. The evaluation will be a rigorous evaluation to determine what lessons can be learned from rolling out a navigator program.

As the Court continues our efforts to develop a robust Legal

Resource Center, we are hopeful that this pilot program and funding will open up additional opportunities to serve the families who are navigating the family court.

It is an honor and a privilege to be selected among the 83 counties in Michigan as a site for this pilot program. We look forward to continuing to partner with the Office of Child Support, the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, Family Forward, and the families in our community to make this program a success.

We are grateful for the opportunity to infuse our community with additional resources and continue to build the network of programming for those we serve in the Family Division of the 7th Circuit Court. –tm



THE HEARSAY RULES



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

The Hearsay Rules appeared in the March 5th 2024 edition.

The law has numerous rules to ensure that there is fairness. Among the most important of these are the hearsay rules which generally prevent the admission into evidence of certain statements.

The following is a brief summary.

Hearsay is a "statement" that: (1) the "declarant" does not make while testifying at the current trial or hearing; (2) and

a party offers in evidence to prove "the truth of the matter asserted" in the statement.

The declarant is the person who makes the out-of-court statement.

A statement is a person's oral or written assertion, or nonverbal conduct if the person intended it as an assertion. The truth of the matter asserted means the statement itself is being used as evidence to prove the substance of the statement.

So if a witness testifies a declarant said "John told me that Larry is his friend" to prove John and Larry are friends, it's inadmissible hearsay.

The reasons for the hearsay rules center around out-of-court statements not being admissible because there can't be cross exami-

nation or a guarantee of reliability.

There are 24 hearsay exceptions which have sufficient reliability along with other out-of-court statements which aren't hearsay and therefore admissible.

A few of the most common exceptions are:

"Excited Utterance" when the statement is related to a startling event while the declarant is under the stress or excitement of the event or condition such as a declarant saying, "The car is on fire."

"Present Sense Impression" when there is a statement describing or explaining an event or condition made while or immediately after the declarant perceived it, an example being a declarant telling the police about

an event within 15 minutes after it occurred.

A statement of the declarant's then existing state of mind or emotional, sensory, or physical condition such as intent, plan, motive, design, mental feeling, pain, or bodily health such as a declarant saying "she's afraid."

An example of an out-of-court statement not being hearsay is when it is made by one party and offered into evidence by their opponent.

There are other exceptions and non-hearsay examples too numerous to mention here.

Suffice it to say, judges and lawyers must know the hearsay rules backwards and forwards as "hearsay" is a frequent objection.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Left to Right: Tara Henderson, Kimberly Davis, Jodi Doherty, Brooke Pung, Wendy Beinlich, Yvette Watson (seated)

Circuit Court Aidan Sprague-Rice is the judicial law clerk for Criminal/Civil Division Judge, Brian S. Pickell. Aidan received his law degree

from Michigan State University -College of Law and his PhD from Michigan State University. (not pictured)

Tara Henderson is a family court clerk in the juvenile records division. Tara previously worked at Ascension as a health unit coordinator.

Kimberly Davis is the jury management supervisor. Kimberly was previously an office manager in 67th District Court.

Jodi Doherty is a family court clerk in the juvenile records division. Jodi is a retired teacher and previously worked at Genesee County Animal Control.

Brooke Pung is a family court clerk in the juvenile records division. Brooke formerly worked at Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Wendy Beinlich is a family court clerk in the juvenile records department. Wendy previously worked for State Bank.

Yvette Watson is the supervisor in the juvenile records division. Yvette formerly worked at the Juvenile Justice Center.



Left to Right: Nikiaya Mahone, Antwan Davis, Desiree Fischer

Antwan Davis is a juvenile probation officer. Antwan previously worked at REACH resource services.

Nikiaya Mahone is a juvenile probation officer. Nikiaya was previously a crisis counselor.-js

Juvenile Probation

Desiree Fischer is a juvenile probation officer. Desiree previously worked as a foster care case manager.

The Firsts . . .

The first female Genesee County Circuit Court Judge was Judge Elza Papp, elected in 1965. Papp was also the first female assistant prosecutor, hired in 1947.

The first female Genesee County Judge of Probate (this is the correct way to refer to a Probate Judge, as told by the late Judge of Probate Allen J. Nelson) is Judge Jennie E. Barkey aka notorious JEB (2006)

The first female 68th District Court Judge was Judge Judith A. Fullerton (1980)

The first female African American 68th District Court Judge was Judge Lee Vera Lloyd (1983 -1985)

The first female 67th District Court Judge was Judge Arthalu Lancaster (1989)

The first female Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court was Justice Mary S. Coleman (1972) and the first female Chief Justice (1979).

The first female president of the Genesee County Bar Association was Arthalu Lancaster (1987-88)

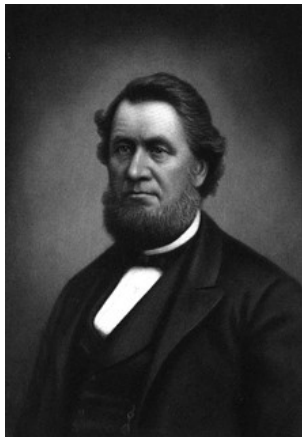
The first female African American Genesee County Circuit

Court Judge is Judge Celeste D. Bell (2018)

The first African American female to serve as a Genesee County Commissioner was Charlotte Williams (1965-1984). She was also the first African American president of the National Association of Counties (NACO) (1978-1979). -bam



GOVERNOR CRAPO AND WILLSON PARK



When Governor Henry H. Crapo, Michigan's 15th Governor, brought his family to Genesee County from New Bedford, Massachusetts in 1858, he built a spacious home on what is now called Willson Park in downtown Flint.

It was a large home with rambling gardens. The home and property were later purchased by Dr. James C. and Rhoda Crapo Willson.

Rhoda was one of Governor Crapo's 9 daughters. The couple moved into the home in 1877, after it was occupied by another Crapo daughter and her family.

The home was then left to the only son of James and Rhoda Willson, George Crapo Willson.

Willson offered the park to the City of Flint with the stipulation that it must be used for a public park. It was purchased for \$25,000 in 1913. The home was razed.

Crapo had intended to build elsewhere. Soon after his arrival in 1855 to build lumber mills, he purchased 40 acres which now encompasses a large part of the Flint Cultural Center. In his early diaries, he referred to the area as "hazelwood." Crapo established the mills,

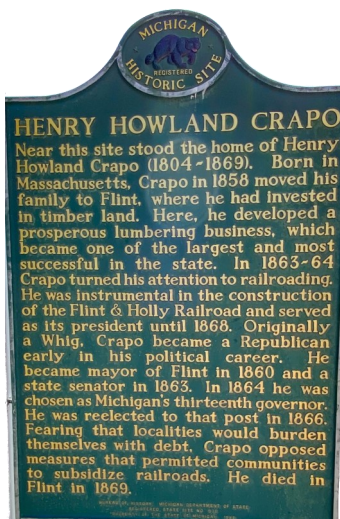
but returned east without building a home.

When he returned another home had been built on park property and it was available to purchase. He purchased it and began to expand the home and create elaborate landscaping. He was an accomplished student of horticulture.

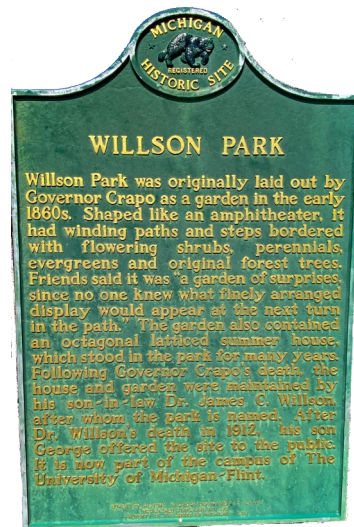
Crapo was accomplished in business, farming, banking, railroading and politics. He

was mayor in 1860, state senator in 1862 and Michigan Governor from 1864-1888. He was Michigan's Civil War Governor.

He maintained the Crapo Farm in Swartz Creek, 1000 acres upon which he raised purebred Hereford stock that was the oldest in the United States. The home he built there and the farm were maintained by Crapo family until 1955. – bam



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MICHIGAN JUDICIAL COUNCIL (MJC)

THE WORKFORCE OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Report and Recommendations (November 2023)

The Michigan Supreme Court established the Michigan Judicial Council pursuant to MCR 8.128 to make recommendations on matter pertinent to the administration of justice and the strategic plan of the Michigan judicial branch.

A report was published in November 2023, not necessarily the official position or policies of the Michigan Supreme Court. However, the findings and recommendations may be of interest to judges, judicial branch employees, attorneys and other stakeholders who intersect with the judicial branch.

The link to the full report can be found [HERE](#).

It is interesting to consider how going through the COVID-19 pandemic has shaped the ongoing operations of courts, the expectations of the workforce and court users.

Although the report acknowledges that there are many more questions or observations as opposed to long term solutions, there are insightful issues raised and a robust discussion

about the path forward. It is included in this edition of *Hearsay* for your review. –bam



JURY MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR DEPARTING OH CANADA!!

Christine Greig, circuit court jury management supervisor will leave her position effective March 29, 2024. Chris and her husband are relocating back to Canada, where they have family.

The Court was lucky to employ Chris since January 2, 2019. She worked in a law firm and had other private sector work experience that positioned her very well for the demanding role. While Chris was with the

Court, jury management was upgraded to remote access to fill out jury questionnaires and remote capability to update jurors as to reporting dates and times.

Genesee County Circuit Court is the only court in the State of Michigan paying juror fees in cash with cash dispensing kiosks that work in tandem with the jury software to record days of service and make the proper payments.

Kim Davis, a 67th District Court employee with vast experience, including jury management, has been hired to take over the jury management supervisor position.

Chris was able to train with Kim for two weeks before her departure. Rebecca Gillette, former ADR Secretary, has moved over to the jury management team for a smooth transition.

Good luck to Chris and welcome Kim.-bam



COURT SECURITY DIRECTOR MOVING ON AND MOVING UP

Genesee County Sheriff Lt. Ryan Ulshafer, and the first Court Security Director for the Genesee County Courts, is leaving his position to work once again with the Genesee Intermediate School District as the Executive Director for Safety and Security.

Ryan worked at GISD for ten years in a variety of security positions, as a deputy, canine handler and school resource officer, delivering his signature level of service. It was with a tinge of sincere regret that he delivered his resignation to Sheriff Swanson, Chief Judge David J. Newblatt

and Chief Judge William H. Crawford II.

Both Chief Judges, Court Administrators and all court staff have grown to depend on and appreciate Lt. Ulshafer. He has provided exemplary service to the courts, in ways that we could not even imagine until he arrived. He set his own performance bar very high, respected the work of the courts and always had our collective best interest forefront in his day.

Working on improved jury management practices, courtroom security presence, security cameras and equip-

ment, disaster planning and having that 6th sense that events were about to unfold that required his attention were and are high hallmarks during his tenure.

We all wish Ryan continued success in his new position. GISD is very fortunate to have Ryan in the lead security position, looking out for the safety of our community schools.-bam



COURTHOUSE TOUR

7th Circuit Court



As part of the Judicial Outreach encouraged by the Michigan Supreme Court, the 7th Circuit Court has invited seniors from the Flint Southwestern Classical Academy to a tour of the Courthouse on March 5, 2024 where the program will include the introduction of the various careers that are essential to the successful daily operation of the Courthouse. Presentations will be from the Court, Judicial Staff, the Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office, Building and Grounds, Administration, IT Department, Public Safety, Library/Resource Paralegal, and the Jury Board. In utilizing this opportunity, it is our hope that the students will be able to explore not only the wide array of positions that are necessary for a court to operate, but to also provide the students with a hands-on demonstration of the many future career opportunities they are presented with. In doing so, the students will receive real-life examples of how the variety of skills and specializations at all different levels come together to form a functioning courthouse.

We have arranged to hand out copies of both the Michigan and United States Constitutions. This will provide another level of immersion, demonstrating how court functions couple with governmental functions, and will provide a big-picture overview of the career field in its entirety. The students will also sit through an actual jury orientation before enjoying lunch on-site. During the jury orientation, we will work to impress upon these students how critical participation as a juror is to the fair functionality of our legal system. Our hope is to not only introduce the students to the Courthouse with a positive comprehensive overview, but also to highlight the many career opportunities that exist for graduating



students to consider and gain respect for. The mechanics of a courthouse require countless skill-sets and job positions, and it is our hope to demonstrate to the students, in a cohesive manner, that

each and every position is essential in order for the day-to-day operations to run as smoothly as they do. Each department will describe what their role is on a daily basis, explain the educational background required for their field, and highlight some of the things that make their job satisfying.

Additionally, the Genesee County Bar Foundation has generously provided a grant to cover expenses for transportation and lunch. With so many different groups supporting this event, it is a fantastic way to provide positive support and learning opportunities to students in our community. Our goal is to have the students leave the Courthouse with a better understanding of how the Court functions, how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together, and the inspiration that roles they may have never considered exist for them and their future.



HON. CHRIS CHRISTENSON

Circuit Court Judge

LEGAL RECORDS DIVISION

As many of the readers will know, the Legal Records Division (aka legal records, aka circuit court clerk's office) has become part of the Circuit Court. Thanks to the cooperation and foresight of Genesee County Clerk-Register Domonique Clemons and Chief Judge David J. Newblatt, the Legal Records Division became a reality.

Because of the historical beginnings of the Michigan territorial courts, records were maintained by county clerks. The judges rode the "circuits" on horseback, not being able to transport the files from place to place.

All other level of courts in Michigan were not organized in this fashion and employ their own court records staff.

To date, the transition has been smooth and rewarding.

The Legal Records Division staff are dedicated court employees doing important work.

They are on the front line to meet court users and in courtrooms assisting judges and making sure that court events are properly captured in the case management system.

In addition, they are called upon to produce accurate and complicated documents in nearly real time.

Some of the readers may not know that the circuit court has been scanning incoming filings since 2018, while maintaining a hard copy as the official court file. This positions the court to migrate to e-filing and digital file storage.

Once the open case is closed, the circuit court authorized the digital file to be main-

tained as the official closed file. Hard copy files can be eliminated.

While acknowledging that this is a forward-looking plan, there is extra work for the Legal Records Division.

A second manager was hired to become part of the Legal Records Division Management Team. Heather Davis is the inaugural operations and public engagement manager. Tricia Wright, former legal records supervisor has a re-branded management position, Records and Systems Manager.

As we continue with plans for the Legal Resource Center, formerly known as the law library, the working

relationship between the Legal Records Division and the legal Resource Center will grow stronger.

The point of filing *and* the point of information will have a close relationship to provide better service to both attorneys and members of the public.

Below is a photograph of the staff of the Legal Records Division. -bam



LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN (LSEM) CONTINUES TO SERVE

LSEM continues to hold clinics each Monday at the Courthouse, 2nd floor. The hours are from 10-3, eligibility criteria apply. No appointment required.

The organization quietly continues to serve the community and it is greatly appreciated. Jill Nylander, Executive Director, Attorney Brian Smith and their team are fantastic resources.

LSEM has membership on the Genesee County Legal Resource Center Advisory Board, as we move through the planning, design and construction phase of the project.

A particular note of appreciation to Attorney Brian Smith who also contributes his grant writing skills.

The Circuit Court has been awarded 2 grants from the State Court Administrative Office, Access to Justice Initiative, to support the Self-Help Center creation.

The grants were obtained with Brian's help and tutelage, often with a limited timeframe for submission.

The Legal Resource Advisory Board members are:

Duncan M. Beagle
Circuit Judge (retired)
Genesee County Bar Foundation, President

Dr. Beverly Brown
Genesee County Commissioner

Tatilia Burroughs
Executive Director
Genesee County Bar Association

Melissa Caldwell
Co-Director of Domestic Violence Programming
YWCA-Greater Flint

Domonique Clemons
Genesee County Clerk-Register of Deeds

Tony McDowell
Director, Friend of the Court
Genesee County Circuit Court

Barbara Menear
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Genesee County Circuit Court

Brian Smith
Attorney
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

Sam Olson
Administrator-Register
Genesee County Probate Court
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Fredricka Savage is the columnist for geneseeLIVING.

While the calendar says Spring has arrived, however Winter's temperatures are still holding on. Do not let that keep you bundled up inside. With the rising temperatures comes new opportunities to get out and explore our county. Warmer days are ahead, so check out some of the events below (both indoor and out) and get ready!

Books & Stars: Longway Planetarium's Book Club

Every first Wednesday of the month, Longway Planetarium hosts a free astronomy-related book club. Following the book discussion guests are welcomed to attend a planetarium show in the dome that relates to the book (general admission ticket required for planetarium show). This is a FREE book club. Advance registration is requested; walk-ins accepted.

Price: Book club meeting is free. General admission ticket required for the planetarium show.

Date: Every first Wednesday of the Month

Time: 5:30 —6:30 p.m.

Location: Longway Planetarium; 1310 E. Kearsley St.

Outdoor Explorers: Spring-time Scavenger Hunt!

The first flowers are blooming, the maple leaves shine bright green, and the birds are back! Join us as we take an extensive hike around

For-Mar to see what fresh spring growth we can find. Dress to be outside for the duration of our program rain or shine.

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Time: 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: For-Mar; Nature Preserve 2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509

Jo Dee Messina

Jo Dee Messina is a trail-blazing country music artist, known for her powerful vocals and chart-topping hits. With the breakout song "Heads Carolina, Tails California," she became a household name and went on to achieve nine No. 1 hits and 16 songs that hit the Top 40. Jo Dee's success made her the first female in country music history to celebrate three consecutive multi-week, chart-topping songs. Genesee County residents receive 30% – discount applied at checkout.

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Capitol Theatre; 140 E. Second St. Flint, MI 48502

Cost: \$50-\$100 per person

Tom Green

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Machine Shop Admission: \$25 per person (Must be 18 or older to attend)

Virtual Nature Break Storytime

VIRTUAL- Facebook Video Time for a nature break! This video series will feature a combination of story, craft and fun nature footage and facts! Tune in to [https://](https://www.facebook.com/Formarnaturepreserve/)

www.facebook.com/Formarnaturepreserve/ to get away right away. Suggested for families with children, all ages, and abilities.

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 4:00—5:00p.m.

Location: For-Mar; Nature Preserve 2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509

Adult (21+) Golden Ticket Egg Hunt

The Color Purple is the 2016 Tony Award® winner for Best Musical Revival. Hailed as "a direct hit to the heart" (The Hollywood Reporter), this joyous American classic has conquered Broadway in an all-new "ravishingly reconceived production that is a glory to behold" (The New York Times). Don't miss this stunning re-imagining of an epic story about a young woman's journey to love and triumph in the American South. For more information and a schedule of upcoming performances at The Whiting visit thewhitting.com.

Date: Friday, April 5, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Bicentennial Park; 1505 E. Grand Blanc Rd.

Price: \$25

Bonded Thru Threaded Memories and Founders Feature

Visit Flint's Buckham Gallery and experience the "Bonded Thru Threaded Memories" exhibition featuring Boisali Biswas and "Founders Feature" featuring Gary Gebhardt.

Dates: April 5-May 4

Time: 12-5 p.m.

Location: Buckham Gallery;

121 W. Second St. Flint, MI 48502

Charles Allen & the Vibe

Charles Allen & The Vibe is returning to our stage. It is part of the Music On The Bricks First Friday series so No Cover Charge!!! Reservations Recommended.

Date: Friday, April 5, 2024

Time: 7:00—10:00 p.m.

Location: Blackstones; 531 S. Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48502

Teen Glow Egg Hunt

Join us for a one-of-a-kind evening filled with neon vibes and the thrill of the hunt. Start the event with pizza and as the sun sets, the excitement rises, and the hunt begins. Teens can enjoy the challenge of finding eggs scattered throughout the designated area using flashlights as their guide. Each egg holds surprises, making every discovery a delight. Special shout out to The Brokerage Real Estate Enthusiasts - Davison for donating the awesome prizes! For ages 12-18. Must pre-register for this event.

Date: Friday, April 5, 2024

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

Location: Robert Williams Nature & Historical Learning Center; 10069 Atherton Rd. Davison, MI 48423

Price: Residents \$12; Non-Residents \$15

Adult Easter Egg Hunt

Now that the kids have had their Easter fun, it's the adults turn! Enjoy this Adult Easter Egg Hunt with prizes in every egg, \$250 in cash prizes, a pancake breakfast, drinks and lots of fun. 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. - breakfast and meet the rescues 10 a.m. - egg hunt begins 10:30 a.m. - prizes and more mimosas! This is a 21 and older

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event. Come rain or shine and be dressed for the weather.

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 3108 Van Vleet Road, Swartz Creek, MI 48473

Price: \$30 (pre-registration); \$35 (at the door)

[Auto City Speedway Spring Swap Meet](#)

Clean Out Your Garage & basement. Race Cars & Parts, Antique Cars & Automotive Accessories And Tools, & misc items

Price: \$20 for each vendor/ \$5 admission/ Kids 12& under free

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Location: Auto City Outdoor Event Center; 10205 N. Saginaw Rd. Clio, MI 48420

[Flint Home & Garden Expo](#)

At Flint Home and Garden Show, we are committed to providing only the highest quality home and garden products. We carefully select each item in our inventory to ensure that it meets our strict standards for durability, functionality, and style. This is a Free Admission and Free Parking event to our shoppers.

Date: 4/6/2024 - 4/7/2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Dort Financial Center; 3501 Lapeer Rd. Flint, MI 48503

[Girl Scout Cookie and Beer Pairing](#)

This is your chance to try SIX beers and pair them with EIGHT Girl Scout Cookies in ONE night! Support young female entrepreneurs! All attendees are entered into a chance to win a box of cookies a week for the rest of the year! Prizes throughout the night! \$15 pre-pay only, no refunds, ages 21+

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

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

Location: Trapper Joe's; 3386 Saginaw St. Burton, MI 48529

[Lynch Mob—The Final Ride](#)

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Machine Shop Admission: \$28 per person (Must be 18 or older to attend)

[Rock Night—The Pointless Painters Club and Ravenswood](#)

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Red Ink Flint; 124 W. 1st St. Flint, MI 48502

Admission: \$5 per person

[Timothy's Pub Comedy: Headlining Tom McCarthy](#)

Come join us for LOTS of laughs at Timothy's Pub! This show is lock, stocked and ready to go!! We will kick off the night with our very own funny farm girl, Melissa Hager. She is silly, weird and has a point of view we can all relate to. She has been doing comedy for 7 years and popping in on the morning show crew at 103.9 The Fox for most of that time too. Headlining is Tom McCarthy! He is a Michigan guy with crazy stories you will not want to miss. He is always a crowd favorite. So excited to have these 2 power house funny people together in the same show. Get to the show early and enjoy drinks and dinner at Timothy's. We always see the most delicious creations coming hot out of that kitchen. See you there! Come early and eat dinner. Adult Content, 21 & up.

Price: \$21

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Timothy Pub; 2890 Robert T. Longway Flint, MI

[Knew High Naturalist: Ready,](#)

[Set, Grow!](#)

Sprout a love of reading and nature during Nature Story Time. We will share books, songs, games, and make a craft. Suggested for preschoolers and early elementary.

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Location: For-Mar; Nature Preserve 2142 N. Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509

Price: \$5 per student

[Thursdays FIA Films -](#)

[Inshallah A Boy](#)

Jordan's official entry for the Academy Awards Best International Feature Film. After the sudden death of her husband, Nawal is struggling to cope with the upheaval in her life. However, her pain is soon compounded by the possibility of losing her home to her brother-in-law. Desperate to keep her home and provide a stable life for her daughter, Nawal resorts to deception. As time runs out, Nawal embarks on a journey that challenges her fears, beliefs, and morality, as she fights to secure her rightful inheritance and protect her daughter's future.

Price: Free

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Flint Institute of Arts 1120 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48503

[Comedy Night at Sugarbush Golf Club](#)

For this event, guests will have the opportunity to order dinner from a limited menu selection. Food ordering is available from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Food ordering is not required to attend. Please Note: This is an adult only show. Comedian content may include inappropriate language and jokes and may be unsettling to some viewers. Please be advised.

Price: \$20

Date: Friday, April 12, 2024

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Location: Sugarbush Golf Club; 1 Sugarbush Dr. Davison, MI 48529

[Light the Night Bike Ride](#)

Grand Blanc Township Police Department and Grand Blanc Township Parks and Recreation proudly present the "Light the Night Bike Ride"! Bring your family and friends to earn complimentary spoke lights and glow-in-the-dark accessories, perfect for illuminating your night rides. The event will culminate in a spectacular group glow cycle on the scenic bike trails at Bicentennial Park. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have a fun-filled and illuminated night. Let's come together to celebrate bike safety, community, and the joy of cycling under the stars! All ages welcome - must bring your own bike!

Location: Meet at Bicentennial Park North Pavilion

Price: Free

Date: Friday, April 12, 2024

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

Location: Bicentennial Park; 1505 E. Grand Blanc Rd.

[Southern Fried Nuptials](#)

Harlene Frye is going to marry her childhood sweetheart this weekend . . . assuming the typical Frye family hijinks don't derail the wedding! Will the Fries be able to get Harlene down the aisle in one piece? A bighearted comedy about family—Southern-style.

Price: \$10-\$17

Date: 4/12-4/14 and 4/19-4/21

Time: Fridays & Saturdays: 7 p.m.; Sundays: 2 p.m.

Location: Fenton Village Players; 14197 Torrey Rd. Fenton, MI 48430

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONORING SARAH EMMA EDMONDS AND EVA BELLES (CONT'D)

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A Michigan Legal Milestone marker memorializing Eva Belles' vote is located in the entryway of the Genesee County Courthouse, Saginaw Street entrance.

There are other historical markers on the Courthouse Square. The Historical Genesee County Courthouse and the former Genesee County Jail are recognized for their architectural significance in a marker on the grounds closest to the Saginaw Street/ Fifth Street intersection.

Another historical marker, entitled *Resisting Slavery*, is located on the grounds, closest

to Court Street. It is our most recent addition to the Courthouse Square, which has been the location of the Court since the land was deeded by Wait Beach.

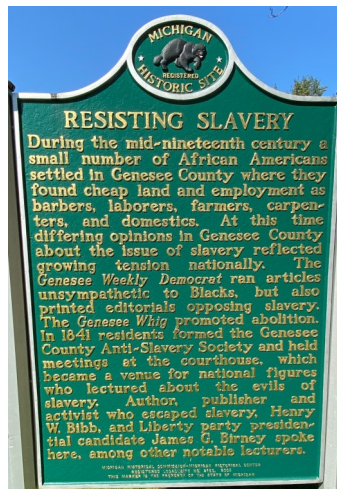
There are other monuments on the Courthouse Square in tribute to military events, along

with the cannons which guarded the White House, in Washington, D. C. during the Civil War.

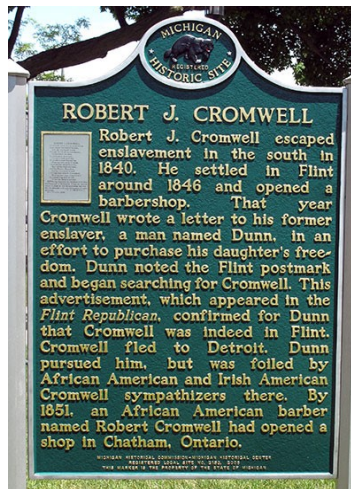
Upon their decommission, they were sent to Michigan as a tribute to the number of union soldiers that came from the state. Governor Crapo, Govern-

nor of the State of Michigan during the Civil War, was from Flint. The cannons came to rest and remain here in his honor.

The cannons are maintained by the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. The late Attorney Donald Shaw was very active in the organization and served as its national president. —so



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