

Port Austin News

end of March &
April 2024

FREE

Port Austin Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the Greater Port Austin Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 1:00PM the Port Austin Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Gallup Park Softball Field. The Easter Egg hunt is for children ages 0-12 years old.

Find a golden egg and win a prize.

Please bring your own basket. Event promises to be fun for the little ones and a great photo opportunity for mom and dad.

The Port Austin Chamber of Commerce is accepting Easter Egg stuffer Donations. Please visit the Port Austin Welcome Center to make drop-offs in the donation box.

If you would like to volunteer for stuffing eggs, email the Chamber at:
Chamber@portaustinarea.com
or call (989) 738-7600.

NEW WEDNESDAY MARKET

The Port Austin Farmers Market kicks off a new Wednesday market on June, 5th 2024! Every Wednesday until August 28th. 3:00pm-7:00pm.

VENDORS: This market is open to farmers only (produce, meat, baked goods, all food related products, plant & nursery items, etc.)

Port Austin Village Council Member Changes

The Village of Port Austin would like to welcome Robin Bronson and Brenda Mayes Theobald to the Village Council. They have been appointed to the board with the resignations of Casey Bruce and Dianne Maschke.

Village of Port Austin Golf Cart Ordinance

Due to the popularity of the golf carts being utilized on the Village of Port Austin streets, the Village Council has adopted a new ordinance for the use of these vehicles on the Port Austin Village streets only. The complete ordinance is available on page 16 of this paper. ~

Port Austin Village Council Positions Forms

are now available at the Port Austin Village Hall for the November 24th 2024 election. The positions to be fill are the five incumbents below with the term ending 2024.

Village Hall Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8am-4pm

Phone: 989-738-5199

Fax: 989-738-6744

Village Hall Address: 17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

Mailing Address: PO Box 336 Port Austin, MI 48467

EMAIL: villofpa@airadvantage.net

Position	Name	4Term Ending
President	Todd Murawski	2024
Trustee	Rory Andreski	2026
Trustee	John Brecht	2024
Trustee	Robin Bronson	2024* Partial Term
Trustee	Barbara King	2024
Trustee	Brenda Theobald	2024* Partial Term
Trustee	TJ Polega	2026

Shelley's Bar & Grill

8745 Pearson Rd,
Grindstone City, MI
989-738-5105

Open to Dine-In or Carry-Out
Kitchen is Open at 11am except

Closed: Mondays

Kitchen now closing at 8PM on Sunday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Bar stays open until slow.

Watch Facebook for Daily Specials

All dinner specials come with soup /salad bar.

- Sundays we will have our pool table open all day. We pay for the games!
- Prime Rib on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
- Sunday, March 17th St Patrick's Day Corn beef & Cabbage
- Friday, April 5th Detroit Tigers Home Opener Party
First Pitch at 1:10pm, Raffles, Drink, Beer, and Food Specials. This is our annual fundraiser for the Water Warriors and the Special Olympics. Reservations recommended.

J & J's Party Store

next to Shelley's Bar & Grill

8743 Pearson Rd
Grindstone City, MI
989-738-5046

Closed Mondays

Store open daily at 10am Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Closes at 7pm.

~We carry food staples, refrigerated dairy, beer, wine, liquors and other basic supplies including some fresh vegetables. ~

The Landing Tavern

8724 Lake Street
Port Austin Michigan
989-738-9750

Friendly place to eat in, take out & drink.

Hours: Kitchen:

Thursday & Friday 4-8:30pm,
bar closes when slow

Saturday Noon-8:30pm,
bar closes at Midnight

Sunday Noon- 8pm,
bar closes at 8pm

**Closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and
Easter Sunday**

Karaoke

Starts at 9pm

Saturday, March 23rd,

Friday March 29th,

Saturday April 6th

Saturday April 13th

Specials & Events listed on Facebook

**Due to lack of help, we are not able to
be open more days. If you are looking
for a part time job, or know of
someone, please send them our way.**

Available Positions

- **Line Cook**
- **Dishwasher/busser-**
food runner, must be at least 14 yrs old.
- **Wait Staff,**
must be at least 17 yrs old.
- **Part-time Bartenders**

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**"Spring is nature's way
of saying, 'Let's party!'"**

— Robin Williams

Days On the Lake

3337 Pointe Aux Barques Road
Grindstone, MI
989-738-7665

Restaurant Hours:

Friday through Monday:
Friday 11-8, Saturday 8am-9pm,
Sunday 8am-7pm, Monday 11-8.

Breakfast served Saturday & Sunday until 11 am

Hours & days of operation will increase as the season progresses.

Port Austin American Legion Post 499

8875 N. Hellems Rd, Port Austin MI 48467



Kids Easter Party



Have lunch with the Easter Bunny
March 23, 2024 at 1:00pm

~Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary~

Bank 1884 Food & Spirits

8646 Lake Street
Port Austin, MI 48467
Located in Downtown Port Austin

National Historic Site
New Kitchen hours

Thursday 11am - 8
Friday open at 11am - 9pm
Saturday 11am-9pm
Bar closes when slow.

Karaoke every Saturday night!!

Specials & Events listed on Facebook

American Legion

Post 499

8875 Hellems Road, Port Austin MI

989-738-1223 Eat In or Take Out

Kitchen is open to non members

****HOURS****

Monday - Tuesday 3pm-9pm,
Wed 3pm-12:00am, Thurs 3pm- close,
Fri. 3pm-close, Sat 12:00pm- close,
Sunday 12:00pm—7:00pm

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Jam Session Every Wednesday 7:30pm

Also

Jam Session Saturday March 16, 2024 7:30 PM

&

Jam Session Saturday April 20 2024 7:30 PM

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Saturday March 23, 2024

Children's Easter Party & Lunch 1PM

See Flyer

Blue Star Mothers Dinner

Wednesday March 20, 2024, 5 to 7 p.m.

Take out or dine in. Corned Beef and Cabbage,
Potatoes, Carrots-Parsnips, Rolls and homemade
desserts. Adults \$12. Kids under 12 \$4. All
proceeds go to Troop and Veteran Projects.

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Chicken 'n Dumplings, Coleslaw, Corn, Cornbread
and Homemade Desserts. Take out or dine
in. Adults \$12. Kids 12 and under \$4
All proceeds go to Troop & Veteran Projects

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday April 28, 2024 9AM-12PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT!! DINE IN ONLY

~WHILE IT LASTS~

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage,
hash browns, coffee cake, coffee & juice
VETERANS EAT FREE

hosted by: Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion.



Port Austin History Center
1424 Pointe Aux Barques Road
Port Austin, MI 48467
989 551 5532

www.portaustinhistorycenter.com

Port Austin History Center Happenings

The Port Austin History Center is closed until May 4, 2024. But there are still opportunities for learning and socializing. For more information, follow the Port Austin Area Historical Society on Facebook or email portaustinhistorycenter@gmail.com.

Craft & Chat at the History Center 1-4 pm Monday March 18 & 25

This Monday afternoon gathering has been so popular that we extended it another month. Stop by the Port Austin History Center from 1-4 pm on March 18 for an afternoon of handiwork and socializing. Bring your current knitting, crocheting, or other project and join us for coffee, crafting, and conversation. All skill levels are welcome!

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Another Year of Excitement at the Bee Barn!

As the ice melts on the shoreline and the swans thunder overhead, another quiet Port Austin winter comes to an end. But please know that during those few quiet months, the Port Austin Artist in Residence board members worked diligently to invite a variety of talented artists to the community this year. We welcome back a few local favorites as well as introduce new artists from around the globe. We are excited to present the following line-up to you. Stay tuned for presentations, programs, exhibits, and all things art!

PAAIR 2024 Artists in Residence

April

Bakpak Durden, muralist www.bakpakdurden.com

May

Empty Bowls, fundraiser to benefit local food banks held on May 25 at the Bee Barn (details coming soon)

Michael Brzozowski, painter [Instagram @mbrzozow](https://www.instagram.com/mbrzozow)

June

Greater Detroit Romance Writers Group

www.gdrw.org

Rachel Mentzer, printmaker

www.rachelmentzerart.com

July

Tristian Laney, fashion designer

tlaneydesigns.com

[Instagram @overgrown_apparel](https://www.instagram.com/overgrown_apparel)

Max Dobens, photographer

maxdobens.com

August

Zoe Craig, textile designer

<https://www.zoefrancescraig.com/>

September

Nicholas Thomasma, songwriter's workshop

<https://nicholasjamesthomasma.com/>

If you would like to volunteer with our organization, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Cindy Patrick (734) 925-2555 or email portaustinair@gmail.com for more information.

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★HELP WANTED★

LOOKING FOR A VERSATILE EMPLOYEE

Helpful if candidate has experience with or knowledge of

• ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR • INDESIGN • PHOTOSHOP or is
familiar with • MICROSOFT WORD • PUBLISHER • EXCEL • WINDOWS

Good spelling, grammar, and math skills required; should be able to work independently and multi-task. Some call handling, customer service, and counter work as well.

Please e-mail resume to: **clemcoprinting@gmail.com**

or mail to: **116 Scott Street • Bad Axe, MI 48413**

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ORV / SIDE BY SIDE / VEHICLE

POKER RUN

\$40 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:
2-DRINK TICKETS
EXTRA HANDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$20

PRIZES FOR WORST & BEST HAND

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH

START & END AT
PORT AUSTIN CONSERVATION CLUB
11 AM - RIDERS MEETING AT 10:30 AM

Pre-Register by emailing: **rpettit989@gmail.com**

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE POKER RUN WILL BE ALLOCATED TO TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AT NORTH HURON SCHOOLS

ENJOY FOOD & DRINKS & SHARE THE WEATLH

Sponsored by: PORT AUSTIN CONSERVATION CLUB

For more information: **PORT AUSTIN CONSERVATION CLUB - PACG FACEBOOK PAGE**



FLORAL EASTER BASKET centerpiece class

March 21st | At 7.00 PM

\$45PP INCLUDES CENTERPIECE AND A BEVERAGE

upstairs @ The Bank 1884

Text 989-798-4250 to reserve your space



Michigan Grows Beans!

By Rita Herford

I was crowned Huron County Runner-up Bean Queen over 17 years ago. What an honor! Who even knew there was such a thing? There is also a Michigan Bean Queen title, and Fairgrove, MI is home of the Bean Festival that has been happening since 1947. There is much history and pride around dry edible beans in the thumb area and rightfully so. We have been growing dry edible beans in our area for many years and we are pretty good at it. Production figures only go back as far as 1911, but Michigan Farmers were growing dry beans before then.

Michigan's Great Lakes and fertile, well-drained soil in the thumb and Saginaw valley are to thank for creating a suitable climate for dry beans to thrive. In Michigan we grow eight different varieties, black and navy being the most popular along with dark red kidney, light red kidney, white kidney, small reds, cranberry, and pinto beans.

Navy beans were all the hype in the early days. There was a time when five counties in Michigan grew 92% of the WORLD'S navy beans! In 2023 Michigan grew 1.154 Million cwt. of navy beans or about 36% of the U.S. navy beans. Which is still pretty dang awesome!

As diets and consumer preference change, we are growing more black beans. 46% of the nation's black beans came from Michigan in 2023 or about 3.09 Million cwt of beans.

"Today, roughly every third row of beans produced in Michigan are exported. Over time, our leading export partner has changed from navy beans going to England to black beans going to Mexico," states Joe Cramer, Director of the Michigan Dry Bean Commission. India, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Costa Rica, Dominican and Jamaica are other importers of Michigan dry beans.

Dry beans are a ready-to-eat product and a nutritional power house! They are high in protein, fiber, iron, potassium and folate as well as cholesterol and sodium free! It is usual to eat dry beans on rice or added into soups but there are trends leaning towards using dry bean flour as an ingredient.

Cramer explains, "Most dry beans are purchased and consumed in a can or a dry pack today:[however, there is strong consumer interest in utilizing dry beans as an ingredient to complement and/or enhance the nutrition currently offered in many of the foods we consume daily. Healthy, nutrient dense (Michigan) dry beans can be milled into flours, powders, flakes, etc. and added to recipes for snacks, deserts, cereals, breadings, energy bars, smoothies, etc. to significantly increase the consumption of protein, fiber, etc. Any place that you use wheat flour, dry beans can be included. If gluten is an issue, dry bean flour is a healthy, affordable option."

Spring planting is right around the corner! Come June, you will see dry beans being planted around Huron County. Now hopefully you know a little more about Michigan beans! ~

Bean Nutrition Facts

Data based on ½ cup servings of beans that have been cooked from the dry form and drained of cooking liquid. Canned beans will contain more sodium. Based on *The Bean Institute*

TYPE OF BEAN	CALORIES	PROTEIN (G)	FAT (G)	TOTAL CARB. (G)	DIETARY FIBER (G)	SODIUM (MG)	POTASSIUM (MG)
Black	114	8	0.5	20	8	1	305
Cranberry	120	8	0.4	22	9	1	342
Navy	127	8	0.6	24	10	0	354
Pinto	122	8	0.6	22	8	1	373
Light Red Kidney	112	8	0.4	20	7	2	357
Dark Red Kidney	109	8	0.2	19	8	4	335
White Kidney	124	9	0.3	22	6	5	502
Small Red	110	6	0.5	19	6	1	371



Navy Bean blossoming in the field in July.



Dry Bean pod picked off the plant in August.

Dispatchers

By Jason Zimmerman, Port Austin Fire Chief



I most certainly hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having! It sure doesn't seem like March but the calendar says it is so it must be true!! I guess we can get our spring cleaning done a little earlier this year!

This month I have an incredibly special article in store for you, and I am excited about it! I want to highlight the diligent men and women on the other end of the 911 line. That's right, our Huron County Emergency Dispatchers!! Emergency dispatchers are the unsung heroes who play a critical role in our safety and well-being. These resolute professionals are the first point of contact when we dial 911, connecting us to the help we need during emergencies.

Emergency dispatchers, also known as call-takers or telecommunicators, are the lifeline for both emergency responders and the public. They manage 911 calls, dispatch emergency services, and provide crucial information to callers. Without ever seeing the patient or the scene, these dispatchers must identify the complaint, assess the severity, and offer pre-arrival instructions. Dispatchers often work in pairs of two, which seems like it would be easy. However, at times they are managing multiple police matters and talking to someone through CPR at the same time. Or they may be lining up transfers for the ambulance services all while managing a major fire incident. On occasion, they may counsel someone who may be thinking about hurting themselves or others until further help can get there. They can take vital information and communicate it instantly to the proper emergency service. They do all this while keeping themselves cool, calm, and collected and keeping the person on the other end of the line calm as well. It takes a lot of patience and compassion to manage these stressful tasks.

Sometimes fire departments need more resources and the dispatchers help get them for us. It is not uncommon at a structure fire that we would need the power and gas shut off. The dispatchers save the day by getting the right utility company to the scene to handle it. It could be a tow wrecker that would be needed at an accident scene, they take care of that too. At times fire departments need additional resources such as more manpower from a neighboring department, another ambulance to help care for people, a police officer to help with a civil or criminal matter, and at times a fire department or ambulance service may need a life flight from one of the helicopter services in the state, they contact them too. From time to time, we may need help from the Huron County Road Commission; well they take care of that too. As you can see, a dispatcher can take your 911 call and get the right emergency service to come to you for help, but they also provide support for that emergency service as well.

It takes a special person to be a dispatcher. It is stressful and demanding at times, but it must be awfully rewarding when everything can come together, and you can turn someone's day around. Training to become a dispatcher is no easy task. There are many hours behind the counsel learning how to talk to someone in distress, what buttons to push, how to mute one call to take another, how to page multiple agencies and services at one time. Did I mention you have to know the coverage area of each fire department and ambulance service, so the proper department is called? It also takes a lot of formal training as well. This includes taking classes and attending training courses. These courses include stress reduction, communication between individuals, radio communication, phone skills, public health and safety, emergency liability, suicide prevention, abuse, and homeland security.

Emergency dispatchers are the true first responders, bridging the gap between callers and help. Their expertise, compassion, and adherence to protocols save lives every day. I have the utmost respect for our dispatchers. Our dispatchers do a wonderful job, and we should all be thankful to have them! April 14-20, 2024 is 911 Telecommunication Appreciation week, if you know a dispatcher, please make sure you thank them for their selfless service to our community. As we dial 911, let us remember the dedicated voices on the other end—the unsung heroes who keep us safe when seconds count. ~

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NEW Spring Arrivals Daily

Stop in-

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday & Friday 9-5

Saturday 10-2

SHOP ONLINE 24/7

Free pickup in store or

Free shipping over \$100

Follow us on Facebook for Daily
updates and NEW arrivals.

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Village of Port Austin Spring 2024

Leaf & Brush Removal Schedule

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY

Leaf & Brush Pickup

Starts April 2, 2024 - Ends June 13, 2024

Daily pickup ends at 2pm

(Please have brush/branches in manageable pieces for DPW)

WARRIOR NEWS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ONCE A WARRIOR, ALWAYS A WARRIOR February 23, 2024

Together We Are Better

By Makinley Ewald, 5th grade

Every morning Mrs. Mellendorf does a morning message on the computer for the entire elementary. She loves to read us precepts and inspirational quotes. She has started a series of quotes about sticking together and teamwork. Being together is like a puzzle piece, they fit perfectly, but also can come apart. Near the office look to your right, and you'll see the quotes in their own natural form behind the glass case. One of the quotes states, "We encourage one another." North Huron students are encouraged by our staff every single day. The next quote is "We apologize and forgive". This is an important rule for our school. The last quote is "We celebrate each other's success". In the fifth graders gym class the whole group showed celebration to Ben when he made a basketball shot. All North Huron students help each other in many different ways. The fifth grade helped kindergarten and first grade with story writing and spelling a word. In the end it's called teamwork. Since North Huron is a sanctuary school, our school shows teamwork, sticking together, and kindness everyday. ~



Mrs. Stephanie Brining and Mrs. Mindy Collier are the two teachers that run Warrior Reporters.



North Huron T-Shirts

By Oaklee Miller, 4th grade

We have a school tradition we began four years ago. North Huron staff and students get a free t-shirt; the design is chosen by students. Then, they take a picture with the whole school in it!! After the picture, we get to keep the t-shirts and wear them wherever and whenever we want to!!!! This year's photograph was taken on January 16th, 2024. It was going to be taken on January 10th, 2024 but it got canceled because of a snow day. This tradition is very special to us because it has the whole school in it, and because we are going to look back and say, "Wow, that picture is just amazing!" When we first started in 2020\2021, the person who designed the shirt for that year was Emma Case and she did an awesome job. Did you know, there were only 11 donors!! The person who designed the shirt for 2021\2022 was Kate Smith and she did an astonishing job. There were 50 donors! That year's shirt was a throwback shirt. A throwback shirt is where there are different school logos combined to make one. The three schools combined included Kinde Yellowjackets, Port Austin Pirates, and Port Hope Bluestar!! The designer of this shirt in 2022\2023 was Jenna Schornack and she did one of the best shirts yet!!! The shirt designed by Savannah Buskirk was in 2023\2024. That is why this tradition is one of our favorite traditions for the WHOLE ENTIRE year!!! ~



Designed by Savannah Buskirk



Designed by Emma Case



Designed by Katie Smith



Designed by Jenna Schornack

END OF MARCH & APRIL 2024 AREA EVENTS

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Tuesday March 19 FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2024

March 20, 2024, Blue Star Mothers Dinner 5-7pm

Port Austin American Legion Post #499, 8875 Hellems Rd, Port Austin. Take out or dine in. Corned Beef / Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots-Parsnips, Rolls and homemade desserts. Adults \$12. Kids under 12 \$4. All proceeds go to Troop and Veteran Projects. Hope to see you there!!

March 21th FLORAL EASTER BASKET Center piece Class at 7pm \$45 PP includes Centerpiece and a Beverage Upstairs @ the Bank 1994 Restaurant Text 989-798-4250 to reserve your space [see page 5](#)

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Wednesday April 24 Potluck 3pm @ The Landing Tavern

8724 Lake St, Port Austin, MI, Public Invited. BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH ! GREAT TIME, GREAT PEOPLE. [See page 2](#)

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April 26, 27, 28 Spring Show - "Woman in Black" at Port Austin Community Playhouse 35 Railroad St, Port Austin, (989) 738-5217 Spring Show - "Woman in Black" - April 26, 27, 28 and May 3, 4, 5, 2024 show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2pm. Directed by John Jacobus.

Sunday April 28, Pancake Breakfast 9AM-12PM All you can eat!! Dine in only ~while it last~ Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, coffee cake, coffee & juice. VETERANS EAT FREE. hosted by: Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. [See page 3](#)

Late Arrival: Karaoke every Saturday at the Bank 1884 Food & Spirits 8646 Lake St. Port Austin [See pg 3](#)

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April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 31 	1	2	3 Jam Session at American legion at 7:30pm see page 3	4	5 Detroit Tigers Opener Party @ Shelleys see page 2 	6 Karaoke at the Landing Tavern see page 2
7	8	9	10 Jam Session at American legion at 7:30pm see page 3	11	12	13 Karaoke at the Landing Tavern see page 2
14	15	16	17 Blue Star Mothers Dinner at American Legion see page 3	18	19	20 Karaoke at the Bank restaurant every Saturday see pg 3
21	22	23	24 Potluck 3pm @ The Landing Tavern Port Austin see page 10	25	26 	27  POKER RUN SEE PAGE 5
28  Pancake Breakfast 9-12 @ American Legion	29	30	 Port Austin Community Playhouse 35 Railroad St, Port Austin, MI 48467 (989) 738-5217 Spring Show - "Woman in Black" - April 26, 27, 28 and May 3, 4, 5, 2024 show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm. Directed by John Jacobus.			

Port Austin Township Board: Telephone 989-738-6808 Email: patown@centurylink.net Paul Nienaltowski, Supervisor. Township Board meets at 5PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Township Hall The Port Austin Port Austin, 8751 N Hellem Rd.

Village Council Meetings: 2nd Monday 6:30pm Telephone: 989-738-5199 Port Austin Village Hall, 17 West State Street Port Austin.

North Huron FFA members attended the Michigan FFA State Convention held at Michigan State University Campus from Feb 28-Mar 1st. State Convention recognizes members' accomplishments over the last year. Some of the highlights include: Jordan Schave named a STAR finalist in Ag Placement; he was also named the proficiency winner in Diversified Agricultural Production; Jordan also received gold awards in Swine Production Placement and Diversified Livestock Production. Jason Murawski was named a proficiency winner in the Ag Mechanics and Restoration category. Cecilia Kramer received silver awards in Swine Production and Agricultural Sales proficiency categories. Ryan Iseler and Peyton Talaski also received awards in Beef Entrepreneurship and Goat Production, respectively. Degree recipients included 8 State Degrees and 3 Outstanding Juniors. Academic Excellence included 6 gold and 1 silver awards. A scholarship was awarded for the Washington Leadership Conference to Carter Kosinski. Carter will attend that National Leadership opportunity in June. The North Huron FFA Chapter received the prestigious traveling Zindel trophy for our achievements in the broiler contest, being awarded the most gold placements for our entries. Congratulations to all of the members!



Star in Ag Placement, Jordan Schave



Jason Murawski, State Winner



Jordan Schave, State Winner



WLC Scholarship Recipient, Carter Kosinski



Zindel Award - Chapter Representative: Emily Souva



State Degrees

(left to right back row) Clayton Stanton, Ryan Iseler, Sara Koth, Jordan Schave, Jason Murawski

(left to right front row) Peyton Talaski, Natalie Talaski, Cecilia Kramer



Outstanding Junior Award,
(left to right)
Carter Kosinski,
Landen Mergucz
(not pictured: Jay Scoviac)

State Convention is a great way for younger members to experience how the FFA journey can impact them. We had 4 freshman members attend the convention and serve on the Courtesy Corp. These students helped with convention in ways like greeting attendees and helping special guests find their seats before sessions. We also had 3 students serve as delegates and represent our chapter. They had the honor of voting on next year's state officer team as well as proposed amendments to the current constitution.

Students were excited to finally get their hands in the dirt and spend time in the greenhouse. The annual hanging basket sale plants are planted and students are learning hands-on about how to care for each variety. Applying fertilizer and pesticide, monitoring water and light requirements, and pruning are all tasks that classes will participate in. Please watch on Facebook for more information about ordering baskets for your porch towards the end of April.

The State Skills contests will be held on April 19th this year. These contests are varied and unique as each member picks their interest. This is a very anticipated event! Over the next 5 weeks students will choose a contest and fully immerse themselves in learning every aspect from general knowledge to identification, and practicums ranging from taste testing, floral arranging, presenting a sales pitch, or ranking ready to eat poultry. This contest brings together over 2,700 members to the Michigan State University Campus and is very competitive. ~

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Kinde, MI February 2024

Three students from North Huron School in Kinde have been named local winners in the 55th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The three students who earned first, second, and third place awards for their school are Parker Delgado, first, and Wyatt Kavanagh, second, and Jett Zimmerman, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Parker's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Parker's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will each receive a plaque, a medallion, and a cash award of \$1,055. Farm Bureau Insurance will also be presenting each top ten statewide school with a \$1,055 check, along with an additional \$555 if the school was sponsored by a Farm Bureau Agent.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 200 Michigan schools participated in the 2023-2024 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2023-2024 contest was "My Personal Michigan Hero". Parker should take great pride in advancing to the state level competition.



Parker Delgado, 1st place



Wyatt Kavanagh, 2nd place



Jett Zimmerman, 3rd place

Submitted By: Beth Fischer Junior High Math/English Teacher North Huron School, Kinde, Michigan

"Open Mic' Night"

In recognition that **April** is "**National Poetry Month,**" The Bards of Bird Creek are hosting their first "Open Mic' Night" for Thumb-area student poets. , on Wednesday evening, **April 24, 2024 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All student poets and poetry lovers and friends are invited!** The event will be held at the Port Austin Welcome Center. There is no charge.

Considering Poetry

Poetry is the pounding hoofbeat
of that horse the heart rides
through hollow caverns of fear,
the angry trumpet call
of the soul appealing
to the universe for justice.

It is the hymn of praise
sung by a happy spirit
bathed in pure sunlight,
the mellow vibration
of compatible heart strings
echoing the strum of love.

- from *Drawn in Dust*
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THE WORLD OF FIVE-LETTER WORDS

by Dennis Hafeli

It's an addiction! It is a hot topic of conversation around the water cooler or at the Book Club or wherever friends choose to congregate. Many tend to share their daily score with others regularly (unless, of course, it is a score of which he/she is not particularly proud). Many go to great extremes to conceal from others their magical opening word, that mystical key to almost certain satisfaction daily. One's self-perceived formula for success is not to be shared with anyone. After all, why should one's strength be shared with other, less capable, human beings? I am invincible! My success rate is off the charts!!!

"Whoa! Whoa! What are we talking about here?"

Surely you jest! You don't know? You mean (gasp!) that you are not yet among the millions of sheep world-wide who, for fear of incurring severe regret and/or depression, call up your Wordle game daily! With a new game appearing every 24 hours, beginning at 12:00 AM and terminating at 11:59 PM that same day, one must always make time for Wordle.

Some will lie there in bed, fighting sleep, breathlessly waiting for that deliberately slow-moving alarm clock to jump to 12 midnight. Boom! It's time! Instantaneously, Wordle is called up, the first word is inserted, and an alternating sadness and euphoria kicks in until finally a correct answer is achieved. Ideally, one's efforts result in a score of one (seldom), two, three, or four. If so, one turns off his device and goes peacefully to sleep, secure in the knowledge that he is indeed a Word Master for yet another day. Conversely, a score of five or six will leave him exhaling deeply, somewhat disappointed in his performance, but yet satisfied that his streak of success moves on to live another day. Then there is the dejected loser who fails to come up with the answer on his sixth and final try. He is a failure. His streak of successful games has come to a screeching halt. He silently curses the person responsible for selecting this ridiculous word. He tosses and turns, unable to fall asleep, replaying the game in his mind, seeking answers. It may not be a great night's sleep.

Others choose to play while nursing their cup of coffee in the morning, or perhaps on their lunch break, or really whenever a convenient time to give the game their full thought and concentration arises. The other extreme is the player who chooses to play just before bedtime, beginning perhaps as late as 11:59, because, as those in the know are well aware, as long as you start that day's game before midnight, the next day's game will not kick in until you finish. But don't be late! Or don't turn off the late-night game once started and then try to come back to it after midnight, because it will be GONE! GONE!! GONE! And any streak of consecutive wins you may have been on will be gone as well. What a way to lose!

Sounds like a lot of fun, doesn't it?

You know, if you can keep a level head and not go ballistic over your successes and failures, it is a great game. I mean, think about it. You have six tries to guess a five-letter word. Once you type in your first word, any letters in that word that are also in the word being sought will show up as yellow. Letters in your word that are not only in the desired word but in the correct position in that word will show up green. Using that information plus the additional letters learned from your next word choices will hopefully lead you to the answer. Failure to get the desired word after six choices means that any winning streak you were on has come to a screeching halt. Well, there is always tomorrow to begin a new streak.

I have personally played Wordle for just slightly over two years without missing a single day. In 730+ games played, I have failed to get the required word just ten times. I have had a streak of 237 straight wins (six or less guesses) and another of 139. I have a win percentage of 99%. Every day my daughter in Tennessee, my wife, and I text our scores to each other, and it makes for some interesting conversations. I do not present these statistics to brag (*though I must admit I'm pretty proud*), but to give readers an idea as to what is involved and the records that are available daily at your fingertips.



Josh Wardle, a Welsh software engineer employed by Reddit, developed the game so that he and his partner, Palak Shah, could enjoy a new diversion during COVID. In October 2021 he decided to post the game on his website, changing one letter in his name and calling it WORDLE. Within two months, it had attracted over a half million players. Not looking to make the game his life's work, he accepted a seven-figure offer by The New York Times to take it off his hands in January 2022, and countless players across the world have since become obsessed with it.

If I have not scared you off, give Wordle a try. As I grow older, it has reinforced in my mind that my mental skills have not totally abandoned me!

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Only some Service Times available confirm time

- **United Protestant Church Website** (989) 738-5322 8625
Arch Port Austin, MI 48467 Sunday Worship 9:15 AM
Pastor: Clifford Radtke
 - * Sunday, March 24th, 9:15 AM Palm Sunday Worship
 - * Thursday, March 28th, 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship
 - * Friday, March 29th, 1:00 PM, Good Friday Worship (Pastor Cliff will carry the cross from the gas station to the church starting at 12:30 PM everyone is invited to walk along with him)
 - * Saturday, March 30th, 6:00 PM, Easter Vigil Worship
 - * Sunday, March 31st, 9:15 AM, Easter Morning Worship
- **Saint Michael's Parish Website** (989) 738-7521 8661
Independence St Port Austin, MI 48467 Annunciation of the Lord Parish Mass Schedule. Saturday 4 PM Sunday 10:30 AM
- **Mercy Hill Church** 989 963-9391
301 N Channel Drive, Port Austin Sunday service is 10am.
- **Kinde Presbyterian Church Website** 989-874-4636
4965 Diem St. Kinde, MI [facebook.com/ Kindepresbyterian-church](https://facebook.com/Kindepresbyterian-church) Sunday worship 10am; Sunday school follows for all ages. Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor
- **St Edward's Rectory** (989) 874-4744
5083 Park St Kinde, MI 48445
- **St. Mary's Catholic Church 989-738-7521**
1709 Moeller Rd, Kinde, MI 48445 Sunday worship 8:30 AM
Annunciation of our Lord Paris
- **Immaculate Conception Church** (906) 643-0269 1934
Church Rd Bad Axe, MI
- **New Life Ministries Church Website** (989) 269-2709
3478 N Van Dyke Road Fillion, MI Sunday Prayer 9:30 AM to 9:45AM Sunday School for all ages 10AM Sunday Worship 11AM Senior Pastor Ronald J. Landenberg
email: newlife_ministrieschurch@yahoo.com
- **St Felix Church** (989) 375-2441
3515 Limerick Rd Kinde, MI 48445
- **St John Lutheran Church** (989) 428-4140
4527 Second St. Port Hope, MI 48468 Sunday worship: 8am & 10am; Sunday School & Bible Class: 9am (Sept. - May);
Wednesday Bible Study: 10:30am e-mail: stjohn-sec@stjohnporthope.org Rev. David Dodge, Pastor
website is www.stjohnporthope.org
- **Port Hope United Methodist Church (989) 479-6053**
5421 N Lakeshore Rd Port Hope, MI 48468
- **Bad Axe Nazarene Church (989) 623-0063**
1200 Thomas Rd, Bad Axe MI 48413 Rich Evans, Senior Paster
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF HURON
VILLAGE OF PORT AUSTIN**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON VILLAGE STREETS PURSUANT TO MCL 257.657a; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

THE VILLAGE OF PORT AUSTIN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions.

“Golf Cart” – A vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purposes of transporting one or more persons and their golf clubs or maintenance equipment while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a public or private golf course.

“Village Streets” – Any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Port Austin, Michigan, except for state and county roads.

Section 2. Policy Statement.

This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public safety. Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roads, hereinafter “streets(s),” and the Village of Port Austin in no way advocates or endorses their operation on streets. The Village, by regulating such operation is merely addressing safety issues. This Ordinance is not to be relied upon as determination that operation on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this Ordinance.

All persons operating golf carts must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride golf carts on streets inside the Village of Port Austin do so at their own risk and peril. The Village is immune from tort liability for injuries or damages sustained by any person arising in any way out of the operation of use of a golf cart on maintained or unmaintained streets, shoulders, and rights-of-way over which the Village has jurisdiction.

Section 3. Operation of Golf Carts.

A person may operate a golf cart on streets within the Village of Port Austin, subject to the following restrictions:

A person shall not operate a golf cart unless he or she is at least 16 years old and licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

The operator of a golf cart shall comply with all signaling requirements of MCL 257.648, as amended, that apply to the operation of a vehicle. Either hand signals or mechanical signals shall be permitted.

A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a village street, using the most direct line of crossing.

Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path.

A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a one-way street, in an unoccupied lane.

A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.

A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hours except to cross that highway or street.

A golf cart shall not be operated on village streets during the time period from one half (1/2) hour before sunset to one half (1/2) hour after sunrise, unless equipped with mechanical signals and headlights.

A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

No person under the age of 4 years shall be a passenger of a golf cart operate on village streets.

Any person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt as required by MCL 257.710e for operators and passengers of motor vehicles.

No person shall operate a golf cart while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

No person shall operate a golf cart while holding or using a mobile electronic device as those terms are defined in the Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act 300 of 1949, as amended.

This ordinance does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.

Prior to operation on any village street, all golf carts intended for street use within the Village shall be registered with the Port Austin Police Department. Proof of registration as provided by the Village shall be prominently displayed on the rear of any golf cart operated on village streets.

Section 4. Enforcement.

Any person who is found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction and shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. A court of competent jurisdiction may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a street, or other property as a result of the operation of a golf cart to pay full restitution in addition to the penalties paid for civil fines.

Section 5. Severability.

The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective 20 days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village of Port Austin. ~


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A City on the Move..... to achieve Better Health and as a result, a Better Life

by Wendy Gilchrist Waldrep

If you don't recognize the facility below in Caseville, you're in for a treat.



Picture this: You've just left the doctor's or dentist's office feeling horrible with a prescription in hand. You now have to head to a pharmacy, get out of your car and go in. Well, soon that will be a vision of the past. Caseville will soon have a drive-thru pharmacy thanks in part to plans put into motion 30 years ago.

The road to the future medical complex began with Dr. Delmer Eichler. Dr. Eichler was the first dentist in Caseville. Prior to becoming a dentist, he held both a Bachelor and Master's Degree. He utilized those degrees by serving as both a teacher and guidance counselor at Caseville High School. Deciding that wasn't sufficient, he went back to school and earned a dental degree. Dr. Eichler then built his dental practice on property that he owned where Caseville Family Dentistry, the office of Dr. Scott Redwantz and Caseville Family Medicine, the office of Dr. Scott Reiter and PA Paul Penfold currently reside. When Doctor Eichler passed away in 1994, this property was sold.

Many times, we live in hindsight.... "I wish I would have done this or I wish I would have done that." Well, in this case foresight took the helm. Dr. Scott Redwantz and his wife Amy purchased the dental practice and the property surrounding the practice. In 1996 they built their current facility and removed the old dental office that sat in front on the lot. They met with Dwight Gascho, the CEO of Scheurer Hospital, about bringing a medical clinic to Caseville. This was a first for Caseville as Caseville didn't have one! The hospital was receptive, purchased a parcel from them and built the current clinic.

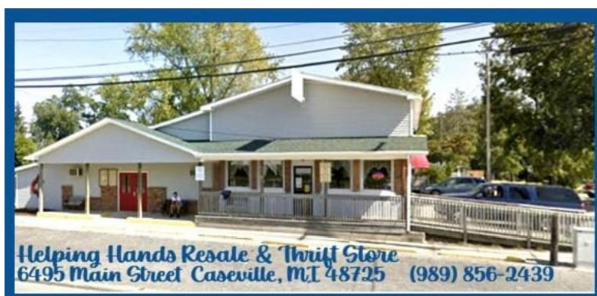
As everyone knows, technology continues to advance at a fast-place clip. To that point, Scheurer decided to update the current clinic to their standards. Clark Ramsey, who heads up Marketing & Business Development at Scheurer Hospital couldn't be more excited about the current construction. Per Clark, "It is our goal for you to achieve **Better Health** and as a result, a **Better Life**, which just so happens to be our vision at Scheurer Health. Healthcare has changed ten times over, if not more, since 1996. We felt our clinic and pharmacy should reflect and utilize the latest tools and resources available for you."

To that point, Scheurer also elected to bring the pharmacy currently located in town to the location of this new project. Luckily the Redwantz's had purchased enough property to allow for this expansion. They sold the additional property that was necessary to the hospital. So, in the future, when you are feeling punk and don't want to get out of your car and/or expose anyone else to your germs you can utilize the drive thru pharmacy just like in the "big cities."

With the expansion, the current clinic will double in size and will increase from four patient rooms to six rooms. It will add space for a Care Coordinator to assure the follow-up of each patient and a Behavioral Health area to assist patients as well. All rooms and areas will be maximized to take into account the best care for the patient, as well as maximum workflow for the staff. While the Dental Office is not pictured, it will share one unified parking lot with the new project.

As we end 2024 and move toward 2025, Caseville will have a true Medical Complex complete with Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Suites all at one location. Thanks to the foresight of Dr. Eichler, Dr. Redwantz and Scheurer Hospital, Caseville is moving into the future with top notch care and convenience for Better Health and as a result a Better Life.

For additional information on the project and to see the floor plan, please go to the following location: scheurer.org/Caseville. ~



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April 8, 1974 – April 8, 2024

by Dennis Hafeli

Three years ago, following the death of baseball great Hank Aaron, I wrote an article for The Port Austin News about the amazing turn of events that put my lifetime friend and former Port Austin neighbor Stan Prokop and me in Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium on Monday night, April 8, 1974. It was there that we witnessed arguably the greatest happening in the history of baseball, before or since – Hank Aaron passing Babe Ruth on the all-time home run list by belting #715 against Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Al Downing. If you want all the details, see if you can locate the March 2021 issue of the PAN. If you can't do this, contact me and I'll see that you get a copy.

The reason I am bringing this up is because April 8 of 2024, just a few weeks away, marks the 50th anniversary of this historic event. That night I took numerous pictures, many of which I am very proud of, although my inexperience with the borrowed camera showed at times. Nevertheless, I have created a collage with many of my pictures, placing near the picture of the actual home run swing a 50th anniversary sticker. I had 100 copies printed at Clemco Printing in Bad Axe, and I personally numbered and signed each of them. I intend to sell these 11x14 items (see the picture) for \$10.00 each, with most of the proceeds going to my friend Barbara King to help defray her costs in putting out this wonderful paper and as a form of a personal thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as her "ace reporter." Contact me at flea4244@sbcglobal.net to order one. You are **welcome** to select a favorite number on your poster if I have not yet sold it. Incidentally, Aaron wore #44. If you want that particular poster, I have a \$25.00 price tag on it.

By the way, the autograph in the center of the poster was signed by Aaron on the original picture. The collage contains a photo of the autograph. It will make a great gift or display piece, especially to a true baseball fan. Thank you all for reading my articles, and thank you, Barb, for this wonderful opportunity. ~



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