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Antrim County BULLETIN

Human Resources Director
Gloria Campbell



In late May, Ms. Gloria Campbell accepted the Human Resources (HR) Director role after the retirement of Stephanie Murray. At that point, Ms. Campbell had been serving as the HR Assistant.

Ms. Campbell is a graduate of Elk Rapids High School and the TBA Career Tech Center. She received an Associate's degree from Northwestern Michigan College and a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Administrative Personnel from CMU. After starting with the County in the MSU Extension office in 2004, she moved to the HR Office in 2022.

When asked about her HR roles, Ms. Campbell said "I love being able to help employees navigate our benefits, helping when things might be going poorly, and celebrating our employee successes." She added that "I'm looking forward to finding new ways to strengthen relationships and building the Human Resources office."

Ms. Campbell and her high school sweetheart husband have been married almost 27 years and have two children. Currently, Ms. Campbell is Treasurer for the Bellaire Eagles Sports Boosters, and she spends weekends cheering on her daughter's travel softball team.

Pilot Project at COA

In May, the Commission on Aging (COA) began offering programming that provides respite care to seniors and their caregivers. As this was a new type of service, COA staff was not certain how quickly word would get out. However, **within two weeks, four of the five openings were filled.**

"It has been fulfilling to see these participants engage with other seniors," said Paula Chermside, COA Director. "Caregiver feedback has been positive. One shared that her mom was smiling all week after her first session."

Another benefit, Ms. Chermside said, has been for the caregivers. "They were excited about being able to have some time to themselves."

Due to space constraints, **this pilot program is offered only on Mondays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm;** the total capacity is five seniors. Existing staff and volunteers are providing the respite care services in the current COA building in Bellaire.

Public Safety Center Progress

The project's architect/engineering firm, Abonmarche Byce, has completed the design development drawings for the new facility. The design development (DD) phase is a major step between schematic design and finalizing the construction documents; it develops the schematics into a more detailed architectural design.

DD saves time and money by solidifying layout, structural and mechanical systems, and more before construction drawings are finished. DD documents provide the basis for the next round of estimates that will be provided by the Construction Manager.



County staff is reviewing the DD documentation to ensure that community and law enforcement needs will be met. Representatives from Michigan Department of Corrections and Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority are expected to begin their reviews of the design in the coming weeks.

Operation Northern Exposure

On June 6, Antrim County Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with Bellaire and Central Lake Police Departments, East Jordan EMS, and the Michigan National Guard, conducted another valuable joint training exercise at the Antrim County Airport. Lessons learned during the 2025 exercise helped to improve this year's event, a highlight of which was the landing of a Blackhawk and a Chinook helicopter.



Petoskey Stone Festival

The May 16 Festival was a huge success. Many thanks to the Petoskey Stone Festival Committee for all their hard work that went into this 20th anniversary event!

