

Delta Township Presents

The 11th Annual Community Awards Reception

Thursday, October 27 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Crowne Plaza Lansing West





Welcome to the 11th Annual Delta Township Community Awards Reception.

Six awards will be presented during this evening's event and include: the Business of the Year Award, two Community Enhancement Awards, the Community Organization of the Year Award, the Young Person of the Year Award and Scholarship, and the Citizen of the Year Award. As you review the program, you will see a description of the awards being presented, the criteria used to select each recipient, and a detailed list of all of our nominees.

We will recognize all the nominees and honor the award recipients for each category. This evening, we will also celebrate the eleventh anniversary of this event. The Delta Township Community Awards program is a success due in large part to our sponsors. The support of our sponsors and the community as a whole is integral to this event and it simply could not be achieved without this support. Please take note of our sponsors listed at the end of the program.

You will also notice that we are continuing our "I Am Delta" promotion. We hope that you will join us in our "photo" campaign and take your picture with one of our "I Am Delta" signs. We will use these pictures to promote "I Am Delta."

We are looking forward to this terrific celebration and are appreciative of all those in attendance this evening. On behalf of the Delta Township Board and the Community Awards Committee, we want to thank you for attending this reception.

~ Kenneth R. Fletcher, Delta Township Supervisor and Co-Chairperson, Community Awards Committee

~ Mary R. Clark, Delta Township Clerk and Co-Chairperson, Community Awards Committee



5:30	Cocktail Hour Photo Opportunities Slideshow Presentation	
6:30	Opening Remarks	Kelly Rossman-McKinney
6:40	Remarks	Kenneth Fletcher, Supervisor
"I Am Delta" Promotional Video Debut		
6:55	"Take Note" Quartet (musical selections)	
7:05	Presentation of Awards	Kelly Rossman-McKinney & Kenneth Fletcher
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	Business of the Year Award	
	Community Enhancement Award	
	Community Organization of the Yeo	ar Award
	Young Person of the Year Award	
	Citizen of the Year Award	
7:25	Door Prize Drawings	Kelly Rossman-McKinney
		Assisted by Toni Raleigh
		& Christina Medawar
(winners must be present to win door prizes)		
7:30	Closing Remarks	Kelly Rossman-McKinney

Light hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be available throughout the course of the evening.

A cash bar will also be available.

"Delta Pride" Celebrating 11 Years of Community Awards

While this evening will honor a hand full of exceptional nominees, this event also celebrates excellence of some of Delta's finest citizens, businesses and organizations. They are truly the "Pride of Delta" and are all our honored guests.

This year we celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the Delta Township Community Awards. This program was established in 2004, when a committee was formed to develop a recognition program that would celebrate the individuals, businesses and organizations that make Delta Township a great place to live, work, and play. In 2006, the Township held its first awards ceremony. Since the program's inception, the Township has recognized over 100 nominees and has presented fiffy-two awards. Delta Township is proud to have such a wealth of community minded businesses, organizations and individuals; they are the heart and soul of our proud community. Thank you for choosing Delta Township as your home.

Musical Entertainment



"Take Note" Quartet is the official quartet of Grand Ledge! The group is comprised of (L to R) Mike Barger (Baritone), Al Blankenship (Bass), Charlie Martin (Lead), and Dan Templin (Tenor). Their tight harmonies and epic sound make this group's entertainment something to remember.

Our Emcee

Kelly Rossman-McKinney is a well known and accomplished communications expert, evident by the results of all the MIRS/EPIC-MRA State Capitol Surveys. The poll of hundreds of Capital City insiders consistently ranks Kelly as the most effective public relations professional around.

Through her leadership, the communications firm Truscott Rossman has expanded from one office in Lansing and a dozen employees to three statewide offices and a team of nearly 30. This rapid growth has helped Truscott Rossman to be named one of Michigan's 50 Companies to Watch in 2015.



Kelly is committed to her clients and to her values. Nothing lights her fire like a client chal-

lenge — and she's at her absolute best (just watch her eyes light up!) when she's helping her clients tackle their thorniest issues and situations.

Kelly pioneered issue management in Lansing and continues to pursue cutting edge work in her field. She's a certified crisis communicator, a nationally accredited public relations counselor (APR), and a member of the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) distinguished College of Fellows — one of only three in Michigan. She's also a great motivational speaker who can really rock an audience with her candor, wit, and wisdom.

In addition to guiding her firm to greatness, Kelly is deeply committed to community service and lives by the adage "the more you get, the more you give." She serves on several boards, including the Michigan Political Leadership Program, the Citizens Research Council, Olivet College Board of Trustees, SBAM PAC Board, and the Nature Conservancy.

Although she's been honored with many awards as a PR professional and female business owner, nothing thrills her more than hanging out with her four kids and her beloved husband, Officer Dave. Kelly and her family reside in Delta Township.

Business of the Year Award Nominees

The Business of the Year award will honor a selected business or business person who has been responsible for exceptional outcomes between and among businesses, governments, and nonprofit organizations; or, has served as a role model for other businesses; or, has gone above and beyond the scope of business to support and promote Delta Township. The nominees are:

ABC Liquor:

ABC Liquor is a full service spirits retailer and has been a supporter of Delta Township events since opening in 2015. Owner Steven Kesto has volunteered his time, products,



and services to multiple Township events and has become a neighbohood favorite. Steve is also a member of the Delta Township Economic Development Corporation and has sponsored such events as the Grand Woods Park Grand Opening Wine Tasting Event and the Delta Township Community Awards Program.

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery:

EagleMonk Pub and Brewery offers craft beer, wine, soda and fresh pizza made on premises. They are a microbrewery and feature a warm, welcoming atmosphere, not to mention their 9 beers they have on tap. The brewery is extremely proud to have been the first business



of its' kind to open in Delta Township. Since its opening, EagleMonk's owners Donand Sonia Buonono have been active community member's sponsoring sports teams, hosting charity events for local foodbanks, donating to local schools, and has also sponsored the Delta Township Community Awards.

Medawar Jewelers:

In 1978, the very first Medawar Jewelry store opened in Lansing, Michigan, continuing the Medawar legacy of creating exquisite heirloom jewelry and impeccable customer service. Since then, they have continued to grow while maintaining strong family



values and a unwavering committment to the Delta Township community. They have sponsored the Delta Township Community Awards providing door prize items for four past events, giving nearly \$5,000 in donated items. Additionally, Catrine Medawar is a past Community Awards Committee member.

Business of the Year Award Nominees (Cont.)

Once Upon A Child:

Once Upon A Child is owned by franchise holders Patty Roberts and Lisa Starks. Both owners are Delta Township residents and opened their store because they saw a need for reasonably priced children's clothing. Since



their opening in 2015, they have helped raise money and donated to numerous charities, as well as helped to clothe fire victims. Additionally, they have made it their mission to help raise the funds needed to help a local 3-year-old cancer patient pay her medical bills through "Lillies for Lilly." Their donations are often chosen, sorted, and delivered free of charge directly from their store's inventory.

Community Enchancement Awards

This award was established to honor selected individual citizens and/or businesses for exceptional outcomes in property rehabilitation, residential, recreational, or commercial area beautifications, preservation of clean, safe neighborhoods, or other environmental improvements within the township. The purpose is to reward initiatives that improve community aesthetics and safety, and to encourage responsible community stewardship.

Improving the appearance and encouraging redevelopment of the Saginaw Highway corridor and other aged areas has always been a priority of the Delta Township Board. The renovation and rehabilitation of the two properties we are awarding this evening shows the Township's ongoing commitment to bring life and beautification back to the area.

As stated earlier, it continues to be a goal for the Township Board to revitalize the Saginaw Highway corridor. We are striving to improve the mix of businesses by attracting quality businesses, improving the exterior facades of commercial buildings, reducing vacancy rates, and improve traffic flow and safety. We will continue to place a high priority on business retention and are actively engaged with Leap, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, local realtors and private developers to attract and promote businesses.

This year, we are presenting two awards for property rehabilitation.

Community Enchancement Award Recipients



Rally's Hamburgers



4721 W. Saginaw Hwy.

Wolverine Development bought and redeveloped the deteriorating property that was formerly owned by Mancino's. They demolished the old building and constructed a Rally's Hamburgers, complete with a drive through and eat-in area.



698 S. Waverly Rd.

Tabooli Mediterranean



Chuck Abraham Realty purchased the dilapidated property that was once a Shell Gas Station. They invested in the rehabilitation of the building into a Tabooli Mediterranean Restaurant, including a new parking lot and outdoor dining area.

Community Organization of the Year Nominees

The Community Organization of the Year award will honor a selected group or organization for their dedication in serving and promoting Delta Township through volunteer contributions to a project, program or ongoing activity that has impacted the quality of life in Delta Township, provided leadership over a period of years, thereby contributing to the township's character, and/or made a valuable contribution that has enhanced the quality of life for residents of Delta Township. The nominees are:



Delta Presbyterian Church

Established in 1974, the Delta Presbyterian Church has been an integral part of the Delta Township Community, For several vears, the church has offered the use of a Community Garden, free of charge, on a first come basis to any area resident, regardless if they are a church member. Through this project, they have added vitality and life to the community, providing people the opportunity to grow

some of their own produce, and donate extra produce to local food pantries.

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School has partnered with Delta Township to provide the use of their soccer fields, baseball field, as well as fields for the Township's flag football league. The church/school does not charge the township for the use of their fields. Without these fields, the Township would not be able to offer these recreational programs to their residents.





West Lansing Church of Christ

West Lansing Church of Christ has been a constant supporter of Delta Rocks! Family Festival for the last ten years. Through the years, they have sponsored games, dunk tanks, prizes, and refreshments. Their parishioners have volunteered and are a wonderful asset to the festival adding a whole new dimension to the event. They have consistantly grown their footprint at the event to accomodate the number of activities they provide.

Young Person of the Year Nominees

The Young Person of the Year award will honor a high school senior who has made a positive contribution to the community, is an example to their friends, may have excelled in academics, music, arts, athletics, etc., or has successfully faced personal challenges. A \$2,000 academic scholarship will be awarded to this individual. The nominees are:



Gabby Blake

Gabby Blake is a Senior at Waverly High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Blake is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as her class secretary, competed for the Waverly Tennis Team, and has volunteered with many organizations including Interact, Ronald McDonald House, Autism Awareness, Impressions 5 Science Center, Have A Hart Day, and at her local church.

Sharbel Daher

Sharbel Daher is a Senior at Waverly High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Mr. Daher emigrated from Lebanon in 2006 and has since worked diligently to overcome language barriers, not only for himself, but for other international students. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honors Society, Captain of the Waverly Soccer Team, acts as an Ambassador for the Waverly Schools International Students, and helped to organize World Language Night where performances were given in over 40 languages from around the world.





Kiersten Fox

Kiersten Fox is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Fox is a member of the Grand Ledge Archery Team , is a member of the Tech Crew, and the Sexuality and Gender Acceptance Club. She also volunteers her time at the Delta Township Library, Delta Township Parks Program and Grand Ledge Schools.



Emily Gruber

Emily Gruber is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics and volunteerism, Ms. Gruber is a member of the National Honor Society, PALS, Key Club, completed Base Camp and was accepted into Notre Dame's Summer Scholars Program. She is a volunteer at her parish, completing a mission trip to Kentucky for Habitat for Humanity, as well as volunteers for the Capital Area Humane Society.

David Hart

David Hart is a Senior at Lansing Catholic High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Mr. Hart is a student ambassador for Lansing Catholic High School and a member of the Lansing Catholic High School Basketball Team. He is also a volunteer with Base Camp. as well as the assistant youth basketball coach for St. Gerard Catholic School helping to teach first through eighth graders about the sport.





Kylie Hogan

Kylie Hogan is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Hogan is a member of the National Honor Society, Calculus Club, competed for the Dance City West Travel Team, and has volunteered her time with organizations that provide relief to underdeveloped countries. Recently she traveled to Jamaica to help deliver and distribute school supplies to children across the region.



Cassidy Kamrada

Cassidy Kamrada is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Kamrada is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, competed for the Grand Ledge Softball Team, and has volunteered for several organizations. Her volunteer work includes four years as a weekly volunteer at Sparrow Hospital, student ambassador, and helped with the "Blessings in a Backpack" program. Additionally, she works with children with special needs, a cause that is near and dear to her heart, as she has an older sister with special needs.

Nathan LeBlanc

Nathan LeBlanc is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics and volunteerism. Mr. LeBlanc is a member of the Honor Roll and a volunteer for his church. Additionally, he has been a leader in launching the opening of the project-based school store at Grand Ledge High School as a marketing student and is the school store's inventory manager.





Mason Miller

Mason Miller is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics. Mr. Miller is gifted in math and science and has incredible memory and reasoning skills. He is interested in astrophysics and has a propensity for challenging himself and pushing his boundaries. Mason is second in his class and his hope is to study at MIT next fall.



Katlyn Paylik

Katlyn Pavlik is a Senior at Waverly High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Pavlik is a member of the Career Center Animal Sciences Program, competed for the Waverly Tennis Team, and is a member of the tech and crew team for school plays and musicals. She has volunteered countless hours with the Capital Area Humane Society and her passion for carina for animals is unmatched.

Cecilia Rivet

Cecilia Rivet is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Rivet is a member of the Grand Ledge Varsity Swim Team and has volunteered with many organizations including Blessings in a Backpack, Relay for Life, Base Camp, and Big Buddies. Additionally, she is a swim instructor at Waverly East Intermediate Schools, and attended Girls State this past summer.





Abigail Schaner

Abigail Schaner is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism, Ms. Schaner is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as an event planner for her church, competed for the Varsity Volleyball Team, and is a volunteer coach for the Grand Ledge Elementary School Vollyball program. Additionally, she is a member of the Leadership Development Workshop and has volunteered for over 40 school events each year.



Emily Songer

Emily Songer is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Songer is a member of Key Club serving as the club's president. She competed for the Varsity Softball Team serving as captain of the team, and has volunteered with many organizations including the Red Cross, UNICEF, Delta Township District Library, Sparrrow Hospital, the Capital Area Humane Society, as well as helped with events such as Relay for Life, Blessings in a Backpack, and raising funds for the Salvation Army

Joseph Strother

Joseph Strother is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Mr. Strother is a member of the Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) and has competed for the Grand Ledge Golf Team. He has volunteered with several organizations and has helped to to raise money for area sports teams. Through his role in DECA, he has been appointed the Manager of the School Store and uses his influence in the student body to promote responsibility and love of community.





Teaghan Thomas

Teaghan Thomas is a Senior at Waverly High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Ms. Thomas is a member of the National Honor Society, the Black Student Union, Spanish National Honors Society, competed for the Waverly Track and Field Team and Varsity Cheer Team, and has volunteered for many community events including "Give A Kid A Backpack", Toys for Tots, and the 5/3 River Run. Her love of running has allowed her to

place on both a local and state level for numerous conferences and has earned her the Lansing State Journal's "Dream Team" award four consecutive years.



Eric Thompson

Eric Thompson is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Mr. Thompson is a member of the National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Calculus Club, Grand Ledge Marching Band, Grand Ledge Wind Symphony and MSU Spartan Youth Wind Symphony. He has competed for the Grand Ledge Tennis Team where he is Co-Captain, and has volunteered with many organizations including the Delta Township District Library. Additionally, he tutors aspiring young musicians in the art of playing the trumpet

Christian Witt

Christian Witt is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics, athletics, and volunteerism. Mr. Witt is a member of the National Honor Society, DECA, Calculus Club, German Club, and Rotary Leadership Youth Camp. He competes for the Grand Ledge Varsity Ice Hockey Team and has volunteered with many organizations including Our Savior Lutheran Church, the Capital Area Humane Society, as well as assists beginner hockey players in learning how to skate.





Noah Wyatt

Noah Wyatt is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for his dedication and excellence in academics, arts, and volunteerism. Mr. Wyatt is a member of the National Honor Society, competes in Musical Festivals and is actively involved in school plays and musicals. Additionally, he is an AP student who when he's not at school or working on extra curricular activities helps to take care of his mother, who is visually impaired.

Ally Young

Ally Young is a Senior at Grand Ledge High School and was nominated for her dedication and excellence in academics and volunteerism. Ms. Young is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as her class Vice President, and has volunteered with many organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Capital Area Humane Society, the Red Cross, CADSA, her church and assisted with Blessings in a Backpack.





The Delta Side Business Association (DSBA) is the sponsor for the 2016 Delta Township Young Person of the Year Scholarship. In addition to this scholarship, the DSBA will grant several additional scholarships to Delta Township students this coming Spring, following the Delta Side Business Expo.

Each year the DSBA organizes the expo with the intention of raising funds to provide scholarships to several Delta Township students who give back to their community, to assist them with their educational expenses.

Citizen of the Year Nominees

The Citizen of the Year award will honor an individual citizen whose extraordinary contributions go "above and beyond" to enhance the quality of life and general reputation of the township. The nominees are:



Jackie Householder

Jackie Householder is what you think of when the word community comes to mind. She has given selflessly to members of the Delta Township community and has offered a unique opportunity to friends and neighbors. In 2001, Jackie and her husband Bob offered their yard to those that surround them by donating a half acre of land for the development of a community garden. Their goal was to help feed the hungry in their community, as well as promote community togetherness and a love of gardening.

Together they helped to inspire a new generation of garden enthusiasts, and provide life-long gardeners without a plot, the opportunity to continue to grow their passion.

Barbara Thorburn

Barbara Thorburn has been a Delta Township Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries Commission member for over 20 years. During her tenure, Barb has volunteered countless hours at Township sponsored events and has often enlisted family members to volunteer when more help was needed. She has coordinated the food tent within the VIP area for the annual fireworks for many years taking on the ordering and purchasing duties for that event, as well as recruiting the many volunteers necessary to staff it. In recent years, Barb has volunteered at the weekly Pint Size Picasso's pre-school art class helping and taking it upon herself to purchase sup-



plies for the program, as well as putting together projects for future classes.



Gina Johnsen

Gina Johnsen is a business woman who has been leading Michigan Capitol House of Prayer (MICHOP) for the past 5 years and is the Strategic Outreach Director for Salt Light Global, a non-profit legal advocacy organization in Lansing. She has been able to enlist others in a common vision. Among some of her community contributions is her work as a mentor to other female business owners and the organization of the National Day of Prayer at the Capitol Building.

Platinum Sponsors



Delta Township is one of the founding sponsors of this event. They contribute countless hours of staff time and facilitate the Community Awards Committee, which plans and executes this event.



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The Crowne Plaza Lansing West, generously donates portions of their staff time, event space and catering services for this event. They have been a sponsor since the event's inception.

Special Thanks To:

Kelly Rossman-McKinney Chuck Frybarger - WLNS-TV Zoë Life Spa & Salon Dave Marquette

Platinum Sponsors (Cont.)



Delta Side Business Association (DSBA) is the sponsor of the 2016 Young Person of the Year Scholarship. Be sure to check out other scholarship opportunities with DSBA on their website at www.deltaside.org.

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Medawar Jewelers has generously provided a stunning piece of jewelry that was designed and made right here in Delta Township as our grand prize giveaway for this event.

Door Prizes Provided by:

ABC Liquor Chick-fil-A Fireside Grill Medawar Jewelers Outback Steak House Gold Sponsors



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Delta Township Community Awards Past Recipients

Citizen of the Year

John Keel - 2006

Gail Hanna - 2007

Michael Moore - 2008

Carl Kentner - 2009

Bradley Rappuhn - 2010

Michael Egan - 2011

Sheri Jones - 2012

Mark Anderson - 2013

Dr. Phil Brown - 2014

Linda Smith - 2015

Anniversary Award

Betty Jones - 2007

Douglas Steel - 2012

Legacy Award

Howard Hunter - 2007

Carl Haussman - 2007

Creyts Family - 2012

Richard Milliman - 2013

Joseph E. Drolett - 2015

Community Enhancement

Schaefer & Ward, LLC - 2006

Addy's Floral and Gifts - 2007

Crippen Buick Pontiac GMC Mazda - 2008

Waverly Community Schools - 2009

Granger Container Service - 2010

Lansing Urgent Care - 2013

LLB Asian Market - 2013

NAI Mid-Michigan TMN Commercial - 2014

Delta Waverly Garden Club - 2014

Delta Township Community Awards Past Recipients (Cont.)

Community Enhancement (Cont.)

ABC Liquor - 2015 Mike Davis Construction - 2015 Dunkin Donuts/BP Gas - 2015

Community Organization

Delta Kiwanis Club - 2011
Trinity United Methodist Church - 2012
Bretton Woods Lion's Club - 2013
Friends of the Delta Township District Library - 2014
Delta Side Business Association - 2015

Business of the Year

Lansing Delta Lion's Club - 2006
David Chapman Agency - 2007
Donald Lawrence - 2008
Kids Hope USA - 2009
Delta Waverly Rotary Club - 2010
Meijer - 2011
LAFCU - 2012
Lansing Mall - 2013

Chris & Renee Draves, Owners, McDonalds® - 2013

H & H Jewelry Design - 2014

Delta Flowers - 2015

Young Person of the Year

Alexander Flanagan - 2009
Noelle Miles - 2010
Kristen Patterson - 2011
Haley Kluge - 2012
Emily Konen - 2013
Elisabeth Grace Billman-Benveniste - 2014
Allyson Erickson - 2015

Delta Township Board



(Front Row L to R) Kenneth Fletcher, Supervisor; Mary R. Clark, Clerk; and Howard Pizzo, Treasurer. (Back Row L to R) Jeffrey Hicks, Trustee; Karen Mojica, Trustee; Dennis Fedewa, Trustee; and R. Douglas Kosinski, Trustee

Delta Township Community Awards Committee

The Delta Township Community Awards Committee was formed in March 2004 to promote and recognize the outstanding achievements of Delta Township businesses and residents. The 2016 committee is led by Kenneth Fletcher and Mary Clark and includes local citizens, business representatives, and township staff.

Kenneth Fletcher, Co-Chair

Mary R. Clark, Co-Chair

Cindy Bowen

Michael Egan

Steven Grinnell

Toni Raleigh

Ed Reed

Lorri Rishar

Mary Worland

Linda Wells