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Article & Photos by Johanne Edwards DNM, PhD

Publisher's Note: We will bring you Dr. Edwards story over the next three months in order to do justice to her truly rich and varied career.



I have always been a scientist, even in junior high school. I entered the science fair and was one of the top award winners for my science project on soap solutions. I was a guest member in a group of high school students called the Five Talents. This group included students who excelled in math and science. It was through this organization

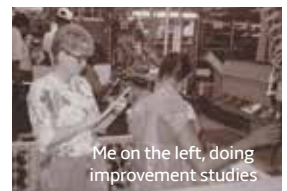
that I was privileged to travel to the nuclear lab facility in Oak Ridge Tennessee, saw how bauxite was mined and processed into aluminum powder, and visited science museums just to name a few of the sites.

Because of my affiliation with this group, I was also privileged to meet several scientists that had worked on the Manhattan Project. AC Spark Plug sent several of their scientist to help with the war effort. They helped with the research for the development of the materials used in the first atomic bomb during WWII. One of these scientists was Dr. Helen Blair Barlett, she was best known for her contribution to the development of the Spark Plug ceramic insulator formula. As part of the Manhattan project, she helped with the material used in the bombs ceramic casing.

I was fortunate enough to spend time with her and get her ideas on what it meant to be a female scientist. A kind of Madam Currie right here in my own hometown. She never had children and she told me that if she had it to do over again, she would not have sacrificed having a family for science. And she encouraged me to consider being a mom and not just a career in science. She had a remarkable influence on me... Not only did I pursue science, I now have been married for 48 years to Steve and I have 2 daughters, Nicole and Natalie and 5 grandchildren: Alia, Stephen, Jameson, Theodore, and Silvan.

I went onto college to study chemistry and mathematics. I later hired into AC Spark Plug as the first female sales representative for GM automotive resale components. And later held positions as a manufacturing supervisor, and continued studies at GMI (now Kettering) with additional on-the-job training as both an Industrial Engineer (IE) and a Value Engineer (VE). In my 20+-year career there I implemented the first cruise control assembly lines, did the engineering and design of an offshore electronic assembly plant, and remodeled and consolidated a 500,000 square foot manufacturing plant on Dort highway that has now been demolished, a sad ending.

It was an amazing time as we were going from mechanical to electronic in automotive components. I met interesting people from all over the world, who were expanding their knowledge of the design and manufacture of electronic components.



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In my work to design an offshore electronics facility I worked for Dwight Callaway. He was also a ceramist. Dwight worked for General Motors for 28 years, starting in 1964 at Delco Radio (Electronics), where his work on semiconductors revolutionized the industry. He was also Martin Luther King's roommate in college. A remarkably interesting man that I admired very much.

He mentored me on the business aspects of designing a manufacturing facility. "You are not only building a product but a business", he would say. He encouraged me to go back to school at which time I got my bachelor's degree in human resource management and at the same time I was schooled at the GM Tech Center in joint with the union to learn business management and leadership concepts. This was a six-week intensive training, and when I completed the program I was certified as a business consultant.

I did two things with this new knowledge. I developed a business planning strategy which I called Team Based Strategic Planning (TBSP). It evolved into a strategic planning methodology that utilized the whole team and not just the leader in developing the businesses strategic plan. Using the brain power of all the members, teams create superior plans and are more engaged in having the plan become a reality. I utilized accelerated learning techniques and action training to teach team building, personality style adapting, brainstorming, visioning and futuring techniques to grow team members skills to solve historically unsolvable problems.

I provided this training to many of the individual departments at AC Spark Plug, making monumental changes in job satisfaction and profit improvements while at the same time creating a team that was committed to the change. Tim Galvin was the first manager to take on this new philosophy and had me facilitate his team. He was able to make major changes in the sheet metal press room. He stuck his neck out and was willing to take risks. He moved his department out of the status-quo with new and innovative changes. Helping us to compete with

Japan at the time utilizing standardization ideas and die quick-change techniques, among others.

*"Change is disturbing when it is done to us,
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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO BACKYARD CAMPING

By Erin Vander Weele



If you're looking for a fun outdoor experience for the whole family but don't want to travel too far, set up camp just outside your doorstep!

Backyard camping is a great opportunity to step away from electronics, enjoy fresh air and make memories with family. It offers flexibility to choose a weekend when the weather is nice. Staying close to home also eliminates some of the stressful aspects of camping, and it frees up time to relax outdoors. Backyard camping is great for first-time campers – especially when introducing little ones to the experience.

If you're ready to have a fun weekend in the convenience of your own backyard, here's a guide to help you plan your outdoor adventure!

SET UP YOUR CAMPSITE

Even though you're just steps away from home, to get the full camping experience, you'll want to keep trips in and out of the house to a minimum. It's best to prepare meals and pack ahead of time just as you would if you were traveling.

Pitch your tent in a flat, shaded area in your yard. Set up chairs around your firepit and get a campfire started for the evening.

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Since you're not going far, you can add more to your campsite than if you were hauling equipment for a camping trip. You don't have to worry about fitting everything into the vehicle. In addition to comfortable chairs for sitting around the campfire, you can bring nice outdoor blankets and pillows for stargazing or watching a movie.

PLAN MEALS AND SNACKS

Remember: prepping makes cooking effortless. For example, you could try breakfast burritos, hot melted sandwiches for lunch, and a foil packet dinner to make ahead and simply heat over the fire/grill. Meal prep also makes for a quick and stress-free cleanup so you can spend more time making memories.

As with a camping trip, pack a cooler full of beverages and bring snacks (i.e. trail mix, fruit, crackers, etc.) to hold everyone over in between meals – and limit trips inside.

A camping experience isn't complete without cooking over a campfire! From pudgy pies to s'mores, there are a variety of meals (and treats) to make over a fire. The kids will love it! You can also fire up the grill to cook kabobs, burgers or other summertime barbecue favorites.

CREATE, PLAY, EXPLORE AND UNWIND

When it comes to outdoor activities, the sky's the limit! Here are some ideas for you to try!

- **Make crafts outside**
Spending more time in nature can spark your creativity! Kids will love making crafts outside, where no one has to worry about spills or messes.
- **Play outdoor games**
Games are a fun way for the family to bond. Have a game day! Set up some games around the backyard: cornhole, lawn darts, croquet or other family favorites.
- **Explore a nearby trail**
Even during a backyard camping trip, you can still go on a hike. Check if you have trails nearby and start exploring! Observing and learning about local birds, plants and other wildlife can be a great educational experience.
- **Watch a movie under the stars**
If you have access to a projector, bring it outside. Set up a comfortable area to watch a film once the sun goes down. Hang string lights and lay out those pillows and blankets. Don't forget the snacks. And, before the movie begins, make popcorn over the campfire.

You don't have to go far for a memorable camping adventure with the whole family. With no traveling (and less planning) required, it's a great way to relax, connect with nature and enjoy the great outdoors with loved ones. Happy camping!



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What's Your STARTING MINDSET?

By Robert D. Harris, MBA

It's no secret that having a positive mindset can aid you in accomplishing your identified goals. Traditionally when it comes to planning, the first step is to identify a goal. If we set a goal, then it is reasonable to assume that we have not currently achieved said goal. In other words, we lack in the present what we wish to set out to obtain in the future. Once this goal is determined, we can chart a course of actions that we believe will lead to the desired end result. Those who establish written goals have a higher chance of achieving.

But there is another approach, or mindset, that we can take in accomplishing our desires that is available to all of us, but especially to those who call Jesus their Lord. It is a subtle, but potentially impactful mind shift. In this approach we don't start from a sense of lack, but rather from a sense of contentment.

"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" – Philippians 4:11 NKJV

The Bible tells us that if we have food and clothing, then we can chose to be content. Yes, contentment is a choice. In an uncertain world, especially in these uncertain times, making the choice to be content, in plenty and in want, brings a sense of peace and calm that surpasses

understanding at times. And it's been my experience in the financial services world that those who have peace and are not subjected to having to make highly emotional decisions tend to do better over time.

Personally, when I focus on my lack I start to feel some anxiety. When I focus on my contentment I start to feel peace. If you and I have the opportunity to chat about your financial position and future goals, feel free to let me know if you'd prefer more traditional, secular planning approach (I'm happy to flex my M.B.A. muscles) or if biblical wisdom is more your style (I'm happy to reference scriptural guidance as well). With either approach, ultimately we will be seeking mental peace when you think upon and eventually live out your retirement years. If I can play the role of guide and adviser for you in this journey, it would be my honor to serve.

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Tips & Tricks FOR GETTING YOUR HOUSE CLEANED *this Spring*

By **Melissa Magliocco**

"My house isn't dirty. I just have everything on display. Like a museum." Can anyone else relate? Yes, I see all of you raising your hands. It's a good thing we are all in this boat together!

The weather may be warming up and motivation is beginning to kick in, but the idea of spring cleaning sounds exhausting and overwhelming. Lucky for us, it's called spring cleaning for a reason! We've got three months to complete our cleaning lists! Everything doesn't need to be completed in one day.

Now, you might be wondering, "Where do I start?"

Well, the best way to start is to just...start. Pick a room and tackle it top to bottom. Literally, top to bottom. Start with the ceiling fan and work your way down to the carpet. Don't leave any area of the room untouched: organize drawers and closets, purging as you go; vacuum under the furniture, launder the bedding and window treatments, and wash the windows and screens. Reward yourself for a job well done and call it quits. Move on to the next room another day.

While the bedrooms aren't the most daunting area of spring cleaning, I do fear the "monsters" under the beds and in the closets in my children's rooms. I never know what I might find. The good news is they have no idea what's under there either, which makes it so much easier to dispose of. (Cue all the evil mom laughs.)

After all the bedrooms are clean, I move on to the bathrooms. Some extra areas to keep in mind when deep-cleaning the bathrooms are: clean and vacuum the exhaust fan, launder the shower curtain or replace if needed, wash out the trash can, and dispose of any expired medication.

Now, on to the kitchen. The kitchen is definitely the most time-consuming room to accomplish, so I find it helpful to break the kitchen up into sections. One day is dedicated to the refrigerator and another to the oven. Then I focus one day on wiping out and organizing cabinets. On the final kitchen cleaning day, I wipe down everything, run a clean cycle in the coffee pot, clean out the toaster, wipe out the microwave, and bleach out the trash cans.

As you continue to move room-to-room cleaning and organizing, don't forget to pause and admire all your hard work. There is

something extremely rewarding about having a fresh start in each area of every room. If only it would stay this way...



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What the California Gold Rush Taught Us About Digital Marketing

By Devon Godfrey

Part 2 of a 3 part series by Technology Expert, Devon Godfrey

Stop Chasing The Gold, Start Serving The Needs

This parallel of the California gold rush has always proven to be an amazing visual for how to think about getting online. The reason is that is lays the foundation for us to start talking about building your website and digital marketing strategy in the right way.

The key difference between those who did well and those who did poorly after the riches had been pillaged was those who came to serve the people who happened to be gathered thanks to the gold. Of course, where people become gathered is where needs tend to grow.

To translate this to modern day Facebook has attracted a very large number of people, upwards of 2.8 billion at the time of writing this article. Facebook represents a "Gold Rush Town", someplace with gold that has attracted many, many people seeking that gold.

What do people selling shovels tell you though? "To do good on Facebook you must post regularly".

That's a great shovel selling strategy, it gives them a weekly service to sell you in return for keeping your page active.

But if you want to be the one selling the shovels you do what shovel sellers do: find people who need shovels.

Backing off from the visual, whatever your business is you find people that need your business. Sounds silly and overly simplistic, but that's really

what it's all about. Facebook groups is really good for this. On a platform with 2.8 billion people on it you can find gatherings of your customers quite easily.

As an example, if you're a local business, find what churches hold Facebook groups and join them. Join as many groups as you can think of that already gather who you can serve.

Then, post regularly on their pages instead of your own about how great you are?

Of course not.

As a good friend once told me, no one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.

Next Month join us for Part 3: Be Human

About the Author

Devon Godfrey has been developing websites for businesses in the Genesee County region for the past 6 years, and has invested the majority of that time trying to reconcile the small business owner with integrating their website with both their business and their customers.

Most small businesses invest large sums into their websites and never achieve a reasonable return on investment. It has been his mission to reduce website costs for small businesses as well as to improve the value each website generates. Questions are welcomed, reach out to the author at www.playfrey.tech.

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Local Civil Air Patrol Flies COVID SUPPLIES FOR MICHIGAN & THE NATION

By Bob Shumard

What organization was tasked first with overflying the site of the Twin Towers after the 911 attack?

What organization is credited as of April 15th, of saving 58 lives this year?

What Squadron first flew the first Covid 19 Tests last April?

I asked this question of 12 people in the last few days and absolutely no one mentioned the Civil Air Patrol, and certainly no-one knew that the Flint Squadron, based at Bishop Airport was the first to begin flying Covid 19 tests and later PPE to areas that could not be served by larger airplanes.

Maj. Ray Kauer and Maj. Steve Duquette, both members of the Flint Squadron, MI-192 were tasked with the mission.

According to DVIDS, Defense Visual Information Distribution Service: The Civil Air Patrol was established in 1941 and has evolved into a premier public service organization that continues to support emergency missions throughout the country when needed. As a total force partner and auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, the CAP found a way to assist with Michigan's response to COVID-19 while preserving its 79-year legacy of service and maintaining its commitment to nearly 1,500 communities nationwide.

The CAP partnered with the Michigan State Police, who handle emergency management and lead the State's Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). Almost from the moment the SEOC stood up a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CAP has offered valuable resources.

"To date, the State of Michigan has requested four different types of support from CAP and every request has been approved by the Department of Defense, via First Air Force," CAP Col. Leo Burke, incident commander, TFC Regional Care Facility. "The first two requests involved transporting COVID-19 Test kits, personal protective equipment, and other urgently needed material to a variety of cities in Michigan."

"Other ways the Civil Air Patrol supports our communities around the country is through conducting search and rescue missions, low level route surveys, aerial photography, disaster relief, counter drug surveillance, humanitarian efforts and just recently with the COVID-19 pandemic to just name a few" said Jones. "This is possible because we have more than 1,300 dedicated volunteer members throughout Michigan, and 66,000 members around the country."



Civil Air Patrol pilots Maj. Roy Kauer (left), Maj. Stephen Duquette, Michigan Wing, and trooper Jason Sleeter, Michigan State Police, pose for a photo after Sleeter transported test kits to the CAP to be flown to the state laboratory for testing, Sawyer International Airport, Gwinn, Michigan, May 9, 2020. The CAP partnered with the Michigan State Police, who handle emergency management and lead the State's Emergency Operations Center. The CAP, made up of volunteers, are using one of the ten available single engine aircraft assigned to the Michigan Wing and make multiple trips throughout the state, delivering test kits and picking up test kits that require processing.

Photo By Master Sgt. David Eichaker

The Civil Air Patrol also has a cadet program, ages 12-20 that volunteer to assist, learn about aerospace engineering, have the opportunity to learn to fly powered aircraft, gliders and hot air balloons, along with learning leadership skills, how to conduct search and rescue missions, rocketry, cyber security and drones among many other programs.

During normal times the Lt Col Keehn Composite Squadron meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 9pm at alternating meeting locations. A Composite Squadron includes both Cadets and Senior (over 18) members. For more information go to <http://www.mi075.miwg.cap.gov>.

The Senior Squadron based at Bishop Airport is composed 100% of Senior Members, those of us over 18 and Majors Kauer and Duquette are looking for pilots that would like to fly missions like these, for more information email dszMI192@gmail.com.



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Lavender: A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Bob Shumard

Jim and Jan Vincent are sweethearts from long ago. They met at Ferris State University in 1980 and were married in 1984.

Like a lot of people that grew up in rural communities with their roots in farming, they've never been far from the fields, but also maintained traditional jobs as well. Jim has spent his time working as a project engineer in automotive plastics. Jan is a Nuclear Medicine Technologist and has worked at 2 local hospitals and a cardiology clinic.

Along the way they raised a family. James 36, has a Tree Business, Greenwood Tree Works. Daniel, 32 works for Motor City Electric and Ty 27, works for Ascension.

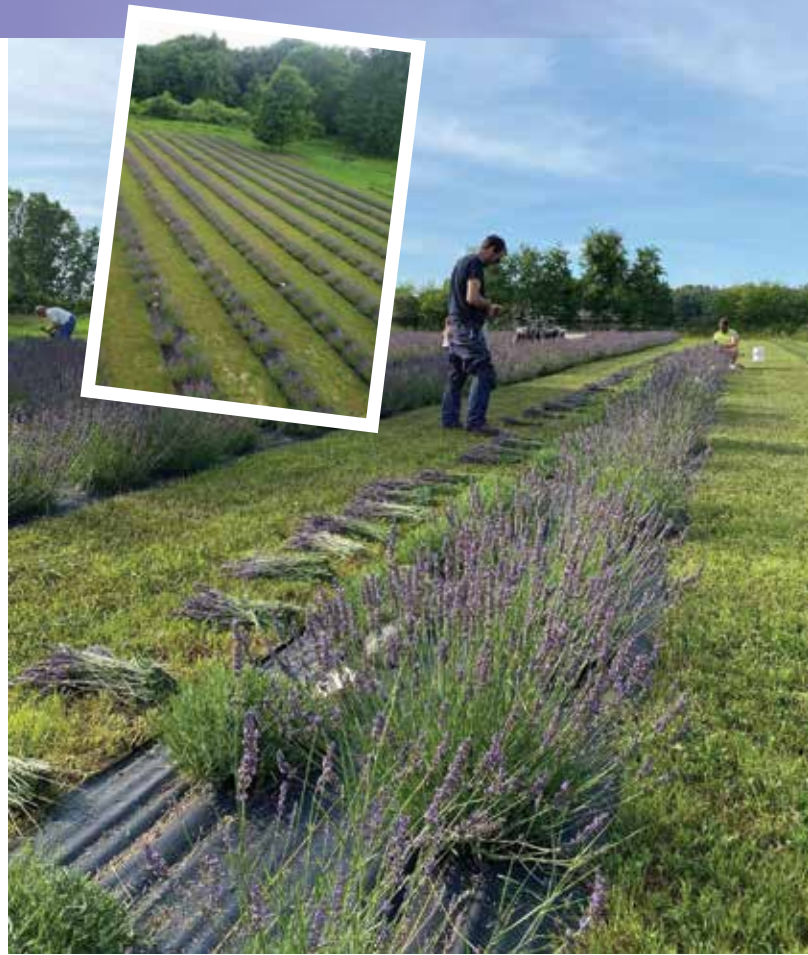
"We have been married 37yrs," Jan smiled. "We have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. Our grandchildren and children all help with the Lavender along with other family members. Of course, our dog and the barn cats are usually helping also."

Jan told us, "While considering retirement from our jobs, growing lavender seemed a possibility to look into. Besides both having worked for many years, we farm. So growing plants seemed a pretty good fit for us."

With thoughts along those lines Lavender Creek Farm, LLC was born, producing several varieties of Lavender to cut and sell.

"Our first Lavender plants were planted in 2018", Jim added. "Since then, we have over 3000 lavender plants growing. We grow Phenomenal, Munstead, Big Time Blue and a few other varieties, and we will be adding over 2000 more plants this summer. Some will be new varieties for us; Folgate and Hidcote are on this list."

"We enjoy being outside and growing plants. Harvesting lavender has proven to be very labor intensive, but we enjoy it very much," Jan said. "We've really enjoyed all of the new people that we've met and we've found ourselves reconnecting with old friends."



"Of course, when the kids and grandkids are involved there is always a story," Jan said. "Last season, after 2 full days of cutting lavender, our 7-year-old grandson asked, 'Grandma, did you anticipate this would take so much work?' That follows our family tradition that has been passed down for generations: Work hard. At the end of the day, you know you've done everything possible to make that day a success."

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Address	List Price	Sq. Ft.	Bed	Bath
16176 ASPEN HOLLOW DR.	\$259,900	1,296	3	2
2307 BLUE HERON COURT	\$259,900	1,524	3	2.1
207 THURBER STREET	\$259,900	4,017	5	3.2
918 E CAROLINE STREET	\$259,999	2,344	4	2.1
465 EDGEWOOD PASS	\$266,900	3,344	3	3.1
101 N HOWARD STREET	\$272,500	3,113	3	3

RECENTLY PENDING

Address	List Price	Sq. Ft.	Bed	Bath
501 S WEST STREET	\$291,500	3,850	5	3.1
13505 GERMANY ROAD	\$299,000	1,632	3	2.1
16179 SILVERSHORE DRIVE	\$299,900	1,908	3	2.2
904 WILLIAMS	\$309,900	1,912	3	2.1
544 PEACHTREE TRAIL	\$329,900	3,250	3	2.2

4073 SPLIT RAIL LANE	\$389,900	1,650	3	2.1
4184 PAVILION COURT	\$554,900	2,229	4	4
7784 TIPSICO LAKE ROAD	\$625,000	2,476	4	2.2
12310 IVY LANE	\$639,000	1,052	4	2.1
15336 CURTWOOD DRIVE	\$720,000	2,000	3	3
4245 ISLAND VIEW DRIVE	\$850,000	2,688	5	2.1

RECENTLY SOLD

Address	List Price	Sq. Ft.	Bed	Bath
12104 INDIAN OAK DRIVE	\$1,480,000	1,341	3	2
1331 S HOLLY ROAD	\$2,300,000	1,803	4	2.1

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