

SAVE Council Circular



Flamingo Fling

Flamingo Fling. The 23rd Flamingo Fling was held at the Westpark Inn, Sandusky, on Thursday, April 17th. The ladies' only event included 99 ticket holders, 78 online auction packages, 18 live auction packages, and a variety of raffles. At the end of the event, over \$90,000.00 was raised to help support the Eva's Place Shelter and SAVE Council programs. This year's fundraising team included: Diane Reinke, Heather Main, Jennifer Kursinsky, Bonnie Erbe, Pat McVittie, st Therese Stone, Karole Mezo, Cheri Wedge, Michelle VanNorman, and Sherri Lanctot.

The 24th Flamingo Fling is scheduled for April 23, 2026!



2025 Super Sponsors

These organizations have made a generous donation to support all our SAVE Council events for the 2025 year. **ANOTHER EXTRA THANKS TO OUR AMAZING 2025 SUPER SPONSORS.**

We will soon be looking for our SUPER SPONSORS FOR 2026!

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	Westpark Inn	



2025 Self Defense Classes

Self-defense classes were held in 2025 for women and children.

Our Class Facilitator was Officer Matt Gegeuel.

This year, we distributed:

704

PERSONAL ALARMS

82

CANNISTERS
PEPPER SPRAY

708

MINI FLASHLIGHTS



The SAVE Council has a Self Defense Class scheduled for March 19th at the Heartlands Community Room in Marlette. All Self Defense Classes are free of charge; however, pre-registration is required. www.evasplaceshelter.org.



POLYNESIAN PUTT

The Polynesian Putt was held at Woodland Hills Golf Course on August 22. The glow-in-the-dark 9-hole scramble was filled with

27 teams. This year's low score team winners were Marlene Jackson, Shawna Lentner, Crystal Cramer, and Candy Graham.

Best Putter of the night was Jesica Holtrop, Best Chipper was Eric Green, and Best Hula Hooper was Ashli Lanctot. Winners of the Best Hawaiian Shirts/Costumes were Marlena Zeidler, Laurie Burns, Heather Pollick, and Stacey Bennett.

Many thanks to our great group of golfers and wonderful Polynesian Putt sponsors: Elite Overhead Doors, Anton & Beatty Construction, Blank Electric, Campbell Farm Tiling, Merrill's Girls, Stone Lodge, K/E Seamless Gutters, Destiny Plastics, Ball Equipment, McWilliams Trucking, Elk Creek Land Management, Peace by Piece Designs and Décor, Southside Party Store, and Culligan Water. We also appreciate all our generous Prize Sponsors: Ben's Great Outdoors, The Village Pub, Elk Street, Lakeview Hills Golf Course, Verona Golf Course, Ubly Heights Golf Course, Woodland Hills Golf Course and HUCO. The 2026 Polynesian Putt is scheduled for August 21st at Woodland Hills.

ONLINE TEAM REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON JUNE 1ST

Children's Harvest Hop



FILL THE VAN FRIDAYS

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and each Friday, Cros-Lex Laundry donated its delivery van and parked in different areas of the county for citizens to drop off canned food and paper products to help Eva's Place. The effort was a great success and helped to fill the shelter pantry for the winter months. Local banks and businesses partnered as drop-off locations, and our fabulous community took care of the rest!

The 2025 Harvest Hop was again held at the Maple Valley Community Center in Sandusky on Friday, October 17th. 200 attendees enjoyed the walk around the community center. Harvest Hop totes were used to collect treats, books, and information from agency partners. Thank you to all our agency partners, including: Early On, Sanilac Sheriff's Office, Ball Insurance Agency, Sanilac County Farm Bureau Beta Tau, Sanilac Health Department, Applegate Fire Department, Countryside Free Methodist Church, Sanilac Community Mental Health, Sandusky Recreation, Kids for Christ, Sandusky Area Veterans, Department of Health and Human Services, Bob & Jamie's Grill, Sanilac Child Abuse Council, Eva's Place, McKenzie Health System, Sandusky Police Department, Thumb Bank and Trust, Main Street Café, and Great Starts Collaborative.



Sanilac Area Violence
Elimination Council

2025 Community Impact Report

2025 Prevention Programming

📱 446 Facebook Prevention-info posts
→ 280,683 views

⭐ 14 Self-Defense Class Participants

TEAM School Training Presentations:
🍎 1,708 Jr/Sr High Students Reached

Distribution of Personal Safety Items:
⚠ 704 Personal Alarms Distributed
🌶 82 Pepper Sprays
🔦 708 Mini Flashlights

282,405
2025 Prevention Contacts

Upcoming 2026 Events

MAR 16 | Self-Defense Class

APRIL 23 | Flamingo Fling Fundraiser

MAY 14 | Little Shaver's Self-Defense

JUNE 25 | Glow Walk

JULY 11 | Summer Movie

JULY 19 | Summer Bowling

AUGUST 21 | Polynesian Putt Scramble



Offering Hope, Opportunities, and Promise to Sanilac County Citizens for the past 26 Years!

Eva's Place is staffed 24 hours each day / 7 days a week
All shelter services are free, confidential, and personalized to clients' needs. Services include emergency residential shelter, information and referral, case management, support groups, counseling, and advocacy.

2025 Shelter Service Totals:

👤 158 Clients Served
• 109 Adults
• 49 Children

📞 2,344 Incoming Calls

👤 Adult Groups:
• 73 sessions
• 88 participants

🛏 3,054 Shelter Nights

✳ 336 Crisis Calls

👤 Children's Groups:
• 45 sessions
• 43 participants

🍽 11,552 Shelter Meals
and Snacks Provided

287,182

Total Community Contacts in 2025