



# **GFWC-Big Rapids, Inc. Newsletter**

## **July, 2024**

### ***Message from the President . . .***

*Hello summer and welcome everyone to the 2024-2026 administration. Thank you for the opportunity to be your GFWC Big Rapids, Inc. President for the second time. I had the honor 21 years ago. WOW, how time flies and how things change. I am so happy to announce that we welcome three new members to your Board. Delores Simpson (2 year member) 2nd Vice President; Leona Royer (2 year member) Secretary; and Melonie James (1 year member as Parliamentarian. Fresh eyes and new ideas to help our club grow. Thank you to the three of you for accepting these positions.*

*I look forward to working with all of you these next two years as we continue to learn new things, grow within our community, and always keep the volunteer spirit alive.*

*Sue Johnson*

Sue Johnson, President (231)349-5137  
Linda Telfer, 1st Vice President  
Delores Simpson, 2nd VP( Membership)  
Leona Royer, Secretary  
Ann Stellard, Treasurer  
Melonie James, Parliamentarian  
Linda Telfer, Newsletter Editor

Due date for the newsletter is the 25th of each month.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**July 9—Shannon Penfound's baby shower, United Church, 6:00 p.m.**

**August 13 —Club Picnic @ Ann Stellard's House, 5:30 pm**

**August 15—Artworks Intimate Theatre-5:30 dinner @ Schubergs/7:00 Intimate Theatre @ Artworks (tickets available at The Painted Turtle Gift Shop).**

**September 10 —First Club Meeting of the year, 6:00 social/6:30 meeting @ The Elk's**

**September 28—GFWC National Day of Service**

**October 12—NWD Meeting, Evart, MI**

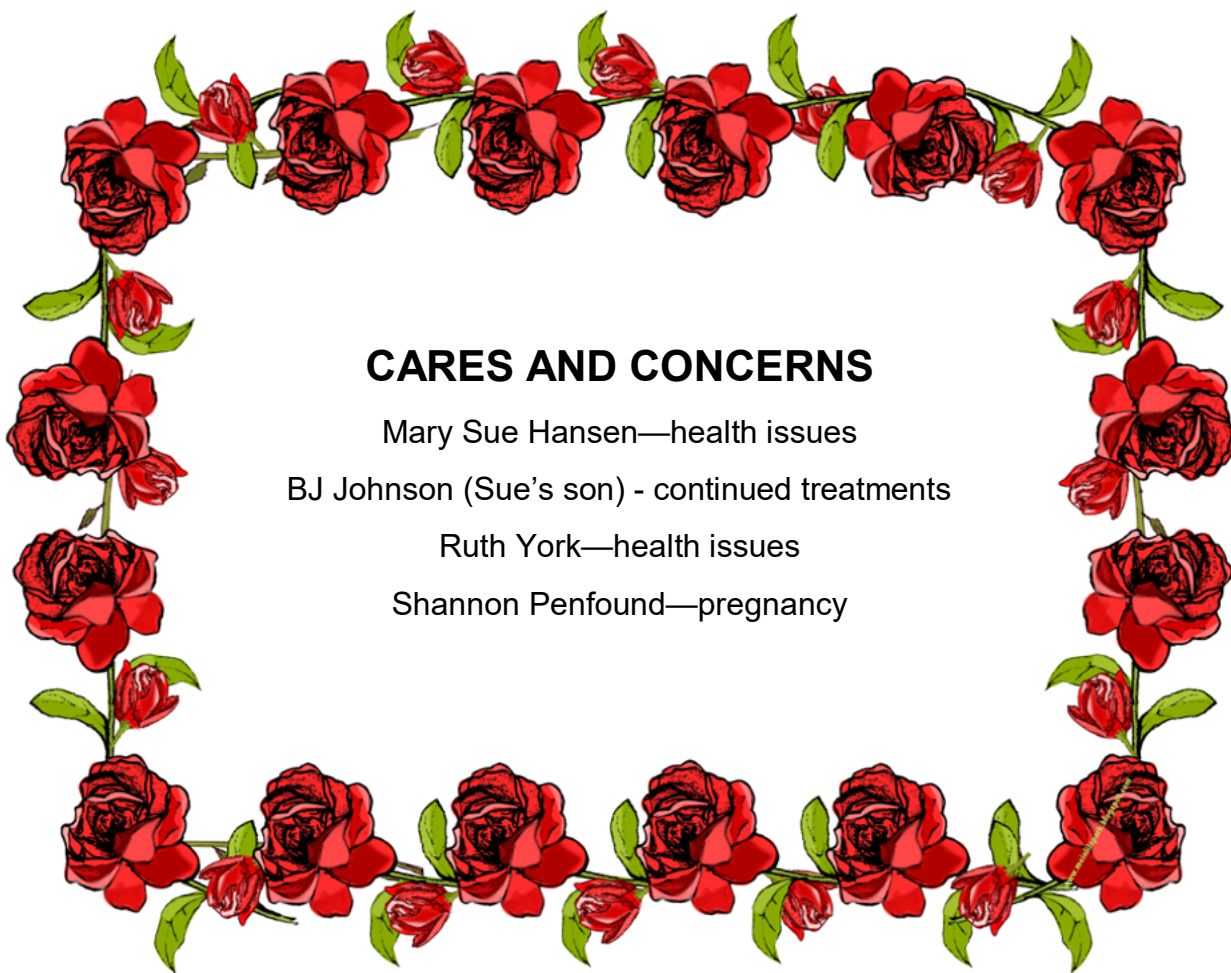
**October 17-20—GFWC Midwest Regional Meeting, Mundy Twp. (Flint)**

**November 16—LEADS—Midland, MI 9:30 am—4:00 pm**



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

29—Vickie Vogel



### CARES AND CONCERNS

Mary Sue Hansen—health issues

BJ Johnson (Sue's son) - continued treatments

Ruth York—health issues

Shannon Penfound—pregnancy

### CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Beth Vanderlist has a new grandson, James Vincent. He was born May 24, 2024, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz., 21" long.

Marshall and Melanie Henry celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

## Upcoming Events



Shannon Penfound's Baby Shower

July 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

United Church Parlor

120 S. State Street—Big Rapids



**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC**

on

**August 13, 2024**

at

**ANN STELLARD'S HOME**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Bring a dish to pass**

**Paper products, iced tea and water will be provided.**

**RSVP to Ann Stellard.**



## SOCIAL EVENT



A Facebook post from 'Artworks in Big Rapids' featuring a promotional graphic for 'The Savannah Sipping Society'. The graphic has a dark blue background with a circular illustration of four women silhouettes holding cocktail glasses, with fireworks in the background. Text on the graphic includes 'Artworks', 'INTIMATE THEATER PRESENTS', 'THE Savannah SIPPING SOCIETY', and 'a jones hope wooten comedy'. Performance details and ticket information are listed on the left side of the post.

**Artworks**  
INTIMATE THEATER PRESENTS  
BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH BROADWAY LICENSING, LLC & SAMUELS PRODUCTION COMPANY

**PERFORMANCES @ ARTWORKS:**  
**AUGUST 15, 16, & 17 – 7:00PM**  
**AUGUST 18 – 2:30PM**

**TICKETS: \$15**  
**AVAILABLE AT THE PAINTED TURTLE GIFT SHOP**

**THE Savannah SIPPING SOCIETY**  
*a jones hope wooten comedy*

Artworks in Big Rapids  
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Join your GFWC-BR sisters at 5:30 p.m. at Schuberg's for dinner then we will attend "The Savannah Sipping Society" at Artworks at 7:00 p.m. on August 15. Tickets can be purchased at the Painted Turtle Gift Shop. Don't forget to invite a friend.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

### FOSTER CHILD SUITCASE PROJECT



Twelve suitcases were delivered to the Department of Health & Human Services this year. Pictured above with Vickie Vogel are DHHS workers Carrington DeShone, Jeffra Dittmer and Lacy Gonzales Borstler.

### TEDDY BEAR PROJECT



In collaboration with the Bear Exhibit at Artworks, over 150 bears were collected for the Foster Child Suitcase Program.. WOW!!!!



# Ferris Community Band Concert

What a fun night enjoying music, food and sisterhood on June 12 at the Castle in Canadian Lakes.





# THE GARDENS ARE PLANTED

After a whole lot of rain then a whole lot of heat....the gardens are ready. More things will be added so keep watching as you drive or walk by.

