



This week features Sarah Skowronski. She was born and raised in the Gaylord area. Aside from her 4 years at Michigan State University, Sarah has been a part of this wonderful community. Sarah graduated from Gaylord St. Mary High School. She earned her BA Degree from Michigan State University. On May 4, 2018 she was awarded her MA Degree in social work.

As a history detective, Sarah will pursue her special interests in Polish Heritage and Ghost Towns. She intends to do research using primary and secondary sources. She also wants to conduct taped and video interviews as part of our ongoing oral history project.

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Sarah's father was also born and raised in Otsego County. Many relatives still live in the community. Sarah wants to learn more to preserve and pass on the history that is so integral to the Gaylord area. She loves history and is fascinated by people's stories and lives.

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Sarah is currently employed by the Otsego County Commission on Aging where she works as an advocate. She will be focusing on creating a social work department there and would like to provide services for older and disabled adults. These services have previously been unavailable or very limited.

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Sarah is a Mom of two kids. Her son Oliver is 7 and her daughter Adalyn is 5 ½. She has a wonderful husband who is also from the area. They consider themselves fortunate to have families nearby. Parents and grandparents are very important. They also consider themselves lucky to raise their children in the place they grew up in. Sarah says that her grandmother, Darlene Borowiak, is a huge part of her life and one of the reasons that she decided to go to work for the Commission on Aging.

Sarah loves to read, to explore and to be outdoors. Talking to people and learning of their experiences is very exciting for her. She looks forward to talking to people throughout the process of playing detective. We welcome Sarah and look forward to all the innovation and enthusiasm that she has to offer.