

On May 2, 1878, what was to become one of America's premier community newspapers was launched in the small rural village of Birmingham. Thus, one of the oldest businesses in the community. The Birmingham Eccentric continues its commitment to quality community Journalism in 1993. Advertising staff members Gigl Badalamenti and Jill Martell have frequently been seen with briefcases in one hand and Merchants Association flyers in the other. Joe Bauman the Birmingham Eccentric editor, is looking forward to carrying on the traditions of a publication that has such a rich history and is so well regarded by the community it serves.

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