



Just in Case You Missed These Prize-Winning Stories the First Time 'Round...

## Cleaver's 3-Story Entry Makes Mark Among Peers

**By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY**  
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HARRISON – The Clare County Cleaver has been serving its readership for just a few months shy of 143 years – a long time by any business standard. Yet, without peer review, a newspaper's efforts can seem truly ephemeral: here today, a memory tomorrow.

In 2023, Cleaver Owner/Managing Editor Angela Kellogg-Henry became intrigued with the idea of entering the Michigan Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. And anyone who knows Angela also knows she is not only a person of vision, but also a person of action. Thus, the hunt was on to dig out stories which fit into some of that competition's categories. One of those was Government/Education News, awards for which would go to a writer or team for entries covering a government or education issue. Judging was to be based on news value, writing clarity and style, and depth of reporting. The stories submitted ran April 20, May 18 and June 22 last year.

Angela encouraged the submission of some Harrison Community Schools Board of Education articles, and she then submitted the Cleaver's entries by the Oct. 6, 2023, deadline. *Deadline...how very newspaper.*

Then the wait began. The MPA farms out its contest entries to another state for review, and this year sent 2,849 entries from 89

Michigan newspapers and individual members to Pennsylvania Press Association members. So, it is understandable that completing the task takes considerable time.

Despite never having been through the MPA Better Newspaper Contest process before, Angela managed to wait with a mind packed full of positive possibility. Then – finally – the evening of Thursday, March 14 arrived, bringing with it the MPA Salute to Journalism Banquet followed by announcement of winners.

And, boy, were there a lot of winners! The contest includes various special award categories, along with more general topical categories: news, sports, photos, design, advertising, and more. These fall under Daily Newspapers or Weekly Newspapers in classes A, B, C and D, based on circulation volumes. Within each category are first, second and third place, as well as honorable mention.

That high volume of winners [23 double-column pages of them] wasn't daunting for Angela, as she quickly homed in on the **Weekly D Government/Education News** winners [chosen from among 16 submissions]. And there it was! **Third Place: Clare County Cleaver: "Despite Parental Outrage, Schools Persevere, Maintain Reasoned Discourse"** Dianne Alward-Biery.

HUZZAH! First time out of

the gate, and the Cleaver placed!

While it has been a joyful time in the office, it is lost on no one at the Cleaver that the newspaper's success depends wholly on the diverse, invested

community it serves. The Cleaver is grateful, and will continue its best efforts to serve its community for...well, who knows...maybe for another 143 years?

### BOE Balances Books Brouhaha

Superintendent Responds, Clarifies, Suggests Policy Expansion



From left, Mark DeYoung, Sandra Bristol, Erick Sizemore and Kasie Cooper address the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

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HARRISON – In recent weeks, parents and others in the community have expressed concern via social media about two books that had been read aloud in the Harrison Community Schools District. Those titles are "In Our Mothers' House" by Patricia Polacco and the critically acclaimed picture book "Julian Is a Mermaid" by Jessica Love. Both titles had been construed by some as seeking to sexualize and potentially "groom" children, making them vulnerable to suggestion or predators.

At the April 10 HCS Board of Education meeting, public comment time was made available for people to address the board regarding the issue. It was made clear that each would have three minutes to speak, that comments were to be directed to the board, and that their comments would be addressed during Superintendent's Report later in the meeting.

That said, the first person to speak was Mark DeYoung, who coached his remarks by saying he was chairman of the Clare Republican Party [actually co-chair with Bronwyn Asplund] and that he represents 3,000 residents of Hayes Township and that he had received several complaints from parents regarding books that are being given to 10-year-olds in regard to book titles.

DeYoung said he has a family member who is gay, so he is not biased in that regard, as is not an individual's "lifestyle" choice. His concern was that it was being pushed onto 10-year-olds.

Harrison Schools graduate who "barely got out alive." He complained of problems in the district when he was in school, problems which he said still continue. Sizemore spoke of previous meeting remarks regarding the mental health harm caused by what is seen on social media, and decried teaching about transgenderism as equally harmful. Sizemore then stated as fact that "It is 100% a mental disorder to think that you are not biologically what you were born into."

### Little Leaguers Visit Board of Education Meeting

## BOE Hears of Budgets, Staffing Changes, Apples/Oranges



Harrison Little Leaguers lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to start the June 12 meeting of the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

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HARRISON – The May 12 meeting of the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education began with a public hearing on the HCS final amended budget for FY 2022-2023, and the proposed budget and appropriations for FY 2023-2024. Business manager Chad Hathcock gave a fairly detailed overview of the various governmental funding sources and the areas to which those funds would be allocated.

After the public hearing was closed and the regular monthly meeting opened, students from Harrison Little League led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Zac Driver, Harrison Little League president, offered a few informative comments on this year's Little League season before he and his players had to bolt away to the fields.

Harrison Little League would be sending a team to Districts. "Which is a huge deal for us," he said. "That's in the 12U Divisional level. Overall, it's just been a very exciting season to see some of the growth. We've had some great collaboration with the city that's allowed us to see some improvements already with the fields, and if all goes well, even more to come. It's been very exciting. We thank you for honoring us to have the kids here today and thank you for everything you do."

Superintendent Judy Walton then updated dress code which can be found on the Harrison Community Schools website. Under the Consent Agenda, the board moved to approve the May 15 special meeting minutes and the May financial reports for May 1-31. Also approved were multiple resignations and retirements.

The resignations included Christine Cooper, middle school teacher; Sandra Bobo, middle school paraprofessional; Scott Hawley, high school teacher; Sara Liske, Larson fourth grade

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### MPA Entry:

## Despite Parental Outrage, Schools Persevere, Maintain Reasoned Discourse

As in many education districts, Harrison Community Schools has been encountering an influx of ill-informed or issue-driven parents at school board meetings. Adding to that challenge is the fact that 44% of HCS District families fall below the income poverty line (National Center for Education Statistics 2021-2022) and the issues that accompany generational poverty. While these stories were written as full-meeting school board coverage, the confrontations and instances of line-in-the-sand drawings have lingered.

The three stories entered here describe some of those interactions and the district's efforts to not only accommodate parental concerns, but also to continue to hold fast to its primary obligation of following legal requirements while providing quality education for all its students.

### BUCK TALES

Bring your buffet pants and your dancing shoes with you Saturday to the Harrison Moose for the Veterans4USA-sponsored Snowball Dinner Dance. Proceeds will be used to serve homeless veterans.

### COMING EVENTS

Looking for something fun to do over this Spring Break? Two great events are coming soon! The Village of Farwell Farmers Market on Tuesday, March 26, and at the Harrison City Market on Wednesday, March 27. Both events are noon to 3 p.m. **Clare County 4-H, Parks & Rec, and Clare Jaycees** are sponsoring this family-friendly event where everyone gets to create Spring-related crafts and play bingo with prizes. All activities are free!

**Snowball Dinner Dance** will be held March 23 at the Harrison Moose Lodge. All proceeds will serve homeless veterans. Sponsored by Veterans4USA. \$15 includes dinner. Purchase tickets at Moose Lodge, Jackpine Restaurant, Trails End Restaurant or from Maye Tessner-Rood.

**Farwell Area Women's Club 32nd Annual Craft Show and Marketplace** will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Farwell High School. This is a big show with something for everyone! For more info, call or text Karen at 989-944-9481.

**"Grow Great Vegetables" presented by Small House Farms at the Harrison District Library.** Discover how to plan, plant and grow your most productive garden ever at 11 a.m. Monday, April 15 at the Harrison District Library.

**Harrison High School Theater presents "Barefoot in the Park"** at 7 p.m. April 11 and 12, and 3 p.m. April 13 at Harrison High School. Cost is \$5.

**Harrison Schools Kindergarten Round Up for the Class of 2037** is 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at Larson Elementary.

**13th Annual Freedom 5K In Memory of Robert Fries** will be held Saturday, April 27 beginning at the Veterans Freedom Park in Harrison.

**Leota Community Church offers free lunch every other Wednesday.** All are welcome.

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### Citizens Heard, Problems Identified, Solutions Become Possible

## School Board, Residents Converse to Build Pathways Forward

**By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY**  
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HARRISON – Public Comment at the April meeting of the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education was filled with criticism of a book that showed a loving, yet non-traditional family and another book that described a vivid, colorful imagination of a very small child described by critics as "grooming" and "sexualizing" children. Criticism also stretched to staff and the district overall as continuing to fail its students and the community.



Resident Larry Szyska speaks appreciatively and positively about his weeks-long dialog with the superintendent and clarifies his goal of assuring the district is in compliance with state law. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

After that meeting, various people had accepted the invitation of HCS Superintendent Judy Walton to have conversations about their concerns in an effort to bring together the district and the community, and to find common ground for moving forward.

At the May BOC meeting, Walton expressed appreciation for the conversations that materialized, and specifically called out Larry Szyska for his contribution. And, when it came time for Public Comment, Szyska was the first to

figure out how to bridge that to the other [P-O'd] parents actually have the conversations with you guys, and get these things rectified." Next to speak was Jerry Britton, pastor of Leota Community Church, who thanked the board for all it does. He noted his own experience serving on a school board and his understanding of the struggles school boards face. Britton spoke of the 2022 superintendent selection process and noted three things that had been brought up at the selection meetings. One was a gap between the community and the schools.

"That was just addressed by the previous speaker," he said. "I think the present administration is more open to that conversation – and that really needs to happen."

He said the second item was fair leadership in the school that didn't favor families or certain sectors. The third item was the problem of students existing the school to attend in other districts. He said a fourth point, trauma with kids in the schools, could be left for next month's meeting.

was set aside, and requests would be made from other community members.

He also referenced the highly rated Novi Community Schools District and what he described as its strict policy against any signage, flags, etc., insinuating that the policy resulted in staff/community harmony and high academic achievement, holding that prohibition up as an example HCS should follow.

For context, while Novi Community Schools students score well academically, other aspects of its policies/activities could be far more telling. Not mentioned was adherence to a Title IX Policy 4002 which deals with non-discrimination, citing "The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information or any other legally protected category (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities."

Neither was it cited that the Novi district is a non-schools of choice

geographic boundaries may develop (there).

According to recent census data, the HCS and NCS websites, and the National Center for Education Statistics (2021-2022), the Novi district has a population of 65,369 (roughly twice the entire population of all of Clare County) where most residents own their homes, where white collar workers comprise about 90% of the working population; that it has a poverty rate of 4.7% compared to HCS's roughly 48% of families below the income poverty line; or that Novi includes nine schools plus an adult transition center with 512 employees compared to HCS's 1705 employees (77.3 teachers plus support staff), and a high school student population of 2,058 compared to 1,270 total Harrison Community Schools students.

What also was not stated was that (as per the NCS website) the Novi Community High School offers 34 co-curricular activities which include Diversity Club (SPUD-Students Promoting Unity and Diversity) and GayStraight

Alliance (GSA). This abbreviated

incidence of data would indicate that opportunity and far more inclusion than avoidance go into a successful education at Novi Community Schools, and seems wholly separate from whether any socially supportive posters are being hung on school walls.

No one else had comments for the board.

In her report, Walton said she and Britton had a good meeting, and that since the May BOC meeting she had met with a couple other community members as well – for what she described as "productive conversations." This superintendent also reported on the HCS Town Hall meeting of May 25 [see June 1 Cleaver story] which centered on the school student code of conduct and discipline. She added that, as the need arises, more Town Hall meetings can be scheduled.

Walton then spoke of how busy the last days of school had been, as well as the flurry of professional development, including a whole day June 12 of administrators' engagement with a leadership consultant. She also noted the district improvement plan was being followed, that work continues on filling out staff positions, and that summer school at Larson, HHS and HMS had started June 12, with the high school and middle school classes being held in The HS, as it is air conditioned.

Kelly Lipovsky, curriculum director, informed the board about the intended uses for the Grow Your Own Grant. The awarding of which the district had only recently been made aware. Walton commented regarding the amount of work Lipovsky had done to secure the grant and all her work to ensure the success of Harrison students into the future.

The Harrison Community Schools Board of Education meets which include Diversity Club (SPUD-Students Promoting Unity and Diversity) and GayStraight



# COMMUNITY LIFE



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Tacos and Treats Coming to N. First Street

## Taco Bell and Biggby Coffee Site Plans Approved

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HARRISON – Next and decisive steps have been taken to finalize the sale of the .41-acre former DNR building property at 714 N. First St. in Harrison. The buyer? That would be Great Lakes Taco, LLC, whose plan for site development was approved March 12 by the Harrison Planning Commission.

Presenting that site plan were Greg Lautzenheiser of L&A Architects in Rochester Hills, Mike Wizynajtys of REC Engineers in Ortonville, and Bob Grabowski, chief financial officer of Great Lakes Taco, LLC, Grand Blanc. The trio delved into the details of making this tiniest of commercial lots into a functioning, fast-paced food retail site.

Commissioners were shown actual samples of the exterior cementitious materials which will be used on the building, as well as being provided details of how drainage will be handled



Greg Lautzenheiser of L&A Architects in Rochester Hills, Mike Wizynajtys of REC Engineers in Ortonville, and Bob Grabowski, chief financial officer of Great Lakes Taco, LLC, Grand Blanc, are pictured with the rendering of the Taco Bell as it will be built at 714 N. First St. in Harrison.

arise and how to best avert it.

Commissioners then approved the plan, pending the approval of the zoning administrator as regards headlights into the neighborhood.

Other business for the evening included election of Harrison Planning Commission officers. After the usual joking discussion of who could be elected due to their absence, commissioners moved to reappoint officers to their current positions: Stacy Stocking as chair, George Muscott as vice chair, and Andy Saxton as secretary.

After discussing the possibility of changing meeting frequency, it was decided the Harrison Planning Commission would continue to meet at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month. The only change would be for meeting cancellations to be posted the preceding Wednesday to better ensure residents who wish to attend will not learn of it through a note posted on the City Hall door.

The Harrison Planning Commission is scheduled to meet next at 6 p.m. April 9 at Harrison City Hall, 2105 Sullivan Drive.

New Policy Will Reduce Risk of Harm Caused by Pursuits

### State Police Amends Policy to Restrict Pursuits

LANSING – In an effort to reduce the inherent risks involved with police pursuits, Col. James F. Grady II, director of the Michigan State Police (MSP) announced the MSP is aligning its pursuit policy with best practices that will protect the lives of innocent bystanders and our enforcement members.

Under the new policy, which takes effect immediately, MSP enforcement members may only engage in a pursuit if there is probable cause to believe the driver or occupant of the pursued vehicle has committed a life-threatening or violent felony.

“High-speed pursuits are one of the most dangerous circumstances police officers face,” stated Grady. “A key consideration in any pursuit must be the seriousness of the underlying crime and whether the risks of a pursuit outweigh the public safety benefits of immediately apprehending the suspect. In all decisions, protecting lives – that of innocent bystanders, police officers and fleeing suspects – is of paramount importance and it is for this reason we have revised our policy.”

In 2022, MSP members engaged in 235 pursuits; this number increased by one to 236 pursuits last year. So far this year, MSP members have been involved in 33 pursuits.

Nationally, on average, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice, crashes occur in at least 30 percent of vehicle pursuits, and injuries or fatalities occur in 5 to 17 percent of pursuits.

MSP’s revised policy aligns with recommendations from the Police Executive Research Forum in its 2023 report, “Vehicular Pursuits: A Guide for Law Enforcement Executives on Managing the Associated Risks.”

This policy, as well as all other non-confidential department Official Orders can be found online on MSP’s Transparency and Accountability webpage at [www.mi.gov/MSPtransparency](http://www.mi.gov/MSPtransparency).



Brothers Mason Packard, left, and Tim Packard describe the success of their current Biggby Coffee in Clare. Their site plan for a Biggby Coffee at 717 N. First St. in Harrison was approved, with contingency, by the Harrison Planning Commission at its March 12 meeting. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

through use of porous surfacing that drains into large perforated detention pipes over catch basins. That area also will serve as large-vehicle parking. That will be important for buses, although it was the unpreferred answer for CCTC Director Tom Pirnstill’s question about the drive-thru window overhang height. The overhang will not accommodate a bus drive-up.

The possibility of light pollution into the park was noted, and

Grabowski said the intention is to be a good neighbor an if a problem arises, it will be addressed.

Grabowski said the site would feature interior seating for 24 and employ five people per shift.

Commissioners then approved a motion to accept the site plan. Thus, the only remaining hurdle was Harrison City Council approval of the sale of the property. And, right on cue, that was accomplished at Monday’s Council meeting. So, it was on to

demolition followed by all the infrastructure and building construction needed to meet Grabowski’s stated goal of “selling tacos by the Fourth of July.”

The second site plan to be reviewed was presented by brothers Mason and Tim Packard, owner/operators of the Biggby Coffee in Clare. Their plan calls for developing the former Big Joe’s car sales property at 717 N. First St., which is across the road from and a bit north of the just-

approved Taco Bell. Their two-lot property lies between Hang’s Chinese and Harrison Realty.

The Biggby plan was highly detailed and included general notes, an existing topographic survey, demolition plan, site plan, site details, and a grading plan, along with various specifications.

Bob Grabowski had cited that food services outlet growth is aiming for expansion into smaller markets, and the Packards’ vision aligns with that.

Tim Packard noted that in the brothers’ first year in their Clare site, which opened in December 2022, their store sales ranked No. 3 in the nation – yeah, in the nation – which speaks not only to the standout accomplishment it is, but also to their entrepreneurial commitment to the community. He said that also speaks to reaching out to smaller markets as being the trend, and that he is excited about the Harrison site and expects to do well there.

Tim Packard informed that employees would number up to six per shift during busy times and that the goal, although a hard one to meet, is to be open for Memorial Day.

Having gone through the 20-point site plan questions, Commissioner George Muscott posed some site-specific questions about screening and light leakage into the neighboring residential area. It was suggested that some shrubbery screening could prevent some customer headlight intrusion, and urged the Packards to visit the site in the evening hours to get a realistic view of what headlights problem could

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## Outdoors With Jeff

Yesterday when I started this article the sun was shining, and the temperature was around sixty or fifty degrees and by evening all the snow in the yard was gone. Even the piles of snow mounds had disappeared.

When I woke up early this morning there were large mud puddles all over the yard and the two drive-ways.

I want to start out with this information in regard to the future date for attending the Hunters safety class that will be located at the Harrison Sportsman Club located on Harrison Ave in Harrison. The date of the class is April 20 at 8 a.m. Contact the DNR and register for the class. They will send all you need, prior to taking the class. It doesn't take too much time to register. Lunch will be served at the Harrison Sportsmen Club at noon.

As soon as it starts getting warmer, fishermen will start to go to the river where they can get some steelhead. Most of the ice and snow has melted and I assume that the rain has gone into the river. Use caution when you are walking in the river.

Deer hunting reports in the Upper Peninsula are down compared to years past. It's about the same kind of report that most areas received this year. Hunters and fishermen are telling me that they are upset with the DNR over the past few weeks. When they heard that depending on what lake you are going to fish on, it's possible someone may have to get two licenses on that particular lake. There are other laws coming out that apparently are upset about new laws and rules coming out and some outdoorsmen are not happy.

Hunters are upset because the DNR is thinking of changing the dates of opening day of deer season. Hunters have said they have an idea, but no one will pay attention to them.

Hunters and fishermen are just sitting in their homes, there's not much left to do for a while just waiting until something else to do outdoors comes along. As sportsmen do, they will set around and



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wait until they go trout fishing some two months from now. Most hunters are sitting around and are waiting to see if they got a turkey license.

As I sit eating lunch, I'm amazed everything outside has dried up. Hopefully the fire danger won't go up.

A few days ago, a person talked with me about the loss of hunters in our community and it's sad. I told him that the town used to be packed the day before opening day. Bars and restaurants were full. It was a fact that on opening day, there are more armed individuals in the woods than people in the US military.

While I was working on this article, I got a message that the Timber Doodles have started to land today around here and later I got notice of another one landing over by Lake George.

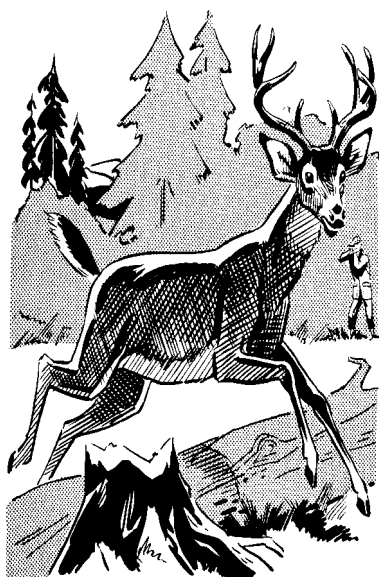
If you find Harrison Hunters safety has filled, check other locations for possible openings. Also pay attention just check Harrison and they may have any openings. There are other things that the Harrison Sportsmen club youth group has a shooting program.

I wish each and every one of you success when you get your turkey license for wild turkey. There's also a youth shooting group at the Harrison Sportsman Club in Harrison. If you're interested contact someone at the club for information.

More and more birds are returning from the south. Birds from the south are here, birds like Robins and many others.

Use caution if you are out in the woods, if you find fawns on the ground, stay a long way from them. Don't pick wildflowers when you are in the woods. Don't pick wildflowers in the woods. One type of flower can get you thrown in jail with it. Enjoy the outdoors this spring.

With April 1 marking the start of the 2024-25 ORV season here in Michigan, now is a great time to purchase your license and trail permit. You'll have access to 4,000 miles of state-designated ORV trails and scramble areas, eligible county/national forest roads, state forest roads (open to ORV use) and more. These licenses and trail permits are valid for one year, which begins April 1 and ends March 31 of the following year.



# ~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~

## A Glimpse into the Life of Marie Beemer Bailey

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When thinking of women in Clare County history Anna Marie Beemer Bailey stands out. Marie, as she was called, was born to Oliver and Lena (Gosine) Beemer on October 31, 1901, in Clare County. Her father Oliver was a legend in the county and also to Marie. Marie wrote a lengthy essay about her father's merits, but this article is about Marie and perhaps I can share that another time.

She married Frederick Bailey (1898-1954) in 1922. She changed her name with marriage but all her life she was known as Marie Beemer Bailey. Marie's brother Art Beemer married Fred's sister Thressia. Such is the tangled web of pioneer family trees when populations were smaller. In 1964, Art, Bill, and Fred Beemer were the founders of Beemer's Sand and Gravel run by Art's grandson Cody Beemer today. That business celebrates 60 years of continuous business this year.

Cody holds Marie's diaries and other family history. Some of that collected history was used in the 2014 book *Harrison* that Cody and I coauthored through Arcadia Publishing. In the 1970's Marie intended to write a history book about Harrison but never did. She kept detailed diaries about her life with over 30 volumes in total. I've only read through one, but they detail her life from small things such as who she had lunch with or who she called on to noting family or community member deaths. The diaries are a glimpse into small town life seen through the eyes of a busy and vigorous member of the community.

Marie was a schoolteacher for over 53 years in various positions in Clare County. She started teaching school in 1917 at the one room schoolhouse in Leota. Many news items ran in the Cleaver over the years similar to this 1943 clip from Frost Township, "The children of the Frost School enjoyed a program and Christmas tree at the school Wednesday morning. The children exchanged gifts and the teacher, Marie Beemer Bailey, presented them with gifts and boxes of candy and nuts. Each child in school received a sack of candy from the Long Lake Store."

In 2022, the Cleaver published an early legal cases synopsis by Jon Ringelberg in the case of Bailey vs. the Franklin Township Unit School from 1939. This must have been big news at the time as there was a quarter size ad in the Cleaver prior to the court case listing the reasons Marie was let go and the breach of contract details. Ringelberg remembers Marie well and can tell a great story about her raking an attorney over the coals in the court room on a case he witnessed.

Throughout her lifetime Marie had an infamous battle with the Clare County Road Commission over the road and road right-away conditions in front of her home on Grant Ave in Hayes Township. In 1957, the battle seemed to end with the county condemning the small right of way and compensating Marie in the amount of \$205. She would not voluntarily sell the strip of land which was 33-foot wide and 835 feet in length.

Apparently, it didn't end in 1957. The Cleaver has an item in 1974 that reads, "Superintendent Brandon informed the Commission Lapham Surveying had completed cross sectioning that portion of Grant Avenue where Mrs. Marie Bailey had erected a concrete wall running parallel with the road for an approximate distance of 80 feet. Mr. Brandon questioned if it was the Commission's desire to initiate a suit to have the wall removed. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that the Prosecuting Attorney be requested to initiate immediate civil proceedings in an attempt to have the wall removed."

In 1977, she attended a county commissioner meeting to question signs the road commission was installing. This appears to be a fight she never gave up.

The Bailey's lived in Alaska for a time in the mid-1940s and many letters and photos sent home survive today. One long letter from Marie to a friend was even published in the Clare Sentinel. Unfortunately, the letter is too long to republish here. Her letter details the food and people and ends with their happiness at their living situation, "Inside Passage trip is unforgettable. We reached Seattle without even a flat tire. Sold our car at an unbelievable price and got a warm welcome at the office here. I've got the best job I ever had, and Fred is extremely pleased with his and we are very glad we came. We miss our home and family and friends."

Marie was a friend of John E. "Spikehorn" Meyer the owner and bear man who ran a tourist attraction wildlife park south of Harrison. In 1958 she was named his guardian by Clare County Probate Court as he was deemed an incompetent person. He died a year later. Spikehorn is debated as the most colorful character to live in Clare County.

Marie was a lifelong member of the Democratic Party. She held many positions in the Clare County party including chairman.

Marie passed on at age 86 on August 4, 1988. Marie and Fred never had any children but were aunt and uncle to a great many nieces and nephews

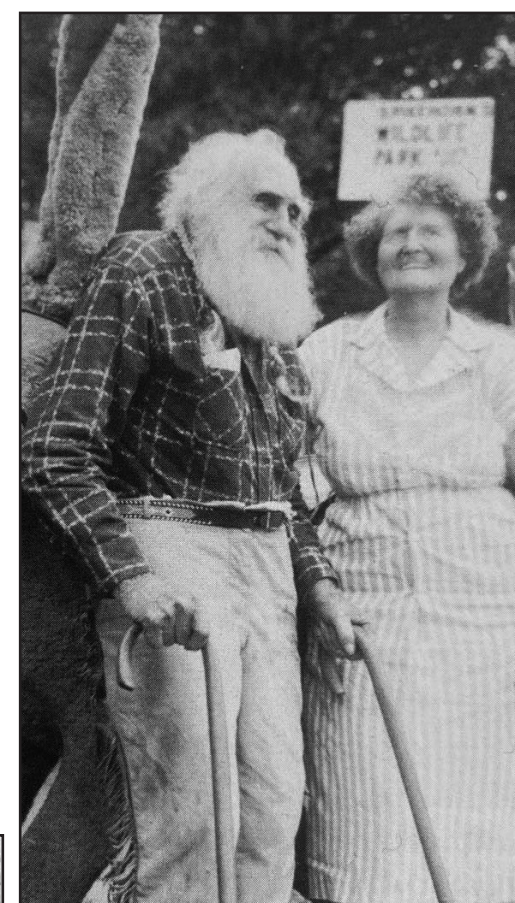


Fred and Marie Bailey in 1946 when they lived in Stevens Village, Alaska.

and had a large extended family. If you think we have only covered the tip of iceberg about Marie's life you would be right. While I didn't know her personally, I have a deep impression that she was a tenacious and busy person, her circle of acquaintance was large, and she was a woman of substance and character. An entire book could be written about Marie Beemer Bailey and likely many Harrison residents have memories of her today.



Marie and an unnamed companion near a set of big wheels, mostly likely at Hartwick State Park.



Above: Marie Beemer Bailey with her friend John E. "Spikehorn" Meyer.

Left: A Cleaver ad for one of the many campaigns of Marie Beemer Bailey.



Marie (left) with her father Oliver and sister Susan.



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**Thursday, March 21**  
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**Friday, March 22**  
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Good Friday!





# EDITORIAL



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## FROM THE EDITOR



ANGELA  
KELLOGG-HENRY

As you can see from our front-page placement, we are excited to have received a Better Newspaper Contest award from the Michigan Press Association.

As far as we have found while researching this last week, this is a Cleaver first. Longtime former Cleaver owner Marty Bucholtz confirmed he doesn't recall the Cleaver ever winning an award from the Michigan Press

Association. The stacks of wooden plaques and awards here in the office are local awards of appreciation from many organizations.

Historically, Emil Bucholz was very involved in tourist associations, and he won many awards for his work promoting tourism and business in northern Michigan. He also attended many annual meetings of the Michigan Press Association.

My main motivation for entering the contest was to show how small newspapers make a big difference in their community. We already know the economic impact of newspapers in a community. A local newspaper is a sign of economic health for the area it serves. We take our role in reporting on local government, people, and businesses very seriously.

Since Dianne Alward-Biery isn't one to toot her own horn, I wanted to enter her work to a larger audience for recognition from

our peers. Dianne is a talented writer and a professional reporter. She is seen and not heard at most meetings and conducts herself in a respectful manner.

Dianne receives compliments in our office often for her work. We appreciate the support of our readers very much. We write and report with them in mind and we like to receive feedback.

Dianne has also taught me a lot. It's no secret I had never run a newspaper or a small business prior to purchasing the Cleaver. Dianne was the mentor that taught me the ropes, edited my work, and taught me right from wrong in the journalism world.

There are a lot of wrongs today. Many print outlets take news directly from social media or hearsay sources. Many plagiarize from other news sources. Our work has even been stolen and in one case we had to contact an attorney to get that to stop.

Speaking of writers: This month

we say goodbye to the popular Grammar Guy. Curtis Honeycutt's editorial run with his column Grammar Guy is done. Honeycutt is writing a column now about native plants for Central Indiana called "Wild by Design." His Grammar Guy column won him several national awards and created his book "Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life."

Ethan Wallace will be joining the Cleaver as a student writer. Ethan is the Harrison High School Class of 2024 Valedictorian and is considering a career in journalism. We are proud to support the next generation of community reporters, and we'll make an official announcement in a few weeks so our readers can learn more about Ethan.

Thank you to all of you for supporting and reading the Cleaver each week, or perhaps should I say the *award-winning* Clare County Cleaver. Thank you.

## Enjoying a Shining Moment

## Grammar Guy

### Have you been yeeted by a yeti yet?



CURTIS HONEYCUTT

It's no secret that expert word-play is the key to increasing your romantic attraction. After all, who doesn't love a bonafide word nerd?

Today's word journey includes slang and common words that sound similar. If you're playing at home, turn your dictionaries to the "y" section.

Are we having fun yet? Let's begin by examining the word "yet." Although the exact origin of the word is unknown, in Old English, the words "get" and "gieta" mean "until now" or "thus far." You can imagine how these words morphed along the way to arrive at the "yet" pronunciation we have today.

The small but mighty "yet" is a versatile word. As an adverb, "yet" means "at the present time" or "so far," while as a conjunction, it means "though" or "nevertheless." Yet can be used as an adverb, yet it can also function as a conjunction.

Let's rewind a few dictionary entries ahead of "yet" and discuss the slang term "yeet." My son uses "yeet" as a word to mean "throw strongly or wildly." Originating as an exclamation of excitement around 2008, "yeet" is mainly used today the same way my son uses it: I yeeted the football over the house and into my neighbor's yard.

Do you believe in the Abominable Snowman? If so, you believe in yetis. The yeti, not to be confused with its North American cousin, Bigfoot, is a legendary gigantic, hairy, humanlike creature who prowls around the

Himalayas. The Abominable Snowman has done some great work in film, in movies ranging from the claymation classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" to Pixar's "Monsters, Inc."

Have you heard of a "yettie"? I hadn't either, although – as it turns out – I am one. Like the word "yuppie" was coined to signify a young, urban professional, a "yettie" is a young, entrepreneurial and technology-based person. For my day job, I work as a technology copywriter for electronics components clients. In addition, I have at least two side hustles. I think this qualifies me as a certifiable yettie.

For our lightning round, know that a "yate" is a type of Australian eucalyptus tree. "Yatter" means to chatter or jabber. A "Yoooper" is a person who lives in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. "Yep" is an informal way to say "yes." Are we clear on our wonky "y" words?

The next time you're bored, open a physical or internet dictionary; you never know what word wonders you'll discover!

*Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of "Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life." Find more at cur-tishoneycutt.com.*

## MICHIGAN HOUSE STAFFERS ARE UNIONIZING: WHAT COULD IT LOOK LIKE?

By LIZ NASS

### Capital News Service

LANSING – The Michigan House is looking towards possible unionization of its staff, creating buzz on what a union could look like in the Capitol.

A photo of the voting cards, used as a tally of how many staffers want to form a union, is stirring speculation that unionization is on the horizon. It appeared in a tweet from the Michigan Information and Research Service, a public affairs-focused newsletter.

Amber McCann, the press secretary to Speaker Joe Tate, D-Detroit, said in a statement that the House leadership is aware of a move by some staffers to unionize.

John Beck, an associate professor in the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations at Michigan State University, said it is "fairly rare" to see legislative aides unionizing.

"People do not normally take unionization lightly," Beck said. "That is because it's a departure from their regular life. They have to assume that a unionized workplace is better than what they currently have."

State legislatures have a mixed history when it comes to unionizing in the last decade, according to news reports.

Oregon was the first state to allow legislative staff to unionize in 2021. After five tries, California legislative staffers finally received recognition as a union, but are awaiting the governor's approval of the union.

According to Cal Matters, California staffers may have to wait until 2026 for that approval.

While New York Senate staffers launched an effort last year that's continuing, Washington,



REP. TOM KUNSE

Massachusetts, Minnesota and New Hampshire staffers all made unsuccessful unionization efforts recently.

Beck said to get a successful vote, the numbers are simple: 50% of House staffers plus one.

But the sentiment behind the movement is really the motivating factor, he said.

Historically, the three major reasons for creating a successful union are greater benefits or wages, protecting employees' ability to work and protecting workers' rights through language in their collective bargaining contracts, he said.

Beck said that he believes the proposed union is looking to protect its members in the face of the 2024 election because they're concerned about keeping their jobs if their bosses – state representatives – aren't reelected.

"It might be motivated by fear that the Legislature would go the other way," he said, referring to a shift from Democratic to Republican control, "and that they're protecting themselves through unionization against any adverse actions in the future."

Rep. Dylan Wegela, D-Garden

City, a member of the House Labor Committee, said that one main issue he believes unionization would address is salaried positions that have a high turnover rate.

"Staffers are paid drastically differently from office to office," Wegela said. "I think there's a lot of potential to move into a scheduled salary system for staffers that keep them here longer, and as a result, people in Michigan get better pay."

He said he believes the unionization effort is long overdue and is glad that staffers are doing it now.

Wegela said he's encouraged his staff to sign cards in support of the movement.

Rep. Tom Kunse, R-Clare, another member of the Labor Committee, said he heard about the drive through the news media rather than around the House.

Kunse said if people feel they want to join a union, he supports their right and is "glad they have that right."

Kunse also said joining should be an individual decision. "If you want to join a union, you should be able to do so," Kunse said. "If you don't want to join a union, I don't think you should have to do so to keep your job."

Kunse cited his support for a 2018 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that restored the rights of public sector employees across the country to choose whether to be in a union.

That ruling runs opposite Michigan's recent repeal of the state's right-to-work laws. The repeal allows unionized workplaces to resume requirements that

employees must pay dues or agency fees for representation.

However, Beck said the Supreme Court ruling is "meaningless" because it wouldn't allow staffers to exempt themselves from decisions made during union negotiations.

"They would be covered by the same collective bargaining agreement, and any bargaining outcomes bargain for the entire unit," Beck said. "The only difference is that they could decide not to pay dues."

Another issue is whether the House would formally recognize a staff union, according to Beck. Such recognition would have to come from House leadership.

Kunse said he believes Tate will recognize the union because House Democrats "have done whatever the unions have told them to do" and are "beholden" to unions that contribute to their campaigns.

Sen. Sue Shink, D-Northfield Township, said she could see state Senate staff look towards unionization in the future as well if "they see that the House staffers are having a good experience with it."

However, Shink said she believes the decision lies wholly with what staffers think is best for themselves.

"It's really not my place to tell them what I think of staffers unionizing or not," Shink said. "That is 100% their decision."

Wegela said, "All workplaces should reflect that the input of our staff should be listened to and thought about and taken seriously because, at the end of the day, nothing really moves without them."

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## CORRECTIONS OFFICER ARRAIGNED

HARRISON – The Clare County Sheriff's Office has released the following information regarding an incident involving one of its corrections officers.

On Feb. 7, Clare County Sheriff, John Wilson issued a statement that there was an open, ongoing investigation by the Michigan Sheriff's Association, into allegations of misconduct, involving a Clare County Corrections officer. At that time, no further information regarding the investigation was being released, as the matter was still being actively investigated.

On March 13, Clare County Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis authorized an arrest warrant for the officer.

On March 14, 53-year-old Jake Tessner was arraigned in 80th District Court by magistrate Steven Worpell on the



TESSNER

charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct-2nd degree set forth by Clare County Prosecutor Michelle Ambrozaitis. Bond was set at \$50,000 cash surety. He remained lodged at that time.

Tessner has now posted bond and has resigned from the CCSO.

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**ServSafe Knowledge Bowl: Team A secures 5th place in the state.** From left, Noah Walker (Farwell junior), Katie Brinn (Beaverton junior), and Liberty Green (Clare junior). Pictured below are cake decorating competitors, from left, Kenadee Overton (Harrison junior) and Kaylyn Outinen (Harrison junior).



## Rene Jeffords Elected Delegate to Republican National Convention



Clare County was very well represented at the State of Michigan precinct delegate convention for the Republican Party in Grand Rapids a few weeks ago. Out of dozens of applications, Rene Jeffords from Greenwood Township was elected as a delegate to the Republican National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this summer. Joel Johnson, also from Clare County was elected as an alternate.

## Clare-Gladwin CTE Culinary Arts Program Shines at 2024 ProStart State Competition

The Clare-Gladwin Career and Technical Education (CTE) Culinary Arts program demonstrated exceptional talent and skill at the 2024 ProStart State Competition, held on March 10-11 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. The event featured seven competitions over two days, drawing participation from more than 400 high school students representing 28 Michigan schools across the state. Hosted by the Michigan Hospitality Foundation, the Michigan ProStart Competition showcased the culinary skills of students statewide.

The Clare-Gladwin CTE Culinary program, represented by 14 students, competed in both the ServSafe Knowledge Bowl and Cake Decorating categories. Team A from the ServSafe Knowledge Bowl placed 5th overall.



**Cake decorating competitors, from left, are Bea Ford (Farwell senior), Kenadee Overton (Harrison junior), Kaylyn Outinen (Harrison junior) and Jasmin Fischer (Farwell junior).**

Congratulations to the Clare-Gladwin CTE Culinary Arts program for their outstanding performance at the 2024 ProStart State Competition.

**ABOUT CTE:** Clare-Gladwin CTE provides what was previously recognized in local high schools as vocational education or skilled trades training. CTE offers

that training to juniors and seniors at high schools in Beaverton, Clare, Farwell, Gladwin and Harrison in many diverse career fields, including Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Construction Trades, Health Occupations, Advanced Integrated Manufacturing, Digital Media, Welding Technology,

Education Occupations, Criminal Justice and Agricultural Science. Students learn valuable professional and personal skills that help prepare them for life after high school, whether it's in college, the workforce or both. For more information, visit the CTE website at [www.CTEitsworking.com](http://www.CTEitsworking.com).

## Harrison Community Schools Board Member Honored

A Harrison Community Schools board member earned two awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards for their efforts to improve leadership skills, demonstrating their commitment to student achievement and their own continuous improvement. Awards are earned for classes completed in MASA's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities. Whole boards that achieve and maintain certification status are also recognized.

Kendra Durga earned Level 1, Certified Board Member Award and Level 2, Award of Merit. MASA training and professional devel-

opment help board members to keep pace with the fast-moving and complex changes in public education. Last year, more than 1,800 school board members statewide participated in MASA's professional development program for elected school leaders. The hours devoted to this training are above and beyond the time members spend at their local meetings, events, and reviewing policies and board packets.

"Our community is so fortunate to have Kendra Durga, and our other members, on our board," states Superintendent Judy Walton. "Currently board president, Kendra has the heart of a servant leader, and her words and deeds are steadfastly in service of students,

staff, families, and the Harrison community."

"I've worked with school boards and public schools for more than 25 years and am always in awe of the commitment of so many members," said MASA Executive Director Don Wotruba, CAE. "Schools are under exceptional pressure to be innovative and reinvent the way they deliver education. Training equips them with the tools necessary to make the best decisions for Michigan's schoolchildren. The time they spend being servant leaders and honing their skills is second to none."

A full overview of the individual and whole-board training levels can be viewed at [masb.org/miboardawards](http://masb.org/miboardawards).

## GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Greenwood Township Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 13. There were 15 visitors present. Harrison District Library rep Diane Wood informed us of ongoing activities. County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave his report. Our Township Insurance Agent, Ken Lind, was present and recommended that we review selected policies and procedures.

Under Unfinished Business, four residents expressed interest in fulfilling the vacant trustee position. Bronwyn Asplund was appointed effective April 1 for the term expiring November 2024.

Under New Business, the Spongy Moth spray area map was included



**GAIL GARRITY  
Greenwood Trustee**

with the monthly packet. The opt-out date is April 1. The Board approved an ADA-use porta potty rental for the pavilion area from May 15 through Sept. 15. Kellie Bardouche will be the new Board of Review member. Tree planting and a new roof were discussed under ARPA commitments. The Board approved the Hazard Mitigation resolution.

Under Board Member comments, the following items were noted: Gail Garrity stated the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held March 20. Lorie Fliegel announced the next tax bills will be out July 1. Delinquent taxes are paid to the County. Rachel Mackson

indicated the election went well. Jess McClaughry reminded everyone that the Budget meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 27. Residents need to remove winter grave blankets no later than March 16 at the township cemetery. He expressed condolences to the family of longtime resident Dick Cottrell who passed away recently.

The next regular township board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10. In honor of our township's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, coffee and cake will be served at that meeting. Greenwood Township residents are especially invited to attend, but ALL meetings are open to the public.

## Colt Ford and Little Texas to Play the Marion Fair

The Marion Fair in Marion, Michigan, is pleased to announce a concert experience of epic proportions!

On Wednesday, June 12, get ready for Colt Ford and Little Texas with special guests Dusty Leigh and local favorites, Freshwater Roots!

Colt Ford consistently blazes his own trail. With hits like, "Drivin' Around Song," "Back," and "Chicken & Biscuits," the Georgia singer, songwriter, rapper, musi-

cian, performer, and co-founder and co-owner of Average Joes Entertainment keeps up pace as country's preeminent independent maverick. Selling over 3 million albums, attracting millions of followers on social media and hitting 1 billion-plus streams, the country rap pioneer's dynamic discography spans collaborations with everyone from Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, Keith Urban, and Jermaine Dupri to members of No Doubt, Lit, and Lady Antebellum.

Additionally, he co-wrote Jason Aldean's No. 1 hit "Dirt Road Anthem" and Brantley Gilbert's No. 1 hit "Country Must Be Country Wide."

Throwing it back to our heyday, we are thrilled to also welcome, Little Texas! In the early '90s, Little Texas burst onto the scene with songs written, recorded, and performed exclusively by the members themselves. They quickly became one of the top vocal bands of the decade with huge hit songs including, "God Blessed Texas," "What Might Have Been," and "My Love." With thousands of shows, eight albums, 12 Top 20 singles (seven Top 10 songs and three consecutive No. Ones in a 12-month period) and multiple

Grammy, CMA and ACM nominations (winning the ACM for Top Vocal Group in 1994) it's easy to understand why the group earned the moniker, "Hardest Working Band in Country Music."

The concert kicks off with recording artist Dusty Leigh. Dusty is far from your average performer. He started by combining the hard-core element of Hip-Hop with the witty wordplay of Pop and his style evolved to a genre he refers to as R&C - Rhythm and Country. The 31-year-old entertainer, hailing from Louisville, Kentucky prefers to set trends instead of following them.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage

will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clare County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on April 3, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

**Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):** Jack H. Morrison, a single man

**Original Mortgagee:** James B. Nutter & Company

**Foreclosing Assignee (if any):** GITSIT Solutions LLC

**Date of Mortgage:** January 9, 2008

**Date of Mortgage Recording:** March 3, 2008  
**Amount claimed due on date of notice:** \$194,027.75

**Description of the mortgaged premises:** Situated in Township of Hayes, Clare County, Michigan, and described as: PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T19N, R4W, CITY OF HARRISON, CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING N 89 DEG. 13 MINUTES 52 SECONDS E., ALONG THE E/W 1/4 LINE, 1316.37 FEET, FROM W 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE N 00 DEG. 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS W. ALONG THE W 1/8 LINE, 982.20 FEET; THENCE S 83 DEG. 02 MINUTES 52 SECONDS E., 331.66 FEET, THENCE S 00 DEG. 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS E., 937.64 FEET, THENCE S 89 DEG. 13 MINUTES 52 SECONDS W., ALONG THE E/W 1/4 LINE 329.09 FEET, BACK TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

**Common street address (if any):** 1375 Byfield Dr, Harrison, MI 48625-9357

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL

600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

**Attention homeowner:**

If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 29, 2024

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**Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):** Paul H. Williams, unmarried

**Original Mortgagee:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
**Foreclosing Assignee (if any):** New American Funding, LLC  
**Date of Mortgage:** December 17, 2021  
**Date of Mortgage Recording:** January 5, 2022  
**Amount claimed due on date of notice:** \$288,610.57  
**Description of the mortgaged premises:** Situated in

Township of Frost, Clare County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 9, Town 20 North, Range 4 West, described as: beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 9; thence South 89 degrees 28 minutes 45 seconds West, along the South section line, 330.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 57 seconds East, 944.77 feet to the center line of Bailey Road; thence South 78 degrees 42 minutes 18 seconds East along said center line 337.07 feet to the East Section line; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds West, along said East Section line, 875.75 feet back to the place of beginning.

**Common street address (if any):** 10175 Bailey Dr, Harrison, MI 48625-7601

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Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clare County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on

April 10, 2024.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

**MORTGAGE:**

**Mortgagor(s):** Brad Walsh, a married man

**Original Mortgagee:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

**Date of mortgage:** December 2, 2020

Recorded on December 4, 2020, Liber 1466, on Page 60,

**Foreclosing Assignee (if any):** Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

**Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof:** Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five and 70/100 Dollars (\$61,265.70)

**Mortgaged premises:** Situated in Clare County, and described as: Lot 51 of Airport Forest Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 20, Clare County Records. Commonly known as 4561 Williams Rd, Harrison, MI 48625

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: 2/22/2024  
 Judge Hovey

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN 55TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION CASE NO. 24-900035-CH**

**Court address:** 225 W. Main Street Harrison, MI. 48625

**Court telephone:** 989-539-7131

Gregory Griffith and Sharon Griffith

Timothy B. Myers P48152

4139 W. Walton Blvd. Suite F

Waterford, MI. 48329 248-909-2424

V Heirs, Devisees, or Assigness of Ann Marie Cole, deceased

Address unknown

TO: Heirs, Devisees, or Assigness of Ann Marie Cole, deceased

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to quiet title to real property commonly known as 710 Roberts, Harrison, MI 48625 / Tax Parcel #18-005-700-044-00. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 4/1/2024. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Clare County Cleaver for three consecutive weeks, and proof shall be filed in this court.

Dated: 2/22/2024  
 Judge Hovey

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CLARE COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Decedent's Estate CASE NO. and JUDGE Hon. Marcy A. Klaus**

**Court address:** 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, Michigan 48625

**Court telephone:** (989) 539-7109

Estate of JUDY SKELTON, Deceased AUGUST Date of Birth: AUGUST 5, 1947.

**TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

The decedent, JUDY SKELTON, died SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MELISSA HICK-

MAN-JACKSON, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 W. MAIN STREET, HARRISON, MI. 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the publication of this notice.

Date: March 1, 2024  
 Mark R. Pasquali P70008

405 S. Mission St, Suite E Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 400-4646

Melissa Hickman-Jackson 1370 S. Chippewa Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 12

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**Public Notice**

Greenwood Township budget hearing will be held at Township Hall **March 27 at 7 PM.** 3447 West Temple Dr. Harrison, MI 48625.

Budget information is posted on the website [greenwoodtownship.org](http://greenwoodtownship.org).

For more information please contact the Clerk, Rachel Mackson, 989-572-0456, [clerk@greenwoodtwp.org](mailto:clerk@greenwoodtwp.org).

**Rachel Mackson Greenwood Township Clerk**

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**Frost Township Notice of Public Hearing**

The Frost Township Board will hold a Budget Workshop on **March 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM** at the Frost Township Hall to make any necessary amendments to the 2023/2024 budget and to address the 2024/2025 Township Budget.

A Public Hearing on the proposed Township budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 will take place at the Frost Township Hall 9031 N. Clare Ave. Harrison, MI on **March 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM.**

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

**Joan Ratray Frost Township Clerk**

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- 8757 EIGHT POINT LAKE** This lot includes all hook-ups, well, sewer and electric, conditions unknown. Canal waterfront. \$29,500 For Info Text RB/JXMHN To 52187
- NHN CARPENTER** Waterfront Lots on a no motor Duck Lake. Take in the sights with your rowboat or kayak \$22,400 For Info Text RB/JHJNY To 52187
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- 5 Acres Temple Dr, Harrison - \$75,000 - 5** secluded acres with a 14x30 shed/cabin with solar panels. Close to town, paved road, perfect for a weekend getaway or building your dream home.
- 2530 Larch Rd, Harrison - \$34,900 -** Buildable .68 acres vacant land with 5" well, septic, electric, and a 24x48 foundation. Corner lot, paved road, and nicely located just outside of town.
- 3390 N. Clare Ave, Harrison - \$57,500 -** Commercial building, .46 acres, new roof & windows within the past year. Open concept, 3 additional rooms, plenty of parking, possible drive-thru window.
- 4120 Oak Ridge Dr, Harrison - \$97,000 - 2** beds, 1 full bath, 577 sq ft, sneak view of Cranberry Lake, walk to beach. Many updates last 3 years, forced air furnace, windows, roof, tiered decking, & more.
- 6644 Carpenter Rd, Harrison - \$124,900 - 2** bedrooms, 1 full bath, 912 sq ft home on no wake Duck Lake, 1 car garage. Eat in kitchen, sunroom, nice deep lot.
- 3985 N. Clare Ave, Harrison - \$125,000 -** Commercial building, known as Pudgy's Diner, 1020 sq ft includes restaurant equipment, 1344 sq ft doublewide, 3 beds, 2 baths, shared well, 2 septic.



# 2023 Water Quality Report for City of Harrison



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Supply Serial Number: 3030

This report covers the drinking water quality for City of Harrison for the 2023 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2023. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 3 groundwater wells, each over 200-320 ft. deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderately high susceptibility to contamination in our wellhead protection area.

There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by PARTICIPATION IN THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: City of Harrison 2105 Sullivan Dr. or by phone at (989)-539-7145

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from

infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

## Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2023. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit
- **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium 1 (ppm)	N/A	N/A	4.8		2023	NO	
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	No	Naturally present in the environment

Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water <sup>1</sup>	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile = 1ppb	0 ppb-2 ppb	2021	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile = 0.5 ppm	0.1 ppm-0.6 ppm	2021	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

<sup>1</sup> Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

**Information about lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Harrison is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our water supply has 0 lead service lines and 275 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 795 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Harrison City Hall 2105 Sullivan Dr. Harrison MI. 48625. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. First and third Monday of every month at 6 pm. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Harrison DPW at (989)-539-7145. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Harrison

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During January 1 to September 30, 2023, we did not monitor or test for Nitrates and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

**What should I do?** There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	Date additional samples were taken
Nitrate	1 @ 12 months	4	January 1 – September 30, 2023	October 10, 2023

**What happened? What is being done** We sampled for Nitrates within the required sampling period, during August and 2 samples in September but the sample did not meet compliance requirements at the lab. We resampled again on October 10, 2023, now late, and took it to a different certified lab. We are making every effort to assure this does not happen again. Samples taken since then show that all results met acceptable limits.

For more information, please contact Mark Lipovsky at 989-539-7145 or 2105 Sullivan Drive, Harrison, MI 48625.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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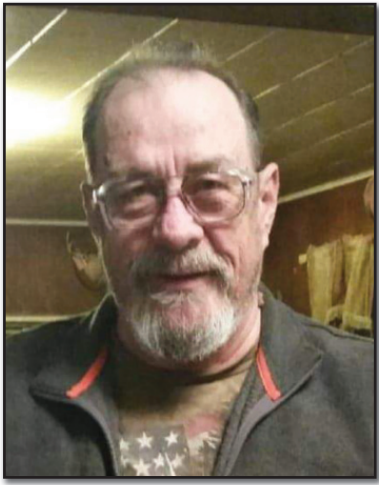
# OBITUARIES

## RICHARD HAZEN COTTRELL January 10, 1943 - March 10, 2024

Richard Hazen Cottrell, age 81, of Harrison passed away Sunday, March 10, 2024.

A Memorial Service for Richard will be held at the Harrison United Brethren Church, 250 East Main Street Harrison, Michigan 48625, on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 12 noon with Pastor Wendy Kindel officiating. A Luncheon will follow at the church. The family will receive friends the day of the service from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and the church.

Richard was born on January 10, 1943, in Dayton, Ohio, son of Earl and Etta (Deeter) Cottrell. Richard married Edna Lydia Smith on October 9, 1981, in Harrison. He worked for Brown Machine for over 40



years, working as a welding supervisor. Richard also owned and operated Dick's Pontoon Moving and Storage. He was a member of the John J. Carton Masonic Lodge # 436 in Harrison. Richard enjoyed helping all of his neighbors, spending time outdoors hunting and fishing, and enjoyed a cold beer with

his family and friends.

Richard is survived by his children, Leroy Smith of Harrison, Lilly (Dennis) Warner of Battle Creek, Cindy Zettler of Brownstown, Stanley (Kim) Smith of Harrison, Richard Cottrell of Branson, MO, Shawn (John) Benedict of Ewart, Shelly (Myron) Mark of Hersey, and Robert (Erin) Cottrell of Harrison; 30 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Cottrell on October 22, 2014; son, Kenneth Smith; daughter, Debbie Smith; son-in-law, Edward Zettler; parents; and sister, Eileen Chasteen.

You may view Richard's obituary online or send a condolence to the family at [www.clarkstocking.com](http://www.clarkstocking.com).



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Bids may be sent or dropped off at:  
Clare County Transit  
1473 Transportation Drive • Harrison, MI 48625  
Attn: Suburban Bid  
Suburban can be seen Mon-Fri  
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Bids are due by 5 PM April 5, 2024

**SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET HEARING/BOARD MEETING**  
The Summerfield Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 at 9971 N. Finley Lake Ave, Harrison, MI on March 26, 2024 at 6:30PM. **\*The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Summerfield Township Clerks Office.

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  - Party Dock
  - Harrison Family
  - Pharmacy
  - Up North Coffee
  - Walraven's
  - Shell
  - Shop N Go (by Wilson State Park)
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  - Kern's
  - Big C's Party Store
  - Long Lake Store
  - Sunrise #19
  - Harrison EZ Mart
  - Sharp's Market
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  - Bob's Party Store
  - Monte's
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  - Discount Variety
  - Temple Party Store
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  - Pit Stop
  - Clare
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  - Gateway Pharmacy
  - Witbecks
  - Next Door Food Store
  - Cops & Doughnuts
  - Farwell
  - Next Door Food Store
  - Eagle Pharmacy
  - Carrow's Market
  - JD Market
  - The Depot

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Hayes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday April 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Hayes Township Municipal Complex, located at 2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison MI 48625.

In accordance with MCL 125.3103, Hayes Township is publishing notice of this public hearing. A public hearing is being held to address the adoption of Nine Zoning Ordinance Amendments to the 2019 Hayes Township Zoning Ordinance.

If you are unable to attend, written comments may be submitted to Hayes Township, P.O. Box 310, Harrison, Michigan 48625 Attn: Zoning Administrator, until 3:00pm Wednesday April 10, 2024.

All related information may be reviewed at the Hayes Township Clerks office during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Debra Hoyt  
Hayes Township Clerk  
Publication date March 21, 2024, and April 4, 2024.

#### NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Hayes Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting on Wednesday April 10, 2024, immediately following the scheduled 7:00 pm public hearing at the Hayes Township Municipal Complex, located at 2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI 48625.

This meeting will be held to vote on recommending the proposed Nine Ordinance Amendments to the Hayes Township Board for approval.

Debra Hoyt  
Hayes Township Clerk  
Publication date March 21, 2024, and April 4, 2024.

#### Public Notice:

At the regular monthly meeting held on the 11th day of March 2024, the Lincoln Township Board of Trustees adopted the Hazardous Spill Cost Recovery Ordinance #45, an ordinance to establish charges for emergency services responding to an incident involving hazardous materials and to provide for methods for the collection of such charges.

Sec. 1; Purpose. To protect the township from incurring extraordinary expenses as it pertains to responding to a spill, release or discharge of hazardous materials and to provide for a method of cost recovery from responsible parties.

Sec. 2; Definitions. To define the meaning of the words Cost, Facility, Fire Department, Hazardous Material, Person, and Release.

Sec. 3; Responsibility for Abatement, Control and Costs: Use of Outside Contractors or Municipal Forces. This section explains that the responsible party that causes any release, spill or improper handling or storage of hazardous material in the Township will be responsible and liable for clean-up and all costs associated; conditions and standards of clean-up, and failure to comply.

Sec. 4; Recovery of Costs: Explains the method(s) and process for recovering cost incurred by the Township in relation to the proper clean-up of hazardous materials.

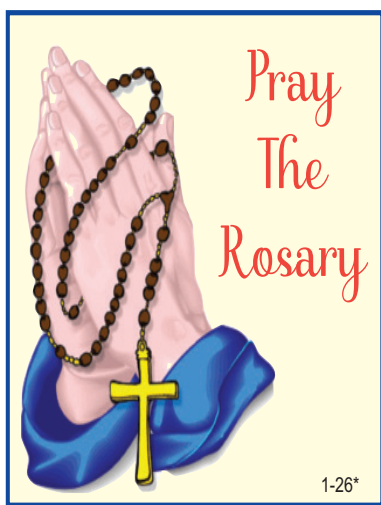
Sec. 5: Other Remedies: Explains that the township is entitled to pursue other remedies to collect costs from the responsible party.

Sec. 6; Severability: Should a court find that a part of this ordinance is not valid or enforceable, the rest of the ordinance with still be enforceable.

Sec. 7; Effective Date. This ordinance shall have an effective date of April 20th, 2024.

A true copy of this ordinance is available for inspection at [www.lincolntwp.com](http://www.lincolntwp.com) or can be obtained by calling 989-588-9841 ext. 02 or emailing [bor@lincolntwp.com](mailto:bor@lincolntwp.com) or [clm@lincolntwp.com](mailto:clm@lincolntwp.com)

Carol L. Majewski, Clerk



Clare Gladwin RESD of Clare, Michigan will receive proposals from Trade Contractors for  
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Proposals must be submitted via BuildingConnected and received prior to **2:00 PM, local time, on April 2, 2024.**

A pre-bid walkthrough meeting will **NOT** be held.

The Schedule of Work shall be as follows:

Bids due	April 2, 2024
Anticipated award of contract	April 19, 2024
Anticipated start of construction	April 1, 2024
Anticipated substantial completion	May 30, 2025

All bidders are required to furnish Bid Security in the amount of five (5%) percent of the Base Bid. Form of the security may be a bid bond, certified or cashier's check made payable to Clare Gladwin RESD. Clare Gladwin RESD will not be responsible for loss of security made by check; checks will not be returned until a contract has been fully executed with the successful bidder. This will be a guarantee that the bidder selected by Clare Gladwin RESD will furnish the required PLM Bonds; failure to do so could mean forfeiture of the Bid Security.

All bidders must indicate, where shown on the Proposal Form, the cost of Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds covering 100% of the value of the Project. Do **not** include the cost of the Bonds in the Base Bid.

All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized familial relationship disclosure statement.

All bids shall be accompanied by an Iran Economic Sanctions Act Certification in accordance with MCL 129.311. The Board of Education shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized Iran Economic Sanctions Act Certification.

Applicable Michigan use tax apply to this project. This project is **NOT** sales tax exempt. **This is NOT a prevailing wage project.**

Bid Documents may be examined at the following plan rooms:

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<https://app.buildingconnected.com/projects/650c8afcba582e00828113b8/bid-packages>

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**State Rep. Tom Kunse, R-Clare, will host local office hours in Clare 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, March 29 at Cops and Doughnuts in Clare.**

The **Clare County Republican Party** meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Harrison District Library.

**Grief Share grief recovery seminar and support group** for those who have lost loved ones meets at Clare Assembly of God in Clare (3557 E. Colonville Road) each Thursday at 6 p.m. Jan. 25-April 18. For more information, call Jill at 989-386-3232.

**NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings** will be held at Sheri's Diner, 316 E Park St., at noon and 7 p.m. every Monday; and at 7 p.m. the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month at Harrison District Library. Join for food and conversation.

**Hope For the Future - Suicide Loss Survivor Support Group** meets from 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, Quality Inn conference room, 10318 S. Clare Ave., Clare. Direct any questions to Maxine Lago on Facebook.

**Al-Anon Family Group** meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays at First Congregational Church, 211 W. Spruce St., Harrison.

**Lake George Booster Club**, 89 S. Bringold, north of Lake George, hosts Euchre Tuesday year-round. Doors open at 6 p.m. and cards start at 7 p.m. Public welcome.

For more community events, visit [www.clarecounty-cleaver.net](http://www.clarecounty-cleaver.net).

## 'BAD FAITH' BANKRUPTCY DENIED FOR LEE MUELLER, FORMER OPERATOR OF EDENVILLE DAM, BOYCE HYDRO

LANSING – The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada, the home state of Lee Mueller, former operator of Boyce Hydro and the Edenville Dam, denied Mueller's bankruptcy filing, announced Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. United States Bankruptcy Judge August B. Landis dismissed Mueller's attempted Chapter 13 Bankruptcy on Feb. 9.

In 2023, the State obtained a nearly \$120 million judgment against Lee Mueller, reflecting his responsibility for the catastrophic 2020 failure of the Edenville Dam. Mueller pursued bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Las Vegas, Nevada as a means to have that judgment dissolved. On Feb. 9, the bankruptcy court dismissed the bankruptcy petition, concluding in a February 6th hearing that Mueller's effort "smacked of bad faith."

"Mr. Mueller has repeatedly made inaccurate representations to

two different courts in his attempts to evade accountability and money judgements for his responsibility for the Edenville Dam disaster," said Nessel. "I am grateful that the courts have continued to see through Lee Mueller's obvious attempts to manipulate these proceedings in order to protect himself at the expense of the thousands of Michigan residents whose lives he's devastated."

Legal eligibility for the type of bankruptcy protection Mueller sought requires a person's debts not exceed \$2,750,000. Mueller swore in his petition that the amount of his debt owed to the State of Michigan was "unknown," contending it should not be counted toward his eligibility limit. The Department of Attorney General filed a motion to dismiss in the Las Vegas bankruptcy court, arguing that Mueller had filed in bad faith, with full knowledge by the time of his filing that his debts would far exceed the chapter 13 bankruptcy

eligibility limit.

The court agreed with the Department, and held that sworn statement was not true, as Mueller knew his debt exceeded the eligibility threshold. The court held that Mueller's refusal to "fully disclose facts that were known" to him was a "fairly transparent" attempt to "manipulate" the law. The court noted that "bankruptcy relief is afforded to honest but unfortunate debtors," and that in Mueller's case, the "honest" part of that equation "is key" to why he could not obtain relief. The court concluded that Mr. Mueller's untrue statements were "the kind of egregious behavior that warrants a finding of bad faith" and dismissed his case.

This marks the second federal Court to find Mueller using the judiciary in "bad faith" after the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan concluded as much in a ruling to uphold sanctions against Mueller. March 15.

## Former Osceola County Caregiver Charged with Medication Theft

LANSING – A former caregiver with Reed City Fields, an assisted living facility in Osceola County, was arraigned March 15 on one count each of Larceny in a Building and Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 77th District Court in Osceola County, announced Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. Walter Herrington III, 43, of Scottville, is alleged to have stolen and possessed pills, sedative Lorazepam (Ativan), prescribed to a deceased facility resident. Both charges are felonies.

"Caregivers provide invaluable services to their patients, but using that position to steal medications is a violation of trust and also a felony that my department will not hesitate to prosecute," said Nessel. "These are controlled substances for a reason, and we must be able to trust in our caregivers to handle them responsibly and legally."

Herrington was arrested by spe-

cial agents of the Attorney General's office yesterday and arraigned today before Magistrate Daniel E. Clise. He was given a \$10,000/10% bond. Herrington will next appear in court at 9:15 a.m. March 28 for a probable cause conference.

Larceny in a Building is 4-year felony, alternatively punishable by a \$5,000 fine, or both. Possession of a Controlled Substance (Lorazepam) is a 2-year felony, alternatively punishable by a \$2,000 fine, or both.

The Attorney General's Health Care Fraud Division (HCFD) handled this case for the Department. The HCFD is the federally certified Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for Michigan, and it receives 75% of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award totaling \$5,541,992 for the fiscal year 2024. The remaining 25% percent, totaling \$1,847,326 is funded by the State of Michigan.

## DeWitt Priest Sentenced to Prison for 8 Felonies, Embezzlement from Retired Priests

LANSING – On March 18, David Rosenberg, 72, of DeWitt, was sentenced by Judge Cori Barkman in the 29th Circuit Court to 4 to 20 years' incarceration and ordered to pay restitution to the victims' estates, announced Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. Last month, a Clinton County jury found Rosenberg guilty of eight felonies, for embezzling or stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from retired, elderly priests.

Rosenberg, also a priest, was employed as Director of the Lansing Catholic Diocese's St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt between 2015 and 2021. He embezzled or stole approximately \$780,000 from three priests and gave the stolen funds to his charitable foundation, FaithFirst, for-

merly the Rosenberg Family Corporation. The 95-acre Retreat Center property includes apartments that house retired priests.

The final amount of ordered restitution has not yet been set by the Court and may be further negotiated by the parties.


Rosenberg was found guilty of the following crimes:

- Three counts of Embezzlement from a Vulnerable Adult \$100,000 or more;
- One count of False Pretenses \$100,000 or more;
- One count of False Pretenses \$20,000-\$50,000;
- One count of Perjury;
- One count of Uttering and Publishing; and
- One count of Larceny \$20,000 or more.

"Stealing from our elderly and

vulnerable adults, especially from a position of authority, is a significant crime and this sentence reflects that" said Nessel. "My department will continue to prosecute these crimes, on behalf of victims living or deceased, and it is our hope that would-be thieves and scammers see this is a serious offense that can get them years behind bars."

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## Roads Repair, Improvement Major Topic in Hayes

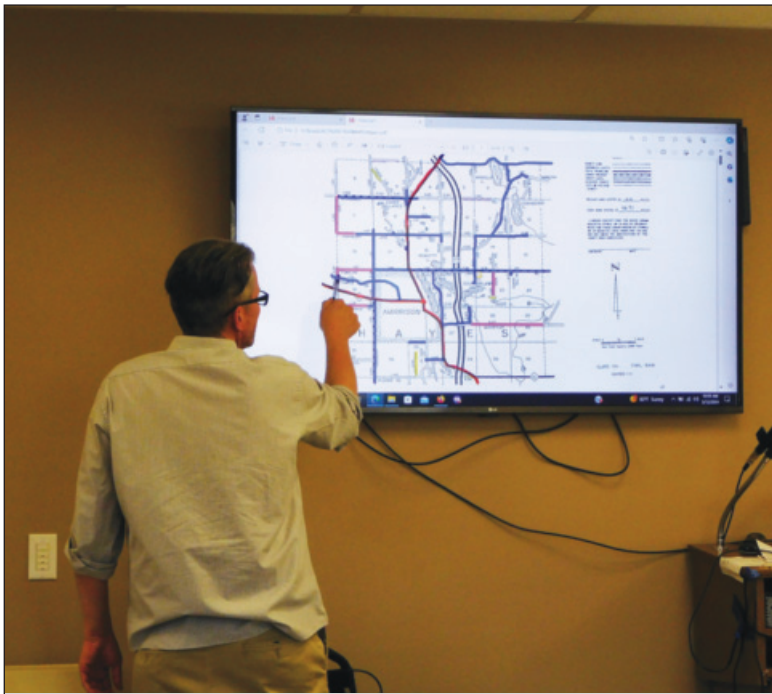
By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY  
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – The March 11 meeting of the Hayes Township Board included multiple items for discussion as well as several action items. During the first public comment, a question arose about armed security for the Aug. 6 and Nov. 5 elections. Clerk Deb Hoyt explained that it was recommended by both the township's attorney and the Clare County Sheriff Department that election security personnel be unarmed.

Under Community Reports, Clare County Commissioner Gabe Ambrozaitis described items considered during the previous weeks Committee of the Whole meeting as: Courthouse Security Policy Review; Jury Board member appointment; and the sale of county-owned property in Redding Township.

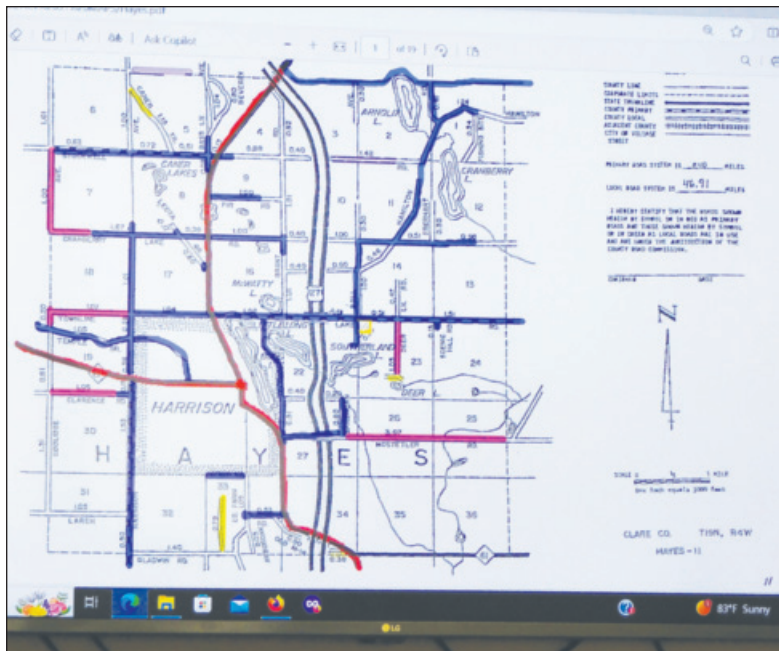
Under New Business, the Board moved to:

-Approve the SST Security agreement for the Aug. 6 and Nov. 5, 2024, elections at a cost



Using the Clare County Road Commission's road projects map, Hayes Township Supervisor Rick Jones indicates road work which has been accomplished and where road work is still needed. (See enlarged map below right.)

of \$1,101 ( which will come from the next fiscal year's budget).



-Approve the business administrator to attend a Michigan Association of Planners webinar at \$110, for non-conformities.

Department Reports touched on election preparation, closing out of the tax year, the upcoming Hayes Planning Commission's April 10 quarterly meeting, and

the status of work done at the cemetery and work done or pending on Hayes Township Municipal Complex property.

There also was budget discussion, as regards remaining budget funds and ARPA funds, and upcoming costs for road projects.

Supervisor Rick Jones spoke at length about his recent ride-along with the Road Commission for review of road conditions within the township, and the resultant Paser ratings of pavement conditions. He cited many, many specific roads, their conditions and the depth of repair/replace/improvement costs, as well as the assigned Paser numbers.

Jones explained that roads with ratings below 6 or 7 would need repair in future years. Many, many of the roads cited had ratings of 2, 3, 4 and 5, and Jones also noted specific roads as hav-



Jones distributes the list of roads/conditions and the Paser evaluations to Board members at the March 12 Hayes Township Board meeting. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

and their conditions, but also the projected expense to address each one. It also was noted that Hayes Township has more than twice the road miles of any other township in Clare County.

Trustee Bob Buckley took a moment to thank Jones for all the work and time to set up the road evaluation and mapping.

Also discussed was bringing in the township, and the need to

correct under assessment and inappropriately applied assessment. Further noted was the need to schedule public hearings, mailings and public meetings regarding the bringing Special Assessment District.

The Hayes Township Board meets next at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at the Hayes Municipal Complex, 2055 E. Townline Lake Road.

**Notice to the Public**

On April 5, 2024, at 3:00 pm there will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the construction of the new Clare-Gladwin RESD Career Education Center at the John C. Magnus Center at 3200 South Clare Avenue, Clare, MI.

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