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## COMING EVENTS

**Clare's City-Wide Yard Sales** June 25-27. Visit [claremichigan.com](http://claremichigan.com) for more information.

**Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Post 404** from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 4. Serving pancakes, sausage and orange juice, milk, or coffee. Cost is \$5.

Shingle Lake will hold their **9th Annual Boat Crawl** at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

The Lake George community will hold a **4th of July Parade**. Registration is from 11-11:45 a.m. at Hamlin Field, with parade at noon. Walk, ride, or pull a float.

The **Lake George Boat Parade** will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Register from 7:30-7:55 p.m. at the boat launch.

The monthly **Community Nutrition Network Food Distribution** at the Clare County Fairgrounds will be held on July 11. Distribution will start at 11 a.m. and end at noon.

**Freedom Ride 2020** 60-mile ride through Clare County held at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 25 beginning at Trail's End Restaurant & Pizzeria and ending at Trail's End Pub (Leota). This is a grassroots project to raise money to purchase the 5th statue for the Veterans Freedom Park that will honor those who served during Desert Storm. This ride will also be a strong support for all our veterans, serving military, first responders and essential workers who have kept our country free and our country going during times of need.

**Lake George Boosters Club**, located at 89 S. Bringold Ave., Lake George, would like to invite the public to their Summer Trap Shoot. They shoot at 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 24. Young shooters are welcome. For additional information, call Gary Maas 989-588-1193.

**Have an event? Let us know! More events are on our website at [www.clarecountycleaver.net](http://www.clarecountycleaver.net).**

## Face Coverings Still Required

# Where State's Phase 4 Re-entry Sits

The state's re-engagement strategy has been laid out in six phases and includes incremental opening of the state's eight regions. Phasing in of business re-engagement began in Regions 8 (Upper Peninsula) and 4 (Northern Lower Peninsula). Here in Region 2, Clare County is lumped in with Grand Rapids, one of the most active areas of new COVID-19 cases. That has and will likely continue to slow this county's complete commercial business restart.

For the most part, the state has now moved to Phase 4, and Michiganders are able to cautiously resume some of their normal activities. It is important to that face coverings are still required, if at all possible – *not if preferred* – but possible.

Governor Gretchen's executive order of June 5 which allows for considerable changes to the restrictions on events, gatherings and business follows:

### EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-115

**Temporary restrictions on certain events, gatherings, and businesses**  
The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease.

On March 10, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. On that same day, I issued Executive Order



**Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is shown at Source Booksellers in Detroit, one of several small businesses she visited across the city June 11 to learn about what practices they have put in place to protect both workers and customers from COVID-19. (State of Michigan photo)**

2020-4. This order declared a state of emergency across the state of Michigan under section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended (EMA), MCL 30.401 et seq., and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945, 1945 PA 302, as amended (EPGA), MCL 10.31 et seq.

Since then, the virus spread across Michigan, bringing deaths in the thousands, confirmed cases in the tens of thousands, and deep disruption to this state's economy, homes, and educational, civic, social, and religious institutions. On April 1, 2020, in response to the widespread and severe health, economic, and social harms posed

by the COVID-19 pandemic, I issued Executive Order 2020-33. This order expanded on Executive Order 2020-4 and declared both a state of emergency and a state of disaster across the State of Michigan under section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Emergency Management Act, and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945. And on April 30, 2020, finding that COVID-19 had created emergency and disaster conditions across the State of Michigan, I issued Executive Order 2020-67 to continue the emergency declaration under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act, as well as Executive Order 2020-68 to issue new

See **WHITMER** on page 10

## DOJ Awards \$237,563 to CCSD

### Sheriff Department release

Sheriff John Wilson has announced that the Clare County Sheriff Department has just been awarded \$237,563 from the Department of Justice to hire two officers and pay the wage and fringe benefits over the next two years. The Department of Justice COPS Program is a competitive award program intended to reduce crime and advance public safety through community policing by providing direct funding for the hiring of career law enforcement officers.

In this changing economic climate, the Cops Hiring Program funding will help law enforcement maintain sufficient sworn personnel levels to promote a safe community.

## HCS Facing Substantial Funding Cutbacks

### Footo: COVID-19 Education Response Inadequate for Many Students

By **Dianne Alward-Bieri**  
Cleaver Staff Writer

**HARRISON** – In keeping with early June being a time for recognizing accomplishments of graduating seniors, the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education at its June 8 meeting awarded a certificate of congratulations to Alexys Carlstrom for her achievement of scoring 1,000 Jackpine Conference points. BOE President Angie Cullen noted that Carlstrom had hit that 1,000-point mark during a game against Meridian in February.

"Congratulations, Kiddo," Cullen said. "I can't wait to watch you play at Mid."

Also recognized were teachers who would be retiring this year, including: Frank Brohl (30 years), Dianne Duba (29 years), and Kimberly Hollis (33 years). Cullen also congratulated those three, adding "That is awesome."

The next order of business under Information/Discussion was the first reading of NEOLA Policies updates, the second reading of which will take place at the board's July meeting.

Superintendent Rick Footo said the updates were needed due to changes to laws, changes to pupil counting manuals. He also said that wellness policy, which had not come out of the NEOLA format, had been redrafted by the Wellness Committee based on standards had to be redone for the food service program and the school buildings. He said an audit led to the recommended changes, which were based on the federal and state nutrition programs.

Footo noted the food services board

report, which he said contained some impressive statistics.

"I'm quite proud of what they've been able to accomplish this spring," Footo said.

The next agenda item was the 2020-2021 Budget Update, and the superintendent explained that he had been trying to communicate with the board members just what the administration knows/does not know in light of the changing finance landscape within the state. He said HCS had not yet been getting a lot of good feedback from the state, but that it is know the state is projecting a \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion shortfall for the current school year (which for the state goes from October to September).

"They are also projecting the same amount, or close to it, for the 2020-2021 school year," Footo said. "Though, we could be looking at anywhere from a \$2 billion to \$3-plus billion shortfall, just in the School Aid Fund, moving forward. It's been a very interesting time to try to figure out how to provide you [BOE] with a budget by June 30."

Footo said there had been discussions about areas where changes could be made right now, and it would mean looking at bringing a budget which includes areas that appear, at this point, to be overstaffed.

"Also, we need to make some other corrections to where we're at with the Admin team," Footo said. He added that, if board members are available, that the revised budget could be presented June 22.

"In that budget, we're looking at forecasting a \$700 per-pupil funding cut for

See **BOE** on page 2

## INTERCOUNTY CAR CHASE NETS 2 ARRESTS

### Sheriff Department release

At approximately 9:20 p.m. June 6, deputies from the Clare County Sheriff Department attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle in Hamilton Township, Clare County Michigan. The vehicle failed to stop, and a pursuit of the vehicle was initiated.

The pursuit lasted for approximately 30 minutes when deputies lost sight of the vehicle in Gladwin County and terminated the pursuit. A short time later, back in Clare County, deputies spotted the same vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle again failed to stop, and another pursuit was initiated. The suspect vehicle again began driving toward Gladwin County. The second pursuit lasted approximately 15 minutes before the vehicle came to a stop after running out of gas in Gladwin County.

The driver of the vehicle was Edward Priest, a 26-year-old man from Harrison. Also in the vehicle was Kasey Newcombe, a 26-year-old female from Gladwin. Both were arrested and transported to the Clare County Jail.

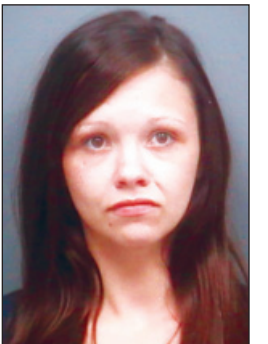
On June 8, Priest and Newcombe were arraigned by 80th District Court Magistrate Steven Worpel. Priest was charged with police officer fleeing 3rd degree, police officer fleeing 4th degree, police officer resisting and obstructing, and habitual offender 4th offender notice. Newcombe was charged with aiding and abetting police officer fleeing 3rd degree, aiding and abetting police officer fleeing 4th degree, and habitual offender 4th offender notice. She also had an existing misdemeanor traffic warrant out of Clare County at that time.

Priest had a bond set at \$40,000 cash/surety. Newcombe was given a \$30,000 cash bond/ 10% surety; she also received a \$2,000 personal recognizance bond for her misdemeanor traffic warrant.

Both Priest and Newcombe remain lodged in the Clare County Jail.



**PRIEST**



**NEWCOMBE**

## FLEEING LEADS TO CRASH, ARREST OF HARRISON MAN

### Sheriff Department release

At approximately 2:35 p.m. June 8, deputies from the Clare County Sheriff Department were dispatched to a gas station in Hayes Township, Harrison, Michigan. The reporting party advised there was a male at the gas station who was possibly under the influence and driving a vehicle.

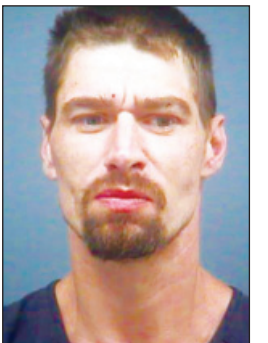
Deputies responding located the vehicle in the driveway of the 5000 block of N. Grant Avenue with the male subject still inside. Upon making contact with the driver of the vehicle and asking him to step out of the vehicle, the male started the vehicle and fled from the scene and the grass area of the residential lawn.

Deputies began a short pursuit where the vehicle then crashed into a ditch and struck a tree. Deputies had to remove the male from the vehicle as he continued to resist. During the arrest, the gentleman bit one of the deputies on the hand.

The male was identified as James Lee Bailey-Middleton, 35, of Harrison. He was placed under arrest and taken into custody.

Bailey-Middleton was arraigned June 10 by 80th District Court Magistrate Steven Worpel, and charged with police officer fleeing 3rd degree, police officer resist and obstruct causing injury, operating while intoxicated 2nd offense, malicious destruction of grass/trees, driving while license suspended, operating an unregistered vehicle, and habitual offender 4th offense notice.

Bailey-Middleton had a bond set at \$50,000 cash/surety and remains lodged in the Clare County Jail.



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# COMMUNITY LIFE



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Residents Seek Rezoning for Commercial Endeavors

## Fishing Expedition Ends with Empty Creels



By Dianne Alward-Biery  
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – The Harrison City Planning Commission was faced with an unusual situation at its June 9 meeting, as two residents from opposite sides of the city approached with requests for input on the likelihood they could be granted zoning changes. Both parties, unknown to each other, had come to feel out the commission’s likelihood of approving a rezoning from R-2/R-3 [residential] to C-2 [commercial], which would enable



them to place rental storage units on their respective properties.

Georgia Sager, who described her property as the corner of Grant Avenue and Lansing Street [along the west side of Budd Lake], said her three lots are zoned R-3 [sea-

sonal residential] and that she has been in possession of them for 18 years. Her intent was to build six or eight storage units, primarily for boats and seasonal winter storage. One difficulty Sager faces is that her residence is not adjacent to her vacant lots, therefore she would not be able to use any storage structure on a separate property for her own boat or other personal use. Tracey Connelly, Planning Commission secretary, noted that if Sager had a property directly across the street from her residence, she would be able to build a garage there for personal storage.

Commission Chairman Blane Hiscox also pointed out the city’s requirement that structures are to be harmonious with neighboring structures, something that could be hard to achieve in an area packed with small sum-

mer cottages. It also was noted later on that the three lots actually form an “L” along the two streets, a configuration that would limit adequate access for a large vehicle maneuvering a boat of any size into a storage unit.

Sager also said that she would intend to make the units as unobtrusive as possible, using attractive siding and rooflines rather than the typical “cookie cutter” storage units, adding that she was aware that the neighboring property owners would want those storage units to look nice. She did say there wouldn’t be such a lot of siding to do, once the area of storage doors was deducted. Sager also assured that proper landscaping would be part of her plan.

Margaret Zelinski, who described her property as being five acres at the southeast corner of the M-61/Harrison Avenue intersection, said her property is zoned R-2. Her goal was to develop a rental self-storage business on her own property, adjacent to her home, which would become a source of retirement income. She had gone to some length in planning what she wanted to see con-

structed, and how traffic flow would be most effective. It was pointed out to Zelinski that her plan would require separate rezoning for her property: residential for her home property and commercial for the business portion. She spoke in considerable detail of what she intended and her own responsibility in making the business visually appealing, secure and unobtrusive to her neighbors.

The commission members brought up a variety of points regarding lighting, access and avoidance of dual usage of the property. The biggest hurdle for both women was the fact that once a property is rezoned commercial, the city would no longer have any control over what business might develop on those sites in the future. And while both spoke strongly of their intent to run a tidy, professional and neighborhood-conscious enterprise, they would not be in control in perpetuity.

The most pertinent concern voiced by virtually all the commissioners was the setting of precedent. To change the zoning for an individual within a larger zone is

“spot zoning” – something the commissioners said never turns out well. And, once that precedent is set, it establishes a condition of “what is available to one, must be available to all.” That, in turn, would lead to a departure from the whole intent of the long-term planning done over the course of many years.

It was pointed out that the existing residential zoning, oddly enough, does allow for motels: something factored in from existing state zoning requirements. Both women conjectured that they might look into some sort of cabin structures they could rent out, but both had predicated their storage units plans on already owning the property and not having to include the expense of utilities infrastructure.

To put a cap on the information fishing expedition, the commissioners voices a unanimous consensus that there was no likelihood they would vote to rezone the properties in question.

Interested persons can visit [www.cityofharrison.org](http://www.cityofharrison.org) to view the City of Harrison’s zoning ordinances and zoning map.

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the 2020-2021 school year,” Foote said. “We got our February [2020] count of 1,302 students which, a year ago in February 2019 we had 100-plus more students at that time.”

Janice Ranck, business manager, explained that the \$700 shortfall could be for the coming fiscal year, or could also affect the current year, too.

“Our expenses are what they are, but our funding changes,” Ranck said. “It reduces our fund balance, but 85% of our budget is already spent.”

She added that it’s easy to do the funding-cut math per pupil, but that all of the expenses are not yet in, so the school is not currently ready to submit its final amended budget.

“It’s significant money, for sure,” Ranck said. “It’d be about \$900,000 based on 1,300 student count that we have.”

Foote said HCS is trying to plan for the worst, at this point, and that the school may not yet have heard the worst. He said that if this school year gets pro-rated, with the majority of funds having been spent due to being asked to continue paying staff through the end of the school year – that \$700 number could be pushing more than \$1,000.

“We would have to figure out how to pick that up into next year’s budget,” Foote said, adding that schools which don’t have a fund balance comparable to HCS are “in deep trouble.”

“I’m hearing from surrounding superintendents and some of our reps and senators that they are not wanting to do a proration this year,” he said. “Just for the fact they told us we *had* to pay our employees. We’re coming into an election year, and if they’re looking at cutting your state aid during an election year on top of what they asked you to do, it may not be very pleasant for some of the people going back to Lansing.”

Ranck added that the district is also waiting to hear if there will be a federal stimulus package to backfill the state, at least in part, which could help the situation. Foote said that is what the Legislature is hedging its bet on to cover expenses for this year. However, with the projected revenue shortfall, the district is acting to attempt to offset some of that cost. He said that is why it is likely that any amended budget the board may approve, likely will need to be redone and approved again, possibly in July, August or September – whenever the state actually gets its budget together in Lansing.

“Not information had not things I thought I was going to have to do toward the end of my career,” Foote said. “To go back again and

look at the list of everything that we have eliminated to where we can continue to do things to help keep us solvent.”

Foote said he had met with the union leadership that morning to explain some of the same things he was telling board members regarding steps that may have to be taken if the financial situation gets “extremely bad.” He said that he was hoping that, between some of the federal CARES dollars and the district’s fund balance, solvency could be maintained.

“We definitely know that most of our expenses is in our personnel,” he said. “There’s not a lot of flexibility in a lot of the other line items.”

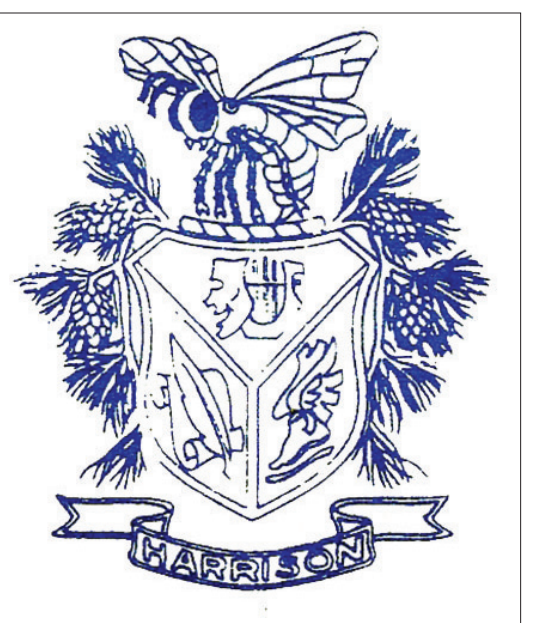
Foote said school supplies could be cut, that two contracts had already been renegotiated to get through the school year.

“There’s not a lot of fat in our budget anywhere,” he said. “That’s why we’ll be making some recommendations to making changes in personnel in that budget.”

Board trustee Kendra Durga asked how personnel cuts would be determined, and Foote explained that it is not done by seniority, but rather that there is a school policy that has to be followed. He said it used to be based on seniority, but that now it is based on job performance along with three other points which are defined in NEOLA Policy 3131. Foote also noted that currently there is projected overstaffing in the elementary schools, in part because right now there are only 100 kindergartners registered. He said that is partly because people aren’t registering their students online, but that could change once people are again out and about. However, since kindergarten is not a required class in Michigan, some parents might choose caution and



During the June 8 Harrison Community Schools Board of Education meeting, superintendent Rick Foote speaks with extreme gravity as he describes the serious revenue cutbacks expected in per-student state funding for the balance of the 2019-2020 school year, as well as the coming 2020-2021 academic year. (Cleaver archival file photo)



wait a year to register their child directly into first grade.

“There are so many variables we’re trying to predict,” Foote said. “And how we’re going to set up a school year for next year, with face-to-face, to hybrid part-day schedules, online schedules or totally virtual school. That’s kind of what we’ve been directed to do by MDE, at this point.”

He said starting out face-to-face could become a hybrid and then virtual if the virus resurges.

“The plan is to go face-to-face as much as we can and follow the CDC guidelines,” Foote said. “Online instruction is working for a small population of our student body. But the majority of students are struggling, and they’re losing learning – we can’t keep moving them forward, can’t lose another school year with some of these kids.”

Foote also acknowledged that some of the students [mostly older] have become accustomed to online learning, and there is a possibility that their families could lean toward home-schooling for the coming year. He said the district is state-limited at this time to providing only two online courses, which is inadequate. He also clarified that the virtual school provider contract fell through, preventing Clare’s virtual school from becoming a reality.

“We’re all doing the same thing in this region,” Foote said. “We’re all planning for some type of online instruction, and we will be looking at what other schools are doing and try to be competitive

with them to make sure we aren’t losing students to surround schools, or to online businesses.

“We’re going down uncharted roads right now, building the plane as we’re flying it, and I don’t know how successful we’re being.”

Under Action Items, the board moved to adopt the annual Michigan High School Athletic Association resolution; accept, with regret, the retirement of Kimberly Hollis, Hillside special education teacher; and approve authorization for the superintendent [with input from the Staffing Committee] to reduce staffing. The board also approved setting a

special board meeting/budget hearing for 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 22. This will be a public meeting, and depending on attendance the meeting will be held in the board room at hillside, or moved to the media room or to the cafeteria.

Prior to adjournment, Foote reminded board members who were planning to run for election in November that their registration deadline is 4 p.m. July 21. Members up for election include Angie Cullen, Chad Hatcock and Courtney McKrimmon (6-year terms); and Kendra Durga to fill the 2-year term of Jackie Woolston.



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# Outdoors With Jeff

In a few days, we will celebrate a very special holiday. This holiday has been my favorite holiday of the year. This holiday isn't a holiday that gives us a three day weekend, what it is, it gives you time to be with a very special person, this person plays a key role in what we have become. This holiday is father's day. Some fathers will be presented a wonderful breakfast or dinner, a card from his children or possibly get a present.

The most important part is having his children all together at one time. As he looks at his children, he is so proud on what they become. As he watches his grown children with his grandchildren, he notices that they are doing the same as he did with them, many years ago. He doesn't realize how proud his children are, to have you for a dad.

All those years when his children were small, he thought that telling them something or telling them how to handle a problem, never sunk in. Now many years later he sees his children doing something exactly the way he taught them.

I remember on father's day, it was a tradition, for my father and myself. We would gather up the old cane poles and gather a can of worms and proceed to the lake. The boat was always kept there, the reason I carried the worms all the time, was I was too small to carry the poles. This was a special time for my dad and me, I felt so happy on these excursions, I also think he was equally proud to be with me.

Later in life as I grew into an adult, it was me that carried the poles and the worms. My dad was walking a lot slower than he did years before. As we walked down to the lake, I noticed my father at times would just stop and look around and stare. I always wondered why he was doing that?

It wasn't until, one day, when I decided to go fishing without my dad, he was busy elsewhere. It was this trip walking down the old dirt road, that I found myself stopping and looking around. It was then I realized what the old man was looking at. As I looked around, there were cabins along the road, as I stared at the cabins on one side of the road and the woods on the other side. What I saw was the kids I played with, making forts all over the woods. On the other side there were cabins. In one of those cabins lived an older couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ked Monosmith, they watched us to make sure we were not hurt. She would always bring fresh made cookies to us kids. What I realized, that I would always remember these times in my life. I told my dad that and he just smiled back at me. That's what he was doing, trying to remember how it was back then.

When we would fish, we would go to a spot and anchor and fish. My dad told stories of all the fish he caught, many times before. What was special was the spot we fished. I never knew what it was. I surmised that there was another person that my dad fished with some time or another. That person passed away and this is his only



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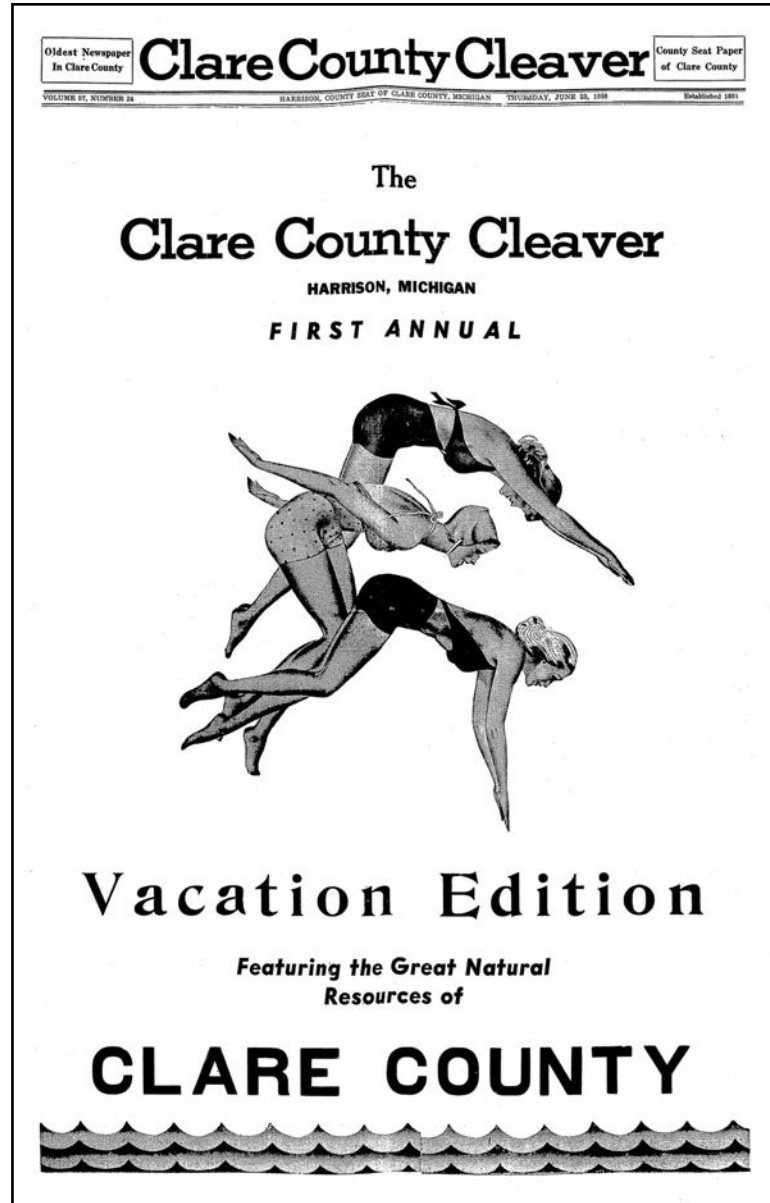
memory of that person.

When we were kids, we had the entire world to explore, at times I have taken my sons to these spots, some were still there, the others were no longer there, cabins had since been built there. Over the years, my sons became adults, they will tell me they hunted or fished a certain location. They will come and tell me they were there, and to get its location, they will tell me one of my stories; I will immediately know where they were.

So make it a point to see your father, this Sunday. It won't take long and you will be telling stories of long ago. You will all laugh and cry together as the stories are told. These will be a very important time to be with your father. I hope everyone; especially the dads have a great time this Sunday. The time you spend with your dad is priceless. If your dad isn't there make sure you tell the children and grandchildren what he was like.

God Bless to all those fathers out there.

## ~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~



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### A Glimpse Into The Past

Cover of a special issue of the Clare County Cleaver for June 23, 1938. Harrison and Clare County was just developing into the popular tourist area it would become in the coming decades. Harrison grew from a population of 400 in the 1920s to a seasonal boom town full of cabins and campers.

**Way Back in the Day-1938**  
82 Years Ago

Bears and More Bears at Spikehorn's That low, rambling building with its back yard cluttered up with pens and curious, stonewalled structures is the home of the famous Spikehorn Myers and his tame bears. It is right alongside of the road about three miles south of Harrison on US 27, and the tourist can hardly miss it. The largest building is Spikehorn's shop, or store. Visitors enter there to prowl around though the dimly lighted interior, examining the relics, curios and souvenirs spread out for sale. One rarely finds the store empty of customers, or the front vacant of parked cars. The greatest attraction, of course, is the large pen containing the most of Spikehorn's bear family. Often one or two of the tamer bruins are tied to logs outside where visitors can give

them a closer inspection. In the large enclosure four or five brown bears roam about in a natural setting, for it is just a part of the forest encircled by wire fencing. The animals are continually performing, climbing trees to crawl out upon small creek that runs through their compound, and sniffing interestedly of the spectators lined up beside the fence. A small, low walled pen to the left of the family yard is officially known as the "Bar Den," and inside a couple of tiny cubs play about over bridges, tin walks and other contraptions erected for their benefit, and exercise. Some of Spikehorn's pets are experienced animals, having appeared on the stage and even

growled over the radio with their master, aged, snowy bearded Spikehorn Myers.

The official opening of the new Lincoln township tourist park at Lake George will be held June 26. There will be speakers for the day and speeches are guaranteed to be free from political discussion. The American Legion Bugle Corp of Clare will furnish a program of music.

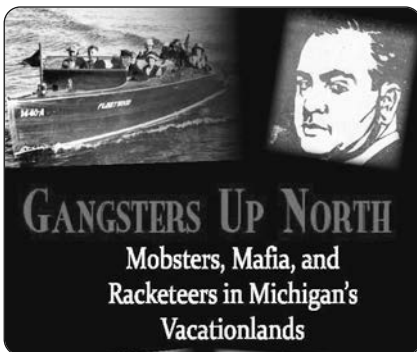
For a two-day stretch Harrison will celebrate the Declaration of Independence and the founding of democracy with festivities and sport. Sunday, July 3, will begin with commemoration with a baseball game, an exhibition parachute jump and other sports. The last day, Monday, July 4, will be the occasion or horse races, sports and another parachute leap.

Advertising itself as "the counterpart of a western ranch," the W.C. Cornwall ranch southeast of Harrison, with its 10,000 acres, great barns each able to hold 700 head of cattle at a time and crew of 28 to 40 men has a sound foundation for such a claim. The ranch specializes in feeder cattle, endeavoring to maintain a herd of 1,000 to 2,000 hereford feeders at a time.

One of the finest works in the city of Harrison, the county seat of Clare County, attesting to the progressive spirit of this county is a modern, many-windowed brick structure two blocks west on Main St...the courthouse of Clare County. A two-storied building that is still being completed, it will furnish ample space for the offices of the county officers and promises to be the most outstanding public building in the county.

The local sportsmen's organization, the Hunting and Fishing Club of Harrison, has begun a new era of activity after a dormant period of three or four years. It was reorganized in January 1938, with Paul D. Gibson, president, Stuart Huntley secretary and Lodge Bednarick treasurer for the purpose of promoting hunting, fishing and tourist attractions here, and also to interest the younger generation in the propagation of wildlife.

One of the Clare's largest hotels, Hotel Doherty has 50 rooms, 30 of them with bath, and ten cottages in the rear also equipped with baths. Among its other facilities area a coffee shop, a dining room, a banquet room, a room for private parties, a barber shop and elevator service.



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### Early Clare County Legal Cases

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APRIL 1, 1901 -  
**No Fooling, Gone To Chicago With A Railroad Man**

James Reed, age 36, filed a Bill of Complaint for divorce against his wife, Florine A. Reed (nee Sanborn), age 28, on April 1, 1901. He stated a marriage in Genesee County on June 24, 1890, and two children of the marriage Laura Belle Reed, age 10, and Jennie May Reed, age 9. As for the ground of divorce he alleged desertion by defendant Florine, apparently on October 18, 1898.

There was publication in the *Clare Courier* following very extensive efforts by Undersheriff James L. Welch to find defendant Florine - a note of attorney C.W. Perry states that a recent U.S. Supreme Court case required a documentation of efforts to find a person to be served process. Undersheriff Welch reported checking with defendant Florine's relatives in Farwell, speaking with Ralph Spring whose brother married defendant Florine's sister, and speaking with Wm. Baker and Clayton Honeywell. All informed Undersheriff Welch that defendant Florine was believed to have "went away to Chicago with a Railroad Man".

The usual default papers were filed and there was the usual appearance by the prosecuting attorney for the children.

Judge Peter F. Dodds following testimony in open court signed a Decree of Divorce on January 15, 1902, and granted custody of the minor children to plaintiff James until they individually reached the age of 14.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reader Grateful to Community for Food Assistance Support

I want to say a big thank you to the individuals and community groups that made it possible to continue the Community Nutrition Network food distributions for the past three months.

In March, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the CNN group was faced with the challenge of finding a safe way to continue the food distributions. This monthly service is a safety net for the Clare County families (families with children and the families of the disabled and the elderly) that face food insecurity on a regular basis. But due to the generosity and kindness of the following, Community Nutrition Network was able to continue providing this much needed resource.

Thank you to Steve Hall, Health Officer, Central Michigan District Health Department, and Jerry Becker, Clare County Emergency Manager, for providing guidance in establishing a safe way to continue the food distributions.

Thank you to the Clare County Fair Board for granting us the use of the fairgrounds to allow us to provide a drive through food distribution.

Thank you to the Greater Lansing Foodbank for all of their support. They have partnered



with us to deliver the donations safely and assisted with managing the distribution site.

Thank you to the Clare County Reserves for always being willing and available to assist with the monthly food distributions. Not only have they stepped forward during this especially difficult time, but they have always been available to provide the necessary help. Because of their service the distributions have been safe and successful.

And last but not least, thank you to the volunteers of the City of Harrison Fire Department. The fireman helped to organize and load the food donations into the families' vehicles. Without their willingness to provide the physical labor needed for a drive through distribution the food distribution may not have been possible.

Thank you to all that have put their time and effort into helping with these food distributions. You are our community heroes.

**Gretchen Wilbur, member  
Community Nutrition Network**

## Grammar Guy

### It's time to open up

I don't know about you, but I'm a bit of a volcano when it comes to feelings and emotions. Don't get me wrong: I'm ashamed to have them. So, naturally, I suppress them and stuff them until enough pressure builds up and – bam – the volcano of big feelings erupts. I become a Mount St. Helens of sadness, anger and confusion all rolled up into one hotheaded redhead. My counselor thinks I should try a different approach.

Because of this, I've been Googling different ways to open up. I keep finding the same two phrases over and over: "opening up Pandora's box" and "open a can of worms." I don't know a Pandora (other than the streaming music service), and I certainly am not interested in a can of worms. Are these two phrases interchangeable, or should I just keep stuffing my feelings like a Thanksgiving turkey? Let's investigate.

In Greek mythology, Pandora was a woman who was given a jar that contained all the evil in the world (which sounds like a terrible housewarming gift). Due to her uncontrollable curiosity (and after being told not to do open the jar), Pandora opened the jar/box and all the bad stuff got

out. From this story, we get the idiom "opening a Pandora's box," which means to do something that causes much bigger problems. The more specific meaning could be accurately summed up as "all the evil has escaped and now it can't be put back in." It's kind of like trying to put the toothpaste back in the tube – it can't be done.

The phrase "open a can of worms" comes from the United States around the 1950s. Fishermen used to buy worms in metal cans with plastic lids on them. The worms were in there, wriggling around and tangled around each other. When someone would open a can of worms, the worms would often spill out in a tangled mess. So, we have another phrase that means "an action that can't be undone," but "opening up a can of worms" tends to mean more specifically "getting yourself into a really complicated situation."

In general, both phrases have to do with the lack of a "Control + Z" (or Command + Z, for Mac users) option; once you begin the chain of events, you can't undo it or stop it. You have to deal with it. Once you get down to the nitty-gritty of these phrases, there are some nuanced meanings that



**CURTIS HONEYCUTT**

are more accurate, depending on the context of your situation. All I know is that, when it comes to facing my emotions that haven't been properly dealt with, it feels like I've opened a can of Pandora's worms – it's a slimy, scary and complicated mess.

*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 [curtishoneycutt.com](http://curtishoneycutt.com).*

## Gov. Whitmer, Department of Insurance and Financial Services Announce Order Requiring Auto Insurance Refunds Due to COVID-19

LANSING – Gov. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) today announced that DIFS Director Anita Fox has ordered all auto insurers in Michigan to issue refunds or premium waivers to consumers as a result of insurance companies' reduced risk due to extreme reductions in driving during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Michiganders have been staying safe and staying home and they should see the benefit in reduced auto insurance rates during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Gov. Whitmer. "Every family is feeling added financial pressure due to this virus, and this order will provide some much-needed relief to drivers."

DIFS Order No. 2020-10-M sets a deadline of June 10, 2020, for insurers to submit filings that include the refund or premium waiver amount, information on how that amount was determined, and how consumers will receive payments. It also requires communication plans to inform customers about the refund and the options available to those with long term changes in driving habits, for example those who have been laid off

or are telecommuting.

"This order will ensure all insurers are issuing appropriate refunds or premium waivers to their customers," said Fox. "Consumers may realize additional savings by modifying their policies to reflect their current driving habits. Drivers should contact their agent to discuss garaging a car or making other changes to save on their premiums."

DIFS can assist consumers with questions or disputes that cannot be directly resolved with their insurer. Contact DIFS Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 833-ASK-DIFS (833-275-3437) or by emailing [autoinsurance@michigan.gov](mailto:autoinsurance@michigan.gov).

The premium waivers or refunds are in addition to any savings resulting from the upcoming changes to Michigan's auto insurance law, which has shown reductions to statewide average premiums for Personal Injury Protection medical coverage for policies issued or renewed after July 1, 2020. Visit [Michigan.gov/autoinsurance](http://Michigan.gov/autoinsurance) for more details on changes to the law, a schedule of weekly town halls, and instructional videos on how to fill out new forms.

## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE LAUNCHES ONLINE

### ABSENTEE VOTER APPLICATION: Platform provides additional digital option to apply for your absentee ballot

The Michigan Department of State's Bureau of Elections has launched an online platform to provide voters with another method of digitally submitting their absent voter ballot application at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).

"The more choices a person has when it comes to exercising their right to vote, the better they are able to make the choice that works best for them" said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. "This tool provides another digital

option for voters to safely and conveniently apply to receive their absentee ballot, while also offering clerks an easy, cost efficient way of processing the application securely."

Voters can already submit applications digitally by scanning and emailing their signed applications to clerks. In order to utilize the new tool to request the absentee ballot online, voters must have a Michigan driver's license or state ID, and submit the same information required to register to vote digitally, including their driver's license number and the last four digits of their Social Security number.

When they complete their application, voters can then use the tool to send the handwritten signature they provided for their driver's license or state ID card, and the completed application, to their local clerk through the state's

Qualified Voter File software. Clerks will be alerted of the request and be able to see the application and signature. After verification, local clerks are then able to mail the ballot to the voter within the appropriate timeframe for the election they've requested to vote absentee.

Voters will continue to cast ballots the same way. They must still mail back paper ballots to the clerk's office, deposit them in a drop box or cast a ballot in person with the clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. Voters must sign the ballot return envelope and the signature must be verified and matched to the voter's record for the ballot to be counted.

To fill out an online application, registered voters can visit [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote) and click "Apply for an Absent Voter Ballot Online."

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## Local Road Closures In Clare County For Railroad Work

**CLOSEST CITIES:** Clare, Farwell and Lake George

**START DATE:** 7 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2020

**ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE:** May 2021

**PROJECT:** The Michigan Department of Transportation is investing \$2.6 million to replace 8 miles of rail on state-owned railroad in Clare County. Timiny R/R Construction Inc. is contracted to do the work on this section of railroad, which is operated under contract with MDOT by the Great Lakes Central Railroad. This important rail corridor stretches across the state connecting the Ann Arbor area to Cadillac, Traverse City, and Petoskey.

**TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** There will be week-long detours on various local roads between Clare and Lake George while several railroad grade crossing surfaces are replaced. Please follow posted detours. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

**SAFETY BENEFITS:** These improvements will provide increased safety and economic viability for freight trains operating along this route. New grade crossings will provide safer and smoother surfaces for motorists.

**ESSENTIAL WORK:** This railroad construction project is an essential function. Transportation workers in the field follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines to limit their risk of getting sick.



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# LOCAL EVENTS & NEWS



Pictured, from left, are Jessica Jacobs, Mattie Hollar, Christina Travis, Sarah Kokko, Halima Cisse and Taylor Smith. These five students were all active in the theater program and are all members of the International Thespian Society, Troupe 8281. Not pictured but also part of the fundraising team, Jacob Dicks and Carla Smith.

*HHS Seniors Raise Money for Theater Program*

## Interrupted School Year Could Not Stop 2020 Seniors

For their senior project, HHS 2020 graduates Halima Cisse, Jacob Dicks, Mattie Hollar, Jessica Jacobs, Sarah Kokko, Carla Smith and Taylor Smith decided to band together and host a few local bake sales during the school year to raise money for the HHS Theater Department. Their intention was to have a final bake sale over spring break, and then buy specific storage cabinets to donate. Since the return of the HHS theater program in 2015 after a hiatus of many years, they have struggled with sufficient storage for a growing collection of costumes, props, set pieces, and the equipment needed for constructing and painting sets.

The COVID-19 closures interrupted their plan of buying cabinetry, secretly assembling it, and then reorganizing everything currently housed in temporary bins and boxes in a small space behind the stage. Unfortunately, the closures continued through the school year, and the seniors lost the opportunity to complete their project in the way they wanted, but that didn't stop them.

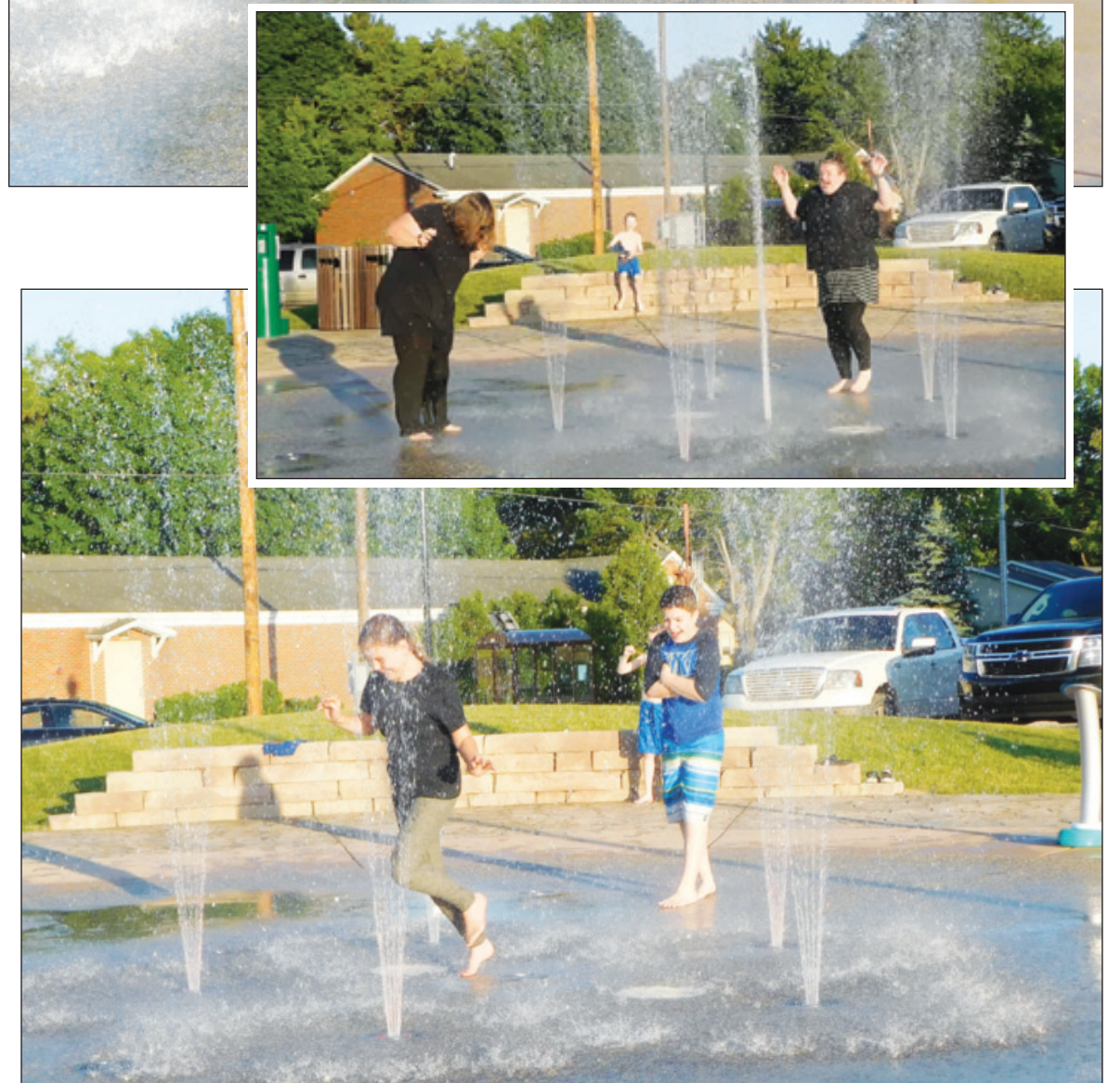
As soon as Governor Whitmer lifted the Safer at Home order, the students arranged to meet their theater director, Christina Travis, to present the \$426.52 they had raised to go toward storage needs. They had kept their efforts a secret, and Travis was completely floored and very grateful.

HHS Theater Department stages two full productions each school year, including the spring 2020 musical "Dear Edwina Jr.," which was closed after only two performances in its March run because of the statewide COVID emergency. Ticket sales from those productions also fund the chapter dues and induction fees for Troupe 8281, the HHS chapter of the International Thespian Society, an honorary service organization for students active in the arts. Five of the students involved in the fundraising efforts are recently inducted members.



## COUNCIL TAKES THE PLUNGE AT SPLASH PAD

Harrison City council members made a quick post-meeting trip to the newly activated splash pad located in the Town Square at Main and Second streets. While council members Angela Kellogg and Connie Cauchi were game to give it a try, their fellow members were content to ride the granite while others, including the youthful A Team enjoyed the splashing with gusto!



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# Obituaries

## ROBERT ALAN "BOB" COOLEY

NOVEMBER 22, 1946 - JUNE 9, 2020

Robert Alan "Bob" Cooley, 73 of Gaylord, passed away at home on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Born in Lansing, Michigan on November 22, 1946, he was the son of Erwin and Barbara (Shipman) Cooley. When he was 13 his family moved to Harrison where Bob was class president of Harrison High School class of 1965. He lived for several years in Alaska and also spent time in St. Martins Point, Hessel, and wintered in Delray Beach, FL. He had been a Gaylord resident since the mid-80's.

He was a long-time welder, working most of his career on oil rigs; some of that time was spent working in Alaska. Bob was the owner of Cooley Welding Company. For several years during the 1990's Bob and his wife Peggy owned the Big O Ranch in Elmira, raising Ostrich's.

In his spare time, he was an avid hunter and fisherman. Bob built many lifelong friendships fishing and big game hunting. He cherished the time spent with these friends in Wyoming and Alaska but especially with his two sons on hunting and fishing trips in Alaska and Canada.

He also enjoyed the time he spent with his friends over morning coffee at the Flap Jack Shack and later at Big Boy, both in Gaylord.

Bob is survived by his wife, Peggy, whom he married on August 22, 1986; sons, Scot (Teresa) Cooley of Anchorage, AK and their children, Sarah, Robert and Lillian Cooley; Jeffrey (Janet Smith) Cooley of



Dyersburg, TN; daughters, Nevine Nass of Delray Beach, FL and her children, R. Trent and Parker Nass; Theresa (Tom) Freeman of Gaylord, their children, Michael Freeman and Jaelyn (Kyle) Eckert and their children (Robert's great-grandchildren), Maverick and Vivian Eckert; Esther Gilman of Hessel, MI and her children, Morgan and Megan Somers. Also surviving are sisters, Nancy (Fred) Foley of Lake Orion and Diane (Larry) Scanlon of Gaylord; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Larry Funk.

A memorial service was held at on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Mt. Hope Church in Gaylord in lieu of flowers, those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to the family for future designation.

Arrangements are by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at [www.gaylordfuneralhome.com](http://www.gaylordfuneralhome.com)

## GARY "MAYNARD" LEE LARSSON

AUGUST 19, 1955 - JUNE 11, 2020

Gary "Maynard" Lee Larsson 64 of Harrison passed away at his home on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Gary was born August 19, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan the son of Gillis Ingemar and Maria Ulirka (Cato) Larsson. Gary graduated high school in 1973 from Laura F. Osborn High School, Detroit. Maynard had resided in Harrison since 1978, moving from Detroit.

Mr. Larsson worked over thirty years as a carpenter with C.J. Heath Construction of Harrison. Maynard enjoyed fishing, hunting, target shooting and anything else that revolved around those pastimes. He was a skilled woodworker and builder. Gary always looked forward to yearly fishing trips to Canada.

Surviving Mr. Larsson is his significant other of twenty-six years, Mary Haywood of Harrison, his brother, Dennis Gil Larsson of Warren, Michigan, two step-daughters; Sarah Miller and husband Kevin of St. Johns, Michigan and Jennifer Weber and husband Roy of Lansing,



Michigan, one step-son, Daniel Nanasy and wife Tammy of Grand Ledge, Michigan, thirteen grandchildren, plus several extended family members and his beloved dogs; Zeus, Sassy and Jasper. Maynard was preceded in death by his parents.

To share an online memory or condolence with Maynard's family, please visit: [www.stockingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stockingfuneralhome.com). Arrangements for Mr. Larsson are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

## DEATH NOTICE DENNIS & LOIS HEFFRON



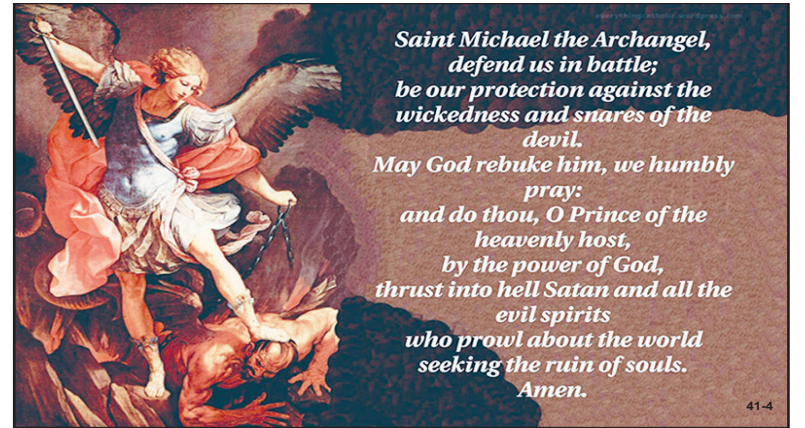
After sharing 72 years of marriage **Dennis and Lois Heffron** passed away within one and a half hours of each other of natural causes at their home.

They resided in Harrison for many years.

They are survived by their children Jan Schaar, Jeannie Dunham and Duane Heffron of

Harrison and Daniel Heffron of Oregon and grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their beloved dog Tina.

As per their wishes there is no funeral. They asked to be remembered with joy and happiness to all who knew them. They will be missed.



## Let Me Walk With You



By Daniel Fachting

While enjoying mass this morning (June 3, 2020), streamed from the Cathedral of Mary the Assumption, in Saginaw, with Father Bill Rutkowski presiding, I was reminded of "spiritual parenthood" in his homily. Most of us have a knowledge who our physical parents and heritage are, but how many of us know about our spiritual heritage? Who were those individuals who parented us spiritually? For most of us our biological parents were also our spiritual parents. Yet there were others. The priests, nuns, and lay people who we grew up with are also our spiritual parents, along with 2000 years of saints.

### SPIRITUAL PARENTHOOD

Father Bill gave three roles of others by sharing our lives with them. We are molded and shaped by others and we mold and shape others by our lives. Our spiritual lives are not just the result of our early education, the experiences we had years ago, or even the historical passion and death of Jesus. For over 2,000 years men and women have been nurtured by their contemporaries as they con-

live as examples of our spiritual heritage.

God continues to create us and nurture us by the living example of others by sharing our lives with them. We are molded and shaped by others and we mold and shape others by our lives. Our spiritual lives are not just the result of our early education, the experiences we had years ago, or even the historical passion and death of Jesus. For over 2,000 years men and women have been nurtured by their contemporaries as they con-

tinue to teach, encourage, and live as models of the Christian life. It is now our responsibility and privilege to live as teachers, encouragers and models for others and together spiritually parent each other. It is happening now! May we always be ready to teach, encourage, and model the love God has for us.

*"May the Lord bless and keep you. May he let his face shine upon you and give you his peace."*

*Daniel Fachting is a Licensed Psychologist in Clare, Michigan. He is a Lay Minister at Our Lady of Hope Parish and Chancellor for Council 3029, Knights of Columbus.*

## Flag Day Ceremony At American Legion



In honor of Flag Day, the American Legion Post 404 in Harrison along with the Harrison Boy Scout Troop, held a ceremony June 14 to incinerate used, tattered, unserviceable flags which have been turned in at the post over the past year for disposal.

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### Comfort the Sorrowful

The fourth spiritual work of mercy is to comfort the sorrowful. Unfortunately, the world is full of pain and suffering, and we need not look far to find someone in need of comforting. Philosophers have often referred to this realm as a "veil of tears," suggesting that sorrow is the essence of our earthly existence. But surely, that goes too far.



There is joy amongst the sadness, and great evils often give rise to incredible acts of mercy and forgiveness. Life is a mixed bag, some good and some bad, and what gives our lives meaning is the ability to improve the balance of good over bad. Sometimes, this involves increasing the happiness of others and at other times it means decreasing their pain. Comforting the sorrowful may be as simple as sending a sympathy card to someone who has lost a loved one, or it may be as complicated as rescuing someone who is suicidal. Often, the other person just needs someone to be with and listen to them. We should not feel compelled to give them advice nor should we presume that we understand what they are going through. More appropriately, we should just let them know that we truly care about them and are there to listen and help. We may wish to consider suggesting or even arranging professional help for the person suffering. Most people who are deeply suffering would benefit from professional counseling of some kind, whether it is with their pastor, their doctor, or a psychotherapist. Finally, although we should not assume that we can do the work of a trained professional, we should try to be there for them in their hour of need.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

R.S.V. Matthew 5:4

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# An Open Letter Regarding Arrests And Violence Directed At Journalists During Protests Demanding Racial Justice

In recent weeks, the latest killings of African-Americans by law enforcement have not only anguished our country but locked its attention on police brutality directed at communities of color. As Americans have tried to come to terms with our history of racism, we condemn its presence in our profession and call for media outlets to diversify their staffs from the top down. We also note that journalists, including those of color, have been victims of police misconduct in recent days, and we are disturbed at the large number of attacks perpetrated on all those attempting to uphold a free press in the service of democracy.

According to the U.S. Press Freedom Tracker, between May 26 and June 10, there were 86 physical attacks on journalists in the United States, 54 by police. More than 50 journalists were arrested, and there were scores of incidents in which reporters said they were hit with tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets. The numbers are so high that it defies logic to consider them isolated moments. They occurred in an environment that either is indifferent to, or condones, illegal intimidation and violence against the press.

As the Committee to Protect Journalists has noted, the journalists at these protests represent the interests of the same public that government also serves. Additionally, the press acts as a check both on government and on rogue behavior among private citizens, a check that is badly needed at this time and helps all people. We are especially aware of the challenges faced by journalists of color. Their jobs ask them to remain dispassionate in the face of attacks that are all-too personal to themselves and their loved ones.

We are journalism professors funded through the Knight Foundation who teach and mentor at public and private universities across the United States. We want a nation where the next generation of journalists, the students we are now training, can do their jobs in a culture of respect for the First Amendment. We call on governors, mayors, state lawmakers, city councils, prosecutors, police chiefs and police union officials, to hold the perpetrators of all attacks against journalists to account, and to ensure such attacks stop immediately.

We also ask colleagues at journalism programs across America to join us in these demands, and in encouraging professional media outlets, and the students we teach, to more thoroughly investigate the structural racism that permeates our society.

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**When School Is Out, Kids May Be Missing Out On Essential Nutrients**

(Family Features) More than half of kids 9 and up fall short on essential nutrients they need to grow strong - calcium, vitamin D and potassium. In fact, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans identified them as nutrients of public health concern because many Americans, including kids, are not consuming enough of these nutrients.1 When school lets out for summer, that risk may be even greater for over 22 million kids who are served by free or reduced-price meal programs during the school year.

For most kids, summertime means months filled with playing in the sun, swimming at the lake or baseball in the park - but for many, the start of summer marks the end of regular access to nutrient-rich foods including basic staples like milk that help their bodies and minds grow strong.

Although some programs like the USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFS) help to deliver meals when school is out, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) do not reach children during the summer months.

"Milk is the top food source for calcium, vitamin D and potassium - three of the four nutrients kids are most likely missing," said Dr. Tanya Altmann, best-selling author and nationally recognized pediatrician. "With 9 essential nutrients, including 8 grams of high-quality protein per serving, milk is an easy and affordable way to provide key nutrients to children who might otherwise go without them during the summer months."

There is a nationwide need for nutrient-rich milk

Milk is one of the most requested, but least donated items at food banks. That's because while Americans are generous with canned and dry goods, fresh milk is a lot harder to donate because it's perishable. On average, food banks are only able to provide the equivalent of less than one gallon per person per year, which is far less than enough to meet the recommended three servings of milk or milk products per day for kids 9 and older.

That's why, Feeding America(r) - the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization - has partnered with America's dairy farmers and milk companies to help provide more fresh, nutritious milk to children in need through The Great American Milk Drive.

Since it began, the program has delivered more than 1.5 million gallons - that's more than 24 million servings - of fresh, nutritious milk to Feeding America's nationwide network of 200 food banks. More than 46 million Americans - including 12 million children - rely on Feeding America each year and food banks cannot always meet the demand - especially in the summer months, when they are even busier.

"When people think about kids and summer, they think of carefree days spent having fun, but for those whose families struggle with hunger, even basic staples like milk may be missing," said Andy Wilson, Chief Development Officer at Feeding America. "Our food banks do everything we can to provide nutritious foods to families in need. Thanks to The Great American Milk Drive, many of our food banks are now able to provide more highly-desired milk during the summer months."

For as little as \$5, you can help deliver a gallon of nutrient-rich milk to children in need in your local community. Visit [milklife.com/give](http://milklife.com/give) to learn more about the need for milk in food banks and how you can help feed a childhood with milk this summer.

1 U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. Appendix E-2.1. First Print, 2015.

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Please take notice that the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education has scheduled the budget hearing for Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will take place via Zoom. You can join the meeting by going to our website at [harrisonschools.com](http://harrisonschools.com) and following the meeting information provided.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Japanese classical theater
- 4. Chess pieces
- 9. Pieces of writing
- 14. Doctors' group
- 15. Capital of Guam
- 16. Type of turtle
- 17. Swiss river
- 18. MLB Hall of Famer
- 20. Places to sit
- 22. Fancy rides
- 23. One of Washington's Tri-Cities
- 24. Without class
- 28. Male child
- 29. Keeps you cool
- 30. Biblical place
- 31. Italian city
- 33. District in central Turkey
- 37. Job for a grad student
- 38. Central nervous system
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. Witch
- 42. Promotional material
- 43. Having certain appendages
- 44. Approaches
- 46. One who did it (slang)
- 49. Of I
- 50. Blood relation
- 51. Works out
- 55. Female given name
- 58. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- 59. Makes someone happy
- 60. Creative
- 64. Small, faint constellation
- 65. S. American trees
- 66. Makes simpler
- 67. Neither
- 68. We all need it
- 69. Unique plastic utensil
- 70. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Civil Rights group
- 2. Metropolis
- 3. Badgers
- 4. Regular business given to a store
- 5. Gets older
- 6. A bundle of banknotes
- 7. Midway between north and northwest
- 8. Takes to the sea
- 9. Prestigious film prize: \_\_\_ d'or
- 10. Baltimore ballplayer
- 11. Removed
- 12. Term of respect
- 13. Genus containing pigs
- 19. Illumined
- 21. One who symbolizes something
- 24. Member of a Turkic people
- 25. The academic world
- 26. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- 27. Hang-ups
- 31. Long, leafless flower stalk
- 32. Categorize
- 34. Loads
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Unreasonable
- 40. Dorm worker
- 41. Dweller
- 45. Welsh female name meaning "snow"
- 47. Offering again
- 48. National capital
- 52. Firm, dry and brittle
- 53. 007's creator
- 54. Allied H.Q.
- 56. Mackerels
- 57. Month of the Hindu year
- 59. Not odd
- 60. Belonging to a thing
- 61. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 62. Religion
- 63. Equal, prefix

Watch For Answers In Next Week's Issue...

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# Mid Offers New Training, Professional Development Opportunities

Mid Michigan College has several Short-Term Training and Professional Development opportunities scheduled. In response to the COVID-19 risk, additional precautions are being taken, including delivering training content through online methods when possible. For the most up-to-date information visit [www.midmich.edu/short-term-training](http://www.midmich.edu/short-term-training) or [www.midmich.edu/professional-development](http://www.midmich.edu/professional-development).

Short-Term Training provides participants with career-ready skills in the healthcare and skilled trade fields. In as little as three to twelve weeks trainees are prepared for entry-level positions and State certification exams. Training costs may be significantly reduced or completely offset through MiWorks! assistance programs. Potential trainees should contact their local MiWorks! to see if they qualify.

"Many of the careers connected to Mid's Short-Term Training are ranked among the fastest growing occupations by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, including certified nurse assistants and phlebotomists," said Kristine Stevens, Director of Business and Industry Training at Mid.

Current offerings include:

**Drone Piloting for Commercial Users:** \$395 per

module, starts June 22 in Mount Pleasant;

**Drone Piloting for Public Safety:** \$395 per module, June 23 in Mount Pleasant;

**Drone Photo and Video Production:** \$995, June 29 and 30 in Mount Pleasant;

**Welding:** \$1,600 – June 15 in Harrison;

**Certified Nurse Aide (CNA):** \$1,600 – starts June 22, Aug. 24 and Oct. 26 in Mount Pleasant; July 13

**Phlebotomy:** \$1,400 – starts July 13 and Sept. 28 in Mount Pleasant, Sept. 22 in Big Rapids, and Aug. 17 and Nov. 16 in Harrison;

**Local Corrections Officer Academy:** \$1,100 – starts Sept. 1 in Mount Pleasant;

Mid's Professional Development offerings provide an essential need in the surrounding area for individuals to broaden their skills and increase their appeal to local employers. Mid offers many different sessions and topics throughout the calendar year taught by qualified instructors who have extensive career and training experience.

**Supervisory Skills:** \$350 per person, meets 9 a.m. to noon July 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5 and is offered 100% online. This

Supervisory Skills training series introduces important topics for new and experienced supervisors. It teaches how to effectively communicate, resolve conflicts, manage time, conduct meetings, motivate employees, and more, with different topics covered each session.

**Microsoft Office Excel 2016 Level II:** \$275 per person, choose either 8 a.m. to noon or 1-5 p.m. July 24 and 31. This training is designed for individuals who already have a basic knowledge of and skills in Excel 2016 and wish to begin taking advantage of some of the higher-level functionality to analyze and present data. Training will take place on the Mt. Pleasant Campus in Room 112 of the Morey Technical Education Center on the Mount Pleasant Campus.

**Local Corrections Officer Professional Development Modules:** \$10 per training hour, starts Sept. 1. Mid's Local Corrections Officer Academy professional development modules fulfill training hour requirements mandated by the State of Michigan for Local Corrections professionals. From stress management to defensive tactics, Mid offers a wide variety of training modules.

For more information about upcoming trainings or to register, visit [midmich.edu/short-term-training](http://midmich.edu/short-term-training), [midmich.edu/professional-development](http://midmich.edu/professional-development), or contact the Technical Education Center at [training@midmich.edu](mailto:training@midmich.edu) or 989-386-6614.

For more information about Mid Michigan College's response to the COVID-19 risk, visit [www.midmich.edu/covid19](http://www.midmich.edu/covid19).

## Baby Pantry Opening June 24

Clare County Baby Pantry will open its doors for full service starting June 24. Hours of operation will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday at the First Congregational Church in Harrison (west entrance). Strict safety standards will be followed to ensure safety for our families and volunteers. These procedures will be followed as deemed necessary by the Central Michigan District Health Department.

The pantry will be open every week, but clients will be able to visit every other week. Those whose last name begins with A-J may visit on June 24, K-Z may visit on July 1, and every two weeks thereafter. In order to enter, clients will be required to wear a mask covering nose and mouth and will need to respond to a few health screening questions. Only one person per family may enter, and children must stay outside with an adult. Two clients will be allowed inside at a time and are asked to limit their

visit to 10 minutes. Those who do not wish to comply with these procedures or do not pass the screening may continue to receive DRIVE-THRU diaper service.

For the health screening, visitors will be asked whether they have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, loss of taste or smell. Also, they will be asked whether they have been in contact with anyone in the last 14 days who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

The Baby Pantry is now accepting donations of clothing and baby food. Please limit donations to one bag per family and label it with your name and phone number. Cash donations may be sent to Clare County Baby Pantry, 211 W. Spruce St., Harrison, MI 48625. Baby Pantry volunteers are looking forward to seeing our families again and serving the needs of the children of Clare County.

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emergency and disaster declarations under the Emergency Management Act.

Those executive orders have been challenged in *Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate v Whitmer*. On May 21, 2020, the Court of Claims ruled that Executive Order 2020-67 is a valid exercise of authority under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act but that Executive Order 2020-68 is not a valid exercise of authority under the Emergency Management Act. Both of those rulings are being challenged on appeal.

On May 22, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-99, again finding that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes a disaster and emergency throughout the State of Michigan. That order constituted a state of emergency declaration under the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945. And, to the extent the governor may declare a state of emergency and a state of disaster under the Emergency Management Act when emergency and disaster conditions exist yet the legislature has declined to grant an extension request, that order also constituted a state of emergency and state of disaster declaration under that act.

The Emergency Powers of the Governor Act provides a sufficient legal basis for issuing this executive order. In relevant part, it provides that, after declaring a state of emergency, "the governor may promulgate reasonable orders, rules, and regulations as he or she considers necessary to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation within the affected area under control." MCL 10.31(1).

Nevertheless, subject to the ongoing litigation and the possibility that current rulings may be overturned or otherwise altered on appeal, I also invoke the Emergency Management Act as a basis for executive action to combat the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate the effects of this emergency on the people of Michigan, with the intent to preserve the rights and protections provided by the EMA. The EMA vests the governor with broad powers and duties to "cop[e] with dangers to this state or the people of this state presented by a disaster or emergency," which the governor may implement through "executive orders, proclamations, and directives having the force and effect of law." MCL 30.403(1)-(2). This executive order falls within the scope of those powers and duties, and to the extent the governor may declare a state of emergency and a state of disaster under the Emergency Management Act when emergency and disaster conditions exist yet the legislature has not granted an extension request, they too provide a sufficient legal basis for this order.

To suppress the spread of COVID-19, to prevent the state's health care system from being overwhelmed, to allow time for the production of critical test kits, ventilators, and personal protective equipment, to establish the public health infrastructure necessary to contain the spread of infection, and to avoid needless deaths, it was reasonable and necessary to direct residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible. To that end, on March 23, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-21, ordering all people in Michigan to stay home and stay safe. In Executive Orders 2020-42, 2020-59, 2020-70, 2020-77, 2020-92, and 2020-96, I extended that initial order, modifying its scope as needed and appropriate to match the ever-changing circumstances presented by this pandemic.

The measures put in place by these executive orders have been effective: the number of new confirmed cases each day continues to drop. Although the virus remains aggressive and persistent – on June 4, 2020, Michigan reported 58,241

confirmed cases and 5,595 deaths – the strain on our health care system has begun to relent, even as our testing capacity has increased. We are now in the process of gradually resuming in-person work and activities. In so doing, however, we must move with care, patience, and vigilance, recognizing the grave harm that this virus continues to inflict on our state and how quickly our progress in suppressing it can be undone.

Regions 6 and 8 have significantly fewer new cases per million each day than other regions in the state and have not shown an increase in viral activity in response to earlier relaxations of my orders. Taking into account the public health data and the ongoing costs of continued restrictions, I find it reasonable and necessary to move Regions 6 and 8 to Stage 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan as of June 10. Gyms, hair salons, indoor theaters, tattoo parlors, and similar establishments will be permitted to reopen, subject to strict workplace safeguards. Indoor social gatherings and organized events of up to 50 people will be allowed, as will outdoor social gatherings and organized events of up to 250 people.

In addition, I find it reasonable and necessary to allow personal care services – including hair and nail salons – to reopen statewide as of June 15. This constitutes a partial step along the path of an orderly transition to Stage 5 for those parts of the state outside Regions 6 and 8.

Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following: For purposes of this order, Michigan comprises eight separate regions.

Region 1 includes the following counties: Monroe, Washtenaw, Livingston, Genesee, Lapeer, Saint Clair, Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne.

Region 2 includes the following counties: Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Muskegon, Montcalm, Ottawa, Kent, and Ionia.

Region 3 includes the following counties: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, Saint Joseph, and Branch.

Region 4 includes the following counties: Oscoda, Alcona, Ogemaw, Iosco, Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay, Saginaw, Tuscola, Sanilac, and Huron.

Region 5 includes the following counties: Gratiot, Clinton, Shiawassee, Eaton, and Ingham.

Region 6 includes the following counties: Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Emmet.

Region 7 includes the following counties: Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Jackson.

Region 8 includes the following counties: Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Keweenaw, Iron, Baraga, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, Delta, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa.

As of 12:01 am on June 15, 2020, subsection 12(c) of Executive Order 2020-110, which restricts the operation of facilities offering non-essential personal care services, is rescinded.

As of 12:01 am on June 10, 2020, individuals and businesses in Regions 6 and 8 are no longer subject to Executive Order 2020-110 and are instead subject to the rules described in this order.

Work that can be performed remotely (i.e., without the worker leaving his or her home or place of residence) should be performed remotely.

Any business or operation that requires its employees to leave their home or place of residence for work is subject to the rules on workplace safeguards in Executive Order 2020-114 or any order that may follow from it.

Any individual who leaves his or her home or place of residence

must:

Follow social distancing measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), including remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual's household to the extent feasible under the circumstances

Wear a face covering over his or her nose and mouth – such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief – when in any enclosed public space, unless the individual is unable medically to tolerate a face covering.

An individual may be required to temporarily remove a face covering upon entering an enclosed public space for identification purposes. An individual may also remove a face covering to eat or drink when seated at a restaurant or bar.

2. Businesses and building owners, and those authorized to act on their behalf, are permitted to deny entry or access to any individual who refuses to comply with the rule in this subsection (b). Businesses and building owners will not be subject to a claim that they have violated the covenant of quiet enjoyment, to a claim of frustration of purpose, or to similar claims for denying entry or access to a person who refuses to comply with this subsection (b).

3. Supplies of N95 masks and surgical masks should generally be reserved, for now, for health care professionals, first responders (e.g., police officers, fire fighters, paramedics), and other critical workers who interact with the public

4. The protections against discrimination in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, as amended, MCL 37.2101 et seq., and any other protections against discrimination in Michigan law, apply in full force to individuals who wear a face covering under this order.

Rules on Gatherings, Performances, and Events

A social gathering or organized event among persons not part of the same household is permitted, but only to the extent that:

Persons not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another.

If it is indoors, the gathering or event does not exceed 50 people.

If it is outdoors, the gathering or event does not exceed 250 people.

Notwithstanding the restrictions in subsection (a), an arcade, bowling alley, cinema, climbing facility, convention center, performance space, meeting hall, night club, sports arena, theater, or similar venue may, if it is indoors, be open to spectators or patrons, but only to the extent that it:

1. Enables persons not part of the same household to maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times while in the venue.

2. Limits the number of people in the venue to 25% of its maximum capacity or to 250, whichever is smaller. For purposes of this order, each separate auditorium or screening room is a separate venue.

Notwithstanding the restrictions in subsection (a), a concert space, race track, sports arena, stadium, or similar venue may, if it is outdoors, be open to spectators or patrons, but only to the extent that it:

1. Enables persons not part of the same household to maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times while in the venue.

2. Limits the number of people in the venue to 25% of its maximum capacity or to 500, whichever is smaller. Subsection (a) does not apply to the incidental gathering of persons in a shared space, including an airport, bus station, factory floor, restaurant, shopping mall, public pool, or workplace.

Unless otherwise prohibited by local regulation, outdoor parks and

recreational facilities may be open, provided that they make any reasonable modifications necessary to enable employees and patrons not part of the same household to maintain six feet of distance from one another, and provided that areas in which social distancing cannot be maintained be closed, subject to guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Unless otherwise prohibited by local regulation, public swimming pools, as defined by MCL 333.12521(d), may be open, subject to guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services, provided that:

If they are outdoors, they limit capacity to 50% of the bather capacity limits described in Rule 325.2193 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

If they are indoors, they limit capacity to 25% of the bather capacity limits described in Rule 325.2193 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Residential, travel, and troop camps within the meaning of Rule 400.11101(n), (p), or (q) of the Michigan Administrative Code remain closed for the time being.

Nothing in this order should be taken to interfere with or infringe on the powers of the legislative and judicial branches to perform their constitutional duties or exercise their authority. Similarly, nothing in this order shall be taken to abridge protections guaranteed by the state or federal constitution under these emergency circumstances.

Consistent with prior guidance, neither a place of religious worship nor its owner is subject to penalty under section 15 of this order for allowing religious worship at such place. No individual is subject to penalty under section 15 of this order for engaging in religious worship at a place of religious worship, or for violating the face covering requirement of section 6(b) of this order. Except as specified, nothing in this order supersedes any other executive order. This order takes effect immediately unless otherwise specified.

In determining whether to maintain, intensify, or relax the restrictions in this order, I will consider, among other things, (1) data on COVID-19 infections and the disease's rate of spread; (2) whether sufficient medical personnel, hospital beds, and ventilators exist to meet anticipated medical need; (3) the availability of personal protective equipment for the health care workforce; (4) the state's capacity to test for COVID-19 cases and isolate infected people; and (5) economic conditions in the state.

Consistent with MCL 10.33 and MCL 30.405(3), a willful violation of this order is a misdemeanor.

## Libraries Reopening

Libraries in Clare County are beginning to reopen. On June 1, Governor Whitmer issued an executive order giving public libraries the ability to reopen beginning Monday, June 8.

"During the Stay at Home order we have been working remotely from home," said Sheila Bissonnette, library director of the Harrison District Library and the Pere Marquette District Library. "It was our goal over the last several months to make sure we were ready to reopen to our communities. When we had a date to reopen, we were ready."

The libraries in both Harrison and Clare started to reopen slowly on June 8 with limited hours and a number of restrictions. This week, both libraries reopened to their regular hours. The Harrison District Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The Pere Marquette District Library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Restrictions are still in place due to the limitations governing reopening to the public. What is the library doing to keep you safe during your library visit? Plexiglass barriers have been installed at the circulation desks to keep patrons and staff separated during checkout. Social distancing markers have been placed on the floor to keep 6 feet between library patrons and staff. Both the Harrison District Library and the Pere Marquette District Library offers curbside service for members of our community not comfortable with entering the library.

The Pere Marquette District Library has exterior lockers available for anytime pickup of library materials. The Harrison District Library will have lockers available in a few weeks. If you are interested in using curbside or locker pickup, call the Harrison District Library at 989-539-6711 or the Pere Marquette District Library at 989-386-7576 to arrange a pickup.

The library has put in place extra measures to make sure the building is cleaned frequently during the day. Computers are wiped down after each use and bathrooms are cleaned every hour, and frequent high touch surface areas are sanitized regularly during the day.

Library materials will be quarantined for 72 hours before going back into circulation. When visitors enter the library, they are asked to wear a mask. Those who don't have a mask and would like one may have one provided by the library. Please remember to keep 6 feet between yourself and others while visiting the library.

The Harrison District Library can only have 10 people in the building at one time, so please do not linger in the building after items have been checked out.

The Pere Marquette District Library is limited to 20 people in the building at one time. Public computers are available. Usage is limited to 30 minutes per visit.

In Farwell, the Surrey Township Public Library also reopened on Monday, June 8 beginning with curbside and locker pickup only. The Surrey Township Library hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday for phone calls or emails only. The email address is help@STPL.org or call 989-588-9782 during business hours.

Even with all the restrictions the Harrison District Library and the Pere Marquette District Library will celebrate summer reading with "Imagine Your Story," the theme of our summer reading program. Registration for the reading program began June 15. Check out [www.hdl.org](http://www.hdl.org) or [www.pmdl.org](http://www.pmdl.org) for more information regarding summer reading program and other library services.



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