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COMING EVENTS

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Harrison Pop-Up Drive-In Theater features Florida Georgia Line at the Harrison City Park on Saturday, June 12. Concert starts at 9:45 p.m. Gate opens at 7 p.m. \$74 per car (up to six people) www.EncoreNights.com/FGL for tickets. Concessions will be available. Call Harrison Chamber at 989-539-6011.

Coffee & Corvettes Downtown Clare 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 19. Corvettes will be on display in the north parking lot at the Doherty Hotel in downtown Clare. Other vintage/classic cars are welcome to participate by parking near the event.

Harrison Citywide Yard Sales Saturday, June 26. For more information, call the Harrison Chamber at 989-539-6011 or visit harrisonchamber.com.

Clare's Citywide Yard Sales will take place from June 25 through June 27. Visit Claremichigan.com for more information.

Ole Time Country Gospel Jamboree at the First Congregational Church, Harrison will be held the fourth Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. May through October. Social distancing/masks may be required. For information, call 989-539-7163.

House Republicans and law enforcement introduce plan to support local police

LANSING – In introducing a plan to support law enforcement, strengthen the criminal justice system and expand community policing statewide, Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth made the following comment.

“This is a tough time to be in law enforcement. Just look at the numbers – local police departments are really struggling to find good recruits and keep them on the job. Our first responders need our support now more than ever.

That’s why I stood with our local sheriffs and others from around the state to introduce a plan to support police at the state Capitol. The House Republican plan helps departments recruit the right candidates, provides mental health services and new training opportunities for current officers, invests in community policing, and more.

Too many politicians around the country are blaming and defunding police and calling it good policy. Our plan gives them the tools they need to do the job. That is the real way to improve public safety.

Many of my colleagues who’ve worn the badge have been in their shoes, and we understand the challenges they’re facing. We know how much they sacrifice to serve. And that is why we will always stand up for our men and women in uniform.

Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth and other members of the House Republican caucus who have worked in law enforcement today announced a plan to support law enforcement, strengthen the criminal justice system and expand com-



Gladwin County Sheriff Mike Shea, left, and Clare County Sheriff John Wilson join Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth, House Republicans and other law enforcement officers to introduce plan to support local police. (Michigan press photo)

munity policing statewide. The legislators were joined by county sheriffs, local police officers, and representatives from the Chiefs of Police, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association, and the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

“Local departments statewide are facing several long-term challenges that are getting in the way of quality policework and are threatening the future of this profession,” said Speaker Wentworth, who served as a military police officer in the United States Army. “At the same time, police are under the microscope more than ever before. We need to rise to the occasion and provide the help our local officers need to do the job and keep our communities safe.”

The plan includes multiple items to help attract new talent to the profession, develop the skills of existing police officers,

and fund important services like road patrols and community policing. The changes include the following:

- Tuition assistance for people considering the police academy
- A work study program to give people an opportunity to consider a career
- Incentives for community policing
- Incentives for expanded use of body cameras
- Incentives for de-escalation training
- Access to mental health services for police, corrections workers and other first responders
- A signing bonus for new officers
- State support for secondary road patrols, and
- State support for recruiting strong candidates into the academies

“This is just the first step,” said Wentworth. “House Republicans will continue to

make support for our law enforcement community a priority, and we will continue to develop policies that help them do their job and improve our criminal justice system statewide.

“We want our men and women in uniform to know that we hear them. We understand the challenges they’re facing. And we are here to help.”

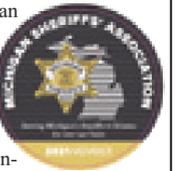
The Michigan House is today finalizing a supplemental budget bill that affects the ongoing fiscal year.

In order to begin some of the attraction programs and community policing as soon as possible, the parts of the plan that include a budget component will be discussed on the House floor as soon as this afternoon so that they can be included in that supplemental bill. Other statutory changes, including future reforms still being developed, will be introduced and discussed in committee in the near future.

SHERIFF WILSON ANNOUNCES MICHIGAN SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Sheriff John S. Wilson has announced that Clare County citizens who would like to join him in the fight against crime are invited to become members of the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association. Many local citizens and businesses have already joined the Association in support of our efforts.

Since 1877, the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association has been serving the citizens and sheriffs in Michigan and is the oldest law enforcement organization in the state. Wilson describes the MSA as a nonprofit, professional, educational and service organization dedicated to improving the criminal justice system through education, training, service and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Michigan.



The membership program was instituted to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support of crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, provide more and improved training for sheriffs and their personnel, plus support the MSA College Scholarship Program for students pursuing a career in law enforcement.

“We are inviting the public to help us better serve them, by joining our efforts to provide effective law enforcement,” Wilson said.

If you don't receive an application by mail, you can visit the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association website at www.misherriff.org to join. All members will receive a membership card, member decals and e-newsletter, and opportunities for discounts on auto, home and recreational insurance.

NO telephone solicitations are ever used to solicit members for MSA.

“Your joining of the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association will be welcomed as an expression of your support of our association and it’s many worthwhile programs,” said Wilson.

Townships in Dire Straits Could Get...

Their Money for Nothin’ and Their Checks for Free

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERE
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – Clare County Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund, District 6, was the first visitor to speak at the May meeting of the Hayes Township Board. Asplund touched on several topics she said were relevant to Hayes Township, beginning with some information she had just received regarding blight grant funding through the State Land Bank Authority for next year’s grant cycle.

“They gave out grant awards to six communities this year,” Asplund said. “And I know – I’m sure – with what we’ve got here, you’d qualify for a grant. So, that would be good news.”

Next, she spoke of the COVID funds to be allocated to townships. Asplund said that, according to her calculations, Hayes Township

would be receiving approximately \$100,000 for broadband benefit programs.

“There’s a new emergency broadband benefit program announced by the state that helps lower the cost of broadband for eligible households across the state,” she said. “That’s open now.”

Asplund said the benefit program provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households, and up to \$75 per month for qualified households associated with certain lands.

She said it would provide up to \$100 discount per household toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase. She then emphasized that these benefits are “per household.”

The commissioner said the

emergency broadband benefit enrollment was currently open through participating broadband providers or directly via the www.getemergencybroadband.org website.

“So, you can get paid directly for having broadband,” she said. “It’s open now; go online and check it out. I think that’s something you might be interested in.”

Asplund then addressed benefits specifically for a township’s projects, saying that under the Fiscal Recovery Funds’ final ruling, eligible projects are required to deliver minimum speeds of 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload.

She went on to say that where projects are impracticable to meet those standards due to geography, topography or financial cost, projects must reliably deliver speeds of at least 100 Mbps download and at least 20 Mbps upload – and be scalable to a minimum of the aforementioned 100 Mbps down-

load/upload speeds.

“Projects must also be designed to serve unserved or underserved households and businesses,” Asplund said “Defined as those that are not currently served by a wire line connection that reliably delivers at least 25 MBPS download.”

Asplund said she believed the township qualifies, and that the benefit is \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the next year. She then informed that Emergency Management Director Jerry Becker would be speaking at the Wednesday, June 9 Greenwood Township Board meeting, and would provide specific information on how townships can apply and what to do to get the benefits flowing.

“He’s going to be talking about what we can do to get out in front of this and get these funds,” she said. “And I’m all about money – no raising property taxes for me.”



Clare County Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund, District 6, informs attendees of the May Hayes Township General Board meeting about funding available for blight, broadband and more. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biere)

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CCRC Offers Lots of Service, Informational Tools

Road Commissioner Provides Update

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
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HARRISON – When Clare County Road Commissioner Bill Simpson addressed the May meeting of the Hayes Township Board, he started out by saying how nice it was to be able to get out to meetings in person – as well as being able to put names to the faces of new board members. Simpson also said he and his fellow road commissioners have been getting back out to as many townships as possible.

He said one of several things that had been happening at the road commission is the recent addition of a “service request line.”

“We really want people to call us if they have a problem,” Simpson said. “When you get on our service request line, it documents it, so we have a way to follow it up. It leaves a paper trail for any road complaints or any kind of service.”

He said the program gives com-

missioners a chance to see if a request has not been addressed, enabling them to make sure it is taken care of.

“It’s been working very well,” Simpson said, adding that over the

Road Commissioner Bill Simpson describes what’s new at the CCRC, as well as the ongoing and planned road projects in Clare County. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)



and Energy] for the Mostetler Road bridge.

“But we’re having some difficulty – like everybody – with material,” he said. “Securing material is a time-sensitive thing, so we hope we can get that going. We still plan on doing that bridge this year, and we did get \$100,000 to help us pay for that.”

Simpson explained that the Mostetler Bridge is one of only two remaining restricted bridges in the county, and the other which is on Brand Avenue is scheduled for next year.

He said another grant that would be used in Winterfield Township is the result of a CCRC partnership with Bay County and Michigan Technological University.

“We’re going to put recycled tires in the pavement,” he said. “They’re doing a lot of them in the

U.P. and other counties have tried it.”

That project will involve paving one mile of Haskell Lake Road in Winterfield. Meeting attendee Virginia McClain noted that the paving materials containing shredded recycled tires have been used in Arizona, where she has another home, and that it results in a “beautiful, quiet ride.”

“We’re pretty busy this year,” Simpson said. “We’ve had 16 gravel projects, and 57 total projects right now.”

He said work slated for Hayes Township was primarily some blacktop overlays, crack sealing and sealcoating. Simpson also noted there was a lot of activity in the Stockwell area and Coolidge that’s being built this year. He also said that Frost Township is going to come across its chunk of Harrison Avenue to Hayes.

“They’re going to open that seasonal next year; it’s going to be a local road again,” he said. “And to follow up on the COVID funds – roads are not in that yet. We’re being talked about.”

He said that there was a possibility the CCRC could recover some MTF funds with COVID monies, which would be used to cover the difference between 2019 and 2020. He said that would reflect what the road commission lost due to reduced gasoline taxes as a result of people not driving during the pandemic.

“We might be able to recover that money,” he said. “We’re not sure.”

Budd Lake Fishing Derby On Tap

The 2021 Budd Lake Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 12. Registration will be taken at Saxton’s Park or online at the Harrison Chamber website, where complete rules are available. To be eligible for prizes, registration and boat must be validated at the park prior to fishing, and all people in the boat must be registered.

Boats must remain within sight of officials until the 7 a.m. starting signal. Fish must be at Saxton’s Park or weigh-in no later than 2 p.m. Any fish brought in after 2 p.m. will not qualify.

This is a catch-and-release competition, so fish must be caught live and be able to swim away from the dock. Anyone seen throwing out a dead fish

will be disqualified. If a dead fish is turned in, the angler will lose weight points for the largest live fish in the string.

Pan fish include bluegill, sunfish, crappie, rock bass and perch. All fish on strings must be within legal limit. Fishermen cannot switch to another boat during derby hours.

Prizes are to include: Guaranteed Muskie Pot \$1,344; Biggest Bass \$250; Biggest Walleye \$100; Biggest String \$250; 2nd Biggest String \$150; 3rd Biggest String \$75.

Kids Prizes Kids: Biggest Fish \$40; 2nd Biggest Fish \$10; Biggest String \$20; 2nd Biggest String \$10.

Prizes are based on a 50-fishermen pool but will be adjusted due to fewer participants.

DNR asks anglers to report muskellunge catches

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is asking those who fish for muskellunge to help with its ongoing efforts to investigate these fish through the DNR’s online muskie angler survey.

Traditional methods, including in-person creel surveys and post-cards, have not been as successful as the online survey at collecting this type of information. Anglers may fill out one survey per person, per trip and are encouraged to complete a survey for each muskie fishing trip they make.

“Because muskellunge are so elusive in our netting and electrofishing management relies heavily on angler reports to understand more about population abundance and angling success,” said Matt Diana, DNR fisheries biologist in Plainwell.

Muskie are open to catch and



immediate release year-round, with the possession season opening statewide the first Saturday in June. For additional season dates and fish length limits, see the 2021 Michigan Fishing Guide at Michigan.gov/DNRDigests. As a reminder, anglers are limited to taking only one muskie per license year and are required to register their harvest by calling 888-636-7778 or online at Michigan.gov/RegisterFish.

See the current survey and past survey data at Michigan.gov/Muskie.

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New Training Opportunities Available

Mid Michigan College has several Short-Term Training and Professional Development opportunities available. Short-Term Training provides participants with career-ready skills in the healthcare and skilled trade fields. In as little as three to 12 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. Upcoming local trainings and their start dates are:

CDL (commercial driver’s license) Class A (\$4,300) starts June 14, July 5 and 12, and Aug. 9 and 30 in Mount Pleasant and Big Rapids;

CDL (commercial driver’s license) Class B (\$1,600) offered weekly

Certified Nurse Aide-CNA (\$1,600) starts July 6 and Sept. 20 in Harrison, and July 12, Aug. 30 and Oct. 25 in Mount Pleasant;

Dental Assistant (\$2,300) starts Sept. 13 in Gladwin;

Direct Support Professional (\$850) starts July 19 and Aug. 26 in Mount Pleasant;

Drone Training (\$395 per session) for **Commercial Use** and for **Public Safety** June 11, both in Mount Pleasant.

Phlebotomy (\$1,450) starts June 28 and Sept. 20 in Mount Pleasant; and Aug. 9 and Oct. 25 in Harrison;

Welding (\$1,600) MIG, TIG or Stick, June 28 in Mount Pleasant.

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

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Outdoors With Jeff

Well as I set at the table staring out the window, I'm trying to think what I'm going to write about this week. We've had some unusual hot days for this time of the year. I smile, because it wasn't too long ago, we were complaining about winter and the cold weather. Now that it has been too hot, we are complaining about the heat and humidity.

When we were just kids, we would complain that it was too hot to fish, we would complain that the mosquitoes were really bad. When

our mothers would hear us complaining, she would bring out the bug repellent, in a small bottle, it was called six twelve. I remember that it didn't smell all that bad, but it worked.

Unlike the insect repellent they gave us later in life when we were in the military. Unlike the 6 12, this killed insects and other things. If you got it on your watch, it would dissolve the glass on the front of the watch. In the last few weeks, we have been pestered with gypsy moths, mosquitoes, black flies and some bugs that I have never seen before.

Two or three weeks ago, when I returned home after going to town, I parked my truck in the pole barn and went into the house. Four- or five-hours later I went into the barn and the truck was completely covered with a cobwebs. Some are saying they are gypsy moths; I'm not sure about that. I posted this on social network, I was shocked how many people, described the same bug had taken over their homes. These pests are only about 1/10 of an inch long and they bite. If you get bit, it will be itchy for a couple days. As I write I still don't know what kind of a bug it is.

There are some that complain about bugs at home all the time but when they go fishing, you won't hear a complaint, they just keep on fishing. They will drown themselves in some sort of a repellent. Even still they will never complain. When the fishermen get back in the vehicle and their eyes start to water all the way home.

A day or so ago, I saw a report on the insects in the Upper Peninsula. This report said that the population of mosquitoes and black flies are horrendous. One person said, you don't want to be a mouth breather while you're in the upper. I don't think black flies are very tasty. Even though they are bad now, they may get worse, if you go farther north. I have gone to northern Minnesota and Canada at this time of the year in years past. They were so bad; I think the bugs got at least a pint of blood off me.

There is a type of fishermen that only goes fishing when the bugs are thick; this type of fisher-



JEFF GOYT

men is a fly fisherman. The bug they are looking for is the hex. This fly just comes out only after dark and there are millions of them on the Au Sable River, along with other rivers. The fly fishermen have so much repellent on their exposed skin, when they touch the water to rinse their hand before landing a trout, they leave an oily circle in the water when they're done.

Some will say that would be a miserable time to be outside, a fly fisherman would call it a great night. Some of you would call a fly fisherman a strange person. Most fishermen will live for this date when the hex come out, because after this hatch of bugs, they won't come out gain until next year. The hex doesn't live too long, they come out and mate and lay eggs and they die. Only one more thing you will see only at the hex hatch. You will see very large trout; fifteen inches to twenty-inch trout is not uncommon. After the hatch the big trout will go into hiding under logs or whatever and let their food float down to them. One good thing about fishing at night I'm told, you don't have to dodge the people in the canoes.

Have a great summer, after this past winter and pandemics and being hunkered own in our homes. Enjoy the outdoors.



Early Clare County Legal Cases

BUTTERWORTH & LOWE vs. DOLPH
AUGUST 3, 1904 -
An Exhibition Of Cast Iron Nerve

Justice of the Peace Daniel R. Wait issued a Summons on June 4, 1904, for Butterworth & Lowe of Grant Rapids, in suing Charles L. Doph of Temple for goods sold and delivered - one left hand bolter table and track. Justice Wait decided the matter in favor of defendant Dolph on July 29th. The matter was appealed on August 3rd by "agent and attorney" Fred S. Lamb of Cadillac with the appeal bond surety being the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. The Return of Justice Wait was filed in Circuit Court on August 3, 1904.

The 'rest of the story' is found in a June 15, 1905, deposition of Robert J. Ball, Secretary and Treasurer of plaintiff Butterworth & Lowe. On December 6, 1902, defendant Dolph had made inquiry as to the price of a left hand knee bolter with table and track suggesting he would buy two. He was informed as to the price of \$35 each for "two". Defendant Dolph then ordered one and was immediately informed that the price of one would be \$37.50, as it was easier and cheaper to make two at one time. On receiving the bolter, defendant Dolph wrote Butterworth & Lowe that he had built his own table and did not need the bolter.

A Glimpse Into The Past

Josiah Littlefield was president of the Portland Cement Company and George W. Graham, T.F. Bingham and William Fuller served as the board of directors and primary investors. The company was meant to create jobs and income after the decline of the lumber industry. The discovery of a new process in creating lime cement greatly reduced the price and availability of the product, and the factory was a failure.

The failed Portland Cement Company intended to manufacture cement from marl deposits from Littlefield Lake in Gilmore Township, Isabella County. Josiah Littlefield owned most of the property surrounding the 183-acre lake at the time.

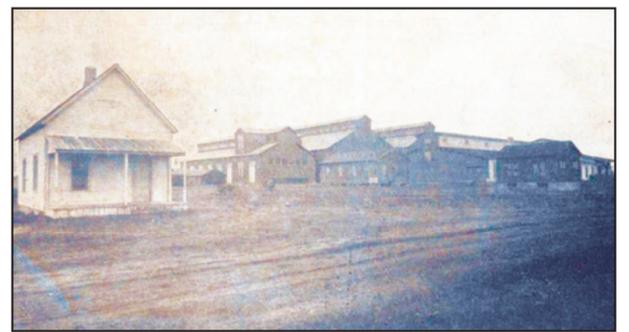
According to Littlefield he lost all of his saving in his cement company investment. Work had begun on a railroad to the lake and most of the buildings were completed to begin business before it was realized the venture would not be successful.

Littlefield was a pioneer of the Farwell area. He graduated in 1871 from the University of Michigan with a degree in civil engineering. Littlefield was called to help survey a better route from the Ionia to Houghton Lake state road while still at university by his uncle Edmund Hall. He returned after graduation to survey Farwell and made his home the rest of his life. He was successful in lumbering, ranching, and many other business endeavors, except of course, the Farwell Portland Cement Company.

In 1902 the Clare Sentinel reported it the company organizing with a capitalization of \$350,000 (35,000 shares at \$10 each).

Clare Sentinel, October 9, 1902

Capital is also coming in from outside and there seems to be a promising outlook for all those who are thus investing their money. Experience shows seventy cents per barrel the average cost of production in a plant putting out 600 barrels per day. A conservative average selling price at the factory is \$1.60 per barrel (it is now \$2.20 per barrel at the factory) leaving a profit of 80 cents per barrel. Suppose that 40 cents be allowed for a sinking fund for retiring and bonds issued and for interest on bonds and for repairs and contingent expenses, there will still be a net gain of 50 cents on every 70 cents of cost of production, If 300 days per year turn out each day 600 barrels, 50 cents on every barrel will give a gain, of \$90,000 or a dividend



Postcard of the Portland Cement Company (front above, top-back above, bottom.)

of 25 per cent on a capital stock of \$350,000. R. F. Wentz of Bethlehem, Pa., has been engaged as the company's engineer and is on the ground superintending the work now in progress. It is proposed that work already under way this fall will be pushed forward to the completion of the plant next summer. A careful investigation of the cement business has been vigorously pushed by the company for some time and as a result of recent practical experiences in other factories some new equipment's not found in any cement plant thus far will be added to the Farwell plant. In Clare a practical test of the utility of cement was recently noticed. Senator Doherty had constructed a wall four feet high and between two openings for doors a portion had been constructed plumb, but when set, two jack screws, applied

to the bottom of the wall, did the rest and now the wall is plumb and none the worse for the pressure of two jack screws. Ludington is erecting a modern hotel of cement. Right here in our little city no less than 1100 barrels have been sold within the last year. The uses of cement are multiplying rapidly and the demand for it is increasing so much more rapidly than the supply that the price keeps going higher. Michigan is producing barely ten per cent of the cement product of the United States but with her wealth of marl deposits in and around her multitudinous lakes of glacial formation, there is every reason to believe that she will greatly increase that percentage and before long the Farwell cement plant will be making its contribution to Michigan's output.

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Burger Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, Brussel Sprouts, Sunshine Carrots, Cottage Cheese.

Tuesday, June 15
Lemon Pepper Cod, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli Slaw, Seven Grain Bread.

Wednesday, June 16
Chicken Pot Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Succotash, Apricot Orange Jell-O, Optional: Spinach Salad.

Thursday, June 17
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Gypsy Moths!

What happened? We have thousands of these! We voted for the millage last year so we would be sprayed. They came to our home and made notes that we had thousands then, well, they have increased ten-fold. We paid for something we did not receive which I'm sure not many appreciate.

The Clare Conservation District made announcements that they would be spraying the week of May 20th!

Nothing, nothing at all, so we called the following week and they said we are sorry but we are out of funding and the "window of opportunity" has passed. The lady asked for our address and when I gave it, she

said no you were not sprayed. I asked what could we do with all these caterpillars and she said we could spray them with soapy water! She also said we don't want to eradicate them, just slow them down. Why?

They eat more than 300 species of trees and shrubs. They are nasty destructive moths that were brought to North America in 1869 by an artist named Mr. L. Trouvelot. He thought he could breed a hardy silkworm but was sadly mistaken! One of the many bugs we get to enjoy here because of someone's bright ideas.

We have paid out of our pocket for a company to spray and protect around our home, our young apple trees and several other small trees we have been planting. We live on a 70-acre farm with acres of woods that

are now being destroyed. If we had been informed of your bad planning within the "window of opportunity" maybe we could have prevented some of this devastation.

So many questions that need answers.

Why didn't you inform the people that would not be sprayed?

How did you choose where you sprayed first and who you weren't going to spray?

You sprayed Lily Lake and Lake George which we live just between both of them. But was this done because of tourism?

We see Wilson State Park has been full to the brim, which is a good thing, but tourism.

Budd Lake, tourism.
We are agrotourism!

Why do you not want to eradicate something that is so destructive? The birds won't even eat them!

So, for now we have thousands of caterpillars all over our house and trees. We have their nasty feces all over our cars, our patios, just everywhere! We sit inside our back porch and watch the eaten pieces of leaves rain down from our trees all over the yard. We keep spraying what we hope is going to kill them, again out of our own pocket. We can't even imagine yet what our woods will look like after 2 years of this destruction.

Was this bureaucracy or very bad planning?

Sam and Wendy Keith
Harrison

MICHIGAN ECONOMIC JUMPSTART PLAN TO PUT MICHIGAN BACK TO WORK WITH BETTER JOBS AND BIGGER PAYCHECKS

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer joined local entrepreneurs and business leaders June 3 to unveil the Michigan Economic Jumpstart Plan, which would allocate a portion of the federal relief funding to support and invest in working people and small businesses in Michigan. Under the governor's plan, the state will increase incentives to boost wages to attract applicants, provide grants to small businesses to ramp up hiring, and expand access to childcare for families with young children who want to return to work but cannot.

"As we continue to take steps to jumpstart our economy, we need to have a real conversation about putting Michigan back to work with better jobs and bigger paychecks," Whitmer said. "Under the Michigan Economic Jumpstart plan, we can harness these once-in-a-lifetime economic opportunities and channel it to raise wages, invest in small businesses, and

uplift families. I look forward to engaging the legislature, local communities, and Michiganders as we continue thinking through the best ways to use the federal funds and state surplus to turbocharge our economy and make a real difference in people's lives."

With more than \$2 billion remaining in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding, nearly \$20 billion in total funding from the American Rescue Plan, the state is in a very strong position to make large investments that can transform the state and help Michigan families and small businesses recover from the pandemic.

"The combination of the federal stimulus plan and the improving public health situation have set the stage for robust growth in Michigan," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "The Governor's plan will jumpstart the economy by providing the support

that small businesses need to recover and grow and by helping parents find the child care they need to get back to work."

In just a year, Michigan has gone from a nearly \$3 billion deficit to a \$3.5 billion surplus, with a state budget that is primed for investment.

"Small business owners have been anchors of hope and support during covid," said Milinda Ysasi, CEO of Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women. "As we work to restart our Michigan economy, it is important to center the lessons and lived experiences of our entrepreneurs. The success of small business owners is critical to an equitable and better normal."

Last month, the U.S. Department of Labor released state and national unemployment figures. Michigan's unemployment rate decreased to 4.9%, beating the national average of 6.1%.

THE JUMPSTART PLAN BETTER PAYCHECKS

Whitmer put forward the MI Bigger Paychecks proposal and reinforced the need for postsecondary opportunities, like the Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners program. By bumping pay and increasing educational and skills opportunities for workers, the state can entice more people to get back into the workforce and increase our labor force participation rate.

MI Bigger Paychecks: Whitmer's plan would utilize \$300 million to encourage businesses to increase wages by offering grants to cover the difference between their current wage and \$15 per hour. The grants would cover the first three months of this raise for workers if businesses commit to retain the employee and continue the \$15-per-hour wage for at least three more months.

Michigan Reconnect: The plan would provide \$120 million to build on the successful, bipartisan Michigan Reconnect program to ensure a pathway to a better-paying job through a tuition-free credential, certificate, or associate degree for anyone 25 years or older. The Michigan Reconnect has already accepted more than 70,000 Michiganders.

Futures for Frontliners: The plan would recognize the sacrifices frontline workers made through the pandemic to help keep the rest of the state going by providing them with tuition-free paths to earn a degree or certificate. The Futures for Frontliners program has already accepted more than 120,000 front-

line Michigan workers.

SMALL BUSINESSES

The Michigan Mainstreet Initiative is a \$300 million investment to uplift small businesses. The plan would include \$100 million towards restaurants and other place-based businesses to help them cover costs and meet payroll; \$125 million for small businesses left out of other incentives and organizations that support them; and \$75 million in grants for startups.

Michigan Small Business Restart Program:

The plan will invest \$100 million to help restaurants and other place-based businesses cover costs by providing grants up to \$20,000 for mortgage, rent, taxes, payroll, and other operating expenses. The plan will set aside \$25 million for small businesses with less than 9 employees, which is over half of Michigan businesses and a high proportion of women and minority owned businesses.

Michigan Microenterprise Support Initiative:

The plan would invest \$125 million to provide grants for businesses that did not qualify or apply for other incentives, like the federal Paycheck Protection Program. The plan would work with community development financial institutions to provide loans to rural businesses or other businesses with less than nine employees that struggled to access capital through traditional programs.

The Michigan Small Business SmartZones and Business Accelerator and Resiliency Initiative:

The plan would invest \$75 million to provide grants to startups that can help our communities thrive. The plan would create the Small Business Support Network and Small Business Fund to support traditional commercial corridor/main street businesses and also provide opportunities for new businesses.

Lastly, Whitmer is proposing expanding Michigan's Work Share and hiring a surge of Unemployment Insurance Agency staff to help Michiganders fulfill their work search requirements. The Work Share program, which was a tool used by employers to avoid laying off workers, can be used by businesses to bring on new employees to help them restart. During the pandemic, Michigan's work share program saved nearly 100,000 jobs. As the waiver on work search requirements for unemployment benefit recipients expires, Governor Whitmer is proposing hiring an additional 50 full-time staff to meet the expected surge in demand and help Michiganders fulfill their work search requirements.

CHILD CARE

In her executive budget recommendation, Governor Whitmer proposed a \$370 million investment to expand access to no-cost or low-cost childcare for 150,000 more families. Right now, Michigan needs talent, and regardless of whether a child is 12 months or 12 years old, working parents can't work without safe, quality, affordable child care. The governor's plan would temporarily increase the income eligibility threshold from 150% to 200% of the federal poverty line, waive out-of-pocket copays through fiscal year 2022, and provide a 10 percent increase in hourly rates for child-care providers.

Grammar Guy

When You Say Nothing At All

Wherefore upon we find ourselves on the noble precipice of the dawning of a newly formed sentence and, seeing as how I still have your undivided attention even though I find myself in recognition of the fact that I'm competing with the likes of social media and videos involving funny cats, I thank you for your examination of my grandiloquent commentary.

In other words, it's time to talk about grandiloquence.

Have you ever read a formal proclamation? Suppose the guy who has worked on trees for the city's parks department retires after 25 years of service and the mayor wants to honor him for his service. Someone plants a puny-looking tree in a park and they dedicate it to the outgoing arborist.

But, that's not all.

The mayor inevitably shows up with a formal proclamation. The flowery language is bound by a leather-clad piece of overblown cardboard bordered by some gold filigree on the certificate-worthy taupe-colored paper. The mayor declares that June 3 will hereby be known in the city as "Rick Philby Jr. Day."

Of course, the mayor's office really went for it with the language for Rick's proclamation. In fact, the words were so highfalutin and redundant that, not only was the tribute a perplexing way to say "attaboy," but it ended up being longer than a CVS receipt.

Yes, grandiloquence is a style of speaking or writing that includes large words but little meaning. Politicians excel at it to the point where I think the first thing they teach you in first-time politician classes is how to bloviate for an hour without ever saying anything



CURTIS HONEYCUTT

of substance.

Grandiloquence is formal but shallow. This type of speech is all sizzle and no steak.

The identical twin of grandiloquence is "bombast."

Bombastic speech is fancy, puffed-up nonsense language disguised as importance. Poor ol' Rick from the parks department probably would have preferred a nice watch or a modest Amazon gift card.

In the 16th century, the term "bombast" emerged by way of Old French and Latin before it. It means "cotton padding," or, quite literally, "fluff." We get the term "grandiloquence" from the Latin word "grandiloquentia," meaning "lofty speech or language."

As you might expect, I don't recommend using bombastic or grandiloquent speech in your own communication. As Shakespeare wrote in "Hamlet," "Brevity is the soul of wit." Use your words thoughtfully to communicate what you want to communicate, and then be done.

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.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARE FILE NO. 20-900462-CH

DONNA CYPHERS, Plaintiff, v. KENNETH GOFF and DELORES GOFF, GREEN POINT CREDIT CORPORATION, Defendants. IZAK J. POST P77832 Dreyer Hovey & Post, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiffs 195 W. Main, Box 649 Harrison, MI. 48625 (989) 539-7134

ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
At a session of said Court held in the Courthouse in the City of Harrison, Michigan on May 18, 2021. PRESENT: HONORABLE THOMAS R. EVANS Circuit Judge
An Ex Parte Motion for Order to Answer having been made pursuant to MCR

2.105 (I), this Order to Answer is hereby entered by the Court pursuant to MCR 2.106 as follows:

The Plaintiff, through her attorneys, Dreyer Hovey & Post, PLLC, filed a Complaint to Quiet Title with this Court against said Defendants.

The real property is described as:

Lot 222, Dodge City Subdivision No. 2, Hamilton Township, as set forth in Plats, Clare County Register of Deeds Records. Parcel ID #18-008-090-222-00.

TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED MANUFACTURED HOME:

Lincoln Park Homes (Manufactured Home) LLP 9864 A/B IN UV007 Manufacture Date: 1999

The Defendants, or any person claiming interest in the aforesaid property are directed to answer or take other action as permitted by law or court rule in the Circuit Court for the County of Clare on or before July 30, 2021. The effect of failure to answer or take other action, as permitted by law, by any Defendants named herein shall result in an Order being entered by this Court granted the relief requested by the Plaintiff in and to the above described property.

Dated: May 18, 2021 HONORABLE THOMAS R. EVANS Circuit Court Judge 21-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN 55TH JUDICIAL COURT CLARE COUNTY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF FRIEND OF THE COURT ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE RECORD OF THE FRIEND OF THE COURT

Pursuant to Michigan law, the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the friend of the court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2021. This review is limited by law to

the following criteria; whether the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the friend of the court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. **Send your written comments, with your name and address, to Hon. ROY G. MIENK, P.O. BOX 988, HARRISON, MI. 48625.**

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 55TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLARE COUNTY Case No. 21-900208-CH Hon. Roy G. Mienk

MELODY F. COURTNEY, a/k/a MELODY F. DODSON, Plaintiff,

EDWIN E. SNOOK, ROY S. ADAMS and DAVID R. KRABILL, their Heirs, Successors, and Assigns and ALL WHO MIGHT CLAIM AN INTEREST IN PLAINTIFF'S REAL PROPERTY Defendants.

JEFFREY J. KLAUS (P59563) Martineau, Hackett, O'Neil & Klaus, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiffs 127 W. Fourth Street, Suite 1 P.O. Box 265 Clare, MI. 48617 989-386-3454

To: EDWIN E. SNOOK, ROY S. ADAMS AND DAVID R. KRABILL, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS AND ALL WHO MIGHT CLAIM AN INTEREST IN PLAINTIFF'S REAL PROPERTY, and their Heirs, Successors, and Assigns, and any other unknown party claiming an interest in said lands.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this

Court by the Plaintiff to Quiet Title by adverse possession to the following described Real Property: Part of Government Lot 7 of Section 22, T17N-R6W, Garfield Township, Clare County, State of Michigan, described as: Beginning N 88°20'00" W, along the South Section line, 1895.65 feet from the Southeast Corner of said Section 22, and point lying N 88°20'00" W, along said South Section line, 602.50 feet from the Southeast Corner of said Government Lot 7; thence continuing N 88°20'00" W, along said South Section line, 322.42 feet to the Easterly line of Main Street as extended South as described in PLAT OF "KRABILLS' RESORT" as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 45 of the Clare County, Michigan public records; thence N 00°00'16" W, along said Easterly line of said Main Street and Main Street extended, 133.00 feet; thence S 88°20'00" E, parallel with said South Section line and along an occupied line, 313.96 feet; thence S 03°38'00" E, along a previously surveyed line, 133.50 feet back to the Point of Beginning. This property is subject to an easement for the installation and maintenance of public utilities within the right-of-way of Maple Grove Road. Containing 0.97 acres, more or less, and begin subject to restrictions, reservations, easements rights-of-way, zoning, governmental regulations, and matters visible, if any, upon or affecting said lands.

2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court at the Court address of 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625 on or before July 1, 2021. 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.

3. A copy of this order shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Clare County Cleaver and proof of publication shall be filed in this Court.

Dated: May 24, 2021 Honorable Roy G. Mienk 55th Circuit Court Judge Clare County, Michigan 23-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN 55TH JUDICIAL COURT ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE CASE NO. 20-900454-DC

JOURDAN KERLEY, Plaintiff v. CASSANDRA BRIDGES

158 E. OAKS HARRISON, MICHIGAN 48625, Defendant. GHAZEY H. ALECK II P38694 2828 N. SAGINAW ROAD MIDLAND, MICHIGAN 48640 (989) 832-2699 Plaintiff's Attorney.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, CASSANDRA BRIDGES, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 158 E. Oaks, Harrison, MI. 48625.
d. Other: Publication pursuant to MCR 2.106. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
Dated: 5/19/21 Marcy A. Klaus P59564 23-2

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IT IS ORDERED:

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLARE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 21-18330-DE

Estate of RONALD GARCIA Date of birth: 02/27/1955

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
The decedent, RONALD GARCIA, died 05/02/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MARLENE BLOSSER, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 WEST MAIN STREET, HARRISON and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 06/02/2021 DAVID T. McANDREW

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLARE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 21-18331-DE

Estate of ANITRA KAY ELDRED Date of birth: 05/17/1973

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
The decedent, ANITRA KAY ELDRED, died 05/15/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to TIMOTHY M. ELDRED, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 WEST MAIN STREET, HARRISON and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 06/03/2021 DAVID T. McANDREW P58250 651 RICHARD DR. HARRISON, MI. 48625 989-539-2105 TIMOTHY M. ELDRED 15679 WHITE CREEK AVE., N.E. CEDAR SPRINGS, MI 49319 989-630-8548 23*

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLARE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 21-18326-DE

Estate of Teresa Ann Hackett Date of Birth: August 27, 1963

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
The decedent, Teresa A.

Hackett, died January 1, 2021.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas Allen, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 West Main St., Harrison, MI. 48625-0096 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 6/2/2121 Bossenbrook Williams PC Arlyn Bossenbrook P11032

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLARE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 21-18325-DE

Estate of JOYCE M. ALDRICH, deceased Date of birth: 3/31/42

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
The decedent, Joyce M. Aldrich, died 3/7/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Diane M. Ackley, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 West Main Street, Harrison, MI. 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 6/2/21 HEATHER M. MCNETT P84243 601 Beech Street Box 67 Clare, MI. 48617 989-386-3434

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Estate Sale
The estate of John C. and Maxine I. Belert of 2400 South Bard Road, Gladwin, will be sold on **June 11 & 12 from 9 am until 5 pm.**
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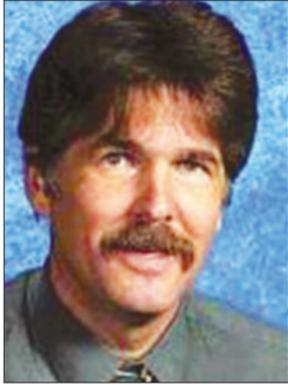
Just Not the Same

By Dave Minor

But actually in a way, it was. Going up to Grand Marais the end of April at my mom's place were my oldest sister; Barb, and her granddaughter, Evie; my brother-in-law, Lionel (who brought Barb's old refrigerator so we could change out Mom's old one); and my younger sister, Karen, as well as my two daughters, Molly and Lucy. We'd never had to close the place down before winter, as Mom passed last May.

Walking downtown as we always do several times a visit, the blustery winds made it cool, yet the town looks mostly the same. In fact, it reminds me a lot of what I remember going to school here. You can't help but kind of be transported back to the times when in high school about all that mattered to me were sports and friends, or even to times when as adults we all met at Virginia's house for a family get-together.

Taking Evie down to play at the playground on the beach one night reminded me of taking my own kids to the school playground or the Woodland Park one when they were younger (as the beach playground wasn't there then), and also of myself and classmates



swinging outside in elementary school or playing sports at the field near the park.

What was different, obviously, was Mom not being there. Sure there were lots of items in the house still there, like refrigerator magnets, sayings posted on a wall or the fridge, thank you letters from her grandkids sporadically throughout the house. We even put back together her bed (the one she was born in, in Onaway in 1932) so got to kind of feel what it must've been like for her every night before she went to bed in that small, cooler, rather dimly-lit room that she slept in for 30 years as a widow, but one she didn't mind.

Last summer, all four of us (younger sister, Karen, and middle sister, Kathy, too) had started cleaning out some things of hers or just items in the garage that'd been there since 1971. We'll do more this summer, keeping mementos like yearbooks and photo albums or memorabilia any of us feels like keeping for nostalgia. Eventually perhaps, we may sell the house and that will really make the change seem more real. For now, when going to GM it seems like maybe Mom's out for a walk in the School Forest or on

another of her favorite trails and will be coming back later.

As we settled into our seats for Saturday evening mass, 95-year-old Donna Parish turned around and asked who we were. We told her and she said, "Oh, yes, she was a friend of mine. Yes, we miss her." I saw a couple of Mom's Sunday card party friends, Carol Miller and NormaJean Bennett in church, too.

Taking a book to the Superior Hotel to friend Rick Capogrossa, his wife, Mary, said, "I'll look out the window and see someone walking by and think it's your mother" (as she wrote a once-a-month essay about her life in Grand Marais for the paper they run). Others have mentioned they miss her and other "icons" of the town who've passed in the last decade or two. When I go for a walk or bike ride in town, I think back that "That's the Lefebvre old place" or Endresses lived there...Ted and Marge Soldeski's place looks a little forlorn, despite the pink color..."

So, no, it's of course really not the same and never will be both in Grand Marais and in the house if we keep it. Despite the respite we almost always get when going there and staying at the old house on Burton Avenue, Mom not being there to talk makes it a lot different.

We move on in life no matter what age we are when someone passes or even just moves far away where we can't see them much. Eventually, you settle into the new routine without them. But really, it's never going to totally feel "normal." We go back home and feel different, notice our life moving inexorably on, missing how it used to be...and especially those who were so special to us.

Michigan's Rank In COVID Recovery

The U.S. is gradually recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and states have heavily relaxed their COVID-19 restrictions. As a result, the unemployment rate has dropped to 5.8% from its high of 14.8% in April 2020.

The country's progress toward economic recovery has been largely possible because of the strides it has made toward a public health recovery, due to the distribution of the vaccine. As of June 7, around 42% of the population has been fully vaccinated. The country has already seen a significant decline in new COVID-19 cases and deaths, and that decline will only continue as more people get vaccinated. The greater level of safety will also lead to increased consumer confidence.

Even though the U.S. is making progress as a whole, some states are recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic much faster than others. In order to determine the states that are having the most successful recoveries, Wallethub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 21 key metrics. Our data set ranges from the share of the population fully vaccinated to the real GDP compared to pre-COVID levels.

Recovery from COVID-19 in Michigan (1=Quickest, 25=Avg.):
25th - Share of Population Fully Vaccinated

35th - Share of Vaccine Supply Used
25th - COVID-19 Death Rate
46th - COVID-19 Hospitalization Rate

18th - Share of Hospitals with Staff Shortages

45th - Share of Hospitals with Supply Shortages

34th - Average Daily Restaurant Visits

44th - Real GDP vs. Pre-COVID Levels

46th - Total Weekly Job Postings vs. Pre-COVID Levels

41st - Total Weekly Consumer Spending vs. Pre-COVID Levels

28th - Real Estate Active Listings vs. Pre-COVID Levels

Note: Rankings are based on data available as of 12:30 p.m. ET on June 7, 2021.

For the full report, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-covid-recovery/90947>

Special Guests Drop in at Clare County Airport



The Clare County Airport received some visitors on Tuesday afternoon, June 8. The three Blackhawk helicopters from Camp Grayling were a dramatic sight to see take off and fly! (Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg)

Roland Professional Counseling Cuts Ribbon

On May 28, Roland Professional Counseling cut the ribbon on its new office at 741 Richard Drive in Harrison. This practice, which offers counseling for ages 5 and older, has been providing mental health counseling services to Harrison and the surrounding area for five years and is now expanding, with from 1-4 therapists by the fall. Along with adding more therapists to serve the community, RPC now offers EMDR services to treat trauma disorders. Many insurances are accepted, as well as provision of reasonable out-of-pocket rates. The newly renovated office space offers a comfortable atmosphere to assist clients in achieving their therapeutic goals. (Cleaver Photos by Beth Detzler)



NEW LIFELONG LEARNING CLASSES

Mid Michigan College offers Lifelong Learning opportunities for community members that cover a wide range of interesting hobbies and important topics. In response to the COVID-19 risk, social distancing measures and the use of face coverings will be enforced, and an enhanced cleaning schedule of campus facilities implemented.

Sunflower-American Flag Painting June 22 in Harrison; **Food Preservation: Making Jam & Jelly** (free) June 22 online via Zoom;

Basic Dog Training July 1 in Mount Pleasant; **Food Preservation: All About Blanching & Freezing** (free) July 6 online via Zoom; **Cardio Drumming** starts July 12 in Harrison and July 13 in Mount Pleasant; **Shipwrecks: The Edmund Fitzgerald** (free) July 14 online via Zoom; **Basic Computers** starts July 20 in Mount Pleasant ; **Food Preservation: Water Bath and Steam Canning** (free) July 20 online via Zoom; **Shipwrecks: The Great Storm of 1913** (free) July 28 online via Zoom;

Basic Dog Training Aug. 5 in Harrison; **A Matter of Balance** (free) Aug. 2 in Harrison; **Food Preservation: Pressure Canning** (free) Aug. 3 online via Zoom; **Shipwrecks: The Great Storm of 1940** (free) Aug. 11 online via Zoom; **Food Preservation: Pickling, Not Just for Cucumbers** (free) Aug. 17 online via Zoom; **Shipwrecks: Cutter**

Goodbyes (free) Oct. 6 online via Zoom. The college is also offering a new opportunity for those who love to read! Mid's Good Book Club is available to all who would like to participate. The club will meet remotely from 3:30-4:30 p.m. the last Thursday of each month. For details, visit mid-mich.edu/lifelonglearning.

"Mid is committed to offering learning opportunities that appeal to lifelong students in our surrounding communities, and feature local artisans and experts as instructors," noted Scott Mertes, vice president of Community Outreach and Advancement at Mid. "Lifelong Learning classes are affordable, offered online, on-campus, and in our local communities, and are focused on topics that spark creativity and pique interest. From artistic endeavors to dog training, the class you're looking for is coming soon." For the most up-to-date class schedule, more information about lifelong learning, or to register for an upcoming class, visit mid-mich.edu/lifelonglearning or contact us at lifelonglearning@mid-mich.edu or 989-386-6651.

Rescues (free) Aug. 25 online via Zoom; **Food Preservation: Too Many Tomatoes** (free) Aug. 31 online via Zoom;

Shipwrecks: Offshore Outposts (free) Sept. 8 online via Zoom; **Shipwrecks: The Most Famous Shipwreck of All Time** (free) Sept. 22 online via Zoom; and **Shipwrecks: Bottled**

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FACT #2
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Obituaries

JANICE RUTH AUGENSTEIN

SEPTEMBER 28, 1936 - JUNE 4, 2021

Janice Ruth Augenstein 84 of Harrison went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, June 4, 2021. Janice was born September 28, 1936 in Ithaca, Michigan the daughter of Claude and Uva (Markham) Shunk. Janice was united in marriage to Mr. Raymond Lawrence Augenstein on August 27, 1971 in Riverdale, Michigan.



and two brothers: Ron Shunk and Lynn Shunk

Mrs. Augenstein had resided in Harrison since 2003, moving from London, Ohio. Janice enjoyed praising her God, and singing gospel music as a group with her family and serving with her husband as a traveling evangelist. Her passion in life was loving her family, as they were number one in her life.

Surviving Janice is her husband of forty-nine years, Rev. Dr. Raymond L. Augenstein of Harrison, six loving children: Daniel M. Schneider and wife Mary of Riverdale, Michigan, David E. Schneider and wife Lynette of Brethren, Michigan, Debra L. Shiffer and husband David of Riverdale, Dawn L. Nicewander of Free Soil, Michigan, Dana S. Shepherd and husband Randall of Alma, Michigan and Darcia K. Little and husband Joseph of Kalkaska, Michigan, forty-five grandchildren, sixty-one great-grandchildren and one arriving soon, seven great-great grandchildren with one arriving soon, one sister: Charis Edwards and husband David, two brothers: Glen Shunk and wife Lois and Ray Shunk, plus many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Mrs. Augenstein was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Eunice Shunk and Lois Lutes,

Funeral services for Mrs. Augenstein will be held in her honor on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. from M-46 Tabernacle Family Ministries, 11098 E. Howard City Edmore Road, Riverdale, Michigan 48877, with Reverend Will Markham officiating. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Stocking Funeral Home, 165 West Oak St., Harrison, Michigan 48625 and Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until service time at M-46 Tabernacle Family Ministries. Burial services will take place at Hayes Road Cemetery, Gratiot County, Michigan. Memorial gifts in memory of Mrs. Augenstein may be considered to: Holbrook Indian Mission PCG, 823 Mission Lane, Holbrook, Arizona 86025. To share an online memory or condolence with Janice's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements and care of Mrs. Augenstein and her family are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

DAVID R. FERGUSON

APRIL 19, 1949 - MAY 12, 2021

David R. Ferguson, age 72 of Clare, passed away Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland. David was born the son of the late Eugene Pearl and Sarah Jane (Fruit) Ferguson on April 19, 1949 in Hazel Park. He had serviced his Country during the Vietnam War in the U.S. Army. He was raised in Troy, lived for at time in Georgia and for the past 21 years had called Clare Home. David was united in marriage to Jill Marie Knapp on March 17, 2000 in Clare. He was a Journeyman Electrician working in the Refrigeration field, having owned his own businesses both downstate, as well as in Harrison. For a time, he was head of maintenance at the Clare Hospital, and had taught at the MidMichigan Community College in Harrison. David's hobbies included genealogy, cars, especially Jeeps and riding motorcycles. He loved taking and looking at pictures and spending time with his grandchildren.



Sprague of Mt. Pleasant; his siblings Richard "Sonny" Ferguson and Lois Smithy; and grandchildren Kayla Knapp, Tyler Knapp, Jayden Knapp, Gavin Knapp, Macy Rulapaugh, Hagen Rulapaugh and Aviana Sprague. David was predeceased by his siblings Shirley Paeth, Sara Jean Buschell, Judy Ezakovich, Margaret "Peggy" Dennis, William "Bill" Ferguson and Ledora "Lee" Reety.

Burial for David was held in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare with Military Honors presented. Memorials are suggested to the Clare Farwell American Legion. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

David is survived by his wife Jill; children Robert (Norma) Knapp of Lansing and Amanda

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FACT #4
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The entire Old and New Testament are a love story: The love of God for his people and their frequently wavering love for God and for each other. But how often we see that God's people need to be reminded of this. And again, how often we hear the prophets reminding them, and us, that God does not want strife or sacrifice, but a loving heart. Jesus tells us repeatedly that love is about loving our enemies and turning the other cheek, and the Epistles drive home this same point again and again. Consider how much hatred and dissension there is in the modern world. Political, ethnic and religious strife, and wars around the world all show us that, contrary to the requirements of all the world's major religions that we love one another, we are constantly failing to uphold the first and foremost of God's commandments. We should not be deceived; we cannot be constantly filled with hatred, strife and neglect of our fellow man, and still be considered a child of God. So, we should banish hatred and strife from our life and show active goodwill toward our fellow man. We must ask God to give us a loving heart, and then go forth and do His good work.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

New K.J.V. 1 John 4:7

NOTICE

CONCERT LOCATION MOVED

Due to changes in COVID-19 Restrictions the Clare County Sheriff's Reserves music concert moved from the Fairgrounds to Clare High School Gymnasium on Saturday, June 19 at 7 pm.

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LANSING –The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and GetSetUp are partnering to offer classes to improve brain health during June, which is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Healthy lifestyle choices can improve general health and can possibly protect the brain from Alzheimer's disease.

The MDHHS Aging & Adult Services Agency has a partnership with GetSetUp, a mission-driven education technology company dedicated to creating economic and learning opportunities for older adults. The partnership provides free virtual learning and social engagement opportunities for Michiganders ages 60 and over.

The Alzheimer's Association says regular physical exercise may be a beneficial strategy to lower the risk of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia. Exercise may directly benefit brain cells by increasing blood and oxygen ow in the brain. Additionally, studies say that maintaining strong social connections and keeping mentally active as people age might lower the risk of cognitive decline and Alzheimer's.

"Dementia - including Alzheimer's disease, which is the most common form - is an emerging public health crisis," said Dr. Alexis Travis, who recently

MDHHS offers aging adults free online classes to improve their brain health

June is Alzheimer's, Brain Awareness Month

became senior deputy director for the MDHHS Public Health Administration and previously was senior deputy director of the Aging and Adult Services Agency. "An estimated 190,000 Michiganders age 65 and over are living with Alzheimer's disease. That number is expected to grow

to 220,000 by 2025. Brain health is a crucial component of healthy aging and we are pleased to offer these and over 150 classes on the GetSetUp platform to older Michiganders at no cost."

GetSetUp offers a wide variety of classes to empower older adults to connect with others and stay

healthy, including:

- Class Series: Our Minds Matter...Embrace Mental Health!
- Yoga for Beginners
- Get Moving by Line Dancing (the Hustle)
- Mindful Chair Yoga
- Get Moving with QiGong
- Ageless Grace: Exercises for the Body and Mind
- Social hours and interest groups on a range of topics, including a social hour on brain fitness, and Dementia Caregivers Unite

"We have designed GetSetUp online classes and events to provide the physical, mental and social activities that are so critical to healthy living as we work toward a day when we can all age-

in-place," said Lawrence Kosick, co-founder of GetSetUp. "And starting in June, we're excited to be able to offer even more programming to support brain health and education around dementia and Alzheimer's disease. With over 80,000 of Michiganders over age 60 already benefiting through our partnership with MDHHS, we're excited to be able to expand our content in the areas that are most needed and support even more older adults in Michigan."

Michiganders age 60 and older may enroll in any GetSetUp session at no cost by visiting getset-up.io/michigan and using the code MICHIGANHEALTH or by calling 888-559-1614.

For more information about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, contact the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or 800-272-3900.

DNR: HOT, DRY CONDITIONS MEAN HIGH, VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER

With high temperatures and limited rainfall fire danger has been high or very high across much of northern Michigan. That means taking precautions to prevent wildfires when working or playing outdoors.

"With conditions this dry, a lot of different things can set off fires," said Jeff Vasher, fire specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "A spark from a campfire can do it. Heat from an ORV or equipment can do it. A chain dragging from a trailer can do it, or a downed power line."

Even if grass is green, it can still be dry and spread fire, Vasher said. Stands of pine trees also are particularly dry, especially in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

People cause about nine out of 10 wildfires in the state. Since the 2021 season began, DNR firefighters have responded to more than 200 wildland fires with over 2,000 acres burned.

TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR ACTIVITIES FIRE-SAFE

Take extra care and precautions with these activities:

-Campfires can smolder for hours through the night, so always make sure fires are out before you turn in. To make sure the fire is completely extinguished, drown it with water, stir it and carefully feel to make sure it is no longer emitting heat. Always keep a water source and a shovel nearby whenever the fire is burning. Keep campfires within a ring 3 feet or less in diameter. If a fire does get out of hand, call 911 immediately.

-Fireworks are fun but can inadvertently set off a blaze. Do not shoot fireworks into the woods or into dry grass. When you are using fireworks in the yard, soak the grass in the area with a hose and keep the hose handy. Put used sparklers into a bucket of water, as wires can stay hot.

-When using ORVs or outdoor equipment, take steps to minimize sparks and keep hot equipment away from dry grass or brush. Ride ORVs only on trails to avoid starting a grass fire.

For more information on fire management, including fire prevention tips and more, visit Michigan.gov/FireManagement.



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'How High's the Water, Papa?'

BOC Hears of SADs, Lake Levels, Liability

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HARRISON – Addressing the Clare County Board of Commissioners at its May meeting was Stacy Hissong, member of the law firm Fahey Shultz Burzych Rhodes. Hissong was accompanied by Clare County Drain Commissioner Carl Parks, with whom she had been working to establish proper documentation for lake levels currently under Clare County control.

It was somewhat apropos that on the day marking the one-year anniversary of the dam break/flooding disaster in Gladwin and Midland counties, Hissong presented board members with an overview of what was being addressed currently, as well as a look at what may be expected in the future. She began by saying that there are 17 established lake levels in the county, over which the BOC has jurisdiction and control.

Hissong spoke of the ways some of the lake special assessment districts are set up, and a need to get them all up-to-date, i.e., assessments may have gone out, but lake levels may not be included in the court order.

"So, I am concerned on behalf of the county," Hissong said. "If that's not in the court order and there's a problem, the county board in general could be liable for that, not just special assessment districts. So, we need to go get that cleaned up. In six to 10 of these – of your 17 – don't have it set up right."

She noted that around 2006 she had gone through the legal proceedings to clean up some of the special assessment district documentation, and now it is advisable to complete the remaining S.A.D.s to make clear that privately owned dam failure is not a general fund obligation.

"In some situations where the court order is set for, and where the level is, are two different things," Hissong said. "And/or we're having seasonal changes in the levels to take it down in the winter, but that's not in the court order. So, because of what happened a year ago today, EGLE [Environment, Great Lakes and Energy] is looking at these much more carefully – and we need permits to do those drawdowns."

Again, she stressed the need to have the court order match what the county is doing, as well as have insurance coverage on everything the county has jurisdiction over.

"We don't want to be outside of the court order," she said. "But if

we go to get a permit, EGLE is not going to give us a permit if we're not doing it at what is court ordered. So, we're trying to clean that up."

Hissong also pointed out that, in many situations, the county does not have easements for everything, or own all the water control structures the county has jurisdiction over. She advised that Parks had looked at that each situation, and each would be looked at to rectify that problem.

Hissong said a prime example of that is Doc and Tom Lake in Lake of the Pines, where work is being done with Lake of the Pines Association for the county to take ownership, rather than maintain the association's ownership while the county has jurisdiction and responsibility.

The process of establishing lake levels would require some BOC resolutions, followed sometime next year by court proceedings and special assessment district hearings. She said after the S.A.D. hearings/approvals, the S.A.D.s would be presented for the BOC's stamp of approval before going on to assessments.

"So, you're going to see Carl in here with a stack of resolutions from time to time," Hissong said. "Ultimately, he acts on your behalf and you have to approve those. We've cleaned up all of them that you have; there is not one that we don't need to take some action on."

Hissong said the 17 lakes under county jurisdiction are monitored and maintained regularly by the drain commissioner, and that only three of the 52 dams in Clare County are regulated.

"Fifty-two total, and you only have 17 under your control," Hissong said. "There are several situations where we have a large control structure that if something happens, it's going to have an impact on downstream property owners that there's private jurisdiction over. It's a property owner that's responsible for that."

Hissong said many property owners are hearing their insurers will no longer cover them because of potential lawsuits.

"They may be coming to the county," she said. "And, in my opinion, should be coming to the county to have jurisdiction taken over so that they can be properly insured."

She said that as a result of the Gladwin and Midland counties dam breaks, a dam safety task force was initiated by the governor. That resulted in a series of recommendations for legislative changes to ensure the state's water



These photos show the replacement work done in early 2020 to replace the 50-year-old stop logs with new aluminum stop logs at Doc and Tom Lake/Lake of the Pines in Freeman Township. (File photos courtesy Carl Parks)

control structures are kept in good maintenance. Hissong said this will lead some lake associations to deem the regulations as "too much" to take care of themselves, and they will seek to have the county handle it.

Hissong said she was uncomfortable with someone being in control of something that, if not properly maintained, could flood out everybody downstream.

"I think it's important those come under local government control," she said. "I would encourage those lake associations – seeing what's coming down the road – to start this process sooner, rather than [at the last minute, for a process that requires studies]. It's a long process to establish a lake level, so the sooner we start having those conversations and working with these privately owned structures to get them under county control, the better."

"One: We don't have the capacity to do all of them at once, when the regulations come into play," Hissong said. "Two: Don't tell us the day your insurer cancels your insurance. It's going to take us a while to get it established and under our jurisdiction. Tell us now

so there's no gap."

Hissong also pointed out that the dams under county jurisdiction are in good repair, but that many others need work. She said putting the under BOC control would enable the county to finance needed repairs under the Lake Level Act for a period of up to four years.

Addressing the obvious question of why would the county want to take on something not currently a headache, and what potential costs would be, Hissong put it succinctly: "To prevent a catastrophe. And to provide insurance where there's not insurance, so we have liability coverage."

She further explained that costs would be borne by the special assessment districts, and the only time the county might see cost is if it ordered a study and a lake level is not established. Hissong said under the Lake Level Act, the county could require a \$10,000 deposit, but that amount would not cover the whole cost of the study.

Parks noted one instance in Freeman Township where a study had been done but the S.A.D. had not gone through. He agreed that would be a rare situation, and that usually there would be a special

assessment district to go back on.

Hissong anticipates going to court over the winter, with the special assessment hearings to take place in the spring and summer, so that assessments can be levied in 2022. She said it is not anticipated

there will be significant cost to the property owners, but that it will bring them a significant reduction in liability.

"We anticipate, for the 17 we have, we are going to be clean as a whistle by Sept. 1," she said.

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