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## COMING EVENTS

The **Harrison Sportsman Club** will have **Youth Archery** from 1-2:30 p.m. Sundays through March 13 at the club house, 3704 Harrison Ave.

The **Clare County Historical Society** annual planning meeting will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5 at the Pere Marquette District Library.

**Clare County Democratic Party** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 at Pere Marquette Library in Clare. The Public is welcome. Masks will be required at this meeting and being vaccinated is encouraged. Find more information at [www.clarecountyledemocrats.com](http://www.clarecountyledemocrats.com)

Harrison District Library presents **Pickin' With the Champ** from 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, March 14. Anthony Williams will present everything you want to know about finding Morel mushrooms. Sign up is required. Call 539-6711 or visit [hdl.org](http://hdl.org).

**Ice shanties in the northern Lower Peninsula** must be removed from lakes by midnight Tuesday, March 15.

**Mid Michigan Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Auction** begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.

**Clare's 48th Annual Irish Festival** is March 16-20. Visit [claremichigan.com](http://claremichigan.com) for more information.

**Mid Michigan College Foundation and Jay's Sporting Goods** to offer **A Northern Tradition**, an exclusive event hosted by Jay's Sporting Goods which raises funds to support student success, academic excellence, high-tech learning spaces, and campus improvements. VIP admission is from 5-6 p.m., general admission begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 10. Event is open until 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each. Text TRADITION to 91999 or visit [www.midmich.edu/community/foundation/events/ant](http://www.midmich.edu/community/foundation/events/ant)

Registration is now open for the **Veterans Freedom Park 5K Freedom Run/Walk** set for Saturday, April 30 in Harrison. To sponsor or sign up to participate, visit [www.veteransfreedompark.com](http://www.veteransfreedompark.com).

For more community events visit [www.clarecountycleaver.net](http://www.clarecountycleaver.net)

## Sheriff, Undersheriff Seek Long-overdue Salary Hike

# BOC Asked to Keep Up with Other Counties

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY  
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – The Clare County Board of Commissioners heard from several people at its Feb. 16 meeting. One was Brian Harrison, who had previously addressed the board regarding the need to amend the state's Auto Insurance Reform Resolution. The basis for that entreaty was the absence of qualified care available to long-term sufferers of auto crash injuries which the reform had caused by eliminating adequate reimbursement to those providing that care. Later in the meeting, the board adopted a resolution in support of such amending of the Auto Insurance Reform Resolution.

Rick Jones, Hayes Township supervisor was also on hand to answer the board's questions regarding the blight enforcement contract between Clare County Community Services and Hayes Township. It was clarified that the contract would not cost the county, as the services of the county's blight enforcement officer would be paid solely by Hayes Township from the ordinance enforcement millage approved by voters last November.

Community Services Director Lori Phelps also spoke regarding the third-party contract with Hayes for blight enforcement.

"I'd like you to know that we worked really hard with Hayes Township on that and the ordi-



Clare County Sheriff John Wilson and Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski present information to the Clare County Board of Commissioners about an available non-General Fund revenue source which could provide for long-overdue wage increases, bringing their salaries in line with other like-sized counties. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

nance," she said. "Our attorney and their attorney worked together on the contract, so it's good to go to be approved."

She further described the in-home work Senior Services does for Medicare in-home waiver through the Area Agency on Aging and A&D, noting an end-of-year payout had been received that is

based on how many hours of in-home care for waiver are provided.

"The year before last year we got \$11,000 for our payout," Phelps said. "It was amazing, and we were so happy about that – and it's unrestricted money. We just got our check for the 2021 fiscal year payout, and it was over \$53,000 and it's unrestricted. We are very

proud of that; it's kudos for our agency."

The last thing Phelps spoke of was a partnership between her department and the sheriff's department, wherein some of that unrestricted payout would be used to fund Project Lifesaver.

Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski described the program, noting that his department sometimes receives calls about elderly individuals who wander off. He said there is a program that has a GPS-type tracking capability which would allow more accurately locate that person.

"And [find them] sooner," he said. "Especially in this kind of weather. Going in it's a \$4,300 investment but will likely actually end up being about \$6,000. But how do you put a value on someone's life like that, right?"

He said when the program was discovered, the department had reached out to Phelps.

"We brainstormed a little bit and came up with a way to cover it," Miedzianowski said. "And kudos, it's a great partnership on this one to take care of our elderly."

Sheriff John Wilson and Miedzianowski also addressed the board in a salary increase discussion. Wilson began by saying he was obviously there seeking a wage increase, something he has had only once in 14 years. He said it was not about him, but rather

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## Feeding Kids This Summer

### Meet Up and Eat Up food program

LANSING – Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program sponsors have worked hard serving meals to children in their communities, and the Michigan Department of Education is working with local meal providers to continue feeding children this summer.

Throughout the pandemic, over 700 sponsors have had sites serving healthy meals to their communities. MDE appreciates the hard work and effort that sponsors have been doing and continue to do.

"With many families in need and food banks in high demand, Michigan children are encouraged to use the summer food programs in their communities this summer," said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. "Meals provided in summer food programs meet nutritional standards for students and help children in their growth and development. School districts and other summer food service sponsors are ready and available to serve nutritious meals to help boost children's learning."

MDE is encouraging all school sponsors with eligible sites to continue providing meals during the summer months. Children and families rely on programs like the SFSP to keep their children healthy and ready to learn when school returns in the fall.

Program success is a team approach and helping sponsors by highlighting the Meet Up and Eat Up program in their communities is one way to assist, according to Rice.

"We are working to increase the awareness of the program's availability, get more community members involved, and provide meals to as many children as we can across the state," Rice said.

Community partners can help by identifying the best site locations, marketing and advertising the program, and contributing to program costs. If community partners use social media to publicize the SFSP, more families can connect to summer programming and nutritious meals.

To find a SFSP site, visit the Meet Up and Eat Up SFSP site locator map at [www.michigan.gov/meetupandeatup](http://www.michigan.gov/meetupandeatup). All site information (meal times, days open, and serving dates) is updated regularly.

For more information about how to help with the Meet Up and Eat Up SFSP this summer, contact MDE at 517-241-5374 or [mde-sfsp@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-sfsp@michigan.gov). For more information on the SFSP, visit [www.michigan.gov/sfsp](http://www.michigan.gov/sfsp).

# BOE Hears of Link Learning Program

Alternative Could Capture Drop Away, Disengaged Students

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY  
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – At its Feb. 14 monthly meeting, the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education finally got out of the high school auditorium and into its new digs at Hillside. The new Board Room is now in what used to be the Hillside Media Center, and while still in its bare-bones and empty-shelves stage, all in attendance seemed to welcome the chance to be once again at eye level with the board members.

Making a presentation to the board under Information and Discussion was Kristi Teall, executive director of Link Learning, an alternative education online blended learning program for Berrien Springs Public Schools. Teall said she has been an educator her whole working life, being a middle school teacher for nine years as well as an adult education teacher. She also building principal for preschool through second grade plus a year for middle school; was a curriculum director for three years; and then a superintendent for seven years. Teall then left that superintendency three years ago to take on her current role with Link Learning.

Teall noted that in comparison to Harrison's 1,253 students, Berrien has 2,000 on campus but also has 4,000 online.

"The students that we serve are either unserved or under-served," she said. "Our rule is not to take students from public schools; who we actually target are students that have already dropped out or are at risk of dropping out."

Teall said the majority of those students are over 18 years old, and that students ages 14-18 may participate in the Link Learning high school program. Unfortunately, many of those



Kristi Teall, executive director of Link Learning, offers school board members a look at what her organization provides as well as how struggling students in the HCS District could benefit from it. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

who come to the program at 18 are six to 12 credits behind, making them technically a freshman or sophomore.

"Our goal is to get them back into a school so they can get their diploma," she said.

The program began with one school in 2009, and how Link Learning serves three communities in the Upper Peninsula and what Teall called the "central corridor" comprised of Lakeview, St. Louis, Merrill, Belding, Tri County and Central Montcalm. Additionally, there is the "greater region" which includes three centers in Grand Rapids, one in Three Rivers and one soon to open in Schoolcraft. These she described as Public-Public-Partnerships: Berrien Springs as a public school district partnering with another public school district.

Teall's intent in approaching the HCS Board of Education was to seek approval for a partnership with the local district to begin a location to serve those dropped-out or at-risk students in the Harrison area.

"The wonderful thing about it, if you do choose to partner with us, is we will not take any Harrison students – unless you give us permission to take them," she said, adding that if students from surrounding districts chose to join Link Learning they would not need permission. Students from the actual partnering district would need the district's permission.

Teall said Link Learning always has a good working relationship with the high school principal and counselor, as well as superintendent. Part of that is allowing reports for those people to see how the students are doing.

"And we have ongoing conversations and meetings with high school personnel so we can make sure we are servicing the kids the way they want us to be servicing them," she said.

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Teall spoke of various circumstances addressed by the program, such as home-schooled students who reach a more complex level of learning around their junior year and whose parents are simply in above their heads. Also, those students who left for whatever reason and just did not go back to school, including those who have actually dropped out.

“One thing we have found in our experience is most kids don’t fail virtual learning because of academic issues,” she said. “They fail because of behavioral issues. They’re either not engaged, or not motivated.”

Realizing a need to track student behavior, the program also utilizes a quality assurance team which reviews student performance data every week, and monthly look for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, trends. If difficulties are evident for staff or students, the organization goes in and provides the needed support.

The program would include a physical drop-in center in the Harrison community where students can interact with various personnel, and those professionals can make sure things are going well for those students. Kids would be able to drop in as frequently or infrequently as suits. The program offers certified teachers, relationship managers, student support services, as well as the program’s four special education teachers who are servicing 95 special education students currently.

“We have four social workers who are actually servicing more than 95 students right now,” she said. “Because a lot of the students that come to us have anxiety



**The Harrison Community Schools Board of Education takes up the district’s business Feb. 14 in its long-anticipated new Board Room in the Hillside building. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)**

issues. They’re all certified as well.”

Another important element of the program is the dashboard which details whether teachers are making connections with students; if students are responding to them; calculations of time on task for students and for staff; what case-loads are; log-in rates; multi-tier system of support/strategies specific to virtual learning; achievement; course completion, and more.

Other dashboards allow for monitoring hourly/daily how students are doing and performing.

It was clarified that those Harrison students who graduate the Link Learning program would receive a diploma, but it would not be from Harrison High School, but rather from Berrien Springs for Link Learning.

Teall’s presentation was extensive and thorough, and supported by comments from HHS Principal Joe Ashcroft and Title Director

Kelly Lipovsky.

Lipovsky said that being in the process of looking at Alternative Education and using that funding more effectively, as the desired success is not being seen in many of those students.

“We feel this Link Learning program may add another piece of intervention that we’re not able to be successful with right now,” she said. “I also think there are kids out there, especially since the pandemic’s hit, that don’t want to come back physically into a school building anymore – so they’re just not doing school or they’re not doing school well because they’re missing 60-70 days of school a year.”

Superintendent Rick Foote also spoke of the possibility in the future of bringing Link Learning to students in grades 7 or 8 as a means of keeping them from dropping out of school later on.

“They don’t want to be in competition with us at all,” Foote said.

“It’s how do we capture those kids we aren’t capturing?”

Lipovsky also pointed out that by getting onboard with Link Learning at this time would make a location available to Harrison kids where they could get services “right in their backyard.”

“I have three Harrison kids right now that are already going [to Link Learning/St. Louis],” Ashcroft said. “If we have this partnership with them, then I’m working with Kristi to help these kids that just say ‘I’m out of here.’ So, I have another option to help them be successful for Harrison.”

Ashcroft also pointed out that once a student turns 19, by the end of that school year that student is gone.

“I send them to MichiganWorks [where they could get a GED],” he said. “That doesn’t mean they go to MichiganWorks.”

Foote clarified that the adult education program at Harrison closed down 10 years ago, which

is where the students 19 and older could finish their education.

Teall clarified that there would be no cost to the Harrison School District; that Berrien Springs would find a local facility – possibly an empty storefront – which it would pay for, including renovations.

There is a financial benefit to Harrison in the form of a signing bonus and five-year loyalty fee, plus a shared service fee from the students in the program.

Teall added that a positive aspect of coming to Harrison would be the many areas that could be serviced, i.e., north from Mount Pleasant: Beaverton, Gladwin, Marion, Reed City, Houghton Lake, and possibly as far north as Grayling.

After prolonged discussion, Teall urged the board members to send along any questions they might have about the program.

Under Public Participation,

Lipovsky informed the board about how some of the ESSER II funds and private donations for COVID relief had been spent for staff wellness. She said it was important to share that the Central Office and the Admin Team are thinking about staff and how hard they work. The items noted were providing Monday morning breakfast in the teachers’ lounges; a yoga class; a Keurig coffee maker/cups for the staff lounges; and a healthy cooking dinner class.

Under Action Items, the board moved to:

–Accept, with regret, the retirement of Dave Minor, high school English teacher.

–Accept the recommendation to hire Richard Gardner as girls varsity basketball coach.

–Make its nomination of Phil Brown for the Michigan Association of School Boards Board of Directors.

–Accept the resignation of Katelyn Sherrick, JV girls softball coach.

Board secretary Therese Haley added a comment regarding the resignation of Dave Minor.

“I’d just like to say I think he’s going to be very missed,” she said. “He’s a great guy and a great addition for our staff.”

Board president Chad Hathcock then introduced a request to reinstate the BOE scholarship this year. This is a scholarship comprised of personal funds (\$75 per member) gathered to benefit a graduating senior. Board members agreed to restart that scholarship.

The Harrison Community Schools Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the “new” Board Room at 224 W. Main St.

**HARRISON** – The Clare County Board of Commissioners passed the following motions at its Feb. 16 meeting. The Board moved to:

• Approve BOC Emergency Meeting minutes of Dec. 8, Organizational meeting minutes of Jan. 19 and Special Meeting minutes of Feb. 4

• Approve the CESF Grant Agreement between the Michigan State Police and the County of Clare’s 55<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court and the 80<sup>th</sup> District Court in the amount of \$9,220 with no grant match.

• Adopt Resolution No. 22-05 urging the State Legislature to

## BOC Passes Motions

amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act to address a reimbursement cap for auto accident victims.

• Adopt Ordinance No. 28 repealing the Clare County Anti-Blight Ordinance No. 16A in its entirety.

• Approve the contract between Hayes Township and Clare County Community Services for the purpose of blight enforcement and allow Chair to sign.

• Approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of Jan. 24, 2022, and Feb. 7, 2022, in

the amounts of \$271,255.29 and \$222,765.79

• Approve the expenditures for the month of January 2022 in the amount of \$2,535,068.10 with the General fund expenditures totaling \$982,023.62

• Approve Budget Adjustments Nos. 22-30, 22-31, 22-34 and 22-38 in the amounts of \$470; \$5,384; \$29,857.27 and \$26,118.80 to be distributed.

• Amend personnel manual to change the vacation leave years of service to coincide with the UAW Unit contracts.

• Approve a letter of understanding, subject to final form, for UAW Unit 2 removing paragraphs 3 and 4 under Article 36, Compensatory Time, as the wording does not pertain to employees within this unit.

• Approve a letter of understanding, subject to final form, for UAW Unit 1, revising Article 29, Wages, to read wage opener for years 10/1/2022 and 10/1/2023 for the remaining two years of the contract rather than 10/1/2023 and 10/1/2024.

• Appoint Commissioner Sandra Bristol to the Region 7 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board through March 2025.

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# Outdoors With Jeff

Well, as I look off to the west, I think that spring will not be too far away. I really hope that it's true; I have had enough zero-degree weather. It won't be long, in two or three weeks from now, we will be celebrating the St. Patrick's Day festival in downtown Clare.

In March, hunters will start getting excited and will start preparing what they will need when the turkey season starts. It won't be long, and they will be anxious, to get into Jay's Sporting Goods, to look at the new gadgets to hunt turkeys with. They will closely look at the new decoys and turkey calls and other things they may find. Some of you may say that it's too early to think about turkey hunting. If you think that, you don't really understand the

average hunter.

Another thing that will make you think about spring is the Mid-Michigan College, Northern Traditions at Jay's Sporting Goods in April. I know that some of you may think that it way too early to talk about these events. That may be true, but for some it's been a couple years since any event could be held because of the pandemic.

Just thinking there is a light at the end of the tunnel, there is hope that we can get to somewhat of a normal life.

Some of you may have heard that the Ducks Unlimited banquet had been pushed back and was scheduled to be in April this year. I worked on that during the winter, just a few weeks ago, the Ducks Unlimited is now scheduled for the month of October. More information will come as I attain it. Sometime before the banquet we will have another meeting, asking for volunteers for the banquet. This meeting, we will be held at the Doherty Hotel, and we will supply food for that meeting. This will be before the banquet.

No matter how I wish that winter will leave soon, it's hard, when the ice fishermen have reported that most lakes still have a foot or more of ice on the lakes. Most of the lakes, I have seen, there's still a lot of fishermen on the ice. It seems that every lake I have checked in our county and others, the people on the ice range in the hundreds on some lakes.

Another event was held on Black Lake that I have always wanted to fish for the Sturgeon. Most of the Sturgeon is harvested by spearing. This year over five hundred participated and the total length of the season was thirty-six minutes long. This is because only six fish could be harvested.

There has been a lot of activity on the Saginaw River and the Saginaw Bay. Again, I will warn you that conditions can change quickly on those bodies of water. Just the other day I sat at my computer, I listened that ten to fifteen people were rescued on Lake Erie. They all got off with help of citizens and the US Coast Guard.

Several years ago, I was asked how can you detect the ice is moving. My answer was maybe they have those sonar devices that will alert you. For me, a long time ago, we would put a heavy sinker on a fishing line, with no hooks and lower the sinker to the bottom. We would make sure the line was straight on the bottom. If the line started to slant one way or the other, we knew the ice was moving and to get off the ice while you



JEFF GOYT

can.

Fishermen, as spring gets closer and closer, we need to be alert on the ice conditions at all times. I've seen ice fishermen use a wide plank to get from the shore to the edge of ice on Higgins Lake. If there's space between the shore and ice edge, beware the ice may move, making it too difficult to get back on shore.

Fishing on the ice is a love hate relationship, you hate the cold weather and shoveling snow but you're sad when the ice fishing season ends. Just be patient spring will come someday. You can put the snow shovel back in the garage and the furnace won't come as much.



**CITY HELPLESS IN WAKE OF FROZEN SLEET**  
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(Above, left; Clare Courier, 2/24/1922, clipping.)



(Above right, Isabella County Enterprise, 2/24/1922, clipping.)

# ~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~



## A Glimpse Into The Past

An ice storm from Feb. 21-23, 2022 blanketed most of the upper Midwest including Clare County. Countless number of trees were lost. Newspapers reported the damage, and many photos exist in every community of this storm; left to right, top to bottom; Clare, Harrison, Marion & Reed City.

**TERRIBLE HAVOC WROUGHT BY BIG SLEET STORM**  
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A sleet storm struck this section Tuesday night and continued through Wednesday and Wednesday night, which has done damage beyond repair, and which cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. About 2:30 Wednesday morning people were awakened by falling branches, and from then until Thursday there was a continued crashing of tree branches, whole trees, light and telephone poles and wires. By noon Wednesday the sidewalks were blocked with broken trees, and many streets had to be cleared before cars could get through. Loaded with ice till they could no longer support it, beautiful maples, elms, fruit trees went down or were stripped of branches till but a stub remained.

The telephone and light wires were a tangled mass. Poles down, wires broken, and those up were supporting icicles four to six inches long.

All light and power service is gone. A few phones are yet working. This paper is printed by the use of a gas engine, and only such matter is in it as was set before the storm, except this one article, set by hand.

All the county is in ruins—and we don't know how far the storm extended. Orchards, shade trees, telephone lines—everything is in ruins. No persons have been killed and no buildings injured—but the scene is one of desolation.

Years will be required to repair the damage. At the time this is being set there is danger that the dam will go out.

As near as we can learn the storm crossed the state east and west and reaches from just north of Alma north to Cadillac.

The Clare Courier reported that they installed a gasoline engine in order to print the edition of paper reporting the storm. "Hand composition being necessary the Courier will not present its usual appearance."

Trains ran late, if at all and "the streets of Clare are covered with the shiny surface from door to door, and the trees, poles and wires glisten in their icy mantle. How long we will be without light, power and telephone is hard to say. It is certain no new poles can be installed until the frost is out of the ground and even temporary repairs cannot be made until warmer weather and the ice is gone."

In the weeks following the storm professors from the Michigan Agricultural College arrived in Clare to survey and give

advice to save the shade trees in the City of Clare.

Every community reported about the storm. Also from the Courier, "People of Farwell and vicinity, have sure suffered their share of losses by the unprecedented sleet storms of last week which has destroyed fruit and shade trees, forest trees both young and old, telephone, telegraph and electric light equipment, and nearly cut us off from the outside world, Pere Marquette trains and auto traffic have been our means of hearing from outside. Many of the present generation will never again in this territory see fine fruit and shade trees we have been privileged to enjoy."

Fortunately, no deaths in Clare County were caused by the storm.

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**Monday, Feb. 28**  
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**Wed., March 2**  
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## A New Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War Camp Organized in Cadillac, Michigan

*New local group serves in honoring and representing Civil War Union Veterans and promoting American History*

CADILLAC, MICHIGAN – On 16 November 2021, the Brothers of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444, headquartered in Cadillac, received their Date of Rank from the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) formally establishing the Camp and being formally recognized as chartered by the SUVCW. The Charter Members of Camp 444 have personal connections to the local region and/or a high interest in the area's history.

The SUVCW organized in 1881, is the legal heir and successor to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – the first major Veteran organization in the United States, founded in 1866. The GAR's purpose was to aid fellow Union Veterans, their widows, and their orphans through their ideals of: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. The GAR dissolved in 1956 when its last member died. The primary mission of the SUVCW consists of: honoring Union Veterans, preserving & perpetuating the GAR, and patriotic instruction. This includes, but is not limited to: the observance of

Memorial Day, graves registration of Civil War Veterans, the preservation of Civil War Memorials, dedication ceremonies, and American patriotic and historical education.

Camp 444 was assigned a geographical area of responsibility comprising five counties in northern Michigan which include: Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Osceola, and Clare. The Camp is named in honor of legendary Civil War and Great Lakes engineer Orlando M. Poe, with the Camp's number paying homage to Cadillac's Washington GAR Post 444.

General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 holds regular meetings 8 times annually in the months of March, April, May, June, July, September, October, and November in Cadillac. Other events and activities are scheduled throughout the year.

The Brothers of Camp 444 look forward to working and partnering with the local communities and area Veteran, historical, and genealogical organizations in promoting American history and honoring our Civil War Union Veterans and American Veterans of all eras.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reflecting on Frostbite

Our 2022 Frostbite has come and gone and was not perfect by any means, we had a few hiccups along the way.

As I sit back and reflect on the past couple of days, I think about all the planning that goes into a 3-day event, you have no idea unless you have done this yourself. You have heard it takes a village; it sure does! I could not have done this by myself. It's exhausting!

The Harrison Chamber along with the MMR had to make the difficult decision to unfortunately cancel the polar dip. This is something we didn't want to do but with the strong suggestion from MMR we decided it was the best decision. The wind chill that day was -17 and our shelters would not even stay up with the intense winds. We refunded the entry fee and gave all the participants their sweatshirts.

I must personally thank my fel-

low chamber members, Frostbite committee and volunteers that took out the time with their families to come to meetings, selling tickets for hours and all aspects of the festival. I know it was not easy but look at all the fun we had! Thank you to the businesses and private donors that donated items to the auction.

I encourage our businesses to take part in our busiest Winter Festival. The more you get involved the bigger the crowd and the more we can offer.

It would be nice if all the businesses could hold something in front of their own stores, it just might be something to think about for next year's festival.

I want to especially thank Chris Damvelt, our fire chief and crew and the Harrison DPW for all they do. I want to thank Susan Freeman for her dedication to our

festival, she went beyond her duties. I would like to thank 98.5 UPS for their constant support of the Harrison Chamber. The last thank you goes to the Harrison Moose Lodge; Mike, Pam, and the

whole staff, this is a wonderful organization that goes the extra mile to make everything a success.

**Vicky Buckley**  
 Frostbite Chairperson  
 Harrison Chamber of Commerce

### Weed Control Cost Questioned

Foolish people. Ones who said yes to Gray Lake weed control in Garfield Township, Clare County at Lake Station. God a mighty! We can't be giving up \$512 as if it grows on trees. By adding the weed control bill to the property taxes, we can't say no. \$512 would help with tires we need.

This is what happens when "authorities" are put in charge. And, for 5 years! We are getting about \$15,000 or so combined per year Social Security!

Come over and view our "swamp" at Gray Lake.

**James Berry**  
 Lake

**EDITORS NOTE:** Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editor, Angela Kellogg or Staff of the Clare County Cleaver, and are printed as a public service to its readers.



Letters must be typed, to the point, in good taste, and of general public interest. Organized campaign letters WILL NOT be published.

The Clare County Cleaver reserves the right to edit letters selected for publication. All letters MUST BE SIGNED!

## MDHHS updates mask guidance as state enters post-surge recovery phase in the COVID-19 pandemic

LANSING – As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to decline in the state, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is updating its mask guidance for public settings, including school settings, to reflect that Michigan is entering a post-surge, recovery phase.

Moving forward, the COVID-19 cycle can be broken down into three key phases:

**Response:** Local and state public health implement rapid response to a surge. The public may be advised to increase masking, testing and social distancing.

**Recovery:** Post-surge. No immediate resurgence predicted. Local and state public health will monitor conditions that could lead to future surges.

**Readiness:** A surge in cases is expected, with implications on severity of illness and hospital capacity. Increased communication to the public regarding possible new risks.

Currently, decreases in cases and hospitalizations and increased access to vaccines, testing and treatment indicate that Michigan is entering a post-surge, recovery phase of the cycle.

During this phase, MDHHS recommends that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, continue to practice universal masking in high-risk congregate settings including long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, jails and health care facilities. All individuals, regardless

*Based on current conditions, MDHHS is withdrawing the Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Public Settings, including school settings*

of vaccination status, should also wear a mask during isolation and quarantine periods to stop further community spread of COVID-19.

School districts and organizations should consider local conditions and work with their local health department to determine mask policies for school districts, public meetings and large events. Masks are an important tool in mitigating spread of COVID-19 and individuals who may be at higher risk of infection or who feel better protected when masked should choose when they feel comfortable masking.

"This is good news for Michigan," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "While Michigan hasn't had statewide mask policies since last June, this updated guidance will underscore that we are getting back to normal. Let's keep working together to build on our momentum so we can keep our kids learning in person."

"Individuals and families should assess their own risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission and make choices about when it makes sense to wear masks," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "We want to make sure individuals and local communities have the information and tools they need to make choices for their families based on their personal situation and local com-

munity conditions. We continue to strongly urge all residents ages 5 and older get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine and to get boosted when eligible as the vaccine continues to be our best defense against the virus."

The Feb. 16 announcement followed the governor's signing of the bipartisan \$1.2 billion supplemental funding bill, which includes \$150.8 million for testing and screenings in schools so kids can continue safely learning in person.

Michiganders should consider their individual and family members' risk factors and vaccination status when making the personal decision whether to mask. Those with chronic illnesses or who are immunocompromised are at higher risk for poor outcomes from COVID-19 and would benefit most from masking in indoor settings.

### PROGRAM FOR MICHIGAN HOMEOWNERS EXPERIENCING HARDSHIPS

LANSING – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) launched a new program Feb. 14 to aid homeowners with additional financial support to help Michiganders pay their bills and stay in their homes.

The Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF) uses federal resources allocated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide financial assistance to homeowners who have fallen behind on homeownership-related expenses. The MIHAF program can help with delinquent mortgage, property tax and/or condominium payments, payment of escrow shortages, and past due utilities payments, including gas, water, electric, and internet or broadband.

"Over the years, we've made great strides to keep families in their homes, and this additional financial support will build on our efforts that put Michiganders first," said Whitmer. "The program offers homeowners much-needed relief to help them overcome those financial obstacles while also providing a strong degree of housing security – a vital measure that can positively impact every part of our lives."

The U.S. Treasury allocated a total of \$242,812,277 to Michigan for the MIHAF program, which

These risk factors may include age, medical conditions and vaccination status.

MDHHS will continue to monitor the transmission of COVID-19 closely to assess risk across the state and adjust as conditions change. These changes could include the presence of a new variant that increases the risk to the public, or an increased number of cases that strains the health care system.

"For the past several months, we have been in a response phase as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations surged," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. "With the continued decline in cases and hospitalizations, we are now entering a post-surge, recovery phase. As we move through the phases of our COVID-19 response our recommendations will be updated to reflect the current status of transmission, but we will continue to prioritize public health and promote health and wellness for all families and communities."

MSHDA anticipates will help more than 8,300 homeowners across the state. Half of the funds have been allocated by the state Legislature, and the remaining approximately \$121 million must be approved at a later date.

"The MIHAF program will ensure thousands of Michigan homeowners avoid the personal devastation of foreclosure while also helping communities across Michigan reduce the secondary impacts foreclosures can have on neighborhoods, local governments, and social services networks," said Mary Townley, MSHDA's director of homeownership.

"We are grateful to Gov. Whitmer for putting Michigan first and providing this critical support." To qualify for MIHAF, applicants must have experienced a qualified financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic after Jan. 21, 2020, or had a qualified hardship that began before Jan. 21, 2020, but continued after that date, meet income eligibility requirements, and the property must be owner-occupied. The maximum amount of assistance available through MIHAF per household is \$25,000.

Interested homeowners can find details and a link to the application portal at Michigan.gov/MIHAF or receive assistance with their application submission by calling 844-756-4423.

## Grammar Guy

### The world of water words



CURTIS HONEYCUTT

At some point, every person thinks about making his mark – leaving his legacy in this world. Because I tend to think literally, I have always thought it would be cool to have a geographical feature named after me. I'm not asking for an ocean or anything, but I wouldn't be opposed to a street in the nice area of town. I'd even be open to a ditch.

There's a ditch in Fishers, Indiana, with a sign displayed in classic road sign green with familiar white lettering: Shoemaker Ditch. It's a humble ditch that announces itself with all the fanfare of an intrastate highway. Every time I pass the sign, I wonder: did Mr. or Ms. Shoemaker contribute to the history and development of this area? Or did one of them die a shoddy death in this shallow-depth ditch? The mind races.

Of course, you know what's coming next. There's a word for the name of a body of water: a hydronym. Hydronym (Greek for "water name") is a subset of geographical toponyms (place names). Hydronymy refers to the naming of any body of water. I'm going to lump ditches and ponds in with rivers, lakes, fjords, seas and oceans. Even small, manmade bodies of water should count, IMHO (in my hydronymic opinion).

This got me to wondering: who gets to name bodies of water? This winding river of research led me to a group called the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). The IHO is made up of 97 countries that agree on standards for surveying and charting bodies of water.

All's well and good in the IHO

until a naming dispute arises. Take the Sea of Japan, for instance. This is the internationally recognized name for the body of water bordered by Japan, North and South Korea, and Russia. However, South Korea prefers "East Sea," while North Korea likes "Korean East Sea." In 1992, the IHO decided to include "East Sea" as a secondary hydronym for the Sea of Japan. The North Koreans still aren't happy.

If you need a reason to celebrate on June 21, take the day off to celebrate World Hydrography Day, a day in which you celebrate the importance of hydrography. Of course, the group of folks who get to decide on names of bodies of water (the IHO) also invented this holiday. So, when June 21 rolls around, raise a tall glass of water to hydrography and hydronyms. Perhaps some year in the not-too-distant future, part of that holiday will include the ribbon-cutting for Honeycutt Ditch.

*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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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made and the terms and conditions of a Judgment of Foreclosure obtained in Clare County Circuit Court Case No. 21-900183-CH, dated October 18, 2021 (OAK RIDGE RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION v STEVE STRAND & TRACIE STRAND, ONLY), which was recorded December 9, 2021 in Liber 1507 on Page 168, Clare County Records, on which Oak Ridge Resort Condominium Association claims to be due as of October 18, 2021, the sum of **\$4,692.44** in past due assessment dues, maintenance, property taxes and attorney fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE** by virtue of the power of public sale contained in said Judgment of Foreclosure, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** in the forenoon, said property will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby of the Clare County Courthouse, Harrison, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Clare is held), of the premises described in said Judgment, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, on said Judgment, together with all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises is described as: Unit Number 102, Oak Ridge Resort, a condominium, according to the Consolidating Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 425, Pages 290 through 328, Clare County Records, as designated as Replat No. 1 of Clare County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 2, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the Consolidated Master Deed. Tax ID# 18-007-419-102-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale.  
 Dated: January 31, 2022  
**TARA S. HOVEY**  
 Attorney for Oak Ridge Resort Condominium Association 5-3

**STATE OF MICHIGAN 80th JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE CASE NO. 22-0682-SP**

**Court Address:** 225 West Main Street Harrison, MI. 48625  
**Court Telephone:** 989-539-7173  
 Robert L. Curns 37 Cranberry Lake Road Harrison, MI. 48625 v.  
 Kimberly J. Lyon 410 County Farm Road Harrison, MI. 48625 989-630-7848

**THE COURT FINDS:**  
 1. Service of process upon the defendant, Kimberly Lyon, cannot reasonable be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be make 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:**  
 Other: Publication for 3 consecutive weeks.

Dated: 2/7/22  
 Joshua M. Farrell P60752 7-2\*

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CLARE COUNTY OF CLARE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 22-18519-DE**

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**TO ALL CREDITORS: \***  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
 The decedent, ANDREW OCHSS, died 12/15/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Angela M. Sawicki, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 West Main Street, P.O. Box 96, Harrison, MI. 48625-0096 and the personal representa-

tive within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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 Dominic N. Hamden P67745  
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 Angela M. Sawicki 693 Prairie Creek Road Ionia, MI. 48846 810-656-1717 8

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clare County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on March 30, 2022.

The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property.

A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

**Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):** Rosemary Simpson, an unmarried woman

**Original Mortgage:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

**Foreclosing Assignee (if any):** LoanCare, LLC  
**Date of Mortgage:** September 28, 2004  
**Date of Mortgage Recording:** October 5, 2004

**Amount claimed due on date of notice:** \$15,092.25  
**Description of the mortgaged premises:**

Situated in Township of Hayes, Clare County, Michigan, and described as: Lot Numbered 22, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF THE THIRD ADDITION TO ALLEN-DALE, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 16 of Plats, pages 24-25, Clare County Records.

**Common street address (if any):** 1054 Burrington St, Harrison, MI 48625-9204

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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

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Date of notice: February 24, 2022  
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**LEGALS (Continued on Page 6)**

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**LINCOLN TOWNSHIP - CLARE COUNTY Public Notice**

On a meeting held on the 14th day of February 2022 the Lincoln Township Board of Trustees adopted resolution number 021422-C, a resolution to amend the Lincoln Township Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the amendments can be obtained by email from [clm@lincolntwp.com](mailto:clm@lincolntwp.com) or by contacting the clerk at 989-588-9069. **The effective date of the amendments is the 4th day of March 2022.**

**Section 20.8 Paragraph 5 (Time Period Restrictions)**  
 Sub-paragraph "a." designation is deleted; and The sentence is changed to "between December 1 and May 1". Sub-paragraph "b." is deleted, in its entirety

**Section 20.29 Temporary Storage Structures (This is a New Section)**

**A. Scope:** Temporary Storage Structures shall be subjected to the regulations of this Section, except where expressly regulated, otherwise, by this Ordinance.

**B. Definition:** Temporary Storage Structure is defined as: A framework of wood, plastic, or metal which is secured to the ground by anchor, rod, rod drill, buried weight or unburied weight, a portable outdoor building, or portable garage, or enclosed trailer established for a limited duration with the intent to discontinue such use and remove said structure upon the expiration of a predetermined time period.

**C. Permit Required:** No temporary storage structure shall be erected prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit. Applications for permanent accessory buildings and structures shall be administered and reviewed as part of an original or proposed revised plot plan (Section 2.4 (B) or site plan (Article 6). Applications for a permit for a temporary accessory structure shall be administered by the Township Zoning Administrator.

**D. Standards:**  
 1.) Temporary Storage Structures are only allowed in RR, R-1, R-2, or R-2a districts in conjunction with a Recreational Vehicle Permit.  
 2.) A Temporary Storage Structure shall not exceed two hundred forty (240) square feet in area and no roof overhangs shall exceed twelve (12) inches.  
 3.) A Temporary Storage Structure shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.  
 4.) A Temporary Storage Structure shall be set back a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet from the front lot line, and a minimum distance of five (5) feet from a side and rear lot lines and shall comply with all other accessory building setbacks as specified in the Ordinance.  
 5.) Temporary Storage Structures are only allowed on parcels with a valid Recreational Vehicle Zoning permit issued pursuant to Section 20.8.  
 6.) No Temporary Storage Structures shall be permitted for any period of time between December 1 and May 1

**E. Number:** No more than two (2) Temporary Storage Structures shall be erected on a single lot. The total square footage of all temporary storage structures on a lot shall not exceed 240 square feet.

**F. Habitation of Accessory Buildings or Structures:** No Temporary Storage Structure shall be used or occupied as a dwelling except as may be authorized pursuant to Section 20.7 - Temporary Dwellings.

**G. Items Prohibited as a Temporary Storage Structure:** The following are prohibited as a Temporary Storage Structure:  
 1.) Mobile homes, irrespective of how the home may be used including for storage purposes, except as authorized by Section 20.7 - Temporary Dwellings.  
 2.) Automobiles, busses, trucks, semi-tractor trailers, storage crates or canisters designed for hauling by vehicle, and similar containers, vehicles and vehicle parts, converted or otherwise.

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~ LEGALS ~
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Publication Of Notice
In the matter of Jean F. MacKellar Trust u/a/d/ March 14, 1980, as amended
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: \*
Whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, Jean F. MacKellar, who lived in Harrison, Michigan died February 9, 2022. Susan J. MacKellar is the successor trustee of the Jean F. MacKellar Trust u/a/d March 14, 1980, as amended. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against this Trust Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Successor Trustee, Susan J. MacKellar within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: February 11, 2022
Gambrell and Associates PLC
P57171
240 West Main Street Suite 1000
Midland, MI. 48640
989-631-7626
Susan J. MacKellar
792 Lakeview Road
Harrison, MI. 48625
989-600-1007
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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP
Board of Review - Meeting Schedule
The Greenwood Township Board of Review will hold an organizational Meeting at the Township Hall 3447 W Temple Ave - Harrison, Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30pm
The Board of Review will hear appeals at the Township Hall from property owners regarding their 2021 tax assessment on:
- Tuesday, March 15th 9am to 12pm, and from 1pm to 4pm and
- Wednesday, March 16th 2pm to 5pm, and from 6pm to 9pm
All meetings are subject to the guidelines of Michigan's Open Meeting Act.
Property owners can also submit their questions regarding Tax assessment via 1st class mail to: Rachel Mackson, Township Clerk 838 N Harding - Harrison, MI 48625
All correspondence must be received by Friday, March 11, 2022
Township Supervisor - Secretary to the Board of Review
Jess McClaughey
0-488-0056

PUBLIC NOTICE
Township of Lincoln
March 2022 Board of Review
The March, 2022 Board of Review will be held at the Lincoln Township Hall, 175 Lake George Avenue, Lake George, Michigan on the following dates:
Tuesday, 08 March at 6:00 p.m.
(Organizational Meeting, No Appeals Heard)
Appeals Hearings - 1st Day
Monday, 14 March • 9:00 a.m. to Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Appeals Hearings - 2nd Day
Tuesday, 15 March • 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
The Increase on Taxable Value for 2022, as mandated Statewide is 1.033, or 3.3 %
Please Note: It is NOT necessary to schedule an Appointment for an Appeal. Should someone other than the Property Owner be making the appeal, a letter of authorization signed by the owner must be presented at Appeal.
All meetings are subject to the Provisions of Public Act 267 of 1976, The Open Meetings Act (as amended) - MCL 15.260 (et seq)
Appellants not able to attend, may Mail or e-Mail an appeal and shall receive equal consideration, as an appearance in person to:
Lincoln Township Board of Review, P.O. Box 239
Lake George, Michigan 48633-0239
Or email: bor@lincolntwp.com
Please Note that Mailed or e-Mailed Appeals MUST BE RECEIVED in our offices No later than Tuesday, 15 March, by 9:00 p.m. or they will not be considered.
Tentative Ratio(s) and Multiplier(s) for each Property Class, for 2022
Agriculture N/C N/A
Commercial 48.33 1.03455
Industrial 46.98 1.06428
Residential 45.59 1.09673
Timber C/Over N/C N/A
Developmental N/C N/A
Personal / Utility 50.00 1.00000
Dennis Zimmerman
Board of Review Secretary and Lincoln Township Supervisor
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NOTICE
The Hayes Township Board of Review will meet the following dates in March 2022 at the Hayes Municipal Complex, 2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI.
• Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
• Appeal Hearing
Monday, March 14, 2022, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
• Appeal Hearing
Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Assessments can be appealed by mail or in person. Mailed appeals must be received before Monday, March 7, 2022 and sent to:
Hayes Township Assessor, P.O. Box 310, Harrison, MI 48625
or delivered in person to the Hayes Municipal Complex at 2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison.
Meetings are held in accordance with the General Appropriations Tax Act and Open Meeting Act.
Debra Hoyt
HAYES TOWNSHIP CLERK

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP
2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE
THE ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW FOR MARCH 2022
will be held at the Arthur Township Hall at 3031 S. Athey Ave. Clare MI, 48617.
The Arthur Township March Board of Review will meet on the following dates:
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm
Organizational meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022 at 9:00 am to 3:00pm
Appeal Hearing
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm Appeal Hearing
The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2022 assessments. Taxpayers are able to protest by letter, E-mail, or in person. Letter or E-mail must be received by March 14, 2022. Letters must be mailed to Bill Strouse 8164 E. Washington Rd. Clare, MI, 48617 or E-mail billstrouse@ispmtg.com
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7-day notice. Contact Janice LaRose, Clerk at 989-429-5525

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Frost Township
March 2022 Board of Review
Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 3:00 PM
Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM to 3:00PM
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 3:00PM to 9:00 PM
Meeting Location:
Frost Township Hall
9031 N. Clare Ave.n
Harrison, MI 48625
Joan Rattray
Frost Township Clerk

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Harrison Women of the Moose Lodge
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
5185 N. Clare Ave., Harrison
License # A20074 Proceeds for General Fund
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Harrison Lions Club
Thursday - 6:00 p.m.
Harrison Lions Club Building
Fairgrounds, Harrison
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BINGO
VFW Post 1075
Friday - 6:00 p.m.
VFW Post 1075 - Harrison
License # A00154 Proceeds go to General Fund
BINGO
VFW Post 1075
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.
VFW Post 1075 - Harrison
License # A21883 Proceeds go to General Fund

PUBLIC NOTICE
Hamilton Township
Board of Review - March 2022
Organizational Meeting:
March 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM
First Appeals:
March 14, 2022 • 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Second Appeals:
March 17, 2022 • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Appeals can be made by letter, phone appointment, or in person.
Written appeals must be received by Monday, March 7, 2022. Appeals can be mailed to: Hamilton Township Board of Review 3042 N. Rodgers Ave., Harrison, MI. 48625 or deposited in the town hall drop box.
David Wright
Hamilton Township Board Secretary

CITY OF HARRISON
March Board Of Review
As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by the City of Harrison that the 2022 March Board of Review will meet at the following locations, days and times for the purpose of reviewing the 2022 assessment roll and hearing protests and appeals of assessed and/or tentative taxable values and hearing and deciding on other matters as permitted by law.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
(Organizational meeting only. Protests or appeals will NOT be heard at this session.)
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS
Tuesday, March 15, 2022: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 17, 2022: 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Additional dates and times may be added by the Board of Review as necessary. Such dates and times will be posted at the City Hall.
2022 Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real property classes in the City of Harrison are:
Commercial 49.84 / 1.00321
Residential 46.89 / 1.06633
Industrial 47.53 / 1.05197
Location: Harrison City Hall
2105 Sullivan Drive
Harrison, MI 48625
The Board of Review will meet at the times listed above to hear appeals by property owners or their representatives. An owner's representative must present a letter of authorization signed by the property owner in order to be heard. Letters of appeal are also accepted in lieu of a personal appearance and must be received (not postmarked) by the Board of Review no later than March 17, 2022 at noon. Letter appeals must include Form 618/L-4035 with their documentation. Taxpayers or their authorized representative may contact the Assessor prior to the Board or Review dates to discuss 2022 assessed or taxable values at (989) 539-7145 or via email at assessor@cityofharrison-mi.us.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Franklin Township will be having Board of Review held at:
9809 North M-18
Gladwin, MI., 48625
March 5th at 5pm
March 14th 9am to 3 pm
March 16th 3pm to 9 pm

CITY OF HARRISON
Planning Commission
Notice Of Public Hearings
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at 6:00 pm on March 8, 2022 public hearings will be held to consider the following requests:
1. A rezoning request from Harrison Area Economic Development Corporation (HEADCO) to rezone the parcels of 070-028-400-40, 070-028-400-40-42 and 070-028-400-43 that are located at 945 Old County Farm St., Harrison, MI 48625 from Ag and R-3 to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning.
2. A rezoning request from Kevin Gamble of Superior Concrete Construction to rezone the parcels of 070-028-400-08 that is located at 1379 N. Clare Ave., Harrison, MI 48625 from Ag and C-2 to a light industrial to erect a portable concrete batch plant and silo.
Please take notice that comments may be made in person at these public hearing or by writing. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 pm the day of the hearings at the above address. Documents concerning these requests maybe viewed at City Hall at the above address during normal business hours. The Planning Commission, by ordinance and statute, has the right to deny, approve, or approve with conditions, the foregoing applications.
Harrison Planning Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE
2022 March Board Of Review
Summerfield Township Meeting Schedule
Summerfield Township, Clare County
The Summerfield Township Board of Review for March 2022 will be held in person by appointment.
The Township of Summerfield March Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on:
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 12:00 PM
Summerfield Township Hall
9971 N. Finley Lake Ave.
Harrison, MI 48625
(989) 539-2501 - to schedule appointment
This meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Act.
The March 2022 Board of Review Meetings will be held during the following dates and time:
Monday, March 14, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM



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 • EMAIL: editor@clarecountycleaver.net  
 • 989-539-7496

# LOCAL EVENTS & NEWS

## Quilts of Valor Awarded



On Feb. 14, Leslie Walters presented this Quilt of Valor to Kellie Pruyt, pictured at Paul Payne is shown receiving his Quilt of Valor. Payne served in the U.S. Marines. Pruyt served in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years. (Photos provided by Leslie Walters)

## Donkey B-Ball Game a Real KICK

The Roscommon County Sherriff's Posse All Star team took on the I Survived Donkey Basketball 2022 team from Skeels Christian School in a rousing game of donkey basketball. There were donkeys with an attitude, those with lots of sweetness, and those that no one really understood. Players did their best to embrace whatever personality the donkey decided to show.

Both teams fought bravely to get the donkeys positioned near their team's basket, making shots from everywhere. Players were pushing, walking beside their donkeys, pulling, and even dangling a carrot in front of their beast to get them down the court. Yes, carrots seemed to be the secret weapon the SCS team smuggled into the event to encourage donkey cooperation.

After halftime rides for the kids, the game really heated up when a donkey named Wild Thing took to the court. Wild Thing had a technique of quickly



Deputy Jacob John

dipping its head to send the rider down to the floor, much like a fun ride down a children's slide. Deputy Jacob John and Seasonal Deputy James Bannon were great sports as they tried to maneuver Wild Thing.

Scoring was kept to minimum with the Posse All Stars scoring four baskets while the I Survived Donkey Basketball team scoring only two. However, with fans paying for additional points the SCS team came out the big winners with over 300 points.

Skeels Christian School appreciates the generosity of the crowd as they paid for team points, bought food from the concession stand, and paid to ensure the floor was kept clean. The event was made possible by sponsors Prime Lending of Gladwin and Owens Brothers Mowing Caleb and Colby. Thank you to everyone who made the night possible, raising over \$2,800 for the SCS athletic program.

## Kailee Hunt Makes Cedarville University Fall Dean's List

Cedarville University student Kailee Hunt from Harrison, majoring in Primary (P-5) Education, was named to the Dean's List for Fall 2021. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

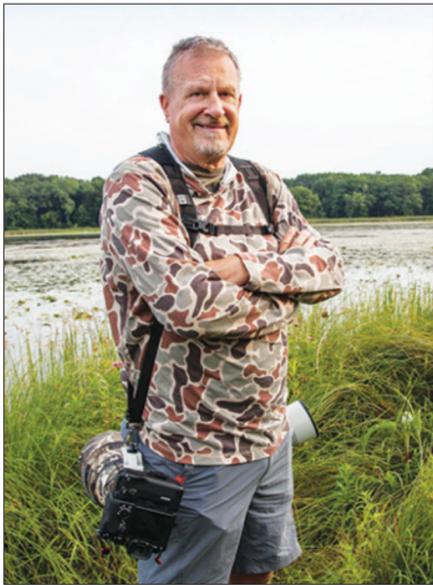
Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about Cedarville University, visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu).

## A Northern Tradition Returns to Jay's Sporting Goods

Tickets are now available for A Northern Tradition, Mid Michigan College's annual fundraiser, which is planned for April 10 at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare. More than \$1.7 million has been raised through this event over the last 20 years, benefitting the Mid Michigan College Foundation.

Mike Avery will serve as the honorary host at the event. Mike Avery is a long-time Michigan-based broadcaster with more than forty years in the business. Mike is a strong advocate of the outdoor lifestyle. His three-hour weekly Outdoor Magazine radio show promotes the history and tradition of hunting, fishing, shooting, and trapping. Mike has the most popular outdoor radio show in the state with more than thirty affiliate stations. He also has a very strong following on social media.

This year's commemorative art features photography by featured artist Steve Jessmore. Jessmore is a 30-year photojournalist, five-time



STEVE JESSMORE

Michigan Photographer of the Year, Robert F. Kennedy Photojournalism awardee, and former chief photographer of the Flint Journal. He is an avid outdoor photographer with a love for all wildlife, especially birds. In 2021, two of his bird images swept the professional division of the national 2021 Audubon Photography contest, winning 1st place and honorable

mention.

"This year's event represents a welcome return to Jay's Sporting Goods," said Tom Olver, executive director of the Mid Michigan College Foundation. "We're thrilled to offer a tremendous experience for our attendees."

Each \$75 ticket provides the attendee with a \$25 gift certificate to Jay's Sporting Goods and a commemorative art print or note card set. Attendees will also enjoy refreshments from local restaurants, chef-crafted wild game tastings, creative mocktails, various

desserts, and live music by Full Cord Bluegrass. Tickets are available for purchase at [online at midmich.edu/ant](http://online.midmich.edu/ant) or by texting TRADITION to 91999. For more information about A Northern Tradition, visit [midmich.edu/ant](http://midmich.edu/ant) or contact Tom Olver at [tolver@midmich.edu](mailto:tolver@midmich.edu) or 989-386-6675.



MIKE AVERY

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP MEETING

Hamilton Township  
 3042 North Rodgers Ave.  
 Harrison, MI. 48625

### Notice of Date Change

The Hamilton Township General Board Meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022, has been rescheduled to Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will take place at the Hamilton Township Hall, 3042 N. Rodgers Ave., Harrison, MI. 48625.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261)

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## Harrison Lions Club Gets New Member



Debbi Quarry is congratulated Feb. 16 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Jim Patterson, Fremont Lions Club, at her induction into the Harrison Lions Club.

The Harrison Lions Club recently welcomed its newest member, Debbi Quarry, who was inducted Feb. 16 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Jim Patterson, Fremont Lions Club. Debbi Quarry and her husband, Chief Barry Quarry, make delicious meals on Tuesday and Thursday for Bingo Nights at the Lions Club. They both have been a great asset to the Harrison Lions Club. Anyone is welcome to stop by to play bingo and enjoy a menu that is wonderful and inexpensive. The club is still seeking new Harrison Lions members to join and learn how it continues to serve the community and have a great time doing so. Meetings include meals, and soon card games and corn hole tournaments, selling raffle tickets and more.

## WELCOME HOME VETERANS DAY



### Mid Michigan

Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1047 of Harrison, MI., honors the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, set for the 29th of March each year.

On the 26 of March 2022 we celebrate the 11th Annual Welcome Home Veterans Day! Held at the Harrison, MI., American Legion Post 404

Everyone Welcome • Free lunch for all who attend!  
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# Obituaries

## CHARLES "COACH" ROBERT ZEITER

SEPTEMBER 22, 1937- FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Charles "Coach" Robert Zeiter died peacefully in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He was 84 years old.

Charlie is survived by his wife Martha Zeiter (Grant); his children, Charlie G. Zeiter (Janel) and Heidi Barber and grandchildren, Karavela and Charlie Zeiter and Christian and Drew Barber. He was preceded in death by his parents Don and Ruth Zeiter and his first wife, JoAnn Ann Zeiter (Dryzyga).

Charlie was born on September 22, 1937, in Cleveland, Ohio. As a young child, he helped his dad at Zeiter Speedway and at the age of 12, moved to Clare, Michigan and helped raise cows on their dairy farm. He graduated from Clare High School and Central Michigan University where he graduated with a teaching degree. He went on to become a math teacher at Farwell Middle School and a ski coach for 48 years with Farwell, Clare and Mt. Pleasant High Schools. "Coach's" passion was skiing, and he was successful in sharing that passion with anyone he encountered. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Hall of Fame and the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and his legacy will live on.

At Charlie's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service



at this time. Instead, he prefers that friends and loved ones will "take a last run" for him and always "ski fast, laugh often". A celebration of life will take place with close friends and loved ones in May.

The family would like to give a special thank-you to the wonderful staff at Green Acres Assisted Living and especially, "Charlie's Angels", who took amazing care of him during his stay there. In remembrance of Charlie, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to: The Bryan Langlois Memorial Ski Team Mt. Pleasant High School Athletic Department 1155 S. Elizabeth St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 OR Green Acres Assisted Living 1805 E. Remus Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

## TAMMY LEE POWELL RONK

NOVEMBER 20, 1965 - FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Tammy Lee Powell Ronk, 56, of St. Louis, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2022, peacefully at her home surrounded by family after a very long and hard battle with cancer. Even though her battle was long and hard she always had a smile on her face and was always an inspiration to many.

She was born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, on November 20, 1965, she was a preemie and was born at only 30 weeks and weighed 3 lbs. 11 oz. the next day she dropped a full pound to 2 lbs. 11 oz., so she has always been a fighter from day 1.

Daughter of Charles and Theresa Powell. Tammy married John Phillip Ronk on April 2, 1984. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She loved gardening and being outdoors. Surviving in addition to her husband Phil of 37 years is her son Charles and wife Rocky, daughter Crystal Parlove and husband Dustin, son John and Son Matthew, 4 grandchildren Olivia, Takoda, Athena, and Drake all of St. Louis, Michigan.



Mother Theresa Powell of Harrison, Michigan and sister Theresa Cook of Coleman, MI. Brother Charles (Chuck) Powell and wife Stephanie of Harrison, Michigan, half-sister Tracey Geml and husband Mike of Texas City, TX, half-brother Scott of Phoenix, Arizona and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents George and Bertha Powell, Emile and Maria Bidoul, Father Charles Powell, sister Tina Powell and several aunts and uncles.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a celebration of life party later for family and friends.

## TAMMY PAULINE (LOVETT) RYNEARSON

SEPTEMBER 1, 1964- FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Tammy Pauline (Lovett) Ryneanson, 57, passed away surrounded by family after battling a short illness February 18, 2022, at University of Michigan Hospital. She was born September 1, 1964, in Garden City, MI, the daughter of Charles and Pauline Lovett.

Tammy graduated from Farwell High School, Class of 1982. She then went on to receive her associate degree in Nursing at Mid Michigan College. She worked for MidMichigan Health for 27 years as a RN. She recently retired to do what she loved most, spending time with her family. She married Greg Ryneanson December 31, 1990, where they celebrated 31 years of marriage. She loved kayaking, spending time with family, designing shabby chic household furniture, and lived for her 10 grandchildren who she loved dearly.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Greg Ryneanson, are her parents, Charles and Pauline Lovett, brother Randy (Kristin) Lovett, sister Lesley (Bryan) Johnson, daughter Ashlee (Mitch) Hales, son, Lance Ryneanson, son, Cameron (Emily) Blain. She was an aunt to Emmalee, Brady, Julia, Olivia, Elizabeth, and Ethan, her grandchildren: Ethan, Rory, Cameron, Weston, Natalie, Eastin, Parker, Rosie, Bean, and Isaiah. She was preceded in death by her grand-



parents and brother, Daniel Lovett.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. at the Brown Corners Church, 5540 S. Clare Ave., Clare, Mi., with Pastor Jeremiah Ketchum officiating. Friends may meet with her family at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Tuesday, Feb 22, from 4 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. until the service time at the church. Burial will be in the Pleasant Plains (Hayes Twp.) Cemetery, in Harrison. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Brown Corners United Brethren Church - Youth Ministries. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to leave an online condolence message on Tammy's Tribute Page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

## JAMES "JIM" LEE SUTFIN

APRIL 5, 1933 - FEBRUARY 14, 2022

James "Jim" Lee Sutfin age 88 of Howell, Michigan formerly of Harrison, Michigan passed away peacefully on Monday, February 14, 2022 at Village Manor Retirement of Howell. James was born April 5, 1933 in Livingston County, Michigan the son of James A. Sutfin and Naomi (Jackson) Sutfin. Mr. Sutfin enlisted in the United States Navy and honorably served his country during the Korean Conflict. James was united in marriage to Ms. Juanita E. Yardley on July 3, 1969 in Brighton, Michigan. Mrs. Sutfin preceded Jim in death on October 20, 2010 after forty-one years of marriage.

Mr. Sutfin retired from the State of Michigan after many years of dedicated service. Jim had resided in Howell since 2019, relocating from Harrison. Mr. Sutfin enjoyed traveling, spending winters in Florida, snowmobiling excursions with his family, hunting and fishing.

Surviving Mr. Sutfin is his son, Mark Sutfin and wife Terri of Fenton, Michigan, two grandchildren; Jacob Sutfin and Ashley Gleason and husband Ricky, two great-grandchildren; Brooklyn Gleason and Maeva Gleason, two sisters; Jenny Swainke and husband Larry of California and Ella McClatchey and husband William "Butch" of Howell, three brothers; Leon Sutfin and wife Imogene of Fowlerville, Michigan, Ellis Sutfin and wife Ruthie of Naubinway,



Michigan and Ernie Sutfin and wife Julie of Swartz Creek, Michigan, plus many nieces, nephews and extended family. Mr. Sutfin also was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Fran Westphal.

Graveside services and military honors for Mr. Sutfin will be held Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. from Sanford Cemetery, 2115 Chase Lake Road, Howell, Michigan 48855. Memorial gifts in memory of Mr. Sutfin may be considered to: Careline Hospice, 103 South Jackson Street, Jackson, Michigan 49201. To share an online memory or condolence with Jim's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements and care of Mr. Sutfin and his family are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home (989)539-7810.

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# Legal Action Taken Regarding 'AT&T DirecTV' Scam Calls

LANSING — Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has issued subpoenas that will allow the Department to learn more about scammers pretending to offer AT&T DirecTV services, with a goal of putting a stop to the illegal robocalls.

Judge Joyce Draganchuk of the Ingham County Circuit Court recently authorized the Attorney General to issue these subpoenas based upon an Ex Parte Petition. The Petition explains that preliminary information received by the Department's Corporate Oversight Division estimated that more than half a million calls related to the spoofing campaign are coming into Michigan each month.

The Petition also alleges there is probable cause to believe that thinQ Technologies, Inc. was an originating Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service provider that brought

the calls onto the country's telephone network during certain time periods. ThinQ is headquartered in North Carolina. The identity of other originating or point of entry service providers for the calls is under investigation.

"VoIP services convert your voice into a digital signal that travels over the Internet. VoIP service providers route outgoing and incoming calls, converting the digital signal to a regular telephone signal before it reaches the destination. These services are a cheap way for robocallers to make millions of scam calls from anywhere in the world, in a matter of minutes," the petition explains. "The purposes of this investigation are to ascertain the Unknown Caller Respondent's true identity and location; the identities of Unknown VoIP Provider Respondents causing the illegal robocalls to be made; and to obtain documents and records relevant to

Respondent thinQ's business practices in relation to the fake 'AT&T DirecTV' calls."

The filing is now available on the Department of Attorney General website.

"We are doing everything we can to track down and stop the persons or entities responsible for causing Michiganders to endure these illegal robocalls," Nessel said.

"If you receive a call offering you a massive discount on DirecTV services, consider the possibility it's a scam. Current DirecTV customers should rely on phone numbers listed in your service correspondence or customer service information available on the website if you need to get in touch with the service provider."

THE SCAM: The robocalls offer recipients a 50% discount on the purchase of DirecTV subscription services. The calls are designed to seem legitimate as they

include a hold message purportedly from AT&T-but it is not. If the scam is successful and the consumer asks to initiate service, the scammer says an upfront cost needs to be paid by a pre-paid card in order to start the service.

That approach is an example of a gift card scam, which AG Nessel details in her Don't Fall Victim to Gift Card Scams Consumer Alert. Once money is loaded onto a gift card and the numbers are provided to the requestor, these transactions cannot be reversed, making them a favorable avenue for bad actors who don't want their scams traced.

In December, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shared that in the first nine months of 2021, consumers reported losing \$148 million in scams where gift cards were used as the form of payment. That amount is more than was reported in all of 2020.

The FTC recommends that if you paid

a scammer with a gift card, do the following:

-Report gift card scams to the gift card issuer. When you contact the gift card company, tell them the gift card was used in a scam. Ask them if money is still on the card, and if they can refund your money.

-If you act quickly enough, the company might be able to get your money back but be aware that some companies will not return any money-even if the gift card hasn't been used.

-Keep the physical gift card and the receipt. Notify the store you purchased the gift card from right away. The Department provides a library of resources for consumers to review anytime on a variety of topics.

Consumer complaints can be filed online at the Attorney General's website, or for questions call 877-765-8388.

## FEBRUARY DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

The American Dental Association, along with the ADA Foundation, and the Central Michigan District Health Department announced that February 2022 is National Children's Dental Health Month. This monthlong national health observance brings together thousands of dedicated dental professionals, healthcare providers, and educators to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers, and many others. February is also an important time to increase the focus on the value of regular dental check-ups and a balanced diet. We also want to remind parents that children can avoid cavities and maintain good oral health by brushing, flossing, rinsing, and

choosing healthy snacks.

The Central Michigan District Health Department staff would like to let the community know that we can provide oral screening and varnish applications for children 6 months to 35 months who are enrolled in our WIC programs and/or are eligible for Medicaid insurance coverage. This does not replace dental exams that children should still be receiving from a local dentist. Varnish application helps to support efforts toward a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

Oral screenings and varnish applications are offered by trained Registered Nurses in all the branch offices at CMDHD. Registered Nurses can also provide oral screenings twice a year

for those without a dental home to determine the need for a referral to a dentist for evaluation and follow up care. Varnish applications will be performed to those clients up to 4 times per year, who are at a high risk of dental cavities and gum disease, and who are not currently receiving treatments through a regular dentist. At the appointment, our staff works with clients to help them find and establish care at a local dentist office. The goal of the Oral Screening and Varnish Application Program is to prevent tooth decay. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted on teeth to help prevent new cavities and to help stop cavities that have already started. Fluoride varnish is endorsed by

the American Dental Association and is approved by the FDA. In addition to regular dental care and fluoride, here are some tips from the American Dental Association to keep your young child's mouth healthy:

- Place only formula, milk, or breast milk in bottles. Avoid filling the bottle with liquids such as sugar water, juice, or soft drinks.
- Infants should finish their bedtime and naptime bottles before going to bed.
- If your child uses a pacifier, provide one that is clean – don't dip it in sugar or honey, or put it in your mouth before giving it to the child.
- Encourage children to drink from a cup by their first birthday and discourage frequent or pro-

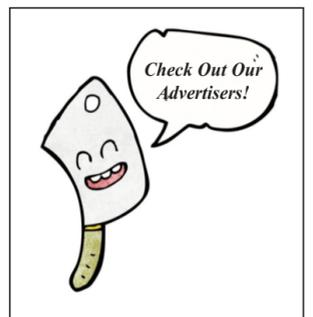
longed use of sippy cups.

Older children should follow the same rules of regular brushing, flossing, dental visits, eating a balanced diet, and avoiding sugary beverages like juice and soft drinks. Sugars and starches encourage the production of plaque which can attack tooth enamel.

Also, it's not just the sugar in soft drinks that decays teeth; it's the acid too, making this double trouble. If your child chews gum, make it sugarless. Chewing sugarless gum after eating can increase saliva flow and help wash out food and decay-producing acid.

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about the position, and that he thought it should be paid a fair wage for the sheriff.

“What do you value your sheriff?” he said. “Your sheriff has more liability on him than anybody else in this county. I take the weight of the jail on me; I take the weight of bringing in revenue for the county. It’s all on me – all that weight comes on myself and my undersheriff.”

Wilson said that historically Clare County does not address the wages of elected officials on a yearly basis, but that it should.

“Every county that I talked to normally look at cost of living increases and current wage studies

“I’m not asking to be greedy here,” Wilson said. “I’m saying give us a fair wage for what we do in our positions.”

The sheriff asked that the board take action on the request that day, adding that he didn’t see where the board would need to see any other wage studies or to form a committee.

“Those committees never seem to go any farther than just making them,” he said. “I’m asking you to move forward today on it.”

He then said the undersheriff would show the board how the wage increases could be paid for without taking any dollars out of the General Fund.

Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund voiced approval of that

ever that ends up, if you consider an increase I would need to know that amount to take off the \$361,000.

“One of our revenue sources for the jail ... is about \$5,000 a month,” he said. “Hypothetically, if the whole project costed \$20,000-\$30,000 I would prorate that. If it’s \$20,000 within four months you would have the money back. That’s one revenue source to take care of us and our families. If it was more, we could go up to six months, but we’re still ahead.”

When Asplund sought assurance that those funds are sustainable, the undersheriff said “Absolutely.” He also assured that the cited revenue source is separate and apart from the revenues that come into the county from the jail. The emergency fund had been set up to shield against an emergency in the jail, and has over time built to the sizeable sum it is today.

He, too, urged the board to make a decision on the wage question soon, as he has concerns for himself and his family that require him to know where the question was headed.

“We give our heart and soul,” he said. “I’m constantly writing grants. I was somewhere last night until midnight to save the county on overtime so the sergeant didn’t have to stay. I don’t know what else we can do. All we’re asking is please consider making us comparable to other counties.”

Asplund said she thought the sheriff and undersheriff have given more than 100% to the county, and that it is appreciated.

Commissioner Sandra Bristol sought confirmation that the funds were enough to cover the wage increases, and Commissioner Rick Fancon asked if that revenue source is sustainable. Both of which were affirmed.

Commissioner Dale Majewski acknowledged previous such discussions and the extra demands of the past two years, but said the BOC would have to look at other

elected officials as well. To which Wilson said he was not there on behalf of those officials, but was there for himself and his career, and for what he has given to the county.

“But we have to look at them, as well,” Majewski said. “They haven’t had any increases either.” He added that if the county gives what appear to him to be substan-

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– Bronwyn Asplund  
 Clare County Commissioner  
 District 6

tial raises, the board would have to look at giving raises to other officials, just to be fair.

Asplund disagreed, saying it is a different situation as the sheriff and undersheriff are not asking for additional funds from the county, but have a sustainable way to pay for it.

“They’re asking for pay that they deserve,” she said.

Majewski and Asplund then tossed back and forth whether the request should wait and be part of a greater review of all elected officials’ salaries. Asplund said she thought individual review was also important, but added that she hears from all her townships that Clare County has “the best sheriff’s department in the state.”

“And they’re totally underpaid,” she said. “It’s an embarrassment. When you compare us to other counties, it’s an embarrassment. It’s about time that we give them what they deserve – especially if they can pay for it.”

Fancon also pointed out that the first thing citizens want is fire and police protection.

“So if we’re not building our police department up to have the best people there, we’re not doing our citizens any favor,” Fancon said. “We’re not doing what they want.”

When Majewski noted that less than a year ago the discussion had been about not having the money to hire deputies, or give then deputies fair wages – to which Bristol said “Well, we’ve done that.”

When Majewski agreed that the BOC had made that move without knowing exactly how the expense would be covered, the undersheriff explained that shortly before COVID struck the CCSD had renegotiated federal contract for housing prisoners [renters], as well as commissary contracts with vendors. Those moves definitely had financial benefits.

Board Chair Jeff Haskell also voiced his opinion.

“I’m all for getting wages up,” he said. “And I feel we need to learn from this. As a whole, we’ve made a lot of mistakes by not looking at our assets, which are our employees. By not doing a cost of living, and keeping people in the wheelhouse.”

Haskell said he knows the county will have to pay for it, and that a day of reckoning comes when the county can’t get its top talent to do the best jobs for the county – when there will be hurt in that department. Haskell also said he felt he had gotten himself into trouble previously by looking, as a commissioner, at one person without looking at the county as a whole.

Then Haskell proposed that, rather than vote on the issue that day, it vote at the March meeting and in the meantime put together a committee which could meet three times in the interim. He said that way the committee could hear from all the elected officials/department heads, adding that having made their presentation Wilson and Miedzianowski

were ahead of the curve.

Wilson urged that any consideration for others be based on wage studies, such as he had presented, adding that he had lost a lot of sleep over the issue.

“There’s a lot of stress on us, and now you can say it’s the Board of Commissioners asking for a millage, but they’re looking at John Wilson,” he said. “And they’re looking at Dwayne Miedzianowski. And you want to put that weight on me; it gets to a point that it’s not worth it. In my heart, I want to be your sheriff until the public fires me.”

The undersheriff added that the jail had been totally revamped for the county, which is how it paid for CCSD vehicles and brought in extra money to cover pay increases.

“We came to you for our employees first, and thank you,” he said. “It is fair, I think, what John is saying for us. I would really appreciate an answer today, whatever you decide.”

Haskell acceded that what had presented looked good, but he still felt the board needed to talk to each department, as well as figure out how the county could pay/budget for increases. He said that he believed it time for everyone to get a raise, but there are questions to be answered.

Ultimately, after still more back and forth, a motion was put before the board by Fancon and seconded by Asplund to set the sheriff and undersheriff’s wages to \$83,033 and \$71,081. The roll call vote saw ayes from Fancon, Asplund and Bristol, and nays from Majewski, Samantha Pitchford and Haskell. Commissioner Stephanie Brown was absent. As a tie, the motion failed, but Haskell said it could be considered again at the next meeting.

There was then a committee formed to review the aforementioned wage rates, with results to be brought forward to the board as a whole at the March 16 meeting.



**Brian Harrison of Advisacare, left, revisits the Clare County Board of Commissioners meeting to again request BOC adoption of a resolution urging the Michigan State Legislature to amend the Auto Insurance Reform Resolution. At right, Rick Jones, Hayes Township supervisor, clarifies a few questions for Clare County Commissioners regarding the blight enforcement contract between Clare County Community Services and Hayes Township.(Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)**

– every year,” Wilson said. “Since the MSA [Michigan Sheriff Association] study came out in 2021, I contacted the five sheriffs all around me and they had all had an increase since that wage study came out. So it’s time to get us up where we need to be.”

Wilson pointed out that he has people in his department four levels below him who, with their overtime, are making more than he is. He acknowledged that there is a difference between hourly and salaried, but pointed out that when he was a road deputy he made the most overtime one year, but he did not make more than the sheriff did.

“In all fairness, I think we should be right around where the Gladwin sheriff and undersheriff are,” Wilson said. “We have more employees than anybody we talked to, even Isabella – even though we don’t have the funds that they do. We have a bigger jail than anybody we touch – there’s no other jail in central and northern Michigan that has brought in \$17.5 million in the years that I’ve been sheriff.”

Wilson said he has a 12-year deputy who, with his overtime, has a higher FAC [final average compensation] toward retirement than he does after being with the county for nearly 35 years.

idea, saying that what the taxpayers want to know is how it will be paid for.

Miedzianowski then began a description of local county jails, starting with Gladwin, which has no renters.

“It costs them about \$1.93 million to operate their jail,” he said. “We’re about \$2.2 million, so of course we’re spending the extra \$300,000 but we’re on track to bring in \$1.3 million to \$1.4 million this year.”

He explained that the rented beds are at 57 and by the end of that week, there would be more renters than the jail has ever had. Miedzianowski pointed out what Gladwin is spending on its jail, with no revenue coming in.

“So we’re clearly running the jail well,” he said. “Our folks are working very hard; that’s them doing that, not us. They have the hard part of dealing with what comes with that, I give them a lot of credit.”

He then described what he called an Emergency Fund through the Commissary Account, adding that he had confirmed with the county treasurer that the fund is over \$361,000.

“Depending what you good folks decide for the sheriff and I, wher-

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