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COMING EVENTS

The Harrison City Market presents the "Designing Women" of Michigan from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26.

Free Clare County Drive Thru Mobile Food Distribution at the Clare County Transit Corp. (CCTC) Saturday, April 2, with distribution from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Ten 16 Recovery Network will host the informational Parent Presentation "Vaping and Marijuana in Plain Sight: Current Youth Trends" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 in the Harrison High School auditorium. Childcare and snacks provided.

Versiti Community Blood Drive at the Pere Marquette District Library from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6. Scheduling an appointment helps to expedite the process, as donors with appointments are taken ahead of walk-in donors. Appointments may be scheduled online at <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/.../drive.../125624> or by calling Versiti-Michigan at 1-866-642-5663.

Easter Eggstravaganza in the Farwell Village Park at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9. Registration for door prizes, games and activities begins at 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg hunt for kids 0-12 years, and more.

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 cost \$75 each. Text TRADITION to 91999 or visit www.midmich.edu/community/foundation/events/ant

Knitting Circle at Harrison District Library from 1-3 p.m. Monday, April 11. All knitters are welcome, whether you are a beginner, an advanced knitter, need help with a troublesome pattern or just want to socialize. The only thing you will need to bring is SIZE 8 KNITTING NEEDLES. The library will supply the yarn for practice and for your first project

Registration is 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.

For more community events visit www.clarecountycleaver.net



Irish Festival Brings Out Bagpipers, Generosity

The White Pine Pipes and Drums from Midland play in front of Clare's Blarney Stone on McEwan during the 47th Annual Irish Festival which was celebrated in Clare from March 14-20. The Irish Festival isn't just about being green and having fun. The Big Brothers Big Sisters auction raised more than \$59,000 (see page 9) and the Clare Area Chamber of Commerce presented a check to Clare BPA. Those funds will be used to send 14 students to national competition in Dallas. Mark your calendar for next year's festival, already in the planning stages, March 15-18, 2023.

Drama Students Surprise Teacher with Fundraiser Donation

The cast of the Harrison High School production of "Puffs," performed over the weekend, presented their teacher Christina Travis with a \$1,300 donation to the drama program. Over the course of the "Puffs" production the students realized Travis was purchasing supplies and set props herself. They raised the money through a Go Fund Me account, pop can drive and donations. The money will go into the drama program for future productions.



Wilson, Miedzianowski Now on Par With Gladwin County

BOC Approves Salary Increase for Sheriff, Undersheriff

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – When the March 16 meeting of the Clare County Board of Commissioners had worked through all of the speakers and agenda motions presented for BOC approval, Item D-5 was addressed: Elected/Non-Union Wage Committee Discussion.

Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief introduction of the committee [comprised of Commissioners Jeff Haskell, Bronwyn Asplund and himself] as having met and decided on a plan of action.

"We met a couple weeks ago," he said. "And looked at all the information, and basically came up with a suggestion to bring to the board."

That plan was a 10% increase for both Sheriff John Wilson and Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski, for the current year with a potential, after review, for an additional 10% next year.

Majewski put that proposed increase forth in the form of a motion, and then the serious commentary began. First, Asplund spoke of having asked for a second committee meeting, and to speak with the sheriff and undersheriff. She zeroed in on the importance of communicating with representatives from all the county department heads.

"And that never transpired," she said. "I feel badly about that; I



Sheriff John Wilson, left, and Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski listen as commissioners bandy about whether to and, if so, how to meet their requested salary increases. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

wish that could've taken place, because there was some miscommunication."

Commissioner Rick Fancon then spoke of the importance of hitting the higher wage benchmark in order to retain quality officers.

"One, in order to get people to run for this position, we've got to a competitive wage with surrounding counties," Fancon said. "No. 2, the revenue we get from the sheriff's department we're dependent on."

He pointed out that the proposed 10% would not bring both positions up to even the average wages for those positions in surrounding counties – adding that Gladwin County, specifically, would be the one that should be used for comparison.

Majewski then said the board would have to look at setting salaries in other departments and other elected officials on par with wages set for the sheriff and undersheriff. Asplund responded by say-

ing that comment was "faulty reasoning," adding that it was an "apples to oranges" comparison and that each department should be looked at based on its own standards.

Fancon then said commissioners need to take the names out of the equation and then look at the position, adding that the wages also would need to be sustainable.

"You've got to look at that also," he said. "Where would be if we didn't have the inmates right now, without that revenue coming in? Look at that position and what it holds, and what the other departments hold in surrounding counties. There's more responsibility for this position right here, and the \$82,000 average is where it should be at."

Majewski then called attention back to the motion on the floor waiting for a second to enable discussion. Haskell seconded the motion, allowing for discussion.

Haskell explained that several elements came into arrival at the committee's decision. That included comparing benefits packages between counties [with Clare County having what would be considered a Cadillac package], as well as how the county would be able to incorporate into the current and next year's budget the recent \$325,000 yearly wage increases to the sheriff's department, corrections bargaining units.

In helping the commissioners understand where the "apples and oranges" actually were, Miedzianowski described the volume difference between the Clare and Gladwin sheriff departments deal with as "night and day." He noted the long-standing comparison of Clare and Gladwin, due to being in the same judicial district, and pointed out the huge revenue the Clare County department brings in, while Gladwin generates

See BOC on page 10

HEADED TO PRISON

Prosecuting Attorney release

HARRISON – Lisa Marie (Mullholland) Brzak of Harrison pleaded guilty Jan. 25, in two new cases, to Controlled Substance-Possession of Methamphetamine, 2nd or subsequent offense; Controlled Substance-Delivery/Manufacture Methamphetamine, 2nd or subsequent offense; and Maintaining a Drug House.

She was sentenced March 14 by Judge Roy Mienk to serve prison time as follows: 2 years to 20 years; 2 years to 40 years; and 14 months to 2 years, respectively. She would receive credit for time already served at 124 days, 103 days, and 103 days respectively. All sentences are to run concurrent with one another and with the sentences ordered on her probation violation cases. She was ordered to pay a total of \$724 in related fines and costs.

Brzak also pleaded guilty to probation violations in two other files and was sentenced on those violations on the same date. She was ordered to serve 2 years to 10 years, and 14 months to 2 years with credit for 175 days served on those matters. She was on probation in those two files for Possession of Methamphetamine and Resist and Obstruct a Police Officer. The sentences in this case are to run concurrent with one another and with the new sentences.



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BOC Hears of Student Growth, Chronic Absentee Problems

Student Vaping Proliferates, HCS Joins Juul Labs Litigation

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – At the March 14 meeting of the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education, a mid-year data review was provided by Kelly Lipovsky, Title Director. The focus of her update was NWEA [K-8] and course credit at the high school, as part of the state-required reporting which happens mid-year and again at the end of the school year for evaluation of goals and if they have been met.

Lipovsky covered each school and the end goals to be reached by the end of the year. She said the goal for NWEA is to have 76% of students meet the RIT growth goals. She pointed out Larson Elementary scores at the beginning of the year, after being out for the summer, and what percentage of students testing in January had been shown to meet their growth targets.

She noted that some of the things the administration team and other stakeholders had noted about the report included the fact that at Larson males are meeting their growth targets more quickly than females. Lipovsky said there also had been an increase in special education students' growth, but that it was unknown if it was because they had suffered more over the summer down time than other students and were now growing quicker achieving their targets.

Lipovsky said the goal is 76% at the middle school, as well, and that results are similar to what is happening in the elementary building. She said female reading was staying close to the same amount, with more males hitting the growth target, as well as more special ed students meeting their growth targets. "Again, not as typical as we usually see," she said. "So that was a conversation that we had at the middle school."

Noting that the high school does not use NWEA, but rather the focus is on passing courses to get course credits toward graduation, Lipovsky said some students did go down slightly from the first marking period to the end of the

semester, but that is typical.

"We wanted students to be at 85% of our students who are earning that course credit and passing those classes," she said. "Ultimately, we'd like 100% in all these areas, but we have to be realistic that there are other things going on sometimes."

The report showed that math is a larger concern for students than reading, as all the reading targets had been met across all demographics. Lipovsky spoke of an intention for increasing math tutoring after school, as well as possibly summer school for credit recovery. She said the highest fail rate had been in Algebra I and Algebra II, some solutions are being sought to address that area.

Lipovsky also provided data showing that attendance is a chronic issue in the HCS district, and that if kids aren't in school it is very difficult to reach the growth targets. She explained that the state defines a chronically absent student as having missed 10 days over the whole school year.

"By February, we already had 442 kids that had more than 10 days absent," she said. "That's 35% of our students. And that's by mid-year, and the state's looking at it for a full year. So, if it continues like this, more than half of our kids could be considered chronically absent by the state."

She said that is one of the components of accountability used by the state to assign grades to schools.

"So this was kind of alarming," Lipovsky said. "The last couple years since COVID, if you look at trend data you'll be able to see that this is a common trend that we've been battling. It's a harder battle right now, because it's hard to go after truancy in a pandemic when people have to quarantine, they have COVID and we ask them to stay home if they're sick."

Breaking the data down further, Lipovsky said that if she took the 442 kids and averaged the absences, it would be 17 days. However, there are some kids who are missing more than 60 days. She also clarified that taking



Kelly Lipovsky, Title Director for Harrison Community Schools, provides a progress update for board members at the March 14 HCS School Board meeting.



HCS Superintendent Rick Foote describes the need for Harrison Schools to sign on to the lawsuit being brought in California federal court against Juul Labs Inc. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

COVID quarantine time into the equation, that time only accounted for 25% of the total days that group of kids had missed, which of course leave 75% of those absences with unknown causes.

"While we're happy with where we're at moving toward that goal at the end of the year, we're also battling this attendance," she said. "It's an issue that's been a battle for a while, and we're trying to work with the courthouse and also our liaison officer to try to come up with methods to get kids in school."

Also on the agenda under Information/Discussion was the current litigation in against vaping products manufacturer Juul Labs Inc., many of whose products are sweetly fruit flavored and believe to be conspicuously marketed to young people. Superintendent Rick Foote had included, for the board's consideration, joining that lawsuit which has been filed in California which started in 2019. Foote said he believed it quite important that the board join the lawsuit, which would have no cost to the district.

"But, hearing and looking at the discipline referrals that I'm now hearing about in both the middle school and high school, I do believe they are targeting our youth – and have been targeting our youth," Foote said. "I believe this board needs to pass a resolution to join, based on some of the recommendations that we've been getting from our own legal counsel, Thrun."

Foote said he had included in the board members' packets that letter in the board members' packets explaining the damages being sought in the lawsuit, and future damages which could possibly allow the district to install more detectors in the buildings.

"And come up with more programs to help our kids," he said, adding that he didn't know that it

would be resolved very soon, but that there was a deadline of month's end to have the resolution on file.

Foote explained that Thrun is not the firm that will be doing the actual litigation, but that it is the firm representing the state of Michigan and that quite a few schools had already signed up. Franz Law Group would be representing the Harrison School District in the California federal court litigation.

He further explained that if the schools win the litigation, the school would owe only 25% of its individual portion of the settlement as legal fees payment. If the suit is lost, it will cost the school nothing. When Courtney McCrimmon, board treasurer, asked for a higher end overview of the lawsuit's objective, Foot explained as follows:

"What they're trying to do is to stop Juul from promoting to youth and underage individuals their product," he said. "They've expanded out into so many different flavors, so many different marketing techniques that the California schools that have started this, specifically, are trying to put an end to not only Juul, but other manufacturers of vaping devices and vaping [products] off the market altogether."

Foote affirmed that he has been hearing more and more of vaping incidents in the schools, including kids putting vaping devices in bathrooms to avoid detection.

"They're boldly going into classrooms now and doing it," he said. "And it has spread down into the middle school, which is very, very scary to me. It's not like it was just simple little tobacco products back in the '60s and '70s – these devices and the product itself has now become quite dangerous, I do believe. We just don't know the effects of it, especially what's going to take place with our chil-

Library Hosts 'Pickin' with the Champ'

By ANGELA KELLOGG
Cleaver Managing Editor

In one of their first in-person adult events since the pandemic, the Harrison District Library hosted morel mushroom picking champion Anthony Williams. More than 25 community members were eager to learn more about how to find morel mushrooms.

Williams was the 5-time morel picking champion at the National Morel Mushroom Festival in Boyne City in the 1980s. He was eventually asked to stop competing and start promoting the festival and morel mushrooms, an easy task for someone with William's passion for the outdoors.

Williams grew up in the Boyne City area picking mushrooms in what he calls, "a morel picking culture." Some of William's spots have been handed down across several generations. His family has lived in and around Boyne City since the 1890s.

Morel mushrooms grow along the 45th parallel over all the world though varieties are different in many countries. The festival in Boyne City brings visitors from around the world and it is the world's largest morel cooking event.

While the crowd was anxious to hear Williams' tips and tricks for finding morels, his passion and respect for nature was captivating. His storytelling lecture style took listeners into the woods on a mushroom hunting expedition. Listening to Williams, the magic of finding mushrooms is just as powerful as the experience of eating and enjoying them.

Some participants were worried about the clear-cutting in the areas affecting morels. According to Williams, clear cutting won't affect mushrooms and they will show again. Morels, like all mushrooms, are the fruit, or flower of the mycelium growing underground.

Final advice from Williams, if you cannot find morels, look for leeks, also edible and appreciate the gift of just being in the woods.

The National Morel Mushroom Festival is held every year the weekend after Mother's Day and this year will be held May 12-15 in Boyne City. For more information visit www.bcmorelfestival.com/



Anthony Williams holds a poster promoting the Great Morel Giveaway, a feature of the National Morel Festival in Boyne City. (Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg)

Tips from the Champ

Mushrooms can be found April 1 to June 1. Morels can be found near old Apple trees in the middle of the season.

Morels can most often be found near old, large poplar trees.

Schedule hours to search and cover as much ground as possible.

If you've ever found morels in your yard, don't be afraid to water your yard to help them grow.

Change your perspective while searching – move your body and your eyes to see different views of the woods ahead and around you.

Morels don't stand alone. If you find one, there will be more. Fan out in a circular or river pattern to look for more.

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Outdoors With Jeff

Well, it hasn't been easy writing articles the last few days. It's hard to report on hunting and fishing when the weather changes every day.

A few days ago, I noticed that the end of winter wasn't too far away. I received a message from an old friend of mine, which moved to Georgia several years ago. She told me that the Red Winged Black birds had just arrived in her state and that in a couple days and they would be in Michigan. Low and behold it was about two or three days later, I was surrounded at my bird feeder with these blackened birds with the red and yellow on their wings.

A week later or so, I was again contacted by this same person, she told me that the Robins had landed in her home state and again she stated that they would be in Michigan in a few days. Several days have passed by and I'm still waiting.

When the Red Winged Black Birds landed in our community they were in for a big surprise. They were met with a heavy

snowstorm and again later they were attacked by a wet and heavy snow. The ground was covered with wet and soggy snow on the grounds; many of them attacked my bird feeders and devoured all the seeds in a couple hours.

After all the wet snow was dumped, the temperature went down to eight degrees, all the snow and the water that remained on the ground, was solid ice, not only on the ground, also the tree limbs. The only people that were happy were the students in our school system as school were canceled again.

I kind of ran into another sign that better weather should be coming soon too. This, along with other things, I think that the temperature will go up soon. A few days later, I noticed another sign that the weather may get better. The best indicator came about a week or so ago. This, indicator was evident when I went to the local barbershop and the first thing, I saw was that the old duffers have started to come back to the barber-shop. I wasn't there long, when I started to listen to these old duffers debate.

Most of these guys have been gone the past winter, they stayed inside their homes because of the pandemic, while others sought warm weather and headed to Florida or some other southern state. As these guys that were complaining that those that stayed in their house or went to a southern state, they didn't know what it was like when it snowed up here too many times. As they argued, they got a little louder. They argued and argued who fell on the ice more than another. This debate went on the entire day and I'm not sure who won the contest that day. No one will ever know how many of these, grouchy old men fell on their heads this winter. We will never know. We will never know the accuracy of the stats of that old man group.

It wasn't long and the old duffers started another debate about high gas prices. They wondered, how less of their yards will get mowed? Some said, if they mow their yard, it will be about 50 dollars. One said he wasn't going to mow; he was going to buy goats. This story will never end. We all decided to forget the yard problems, let's go Turkey Hunting or go fishing. Now they ask how much it is going to cost me, to go trolling with my boat and motor.

A true sign of spring was fifty or more snow geese going over my house, it made me smile, when they landed in the pasture behind



JEFF GOYT

my house. In a few days from now, they steelhead season will open on April first on some streams, some streams will open a little earlier. Get out and enjoy the outdoors, spring is coming soon.

Turkey season will start soon, stop by and get a license and it will make you feel better to be in the woods.

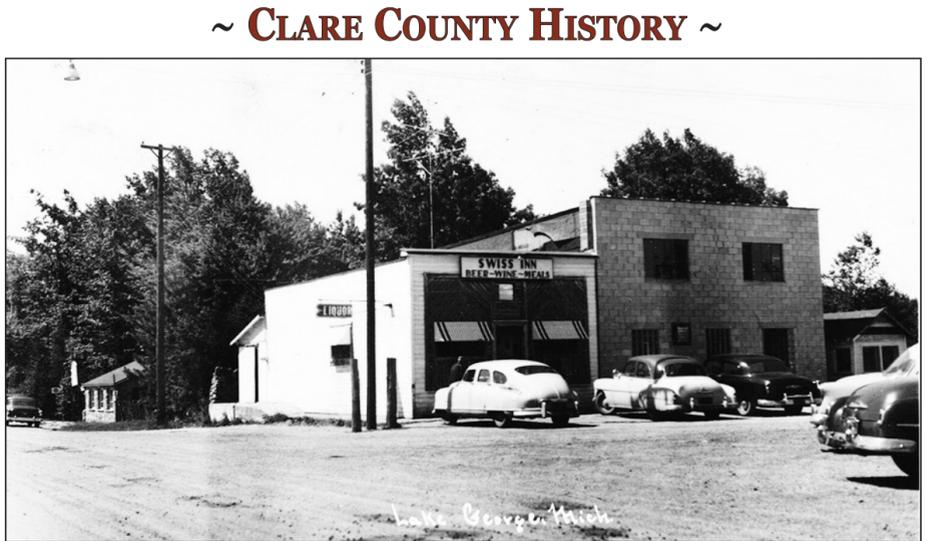


ROBINSON, SOMERS & BENHAM vs. SHEPARD & SHEPARD MARCH 8, 1906 - Dealing In Clay & Marl

Plaintiffs Henry Robinson, Charles W. Somers, and Frank G. Benham entered into an agreement during the latter part of 1898 or the first part of 1899 with defendant William H. Shepard of Saginaw whereby defendant William H. Shepard was to purchase lands in Michigan "on which existed clay and marl of the quantity and quality suitable and sufficient to manufacture Portland Cement."

Plaintiff Robinson was to put up 66 and 2/3rd of the funds, with plaintiff Somers and Benham each contributing 16 and 2/3rds each. On purchasing the land defendant Shepard would own a 25% undivided interest, plaintiff Robinson a 50% undivided interest, and plaintiffs Somers and Benham each a 12 and 1/2 undivided interest. The land was to be in defendant Shepard's name in trust and a 'Declaration of Trust' was signed by defendant William H. Shepard and his wife Mary Shepard.

Defendant William H. Shepard purchased numerous acres in Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 16 in Grant Township and numerous



A Glimpse Into The Past

Undated photo postcard with a view of the Swiss Inn in Lake George. The card was postmarked in 1954. Note the dirt roads in Lake George.

Way Back in the Day-1949 73 Years Ago

The Swiss Inn and Howard's grocery each have a new paint job, so the town is brightening up some.

The Swiss Inn is sponsoring a bowling team in a Clare league.

Members of the team are, Al Holmes, Dale Brown, Clint Cook, Clyde Chaffee, Russ Coon and Arnold Bringold.

The Fire Dept. was called to the Karl Mavis home Wednesday morning, when fire destroyed the roof of their dwelling. They were able to remove most of the furniture, but there was much damage done by water.

A large and attractive neon Westinghouse appliance sign was erected at the Fourth Street entrance of the Clare Hardware Company last week.

Looking back over the first quarter of a century of service, the Doherty Hotel Company proudly acknowledges a debt of gratitude to the many who made possible our achievement in becoming Clare's and one of Michigan's most talked of hotels. We extend a grateful "Thank You" on the occasion of our silver anniversary.

Way Back in the Day-1972 50 Years Ago

Brockways of Snow Snake Mountain Ski Park near Harrison recently purchased a new Bombardier Ski Dozer and powder maker which levels and pulverizes the ice or hard packed snow. It is also used for packing new snow, thus making better skiing in all snow conditions. Manager Dale Brockway out

grooming the slopes in the early morning and reports the Bombardier as a wonderful addition to the equipment now in use at Snow Snake Mountain.

Dan Ashcraft was named to the first team Jackpine All-Conference Team, chosen by the league coaches. Ashcraft, a 6-foot 2-inch junior, was the only underclassman named on the first team.

After 25 years in the building on downtown McEwan St in Clare, Wood's Household and Appliance store have moved to their new location at 1401 N McEwan. The new location was formerly the IGA store. Mr. Woods, the owner, and his employees will be pleased to show you around. The former was with the store when it was opened in downtown Clare in 1946.

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2 pack Pork Shoulder Roast	\$1.79 lb.
Center Cut Pork Chops 10 lbs.+	\$2.19 lb.
Chicken Leg Quarters 10 lb. Pack	\$7.90
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acres in Sections 32 and 33 in Hatton Township. The land purchased encompassed an area known in 2017 as Five Lakes, North to Loon Lake.

The plaintiffs were nervous because defendant William H. Shepard had not made an accounting and was believed to be in Chicago attempting to sell the purchased lands. The plaintiffs requested an Injunction prohibiting defendant William H. Shepard from selling the purchased lands. A \$100 Bond for Costs was provided on the filing of the Bill of Complaint on March 8, 1906.

It might be assumed that defendant William H. Shepard died shortly after the filing of the Bill of Complaint because the case file contains no other paperwork except a Stipulation to Discontinue settling the matter filed on November 25, 1907, which Stipulation to Discontinue notes defendant Mary Shepard to be the Administrator of the estate of defendant William H. Shepard, deceased.

By Jon H. Ringelberg
Member, Clare County Historical Society

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader Rues Greenwood Actions

ATTN: Residents of Greenwood Township...by now you may have been informed that Dave Lawrence reluctantly rendered his resignation as Greenwood Township Treasurer after serving the township for 21-plus years. During those years, Dave accomplished many things because of his familiarity with the Greenwood Township residents, old and new.

Dave took on, discussed and followed through to completion projects outside the scope of his responsibilities for the betterment of the entire township. The current township board is primarily comprised of recent township, full-time residents. Although they are out and about all over town with smiling faces, I for one, know of the hard feelings they have caused and slanderous comments they have spewed in our small com-

munity of Lily Lake.

Yes, Dave has been a good friend to me and many residents of Lily Lake and the township, but he has also endured a lot of gossip and criticism from current members of the township board.

Beware, changes are coming – and definitely not all for the best!

Mary Lou Pavlisca
Greenwood Township

EGLE awards funding for 92 projects to collect, recycle scrap tires

LANSING – On March 15, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announced that it has awarded \$674,000 in grants to fund 92 community scrap tire drop-off events and other tire cleanups across the state.

Community events provide affordable, convenient, tire recycling opportunities to residents, including the creation of year-long collections sites and roadside pickups. Additionally, eight grant projects will fund the removal of old scrap tire piles at private properties.

Improperly dumped, scrap tires pose a fire hazard and create mosquito breeding grounds. Recycled scrap tires can be used in asphalt to pave roads, as mulch in gardens and playgrounds, and in manufacturing processes.

Locally, Clare County Conservation District was award-

ed \$6,000 for its annual scrap tire collection event.

For more information, call the EGLE's Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278, or visit Michigan's Scrap Tire Program. Stay up to date on other EGLE news at Michigan.gov/MiEnvironment.

NOTICE: The Clare County Cleaver will print one Announcement of Candidacy for a registered candidate per election not to exceed 700 words. The views of candidates for office do not reflect the views of the Clare County Cleaver editor or employees.



Ambrozaitis to Run for Open District 7 Seat

Gabe Ambrozaitis has announced his candidacy for District 7 Clare County Commissioner in the upcoming election. Gabe has resided in Hayes Township since 2003 and has just recently retired from active-duty military service.

He will bring leadership experience to county government focusing on Transparency, Efficiency and Civility. The citizens of Hayes Township need to see and know that the county Board of Commissioners is working for their benefit and getting the most out of each tax dollar.

"We are in this together and need to exhibit civility and respect to one another to make Clare County a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire."

Remember to please "Vote for Gabe" as the District 7 Clare County Commissioner.

Grammar Guy

The only consonant is change

Now that my son is in elementary school, he's coming home with a new vocabulary of slang. I've learned about "yeet," which means to throw something really hard. Now I know that to "oof" a sound you hear in a video game when a character dies...they "oof."

Gone are the days of "cool" and "rad." Depending on the decade you came into early adolescent prominence, your words could be "far out," "marvy," "tubular," or "dynamite."

Today I'd like to look at English words whose definitions have changed drastically over the years. Some have taken a complete about-face.

Awful: This word now means something like "terrible, bad, horrible, or lousy." Originally, the word had the same association with the word "awesome," which meant deep reverence and respect for something or someone.

Cloud: Back in the day, a cloud was down, while now it is up. In the 1300s, a "clud" was a mass of rock or a hill – think of a "clod" of dirt today. This was a mass of earth. Today, a "cloud" is something in the sky that sometimes drops precipitation. Apparently, it's also where all my passwords are stored. If anyone finds them, let me know.

Meat: In Old English, people distinguished solid food (meat) from drink (drink). Over time, "meat" evolved to mean only the flesh of animals that people eat. But, back in the day, an apple would have fallen into the meat category.

Literally: You'll be saddened to learn that a second definition has been added to the word literally: figuratively. Am I happy about this? No, I am not. However, dictionaries report popular usage, so



CURTIS HONEYCUTT

"literally" can mean "exactly" or "kind of/about/approximately/figuratively." If you want to put a bee in my bonnet, use "literally" to mean "figuratively."

Ice: We get "nice" from the Latin word "nescious" (ignorant). Originally, "nice" meant "a stupid or ignorant person." Over time, the word came to mean either "someone who is shy" or "someone who has a keen sense for fashion." Eventually, the word "nice" morphed into meaning "kind" or "agreeable."

Fantastic: We now know the word "fantastic" to be synonymous with "great." However, this wasn't always the case. "Fantastic" originally meant something that was "imaginary" or "made-up." Dragons and unicorns were fantastic creatures. This is from the same word as "fantasy."

As you can tell, our language ebbs and flows over time. Words change and evolve into different meanings as culture and prevailing thought shift. What is an example of a word you use that formerly meant something completely different?

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.

State FAFSA Priority Deadline Extended to May 1 to Ensure More Michiganders Have Opportunity to Lower Cost of Higher Education

LANSING – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced March 18 that students who want to be given priority consideration for state of Michigan financial aid programs now have some extra time to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Completing and submitting a FAFSA is a critical step when applying for grants, scholarships, and other forms of financial assistance to help lower the cost of higher education.

"We must work together to help Michiganders pursue their potential by lowering the cost of higher education so they can get the skills they need to land good-paying jobs," said Whitmer. "The FAFSA opens the door to countless scholarships and other forms of financial assistance, and I'm pleased we're able to extend the deadline so more students can take advantage of this program and lower the cost of higher education. I encourage every student to complete this application to ensure they receive every penny possible to help pay for a

college education and set themselves up for long-term success. Please don't wait to submit your application, you could be missing out on valuable financial assistance."

FAFSA submissions now received at the federal processor on or before May 1 are given priority consideration for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship and Michigan Tuition Grant. The original state priority consideration deadline was March 1.

Students who wait to complete their FAFSA after the new May 1 extended deadline may not receive all the financial aid they could have been entitled to receive.

"Completing the FAFSA should be on top of everyone's list when applying for college financial aid," said State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks. "We are hopeful this deadline extension will help families who have been faced with challenges. Please do not delay and complete this free application today."

Prior to completing the FAFSA online, the student and at least one parent or guardian must obtain a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at fafsa.gov.

This ID serves as a legal signature and confirms an applicant's identity when accessing financial aid information through certain U.S. Department of Education Web sites. On average, it takes about seven minutes to create a FAFSA ID. Federal Student Aid has a variety of resources to walk users through each step of creating an FSA ID.

To get started with the FAFSA, go to fafsa.gov. To learn more about State of Michigan scholarships and grant programs, visit MI Student Aid's website at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid. Administered by Treasury, MI Student Aid is Michigan's go-to resource for finding the financial resources needed to pay for college.

For more information, contact MI Student Aid at mistudentaid@michigan.gov, 1-888-447-2687 or @mistudentaid on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

AG Nessel Shares Scam Warning as Governor, DIFS Announce Auto Refund Checks

LANSING – Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel is providing important consumer protection reminders as auto insurers issue \$400 per-vehicle refunds to eligible Michigan policyholders.

"These refund checks come at a time when many Michiganders have faced financial hardships, and I appreciate the bipartisan work done to achieve this win for drivers," AG Nessel said. "Unfortunately, these refunds will likely attract bad actors who will turn this surplus into a scam. Remember, these are automatic payments back into your account. No one will call, write or email you for information prior to

disbursing the money. And if you are contacted by someone claiming to need personal information before receiving your \$400, remain skeptical and report it to my Consumer Protection Team."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) Director Anita Fox said last week insurers are required to disperse the refunds to eligible Michiganders no later than May 9.

"Our bipartisan auto insurance reform will soon put \$400 per vehicle back in the pockets of Michigan drivers," Gov. Whitmer said. "The refund checks will be automatically

deposited into your bank account or mailed to your home, and I appreciate Attorney General Nessel for her leadership as we protect Michiganders against potential scammers. Remember, no one will contact you for information before you receive your refund. If someone contacts you and attempts to fish for personal information, report the incident to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Team. We will stay focused on getting things done for Michiganders and finding more ways to put money in people's pockets as families face rising costs."

"Any time there's a widespread distribution of money to consumers, criminals will try to take advantage, but DIFS and the Attorney General's office remain committed to protecting Michigan consumers," Fox said. "You do not need to take any action to receive your refund. It will be issued automatically by your insurance company and only as a direct deposit or mailed to you as a check. If you have any questions about the MCCA refund, I encourage you to call your insurance company or agent directly or contact DIFS with any additional questions Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 833-ASK-DIFS."

One type of scam that could arise during this process is an impersonation scam – a bad actor may pretend to be with an insurance agency

or government agency and contact an unsuspecting consumer under the guise of discussing their refund.

For that reason, Nessel is reissuing her consumer alert focused on warnings to avoid falling for an imposter.

Refund details:

-Anyone who had a vehicle, motorcycle, or RV that was insured by a policy that meets the minimum insurance requirements to operate on Michigan roads as of 11:59 p.m. Oct. 31, 2021, is eligible to receive a refund for that vehicle.

-Eligible Michigan policyholders will receive \$400 per vehicle, or \$80 per historic vehicle.

-Refunds must be delivered in the form of checks or ACH deposits. Gift cards, premium discounts, and credits against current or future balances are not allowed.

Eligible consumers who do not receive their refunds by the May 9 deadline should contact their auto insurer or agent. If consumers have questions or concerns that cannot be resolved directly with their insurer, they should contact DIFS by calling Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 833-ASK-DIFS (833- 275-3437) or by emailing autoinsurance@michigan.gov.

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LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clare County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on April 13, 2022. The amount due on the mortgage may be

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

MORTGAGE:

Mortgagor(s): Ashley M. Pratt, married woman
Original Mortgage: Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Date of mortgage: October 16, 2018 Recorded on October 19, 2018, in Document No. 20180007990, Liber 1396, on Page 162, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on February 16, 2022, Liber 1513, on Page 414,

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 79/100 Dollars (\$160,464.79)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clare County, and described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 28, T20N, R4W, Frost Township, Clare County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southeast Section corner, thence North along Section line, 744.30 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 89 deg 26' West, 259.85 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence South 89 deg 26'

East, 259.85 feet, thence South 150 feet to the Point of Beginning, AND Parcel 2: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 28, T20N, R4W, Frost Township, Clare County, Michigan, Described as: Commencing at the Southeast Section Corner; thence North along the said Section line, 744.30 feet, thence North 88 deg 26' West, 259.85 feet; thence North 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 88 deg 26' East 259.85 feet; thence North along said East section line to the point being South 01 degrees 07' West, 1723.50 feet South of the East One-Quarter Section Quarter, thence South 88 30' West, to a point being North of the Point of Beginning thence South to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 7181 N Clare Ave, Harrison, MI 48625

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

Attention homeowner:

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C.
23938 Research Dr, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
1456979
(03-10)(03-31)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CLARE COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

CASE NO. and JUDGE 22-18527-DE

Court Address: 225 W. Main Street Harrison, MI. 48625
Court Telephone: 989-539-7109

Estate of RONNIE J. SPENCER, deceased
Date of birth: *11/7/1943
**TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**

The decedent, Ronnie J. Spencer, died 8/2/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Charles L. Spencer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI. 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 3/14/22
HEATHER M. NEVILL
P84243
601 Beech Street
Box 67
Clare, MI. 48617
989-386-3434
Charles L. Spencer
5451 E. 200 N.
Rolling Prairie, IN. 46371
219-575-2711
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clare County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on April 27, 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): Randy Lampman, unmarried man
Original Mortgage: Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: May 25, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 31, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$90,343.81
Description of the mortgaged premises:

Situated in Township of Frost, Clare County, Michigan, and described as: Lot Numbered 74, Supervisor's Plat of Bringman's Subdivision's, according to the recorded plat thereof, and also right of ingress and egress over and across Lot A of Hutchinson's Addition to Long Lake Summer Resort, EXCEPT the North 50 feet. ALSO

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 20 North, Range 4 West, described as: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot: 74, Supervisor's Plat of Bringman's Subdivision, said point lying South 01 degree 00 minutes East, along the West Section line, 1340.0 feet and North 87 degrees 28 minutes East, along the North line of said Supervisor's Plat of Bringman's Subdivision, 1317.75 feet and South 00 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds East, along the East line of said Supervisor's Plat of Bringman's Subdivision, 719.14 feet from the Northwest Corner of said Section 26; thence continuing South 00 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds East, 239.71 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot 73 of said Supervisor's Plat of Bringman's Subdivision; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds East, at a right angle to said East line, 150.00 feet; thence North 00 degree 31 minutes 00 seconds West, 239.71 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds West, 150.00 feet back to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1235 East Ave, Harrison, MI 48625-8828
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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

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

Date of notice: March 24, 2022
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
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HON.**

MARCY A. KLAUS
Court Address: 225 West Main Street P.O. Box 96 Harrison, MI. 48625
Court Telephone: 989-539-2105
Estate of JEANICE HORTON
Date of birth: 12/10/1934

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JEANICE HORTON, died 2/8/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DOUGLAS HORTON, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 W. MAIN STREET, HARRISON, MI. 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 03/18/2022
DAVID T. McANDREW
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989-539-2105
DOUGLAS HORTON
12580 RING ROAD
ST. CHARLES, MI. 48655
989-865-6882
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Estate of JUDY ANN LAVENS
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TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JUDY ANN LAVENS, died 01/06/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ADAM K. SEVENER, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 W. MAIN STREET, HARRISON, MI. 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 03/17/2022
DAVID T. McANDREW
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ADAM K. SEVENER
5358 GENERAL SQUIER RD.
DRYDEN, MI. 48428
248-804-0066
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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CLARE COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, JUDY ANN LAVENS, died 01/06/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ADAM K. SEVENER, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 W. MAIN STREET, HARRISON, MI. 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 03/17/2022
Robert E. McCarthy
P28450
411-C W. Lake Lansing Rd. Ste. 110
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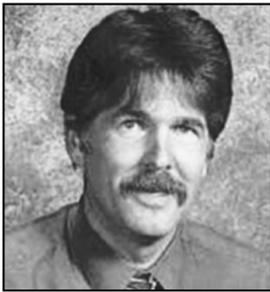
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Interested individuals can contact the Township Clerk, Rachel Mackson (989-572-0456), to secure a petition. The deadline for submitting a ballot petition is April 19th.

Candidate(s) will need to run for office in the August Primary and the November mid-term election. The current term runs through 2024.

Mail to: Greenwood Township Board Clerk
3447 W Temple - Harrison, MI 48625
Email: clerk@greenwoodtownship.org



Idle Chit-Chat

By Dave Minor

"How's the new grandbaby?"... "Caught many fish lately?"... "Can you believe how the Lions blew it yesterday?!" Idle chit-chat, as they say. And that's okay, just talkin' about nothin' super important. Other times it might be something quite life-changing that we're sharing with a close friend or relative.

Either way, it's that one-on-one live connection that we just don't get as well through our "social" devices. (I put it in quotes because have you ever been to a restaurant and seen all four family members with their heads down looking at their phone but not talking?)

One of the recent times I started thinking about this more was when I was at the Evert stadium this past spring waiting for Molly's next run, chatting with Matt and John, a couple fellow staff members at HHS who also have kids on the team. We spoke about the meet ("Boy, Harrison's squads are sure short-handed," I mentioned. Matt, a physical education teacher, responded with, "Yeh, track takes work. Kids these days don't want to do that, they just want to play on their phones..."). Chatting with these two was a way to pass the time between events.

A few weeks later I was waiting at the tire store and an older guy with a white beard was obviously wanting to talk, as he had walked into the waiting room at the same time as I had. "How's it going?" he said and I responded with more than an "Okay" so a conversation ensued for most of the hour it took to get our vehicles done. He wasn't obnoxious or pushy, but unprompted he'd given his opinions on several national issues. I'd never met him before and possibly won't again, but we did interact, sharing connections in some areas, as he's a community college math teacher in Texas during the school year (and has a summer place on a lake in Gladwin County).

With a lot of the people I do yard work for in the summer and on weekends, many are widows (one a 95-year-old widower, too), usually in their mid-seventies to later-eighties. Most don't talk your ear off actually, and sometimes when I engage a little I tell myself, "You can give her a little of your time..."

"It's not that I think they're all really lonely (though some probably are), and often we have interesting discussions about shared family circumstances and experiences and the times they

grew up in.

The above scenarios reminded me of what I've noticed a bit more lately, that those everyday conversations we have with colleagues at work, strangers in the stores, and our family at home can be ways we learn new info about the other person and also sometimes on subjects we have limited knowledge on. Sometimes we learn we don't agree on issues and that's okay, too.

Maybe it was just me, but during the height of the pandemic, it seemed like people were more wary about striking up conversations when waiting in line. Early on most people sure didn't want to appear to be treading on someone else's toes, even if both had masks on. With it being summer and masks off (at least for now), I've noticed in gas stations and other businesses more people loudly having conversations and seeming to enjoy the back-and-forth chit-chat. Several years ago when I had my oldest, Hank, in sophomore English class, near the end of the year we usually do a "Venn Diagram" where students have to create four or five bubbles with themselves in one and compare/contrast to some of their other family members. When Hank presented, he said, "My dad, on the other hand, can strike up a conversation with almost anybody..."

It surprised me because all my life I'd describe myself as an introvert, a bit of a loner, someone comfortable just being by myself. With teaching as my profession, obviously I've had to come out of my shell and speak publicly every day, but some days I still find it

hard. I've made more of an effort later in life to try to engage with others and have a conversation; usually I've found it a positive experience.

"So what're doing for fun these days?"... "Did you hear about that...?"... "What's going on in your life?" are just some discussion starters. They might lead to an invigorating dialogue. Occasionally of course they can end up causing you to be bored by a long-winded respondent.

On the other side of the spectrum, sometimes I've noticed some younger people don't know how to elaborate and carry a conversation forward. Short "It was fine" or "Not much" kind of responses pretty much cut the talk abruptly. It might be just the mood they're in that day and they don't really want to talk much. Still, it can be about as bad as talking too much in that you're not respecting the other person's time and effort to engage.

So, even with Twitter, Facebook, Insta-chat (I made that one up) and the like growing exponentially, there'll always be room for a face-to-face interaction. Sometimes it might be about something crucial like, "Okay, what're we going to do about Mom?" or "Are you sure you want to marry him?" but other times just something trivial like, "Did you see that home run in the Tigers game?" or "Yeh, I saw a couple deer cross the road last night; one looked like a buck..." Either way, we probably owe it to the other person to give them our attention, respond with some elaboration, and have one of those good ol' conversations.

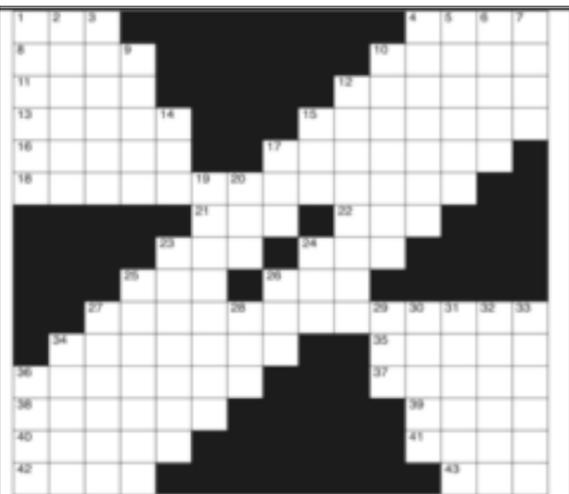
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A power of perception
- 4. Slotted hinged metal plate
- 8. Popular crop
- 10. Siamese fighting fish
- 11. Larval crabs
- 12. South American mammal
- 13. Occur as a result of
- 15. Slavic language
- 16. An electric underground railway
- 17. Transporting
- 18. A direction
- 21. Opposite of start
- 22. Mock
- 23. People love and hate it (abbr.)
- 24. A people of Myanmar
- 25. A Queens baller
- 26. Southern Thailand indigenous person
- 27. Famed actress
- 34. Thin strips
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Came down
- 39. Indian religious god
- 40. "Bewitched" actress Moorehead
- 41. Leak through slowly
- 42. Buzzing insects
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Skin condition
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Right away
- 4. Vomiting
- 5. Go to
- 6. "The Police" frontman
- 7. Bullfighting maneuver
- 9. Pacific island
- 10. A system of algebraic notation
- 12. A room used for the activities of a group
- 14. The longest division of geological time
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 17. A barrel of liquid (abbr.)
- 19. Bound to do
- 20. Explosive
- 23. Ridicules
- 24. Adult male
- 25. Military personnel
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Found in the sea
- 28. A share lost in default (abbr.)
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. City on the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away
- 34. Wampum
- 36. Lacking brightness

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

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SUMMERFIELD TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING/BOARD MEETING

The Summerfield Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2022/2023 at 9971 N. Finley Lake Ave, Harrison, MI on March 29, 2022 at 6:30PM.

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

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Summerfield Township Clerks Office.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Summerfield Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Jaelyn Hall, Summerfield Township Clerk
(989)539-2501

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Lincoln Township Public Notice

The Lincoln Township Board of Trustees adopted resolution number 031422-C, a resolution amending the Lincoln Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Section 20.8 Recreational Vehicles as Temporary Dwellings on Vacant Lots:

A. Authorization/Application. The addition of the following:

An annual zoning permit is required for the occupancy of such recreational vehicle and temporary storage structures.

The Zoning Administrator shall approve such a permit application upon finding that the application demonstrates conformance with all requirements of this section.

The resolution also corrects the typographical error that identifies the new section on temporary storage structures from 20.9 to 20.29. The amendment shall be effective on 01 April 2022.

A full copy of the resolution may be obtained by visiting www.lincolntwp.com under the zoning tab, or by email at clm@lincolntwp.com and postal mail at P.O. Box 239, Lake George, MI. 48633

Carol L. Majewski
Lincoln Township Clerk

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SURREY TOWNSHIP IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

SECRETARY: Must have a minimum of 1 year of office experience with phone and computer skills and the ability to communicate well with the public.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Experience is preferred but not mandatory but must be knowledgeable in basic office procedures. Must be willing to learn the job. Dependable transportation and valid proof of insurance is required. Most important must have patience and be good at dealing with people and their problems.

Resumes and applications must be in our office by **Friday, April 1, 2022.**

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Phi Theta Kappa members pictured are, from left: (front) Kristy Adams (Gladwin), Brittin Snyder (Ithaca), Maegan Salinas (Ewart), Cassie Hood (Harrison), Hannah Seely (Ovid), Jamee Goheen (Mount Pleasant), Cherokee Hughes (Stanwood), Lisa Davies (Gladwin), and Kim Keely (Beaverton); (second row) Walt Conley (Barryton), Joshua Mangus (Farwell), Lily Coffman (Clare), Kegan Jensen (Blanchard), Kaitlin Peterson (Mesick), Steve Taylor (Mount Pleasant), Jessie Salter (Saint Johns), and Lynn Cecil (Big Rapids); (top) current PTK members Aaliyah Lannon and Anna Woodworth, Tala Alahmar (guest speaker), and current PTK members Jessalyn Justice and Tyrone Jones.

MID PHI THETA KAPPA CHAPTER INDUCTS STUDENTS

Seventy-three students were recently inducted as new members of Mid Michigan College's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter.

"Being a member and officer of Mid's PTK Chapter has been a meaningful and fulfilling experience, one in which I have grown as a scholar, leader, and community member," noted Aaliyah Lannon, 2021 Mid PTK Chapter officer and Honors-in-Action chairperson. "I'm excited and honored to welcome these new members to our ever-growing and successful chapter."

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize the academic achievement of two-year college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders. Students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average and complete at least 12 credit hours at Mid before being eligible to join.

Mid launched a PTK chapter in 1989 – one of nearly 1,300 PTK chapters worldwide. Over the past 30 years, Mid's chapter has inducted over 2,500 members and obtained the highest level of achievement - a 5 Star Chapter. Through chapter and individual projects, members have succeeded in serving the College and surrounding communities.

For more information about Mid's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, visit midmich.edu/ptk or contact Tammy Alvaro at talvaro@midmich.edu or 989-386-6622, ext. 634.

New inductees not pictured above include: Alexandra Beyett (Bay City), Hannah Bingham (Beaverton), Craven Bird (Big Rapids), Everett Blake (Lansing),

Ryan Chamberlin (Mount Pleasant), Leslie Clare (Mount Pleasant), Kaydee Clay (Hubbard Lake), Caylee Colosky (Vassar), Madilynn Dix (Mount Pleasant), Katelyn Duesbout (Harrison), Jamie Eichenberg (Reed City), Jamie Esch (Sumner), Rory Fagan (Cadillac), Trey Ferguson (St. Louis), Malory Greenacre (Beaverton), Jennifer Guthrie (Farwell), Maggie Hall (Harrison), Ann Heath (Beaverton), Nicholas Henderson (Bitely), Mikayla Hendrix (Houghton Lake), Jordyn Henning (Mount Pleasant), Alicyn Hickey (Harrison), Deonte Hughes-Adams (Mount Clemens), Jeremy Jeske (Bay City), Kylee Judge (Shepherd), James Kinkad (Mount Pleasant), Catherine Kirchen (Harrison), Audrey Kreiner (Vassar), Izabel Krumrey (Clare), Allison Lake (Clare), Kaila Langlois (Clare), Janel Laubscher (Breckenridge), Jazmine Lopez (Lake), Andrew Lewis (Saginaw), Abby Martin (Tustin), Logan Melter (Mount Pleasant), Breonna Meyer (Mount Pleasant), Danielle Miller (Breckenridge), Tayler Miller (Barryton), Madison Morey (Mount Pleasant), Nicholas O'Brien (Farwell), Sophia Paez (Gladwin), Stephanie Parks (Midland), Luke Predum (Mount Pleasant), Jonathan Reyes (Mount Pleasant), Scott Rodenbo (Clare), Katie Rubalcada (Ravenna), Kristy Ruthig (Perrinton), Stephanie Sant (Harrison), Chase Schmitz (Breckenridge), Tommy Scott (Mount Pleasant), Laken Shell (Beaverton), Jennifer Slack (Harrison), Brooke Smith (Ithaca), Tiffany Smith (Muskegon), Johnathon Starry (St. Louis), Isaac

Steele (Beaverton), Emma Tait (Shepherd), Kirrah Thayer (Mount Pleasant), Ellie Theisen (Weidman), Cole Tilton (Alma), Bailey Torpey (Barryton), Allison Tweed (Beaverton), Jennifer VanDersys (Sault St. Marie), Jamee Vansicklen (Mount Pleasant), Kayla Van Tiem (Beaverton), Courtney Vizineau (Mount Pleasant), Nicole Weller (Harrison), Calen Wernette (Mount Pleasant), and Chelsey Williams (Gladwin).

Mid Awards Full-Ride Scholarships to Outstanding Students

This year marks the 10th in which Mid Michigan College has awarded competitive full-ride scholarships to exceptional high school seniors. Laker Distinction Scholarships are offered at two award levels.

The scholarship's traditional level provides for 31 credits of tuition and fees. Presidential Laker Distinction Scholarships, the highest awards, include 62 credits (the equivalent of an associate degree) of tuition and fees. The Presidential Laker Distinction Scholarship is renewable and also includes a \$500/semester stipend for books and school supplies.

To qualify for Laker Distinction Scholarships, applicants must be Michigan high school seniors with a 3.25 grade-point average or better. Selection for the scholarship winners occurred over the course of two months, and applicants participated in two events at Mid as they progressed through the process.

Final determinations were based on applicants' leadership, service, and academic performance, which were assessed through a variety of measures. Students submitted creative response pieces, wrote short essays, and, for those moving to the final round of selection, partic-



Pictured, from left, are full-ride scholarship awardee Macey Novak, MMC President Tim Hood, and awardees Rue Bardy, Sawyer Gerow, Maggie Jo Ware and Taylor Benthem. Not pictured is awardee Emily Burnell.

ipated in a series of short interviews with Mid personnel.

"We know that a lot of these high caliber students see Mid as a gateway to their future educations, so we take the selection process very seriously," said Katie Navock, director of admissions at Mid. "We ensure that the process is impartial, fair, and considers the full scope of abilities that these students possess – we really get to know the applicants as much as possible, and each year are reminded that our local communities include truly remarkable young people."

Following are the recipients listed by name, high school and pro-

gram of study.

2022 Laker Distinction Presidential Scholarship (2 year): Taylor Benthem, McBain, healthcare; and Sawyer Gerow, Beaverton, business

2022 Laker Distinction Scholarship (1 year): Maggie Jo Ware, Harrison, healthcare; Alexa (Rue) Bardy, Mount Pleasant, psychology; Emily Burnell, Ithaca, dentology; and Macey Novak, Sacred Heart Academy, nursing.

To learn more about the Laker Distinction Scholarships at Mid, visit midmich.edu/distinction or contact Admissions at admissions@midmich.edu or 989-386-6622.

Mid Students Receive Awards

Three Mid Michigan College students were recently recognized for their academic achievement, community service, and leadership accomplishments at Phi Theta Kappa's Award Luncheon, hosted by the Michigan Community College Association, in Lansing.

Jessalyn Justice (Remus) and Anna Woodworth (Mount Pleasant) received All-Michigan Academic Team honors as Transfer Pathway Scholars, and Kristy Ruthig (Perrinton) received All-Michigan Academic Team honors as a Workforce Pathway Scholar.

"To be recognized at this level was a humbling experience," shared Ruthig. "I'm grateful for the opportunities I've been given, and look forward to giving back in my role as an early childhood educator."

Jessalyn Justice was also recognized as the 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Students are nominated for this prestigious award by their college administrators, and selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service. Jessalyn received a silver medal and \$1,250.

Anna Woodworth received the 2022 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholarship. New Century Transfer Pathway Scholars are selected based on their academic accomplishments,

leadership, activities, and how they extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. Thousands of students were nominated from more than 1,200 college campuses across the country. Only one New Century Transfer Pathway

Pictured, from left, are MMC President Tim Hood, Jessalyn Justice, Anna Woodworth and Tammy Alvaro.



Scholar is selected from each state. Anna received a certificate and \$2,250.

"We are so proud of these students and their exceptional accomplishments," noted Tammy Alvaro, PTK Chapter Advisor at Mid Michigan College. "It was an honor to attend with President Hood and celebrate their well-deserved recognition."

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achievement – a 5 Star Chapter.

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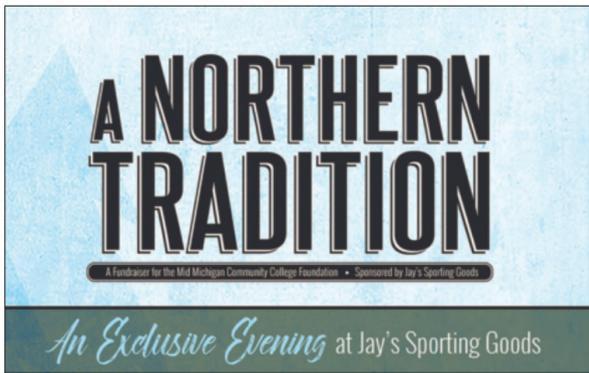
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A Northern Tradition Returns To Jay's Sporting Goods



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, benefiting 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 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 or by texting TRADITION to 91999.

For more information about A Northern Tradition, visit midmich.edu/ant or contact Tom Olver at tolver@midmich.edu or 989-386-6675.



Maple Syrup Farmers Grow Hopeful With Ideal Weather

By LINDSAY M. McCOY
Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan maple syrup farmers sound optimistic that the industry will see a successful 2022 season after production declined in recent years.

While the state ranks in the top 10 syrup producers in the country, it produced only 150,000 gallons in 2021, 20,000 less than the prior year. In 2020, the value of production dropped to \$8.26 million, a 13% decrease from 2019, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Officials say warmer than usual weather and shorter tapping seasons are responsible.

Gary McDowell, the director of the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said low sap production is due to the changing climate.

"It's gradual...which is why it's not been taken seriously," said McDowell.

Last year's season was four days shorter than 2020's, lasting only 25 days.

However, local farmers say they remain hopeful this season will see a production increase.

"I think every farmer has to be optimistic, whether it's maple syrup or you plant corn," said Gary Shepherd, the owner of Bonz Beach Farms in Onaway.

Vacuum tubing systems, shown in the woods at BrixStone Farms in Shepherd said his farm just began tapping its 4,000 trees and hopes to see a higher volume than in 2021.

"Last year we had really crazy

weather. We had 70-degree days in March, and then it would get real cold again," said Shepherd.

Days with temperatures in the 40-degree range and nights around

in the day and yield more.

"They let us get about 30% more of a yield than you would collecting sap in a bucket hanging out of a tree," Foster said.



Vacuum tubing systems, shown in the woods at BrixStone Farms in Bear Lake, are replacing old-fashioned taps. (Photo by Keaton Foster)

25 degrees are ideal for syrup production, and this year's forecast seems to better align with that range, he said.

Shepherd and other maple syrup producers in the state said their use of vacuum systems rather than traditional taps and buckets has allowed them to maintain the production levels they have.

Keaton Foster, owner of BrixStone Farms in Manistee County's Bear Lake, said those new systems let the sap run longer

"There are a lot of smaller producers getting into it, backyard people looking for things to do in the spring."

Shepherd said he's seen an increase in demand at his farm as well.

"I think we're probably one of those rare businesses that COVID maybe helped a little bit with the fact that people started to eat at home more," he said.

With more demand than product available, Shepherd said his farm had only one remaining barrel of syrup last year and was in a position to turn business away if only one more customer bought syrup from his farm.

"I hope we have a good year because if we don't, I'm going to be searching for syrup myself."



Victorian-Era Capitol Ceilings Draw New Attention

By JADA PENN
Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan's state Capitol is opening a new underground visitor and event center inside Heritage Hall this summer that will feature the historic building's ceilings designs created by Christian Weidemann, according to Capitol historian and curator Valerie Marvin.

Weidemann was a Detroit artist who was the foreman for the Capitol's decoration and painting project from 1885 to 1890, according to Marvin.

Marvin said the exhibit has been under construction for two to three years and will include new orientation rooms, a conservation lab, historical exhibits and space for historical programming. It's expected to be home to large meetings, events and functions.



Looking up into the Capitol dome. (Photo courtesy David Marvin, State of Michigan)

Weidemann worked at the William Wright Co., and likely did the original artwork in the 19th century when it was first built, according to Marvin. The art was inspired by the Victorian artwork of the 19th and early 20th century, which was popular during that time.

"The Victorians believed that beautiful surroundings would inspire people to do their best work," Marvin said. "The Victorians would often put a lot of decoration on the ceilings, and they wanted to make your eyes go up."

"In this period, tall buildings were hard to build, so the idea is, if our eyes are constantly going up, it makes us think the spaces are bigger than what they really are," Marvin said.

State Capitol Commission member Bill Kandler said it's "pretty unique and special."

"We've been told that Michigan's state Capitol has one of the finest examples of Victorian interior of any public building in the country," Kandler said.

David Kidd, a photojournalist at Governing magazine who visited 30 state capitols over the last dozen years, saw Weidemann's work on the Capitol's ceilings and said it stands out to him because of the bold and bright colors that cover every surface.

Since cheaper materials were used in construction, artists painted over cast iron columns and made them look like marble, according to Kidd. He said he's not used to seeing every interior surface covered in paint.

"Some of the decorations are done with metallic paints, something that I have not seen at other state capitols," Kidd said. "I am amazed at the amount of intricate detail in the hand-painted decorations that cover the ceiling."



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The Book of Proverbs notes that "The way of fools seems right to them, but the way of the wise leads to life." (Proverbs 12:15 NIV) We all know that we learn more by listening than by speaking, but even so, many of us are tempted to talk more than we listen. This is often just sheer egotism. We all seem to love the sound of our own voices and can't wait for the other person to stop talking so we can jump in and have our say. Oftentimes, our egotism rises to the level where we actually believe that we can change someone else's mind by simply talking. This doesn't happen very often, but sometimes the act of listening to others patiently and asking them questions about their beliefs will get them to change their minds. And why are we so bent on changing other people's minds in the first place? Why can't we just be content that people believe different things, especially in the realms of politics and religion? One way to be a good friend and to heal the divisions that often arise over differences of opinion is to let others talk and to merely listen, asking questions to clarify, but giving up the egotistic notion that you need to change their minds.
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Animal Shelter Receives Huge Donation

The 100 Women Who Care in Clare County, featured in a previous Cleaver issue, have once again proven their generosity in donating \$100 each to the Clare County Animal Shelter. Stephanie Graham, the organizer and cheerful leader of the group, presented Rudi Hicks a check for \$10,600 on Monday, March 21. (Photo provided by 100 Women Who Care)



BOC Passes Motions

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

- Approve the day's meeting agenda, as well as the Board of Commissioners minutes of Feb. 16, 2022.
- Approve renewal of the contract with Indigent Defense Consultants, P.C., in the amount of \$155,000.
- Approve the Clare County Disaster Debris Management Plan as presented by the Clare County Emergency Management. (Copy available for review)
- Approve the Letter of Understanding for all Sheriff's Department Unions in order to allow for donated sick time for those that have been on Family Medical Leave but have exhausted all their time and used all current accrued time.
- Adopt Resolution No. 22-06 for the purpose of submitting a proposal to the qualified voters of Clare County for the Senior Citizens Services Millage Renewal Proposal.
- Approve a 3% wage increase to staff in the Senior Services/Community Development for those that haven't received an increase since F2016 effective March 16, 2022, and again on Oct. 1, 2022.
- Allow the Veterans Affairs Director to attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers conference in San Antonio, Texas from June 5-10 with all funds to come from approved grant monies.
- Reappoint Joe Phillips to the Community Mental Health Board for a 3-yr term to expire March 31, 2025.
- Allow the payout of 22.5 hours of vacation time exceeding the

amount in the Personnel Manual for Carol Majewski due to staff shortage. (Commissioner Dale Majewski abstained.)

- Adopt Resolution No 22-07, Clare County Transportation Millage proposal, for the purpose of continuing to fund a countywide public transportation system to serve Clare County.
- Approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of Feb. 24, 2022 in the amount of \$170,638.25 and approve the payout of sick time due to retirement for Cindy Wright in the amount of \$4,641.02 and minutes of March 7, 2022 in the amount of \$108,137.23
- Approve the expenditures for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$2,335,344.92 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$1,022,971.65
- Approve Budget Adjustments 22-40, 22-41, 22-46, 22-47, 22-48, 22-49 and 22-50 in the amounts of \$782,923.89; \$3,405.30; \$20,945; \$7,300; \$10,000; \$9,700 and \$55,814.04 to be distributed.
- Allow up to \$3,500 to be provided through ARPA funds for the District Court for the purchases of furniture and supplies for new employee previously approved through ARPA funding.
- Increase the Clare County Sheriff's salary by \$17,033 in two equal parts, with the first part to start immediately and the rest to start with the next fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2022. Also, to increase the salary of the Clare County Undersheriff by \$18,064 in two equal parts, with the first part to start immediately and the rest to start with the next fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2022. (Dissenting votes were cast by Commissioners Jeff Haskell and Dale Majewski.)

Big Brothers Big Sisters Auction Raises \$59,000

Mid Michigan Big Brothers Big Sisters is excited to announce that last night Auction at the Doherty Hotel raised just over \$59,000. Close to 300 people were in attendance at the event which started at 6 p.m. immediately after the Clare Chamber of Commerce Business after hours sponsored by Mercantile Bank. There were various live and silent auctions as well as a cash raffle and one lucky attendee won four tickets to see Billy Joel at Comerica Park on June 9. The BBBS board would like to say a special thanks to Liz Bouchey for organizing the event. Also, a thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and Mercantile Bank for allowing us to follow their event, along with a big thank you to the Doherty Hotel for hosting the evening.

Thank you to all the area businesses and residents for coming out and supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters. The generosity of the Clare and Gladwin county communities is overwhelming. Thank you everyone who helped, donated items, and all those who attended.

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Commissioner Stephanie Brown announces her resignation from her position as representative for Clare County's District 4 during the March 16 BOC meeting. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

Commissioner Stephanie Brown Resigns from BOC

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
 Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – After a meeting in which she had spoken in support of appropriate compensation for the sheriff and undersheriff, Commissioner Stephanie Brown informed her fellow commissioners that she was resigning from her position on the board. Brown was one of the four new commissioners to be seated after the 2020 election.

This action was taken on the heels of a letter to the editor which had been printed in both Clare County newspapers – a letter critical of both Commissioners Brown and Sandy Bristol, written by someone who does not live in either commissioner's district. Her reference of the letter began with her commissioner's report:

"I answered quite a few emails in the last month regarding issues," Brown said. "It's apparent there are some people that are not pleased that I'm not at meetings [referencing the aforementioned letter], and I wholeheartedly agree with that person. Yeah, I have been MIA ... so that's what I have for now."

After the other commissioners finished their reports, and the agenda entered New Business, Brown continued:

"As we've talked and I've asked multiple times to adjust the time of the meetings, it's been clear that wasn't happening," she said. "Based on that and the inability to do my job effectively when I'm not at a meeting, I am resigning today from the Board of Commissioners. It's not fair to my public, and it's not fair to the departments that I could potentially be working with when I'm not able to be here."

Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund inquired of the board how the vacant seat would be treated, and was told the board would appoint someone to the position. Asplund also attempted to console Brown with an "I'm really sorry."

Brown responded saying "It is what it is."

She went on to advise those who may be considering running for office to know what is required of them.

"Be sure you understand the full gamut," Brown said. "And often times, even though your heart is into it, you need to (one) protect yourself and your family – and that's keeping my job – and have the flexibility to be able to be at multiple meetings."

Asplund said she knew Brown's heart had been in the right place, and that she was appreciated.

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no inmate revenue.

The sheriff then spoke of the difference between his department and Isabella. He said Isabella has 45 employees compared with Clare's 70, and Isabella doesn't oversee its Central Dispatch and Wilson does. He also noted the many variables to consider when making comparisons, i.e., the six policing agencies in Isabella County plus a Michigan State Police post.

"I think we also have to look at the future," said Commissioner Stephanie Brown. "Retaining employees, getting new employees in there – we faced that with the deputies. If we're not offering a substantial or fair wage, we're not going to get qualified applicants. Where if you do, you're a training spot for them; they train and then they leave because they can find more [funds] somewhere else. These salaries they're at right now are inadequate for the work they do. And you're not going to find additional personnel that would be willing to take on the roles and responsibilities of that program."

Asplund added that every one of her townships has spoken very positively about the sheriff and undersheriff.

"And given the facts and what the sheriff and undersheriff are proposing – no funds are being asked from the public," she said. "It's all from the Commissary Fund. And they're requesting not anything exorbitant ... basically to be in comparison to other counties."

"Our townships have all said, in their opinions, that we have the best sheriff and undersheriff in the whole state."

Fancon again brought the focus back to the simple fact that the positions need to be supported because they, in turn, support the generation of much-needed renter revenues for the county.

After commissioners debated changing the motion on the floor to



The Clare County Board of Commissioners take up a packed agenda Wednesday, March 16, including the question of raises for the sheriff and undersheriff. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

better align the proposed wages with the Gladwin undersheriff wage of \$77,000 and sheriff wage of \$83,000-plus, Wilson said that the proposed 10% and 10% would still leave the two falling farther and farther behind.

It was pointed out that procedure required a vote on the original motion; a roll call vote saw Majewski's motion fail [dissenting votes cast by Fancon, Brown, Bristol and Asplund].

Then Asplund proposed a motion to raise both wages up by \$10,000 in both the current and upcoming budget years. That motion also failed [dissenting votes cast by Majewski, Haskell, Bristol and Pitchford].

A third motion was made by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Fancon to increase the sheriff's salary by \$17,033 and the undersheriff's salary by \$18,064. Both would be paid out in two

equal parts, the first to start immediately and the second to start with the next fiscal year which begins Oct. 1, 2022. That motions was seconded by Rick Fancon, and once again the vote was called.

And so it was, on a mild March

morning, with dissenting votes cast by Commissioners Majewski and Haskell, the Clare County Sheriff and Undersheriff saw their salaries rise to the current level of their counterparts in Gladwin County.

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