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COMING EVENTS

Spring Rummage Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, First Congregational Church, 211 W. Spruce St., Harrison.

The **Clare County Animal Shelter** will be participating in the **Bissell Empty the Shelter** event May 2-6. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All eligible animals will have their adoption fees waived and be free. (Dogs require a \$10 license refundable deposit.)

Yoder's Flea Market & Craft Show will be May 20-21. For more information, visit www.claremichigan.com

Veterans/Military Expo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 21 at the Wexford Civic Center in Cadillac. Free admission/parking. Honor Guard ceremony, concession lunch, entertainment, raffles; 70-plus vendors. For information, call 231-775-6654 or email kcline@wexford-county.org

Harrison High School Alumni will be hosting the 2022 Coffee Hour and Business meeting Saturday May 28, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$5 at the door. 50/50 tickets will be sold. Invite your classmates and plan to attend.

Harrison's Memorial Weekend Car & Bike Show will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 29. Cost is \$10 per car/motorcycle. Goody bag to 1st 50 entered. There will also be Craft Vendors needed. Booth cost is \$25. Call 989-539-6011.

Memorial Day Observance and Statue Unveiling at 11 a.m. on Monday May 30 at Veterans Freedom Park in Harrison.

The **Harrison Chamber of Commerce** will hold the annual **Budd Lake Fishing Derby** June 11 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be on the free fishing weekend. Visit the Harrison Chamber at www.harrison-chamber.com for more information.

2nd Annual Harrison City Wide Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25. The City of Harrison will waive the permit and fee for this weekend. Register your garage sale with the Harrison Chamber of Commerce by June 17 to be added to the list. Call 989-539-6011.

BOC Signs Contract with New County Administrator

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – The resignation of Clare County Administrator Tracy Byard, tendered at the March meeting of the Clare County Board of Commissioners meeting, left the commissioners looking to fill the position promptly.

At the time of Byard's announcement, she indicated that Community Services Director Lori Phelps should be considered for the position, adding that it would require some adjusting of job descriptions/tasks for Phelps current position.

At the April 20 BOC meeting, there was discussion of replacement for the administrator, and BOC Chair Jeff Haskell described the work being done to define departmental job descriptions in order to determine what needed to be done to fill the void left by the administrator. He said, once that is done, the commissioners could meet with Phelps to see what her expectations were and what she felt about her Community Services Director duties. It was also noted at that time that the Assistant to the Administrator position that will be vacant with the retirement of Dawn Raupp.

When Commissioner Rick Fancon asked if Phelps would have time to do the work of county administrator along with all her current job duties. Phelps explained that she had some ideas on restructuring, and Byard

assured that she would do all she could to assure a smooth transition, and also would be available anytime to help.

As far as the directorship structure, Phelps explained that prior to the BOC's creation of the Community Services Director position, Senior Services had been under the direction



of the county administrator. Thus, this could be a simple matter of reverting to the previous structure.

"But I would not retain many of those duties," Phelps said. "I would push those onto somebody else. Then I would request a couple different positions ... I would like to have a human resource coordinator and a finance coordinator."

She discussed a desire to rewrite some job descriptions, including possibly the job



Gathering for a photo to mark the hiring of Lori Phelps as the new Clare County Administrator, from left, are Commissioners Rick Fancon, Sandra Bristol, Dale Majewski, Phelps, Commissioner Jeff Haskel, outgoing Administrator Tracy Byard, and Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt. At left, Dale Majewski and Lori Phelps sign the contract that makes official the hiring of Phelps as the new Clare County Administrator. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

description of the administrator, if that was approved by the board.

After consideration of the Phelps proposals, as well as the other financial considerations attendant to them, a Special Meeting of the BOC was called for the morning of May 2 for the purpose of appointing Byard's replacement.

Thus, five of seven county commissioners met, and after expressing their approval of Phelps for the new position, her contract with the county was signed.

Commissioners also approved posting/accepting applications for a finance coordinator, which will be considered and acted on at the May 18 BOC meeting.

2 NEW LOCAL BUSINESSES CUTTING RIBBONS

Longer Table Brings Something Special

*It's a Wish,
It's a Memory,
...and Magic*

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – Mother and daughter duo Tammy and Trisha Galloway are about to launch their special blend of tradition and innovation when they open their new storefront location along Second Street in the Harrison City Market. The storefront ribbon-cutting/grand opening is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14 and these two entrepreneurs are eager to welcome the public into their very-pink-themed establishment.

It won't just be all color fun, however, but also a place where customers can choose to dine indoors or outdoors/streetside, something more frequently found in larger cities.

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Tammy said she always wanted to do something in the restaurant/catering scene, and at Valentine's Day 2021 she decided to "just jump in and do it." Quickly realizing she would need some help, Trisha sought out her mother who had always made cakes for the family. Noting her grandmother had been a top pastry chef and cake decorator who passed on her cake decorating knowledge to Tammy,



Tammy and Trisha Galloway, mother-daughter team behind Longer Table, display a bit of their product in the newly renovated storefront in the Harrison City Market. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

Trisha said when her business took off with chocolate, cannolis, etc., it was a simple choice to bring her mom into the business.

When creative cook Trisha realized she needed to expand her cottage license catering business, the next step was obtaining a food license which allowed for use of the Market's commercial kitchen.

"Then we got a spot at the Market, and now we're going to have a storefront within the Market," Trisha said. "The Market has been super instrumental in helping us expand."

The business will retain use of the Market kitchen, and the storefront will include a full cooler for displaying product.

"And there's a lot of pink," she said. "We're bringing a little pink to Harrison."

Trisha explained their desire

was to have an area where people could come to relax, get a quick bite to eat, and see what the business has to offer. She said the business also will have special events in conjunction with the Harrison City Market; one thing they are excited to launch is high teas.

Tammy said something special she would like to offer is a class on decorating sugar Easter egg (with interior scene) geared mostly to children ... "something to get the kids involved."

"That's our whole goal," Tammy said. "We're trying to offer food items and activities you can't get readily in our town."

Trisha said the business started out with sweets, then launched their charcuterie and appetizers – both well-received and leading to

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Harrison's 'North Woods' Perfect Place for 'Forge'

*North Woods
Forge Grand
Opening May 14*

By ANGELA KELLOGG
Cleaver Managing Editor

HARRISON – David McConnell and his wife, Rebecca, are new Harrison residents, but David is not a stranger to some. McConnell was on the History Channel television competition show "Forged in Fire" in 2017 where he placed second.

Since then, McConnell had been working out of his home in Kalkaska, but the couple decided their home in a subdivision didn't meet David's need for a larger forge and they had a dream for an off grid, more nature-based lifestyle.

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"I grew up on a farm so living in a subdivision really wasn't for me," McConnell said. "I also guide for bird hunting, for grouse and woodcock, and I have two bird dogs and we have two little dogs. Our neighbors were great, but we outgrew our one acre."

McConnell started in his shed in that subdivision which was only 12-by-12. He built a 32-by-40 shop on the new property.

"My goal has always been to teach. I could only do a one-on-one class, now I can teach up to six people."



David McConnell stands among the tongs, hammers and other tools made and used by him in his forge. McConnell has made most items in his workshop. (Cleaver photos by Angela Kellogg)

McConnell is a full-time bladesmith and blacksmith. He also does nuisance trapping in addition to bird guiding.

Property in Harrison on Old State Road fit the bill for the couple. Harrison's central location suited Rebecca's career as a traveling RN. And the log cabin, nearby state land and natural beauty of the area were just what the McConnell's were looking for in a new home and business location.

To step into McConnell's forge is a modern take on what you remember from a blacksmith's shop in Greenfield Village or other historical museum. McConnell built his first forge which is on display in a corner and works with smaller propane fueled forges, of which he has many. Before forging full time, McConnell

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And the winner is...

BOE Selects Superintendent Candidate to Lead District Forward

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – It has been an eventful week for the Harrison Community Schools District, as it pursued finding the right candidate to fill the soon-to-be-vacated superintendent position created by the retirement of Rick Foote. On April 26, the HCS Board of Education interviewed three candidates for the superintendent of schools position. In order of interview, they were Michael Hugan, Deckerville Community Schools Superintendent; Judy Walton, Eastern Middle School Principal, Forest Hills Public Schools; and Kelly Lipovsky, Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Director of Federal and State Grants, Harrison Community Schools.



Above, HCS Superintendent candidate Michael Hugan acknowledges the crowd after he completes his second round interview with the HCS Board of Education. At right, candidate Judy Walton details her projected 90-day plan. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

Dave Moore, Michigan Association of School Boards representative, continued his guidance as he urged board members to be realistic about their choices. He noted that one of the candidates was interviewing the next day for the Clare-Gladwin RESD superintendent position to be created with the retirement of Sheryl Presler. That was to ensure board members were not making any assumptions about the guaranteed availability of any one candidate.

What ensued was an interesting case study in practicality and loyalty, as the board was asked to vote on how many candidates should be invited back for the second round of interviews. The sense that all three should return was fueled by the fear that if one or two did decline or take a different position, it would leave the board with no one to fill the superintendent position, which would require starting the whole search process all over again.

Four voted to bring back all three, and two voted for only two, with one being willing to do either. Moore urged that candidates be brought back only if the board truly wanted them as a viable/desired hire. After the majority of board members opted to bring back only two, the question became *which two?*



The two board members who had originally opted for two candidates also very carefully, thoughtfully and directly explained their reasons for choosing the outside candidates over the in-house candidate. One noted, with great respect, the extraordinary intellect, vast knowledge and expertise possessed by Kelly Lipovsky, but added that she was tremendously effective in her current position, but didn't believe as well-suited for the superintendent position. The second board member said that it was a simple choice; noting that everyone he'd asked whether they wanted "the same" or "something different," had replied they wanted something different.

After some back and forth dis-

ussion, one board member suggested there had been nearly all in-house hirings for the superintendent, and the one exception cited had not worked out well. That member also expressed concern that people moving on to other school districts may likely be career climbing or could have skeletons in their closets.

The other board members were quick to note that career growth is a normal, desirable thing in any career – and that implying an unsavory history was unwarranted.

At its final vote, the board voted 6-1 to one to invite Hugan and Walton back for the second interviews. Next, the board was set to the task of establishing its second set of interview questions, which were to be sent along for compilation by Moore as had been done for the previous round.

That led to the final round of interviews Monday, May 2, in which both Hugan and Walton provided thorough, thoughtful answers to all questions put to them. Each provided a requested 90-day plan they would implement if selected. Hugan's bullet-pointed list was simple and to the point, and offered with examples of how the items were pertinent. Walton's plan was presented in the form of a circular graphic, noting groupings of actions which could be implemented in whatever sequence turned out to be most expedient by need.

Again, the candidates answered board members' questions – 18 this time. Closing out each Q&A, the candidates had the opportunity to ask the board one question, which was revealing as to how they might approach discovery and problem-solving in this district.

After a long break and consideration of what they had learned from the candidates – and weighing more written audience commentary – board members each spoke of the positive aspects brought by the individual candidates. There also was reporting by board member Kendra Durga and Dave Moore about their references follow-up – both of which were full verification of what had been presented previously. Durga's discovery had yielded nothing but highly positive responses, not only from Walton's listed references, but also from others sought out by Durga, including parents of students.

Then it was time to pony up some opinions, and Moore advised the board of the "extreme importance of the board being unified in its vote," and that a job offer should never be made on a 4-3 vote. He said a 5-2 vote could be OK, but that a 7-7 vote is the best consensus to convey positive support to candidates.

That led to the first straw (unofficial) vote, which was 5-2 in favor of Walton. Opposing members spoke of their reasoning, which included Hugan being more experienced in superintendency, and Walton being perhaps too well-researched (implying possibly presenting what the board wanted to hear). Comments continued, noting specific candidate responses, particularly Walton's emphasis on a student-focused approach including bringing joy back to learning, and bringing the community together in pursuit of unified goals – most specifically standing firm in a strategy of pursuing only things that will truly benefit children, because anything else is simply a waste of time. In her words: "developing a culture of learning and a culture of pride."

Also of import was Walton's unequivocal statement that she had not applied for any of the myriad

Health-Promoting Venue Comes to Fruition

Ribbon Cut on Phelps Nature Trail

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – A special Harrison project was officially completed Monday, May 2 with the ribbon-cutting ceremony which marked the completion of the Phelps Nature Trail and honored its namesake, retired Department of Public Works Superintendent Steve Phelps.

The plans for the proposed nature trail began in 2017, with grant funding coming through in 2018. Three years later, the trail became a reality, however the ribbon-cutting was delayed due to wait times on some trail elements. That delay has not prevented residents from getting out and enjoying the health-giving benefits of walking and biking in the great outdoors.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, retiring Harrison City Manager Tracey Connelly said the trail was a way to pay tribute to an amazing individual who had spent 35 years serving the City of Harrison.

"Steve has dedicated his life to taking care of his family, his community," Connelly said. "And there is no one who has done more for the City of Harrison in the past 40-plus years. No matter how big the crowd, it is a person like Steve always stands out. It is with genuine gratitude and warm regards that we dedicate the Phelps Nature Trail to Mr. Steve Phelps. ON behalf of myself, the City Council and the entire City of Harrison, we'd like to say Thank You, Steve, for everything you've done for our community."

With that, Council members and DPW staff joined Phelps as he and the huge pair of ceremonial scissors made short work of the big red ribbon tied across the trail underneath the sign bearing his name.

Phelps offered his own words on the trail named in his honor, beginning by thanking his wife and family for always standing behind him, even though he couldn't always be present for family events.

"It's an honor for this to happen," he said. "I'd like to remind everybody that the City of



Steve Phelps snips the ribbon, officially opening the nature trail named in his honor. He is flanked, from left, by Council members Dave Rowe and Angela Kellogg, DPW Superintendent Sam Russell, Colton Hilyard, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Sullivan, son Johnny Phelps and retiring Harrison City Manager Tracey Connelly. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

Harrison is a great place to live and be, and there are great people here. Things like this and other things that happened over the years I was here, I've seen a lot of changes.

"It couldn't have happened without people like your Council people that stand behind the city employees. They're the backbone of a lot of what happens here, and they do it, not for the money, but for the love of the community – as I do. Thank you."

The trail offers: 1.6 miles of paved walkable path and bike ramps, and also includes an exercise kiosk, as well as a bicycle repair station – all aimed to promote the community's physical and mental health through outdoor exercise. It is comprised of the Parking Lot Loop of 230 feet; Main Loop of 3,040 feet; Woods Trail of 2,874 feet; and Ski Trail of 2,294 feet.

There has been some tweaking and shaving of the plan, but the finished result is close to the original concept, and is still going to be a fine venue for health minded individuals and families – starting just a stone's throw from the park and offering varied distances to match varied needs. And what better time to get out and breath some of nature's finest than late spring when wildflowers, birds and insects are beginning to sing their encouraging beauty and songs?

The trail which begins near the ballfields on the south side of Harrison City Park, continues through the woods and around behind the high school/middle school complex where it will connect to the Safe Routes to School paths that were completed in 2017. It is hoped to eventually connect with Hayes Township, again a project which would be funded via grant(s).

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Outdoors With Jeff

Before and after trout season stressed. They said that if a fisherman hooked a trout, the stress would kill the fish before it was landed. This concern lasted most of the summer and it was in the fall that the fears of the fisherman finally ended.

One of the reasons, I went up to these two rivers is because I had heard that they were running high water on both of the rivers. Before I went up there, I called friends of mine, that live on the rivers up there. The friend that I called that lives on the Manistee, he told me that that river was doing ok. The other friend that lives on the Au Sable River informed me that it was, a little high, but not that high. He said that he remembered a year or so ago, when the water was over its banks. He also stated that last year the water was extremely low, by the time summer got there, the water was extremely low, and the water was extremely warm. I remember that the friends of the Au Sable were posting and asking fishermen not to fish because they are already



JEFF GOYT

Flies and many more ending with the big flies called the Hex.

If all stands, if the warm weather comes and all are perfect, people should start seeing mushrooms soon. Hopefully, the warmer weather, will draw people out and enjoy being outside, after a long winter.



PEOPLE vs. UPDYKE MAY 21, 1906 – Spear, Jacks And Artificial Light

Theodore Trudell, Deputy Game and Fish Warden for the State of Michigan, signed a Complaint before Justice of the Peace Albert E. Maynard on April 28, 1906, charging that on April 24th L.B.

Updyke “did take, catch and kill or attempt to take catch and kill fish from Windover Lake . . . by means of spear jacks and artificial light”.

A Warrant was issued and defendant Updyke was arrested by Constable W. J. Dwyer. A Justice Subpoena was issued for the appearance of Edmund Hewitt and J.W. Sutton as witnesses at trial on May 10th.

The trial notes of Justice Maynard on stationary of the Phenix Insurance Company with A.E. Maynard, Agent, indicated that witness Hewitt lived 1/2 mile from Windover Lake and on the night of April 24th he was on the bank of the lake and saw defendant Updyke “out on lake . . . a lit-

~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~

Happy Mother's Day To All Moms,
Hidden Or Otherwise.

Clare Sentinel, 28 July 1904

UNCLE SAM'S LOTTERY

R. J. Willoughby Has a Chance to Draw 160-Acre Prize in the Rosebud Reservation, S. D.

R. J. Willoughby who recently sold out his photo studio in Clare journeyed last week to the south part of the state but suddenly determined to make a bid for one of Uncle Sam's 2500 chunks of land, each a quarter section, into which the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota is to be divided and thrown open to civilization. In a personal letter to E. G. Welch, Mr. Willoughby states a number of interesting facts some of which are herewith given:

Here I am sitting under a shade tree at Yankton, S. D. Never thought I would be out here when I left Clare. Yankton is a town of 5000 people with two daily papers, also a German weekly. I was somewhat surprised in the development of the country. There is no timber to speak of. Crops look excellent now, corn, wheat, oats being chiefly grown. If I were a farmer I would look up some land here. But perhaps I may get 160 acres anyway in Uncle Sam's lottery. My chances are



A Glimpse Into The Past

This 'hidden mother' photo was taken in Clare by photographer Robert Willoughby. Willoughby operated a studio in Clare from 1898-1904. The child is not identified. Photos like this are commonly called 'Hidden mothers' as mothers stayed covered while holding their child still for long exposure times for early cameras.

about one in a hundred to get a portion of the Rosebud reservation. No less than 106,326 home seekers have registered, each hoping that he will be one of 2500 lucky ones to secure a quarter section of the drawing to take place July 28th. I got here July 23rd the last day of registration and 2000 registered during the day. They tell me there were days when people were lined up two abreast for two blocks waiting their turn. I meet men from Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, in fact they are here from every state in the Union. But I have missed all the excitement as this town is now as orderly as Clare during the carnival, only more gambling and any number of saloons. Nearly all that

come to register return on the next train. Notary Publics are as numerous as flies around a sugar barrel. Each of those who draw a prize is required within five years to pay \$4 an acre for the land and make it his home for at least fourteen months, which after all proves that the allotments are placed beyond mere gifts.

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Pork Shoulder Roast/Breakfast Sausage 10 lbs.+	\$2.19 lb.
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tle after dark. He had a boat . . . there were others in the boat . . . There was a jack lighted in the boat. Mr. Updyke had a pole in his hand and it had a spear attached to it.”

Witness Hewitt “thought it my duty” to notify the officer. Witness Sutton did not remember the night but did on one night observe a light on the lake; he was not able to identify any person on the lake.

Justice Maynard found defendant Updyke guilty and imposed a fine of \$5 with costs at \$20.50.

Defendant Updyke appealed and provided a \$100 recognizance bond signed by himself, A.R. Canfield, and C.W. Calkins.

Justice Maynard's Return to Circuit Court was filed on May 21st. The case file fails to reveal the outcome on appeal at Circuit Court.

by Jon H. Ringelberg
Member, Clare County
Historical Society



MyMichigan Health Offering Free School Sports Physicals

The Michigan High School Athletics Association (MHSAA) requires pre-participation sports physicals for students in fifth grade or higher who wish to participate in school sports. Physicals completed after April 15 are considered valid for the following school year.

Primary care providers at MyMichigan Health concur with the American Academy of Pediatrics that a patient's best option for care is through their primary care provider.

“We encourage parents to incorporate sports physicals into the child's yearly wellness exams if possible,” said Shreya Wachob, M.D., a pediatrician at MyMichigan Medical Center Mt. Pleasant. “Your child's primary care provider is most familiar with their complete health history and can guide you through proper follow-up care if there are any findings.”

“We also recommend that athletes do not wait until the start of the sports season to schedule their physical but begin the process as soon after April 15 as practical so that we have sufficient time to address any health issues before practices begin.”

To assist in that process,

MyMichigan is offering the following free clinics for athletes who are not already established with a primary care provider or whose yearly wellness exam falls outside the window for participation in early season sports.

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PANDEMIC LEADS TO BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

By LINDSAY M. McCOY
Capital News Service

LANSING – While the pandemic was a time of stress for many, some women and minority entrepreneurs in the state saw it as a time of opportunity.

Michigan Women Forward, a Detroit-based organization that helps women and people of color receive business loans, has seen a “two-fold” increase in their approved loans over the last year, and currently has over 200 in progress.

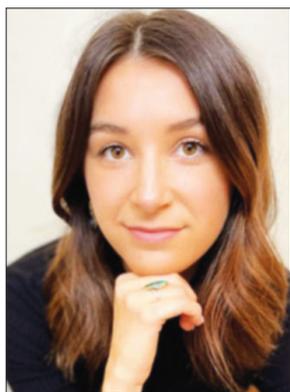
“There is an increase in the number of women that are starting businesses, and part of it has to do with the pandemic,” said Alexis Dishman, the organization’s chief lending officer.

Michigan ranked 9th in the country for new business applications over the first years of the pandemic, according to recent research from TOP Agency, a marketing and data agency.

Business applications are filed with the IRS to establish a business employer identification number for tax purposes.

Dishman said the flexibility of owning one’s own business is one of the main reasons behind that growth as many parents had children who were home due to school closures or unaffordable child care.

“Kids weren’t in school or had different schedules, and employers weren’t necessarily able to provide that (flexibility) depending on their job,” she said.



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While Dishman said the organization sees entrepreneurs from all business sectors, she said most are in ones with “low barriers to entry” such as child-care providers, beauty care and esthetician services.

“The cost to get into them is less, so they are able to get into these industries easier and quicker,” said Dishman.

“I think that’s partially the result of women, and people of color, not having access to capital in the same way men have.”

Dishman said the pandemic shed light on systemic problems that led to women and people of color having less capital available to start a business and helped create awareness of those problems.

“There is some additional access to capital now, which I think has propelled people to consider taking their business full time,” she said.

Brian Calley, the president and CEO of the state’s Small Business Association, said he believes the pandemic and its flexibility have led to the rise in new business licenses as well.

“During times of economic uncertainty, the relative risk of starting a business can appear less,” said Calley. “Not because starting a business is any less risky, but because the rest of the world doesn’t seem so risk-free anymore.”

Capri Scott, who was inspired to open her own business after over 20 years as an educator, said the issues that came to light in her school district, the Detroit Public Schools Community District, once COVID-19 hit motivated her to pursue a new career path.

“During that time I had to teach virtually, and I realized a lot of my students were not prepared to move to the fifth grade,” Capri said.

This prompted her to think about how many of those students missed out on learning basic skills in kindergarten and first grade, and what she could personally do to help curb this problem.

“I was talking to my husband about not wanting to go back to the classroom and he finally said ‘Capri, you have options. Why don’t you think about opening your own child care center?’” said Scott. “And here I am.”

Scott’s center, Foundation First Childcare in Detroit, is “rooted in

literacy” and foundational skill-building and serves children from newborn to 6.

The process of getting a business license was lengthy and expensive, she said.

“All of that time I was investing my own personal capital,” Scott said.

Eventually, she worked with Michigan Women Forward, which granted her a “microloan” for the business after investing over \$10,000 of her own money.

“I think that is what really made them get behind me,” she said.

Bianca Bennett, who opened her own business long before the pandemic, stressed the importance of having access to capital as well.

“When it comes to being a homeowner, or any type of ownership, you can’t do that if you don’t have the proper capital,” she said. Bennett, who registered her business, Like A King Cleaning Services, a Black-owned sanitation business in Oak Park, as an LLC in 2015, said it was a way to create “generational wealth” for her children and family.

“I could no longer trade my time for what someone else thought it was valued at,” said Bennett. “It was worth more than \$18 or \$19 an hour.”

Bennett said she thinks the pandemic let many women and minorities take stock of their work life, and that inspired them to open their own businesses.

“It was a time that if you ever thought or dreamed about it, that was the time,” she said.

When asked why she thinks there’s been a steady increase in women-owned businesses she said: “Women are independent, and we are fearless.”

Grammar Guy

The ‘b’ that ruined the spelling bee

Does it bother anyone else that the word “subtle” has a silent “b”? Is it ironic that the word subtle means “understated”? The “b” in subtle is, therefore, itself, subtle. Are you with me?

We don’t spell “settle” with a b. It’s the same with settle, sidle, saddle, and Seattle. There aren’t b’s in those words. So why the “b,” subtle?

Don’t worry – I’m not going to accuse anyone or any word of having a resting or silent “b” face. This column isn’t about the b-word or the unfortunate 2007 flop “Bee Movie.” It’s about the word “subtle.”

Subtle started out its life as the Latin word “subtilis,” which was an adjective describing the thin, delicate material used for producing a veil. Subtilis hopped on a boat to France and became “soutil” in Old French. “Soutil” meant thin and delicate. Once William the Conqueror (my 29th great-grandfather on my mom’s side) and the Normans invaded England in 1066, “soutil” made the journey across the English Channel as well, becoming “sotil” in Middle English. Its meaning grew beyond physical delicacy into how we now understand subtle in an abstract way.

So what happened? Doesn’t it make sense to drop letters that aren’t pronounced in a word?

In the 17th century, a group of nerdy Englishmen, who were known as the Latinists, started respelling English words to ground them in their Latin origins (I think their mantra was “Make English Latin Again”). Because of this, they added b’s, l’s, and p’s back into words that had evolved from Latin. Sotil, therefore, got its “b” added back into it, and it began to be spelled “subtle.” The “b,” however, stayed



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silent – subtle, even. At this same time, several other words that started as Latin words ultimately arrived into the modern English lexicon with added letters in them. They, too, originated in Latin, then migrated into Old French, and rode the Norman wave into Middle English. These words include aisle, debt, doubt, indict, salmon, plumber and receipt.

Some words, on the other hand, didn’t lose their b’s, even though the b’s were no longer pronounced. They include “bomb” and “dumb.” That seems pretty dumb, if you ask me. And, while this is frustrating, it’s only one of the myriad of complex historical reasons why English spelling is complicated and annoying. So, beware of falling under the spell of an unexpected “b” – you might just get stung by it.

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.

It’s a dirty job, but...



(Sheriff Department photo)

CRASH RESULTS IN LIQUID MANURE SPILL

Clare County Sheriff Department release

HARRISON – At 3:18 p.m. Saturday, April 30, Clare County Central Dispatch received a call of a semi tanker truck that had rolled

over on Cadillac Drive and S. Harding Avenue with a black liquid leaking out in Surrey Township, within Clare County.

Responding deputies arrived on scene and found that a 1996

Peterbilt tanker truck being driven by 62-year-old Ronald Vogel of Weidman had been traveling southeast on Cadillac Drive and attempted to make a left hand turn onto S. Harding Avenue and proceeded to rollover. It was then discovered that the tanker was hauling 9,000 gallons of liquid manure, which was leaking out of the tanker onto the roadway and into a marsh area, along with diesel fuel.

Clare County Emergency Management and the Department of EGLE (Environment Great Lakes and Energy) were called to the scene for cleanup. No injuries were reported at the time of the crash. The incident remains under investigation.

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Court Address: 225 West Main Street Harrison, MI. 48625

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Estate of BETTY JEAN IADIPAOLLO Date of birth: 8-13-1926

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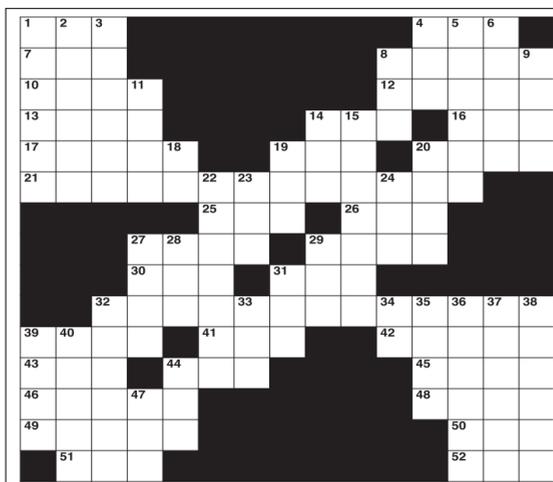
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CLUES ACROSS

- Runs PCs
- An entertaining, eccentric person
- Small, faint constellation
- Indigo bush
- Not excessive
- African antelope
- A way to fly a glider
- Tough softly
- In the course of
- Early Mesoamerican people
- A way to drop down
- Mistake!
- Housing developments
- Baseball stat
- No (Scottish)
- Type of cuisine
- British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- Marry
- Buffer solution
- Legendary rock band
- Recording industry show
- A way to consume
- Lake in Botswana
- Political action committee
- Field force unit (abbr.)
- Very eager
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Nocturnal insect
- Challenged to perform
- Thus far
- Famed NYC arena
- Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- Small, purple-black fruit
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Highly seasoned sausage
- Split pulses
- Northwestern Mexico town
- Edible fruit
- Upper-class southern young woman
- Sums up
- The most worthless part
- Dash
- Sufferings
- Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- Indian title of respect
- Poems meant to be sung
- Actor Cooper
- Luke's mentor __-Wan
- Clumsy person
- Figures
- Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- Old cloth
- Explosive
- Automobiles
- 007's creator
- The Volunteer State
- Old Irish alphabet
- Japanese city
- Portrayed emotion
- Observers
- Mimicked
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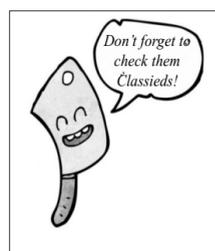
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Advanced Battery Concepts LLC., Receives 2022 BCI Innovation Award



CLARE, MICHIGAN, May 2, 2022— Advanced Battery Concepts, LLC has been awarded the 2022 Battery Council International (BCI) Innovation Award. The prestigious annual award is presented to celebrate innovation in equipment, processes, services and products that advance the lead battery industry by its North American trade association, representing battery manufacturing, supply, recycling and distribution companies.

As implied in the company's name, Advanced Battery Concepts was established as a battery innovation company about 13 years ago. With over 50 patents and another 63 patents pending, plus 49 trade secrets, the company's breakthrough technologies and "concepts" have been licensed around the world.

Dr. Edward Shaffer II is the founder and CEO of the company located in Clare, Michigan. It was Dr. Shaffer and his ABC team that, early on, discovered solutions to the complicated

bipolar battery that was discovered in the 1930's and led a 'technology quest' that had drained tens-of-millions-of-dollars in search of successful commercial manufacturing. This stellar outcome led to the introduction of Advanced Battery Concepts' GreenSeal® batteries embodying vast innovative technologies enabling better performing, lower cost energy storage solutions. ABC's batteries provide a high value that address the power reliability and resiliency deficit in Michigan and across the nation. As cited in the award, "Building a product on a foundation of core technology yielding more than 50 patents and designated trade secrets is innovation by definition".

The "Sally Breidegam Miksiewicz Innovation Award" from BCI, was established to honor one of the industry's leading thought leaders who advocated for continuous battery technology advancements, such as demonstrated by Advanced Battery Concepts

and the companies which preceded it. "This Innovation Award marks a milestone in our company's progress in creating, or at least enhancing, technologies to store and reuse electricity in ways that are socially, economically and environmentally superior to everything that has preceded them. This is what all the members of the Battery Council International strive to do. I am proud that ABC is a member", said Dr. Edward Shaffer.

Titled: "Advanced Battery Concepts Home Emergency Energy Storage System" and subtitled: "Responsibly Commercialized Innovation", the company's application sought to solve a specific problem: Michigan's ranking in the U.S. Top Five States for power outages and outage duration.

A recent study conducted by the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business MAP (Multidisciplinary Action Projects) Team framed the problem: "Homeowners are seeking a safe, silent, affordable and touch-free backup emergency power solution with a small environmental impact footprint".

Market trends suggested battery-based and / or fuel-cell based residential backup power is a critical need. Customer preferences prioritized "Quality & Reliability" followed by "Price, Service, Innovation & Regulatory Compliance".

In September, 2021, ABC introduced its Home Emergency Energy

System (HEES) to conform to the parameters and constraints outlined in the University of Michigan study.

GreenSeal® technology and the resulting GreenSeal batteries have been refined, advanced and commercialized including the perfection of unique and innovative core manufacturing processes and equipment to introduce the most efficient lead battery today. When coupled with an industry-leading power conversion system integrated into a homeowner friendly package, the innovative content inside the HEES system provides affordable unfailing security against power loss from weather, aging infrastructure, excessive consumer demand or lack of sufficient supply. Launched for Beta testing within Michigan, initially, the HEES introduction carries an industry standard warranty, which ABC stands behind. The bipolar version of home energy storage is now available for delivery and installation.

The HEES system relies on a foundation of critical technology built into the GreenSeal bipolar battery which holds the 18kWh of energy available to be delivered at up to 6.8kW continuous power for home energy supply in the absence of stable continuous grid power. Available energy can be expanded by adding additional storage enclosures up to 36kWh of total energy available.

ABC has continued to advance the GreenSeal suite of technologies with the newest proprietary technology

known as "RapidFill" and "RapidForm". This is the first VRLA (Valve Regulated Lead-Acid) battery filling and formation process executed with acid flowing continuously through all cells in the battery from the start of formation to the end of formation.

Here again, this is a true innovation for the lead battery industry moving continually away from flooded batteries requiring maintenance and toward maintenance-free VRLA batteries. And this innovation is facilitated by the unique GreenSeal bipolar lead battery architecture invented and perfected by Advanced Battery Concepts.

Integrating such unique and proprietary battery advances into a commercial product for home energy delivery is a true giant step forward for the industry. Widely accepted as the most effective architecture for battery construction, the GreenSeal bipolar battery continues to represent best in class technology, lowest cost structure, best lifetime value and best battery performance within the lead battery industry.

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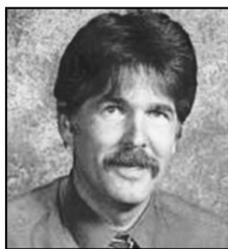
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It's Been a Privilege

By Dave Minor



(Writer's Note: I appreciate Angela and Barry, current owners of The Cleaver, making space for my thoughts here. Also, thanks go to Glenn and Mabel Bucholz who first let me submit essays and articles in this paper going back to 1985; then Joanne and Marty Bucholz, the editors through the years. It's been good for me as an English teacher to do this. Hopefully readers have benefitted at times, too.)

And it truly has been a privilege working for Harrison Community Schools these last 38 years...whether I appreciated it at certain times or not. Having solid employment has definitely been a plus for me and my family. I also appreciate administrators through the years who've put up with my sometimes less-than-ideal classroom management, trying out new units, and just struggling through a profession that can be a mix between "science and art," as they say. You never get it totally "right," most teachers at any level would agree, and I certainly feel that now at the end of my career here.

There were times when as I look back now, I never would've guessed I'd been here this long, or even stayed in this profession. Now I'll retire at the end of this semester in June.

For those who don't know (and maybe you don't care), I came to be here by student teaching at Harrison High School in the fall of 1984. I remember being so nervous, calling Dick Harris a few times over the summer, asking "What do you think your classes will be?" (as back then teachers sometimes wouldn't find out what courses they had to cover till shortly before school started). I worked with him in History and Peggy Molter in English. He was getting his football team ready and told me not to worry too much, as he'd work me in gradually, as did Mrs. Molter.

I'd been working as a mason tender for Mel McFee in Grand Marais as I did for several summers, wondering how I'd transition to a different kind of experience. It's a pretty isolated little village, but in the fall of 1983 I'd done a semester in England at Cambridge which was good for me, spreading my wings a little before going into teaching.

Still, I was nowhere near prepared to go into that wall-less building of some pretty charged up Hornets that fall. With classes of 30 students from

a variety of backgrounds (though many from long-time Harrison families, too), it was far different from the 10-15 per grade at Burt Township School (Grand Marais) where we all knew each other. I had not one personal connection to Harrison, though my family had had the cabin on Sawmill Road for almost 30 years by then.

It helped that my Uncle Floyd and his wife also had a cottage in Dodge City then, so when they'd be up for a weekend, it was nice to go over to see them, get a home cooked meal from Aunt Jean, and tell the tales of what I was going through. I didn't have a phone, so I'd have to go to Kern's Store to call my parents on the pay phone there.

With no TV at the cabin, the radio kept a backbeat as I struggled to prepare lessons, grade papers, and worry myself nonstop with "What have I gotten myself into?" Retirees Denny and Marge next to me on Haven Lake also had me over for supper and to watch a movie once in a while, which helped me unwind from the pressures of teaching these unpredictable teens.

In high school myself I had thought of going into the Army (to pay for college) and later after I got my undergrad degree I applied to go into the Peace Corps. I'd thought the more background experience you have, the better you could tie in "real life" to your classes. Though I didn't end up going into either of those options, I think educators with varied experiences can help add to students' learning by tying in real-world experiences.

I'm not sure if even an enhanced background would've helped prepare me for teaching high schoolers, as my personality has always been on the reserved side. I barely muddled through my student teaching experience, though I definitely benefited from Mr. Harris' organizational skills and Mrs. Molter's ideas about teaching English. After going home for Christmas Break that December, I thought I'd stay at the cabin and substitute that winter, as there certainly wasn't any work in Grand Marais in the winters. On the way down, I saw a barrel stove wood burner around Engadine and bought it and put it in for better heat than the small wall furnace my parents had at the cabin.

The next year I was a graduate assistant at CMU teaching a couple Eng 101 sections, taught Adult Ed for Harrison with Rick Foote, and also subbed in area schools including Harrison. John Tobey called me that next summer about an opening at HHS and so then I started my full-time career here.

With English (and earlier in my career History), there definitely have been numerous times where I have tried to tie in life experiences of mine or people I know. It's also often been enlightening and even fun to have students share their stories that related

to whatever we were talking about in class for a particular unit.

Many a time I've heard from a teen, "You get off the subject too much, Mr. Minor." Guilty as charged, though in my defense sometimes that's when the most interesting conversations in class have occurred. Former students probably feel like they know Grand Marais and my own high school experience fairly well, as often during a Read-Aloud I'd do in class I couldn't help but bring them in. (And no I didn't embellish my high school basketball playing career—I admitted to fouling out a lot and having lots of turnovers!)

I remember Mr. Harris mentioning one day during my student teaching stint: "There's hardly a day when a kid doesn't make me laugh," and I think that's been true for me too through the years. Hopefully occasionally I've made students laugh, as my sense of humor is something I think I've added to my teaching the last decade or two. Early on, I feel like I was too worried about how I was coming across or I had to be "professional" and not let my guard down.

This occasional writing I've done for *The Cleaver* has been good for me, too, as it kept me up on the process of coming up with an idea, revising it a few times, and "putting yourself out there." It's somewhat similar to what we ask our students to do in a lot of the required writing in our classes, so again I'm thankful the editors have let me do this (and I might continue to do this occasionally).

Looking back, you think of dittos, 16-mm films, having no partition walls, going from typewriters to the first computers, switches in schedules like trimesters for a while, then the Block Schedule of last year due to Covid, lockdown drills, Pep Assemblies, plays, concerts, Talent Shows, and more. Students really are somewhat the same as decades ago in a lot of ways: They have some of the same issues they're dealing with, still get bored in class but even more quickly (*thanks to whoever invented Tik Tok*), fall in love, get mad, and make strides not only in their learning but in their maturity.

To those students I've offended or just didn't handle well due to my inexperience, here's a very late apology. To parents/guardians who felt I was out of line with how I handled their kid, sorry for that, too. Sometimes I just didn't let the student's comment go in one ear or out the other, shut it off. I've gotten just a wee bit better at that the last few years, but am still working on that (just ask my wife).

If anything, I hope former students—even if they disliked me or the way I taught—felt, "Yeh, Mr. Minor could be a pain but he always showed up." I hope they got that I was (and am) passionate about reading, writing, speaking, and even acting (when we'd read a play aloud together). I was lucky to be in language arts, as it fit my strengths, for the most part.

How else have I changed in these 38 years, then? Well, I'm a bit more empathetic—due in no small part to having my own kids and better realizing what parents/guardians want for their offspring. Just having more life experiences and teacher years, I've sometimes been able to draw from past scenarios (*Last time you yelled at him it just escalated, so let's try to be patient, even though he's trying to set you off...*) to try to defuse a situation. Not that they didn't still happen several times even this past year.

How I haven't changed is that I still worried every Sunday night as I graded papers, wondering how the week would go. One teacher said about a decade ago in passing, "You know, Dave, as much as this job can be really challenging, one thing I can say is I've never disliked going into work..."

Not me. There were a lot of times I almost dreaded the day, how certain kids would act, whether the lessons I had ready would go over or fall flat. I'll admit that some days it was *Just let me get through this one hour; or, If I can get through today, there's only one day left in the week...* when things weren't going very well. Still, I never just called in to avoid the unpleasantness. I didn't necessarily do a good job teaching that day or that week, but my parents instilled in me and my sisters to at least show up, whether you wanted to or not.

Some of the things I feel pretty good about in looking back are running Students of the Month, the Mock Trial team of the 1990's, coaching eighth grade basketball for years, along with several favorite units in my English and Speech classes. I actually looked forward to introducing those lessons or starting those programs.

What I won't miss are those "problem" students whom I just seemed to clash with, endless papers to grade (but that goes with teaching English, I know), other paperwork of all kinds, misinterpretation of what schools are like from people who

don't work in them. (My wife used to say, "Everybody thinks they know what it's like to be a teacher. After all, everyone's been in school for years.")

As I leave the profession it's my hope, as it is for probably anyone retiring from education, that we keep getting fresh new teachers and other staff willing to work with our youth at different levels. You've probably heard that there've been more educators leaving this profession lately due to various reasons. It's always been a pretty stressful job, but as the saying goes, a pretty rewarding one, too.

My advice as to what I would tell new people going into this field: Don't be too hard on yourself (I almost always was, all my career). Don't be afraid to be creative and follow your instinct. Learn from others—almost all of the "good ideas" or units that seemed to go fairly well were ones I'd borrowed from other HHS teachers or occasionally at an in-service. You adapt it to fit your own style and the students in your class.

Hornet Pride will always be with me and I'll continue to root for our Harrison Athletic teams. Walking through the halls or going to games knowing none of the students are ones I'll have in class will be weird at first. You feel a little "out of the loop" every August when we come back after not having taught during the summer, but this fall will be different for sure.

What I take away from my time here is that our HCS students are as resilient as any around, can achieve anything those from other districts can, and really are on the whole good people. Going back to when I first started, I think pretty highly of our staffs, as all four of our kids went there from pre-school on (with Lucy having two more years still at HHS). They want students to feel good about themselves and to succeed in life.

I'm really not unlike any other longtime teacher who's retiring; a soldier or policeman who's served

20-plus years and is moving on to another career; a factory worker leaving after toiling 30 years; a business owner who decides to sell her place; even a pro athlete who finally hangs it up after a long career. You have an idea that it's time to move on, but as with anything in life, the unknown makes you wonder. You're unsure of what's to come.

Harrison High School will go on like it always does after other staff members leave or when a class graduates each May. For me, I'll think from time to time of the many years I spent here, how I grew both as a teacher and as a person, and especially miss the students and fellow staff members who helped me wade through those challenging times as best I could. Again, it's been a privilege.

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April HHS Students of the Month

By Dave Minor

TIARA CORBIN

Freshman Student of the Month for April is Tiara Corbin, daughter of Sheila and Mcezelvias Corbin with Mac and Amilliona as her siblings and she turned 15 on Valentine's Day of this year. They had lived in Flint and Grand Rapids previously.

Teacher Ms. Wise compliments her by saying she is "always on task! Works hard to keep grades up and always turns work on time. Tiara has a great head on her shoulders. Looks out for others and is always kind." Here at HHS, this ninth-grader was on the JV Volleyball team and is now on the varsity track team and enjoys English class.

Friends for young Miss Corbin include Tamara Bennett, Luighseach Lewis, and Teagan Seale whom she enjoys hanging out with. Baked potatoes and steak is Tiara's favorite meal for supper. "Nice, funny, tall" are the three words this ninth-grader describes herself as.

"I definitely plan to go to college, but not sure on what exactly I want to do in life," she admits. Have a good next three years at HHS, Tiara!

HAILEY LEVASSEUR

Daughter of Amy and Todd LeVasseur and sister to Elyssa and Elayna (former HHS graduates) and younger sister Hannah, Hailey LeVasseur is our Harrison High School April sophomore Student of the Month. They have always lived "on a lake in the woods (the rest is classified)."

Teacher Ms. Wise compliments her as "Great! She works hard in class to complete all her work. She does a good job asking questions when she has them." Body Con is her favorite class and Hailey was on the JV volleyball team in the fall and is on the Track Team right now. Friends include her boyfriend Raymond Cole-Schad, Saleen Bohr, and her track team buddies. Hailey was on the state qualifier relay last year as a freshman.

Adjectives that Hailey describes herself as are: "a tough tater tot, adventurous, attentive (sometimes), and a cool bean." She enjoys working out, reading, swimming, and sleeping. This 10th-grader likes eating Chinese food, spaghetti, salt and vinegar chips, fajitas, and Buffalo chicken dip. Five Finger Death Punch, Nickelback, Nirvana, Saving Abel, and Defused are bands she listens to.

In a couple years when she graduates from Harrison, Hailey might go into the military or into the space astronomical field. Have a good end of the year!

MADISYN SMITH

"Madisyn is trustworthy, respectful, and helpful. She always has an excellent attitude and does quality work," says Mr. Lockhart about our junior Harrison High School April Student of the Month, Madisyn Smith. She is the daughter of Danielle and Jeff Harrison and older sister to freshman Justin Harrison. Born Jan. 5, 2005, Maddie lived in Casper, Wyoming, for eight years.

A member of the NHS and Student Council, young Miss Smith helped with the recently-completed prom, is dual enrolled at Mid, and was on the volleyball team in the fall and is on softball presently. Pre-Calculus is her favorite class. Friends here include: Lillian Williams, Nathan Mass, Megan Eldred, Brooklyn Abbott, and many more.

When not at HHS, this 11th-grader enjoys hanging out with those friends and family, and eating tacos and superman ice cream. The Weeknd, Kendrick Lamar, Cuco, and AC/DC are bands Maddie listens to. "Upbeat, funny, and smart" are adjectives she describes herself as.

"For my future, I want to be able to go to college to pursue a job that I will love for the rest of my life," says Maddie, though she doesn't know what that is just yet. A neat quote she likes is: "I cost \$0.00 to be a kind human being" (unknown), which she certainly is.

Keep up your positive attitude, Maddie!

HAYDIN SIMS

Senior Haydin Sims came back to HHS this year having gone to our school most of his schooling. Born July 24, 2004, he is the son of Stacey and Brad Carlstrom and Bobby Sims (Ashley Bullard), and is older brother to Kelton and Brinley Carlstrom and Ashton and Alivia Sims, and he used to live in Pottsville.

Here at Harrison High School (and at Pottsville when he went there), Haydin played QB for the football team, basketball (All-Conference), and ran cross country and track (qualifying for States). Body Con is this twelfth grader's favorite class. Mr. Minor wrote that Haydin "keeps his grades up fine, is conscientious, is pleasant, and has a sense of humor."

Friends of Haydin's are Jayven Hamilton, Bryan Albert, and Garrett Willman. Mashed potatoes and gravy is Haydin's favorite meal and he likes to spend time outside playing sports.

Future plans for this soon-to-be graduate are to go to Alma College for Sports Management where he'll run track and cross country. "Hardworking, kind, respectful" are three adjectives young Mr. Sims uses to describe himself.

Good luck in college and sports next year, Haydin!

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The Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District's Career & Technical Education program has announced its Students of the Month for March.

CTE administration and staff congratulate these students, who were selected by teachers for positive performances in their respective CTE classes: Lucas Mead of Gladwin (Advanced Manufacturing); Barbara Dupuis of Harrison and Ethan Edgar of Gladwin (Automotive Technology); Landon Conrad of Harrison and Gage Cingano of Gladwin (Construction Trades); Grace Davis of Clare and Gavin Reid of Gladwin (Criminal Justice); Allissa Schwerin of Beaverton and Kendall Wynne of Gladwin (Culinary Arts); Cohen Young of Clare and Jaelea Boyless of Gladwin (Digital Media); Natasha Roberts of Farwell and Kelsee Zietz of Gladwin (Education Occupations); Brennah Lubs of Clare and Bailey Biermaker of

Gladwin (Health Occupations); and Austin Farrow of Beaverton and Kaden McDonald of McDonald (Welding Technology). The CTE program is grateful to the supporters who recognize the Students of the Month program by donating gift cards to the honorees. This month's supporter is Consumers Energy.



Local Lions

Attend Convention



(Photo by Penny McGlaughlin)

The Lions Club of Harrison attended the 11E1 District Convention on April 22-24. Those attending for PDG Jerry Brandt and Lion Kay Brandt, Lion John Sovey and Lion Barbara Sovey, 2nd VP Penny McGlaughlin and Secretary Cindy Sharp. The theme this year was western. The evening started out with dinner and western songs with Harrison's very own 2nd DG Jim Patterson playing his guitar and singing. On Saturday they started at 9 a.m. with learning how to get club information on the District Presidents site. Sharing what we have been doing in each club. Again, Harrison's very own 2nd DG Jim Patterson enlightened on how to get the most out of computers.

In the afternoon a vote was taken for the new District Governor, 1st DG, 2nd DG and following up with PDG Jerry Brandt doing a memorial service. There was also a parade walk with flags from each club. A great time was had by all who attended, and it's suggested more Lions sign up to attend convention.

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was a Journeyman machine repairman. Not only does he make his own tools he fabricated his grinder, power hammer and is currently making a hydraulic press.



David McConnell demonstrates proper hammering technique in his forge on Old State Avenue in Harrison. (Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg)

Harrison area as an ideal place for veterans to disconnect for a weekend.

McConnell started 17 years ago and has watched smithing grow as a hobby and an industry. With "Forged in Fire" alumni, he knows more smiths than ever. Through the television show McConnell and others have formed informal groups of smiths that get together for friendly grudge matches and weekend retreats to learn and share their knowledge.

McConnell will offer classes out of his forge to make candle holders, swing hooks, tool making, hammer making, spoons, forks and knives, roses and other flower forms, basic Damascus and, of course, knife making. He has clients traveling from as far away as California to learn from him this summer.

While women are rare in his classes, only about a dozen since he began teaching, McConnell welcomes everyone to his forge including teenagers and young adults.

"Learning blacksmithing there are so many ways to branch off, you can branch off to knife making, the architectural stuff, handrails, staircases," he says. "I have a big chandelier in the house that I made. From there you can go into sculpture. We want to promote working with your hands."

McConnell is also affiliated with Warriors Way Forge, an Ohio non-

profit run by Dave Bates. The Warriors Way Forge offers free programs to veterans and first responders with different types of recreational therapy and community outreach. McConnell helped fundraise for the forge and then became an affiliate and will offer a class/weekend retreat each quarter for combat veterans. Veterans will leave with a finished knife and McConnell cites the property and

plans include a large garden, off-grid living, campsites for visitors, and an Airbnb offering for those who may not want to camp.

"We've been going non-stop since we moved in," McConnell said.

He's excited about the upcoming grand opening and sharing his property and forge with the Harrison community. "I am very impressed with how much they have helped us already and it's only been a month," McConnell said of the Harrison Chamber.

He also cited how friendly and welcoming his neighbors have been since they moved in last fall.

Of course, I had to ask McConnell if I could take a class and make a cleaver. The answer was a resounding "yes" with a warning: "A cleaver is a lot of work because it starts with a 4-inch piece of steel. It takes a lot of forging."

The grand opening and ribbon cutting for North Woods Forge is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14. The ribbon cutting will be at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

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catering events and weddings.

The duo is also gearing up for graduation season, and will be launching other forms of catering, such as for specialty meals and family reunions.

"Our goal for the storefront is to have a rotating menu targeted toward lunch and brunch," Trisha said. "There's not really a spot in Harrison you can go to get different brunch items. We're going to be launching and offering that once we're fully open."



Tammy made certain to speak of how they've been received by the community.

"Harrison has really opened their arms to us," she said. "We are residents of Harrison, but everyone has been so kind and so supportive of us. That's how we decided we needed a storefront. We really wanted to stay in Harrison ... and it's worked out very well."

"We're really excited to get the finalized sign put up with *Longer Table*," Trisha said. "And get our patio area set up, because I really do think there's such a charm, especially on that street where we're located. When I look out the window and see people walking by, it's such a nostalgic and comforting feeling. When we get our sign up and our patio area set, it's not only going to bring a little pink, but have a really good impact on the community as a whole."

Tammy said they also are excited to work with the other small businesses on the street and look forward to perhaps tying the businesses in on holiday projects/activities.

"We have a lot of ideas we're throwing back and forth," Tammy said. "And we're very happy we're where we are."

Trisha learned much of her cooking prowess from her father (who occasionally assists with cooking) and said her favorite thing is cannolis because they remind her of her late grandparents.

"Whenever I make them, I think of when I was a kid and my grandparents stopping and getting the cannolis at our favorite bakery," she said. "And I think it's amazing that people are stopping to get our cannolis to give to their family."

Trisha also explained the origin of the business's name, *Longer Table*.

"It's kind of cheesy, but it's been something I've written down since I was a teenager having pipe dreams," she said. "There was this quote that instantly reminded me of my grandma and my house growing up. It's 'we need longer tables, not higher fences.' In my house, my parents never said no about friends staying for dinner, at

holidays it was never 'no' it was just add another plate - we'll put

Day at school - anything - my mom was always at the table at night when everyone went to sleep. She was decorating mini sleds made of candy or putting together chocolate pretzels with bright color contrast. She was doing it to make it special, and I remember

as a kid at any event or holiday, walking in and seeing the magic of what my mom put together.

"I think that's our goal - when somebody walks into *Longer Table*, we want them to not only feel at home, but to feel the magic."

Longer Table will be open Wednesday through Sunday, with extended hours on Fridays when the bands are playing at the Town Square (which will include Friday Night Specials with the Band). Hours are anticipated to be 1-4 p.m., with a possibility of extended hours in the summer.

Pictured are some of the custom cake decorating and long-board charcuterie and snack assortments offered by *Longer Table*. (Photos courtesy *Longer Table*)



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FEBRUARY 16, 1980 - APRIL 23, 2022

Michael Maurice Wardzinski, age 42 of Clare, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2022. Michael was born on February 16, 1980, in Livonia to



Maryjane (Browers) Wardzinski; he was raised by Maryjane and Ted Knapp, whom he thought of as his father. He was united in marriage to Lorena Rychelle Miller on May 28, 2010. Michael worked in the construction trades as a builder and as a CDL truck driver. He loved using his talents to build custom canoes, cabinetry and anything with wood. He loved being outdoors; enjoyed flying his drone, camping, canoeing, fishing, snowmobiling and most of all, riding his dirt bike. Michael grew up and lived in Harrison until he moved his family to Clare where he lived, laughed and loved for the past 13 years. Michael loved his wife and family and friends dearly; he always wanted a big family and with his marriage to Lorena his wish was fulfilled. Everywhere Michael went he spread love and happiness; with his quick wit and unfiltered humor he always left everyone with a smile. He is a beloved husband, father, son and brother and he will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Michael Maurice Wardzinski is one of a kind; irreplaceable; and he will never be forgotten.

Michael is survived by his wife Lorena Rychelle; his daughter Madisen Nichole (Austin Jackson) Wardzinski of Weidman; his son Zachary Carl Anderson of Midland (formerly of Harrison), his mother

Maryjane Kay Browers of Harrison; his father Ted Knapp of Big Rapids; his sister Nicole Kay (Max) Lambert of Harrison, his stepchildren Amanda Audrey (Michael) Makela of Mt. Pleasant, Clarence Blake (Shelby) Allen of Belmont, Laura Bethany (Travis) Johnson of Etowah, N.C., James Wesley (Maddison) Allen of Farwell, Leila Mae Bradley of Niles and Rychelle Leigh (Sylvester Michael) Carpenter of Lakeview; his 7 grandchildren Leanna Lynn Jackson, Lyanna, Michael, Zonda, Mercedes, Linkin, and Leighton. Other survivors include his niece, Alyssa Mae Lambert; uncle Buddy Browers and aunt Robin Browers as well as cousins Brittany Browers, Jamie Browers and John Browers; and grandmother Marie Knapp and uncle Kevin Knapp. Michael was predeceased by his maternal grandparents Maurice Browers and Eleanor Strahl-Browers.

Visitation and services will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 A.M. until the time of service at 1 P.M. Burial will follow in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Harrison. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Michael to his wife Lorena Wardzinski. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com.

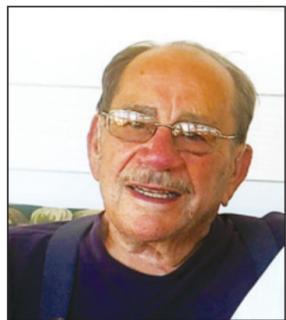
FRED ALESSANDRI

MARCH 11, 1934 - MARCH 15, 2022

Fred Alessandri age 88 of Harrison passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at AdventHealth North Pinellas, Tarpon Springs, Florida. Fred was born March 11, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan the son of Alfeo and Rose (Piacentine) Alessandri. Mr. Alessandri honorably served his country in the United States Army. Fred was united in marriage to Ms. Donna Marie Menendez on December 3, 1960, in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Alessandri had resided in Harrison since 1997, moving from Royal Oak, Michigan. Fred owned and operated Sands Barbershop of Royal Oak for over thirty-seven years. He also worked at Wally's Barbershop of Harrison for ten years after he became a permanent resident of Harrison. Fred was a member of St. Athanasius Catholic Church, Harrison, Harrison Moose Lodge and Family Center #2235 and John J. Carton Lodge #436 F.&A.M. of Harrison. Fred enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing and tending to his vegetable garden.

Surviving Mr. Alessandri is his wife of sixty years, Mrs. Donna Marie Alessandri of Harrison, three children: Lisa Leighton of Berkley, Michigan, Gina Alessandri of Leslie, Michigan and Steven Alessandri and companion, Lori Randolph of Shelby Township, Michigan, seven grandchildren: Stephanie Wylie and husband Brian, Bryan Inman and wife Stephanie, Gregg Davis, Annie Davis, Troy



Davis, Nicole Adams and husband Mike and Veronica Randolph, five great-grandchildren: Mickayla Simler, Nathan Simler, Kaylee Simler, Makayla Adams and Chloe Adams, plus many extended family members. Mr. Alessandri was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Nancy Alessandri and one brother, Roger Alessandri.

Celebration of Life services for Fred will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. from Harrison Moose Lodge and Family Center #2235, 5185 North Clare Avenue, Harrison, Michigan, 48625 under the auspices of John J. Carton Lodge #436 F.&A.M. Military honors will be conducted by the Department of the Army and American Legion Post 404 Honor Guard. To share an online memory or condolence with Fred's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Mr. Alessandri are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810.

DIANA LEE STONE

JULY 21, 1960 - APRIL 23, 2022

Diana Lee Stone age 61 of Harrison passed away suddenly at her home on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Diana was born July 21, 1960, in Pontiac, Michigan the daughter of Barnard Stone and Rita (Southwell) Stone. Diana graduated from Harrison Community Schools in 1978. In 1981, Diana enlisted with the United States Air Force and honorably served her country until 1983. A few years later, Diana began attending Mid Michigan College and graduated in 1992 with an associate degree in Business Administration.

Ms. Stone had resided in Harrison since 1972, moving from Pontiac. She was a past member of the Clare County 4-H and the Women of the Moose Harrison Chapter 1804. Diana enjoyed arts and crafts, riding motorcycles, watching movies, vegetable gardening, raising chickens and fishing.

Surviving Diana are her four children: Autumn Lyvere of Traverse City, Michigan, Trish Bell Stone of Harrison, Vance Stone of Harrison, and Charles Stone also of Harrison, five grandchildren: Arya Stone, Braxton Cottrell, Ada Smith, Ryder Grigg and Sophia Cottrell, three half-brothers: Clarence "Chris" Bacon of Charlevoix, Michigan, Walter Bacon of Lansing, Michigan and Kurt Bacon and wife Sherry of Flint,



Michigan, many nieces, nephews and extended family. Ms. Stone was preceded in death by her parents and a half-brother, Donald E. Bacon.

Military honors for Ms. Stone will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison under the auspices of the Department of the United States Air Force and American Legion Post 404 Honor Guard. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until time of military honors. Memorial gifts in memory of Diana may be considered to the Stone Family. To share an online memory or condolence with Diana's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Ms. Stone are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810.

JANET LEE SNIDER

MAY 30, 1966 - APRIL 26, 2022

Janet Lee Snider, 55 of Natick, MA was born in Northville, MI to Harvey and Daisy Green. They then moved to Howell, MI where Janet attended and graduated from Howell High School.

She was married 29 years to Kurt Snider and they have 2 grown children, Kolton, 26, and Ethan, 18.

Sadly she lost her battle with cancer in Natick, Massachusetts April 26, 2022 with her sister, family and friends close by.

Previously Janet resided in Harrison, MI where she was once an owner & manager of Electronic Solutions of Harrison LLC., which company invented the Autofeed Plus wood chipper controller. During that time she was a long standing member in the tree care industry with her former husband Kurt Snider.



She will be sorely missed by her children, Kolton and Ethan, who survive her. She was preceded in death by her parents Harvey & Daisy Green of Howell, MI.

Please help her family & loved ones as they are now in a transition of bereavement to cherish her memories and love going forward.



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ANTHONY "TONY" DALE LAPORTE

JANUARY 12, 1965 - APRIL 30, 2022

Anthony "Tony" Dale LaPorte age 57 of Harrison passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Anthony was born January 12, 1965 in Ypsilanti, Michigan the son of Dale A. LaPorte and Patricia Ann (Palozzola) LaPorte. Tony graduated from Harrison Community Schools in 1983. Following his graduation, Tony enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country for twenty-four years, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in 2007 and earned his BA in 2013 from Northwood University. Mr. LaPorte was united in marriage to Carla Jean Nickl on December 17, 2011 in Trenton, Michigan.

Tony was raised, had resided and retired in Harrison. He enjoyed golfing, shooting guns, watching his favorite television shows, including: M*A*S*H, NCIS, Hallmark movies, John Wayne westerns and any action-packed movies. He enjoyed attending Minor League Baseball games and found his greatest pleasures in life spending time with his family and spoiling his grandchildren. Many will fondly remember Tony's appreciation for a "good cigar".

Surviving Mr. LaPorte is his wife of ten years, Mrs. Carla Jean LaPorte of Harrison, four children: Angela VanBuren and husband Andy of Harrison, Krystal Watrous and husband Jason of Houghton Lake, Michigan, Anthony Dale LaPorte Jr. and wife Tammy of Tontogany, Ohio and Tyler LaPorte and wife Katlyn of Harrison, three step-sons: Michael Cocco and wife Grace of Cincinnati, Ohio, Paul Cocco of Cincinnati and Nicholas Cocco also of Cincinnati, eight grandchildren: Sophia and Gavin, Jackson and Lily, Trenton and Ryan and Everly and Oakley, his mother and step-father, Patricia and Robert Gorecki of Sun City Center, Florida and previously of Newport,



Michigan, two brothers: David LaPorte and wife Leslie of Harrison and Jeffery LaPorte and wife Angie also of Harrison, his former wife, Laurie Fitzgerald-Bergey of Lansing, Michigan, plus many nieces, nephews and extended family. Mr. LaPorte was preceded in death by his father, one brother, Christopher LaPorte and his maternal grandparents, Antonio and Christina Palozzola.

Services for Mr. LaPorte will be held Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. from Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison with family and friends officiating. Military Honors will immediately follow under the auspices of the Department of the Navy, V.F.W. Post 1075 Honor Guard and American Legion Post 404 Honor Guard. Visitation will take place Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until time of service. Inurnment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. Memorial gifts in memory of Mr. LaPorte may be considered to: ALSAC/ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105. To share an online memory or condolence with Tony's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements and care of Mr. LaPorte and his family are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810.

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Sins That Cry Out to Heaven

"Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for life."
—Proverbs 22:22-23 NV

There are sins that cry out to heaven for justice. The slaughter of Abel by his brother Cain is the primordial example. A premeditated murder of one's brother certainly cries out for justice. The oppression of the Israelites in Egypt is another sin that cried to heaven, and throughout the Bible we see the oppression of the poor, of orphans and widows, and of refugees as sins that God is particularly inclined to avenge. The Book of Exodus makes this principle explicit: "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt. Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless." (Exodus 22:21-24 NIV) This is a moral exhortation that is all too relevant today, when millions of refugees have no place to call home and widows and orphans are all around us. Ask yourself who in your community fits the bill of the widow, the orphan or the foreigner. We might call them by different names, i.e., single mothers, or undocumented immigrants, or the homeless and working poor, but these people are God's children, and they have a special place in His heart. — Christopher Simon

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VIRGINIA ANN STALLINGS

JANUARY 14, 1945 – APRIL 21, 2022

Virginia Ann Stallings age 77 of Harrison passed away Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Medilodge of Clare. Virginia was born January 14, 1945. Virginia graduated from Harrison High School and remained in Harrison for several years. Virginia was united in marriage to Mr. Larry Stallings on September 15, 1995 in Harrison. Mr. Stallings preceded Virginia on July 28, 2012. Mrs. Stallings is survived by her son, Carry French and several close friends.



Graveside services for Mrs. Stallings will be held Friday, May 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Maple Grove Cemetery, Harrison with Pastor Jim Schuster officiating. To share an online memory

or condolence with Mrs. Stallings friends, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Mrs. Stallings are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810.

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Dedicated Runners Charge Back Into Race With Full Spirits

Annual Freedom 5K Walk/Run Draws 153 Participants

HARRISON – The 2022 Annual Freedom 5K Run/Walk in Memory of Spc. Robert Friese was again a combined event this year, with virtual participants registering their times and in-person runners racing April 30 from the Veterans Freedom Park starting gate. Timing results were posted for 153 participants and, as always, proceeds from the participant registrations and sponsor support will go toward Veterans Freedom Park maintenance and operation.

This year's top placers listed by category, name and time, include:

Top Overall
Top Male Finisher – Overall: Tyler Sobleskey 18:19.4

Top Female Finisher – Overall: Michelle Wolfe 20:27.7

Masters
Top Male Finisher – Master: Ron Callen 21:44.8

Top Female Finisher – Master: Teresa Martin 26:31.2

Males by Age Group

Male 12 and Under – L Young 23:36.4; G Jansen 28:25.8; D Seefeld III 29:24.9

Male 13 to 15 – Jacob Bowermaster 21:50.9; Alex Jansen 26:43.4; Sidyen Spencer 1:01:37.1

Male 16 to 19 – Kade Hunt 20:21.2; Kerem Turkmus 21L22.4; Hunter Tessner 22:46.5

Male 20 to 24 – Justice Walraven 21:38.9

Male 25 to 29 – Benjamin Jurkovich 27:06.6; Corey Woods 32:50.8; Clay Dougherty 30:02.7

Male 30 to 34 – Kenneth DuRussel 23:12.5; Justin Cavanaugh 39:09.5; Marcus Mornigstar 52:39.5

Male 35 to 39 – Luke Vanica 22:48.3; Aaron Bartel 26:48.3; Josh Jansen 28:30.5

Male 40 to 44 – Ryan Stock 25:35.0; Greg Young 30:14.8; Daniel Seefeld 35:14.3

Male 45 to 49 – David Clement 27L10.2; Andrew Coulson 27:32.3; Stephen Taylor 30:28.0

Male 50 to 54 – Don Vyverberg 25:24.9; Jeffery Golnick 29:57.3;

Freedom 5K Run/Walk participants bolt across Main Street at the start of the race. In the lead is Tyler Sobleskey, who took the immediate lead and maintained it throughout. 5-3 freedom 5k-dogs

David Lipovsky 30:51.2

Male 55 to 59 – Karl Hauser 30:44.5; Gabe Ambrozaitis 39:44.2; Floyd O'Hare Jr. 57:35.1

Male 60 to 64 – David Yahr 52:10.5; David Minor 56:07.8

Male 65 to 69 – Michael Wertz 24:30.0; Frank Johnson 29:08.5; Terry Fisher 57:19.5

Male 70 and Over – Harry Plouff 27:48.5; Darrell Weldon 28:20.3; Jerry Spate 32:52.0

Females by Age Group

Female 12 and younger – Gabrielle Darland 35:10.5; E Andrews 57:55.0

Female 13 to 15 – Isabel Heath 33:09.9; Bri Graves 35:05.3; Candace Hardy 35:05.4

Female 16 to 19 – Haley Cooper 22:35.0; Maryrose Sapp 41:28.4

Female 20 to 24 – Natalie Lewandowski 39:30.0; Angela Yager 53:17.3; Bailey DeYoung 53:18.5

Female 25 to 29 – Sienna Mccobe 24:20.5; Cassianna Gross 37:50.5; Savannah Cavanaugh 39:09.5

Female 30 to 34 – Adriana Fowler 22:32.8; Isabelle North 23:16.5; Claire Kaisler 25:47.6

Female 35 to 39 – Kristi

Prosser 26:41.3 Kristi Cotter 27:54.1; Jacqueline Darland 35:19.3

Female 40 to 44 – Emily Fussman 26:35.7; Kelly Lipovsky 30:51.4; Tamara Slusher 35:06.4

Female 45 to 49 – Jessica Jeffer 29:27.1; Sarah Taylor 30:32.9; Deanna Hauser 39:35.0

Female 50 to 54 – Raye Walraven 30:37.9; Pam Prause 38:23.5; Christine Smith 41:32.6

Female 55 to 59 – Jamie Carter 34:21.6; Sam Gatehouse 37:33.3; Sarah McCone 38:47.3



Runners Jamie Taylor (958), Karl Hauser (829), Raye Walraven (907), Sarah Taylor (899) and Stephen Taylor (900) run full steam ahead as they approach the finish gate.



Jamie Carter of Lake City beams as she shows off her 5K medal marking first place in her age category. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Bieri)



Tyler Sobleskey streaks across the finish line in an outrageous time of 18 minutes, 19.4 seconds.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY BAND SPRING CONCERT

The Gateway Community Band will be in concert on stage at the Gladwin High School Auditorium on Thursday, May 12 starting at 7:30 pm.

This 50 plus member adult band will present a variety of music including titles from the Broadway musical 'West Side Story', a medley of top hits from the rock group 'Queen', a piece with a Latin flavor titled 'A Carribean Rondo' and many other pieces. As a special feature for the evening, the band will perform a composition written especially for Darren Acton, a band member who succumbed to cancer in February of 2021. Lots of lively musical entertainment await all who attend.

Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted.

One mission of the Gateway Band is to raise monies for area school band programs. Once Gateway's expenses for the year are covered, six schools in the central Michigan area receive checks totaling \$900 per year. Band programs from Clare, Gladwin, Farwell, Harrison, Beaverton and Coleman have benefitted over the years. Thanks to the donations from concert attendees and area business's that advertise in the concert programs, over \$10,000 have been distributed since Gateway's founding in 2005. Community bands offer a place for adult musicians to participate in an organized group while offering quality musical entertainment for the area. Members range in age from post high school to folks in their 80's and all ages inbetween. Skills learned in school band programs can benefit individuals and their communities for a lifetime.

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For information about the Gateway Community Band, visit their website at www.gatewaybands.org or on Facebook at Gateway Community Band.

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