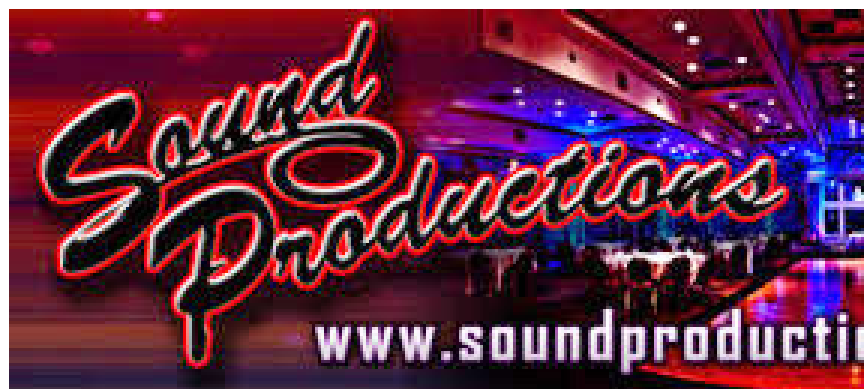




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Clare parents up in arms over senior class ranking

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

Several parents of seniors were at the Clare Board of Education meeting Monday evening with complaints about the way top seniors are ranked.

The top Clare senior students are ranked according to a combination of both grade point average (GPA) and results of their SAT tests. They are ranked fifty percent by their GPA and 50 percent by the results of the SAT test. Formerly only the GPA was used to rank the seniors. The Board of Education made the decision to change the way senior were ranked some years back when seven seniors were all listed as valedictorians.

Before COVID, juniors were allowed to retake the SAT test to try and increase their scores. This year's seniors were not able to do that.

Pam Mellish, the parent of one of six seniors who have perfect 4.0 GPAs for all four years of high school, objected to the ranking, since three of the six who have earned a 4.0 ranking for all four years

of high school, are not even listed in the top ten.

"Our students were told they would be able to retake the SAT test as many times as they wanted," she said. They weren't able to do that, she added. "It's a slap in the face to those seniors who worked so hard for four years to earn that GPA, only to have a four-hour test count for 50 percent of their rank."

Both Shari and Jason Lowe also spoke, asking the board to change the way the seniors are ranked. With other parents who were there they pleaded with the board to "please come together and determine that one test should not define the top ten. This is discouraging for the students who worked so hard through four years of classes and are now not being recognized for their work."

One parent noted that some students with lower GPA's were ranked higher than those with a perfect four-year record.

Fred Mellish told the board, "I have an idea I hope would get some consideration. Honor students, in college are award Suma, Magma and Cuma Laude.

Everybody with academic excellence is recognized."

Wednesday in a telephone interview, Clare High School Principal Matt Forsberg said the Clare Student Handbook does recognize honor students; those with a 3.5 to 3.7 GPA as cum laude; students with a 3.7 to 3.9 GPA as magna cum laude; and students with a GPA of 3.9 to 4.0 as summa cum laude. He said all students with a 3.5 or above are entitled to a gold tassel at graduation.

Also speaking was Ed Hubel, former high school principal, who commented that this was "the first-time students couldn't retake the SAT." He said the change in ranking was made because of the seven valedictorian one year, and because "we had students ducking the harder classes to maintain the GPA.

The board members said the matter will be discussed at the next board workshop.

In another matter Tom Pashak was honored at the meeting for being selected as a 2021 STEM STAR in the Great Lakes Bay Region by Claire Bunker Director of the MISTEM



BOE honors Pioneer teacher Tom Pashak

Clare Superintendent Jim Walter (on right) congratulated Tom Pashak at the Clare BOE meeting on his nomination and selection as a 2021 STEM STAR based on his innovative greenhouse program at Pioneer High School.

Network and Adrianne Cole Director of STEM@SVSU (Saginaw Valley State University).

The "Nomination Comments" for the award said

in part:

"Tom is the driving force behind multiple STEM related programs at Pioneer High School including ... adding a green-

house in which students grow some of their own food, introducing aquaponics and hydroponics programs, and integrating

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Both Clare, Clare County celebrating 150th anniversaries

By Pat Maurer

With information provided by Historian Jon Ringelberg

According to Clare County Historical Society Member Jon Ringelberg, "On March 16, 1871, before the plat of the Village of Farwell was [even] recorded, the Michigan State Legislature enacted PA 1871, No. 345, and 'declared' Clare County to be an organized County and 'declared' the Village of Farwell to be the county seat." The March 16 date was the same for the for the recording of the plat for the City of Clare

Ringelberg has spent a lot of his time researching and clarifying the dates marking the actual beginnings of the County of Clare and its communities.

He writes, "So just when does a 'community' come into existence?"

When it is 'founded'? When it is 'established'? When it is 'organized'? It seems that every 'community' wants the earliest date possible and, unlike conception or birth, there seems to be no guiding principle as to when existence begins when it comes to 'communities.

Jon said, "The opinioned belief of this writer is that these three words – founded, established, organized – hereafter termed FEO, when used as to a 'community' should be premised on the legal existence of a 'community'.

For example, in a non-legal sense the 'community' of Clare was arguably FEO'ed [founded, established, organized] when a train reached Isabella

Crossing, also known as McEwanville, in the Fall of 1870 [according to page 133 of Forest Meek's book, Michigan's Timber Battleground (1976).].

Also according to Meek's book, Ringelberg writes, "The 'community' of Farwell was arguably FEO'ed in 1869 on Edmund Hall's arrival (see Meek, MTB, page 101); and Harrison was arguably FEO'ed in January of 1879 when the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to designate a new site for the county seat."

He continued, "However, if one is to take the recording with a Register of Deeds of a surveyed plat of a 'community', [as the actual date for the beginning of communities and the county] then the

FEO for Clare is March 16, 1871; the FEO for Farwell is August 25, 1871; and the FEO for Harrison is possibly June 14, 1879 [the condition of the document at the Clare County Courthouse does not allow for accurate dating due to its fragile and poor condition]– dates when the respective village plats were recorded with a Register of Deeds."

So both the County of Clare and the City of Clare are "legally" celebrating their 150th or Sesquicentennial birthday this year.

Before Clare County was "organized" according to Ringelberg, parts of Clare County were attached to the organized counties of both Midland and Mecosta.

For municipal and judicial purposes Midland County had jurisdiction over the township of "Gladwin consisting of "the unorganized county of Gladwin, and the east half of the present Clare County. The west half of the county was attached to Mecosta County.

He wrote, "The next step in reaching an organized Clare County was that of the Midland County Board of Supervisors on March 1, 1870, 'erecting' and organizing "into a township to be called and known by the name of the township of

Grant... And also 'erecting' and organizing at the same time the township of Sheridan. And, it is VERY RELEVANT to note that the organization of Grant and Sheridan townships occurred while Clare County itself was unorganized, that is, BEFORE Clare County itself was organized."

Ringelberg noted, "So unlike Midland County 'organizing' Grant and Sheridan Townships, Mecosta County did not 'organize' Winterfield and Surrey Townships."

He said, "In summary, Grant Township was the first 'organized' entity in Clare County by a page or two before Sheridan Township; the Village of Farwell became the county

seat of Clare County on March 16, 1871, before the Farwell Village's plat was recorded on August 25, 1871; and the plat of the Village of Clare was recorded on March 16, 1871, the same date as the State of Michigan Legislature enacted the 'organized' County of Clare."

Ringelberg concluded with, "Finally, unanswered questions might be, Did Wm. McEwan and John McEwan wait until Clare County was organized by the Michigan State Legislature to file the plat of the Village of Clare? or, Was the recording of the plat of the Village of Clare on March 16, 1871, just coincidental?"

The answer lies buried in history.



This is just a sample. There's more to come. For more about historical places and people watch for the Review's keepsake Sesquicentennial Newspaper, coming out in May!!

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Bell retires from Grant board after 43 years

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

April 13 was the end of an era for Grant Township. It was the last meeting for 43-year veteran Grant Township Trustee Marge Bell, who announced her retirement at last month's meeting. Supervisor Dan Dysinger said, "Marge has filled in as supervisor two or three times; has served with at least five Township Supervisors, two treasurers, and three clerks. She will be missed."

He continued, When Marge became a township trustee, Jimmy Carter was president; William Milliken was Governor of Michigan; and Frank Kelly was the Attorney General. He said five of the top ten music hits that year when Marge began as a trustee were by the BeeGees."

Bell said during her retirement she plans to do some traveling and visit family. "The Township has been very fortunate to have had Marge serve us," Dysinger added.

Trivia note: In fact, 1978 was called "the Year of the BeeGees" because that year the three brothers had an impressive eight number one songs, four smash hits and four more they held writing credits for.

Their hits were "How Deep Is Your Love," "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever" and "Too Much Heaven." Two of the four they had writing credits for were for little brother Andy Gibb's "(Love Is) Thicker Than Water" and "Shadow Dancing."

The April meeting of the Board included a new revised road plan presented by Dysinger with more funds for improvements. Additional crack and chip seal projects included Dover Road between Old 27 and Eberhart and the other was on Surrey Road between Old US-27 and Cornwell.

The re-gravel project on Cornwell Avenue between Colonville and Beaverton Road was removed from the original plan. Dysinger said the township border road was scheduled as a shared project with Sheridan Township. "Sheridan Township declined to participate," Dysinger said. "The estimated \$35,000 in gravel costs can be applied toward other improvements on Eberhart Road between Adams and Colonville."

Dysinger added, "CCRC (the Clare County Road Commission) should have an estimate for Chip/Seal for Grant Road between Beaverton Road and Ann Arbor Trail at our May meeting. A more detailed final



Marge Bell and Dan Dysinger on her retirement

road plan number will be set at that time. The township is attempting to spend more than originally planned on Roadways this year, but this is subject to CCRC approval." In a phone interview, he said he is proposing that the township would like to spend at least \$100,000 more on road improvements this year over and

above the original plan, which was approximately \$330,000. The procedures for adopting ordinances was a discussion item at the meeting, much of it centering on adopting a 'windmill' and 'solar farm' ordinance. Because the township is "unplanned," Dysinger said neither one can be prohibited, but adopting those ordinances

would protect the Township taxpayers from undue costs. "It is known that pre-construction engineering oversight costs, setbacks and bonding requirements for demolition at the end of the life of these systems could burden taxpayers. There are other issues as well. If a development is ever proposed in the township it would be wise to address the issues ahead of time and not wait until they appear on the horizon," he said.

In another matter, Corey Gingery, President of the Five Lakes Association asked the board for help in "ridding their neighborhood of 'blight'." A number of residents commented about a homeowner who has a large accumulation of junk.

There are deed restrictions for the Five Lakes Subdivision, but the residents indicated that the offender doesn't care. Such restrictions are enforced through Court action, if warnings do not prevail.

Dysinger noted that Grant Township does not have a "Blight Ordinance." After the citizens' comments, Treasurer Tammy Shea suggested that the Five Lakes Association exhaust all efforts to resolve the issue and if those efforts fail, come back to the Township Board.

The Board also approved bills totaling \$70,333.03.

Grant adopts 996k budget for 2021-22

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

At the annual Public Hearing March 30th, the Grant Township Board adopted a proposed budget for the new fiscal year of 2021-22 totaling \$996,200 in income and expenditures. The board reviewed the proposed budget at the April 13 meeting. The actual expenditures for fiscal year 2020-2021 were \$1,329,153.19 including a CD purchase of \$150,000. Expenses for the Township Hall (proposed) is \$28,000; the fire contract with the Clare Fire Department is \$119,000; up slightly from the actual 2020-21 budget; \$400,00 is budgeted for Highways compared to \$512,901.49 actual cost for 2020-21; and Garbage has gone from 2020-21 actual of \$217,099.83 to a proposed amount of

\$220,000. No increase in wages was budgeted for 2021-22.

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- *Supervisor Wages are \$693.56 per month for statutory duties; \$357.52 for Township administration; and 288.81 per month for Township hall maintenance.
- *Supervisor Assistant wages are \$15.97 per hour;
- *Under Election Fees & Per Diem, Chairman is \$18.10 per hour and Inspector is \$15.97 per hour
- *Township Clerk salary is \$1,598.41 monthly;
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July summer tax administration; and \$2,192 for September summer tax administration.

- *Deputy Treasurer wages are \$15.97 per hour; and
- *Hall Coordinator & Assistant wage is \$15.97 per hour.

At the April 13 meeting, several resolutions were adopted. The board approved a resolution setting the regular meeting time and date for the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Dates are May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14. In 2022 dates of the meetings will be January 11, February 8, March 8 and April 12.

Also approved were a resolution designating procedures for special meetings; and another approving fund depository.



William Yats

Harrison man jailed after assaulting several with knife

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

A 17-year-old man, William Yats, is behind bars after assaulting several people with a knife last Friday evening. Clare County deputies responding to the report of the assault arrived at the location in the 4300 block of Oak Flats in Hayes Township to find the 17-year-old, armed with a knife and attempting to confront several others that were inside a vehicle. During the investigation, deputies found out that the teen got into an argument over a vehicle, then "grabbed a knife and assaulted and threatened multiple people with the knife and broke out a vehicle window." Yats was arrested and taken to the Clare County

Jail to await charges from the Clare County Prosecutor's office. He was arraigned Monday in 80th District Court by Magistrate Steven Worpell on the Prosecutor's charges including eight counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and malicious destruction of property. His bond was set at \$20,000 cash. Yats is still lodged in the Clare County Jail.

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Clare buys barge for lake dredging

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

In one of only two items of new business on the agenda at the first in-person Clare City meeting Monday evening, City Commissioners approved unanimously the \$82,700 purchase of a barge which will hold the excavator and container for dredged lake material until it can be offloaded onto a truck for disposal.

The barge which will be delivered in two sections, each 12 by 48 feet, will take ten to twelve weeks to build, Department of Public Works Director Luke Potter told Commissioners.

The custom-built equipment, which is four feet high, is made by very few companies, City Manager Jeremy Howard reported. The sole-source purchase is from B&R Construction out of Taylorville, Illinois, the same company that Harbor Beach, MI used for their project.

The Commission approved a down payment of 60 percent of the cost -- \$49,620, with the remainder of the cost, \$33,080, to be paid at the time of shipping. Shipping costs for the steel equipment will be \$2,700.

Funding for the purchase is available from the bonding for the lake dredging project and will be paid back over time with bond payments

from the city at large and the special assessment taxes of the lakefront property owners.

The purchase now will allow the dredging project to begin this summer. Potter recommended the purchase saying, "We should move forward at this time with this purchase due to the price of steel predicted to be continuing to rise."

The dredging will be a four-to-five-year project, Howard said, and will be a continuing process to clear Lake Shamrock of silt.

In his report to the board, Howard reported the board would need to decide how assessments will be handled. City Assessor Edie Hunter, who assesses for multiple jurisdictions, for Clare for two days per week, and two days per week for Ithaca, has had her certification suspended for three years in a disciplinary hearing by the State Tax Commission, due to a project she was unable to complete for Seville Township, another client.

"We have always found her work to be more than satisfactory," Howard said. He added that she could still continue to do the work but would be unable to sign or certify it. "Another certified assessor would have to sign her assessment work." He said that it will be difficult to find another certified assessor

for the City.

He also asked the Commission to discuss the process to replace Treasurer Steve Kingsbury who is retiring in June. Commissioner Bob Bonham said, "We don't have a lot of time." He said he supported hiring the Michigan Municipal League for the process.

Other business at the City meeting included:

During his report, Howard said the Planning Commission approved a special use permit and site plan for recreational marijuana (Class C Grow) for Total Holistic Cultivation, LLC at 380 Industrial Drive. THC is already licensed for medical marijuana. He said the City would vote on the matter at the next Commission meeting.

After multiple discussions by the Planning Commission, the updated sign ordinance is now in the hands of the City for approval. The first reading of the proposed updated ordinance was held at a commission meeting last month and was scheduled for a second reading Monday evening and a subsequent approval or denial by Commissioners, who adopted the resolution.

Howard said he has been working with Verizon for several months about a possible cell tower being added to the City to aid in the signal, which is lacking inside the

City limits. He said he would keep the Commission apprized about the project.

The City Manager also reported that the Little Tobacco Drain project is continuing although there have been some delays due to vendors being behind. He said Fisher Contracting will be starting the work from Eberhart upstream towards Dunlop with two crews working.

A May start is planned to drill private well which was approved last year. The City budgeted \$25,000 and the bid came in at \$21,585.50.

The City offices will remain closed except by appointment on a week-to-week basis, depending on COVID, but other City buildings opened to the public on Tuesday April 20, Howard said. Face to face meetings of the Commission began Monday and will continue dependent on Michigan Department of Health and Human Services requirement and the Open Meetings Act.

Airport Manager Gary Todd reported that tree removal is continuing around the airport and the trees between the river and 127. The Michigan Department of Aeronautics has granted a 60-day extension of the airport's provisional license while the tree removal work continues.

The City Commission approved the payment of bills totaling \$160,296.

Father upset over teacher cutting daughter's hair



Jimmy Hoffmeyer (Jimmy Hoffmeyer via AP)

The father of a seven-year old student in Mt. Pleasant's Ganiard Elementary School filed an incident report with the Mt. Pleasant Police after his daughter's hair was cut twice, once on one side of her head by another student while on a school bus and the second time by a teacher who cut the other side of the youngster's hair.

Jimmy Hoffmeyer, the youngster's father, told an Associated Press reporter in an interview that his daughter came home March 24 with her hair cut on one side.

After making a complaint with the school principal, Hoffmeyer had his daughters cut in an asymmetrical style at a salon. Two days later, the AP article said, a teacher cut the other side of her hair in an effort to even it out.

Hoffmeyer said his daughter came home crying and afraid of getting in trouble for getting her hair cut.

He said he was unhappy with the explanations from the principal and district and has since moved his daughter to another school in the district and is considering placing her in a private school.

The Mt. Pleasant Public School Board of Education called a media report that an employees of the district cut the hair of a student "inaccurate and false," the AP article said.

He has filed a report about the incident with the Mt. Pleasant Police, but had not been contacted about it when the article was written.

Hoffmeyer is also working the National Parents Union. Their website says the organization is, "a network of highly effective parent organizations and grassroots activists across the country that is united behind a set of common goals and principals to channel the power of parents. Our family advocates improve the quality of life for children across the United States and define the education conversation."

The site continues, "NPU unites parents of color, low-income parents, special needs parents, single mothers and fathers, grandparents, formerly incarcerated parent and parents in recovery with traditionally represented parent voices in a vibrant coalition..."

Both Hoffmeyer and his daughter are bi-racial although he said it isn't about race.

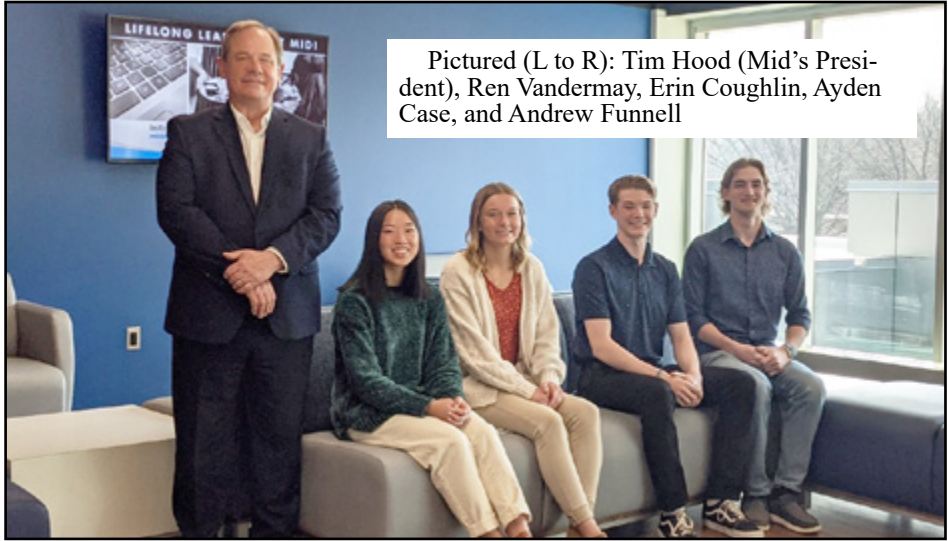
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To qualify for Laker Distinction Scholarships, applicants must be Michigan high school seniors with a 3.25 GPA or better. Selection for the scholarship winners occurred over the course of two months, and applicants participated in two events at Mid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

Final determinations were based on applicants' leadership, service, and academic performance, which were assessed through a variety of



Pictured (L to R): Tim Hood (Mid's President), Ren Vandermay, Erin Coughlin, Ayden Case, and Andrew Funnell

measures. Students submitted creative response pieces, wrote essay responses, and, for those moving to the final round of selection, underwent 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 Karry Kiste-Toner, Assistant Vice President of Student Success at Mid. "We

wanted to ensure that review was impartial, fair, and considered the scope of abilities that students have—we really wanted a chance to get to know the applicants as much as possible. Our local communities include some truly remarkable young people."

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APRIL 24

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO CLEAN OUT THEIR MEDICINE CABINETS THIS WEEK AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE DRUG TAKE BACK EVENTS SATURDAY AT SPECTRUM HEALTH BIG RAPIDS AND REED CITY HOSPITALS.

Community members are invited to stop by to dispose of expired prescriptions and other unwanted or unneeded medications. This free and anonymous public service is part of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The local event is led by Spectrum Health and Ten 16 Recovery Network. Collections sites will be open Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital at 605 Oak Street in Big Rapids and at Spectrum Health Reed City Hospital at 300 N. Patterson Road in Reed City.

MAY 1

MSU EXTENSION BEEF TEAM

The MSU Extension Beef Team has once again organized regional Bull Breeding Soundness Exam (BSE) Clinics. By identifying potential male fertility problems, producers can reduce the risk of a less than optimum breeding season. The MSUE Beef Team encourages producers to have BSE conducted on their breeding bulls every year. There is a clinic scheduled in Clare County, at the Stamper Farms, on Saturday May 1, 2021. Producers wanting to get their bulls tested need to register by calling the MSU Extension Office in Gladwin County at: (989)426-7741 or by emailing Kable at: thurlowk@msu.edu. Cost is \$60 - \$75 per bull when done at one of these MSUE Clinics. The price is dependent on bull numbers. The clinic

starts at 9:00 AM. Directions to the farm will be given at the time of registration.

For more information on the BSE clinic in Harrison, please contact Kable Thurlow at the Gladwin County MSU Extension office at 989-426-7741, or email at thurlowk@msu.edu.

MAY 7

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE will be held at First Congregational Church (211 W. Spruce St., Harrison) on Friday, May 7 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Safety precautions will be observed. Masks are required.

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MAY 13 & 20

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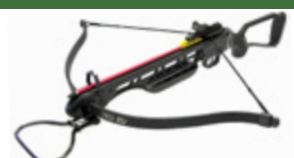
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Monday fire destroys Athey Road barn



Assistant Chief Sam Eberhart pours water on the remains of a 32 by 60 foot pole barn destroyed by fire Monday morning. Photos by Bob Guiliani



Firefighter Aaron Olson and Lt. Tracy Pohl extinguished remaining hot spots in the barn.



The pole barn at the Home of Jarred Renner was fully engulfed in flames when Clare firefighters arrived at the Athey Road scene of the blaze.



Firefighter Jim Doherty and Lt. Tracy Pohl were pulling apart the barn structure that remained standing after the blaze was extinguished.

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

“It was fully engulfed when we arrived,” Assistant Clare Fire Chief Sam Eberhart said. The fire department was dispatched to 9275 South Athey Road between Colonville and Surrey Roads, northeast of Clare around 9:10 a.m. last Monday, when a neighbor

called to report a barn fire. The blaze totally destroyed a 32 by 60 foot pole barn on the property, owned by Jarred Renner, and damaged an adjacent 16 by 40 foot storage barn. “When we got there the fire had already caught the adjacent barn on fire,” Eberhart said. He said no persons were injured but four pigs that were in the larger building were lost in

the fire. No one was at home at the time of the fire, Eberhart added. He said the cause of the fire was ‘undetermined’. “It was almost impossible to tell what started it due to the extent of the damage,” he added. Firefighters from Clare were assisted by three fire fighters and equipment from Surrey Township;

seven from Harrison Fire Department with equipment and by Mobile Medical Response Ambulance Service. About 8,000 gallons of water was used to knock down the blaze. Eleven Clare firemen and ten from the two other departments were on the scene for about two hours, the Assistant Chief said.

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Viewpoints

MIKE'S MUSINGS

Michael Wilcox, Publisher/Editor

Inflation appears to be on the horizon

The price of lumber has increased by 112 percent over the last year. That in turn has made building projects and housing far more expensive and according to some experts will spur inflation levels we haven't seen in years.

Another off-shoot of the rise in building materials is a housing shortage. To say it is a seller's market is an understatement.

Realtors in all areas are complaining that they haven't experienced a time when housing inventory was so low.

I have friends in Florida who decided to put their condo on the market. Before the realtor could get it listed they had two offers. The first day it was on the market they had four more. They ended up accepting a cash offer that was \$55,000 over the asking price.

Obviously everyone wants to be in Florida, and that state leads the housing boom, but realtors are seeing bidding wars in other states as well.

This is despite escalating pricing for many other goods beyond housing.

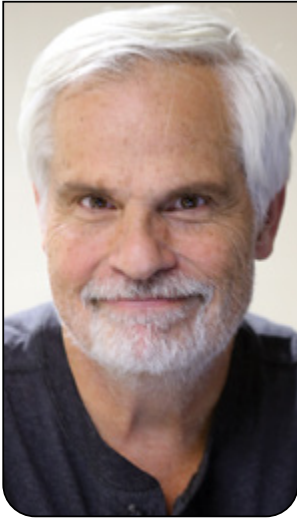
Those of us that drive have had to absorb about a 30 percent increase in

gasoline. The price of a barrel has increased from \$40 to \$60 in the last six months, and some experts expect the barrel price to even go higher.

Natural gas, which many of us use to heat our homes has skyrocketed by 50 percent. I don't know about you but I felt it in my wallet, when the invoice came from my provider, and I had to fork over more than a grand to heat my home- and this was during one of the mildest winters on record.

We are being told paper products will rise dramatically in 2021. Again, I can attest to that. Newspaper printers have already seen price increases in December, February, and again in March. This follows a relatively stable market for several years. The paper increases in my experience, are a pretty good indicator that inflation will rise in the coming months.

Another inflation indicator is health care. Experts expect to see an average 8.4 percent jump in health care insurance premiums this year. I guess as far as increases go that is fairly modest, but again, on top of all the other price increases, it



really puts a huge dent in my wallet.

I'm concerned for all of us. The last thing we need as we attempt to recover from the pandemic, is inflation. Many of us have lost our jobs, or are working at a reduced rate, because of COVID. Many of us have taken pay cuts or retired. Most of us, unless we own Amazon or Walmart, have seen our savings accounts shrink considerably. There is no wiggle room in our budgets for increased costs of essential items like food, housing and gasoline.

But it's reality and I suspect it will get worse. Most of us aren't sitting on a home we can sell to take advantage of the housing boom. Most of us will have to buy less and pray that prices will come down quickly. Most of us will survive, but it won't be with some difficulty.

Pat's Bits & Pieces

Pat Maurer, Review Correspondent

Still cold out, but spring is blooming anyway



The calendar still says it's April. That means warm sunny days and flowers peeking up right?

Well we have had sunny days and flowers are all over the place, but we have also a little of everything else -- cold nights, warmer days, rain, sleet and snow. As a matter of fact Jack said it was snowing when he went into town today (Wednesday) and we have had freeze warnings for the past couple of days.

The weatherman is promising nicer temperatures for next week though with the mercury climbing all the way up from todays low 40s for a high to next Tuesday's low 70s.

Ah Michigan. Trish Jackson, who worked for me many years ago, used to tell me not to write about the weather because if I did, it would be sure to change.

Anyway I am pretty sure spring is really here now because Monday on my way home from City and School board meetings, I saw a tree in full bloom on Fifth Street, just two blocks east of the Doherty.

I had to take a picture, which will be included with this column if I have room.

Writing about the weather and having it change in the next day or two has seemed to be what happens, at least most of the time. A few years back we had a 10 inch snowfall in the middle of April. No idea why, but I will take the blame I guess

While looking through my old columns, I came across one from April 16th 2000 that was all about "the last storm." It said, "A Friday April 7th storm dropped approximately seven inches of snow on some areas of Clare County causing numerous accidents and even a few rollovers attributed to the new snow."

Jack tells me they got something like that down state today, accidents and all, but all we had was a "flurry" or two.

Anyway, that year we had snow pictures on the front page for three weeks in a row. And my column noted a similar snowstorm in 1995, so I guess we shouldn't have been surprised to get some chilly weather and a spot of snow this week. After all it is still Michigan. We can get snow here anytime up to and including the 4th of July!

Hopefully all that is over now -- after all May is only one more week away!

We have been getting some of those April showers, and some sunshine to compensate us for those chilly breezes lately.

Speaking of breezes, we now live without any trees to stop the wind and it always seems to be blowing around here. Most days you have to hang onto the storm door for fear that the wind will slam it into the railing on the steps and smash it.

Anyway, my resident weatherman (Jack) keeps promising me some really



nice sun and warm temperatures over the next few days, but I'm not swearing to it. I know better than that.

Seems as though nice weather should show up in the next few weeks anyway. Recent rain has really turned the grass we have out here a brilliant green and it really needs mowing.

Unfortunately our mower is "in the shop," and it's been too cold and windy to mow anyway...

Meanwhile I'm still mostly hanging out inside and working on the Sesquicentennial paper that is coming out in a couple of weeks. Both the City and the County are celebrating their 150th birthdays this spring. In fact on the same day -- March 16, they were both founded. Looking up the history in the area has been pretty interesting. I can't wait to see it in print.

When I'm not on the computer, I spend my leisure time (ha ha) unpacking.

You guessed it -- we still have a bunch of boxes and cartons out there in the garage. No idea what might be in them, but when I'm not working here in my "office, guest room, sewing room, pantry combination here in the "big camper," I am trying to find more places to put stuff.

From the living room of our new place we now have an awesome view of sunrises, sunsets and the country all around, so when I'm "unpacking" at least I have a view.

May I walk with you?

By Daniel Fachting, Ph.D.

Come to the party

As I was talking with a fellow Catholic Christian, he shared with me an insight he had about attending church services. He shared a rather simple story of a man who decided not to attend one of his family's birthday parties. He simply said, "I don't need to go to my brother's birthday party. He already knows how much I love him." Many Christians say they don't need to go to church services using the statement, "I don't need to go to mass. God already knows that I love him and he loves me, so I don't go." How sad!

I don't know about you, but one of the reasons I attend church services is to show God that I love him. I can't say that I love Jesus and then not go to church. It's like saying that I love my brother, or grandchild, or wife and then not go to a party for them. I want to be with them, especially at a party in their honor. One of the ways we show someone we care is by going to their party. Not going to their party shows that we really don't care much, at least that is the impression we give. Our 50th wedding anniversary is coming up soon. My children will probably throw a party for my wonderful wife and me. If the

people invited don't come, I would seriously think they had an emergency, or they don't care much. At the least I would be greatly disappointed. I wonder if Jesus feels the same way when we don't attend mass or other church services. I am reminded of a rather humorous story about a young man who claims to love his girlfriend. He says to her on the phone, "I love you and I care about you. I would climb the highest mountain for you. I would swim the deepest ocean for you. I would walk a million miles to see you, but I can't come over now it's raining out." The love seems hollow.

Talk is cheap, unless it is backed up by action. Saying you love someone and then not showing it seems shallow. Everyone one of us has been invited to be at mass, the "Supper of the Lord" or other church gatherings. These are opportunities to gather with others to honor and worship the God who loves us unconditionally and incomprehensively. I hope we all show that we love him to by going to his party.

"May the Lord bless and keep you. May He let His face shine upon you and give you His peace."



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Letters

Are we a nation of frightened cowards?

Dear Editor:
A recent study by Stanford University has demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that "face masks have absolutely zero chance of preventing the spread of Covid-19". You know, that scamdemic. The study was posted on the National Center for Biotechnological Information, a government website. The NCBI is, in fact, a branch of the National Institute for Health. Predictably, this information was not reported by mainstream media. None.

Given what we see on a daily basis, I have

to wonder if it would even cause a flutter had it been given wide-spread coverage. It seems that a special kind of stupid has gripped our nation. Are we so devoid of common sense that blind obedience is preferred over making one's own decisions based on facts? Have we become sheep? Do you want to be content to cease thinking for yourself? I ask myself, has the country been so gripped by this malaise that people will sit blindly by (and masked up) as our republic is destroyed? Are we becoming a nation

of frightened cowards? I believe the evidence is piling up that would prove me correct.

We have a lying, incompetent, puppet governor who is apparently backed by an equally weak, ineffective legislator content to sit out their time and collect a paycheck. This Governor and her crew have one goal: to destroy Michigan's economy and to make a nanny state out of us. The passivity and cowardice of those we have elected to represent us is disgusting and should cause all of us great shame. And equally so, should move us to action. But has that been the case?

No, it has not.

I have spoken with people who proudly say, "I walked into a store and saw someone without a mask, so I took mine off too." That is not making a stand. That is not standing for truth. Waiting to do what someone else does to feel brave about yourself is not taking a stand. It is the kind of action that has gotten us to where we are; cowering behind useless face coverings. And marching in a line that leads off a cliff. Wake up. Stop being terrified of a flu that has a 99.7% recovery rate.

There should be an outcry by parents whose children are forced to sit for hours in airless classrooms without the free intake of oxygen. Demand that your child not wear the life restricting, air-robbing, bacteria growing masks. Remember you are the parent, not the school. Will they expel your child? I think not. Certainly not on count day because schools need that money for those precious heads! Teachers and administrator work for you--the parent. As your employees, demand that they do what is right.

Or better yet, homeschool. If you need help with that, find tutors. As a parent, you have choices. Form a neighborhood co-op for homeschooling.

Several weeks ago while shopping; I encountered an acquaintance fully masked up, of course. During the course of our conversation she related that a) she had had Covid some months back, b) recently received the vaccine, and now still wore the obligatory mask. I had no reply.

Has it occurred to you that this entire scamdemic is simply a cover for the destruction of our nation? It should. Take off that mask, literally and metaphorically, and see what is happening around you. Jobs are dying. People are unable to work and earn a living. We are being told that we should be ashamed of our heritage. Our Constitution guarantees our right to free assembly but people are told to isolate and hide. And they obey. To be male or female is a lie. Abortion and murdering the newborn are a woman's right to health care. Selling body parts of aborted, murdered babies is a viable worthy part of science. Good is evil and evil is good. If you are not standing for the good and right, you are a part of the problem. And do not for a minute think that you, as a citizen, are not equally expendable as those ruthlessly aborted babies in this war for our nation. Get in the way and you will be dealt with as swiftly and legally. It starts with the mask.

My favorite quote is from John Wayne. "Life is tough. But it's tougher if you're stupid." Think about that while you put on your mask.

Christine Pechacek

Significant Voter Fraud..."yes or no"... A Simple Solution

To the Editor:
In order to solve any problem you need to define it and gather information to solve it. The problem: what was the percent of fraudulent votes cast in the November 3, 2020 election? International auditing firms solve a similar problem in determining if financial statements fairly represent a corporation's results of operations yearly. They do not look at all transactions but rather take a small random sample and analyze that to determine the percent accuracy plus

or minus an acceptable error rate. Michigan's 183 County Clerks have voter data necessary to perform this analysis. I would like to know the percent of fraud plus or minus ten percent at the 98% reliability level. If for example it turned out the fraud rate was 1% then fraud was between 0.99 to 1.1 percent. If the fraud rate was 2% then fraud was between 1.98 and 2.02 percent. Is this important? It would be to John James who lost by 1.68% and the loss stays if the rate is 1% but John James won at 2%.

A larger percent of fraud would be necessary to overturn the presidential result as the margin of victory was greater.

The point is this rate of fraud needs to be determined before discussing it. If it is very small, it can be pretty much ignored if it is large it needs to be fixed. In the meantime, without knowing the fraud rate neither the Michigan Dems saying it was the freest fairest election in our history or the Michigan GOP claim it was stolen by fraud makes any logical sense. This

determination needs to be done by an independent non-partisan audit. In the future it should be done for each election prior to certifying them in order to restore confidence in our elections. It is way past time our professional corp of politicians solve this problem or our Democracy is on life support regardless of your party affiliation. This needs to be done for all 50 states not just Michigan but it is a good place to start.

Kurt Krug

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Obituaries

Kenneth G. Kapplinger

Kenneth G. Kapplinger, age 95 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the MidMichigan Medical Center of Midland. On September 12, 1925, Ken was born the son of William and Charlotte (Northon) Kapplinger at their family home in Grant Township near Five Lakes. He was united in marriage to Vernetta Pudvay on May 16, 1947 in Clare County. They enjoyed 68 ½ years of marriage until her death on November 22, 2015. Ken was a proud graduate of the Clare High School Class of 1941 and a lifelong resident of Clare. Ken's entire working career was spent in the tool and die trade. He was proudly one of Holley Carburetor's early hires, and remained an employee until the plant closure. He then worked at Evert Products until his retirement. As prideful as Ken was about his work in the trades, he enjoyed his farming and raising Herford cattle. Other than farming, his interest included deer hunting, snowmobiling and a passion for woodworking. Upon his retirement, he and Vernetta spent time traveling the United States and abroad. They enjoyed many hours at their home on Five Lakes with family and friends.

Ken is survived by his children Debbie Kapplinger of Stephenson, MI. and Karl (Cindy) Kapplinger of Midland and his grandchildren Karla (Carlos) Sola, Wade Kapplinger, Joe (Lauren) Naboychik,



Susan (Rich) Crooks, and John (Crys) Naboychik. He was especially proud of the recent arrival of his first great-grandson Santiago Sola. Other survivors include many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Vernetta, his parents William and Charlotte Kapplinger, and his siblings Frances Warner, Charles, Jarvis, and Morris Kapplinger, and Ethel Tunsen.

Friends may visit with the Kapplinger family on Wednesday the 21st at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. On Thursday the 22nd a 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. visitation and a 2:00 P.M. Service will all be held at the gravesite at Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Current Covid-19 guidelines will be in place. Memorial contributions in honor of Ken may be directed toward the Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund. For those unable to attend, services will be live-streamed on the Stephenson-Wyman Facebook Page and online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Randy Lynn Thrush

Randy Lynn Thrush passed away on April 16, 2021 at Mid-Michigan Regional Medical Center in Midland with his loving family by his side. He was 64 years old. Randy was born on December 23, 1956 to Arlo and Elizabeth (Smith) Thrush, the oldest of 4 kids. He served his country honorably in the United States Army. In June of 1998, he was united in marriage to Amie Jo Eichhorn in Clare, MI. Randy worked many years as a truck driver for the oil industry, he was a member of the American Legion and was always helping others. He enjoyed fishing, mechanics, hanging with his buddies and was a hobby eagle collector.

He leaves behind his wife of 22 years, Amie (Eichhorn) Thrush, 4 daughters; Tonya (Dan) Jones, Sonya (Greg) Seidel, Rachel Thrush, stepdaughter Chelsie (Vinny) Lago, sister Toni (Dave) Thrush, brother Lester Thrush, mother-in-law Vicky Eichhorn, 2 brothers-in-law; Keith (Autumn) Eichhorn, Arthur (Shawna) Eichhorn III, as well as 7 grandkids; Ryan (Jordan) Sparks, Christina (Thom-



as) Henry, Holly Jones, Hayden Jones, Christian Weiderer, Mikayla Seidel, Conner Lago, great granddaughter Willow Henry, as well as uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Randy was preceded in death by both of his parents, Arlo and Elizabeth Thrush, a brother, Joe Thrush, and a father-in-law, Arthur (Ted) Eichhorn.

In accordance with his wishes a cremation has taken place. A service of remembrance will be held at the Farwell/Clare American Legion Post 558 on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Please share your memories and condolences with Randy's family online at www.CampbellStocking.com.

Dale Dee Wing

Dale Dee Wing, age 64, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 16, 2021. Dale fought a long and hard battle with cancer and has finally won. He is rejoicing with Jesus now.

Dale was born on December 10, 1956 to Merle and Maxine (Helmboldt) Wing. He loved regaling his family with stories of his growing up years. He met the love of his life, Deborah Six, as a teenager and married her on August 20, 1977. He loved her deeply and they spent a rich lifetime together.

Dale worked hard his entire life, brought glory to God, and touched the lives of everyone he met. He owned a fourth-generation construction company and proudly served his community as a member of the Marion Community Fire Department. He raised beef cows and also enjoyed helping his youngest son David harvest crops every summer. He was very talented with building and fixing things and was proud of his creations. He also looked forward to camping and fishing with his family every summer.

Dale loved his family deeply. His biggest desire was to point them, and everyone, to Jesus. He battled multiple cancers since the age of 45 and fought valiantly and with dignity. He remained faithful to God and often gave testimony to God's goodness and healing hand in his life. Now he has received his complete healing. He was a gentle, kind, encouraging, optimistic and loving soul who leaves a giant hole in our hearts. But we cling to God's promises and grieve as those who have hope.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, three siblings, Donald, Melody and Paul, his father-in-law, Floyd Six and brothers-in-law Jim Grady and Russel Kreml. He is survived and lovingly missed by his wife,



Deborah, children Dale Brad (Janean) Wing, Derek (Tricia) Wing, DeAnna (Joe Bates) Wing, David (Linda) Wing, and Danielle (Trevor) Ozeran, as well as 20 grandchildren, Ethan, Savannah, Abigail, Marissa, Cara, Meira, Zachary, Noah and Aleena Wing; Makayla, Masyn, Brydan, Carsyn and Sophya Wing; Katelyn and Nevaeh Larson; Maxwell and Benjamin Wing; Lillian and Madelyn Ozeran. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Bernice Six, siblings Eloise Kreml, Danny (Marcella) Wing, and Yvonne (Mike) Hatfield, brothers-in-law Floyd, Mike and Mark (Adriana) Six, sisters-in-law Sandy Grady and Kay Wing, and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Private family funeral services will be held with Rev. Bob Zeeryp officiating with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery in Marion. Visitation will be held on Monday from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Burkholder Family Funeral Home in McBain. Thoughts and prayers may be left at www.burkholderfamilyfuneralhome.com

Gray, Dawn Renae (Smith)

GRAY, DAWN RENAE (SMITH), age 40, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away Thursday, April 8, 2021, at her home surrounded in the love of family and friends after an 11 month battle with breast cancer.

Dawn was born July 28, 1980 in Clare, the daughter of David and Linda (Higgins) Smith. She was a graduate of Clare High School with the class of 1999, where she made many lifelong friends. Dawn married Philip Gray on January 13, 2014 in Puerto Morelos, Mexico.

Dawn loved life and lived daily into her nickname, "Sunshine" outwardly through her bright and beautiful smile, joyous and infectious laugh and colorful Lilly Pulitzer attire, as well as inwardly through her love for her friends and family, her beaming personality that attracted people to her and instantly made them feel welcomed (Dawn made friends everywhere she went) and by her giving nature. Dawn thought of the needs of others before her own, including bringing sunshine to other cancer patients through the donation of support bags to other cancer patients even during her own battle with the disease.

Dawn loved traveling, especially to the Caribbean and spending time on the beach at the ocean, she enjoyed camping, campfires and cookouts, essentially any reason to spend time with the people she loved. Dawn appreciated laughter, sarcasm and the ability to make light of life's tough situations. Dawn approached every situation with a positive attitude which was most evident throughout her illness, where she wouldn't even let her diagnosis get her down.

Dawn is survived by her husband Phil Gray of Mt Pleasant, her furbabies Mr. Bo and Teddy; parents David and Linda Smith of Coleman; brother David (Jen) Smith of Farwell, sister Dana



(Nick) Thering of Clare, nieces and nephews that thought more than the world of her Paige, Peyton, Caleb and Riley, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends that were like family for which there are too numerous to name. As her niece said "Dawn was everyone's favorite human". Dawn was preceded in death by her furbabies Sergeant and Maxwell, grandparents Leo and Ruth Higgins of Farwell and William and Joyce Dorland of Clare.

The family would also like to say a special thank-you on behalf of Dawn to her medical team, including Dr.'s Tannu Sahay and Mark Fireman and their amazing staff, as well as the nurses and staff at the infusion center at Mid-Michigan Medical Center – Mt. Pleasant. We thank you for caring so much about Dawn and supporting her in many different ways throughout her battle, you were so much more than a care team to her and she cherished the friendships she developed throughout her treatment.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date this coming summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Dawn to The Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund, 4201 Campus Ridge Suite 1275, Midland, MI 48670, an organization that supported Dawn throughout her own battle and to which she was eternally grateful.

You may view Dawn's obituary online and send a condolence to the family at www.centralmichigancremation.com

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AMERICAN LEGION POST IN TEMPLE

The 40&8 and the American Legion Post in Temple will be having a Steak dinner on April 23 4pm to 7pm with limited seating to go orders will be available you get a ribeye steak with baked potato salad and more

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Being held at First Congregational Church (211 W. Spruce St., Harrison) on Friday, May 7 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Safety precautions will be observed. Masks are required.

Vaccinations now available for everyone over 16 years of age

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

The Central Michigan District Health Department has announced, “We are now able to offer first dose appointment to all individuals, ages 16 and above, in our six-county area.”

See their website to schedule an appointment.

The CMDHD said, “On Friday, April 16, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) extended its Gatherings and Mask epidemic order. The Order, which expires May 25th, preserves the current health order, which is designed to balance day-to-day activities while controlling the spread of COVID-19 and saving Michiganders’ lives. It includes expansion of mask requirements to children ages 2 through 4 to further protect the state’s residents.”

Their report continued, “Although progress has been made, it is crucial that Michiganders continue to mask up and socially distance as the state takes steps to get back to normal. Expanding the mask rule to children ages 2 to 4 requires a good faith effort to ensure that these children wear masks while in gatherings at childcare facilities or camps. It takes effect April 26, 2021. This addresses the increase in cases among younger Michiganders and follows recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance.”



As of Monday, they said “29.6 percent of Michigan residents 16 and older had been fully vaccinated and 44.1 percent had received at least a first dose.”

MDHHS has been closely monitoring three metrics for stabilization or declines over the past several weeks. Michigan’s metrics have been increasing for the past few weeks, although the rate of increase is declining. The presence of more infectious variants, such as the B.1.1.7 variant, threatens progress in control of the epidemic and MDHHS will be monitoring data closely. In recent days:

*Positivity rate: had increased for eight weeks but has seen a recent 5-day decline to 17.1%. However, this metric remains up 390% from the mid-February low and remains above the December peak of 14.4%.

*Statewide case rate: This metric has increased over the past eight weeks to 613.9 cases per million. The rate is more than 475% higher than the low in mid-February but remains below peak of 737.8 cases per million on Saturday, Nov 14.

*Hospital capacity: The percent of inpatient beds dedicated to those with COVID-19 is now at 18.8%. This metric peaked at 19.6% on Tuesday, Dec. 4, and is up 373% from the February low.

In the Central Michigan District Health Department’s six counties 46,831 have now been vaccinated with at least one dose. Following are case numbers, death rates and number vaccinated:

Arenac County has 1,012 cases, 603 recovered and 28 deaths – 33.5 % or 4,182 are vaccinated
Clare Country has 2,147

cases, 1,250 recovered and 70 deaths – 32.3% or 8,248 are vaccinated

Gladwin County has 2,078 cases, 1,126 recovered and 43 deaths – 32.1 % or 6,832 are vaccinated

Isabella County has 5,538 cases, 3,363 recovered and 81 deaths –26% or 15,369 are vaccinated

Osceola County has 1,673 cases, 813 recovered and 25 deaths 25.8 % or 4,882 are vaccinated

Roscommon County has 1,730 cases, 924 recovered and 45 deaths – 35% or 7,319 are vaccinated

In neighboring Counties:

Midland has 6,668 cases with 75 deaths -- 37.3% or 25,232 are vaccinated

Mecosta has 2,819 cases with 26 deaths – 26.6% or 9,682 are vaccinated

Missaukee has 1,351 cases with 22 deaths – 32.4% or 3,910 are vaccinated

Clare BOE hears parents’ complaints

Continued from page 1A

technology throughout our district. Tom single-handedly introduced hydroponics and plant-based agriculture to our alternative high school students, and it further plays out in a business model as students are able to sell their products. His efforts have led to a very motivated population of adult and alternative education students who are project and outcome focused. Tom has also expanded to helping staff and students district-wide with instructional technology and project-based learning. He is a true asset to our profession and district.”

In other business at the BOE meeting Reports were given for Education Boosters, Sports Boosters and Band Boosters.

Student Body Representative Riley Schroeder reported that The Student Council is working on plans for an outdoor Prom to be held at the Tobacco River Ranch on May 1st with outdoor dancing and music.

Administrative reports were given by All four schools, Primary, Middle, High and Pioneer Schools, by the Business Manager, for Athletic, Operations and from Chartwells.

High School Principal Matt Forsberg reported that graduation will be on June 6 with Mason Bryant as Valedictorian and Abigail Allen as Salutatorian.

Forsberg reported first and Second Team All-Academic Students: First Team Mason Bryant – Valedictorian, Abigail Allen – Salutatorian, Morgan Beekman and Alexis Lapoe. Second Team All-Academic

students include Katherine Haupt, Malachi Bidwell, Katherine Whitbeck and Riley Schroeder.

Superintendent Jim Walter reported that, “With the help of Matt Forsberg, Ron Schmidt, and Jeff Albert we are partnering again with the Thompson Foundation to secure two NNC (Computer Numerical Control) machines – a plasma cutting table and the router table. He said the grant would require community matches.

He also reported that with postings still ongoing there were already six applications for Health & Physical Education, two for Special Education and six for mental health position.

Action items at the meeting included:

*The adoption of high school textbooks for ELA (English Language Arts) with the online component from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Forsberg said it is a newer product that is very successful.

*Approval of the annual renewal of the five-year contract agreement with Chartwells as food service provider.

*The appointment of Board President Ben Browning as the representative and Samantha Sharp as the Alternate for the June 7 Regional Education Service District Biennial Election.

*Adopted the COVID-19 Monthly Learning Plan with options for virtual and in-person learning.

*Approved monthly bills payable totaling \$265,086.31 as well as gross and net payroll.

Lear Corp honored by Michigan Works

Local lawmakers and statewide talent development officials gathered virtually on Wednesday, March 31 to recognize Lear Corporation – Farwell Plant and the Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium for adapting to meet the professional and personal needs of employees.

In March 2019, Business Solutions Professional Pam O’Laughlin met with the entire management team at Lear Corporation – Farwell to address a 98 percent turnover rate of production employees. At this meeting, the team identified areas of concern. To address the issues identified, Lear Corporation implemented new practices and procedures. As a result, the hiring process was revised to include additional screening and testing criteria, a more intensive week-long orientation was developed, and the company made leadership training for floor leads a priority.

Additionally, Lear Corporation – Farwell was the first employer in the Michigan Works! Region 7B area to implement The Network -- a business resource program. This program brought a Success Coach into the plant each week to assist employees. The Success Coach was able to assist Lear Corporation employees by identifying barriers, providing resources, coordinating with HR staff to offer training solutions and mitigation, and, overall, reducing turnover.

“Working with Pam O’Laughlin and her knowledgeable team has been a

great experience that has helped to make our plant a better place to work,” said Lear Corporation – Farwell Human Resources Manager Lisa Fredrickson. “Working with Vicky Stickler in the Business Resource Network program is an excellent tool that has made our ability to meet the needs of our workforce more comprehensive than ever before. That is why it has been an easy choice for us to utilize Michigan Works! Region 7B. We look forward to continuing to work with Pam and Vicky through Michigan Works! Region 7B and the Middle Michigan Development Corporation far into the future.”

In October 2019, a primary customer of Lear Corporation went on strike, causing a massive lay off at the Lear Corporation – Farwell plant. Management carefully and thoughtfully structured a layoff plan to enable employees to keep their health insurance coverage active by reporting to work for four hours each week. This also made it possible for employees to continue to be eligible for unemployment insurance while on the reduced work schedule. As a result of these actions, Lear did not lose a single employee.

Lear Corporation has continued to tackle any challenges that arise. When the pandemic brought on another layoff for Lear, management worked remotely to provide support for their employees and assistance with help from Michigan Works! Region 7B and the Network.

When all three shifts were able to return to work, safety protocols were significantly enhanced at the plant and management staff worked to find solutions for any challenges that arose, including changes to attendance to improve the work/life balance of their employees. These changes have made a significant difference in employee morale and the employee turnover.

To address the 98 percent turnover rate, management at Lear Corporation – Farwell took the necessary actions needed to improve their company morale while reducing the turnover rate.

“It’s exciting to see how the Business Resource Network program is supporting the growth of talent in our region,” said state Sen. Rick Outman (R-Six Lakes). “Kudos to Lear Corporation for implementing this important program so they could effectively address their turnover rate.”

The Impact Awards hosted by the Michigan Works! Association recognizes the economic development success being achieved in communities across Michigan. During the event, local lawmakers present tributes to dozens of honorees from across the state.

Award winners included employers, workers, Michigan Works! organizations, and partners from across the state.

“I am pleased to see community partners collaborating to preserve economic prosperity in our region and excited to have this award in my hometown of Farwell,” said state Rep. Jason Wentworth (R-Farwell). “The daily effort Michigan Works! Region 7B puts into coordinating with local employers and other partners makes all the difference in talent development and retention in this area.”

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VILLAGE OF FARWELL ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-04 PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Farwell Ordinance #2019-04, an amendment from Ordinance #1993-5, states that any weeds, grass or deleterious unhealthy growths or other noxious matter which are higher than 8 inches in height after May 1st may be cut by representatives of the Village Council. All charges shall be due and payable by said owner.

If you would like a copy of this ordinance, you can stop by the Village Office at 109 S. Hall Street from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit our website at www.villageoffarwell.org.

Adrian Krawczynski
Village of Farwell Clerk

Correction: Current hotel owners not charged with tax fraud

An article which ran with a photo in the Clare County Review April 9 on page 6A said Clare Days Inn Manager Harold Walls and hotel owner Karl Walls are both facing federal tax fraud and obstruction charges in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The information was in a press release from the US Department of Justice..

The article should have read “The former hotel manager and former owner. The Days Inn was sold three years ago and is now a Quality Inn.

The present owner and manager of the facility, now named the Quality Inn, are not involved in any way with the tax fraud case against the former owner and manager.

We apologize for any confusion over the article.

VILLAGE OF FARWELL SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Following a formal adoption of the following named Ordinance at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021, the Village of Farwell has adopted the Ordinance No. 2021-01 “Village of Farwell – Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Marihuana Licensing Ordinance”. For a full copy of the ordinance, please contact the Village Clerk, at the Village of Farwell, 109 S Hall St, Farwell, MI 48622.

Adrian Krawczynski
Village of Farwell Clerk

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP CEMETERY CLEAN-UP NOTICE

Please remove all grave blankets, artificial flowers, broken urns, flower pots, cans and jars, etc., from gravesites by April 28th, 2021. After this date articles will be removed by cemetery personnel Cleanup of the cemetery will begin May 3rd, 2021. Please, also, note that, due to our windy winter for the last couple years, there are many dead shrubs and fallen branches that will be removed.

CITY OF CLARE Summary of Ordinance Adoption

Following the second reading and formal adoption of the following named Ordinance(s), the City of Clare Code of Ordinances as amended become effective May 14, 2021. For a full copy of the Ordinance changes, please contact the City Clerk, at the City of Clare, 202 W. Fifth St., Clare, MI 48617. The City of Clare is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CITY OF CLARE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
2021-001, SIGNS
Chapter 52 Section 52-2 Definitions Chapter 52, Article IX-Signs, Sections 52-437 thru 52-447 and Sections 52-279 and 52-348. - is hereby amended.

Diane Lyon
Clare City Clerk

CITY OF CLARE COMMISSION MEETING UNOFFICIAL CONDENSED MINUTES April 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Clare City Hall Commission Chambers by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Bob Bonham, Pat Humphrey, Nick Loomis, Maegan Jenkins, and Gus Murphy.

Absent: None.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was supported and approved.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to open a public hearing for Proposed Ordinance 2021-001 - Signs was supported and approved.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to close the public hearing was supported and approved

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-001 was supported and approved.

Motion to approve the purchase of Barge for Lake Shamrock Dredging was supported and approved.

The City Manager’s Report was received.

Extended Public Comment: None

Commission Topics: Search for new city treasurer; assessor services

Motion to adjourn at 6:28 pm was supported and approved.

A complete copy of the minutes is available at the Clerk’s office upon request. After approval, minutes are posted on the City website: cityofclare.org. - Boards & Commissions-Mayor and City Commission. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sarah Schumacher
Deputy Clerk



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Section B

Harrison baseball scores double win at Whittemore

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

A one run victory in the first game. A slugfest in game two. The Harrison baseball team picked up wins both ways on Thursday, April 15, handing visiting Whittemore-Prescott 6-5 and 11-6 in non-league action.

“The team is playing well, considering the cold weather,” head coach Mike Saupe said.

In game one, Todd Kirchen earned the win pitching, giving up 10 hits and walking three.

Getting a hit and scoring a run was Ethan VanAntwerp, Hunter Davis, Logan Ashcroft, Jayce Russell, Garrett Willman and Andrew Erskine.

Russell’s and Gillespie’s hits were triples.

“The defense came up big, holding them to only five runs,” Saupe said.

Game two was shortened because of darkness, but the Hornets still had a big offensive performance.

“Everyone on the team got hits and scored to secure the win,” Saupe said.

On Monday, April 12 the Hornets hosted Grayling for more non-league action. Harrison lost game one 15-7 but bounced back for a 10-0 victory in game two.

In game two, Hunter Davis suffered the loss, giving up 12 hits and walking nine.

“Had a rough first

inning, giving up six runs, but there were three errors behind him that contributed to the runs,” Saupe said. “On a positive side, we settled down after that first inning and played almost equal after that.”

Scoring two runs each

for the Hornets were VanAntwerp and Ashcroft while Davis, Russell and Erskine scored once each.

In game two, VanAntwerp got the win, giving up no runs on three hits and one walk.

“The defense behind Ethan was outstanding

and error free,” Saupe said. “Davis threw out three guys attempting steals and Russell locked down the outfield with three key catches to hold runners. The entire team is hitting the ball well and contributing to the win.”

Scoring two runs each

was Ashcroft, Gillespie, Russell and Willman and with one run each was VanAntwerp and Davis.

Harrison (3-3 overall) was at Montabella on Thursday, hosts Pine River on Monday and heads to Clare on Thursday.

Clare boys, girls sweep first place at Ithaca Invite

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Clare track and field teams had a successful visit to Ithaca on Friday. The boys and girls squads were each able to come home with first place in the eight team event.

The boys won with 147 points, well ahead of second place Carson City-Crystal, which had 116 points.

Leading the way was Matthew Harton winning the 100 meter dash at 11.84, with Ryan Rodenbo taking third in the same event. Deven Pawlowski won the 200 meter dash in a time of 23.59, with Harton taking second and in the 400 meter Karson Tocco was second as well. Rodenbo placed fourth in the 800 and Kaleb Brewer swept the 110 and 300 hurdles, with times of 17.2 and 46.59. Landon Cook was second in the 110 hurdles and Aidan Paisley was second in the 300.

The Pioneers also won the 4x100 relay thanks to the legs of Ethan Cook, Caden Dunn, Landon Cook and Trent Cook and the 4x200 winning team was Evan Campbell, Preston Gross, Jacob Marsahll and Jonathan Kinberg.

Cook was fourth in the discus at 101-00, Brody Yost placed fourth in the high jump with a 5-02, Bruer Staley wrapped up third in the pole vault with a 10-06 and Ben Wood was second in the

long jump with a 20-06.

The girls won with 153 points, while Ithaca finished in second with 93.

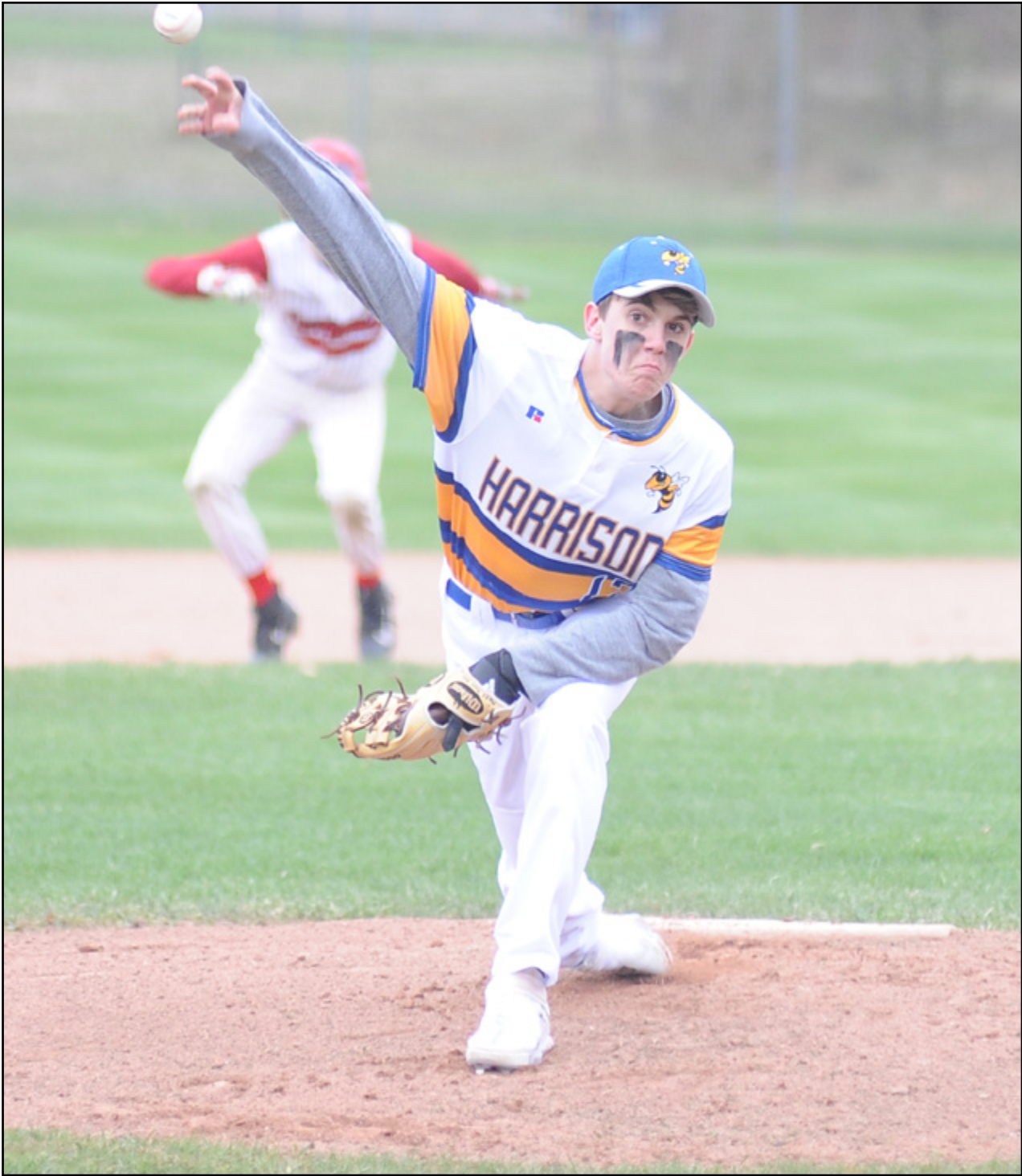
In the 100 Ava Long was eighth with a 14.15, Savannah Woods was eighth in 200 with a 30.47, Riley Schroeder was second in the 400 on a time of 1:07.61, Katherine Haupt won the 800 and took second in the 1600, with times of 2:34.9 and 5:43.01. Abby Leigh was also third in the 800.

In the 1600, Haupt was second on a run of 5:43.01 and the 3200 saw Hattie Veenkant place third on a run of 12:55.18. Lexi LaPoe won both hurdle events, with the 100 time being 17.31 and the 300 time being 53.03. Harton placed second in the 100 and third in the 300 hurdle events.

The Pioneers won the 4x400 relay thanks to the efforts of Ava Miedzianowski, Jessica Sierocki, Cayla Barber and Abby Leigh.

In the shot put, Claylee Veitengruber took top spot with a 31-06, and she was second in the discus with a 77-00. Leah Palmer was third in the shot put and Kadence Zelinski was fourth in the discus.

Miedzianowski and Isabel Schroeder tied for fifth in the high jump with a 4-02, Jessica Sierocki was fourth in the pole vault with a 6-00 and Siara Gilmore was fourth in the long jump at 12-00.



Harrison's Todd Kirchen fires in a pitch during last week's win over Whittemore-Prescott

Marion baseball wins Bear Lake tournament

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Marion baseball team picked up a pair of wins Saturday, giving them first place honors at the Bear Lake Tournament, thanks to topping Manistee Catholic Central and Pellston.

“I thought our pitching and defense were really good all day, we hit the ball pretty well but still need to be more selective at the plate,” head coach Chad Grundy said.

The Eagles began the

tournament with a 10-3 over Manistee Catholic Central. Aadin yowell, Braden Prielipp and Gavin Prielipp took turns no the mound, giving up collectively just three hits while striking out a combined 13.

The Eagles trailed 1-0 after the first inning, but scored four runs in the second, plated four more in the third and finished up the scoring with two in the fourth.

On offense, B. Prielipp had a three run triple and two singles, Yowell had

three hits, Colton Hammer had two hits and two RBI, with Keegan Baldwin and G. Prielipp adding one hit apiece.

In the championship game, Marion was able to overtake Pellston, 10-0.

Marion led just 2-0 until the fifth inning, when it plated eight runs to enforce a mercy-rule victory.

On the mound, Mason Salisbury and Thomas Jenema combined for the shutout, giving up just two hits in the contest.

For the hitters, G.

Prielipp, Weston Cox and Hammer had three hits apiece and B. Prielipp and Yowell had two apiece.

Marion is now 7-1 this season and returns to action Monday at Manistee Catholic Central.

“I think we are really coming together,” Grundy said. “Our pitching has been our strength so far and hopefully our bats can catch up soon. We hit in spurts but still have times that we struggle.”



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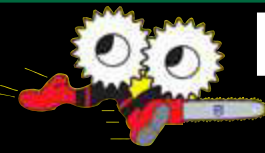
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Harrison softball mercies Whittemore twice

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Harrison softball team hosted Whittemore-Prescott for a chilly doubleheader on Thursday, April 15. The Lady Hornets outplayed the visitors in every facet, easily winning both sides of the non-league doubleheader, with scores of 17-2 and 19-1; both in three inning mercies.

“It was good to get a couple quick wins on a very cold night,” head coach Jamie Lipovsky said.
In game one, it was Malea Gardner getting the win, as she pitched all three innings and gave up two runs, zero earned, on one hit, nine strikeouts and three walks.

Harrison scored 11 runs in the first inning to take command right away, and while it didn’t find the plate in the second, the Hornets finished off the win with six runs in the bottom of the third for the mercy.

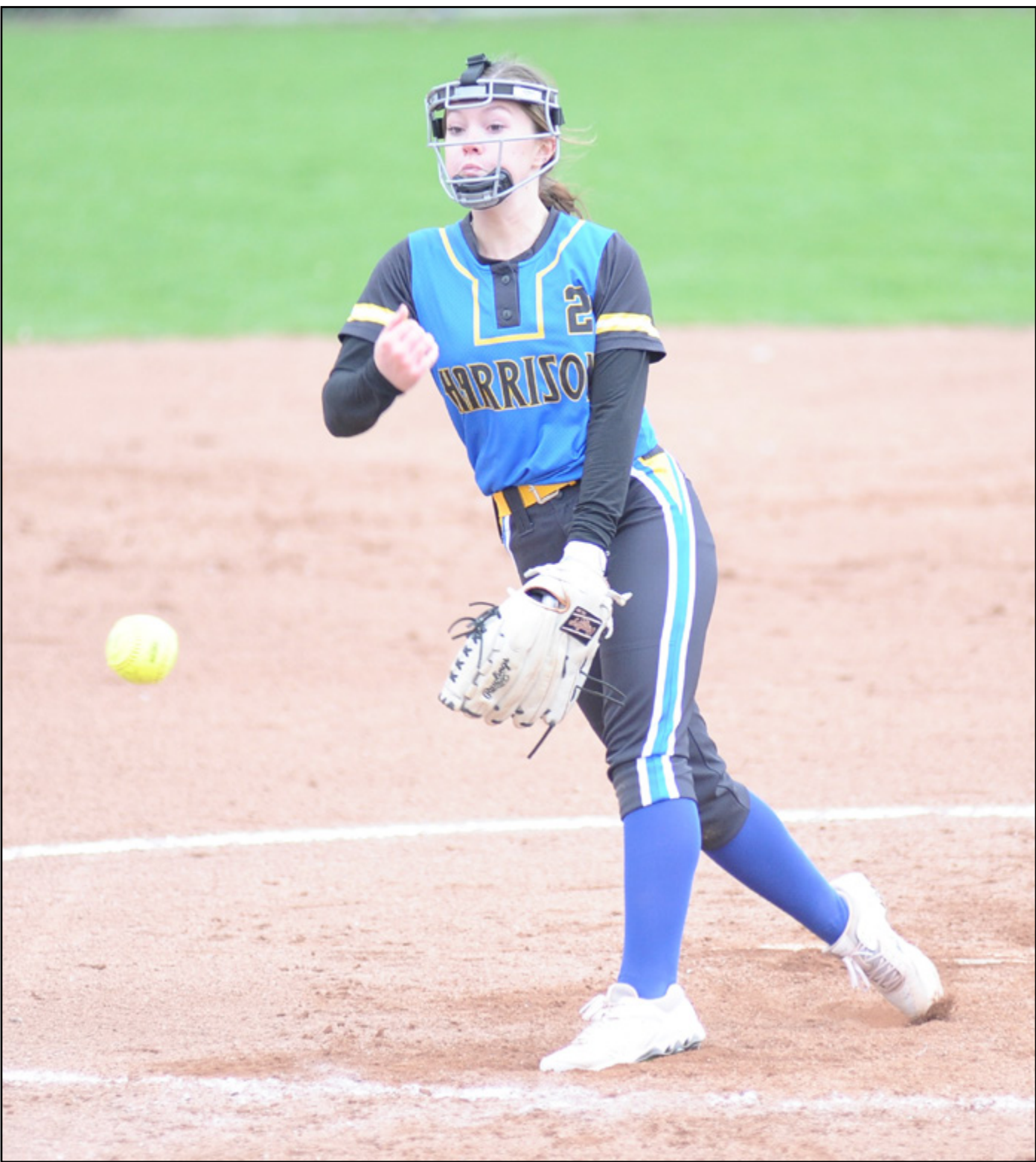
For the offense, Maggie Ware and Jayne Hamilton had two hits and two RBI apiece, with one of Hamilton’s hit being a double. Gardner had a triple and walked three times, Taylor Price-Hamm had a double and two RBI and with one single each was Taelor McVicar, Megan Smith, Alex Stephens and Maryellen Hathaway. Harrison earned nine walks as a team.

In game two, it was Hamilton getting the win, as she tossed all three innings and gave up one earned run on three hits, three strikeouts and one walk.

The Hornets scored six runs in the first, 10 in the second and three in the third to cruise to the win.

Gardner had a solid game at the plate, getting one double, two singles and two RBI and getting one single each was McVicar, Smith and Megan Eldred. Ware also walked twice, as the Hornets drew seven walks as a team.

Harrison was at Montabella on Thursday, hosts Pine River on Monday and heads to Clare on Thursday.



Harrison’s Malea Gardner fires in a pitch during last week’s home sweep over Whittemore-Prescott

NMC blanks Clare 1-0 in soccer contest

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

On a night with unfavorable playing conditions, one goal made the difference. McBain Northern Michigan Christian was able to get that goal, in its home Northern Michigan Soccer League game against Clare Monday night, picking up a 1-0 victory.

The Lady Comets netted the contests only goal in the final minute of the opening half, off the feet of Kate Krick, thanks to an assist by Brooke VanHaitsma.

Megan Bennett had two saves in goal to get the win.

As for the Lady Pioneers, it was yet another low scoring contest.

“The game was very cold,” Clare head coach

Jim Bond said. “There was a 15 mile per hour wind blowing across the field the whole game and it snowed for most of the second half. We had one go off the post during a corner kick in the second half and the last eight minutes put a lot of pressure on, but didn’t really get many quality scoring chances. Five games into the season and we have only given up three goals, but somehow only have a 2-2-1 record.

Leah Palmer was in goal, taking the loss despite allowing just the one goal.

On Friday Clare picked up a NMSL win at Big Rapids Crossroads, 2-0.

Katie Witbeck and Caton Walter netted goals in the first half, with Walter’s coming on what Bond called “a beautiful

free kick.” Their goals came in the sixth and 19th minutes.

Palmer was in goal to earn the shutout win, making four saves.

On Wednesday, April 14, the Pioneers played another NMSL contest at Houghton Lake, where they played to a 1-1 tie.

The Lady Bobcats opened the games’ scoring in the 20th minute, though Clare answered with its only goal in the 29th minute.

“We struggled a little bit moving the ball around and did not play our best game,” Bond said. “Our effort was tremendous however, and defensively we played pretty well.”

Palmer was in goal and made four saves.

Clare (2-2-1 overall, 2-1-1 NMSL) hosted

Gladwin on Wednesday, makes the trip to Gladwin on Tuesday.

On Friday, NMC played its opening NMSL contest of the season, and notched a lopsided win over Roscommon, 12-0.

Leading the way was Jada Vannoord with four goals, Ally Krick kicked in three, Emma Shaarda had two goals, while Kate Krick, VanHaitsma and Mable Yount scoring as well. A. Krick, K. Krick, VanHaitsma and Shaarda had assists during the contest.

Bennett was in goal to pick up the win.

NMC (4-0 overall, 2-0 NMSL) was at Houghton Lake on Wednesday, hosts Big Rapids Crossroads tonight (Friday), hosts Benzie Central on Monday and is in Brethren on Wednesday.

Marion thinclads sweep home quad meet

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Marion track and field teams were winners on both sides of its home track meet Friday. The Eagles, hosting three other teams, won on the boys side with 82 points while the girls side won with 80.

The boys had Brad Houck and McCoy Williams tie for first in the 100 meter dash thanks to a time of 11.4. Houck also won the 200 at 24.4 and Williams won the shot put.

Other winners were Aadin Yowell who won the 110 hurdles on a time of 19.8 and he also won the 300 hurdles in 50.3.

The Eagles had wins in the 4x200 and 4x800 relays as well.

The NMC boys finished second with 56 points. The Comets were led by Blake DeZeeuw winning the long jump, Isaac Bowden won the pole vault, Carter Helsel claimed first place points in the discus and Jonas Lanser won the 3200 meter run in a time of 8:35.8.

For the Marion girls, Stella Henderson won the long jump, Harley Bear swept both throwing events and Jessica Dean won the 400 meter with a time of 1:16. In the relays, Marion earned a win in the 4x800.

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Harrison finishes 3rd, 4th at seven team meet

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Harrison track and field teams competed at the Roscommon Invitational on Friday. In the seven team meet, the boys team was able to come in third and the girls placed fourth.

Ogemaw Heights won the boys side with 133 points, while Harrison was third with 96.

Blake Hillier won the 400 meter dash with a 57.54, Johnny Dumalo was third in the 200 meter dash in a time of 25.55, Victor Krueger was fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:34 and Dalton Noble swept first place in both hurdle events with times of 20.29 and 21.27.

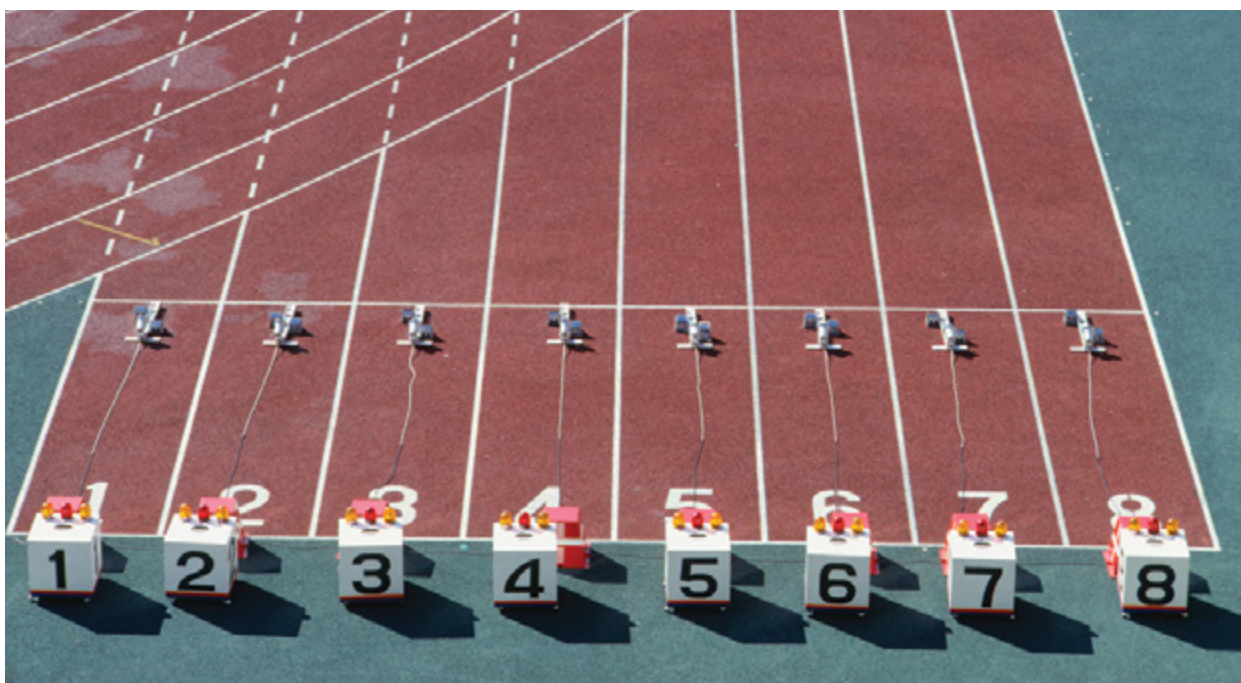
Oryan Norton was fourth in the 110 hurdles and second in the 300 hurdles.

Noble was also fourth in the high jump and sixth in the pole vault.

On the girls side, Jiary-atou Cisse won the 100 and 200 meter dashes with times of 14.10 and 29.86, Libby Brand was fifth in the 400 meter on a time of 1:10.31 and Haley Cooper won the 1600 on a run of 6:27.03.

The Hornets also had the winning 4x100 relay team, thanks to runs by Brand, Hailey LeVasseur, Molly Minor and Cisse.

Brand won the pole vault with a 7-06 and Cooper finished third in the high jump with a 4-00.



CTE students of the month announced

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:

Cal Woodbury of

Gladwin (Advanced Manufacturing); Chloe Bruner of Gladwin and Kyleigh Hamacher of Farwell (Agricultural Science); Eli Meddles of Clare and Ethan Gee of Gladwin (Automotive Technology); Peyton Mogg of Harrison and Ethan Wolfe of Beaverton (Construction Trades); **Layne Criscuolo of Harrison and Logan Simrau of Gladwin** (Criminal Justice); Sara Adkins of

Clare and Evan Wilson of Harrison (Culinary Arts); Emma Decker of Clare and Braxton Hutchinson of Farwell (Digital Media); **Luke Thompson of Clare and Brooke Last of Gladwin** (Education Occupations); Brennah Lubs of Clare and Montana Jordan of Harrison (Health Occupations); and Theodore Bell of Clare and Jackson Collins of Harrison (Welding Technology).

Rod and Gun Club gears up in Marion

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MARION — Doug Kinkema of the Marion Rod & Gun Club has announced a shoot is scheduled at the club for May 8.

"It will be our ruffed grouse society shoot," he said. "We have a new high school clay shooting team that will start practice and we'll start competition next week."

It will be a combination team of McBain Public and McBain Northern Michigan Christian, Kinkema said.

Kinkema said Marion High School does not have a team.

"They were going to try one last year but the COVID knocked them out," the said, "just like it knocked us out. But we did it again this year. This is the first year for the

McBain Schools. It will be against other teams in the state of Michigan that will basically be the same team size. We have nine students right now.

"I'm coaching and so is Les Vandrie."

The teams are coed with both boys and girls. The club is starting to increase in activity.

"We've got a shoot every month," Kinkema said.

Evart police news

By John Raffel
Correspondent

Evart Police Department Weekly Report April 12-18

April 12: Fraud – Officers were dispatched to a local business on a complaint of a counterfeit bill. The case remains open at this time.

April 12: Suspicious – Officers received a complaint of a suspicious situation. The complaint was investigated and unfounded.

April 12: Larceny – Officers received a larceny of a bicycle complaint. The investigation remains open at this time.

April 15: Suspicious – Officers were dispatched to a report of a suspicious situation. The complaint

was investigated and unfounded.

April 15: Assault – Officers received an assault complaint. The suspect had left the scene prior to the victim calling 911. The complaint remains open pending contact with the suspect.

April 16: Assist – Officers were called to assist the Osceola County Sheriff's Department on an assault and malicious destruction of property complaint.

April 16: Malicious Destruction of Property – While on patrol, Officers discovered the lights on the Rails-to-Trails bridge were vandalized. The case remains open at this time.

April 18: Assist – Officers were dispatched to assist the Michigan State Police with a disorderly person at a residence.

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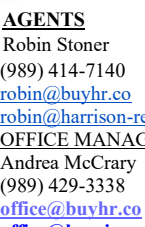
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Missaukee chooses Vogel as new county administrator

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MCBAIN – The Missaukee County Board of Commissioners conducted interviews on Monday for county administrator. They interviewed Joel Johnson and Elizabeth Vogel in the morning and Mark Borden and Philip Biscorner in the after-

noon. The commission has been looking for a new administrator since the departure earlier this year of Precia Garland, who accepted a city manager’s job in Ionia. Jerry Richards, Michigan Municipal League Executive Recruiter, reviewed the interview procedures with the commission-

ers. After the interviews, there was discussion and consideration of extending a conditional offer employment. Commissioners discussed qualifications of each candidate for county administrator. A motion was made and approved to extend a conditional offer of employment to

Elizabeth Vogel and direct the MML to complete a background investigation and conduct further reference review. The Chairperson and Finance Chairperson were authorized to initiate discussions with Elizabeth Vogel on terms of a mutually acceptable employment agreement with a contract to be present-

ed to the Board of Commissioners for approval prior to signature and execution. In the event a mutually acceptable employment agreement with Vogel cannot be obtained, the board voted to extend a conditional offer of employment to Joel Johnson and direct the MML to complete a background investiga-

tion and conduct further reference review. Richards advised the board to schedule a special meeting approving an employment agreement. County clerk Jessica Nielson said Vogel is from Grosse Pointe and Johnson is from Clare.

Osceola county buildings remain open by appointment only

By John Raffel
Correspondent

MARION – The Osceola County Board of Commissioners, voted at its meeting this week to amend the Local State of Emergency resolution to allow up to \$5,000 for an emergency purchase authorized by the Emergency Management Direc-

tor and approved by the Chairman of the Board. The board voted to have the county buildings remain by appointment only until May 18. Commissioners approved the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan FY 22 Older Americans Act Continuation of Funding and autho-

rized the chairman to sign. The board rejected the bid received from Shoreline Power Services, Inc. for the C.O.A. generator project as it exceeded the costs specified in the bid packet. It was decided to revise the Request for Proposals and rebid the project. “There was an additional bid that came

in after the deadline,” commissioner Roger Elkins of Evart said. The board approved the Community Corrections Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. Agreement amendment as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign. Commissioners approved the E.M.S. ambulance lease agreement with Kodiak

Emergency Vehicles for up to 90 days, with MMRMA reimbursing 12 weeks of the cost. Commissioners approved the Friend of the Court consulting agreement with MGT for Title IV-D reimbursement as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign. Commissioners voted to retain David Belden as the Osceola

County representative on the Meceola Central Dispatch Authority (911). The board voted to allow the County Clerk and County Treasurer’s offices to make application and do processing of passport applications.

Missaukee approves EMS Deputy position

By John Raffel
Correspondent

LAKE CITY – The Missaukee County Board of Commissioners, at its monthly meeting last week, discussed the county’s GIS system, and the fact that many counties have either used a person within the Department that manages and updates the GIS system, or contracts with an outside company. The board thought the idea was worth pursuing will review

further information and quotes at a future meeting. Heather Harris-Jensen, Commission on Aging gave an update on the MCCOA. Shari Spoelman, MSU Extension, gave an annual update on the MSUE. Commissioners voted to approve the Deputy Director position proposal within the EMS Department and job description as presented. The board voted to approve the Equalization Contracts as pre-

sented, with the rate of \$2.00 per parcel, to also be approved by each local unit. The board approved the amended Designated Assessor Interlocal Agreement with compensation addendum as presented. Board members also voted to approve the PA116 applications of both Jordan Oudman, and Jack and Nancy VanDrie as presented. The board also voted to approve the payout of 55.5 overtime hours to head custodian Jeff Lyle as

presented. The board voted to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material which is exempt from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of Michigan’s Freedom of Information Act to review employments resumes for the County Administrator position, as confidentiality was requested by all applicants.

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Cooking & Recipes

Carol Cope

What's Cooking?

As I set here today and give thought to what has been happening this past year, I thank the Lord that I am as healthy as I am for my age. We have had a year of what I would call devastationNow I am beginning to see an end to this devastating virus as I witnessed during the fifties with Polio. Thank God....Now for news on a very lighter note. My flowers are starting to come up from their sleeping during the cold winter season...I just get very excited over seeing this as it surely means spring is here and summer is on its way.... Remember we can still have family get-to-gathers by having them outside and this will be so much fun...Think Spring and Summer.....Now for recipes that are so delicious.....

BEEF GOULASH SOUP

6 ounces boneless beef sirloin
1 tsp. olive oil
1 medium onion, cut into thin wedges
2 cups water
1 (14 1/2 ounce) can low-sodium tomatoes, cut up
1 (14 ounce) can beef broth
1/2cup thinly sliced carrots
1 tsp. unsweetened cocoa powder
1 garlic clove, minced
1 cup thinly sliced cabbage
1 ounce dried wide noodles (about 3/4 cup)

2 tsp. paprika
1/4 cup fat free dairy sour cream

Trim fat from meat. Cut meat into 1/2 inch pieces. In a large saucepan cook meat in hot oil over medium-high heat until the meat is brown. Add onion wedges; cook and stir about three (3) minutes or until onion is tender.

Stir in water, undrained tomatoes, beef broth, carrot, cocoa powder and garlic. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, about 15 minutes or until meat is tender.

Stir in cabbage, noodles and paprika. Simmer, uncovered, for five (5) to seven (7) minutes more or until noodles are tender but still firm.. Remove from heat and stir in the sour cream.

When warm, serve with some delicious good bread or great crackers.

BEEF and SWEET ONION SANDWICHES

12 ounces boneless beef sirloin or top round steak, cut one (1) inch thick
1/2 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper
2 tsp. cooking oil
1 med. sweet Vidalia or Walla sweet onion,sliced
2 Tbsp. Dijon-style mustard
1 1/2cups pre-washed spinach or mixed salad greens.



shredded
8 1 ounce slices sourdough or rye bread, toasted
1/2 of a (7 ounce) jar, roasted red sweet peppers, drained and cut into 1/2 inch strips.

Trim fat from meat. Sprinkle both sides of meat with pepper; press in lightly. In a large heavy skillet heat oil over medium heat. Add meat; reduce heat to medium. Cook for nine (9) to 12 minutes for medium rare, (145 degrees to medium 160 degrees, turning once. Remove meat reserving drippings in skillet. Cover meat to keep warm.

Cook onion in the reserved drippings about five (5) minutes or until onion is crisp-tender. (if necessary, add more oil during cooking.) Stir in Dijon mustard; remove from heat.

Just before serving, cut meat into thin bite-size strips. To assemble, arrange spinach on four (4) of the bread slices. Top with meat strips, onion mixture and roasted pepper strips; add the remaining bread slices..

****Note:** All onions are not created equal - some are sweeter than others..

Sweet onions are usually large and have thin, light colored outer skins.. and are flat on top and bottom. If in question, ask the produce people regarding this.....Makes four (4) sandwiches...

SAUTEED ONION and TOMATO SANDWICHES

2 medium size onions, sliced
1 tsp. olive oil
Honey mustard
8 slices of hearty whole grain bread, toasted, if desired
3 small red or yellow tomatoes, thinly sliced
4 lettuce leaves, shredded
small basil leaves
4 ounces soft, spreadable Brie or cream cheese

In a large skillet, cook onions in hot oil over medium high heat for five (5) to seven (7) minutes or until they are tender and just starting to brown. Cool slightly.

To assemble, lightly spread honey mustard on one (1) side of four (4) of the bread slices. Top with cooked onions, tomato slices, and lettuce. Sprinkle with basil leaves. Spread the Brie cheese on one (1) slide of the remaining bread slices; place on sandwiches, spread slices down and serve.....

Yummy Gooood.....

Note: Give you spread a creative note by adding to you mayonnaise or salad dressing some pickle relish, chopped olives, chopped roasted red peppers, or a sprinkle of curry powder or celery salt

Yummmmmmyyyy!!!!!!

SEVEN-MINUTE FROSTING

from our family cookbook

Combine and mix well in top of double boiler
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1 Tbsp. white corn syrup
1/8tsp. salt
2 egg whites, unbeaten

Place over shimmering water and immediately beat with a rotary beater seven (7) to 10 minutes, or until mixture holds stiff peaks.

Remove from heat and blend in 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Now frost a two layer, nine (9) inch cake Also one or more drops of food coloring in this will work.....also by adding a few drops of extract of your choice will also work very nice.....

Until next week, it sounds like the weather will be better especially after we have that spring snow, snow you say, yes I do, then we will have that beautiful spring.....God Bless, Carol Jean



Hudson Jay Michell was born at 5:09 pm on Monday, April 19th. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 oz. His mom, Kaitlynd, did such a good job! Baby and Mama are healthy and well!

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