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RaeLynn Rose's early arrival surprises everyone

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

Cody Rudd and his finance' Tiffany Cutter were in for a tiny surprise last Sunday afternoon when at 2:07 p.m. daughter RaeLynn Rose Rudd was born – just 25 weeks into her Mom's pregnancy.

The preemie weighed just 1 pound and 13 ounces and was just 12 inches long when she made her appearance – not at the hospital in Cadillac as planned, but in an ambulance parked near the intersection of US-10 and M-115.

Cody told the story of an afternoon the couple will never forget. "Yesterday my finance' had contractions that led to the birth of a little angel," he wrote on Monday. "Tiffany was only 25 weeks pregnant."

He said around 1 p.m. that day, Tiffany began complaining of contractions, which were coming closer and closer together. Shortly after an emergency call for help was made, an ambulance arrived to rush her to Cadillac, where the delivery was scheduled.

But they never made it.

The ambulance pulled over and Mobil Medical Ambulance Service medical personnel delivered RaeLynn on the roadside just northwest of Farwell.

Next it was a quick turnaround and they were on the way back to MidMichigan Medical Center in Clare, Cody said. From there Mother and baby were loaded onto a LifeNet rescue helicopter which arrived and made an unusual landing, possibly the first ever, Cody said, in the hospital parking lot. "Landing lights were set up, vehicles were moved and one was even towed away to make room for the landing," Cody said.

Mother and baby were flown to Saginaw Covenant Hospital where tiny RaeLynn was immediately placed in an ICU [intensive care unit) incubator.

Cody and Tiffany are staying by her side. "We can't hold her, but we are able to touch her," Cody said. "She has a good heartbeat and is doing extremely well."

Cody and Tiffany are counting their blessings. "Everyone came together for us," he said. "I can't begin to say how thankful we are for everyone who helped – the Clare City Police and Fire Department, the Clare County Sheriff's Office, Mobil Medical Ambulance Service, our pilot in the Life Net helicopter and the hospital staff both in MMMC - Clare and Saginaw Covenant." He added, "Trevor from MMR was with us for the whole time."

Mother and baby were still in the Harrison Building on the Saginaw Covenant Hospital campus when this article was written, but Tiffany was expecting to be released Wednesday April 14. Following her release, the Farwell couple were hoping to be able to stay at the McNally House on the hospital's campus to be near RaeLynn.

Cody said they were told that the baby would probably remain hospitalized until mid-July. "This is our first child together," he said. "Tiffany has two other children, a 17-year-old and a four-year-old."

Those interested will be able to keep up with RaeLynn's progress on Tiffany's Facebook page.

Now the couple are facing massive expenses. "We have some insurance," Cody said, "But probably not nearly enough to cover everything." They have put together a GoFundMe page to help with the travel costs and expenses. He is asking everyone to share, or donate to the GoFundMe under Tiffy Rose at https://gofund.me/8742467a .

He said, "[This was] an unforeseen situation that as a team we battled in a fight to keep her [RaeLynn] alive. We did win the battle, but the war is far from over. The good Lord above never [gives us] problems or situations that we can't handle or overcome, even though sometimes the struggle is real!"

He added, "She is doing well and we are praying and we are staying by her side. So thank you to Trevor and the ambulance crew, Dr. Easton and crew at MidMichigan Clare, to the Clare Fire department, Clare Police and Sheriff's department, and to the helicopter pilot for such an awesome landing. And to so many other people, especially to Tiffany for being so strong and courageous. WE GOT THIS!"



Cody and Tiffany watch over their tiny new daughter.



Life Net transported mother and baby from MMMC-Clare to Saginaw Covenant Hospital Sunday.

Baby tests positive for meth, Jones of Harrison charged

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

A nine-month-old baby that tested positive for methamphetamine at a Mt. Pleasant hospital led to the arrest and arraignment of 47- year-old Jason Jones of Harrison.

Clare County Deputies and Child Protective Services were investigating a complaint April 11th about the baby's reported positive hospital test and were dispatched to an address near Bertha Lake in Lincoln Township where they executed a search warrant.

Deputies recovered a large amount of crystal methamphetamine and packaging materials during the search and Jones was arrested there and lodged in the Clare County Jail.

After further investigation, deputies obtained and executed a second search warrant at another home and recovered a large amount of methamphetamine and firearms there.

After a review and charges by the Clare County Prosecutor's Office by Prosecutor Michelle Ambrozaitis, Jones was arraigned April 13 in 80th District Court by Magistrate Steven Worpell on two counts of delivery/manufacture of meth and with maintaining a drug house.



Jason Jones

Jones' bond was set at $90,000 cash/ten percent. He remains lodged in the jail.



Drugs, drug paraphernalia and a gun were recovered during two search warrants executed during the arrest of Jason Jones.

$2.5 million from state will help pay for Clare water upgrades

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

Clare City won't be as hard hit as they thought for renovations to the Clare City municipal water system, specifically the lead connections in the water service lines and galvanized services to customers throughout the City.

The City received word last September that they were approved to receive an up to $2.5 million grant from the State of Michigan for the improvements to the system.

In September 2019, state officials found elevated lead and copper levels in the water supply of two businesses in downtown Clare in a regular water assessment. Officials still deemed the water safe to drink, but the city has been taking extra precautions to keep residents safe, proactively developing a plan to replace the lead pipes in question.

City Treasurer Steven Kingsbury said Tuesday, "The funding is administered and approved for disbursement by EGLE [Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy] and is to be used to completely eliminate old galvanized water service lines throughout the City – this is the portion of the water delivery system between the City's water mains and the point of entry into the customers internal water system."

Kingsbury continued, "We have approximately 200 galvanized water service lines still in use within the City, mostly in the older sections of the town when this type of connection was commonly used."

Kingsbury said all of the lead water service lines found in the downtown area of the City were replaced last year.

Public Works Director Luke Potter said there are just over 200 galvanized water service lines and that there were 15 true lead service lines in the City which were identified through a 100 percent inventory of the water delivery connections throughout the community. The 15 true lead service lines were replaced last year, Potter said. He also said he would be opening bids for the remaining upgrade of the 200 galvanized water lines Wednesday afternoon.

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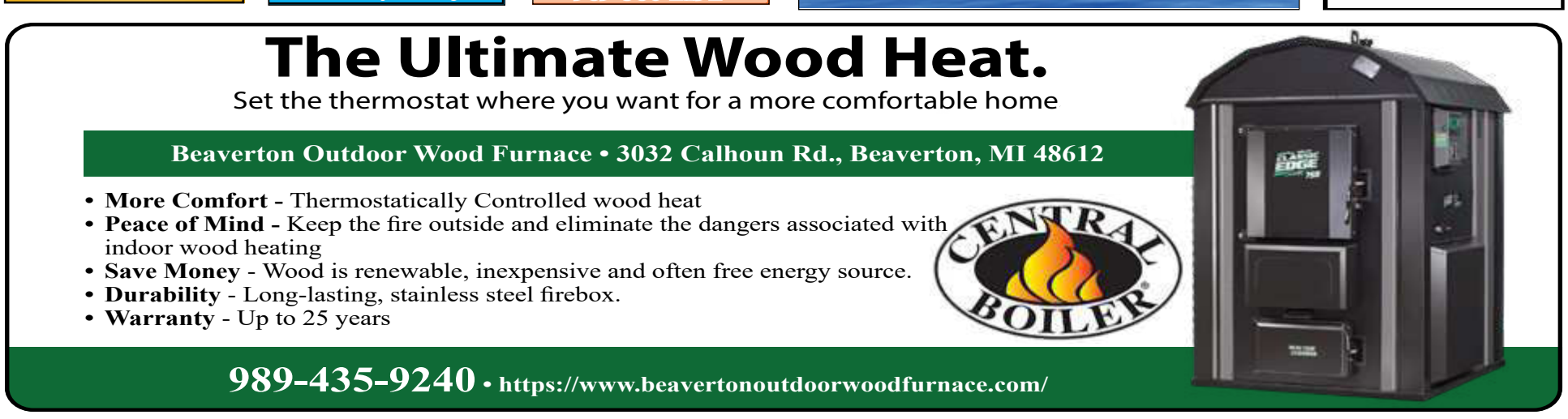












Parents, staff ask Farwell BOE for in-person schooling, they comply

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

After hearing the opinions of board members and hearing from multiple parents, The Farwell Board of Education voted unanimously at a special meeting Monday evening to return to in-person classes for all students effective Monday April 19 and continue the athletic events -- both spring games and practices.

"This will take effect unless there are further changes to the quarantine rules/mandates from the State of Michigan and/or Michigan Department of Health and Human Services," Farwell Superintendent Steven Scoville posted on Facebook.

The decision was made at the Zoom meeting Monday evening after hearing from at least nine parents and some staff members.

Farwell was the only one of the three districts in Clare County that was still doing some virtual class instruction and eliminating spring sports practices and games. Both Clare and Harrison made the decision to continue in-person classes and allow sporting events and practices to continue despite the governor urging otherwise on Friday, April 9th.

Clare Superintendent Jim Walter said, "Clare High School and our Athletics program will continue as normal at this time and evaluate our status daily.

Harrison Superintendent Rick Foots posted, "Based on our data, Harrison Community Schools feels comfortable remaining in school for all classes -12. We will continue to monitor daily the numbers within our school system and will make decisions based on Health Department recommendations.

This week the schedule in Farwell included a mixture of virtual and in-person instruction for grades eighth through twelfth while many students were involved in state testing at the schools, because, Scoville said, it would be easier to keep the social distancing in place while many took the state tests.

Scoville outlined the testing of athletes prior to participating in practices and games using the rapid Covid test before each event.

The questions of the learning plans and public participation were the only things on the agenda.

Scoville updated the facts as of Monday and noted that Chief Medical Officer for the MDHHS Dr. Kahldun recommended the suspension of all sports activities for two weeks following spring break. Scoville said, "When we go back to in-person classes and athletics on Monday, it will be two weeks off, since our spring break was last week."

He recommended to the board that the mixed in-person and remote learning continue through the week because of the testing and all of the scheduling and work by the teaching staff. "It wouldn't be fair to ask them to do everything over now," he said. "I am in favor of going back to all in-person instruction on Monday though," he said.

He reported that Beaverton was using virtual instruction from April 6th to the 16th with no athletics; that Clare was staying with in-person and holding practices and games for athletics. He said Gladwin was virtual for one week and restarted normal instruction this week, while Harrison was in-person and holding practices and games for athletes.

Scoville said in Farwell that two athletes and one coach had tested positive, nine players and one coach were quarantined. "I know Michigan is one of the worst states for the variants, he said, but noted that Clare County's rolling daily average was 16.9 percent as of Monday evening while the statewide average was 18.1 percent.

He said that Farwell schools had two [students] test positive in the Elementary with 45 quarantined plus one staff member. In Middle School there was currently one positive, 13 quarantined students and one staff member. In the High School, three students tested positive with 19 students quarantined and one staff member

The decision of the board was helped by the many zoom audience members who spoke in favor of a return to the in-person instruction.

Those in favor of the return to regular in-person instruction was encouraged by April Sievert and Steve (who didn't give his last name) who also urged the return to school, saying "It's safe here. Kids not in school are sitting in the park with friends. The Government gave us the choice, so it is up to the people in this room."

Jodi Thrush said she feels "kids need to be in school." She cited the struggles her junior has with virtual classes. "She can't ask questions, was an A student and now at a C+. Kids are suffering online. It is setting them up for failure."

Others echoed her comments talking about anxiety with on-line instruction, struggles to get information from teachers. "This is their safe spot," one parent said. "If they are not mandating it (virtual learning), why are we doing it. It's not fair to any kids. Bring our kids back and get them in class."

Tracy Jones agreed with going back next week. "I would be super happy to see them go back."

James Wunderlich said, "We have these kids not adapting to it (virtual)." Farwell is doing a good job with the requirements; I don't understand why we would suspend sports. Kids at home aren't staying at home. They're out in the community with friends and without masks. It's safer for them here."

Sarah (who didn't give her last name) said that virtual learning is "sacrificing the mental health of students. People need to stand up for the kids."

A senior and the Class Valedictorian, Madilyn Thrush asked the board not to shut down athletics. If you shut everything down, why are we even going [to school] here?" Later she spoke about the importance of prom and other senior events to the students.

Board members also gave their opinion on the matter.

Joe Maxey said he feels the same as a lot of people, "I want to see the kids back in school. They are failing their classes. I'm in support of holding off for this week while they are testing. We need to let the kids have their sports back."

Kelee Robinson agreed saying "We should play our games [this week too]. State testing was already in the plan. Kids need to be in school for their mental well-being." She added, "The governor is not forcing us [to go virtual]. I'd like to see [our students] back in school and playing games this week."

Jade said she understands it is frustrating, and fully supports back in school. "I'm worried about the safety of the whole," she added.

After several more comments by board members, Maxey said, "I think everybody is on board about getting students back in face to face, but I don't think it's fair to the teachers to go back this week."

Scoville added, "With testing we mix the students more than usual. It would be better that we wait until Monday to go back to in-person. It would be better to stay remote for this week unless the students are testing."

Board members agreed and the vote was unanimous.

Concerning graduation and the prom, it was stressed that at this time, a graduation at the athletic field was being planned and that prom arrangements had not been made.

Jodi Thrush said, "We instill in our children that it is important to go to school and graduate. To take that dream away is doing them an injustice. They deserve that shining moment."

John Pakledinis said, "I thank the board for giving our staff the leeway for adjustments so we have a traditional, normal possibly outdoor graduation. Give us some time – we will get it right."

Jodi also noted that there were "tons of parents who will do whatever i necessary to give the students a prom this year. We will do whatever it takes to get it done."

Steve Smith said, "We can't just put a stop on things anymore. Graduation is very important. There's no reason it can't be done outside. There is plenty of room."

About Prom, April Lake said, "I'm hoping the board can give them that 'one last hurrah'."

In his post after the meeting Scoville, "As usual, this is subject to change, but we do want to work toward having our students in person as much as we are able (we know they learn best this way), and we want to try to maintain the most normal experience for them that we can, which includes athletics, as long as we can do it safely for ALL students."



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Second Front Page

Businesswoman sues governor, health leaders over restrictions

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent


Bree Moeggenberg

Bree Moeggenberg is fed up with the way the pandemic is being handled. So much so that, without any legal help, she has researched the issues and filed a lawsuit against Governor Gretchen Whitmer, former Director of Health and Human Services Robert Gordon and against current MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel.

In brief, she claims Michiganders have been forced to unequal, unjustified and unnecessary regulations and quarantines that have resulted in fear and isolation, and may have caused other harm such as loss in purpose or lacking education, all factors contributing to mental health decline.

The lawsuit said "Defendants (Whitmer, Hertel and Gordon) have failed to perform their oath and duties and grossly damaged and continue to damage public health."

She also cites the economic impact to businesses forced to close intermittently, and some businesses which have lost so much income they have been forced to permanently close their doors.

She continues, Michiganders that are healthy and without symptoms are forced to wear masks that inhibit breathing to protect others while being subdued by physical duress themselves.

"I know there are high risk people," she said. I am not against safety for the people who need it most."

She continued, "There are, in fact, high risk populations that should have precautions. My request for relief does not include abolishing all protection for those that need it, but rather to halt it where it's not necessary and/or is actually contributing to unhealthy well-being and duress."

She is the owner of a child day care business that is operated out of her home in Mt. Pleasant, a single parent with three children, two of which are still living at home and struggling with virtual learning because of COVID restrictions that affect them.

She said, "I've been putting everything on the line right now. I don't have a backup plan."

She said she has continued to operate her day care through the pandemic. "I have stayed open throughout this entire pandemic. I never shut my doors." She said she began a day care business about 18 or 19 years ago, and did take some years off.

The pandemic hasn't made it easy she said. "I take care of up to 12 children. When the COVID lockdown first started, I lost about half of my daycare clients and operated the business with myself working full time and with the help of part-time staff."

"As they (the state requirements) began to open up and more employees went back to work, their school age children needed somewhere to go, which gradually brought my numbers back to capacity."

She said she is remaining open but cleaning constantly. "When lockdown took place, our State licensing consultant had asked if we were going to remain open and if we would accept children especially those of health care workers, so we took extra precautions."

As with almost everyone, things have been different for her. "In the last six months I have never seen in my entire life so many children and adults with depression because of these epidemic orders and the duress they have put on people and families."

"We stayed healthy," she said. But when school started again, because of some health problems, my children have had to continue their schooling at home."

Moggenberg said, Over the past year students have increased failure rates, unequal education and have lost engagement for school and the drive to succeed, a far worse thing for many already struggling before the pandemic and restrictions to virtual learning were mandated to school districts, causing additional stress for parents, caregivers and educators.

She cited loved ones in nursing home have been isolated for fear of exposure, while the caregivers in nursing homes were not required to quarantine to prevent them from exposing their own loved ones. Those caring for COVID positive patients were not required to quarantine for close contact exposure while the general public was required to quarantine after close contact.

She said her research shows that suicidal tendencies are up including youth suicide; failure rates are up, unemployment rates are up and feelings of depression and anxiety are up.

Asked, why are you suing? She answered, "I am suing them for grossly abusing public health for everyone including myself and my family with their epidemic orders."

Moggenberg said her viewpoint changed when the rules changed for select people. "The one piece that really did it for me, that changed my viewpoint, was when House 6032 came out, I believe in November, it said doctors, healthcare workers, and first responders never have to quarantine for COVID.

All of these people have a golden ticket and never have to quarantine. How important is it to quarantine if those who are working with active COVID cases never have to quarantine? I am not talking about those with symptoms but about those who come into contact with positive covid cases."

She continued, "They have failed to uphold their duties, have disregarded the constitution. Public health is far more than just a virus. The Covid virus they are working with is a discriminatory virus. Most people who become infected will only have mild to medium symptoms."

She noted, "There is a population that does need to take precautions. It relates to age and underlying conditions but the majority of the population, if infected, will have mild to moderate symptoms."

What relief Moeggenberg is asking for according to the lawsuit is that the court:

Grant an immediate cancellation to the epidemic status via case numbers of COVID-19 and declare it is largely specific to high-risk groups.

Grant an immediate cancellation to the COVID-19 orders in regards to the general population and those low-risk including but not limited to close contact quarantine, student testing, food service limits, business restrictions, masking mandates, use of public space and all other orders and restrictions that are not dealing directly with the elderly and high-risk groups of population such as nursing home facilities or hospitals.

Immediately require that ALL promotions for the COVID-19 vaccines have clear and noticeable disclaimers that the vaccine is NOT FDA-approved and is currently under clinical trials until the specified end dates, and that receivers shall weigh their own personal risk factors.

Drop charges and violations of orders and terminate the State website dashboard

Enter a declaratory judgment that the October 5, 2020 order, and all orders following to the general public and non-high risk specific groups as mentioned, violate statutory and/or constitutional law.

Permanently release Michiganders from charges due to these orders.

Enter an award of reasonable fees and money spent for but not limited to time encountered to produce this summons and verified complaint.

Grant other relief as the Court determines to be just and proper.

When Bree posted the information on social media there were 321 comments, and 231 shares on Facebook.

A comment by Jayme Ansel McElvany said, "This single mom, not going down without a fight, Wonder Woman is my kind of girl!! She figured out, on her own, how to file a lawsuit against the State of Michigan, Governor Whitmer, Director Hertel, and the previous director, Mr. Gordon. Suit is officially filed and currently being served!! This country needs people like Bree who have had ENOUGH and are willing to put their name on the dotted line to fight for their children's futures!! Thank you Bree!! "

Bree said she is willing to give all her paperwork to anyone who wants to file their own suit! Information is available on her Facebook page.

"Time lost is lost," Moggenberg said, "and the quality of life we live and traumas in our lives, whether be it loss of education, family, employment or community, can take years to recover."





COMMUNITY EVENTS

APRIL 17

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP PROJECT
Join in the fellowship and fun with the Clare Methodist Church, by participating in the Highway Clean Up Project. It is on Saturday April 17 at 8:30AM with a weather make-up date of April 24. The route covers a 2 mile stretch both northbound and southbound along US 127, starting just north of the north Clare exit. Dress for the weather. Light colored clothing and hardy shoes or boots are recommended. Gloves and safety vests are provided. You must be at least 12 years old to participate. We meet in front of at the church's Education Building, which is located at 105 E. 7th St. in Clare. For questions call Ellen Fuller at (989) 240-3777.

APRIL 18

CLARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE CENTER OPEN HOUSE
Please join us in a celebration of the Clare UMC Preschool and Child Care Center on Sunday, April 18, 2021 immediately following the 11:00 church service. You will have the opportunity to learn more about this valuable mission of the church, tour the facilities, meet the staff, enjoy refreshments, and ask the staff and board members any questions you may have. We will also have a dedication of the items purchased through the generous donations given to the Green Memorial Fund to make the outdoor play areas more inviting and exciting for the children.
When: April 18, 2021, following the 11:00 am Church Service; ~ Noon.
Where: Across the street from the church (203 E. 7th St)

FREE MOVIE NIGHT
You're invited to join us at Clare Assembly of God (3557 E Colonville Rd, Clare) on Sunday, April 18 at 5pm for Small Group, The Movie. This comedy about a documentary director who infiltrates a Christian small group and discovers things he never thought he would find will lift you up and make you smile. Plan to join us next Sunday for a fun movie night – it's free, so invite your friends! Questions? Call us at (989)386-3232 or check out our website at www.clareaog.com.

APRIL 20

COMMUNITY OF HOPE FREE CLOTHING STORE
Community of Hope free clothing store is next to Living Hope Lutheran Church, 2855 Cadillac Drive, Farwell East of M115 and Us 10 Overpass. We are open every Tuesday from 9:00am to 4:00pm including April 6, 2021, April 13, 2021, April 20, 2021, and April 27, 2021. Spring is here, with the chilly nights, so come and get the sweatshirts, hoodies, vests, light jackets and all the other clothes, shoes, blankets, afghans, curtains, tablecloths, sheets, too many things for everyone and not enough space to mention them all. Also, we have diapers for men and women (2 packages per family). If you have need of some medical equipment such as shower chairs, walkers, adult potty chair, let us know and we will try to find them for you. (NO WHEELCHAIRS) We are looking forward to seeing you and helping you find something for your family. IF THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED BECAUSE OF WEATHER, WE WILL BE CLOSED ALSO. Lets hope this does not happen in April though. Any questions call Marian 1-989-544-2883 or DeLynn 1-989-588-9701. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK

UNITED WAY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
It is that time of the year again where United Way looks for community volunteers who reside or work in Clare and Gladwin Counties to help us decide how to distribute the money raised during the annual campaign.
• Gladwin County Agency Presentations, Tuesday, April 20thth from 12:30 pm-4:00 pm
• Gladwin County Agency Presentations, Wednesday, April 21st from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm- 2:30 pm
• Clare County Agency Presentations, Tuesday, April 27th from 10:00am -12:00pm and 12:30 pm -2:30 pm
• Clare County Agency Presentations, Wednesday, April 28th from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm and 3:30- 5:30pm
If you would like the opportunity to serve on our Citizen Review Panel, call our (989) 386-6015 or (989) 426-9225.

APRIL 21

FREE CONCERT WITH FAMOUS COMEDIAN TONY WOLF
Where? Farwell Church of Christ, 700 East Michigan Street, Farwell, MI 48622 When? Wednesday, April 21 at 7pm (There will be a free dinner at 6pm)

APRIL 23

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

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 13 & 20

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Meetings every 2nd Thursday of the month, at 6pm (7pm from April – November) at VFW Post 6015. For more information, contact Quartermaster Paul Bates at 231-942-8624, or message the VFW Facebook page; For Hall rental, please message the VFW Facebook page.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVESITES
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Now enrolling new members for the 2021 year. Michigan 4-H is open to all youth ages 5-19 and offers many club-based programs such as crafts, textile, and science to name a few. There is no cost to join Osceola County 4-H. The 4-H slogan is "learn by doing" so please contact the Osceola County MSU Extension at 231-832-6139 to start your "learn by doing" experience today.

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PERSONALS

JOB

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The Osceola County Road Commission will accept applications for summer laborers and/or truck drivers. Applications should be accompanied with a resume. Applications will be received until Thursday, April 29, 2021 or until the positions are filled. Application forms are available M-T, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, at the Road Commission office at 4737 Makwa Drive, Hersey, MI 49639, or by calling (231) 832-5171. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license. The Osceola County Road Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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Gladwin woman dies in rollover accident

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

A 26-year-old Gladwin woman, Alissa Marie Bunnell, died April 6 in a rollover accident, according to a Gladwin County Sheriff's Office press release this week.

Deputies were called out by the report of a personal injury accident on Oberlin Road, south of Ziemer Road in Gladwin County's Sage Township about 11 p.m., the release said.

When they arrived they found a 2012 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited on its roof in the ditch on the east side of the road. Bunnell, who was the driver, was found partially pinned beneath the Jeep.

She was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel. She was the only occupant in the vehicle at the time of the crash.

Although the cause of the crash is still under investigation, alcohol is believed to be a factor. Bunnell was not wearing a seat belt.

Clare BOC mulls how to spend $6 million stimulus monies

By John Raffel
Correspondent

HARRISON – Clare County clerk Lori Martin said the county continues to struggle with COVID issues and access to the courthouse during this time.

"Commissioners should be working on the stimulus and what to do with stimulus money soon," Martin said. "We'll be getting $6 million in stimulus money. My understanding is half of it is due to come in by May 10 of this year and the second installment by May 10 of 2022. It all has to be spent COVID related. They were supposed to put a committee together for the best way to spend the money to benefit the county.

"We've been letting people in the office. We're waiting to hear from the governor."

Missaukee reviews farmland applications

By John Raffel
Correspondent

LAKE CITY – Missaukee County clerk Jessica Nielsen reviewed two Farmland Applications at its finance committee meeting last week: one from Jordan Oudman and one from Jack and Nancy VanDrie.

Nielsen said that both applications have been approved by the Equalization Director James VanHaitsma and the Planning Commission, Soil Conservation has approved the VanDrie application, and is set to review the Oudman application. The Oudman application is contingent upon approval of the Soil Conservation, the committee was told.

Nielsen presented a proposal for an overtime payout to Head Custodian Jeff Lyle. Due to staff shortages, the Head Custodian had to cover shifts in the absence of the Assistant Custodian. Nielsen pointed out there were two periods of vacancy in that position in the first quarter of the year. Because half of these hours cleaning are attributable to departments within the county's criminal justice system, those hours are reimbursable by the CESF grant the county applied for, Nielsen added.

Nielsen answered some questions from a citizen's email about the county's current equipment and election process. The Committee thought it might be helpful to schedule an agenda item at a meeting next month, to allow the inquiring citizen to come in and learn about the county's election process and procedure.

The committee noted the agenda at this week's board meeting would include a closed session to review resumes submitted for the County Administrator position.



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Viewpoints

Mike's Musings

Michael Wilcox, Publisher/Editor

Answer correctly and win a subscription

From the 1980's popular table game, Trivial Pursuit, to the record running television show, Jeopardy to the popular trivia contests being help at many bars and restaurants, trivia, or as my son says, useless knowledge, has always been a part of my life.

I was really good at Trivial Pursuit, not so much Jeopardy, and my son and I, when we take on other teams at a local restaurant, are only mediocre. Still I feel my knowledge of useless items, particularly categories like sports or geography, is better than most. But then again, being a journalist, that probably should be the case.

Since COVID has stalled many local venues from hosting a Trivia Night, I thought it might be fun to allow our readers to match their wits with a group of questions my son and I have concocted below. Answer all ten questions right and we will give you a free e-subscription to your local newspaper. Simply email your answers to wilcoxnewspapers@gmail.com. No Googling answers.

Here are the questions:

1. The island of Ceylon, in southeast Asia is now known as what country?

2. Jeff Bezos is known as the richest man in the world. Elon Musk is the second richest. Who rates as the third richest man in the world?

3. What was the original, smaller type of banana called?

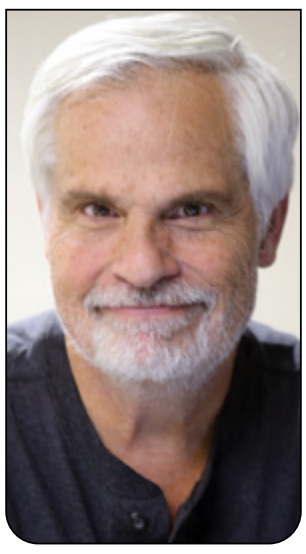
4. What year did King John authorize the Magna Carta to be written?

5. Lou Gehrig, enshrined in Cooperstown, baseball's hall of fame played for which major league baseball team?

6. What one hit wonder wrote and sung "Spirit in the Sky"?

7. More people live in China than any other country in the world. Which country has the second largest population?

8. The now defunct Keystone Pipeline was



to be one of the longest but where actually is the world's longest gas pipeline located?

9. What was Chandler's last name in the sitcom "Friends"?

10. Who did Madonna kiss (two people) at the 2003 Video Music awards?

Go for it. If you would like a free subscription that comes directly to your email, send me your answers.

If all ten are correct, you are a winner and declared a Trivia Expert. Of course we all know Google could easily be your partner, but (wink, wink), I'm expecting you to provide answers without help.

Pat's Bits & Pieces

Pat Maurer, Review Correspondent

Chilly outside, but I'm pretty sure spring has sprung!

Well, after a brief peek at the coming summer weather last week, we are back to our cooler – and closer to average – spring temperatures again.

Along with just about everyone else in town, we took advantage of that gorgeous 80 degree weather last week, and spent some time outside. Jack even managed to get a little sunburn already, his first for this year. Time to get out his "Tilly" hat again.

Unfortunately we didn't get any yard work done around here though and believe me there's plenty of that to do. We have some grass that looks lush and green, but right around the mobile (or as Jack calls it, the big camper) it's all clay and dirt. We have ordered more stone for the driveway and a load of black dirt so we can get some grass planted out there soon I hope. It's pretty muddy when it rains...

There are lots more things we want to do outside this spring, like installing something over each door to keep the rain off our heads, building flower boxes to go under the windows and barrels out there already to be filled with perinnials. If we accomplish all of that in the next few weeks it will make things look more like home around here.

Indoors is already looking better, with pictures up, rugs down and almost all we can fit in here unpacked and put away. Inside it is feeling much more like 'home' now.

The rest of the things out there in the garage will be sold or donated with quite a bit of family stuff passed on to the next generation when we get a chance to deliver it to brother Jim's family next month.

With April half over already, we all know that those lovely warmer spring days are still coming and I'm sure we will be enjoying it again before long.

Accu-weather on the computer says the temperatures for the rest of the month will be back in the average range – in the 50s and 60s with lows in the 30s and 40s with quite a few sunny days coming – and a few showers of course. In fact, according to the weatherman on 9 & 10 News, a bit of rain and maybe some snow mixed in is expected later this week.

The rain will be welcomed by the farmers in the area and will give those spring flowers a little boost to get them growing even faster. I have already noticed loads of blooms coming up all over the area every time we head into town for something.

None around here of course, but the grass has turned a brilliant green almost overnight and it already needs mowing (where we have grass).

Even the wildlife is waking up. They seem to know that the spring season has finally arrived. I am anxious to put up some bird feeders here at the new place. I really miss our little feathered moochers.



Other not so welcome spring guests usually include those of the "smelly" kind but luckily we don't have many places where those black and white kitties can hide around here. At the place on the river we would have noticed the "ordure" of freshly peeved skunk in the air already. I have seen a couple of unfortunately deceased ones on the roads so I know they are out and about again.

All in all, it is simply a great time of year. The air smells so fresh, you just have to open up the windows and let some of it in and that closed-up winter stuff out. Sheets hung out on the line are especially nice this time of year. Note to self…remind Jack I would like a place to hang a few things out.

Spring fever is a wonderful thing. It makes you want to shake out the rugs and clean out the closets.

Well maybe I'm not quite not that ambitious yet since I'm still filling the closets up, but we have a nice road out front that goes right down to the lake and already I am feeling the urge take a little walk outside…or maybe a bike ride if hubby just pumps up the tires.

May I walk with you?

By Daniel Fachting, Ph.D.

Enough...

I used to think that being a good Catholic Christian meant going to mass every Sunday, going to communion, confession, keeping the commandments, attending religious education, making sure I gave to the collection, praying, reading the Bible, saying grace before meals, genuflecting and standing at the right times, and staying out of trouble. I also lead some singing at mass, help distribute communion, and lead an adult religion class. I was an altar boy from the fourth grade through high school and our family prayed the rosary every day. I also studied for two years to be a lay minister, and have a Masters Degree in Adult Christian Community Development from Regis University in Denver.

I used to think that it was enough, but was it? Then one day some one asked me, "Have you given your life to Christ? Have you asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life? Is Jesus the center of your life? Have you repented from sin and turned to God? Have you had a personal encounter with Jesus?" It took me by surprise. I had never really thought about that question. I was too busy being a good Catholic Christian. I was doing everything I was taught, and more. I felt really good and successful.

Then he asked me to pray with him. We bowed our heads in prayer, I gave myself to God and asked Jesus to be the center of my life. My faith life came alive! Everything that I was doing as a Catholic Christian became wonderfully meaningful. I had an experience of God's love and will never get enough of it. Why hadn't anyone asked me that question before and asked me to pray with them?

How about you? Has anyone ever asked you to give your life to God and to live in his love, making Jesus the center of your life? If, like me, you



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are doing everything you were taught to do and still find life empty, or find life unsatisfying, why not give your life to God? "Jesus, I give my life to you. I want you to be the Lord and center of my life. I want to know, love and serve you all of my life." Or, just pray to him in your own words. If you have already given yourself to God, do it again. If you want someone to pray with you, don't hesitate to call me, (989) 418-1875.

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

What's Cooking?

By Carol Cope



It looks like another beautiful day, one that we all should be taking care of the yard work before we have some rain. I was out looking at my bulb flowers that are popping through the ground ready to show their beautiful blooms...There is only one thing that I remember, a good remainder of and that is the possibility of a frost which can happen this time of year.....I remember one spring back on the farm when I was a little girl that we had a spring that was nice and warm.. At that time we were tomato farmers and contracted to a canning company, so our workers got busy and planted forty (40) acres of tomatoes, well guess what, on the eve of Memorial Day along came a killing frost and wiped out most of the tomato plants. Well, we just sucked it up with a huge money loss and replanted, but after Memorial Day....and that is why I do not put any plants out or in the ground until after that beautiful day.....

Now for some recipes that I have enjoyed and hope you will do the same.....

SWEET POTATO and APPLE SALAD

1 ½ pounds boiled sweet potatoes
1 cup chopped raw apple
1 cup diced celery
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup French dressing
crisp lettuce

Remove skins from potatoes and chop. Mix with apple, celery and salt.

Add French dressing and mix well. Serve on crisp lettuce with some nice brown bread or crackers.. ***A variation of this as follows: Substitute mayonnaise for French dressing; add 1/4 cup chopped sweet pickle or pickle relish... YUmmy good!!!!!

SOUR MILK BISCUITS

1 3/4 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. baking soda
¾ cup shortening, butter or margarine
¾ cup sour milk or buttermilk

Start the oven, set hot at 450 degrees.

Sift the flour with salt, baking powder, sugar and baking soda. Cut in the shortening, butter or margarine until well mixed, then add the milk, stirring quickly, until a soft but not sticky dough is formed.

Turn out on a lightly floured board and knead just enough to shape into a smooth ball. Roll out lightly 1/2 inch thick. Cut with a floured biscuit cutter.

Place on an ungreased baking sheet, 1/2 inch apart for a crusty biscuit, and close together for a soft biscuit.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes

*** I do make these when I want to have super good homemade biscuits...

ASPARAGUS SALAD

2 cups fresh or frozen cooked asparagus
2 Tbsp. gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup grated cucumber
1 1/2 cups diced celery
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 hard boiled eggs, peeled
3 medium tomatoes, peeled
1 cup whipping cream

Drain asparagus; measure the liquid and add water if needed to make up 2/3 cup, then heat to boiling.

Push asparagus through a coarse sieve. Soak gelatin five (5) minutes, in the cold water and melt in the heated asparagus liquid.

Combine with pureed asparagus, salt, cucumber, celery, and mayonnaise, mix well. Chill until mixture begins to congeal.

Line a large six (6) cup mold or six (6) individual (1-cup) molds with egg and tomato slices.

Whip cream until stiff, then fold into gelatin mixture.

Pour half of the mixture into molds, lay the remaining egg and tomato slices, if any, on top and fill up with the rest of the gelatin mixture.

Chill in the refrigerator until firm. Unmold on lettuce leaves.

If made in a ring mold, fill the center with chopped vegetable salad...This will make approximately six (6) to eight (8) servings.....

****Asparagus will soon be peeking out of the ground. I checked my patch and nothing has happened yet.....

RHUBARB PIE

Have pastry ready for a two (2) crust pie.

3 cups fresh or quick frozen rhubarb
3 Tbsp. flour
1 ½ cups sugar
1/4 tsp. powdered cinnamon
1 Tbsp. or more butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Wash the fresh rhubarb and cut into 1 inch pieces. Peel it or not as you like; leaving some of the skin will give it that pretty pink color. Arrange the rhubarb in the chilled, lined pie shell, heaping a little in the center.

Mix the flour with sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the rhubarb. Dot with butter or margarine.

Put on the top dough crust and seal down closely at the edges. Cut your favorite initial in the top of the crust to provide an opening for steam to escape.

Bake for 12 minutes at 450 degrees, then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes longer.....

***This is a very great, quick and delicious pie!!!!!!

Next week I will give out some Spice Blends that you can make at home which are real easy and so good to cook with..

Until next week, enjoy this spring and watch for some of the birds to return from the south, also keep an eye out for the beautiful green asparagus.....

God Bless,
Carol Jean

Letters

Discouraged with US against THEM

Dear Editor,

Thanks for providing a good source of local news. I've been discouraged with the letters. I am tired of hearing it's US vs. THEM, with some saying one political party is the ONLY one that's right. There are good points and bad points about both parties. I don't approve of EVERYTHING that EITHER promotes. (I have never voted straight Republican or Democratic ticket-there are good candidates in both parties, and I vote accordingly).

When leaders of one party call the other party EVIL, and good churchgoers talk on and on about how terrible "they" are, its so sad. What happened to teachings of "do not judge, lest ye be judged" or "love your neighbor as yourself". How about treating people with respect? Until legislators & everyone work together for the PEOPLE, instead of their party, there'll be no "United states.

To the gentleman saying the Covid payment of $1400 from the "current" administration is a bribe…did you feel the same about the $1200 and $600 Covid from the "previous' administration? To the lady who spoke of a "scamdemic", you must NOT know someone who's been hospitalized or who's died. I have. Count your blessings. Covid is dangerous, and still out there. Not worried about yourself? Worry about those you love.

Yes, I think our students, especially the younger ones, are being short-changed and need face-to-face instruction. But I don't know the answer to that problem. An elementary classroom can be close quarters, and little ones "share" (spread germs) all the time (I taught for 30 years). And about Dr. Seuss books, there was a good moral lesson in each one.

You're offended by a stereotype drawing-don't ban it (just don't read it to YOUR kids/grandkids.) the stories are still worthwhile and need to be read. Harry Potter offended some with black magic but wasn't banned. It DID get more kids reading, who didn't enjoy reading before. You're offended?

I'M offended when people judge others by their color/ethnicity; offended when people try to change or ignore history by removing statues and changing textbooks; offended when people want to live off the government; offended when people try to remove "God" from our pledge, money and prayers; offended when people call mass shootings, 9/11 or the Holocaust a hoax; offended when new life isn't honored, but also offended when people are not allowed to die with dignity…but I'm still thankful and blessed.

To the gentleman who preferred positive news, thank you. I prefer more of that, too, but know that's not all we need. Thank you Clare County Review-we count on you.

Carol Haines

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Obituaries

Joanne Marie Ferrett



Joanne Marie Ferrett 84 of rural Marion passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, April 12, 2021. Joanne was born March 8, 1937 in Escanaba, Michigan the daughter of Alvin and Rose Marie (Lewis) O'Donnell. Joanne graduated from Escanaba Catholic Holy Cross High School in 1955.

Joanne began her career with Michigan Bell Telephone Company of Howell, Michigan in 1955 and retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Company of Allen Park, Michigan in 1990. Ms. Ferrett had resided in Marion since 1990, moving from Brighton, Michigan. Joanne was a dedicated parishioner at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Marion. She enjoyed buying, collecting, and selling antiques, visiting various casinos throughout Michigan, floral gardening, yard grooming, watching wildlife on her property, watching televised NASCAR races, and reading a good book.

Surviving Ms. Ferrett is her son, David Bruce Ferrett and wife Valerie of Howell, three grandsons: Dominic Ferrett, Seth Ferrett and Shaun Ferrett, one stepson, Thomas Ferrett of Ypsilanti, Michigan, two brothers: Bobby Wyatt and Billy Wyatt both of Tennessee, two brothers in-law: Art Ferrett and wife Barb of Harrison, Michigan and Darwin Ferrett and wife Kathleen also of Harrison, one niece, Kelly O'Donnell and one nephew, Michael O'Donnell, plus numerous extended family members. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Richard O'Donnell.

Memorial gifts in memory of Joanne may be considered to: Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1088, 608 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan 49829. To share an online memory or condolence with Joanne's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Ms. Ferrett are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

Jack H. Boyer



Jack H. Boyer, age 87, of Farwell, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021. Jack was born the son of Ray and Agnes (Whitney) Boyer on Dec. 23, 1933, in Gladwin. He had married Yvonne Estep, who passed away. He later married Marilyn Davis, who also died young. On May 6, 1967, Jack married Catherine Stanek, who survives him. Jack served in the US Army just after the Korean War. He had worked as a foreman for the Laborers and the Teamsters, and had retired from Valley Mechanical Contracting. Jack was a longtime member of the NRA, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Survivors include: his wife, Catherine; his sons, Dan and Jennifer (his favorite daughter-in-law) Boyer of Grand Ledge, Paul and Lisa (his favorite daughter-in-law) Boyer of Beaverton, Brian Boyer of Farwell; his grandsons, Tucker, Cale, Alec, and Damon; and his brother, Henry Boyer. He was preceded in death by his wives, Yvonne in 1960 and Marilyn in 1965; his daughter Lorilee in 1998; and three sisters, Freda Orvis, Elizabeth Lynch, and Evelyn Stanek.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 14, 2021 at 4 P.M. at the Arthur Twp. Cemetery. A Dinner will follow at 5 P.M. at the Arthur Twp. Hall. The family was served by the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home, Farwell Chapel. An online condolence register is available at www.stephenson-wyman.com



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Twenty eight percent of area vaccinated, but COVID still climbing

By Pat Maurer
Correspondent

In the Central Michigan District's six-county area, 28 percent of the population has received at least one dose of vaccine against COVID-19, but the cases are still climbing.

Governor Whitmer said in an update Wednesday afternoon that although the state has one of the highest percentages of new cases, she is urging everyone to follow the CDC safety measures – masking, social distancing, working from home, staying away from large gatherings and when eating out, use carry out or outside dining.

Surprisingly, no new restrictions have been placed on businesses and residents. She blamed the rise in cases partially on COVID fatigue and partially on the more contagious variants that are in the state now, and said if people only follow those safety guidelines and get vaccinated the numbers will come down.

Michiganders who have now received a dose of vaccine number 2,278,052 or 28.1 percent of the population.

More than 30 percent of the population or 7,769 persons in Clare County have received at least one dose of vaccine, second only to Roscommon county who has vaccinated 6,684 or almost 32 percent of their population and Arenac County which has vaccinated almost 31 percent or 3,874 people.

Gladwin ranks next with doses of vaccine given to 5,950 or nearly 28 percent of the population. Osceola has vaccinated 23.64 percent of the population or 4,477 residents.

Isabella County ranks highest in numbers – 13,581, but lowest in percentile with nearly 23 percent vaccinated.

Overall, the CMDHD has vaccinated 42,335 individuals, but meanwhile the covid cases continue to climb.

In the neighboring counties of Midland, Mecosta and Missaukee, the percentages are highest in Midland with 32.95 percent vaccinated or 22,395 individuals; next highest in Missaukee at 27.68 percent or 3,336 vaccinated and the lowest in Mecosta where 23.74 are vaccinated, a total of 8,647 who have had at least one dose of vaccine.

Cases, however, still continue to climb in the mid-Michigan area.

Clare cases this week numbered 1707 up 149 from 1,558 last week. Recoveries are still at 1,250 and the county has added one death bringing that total to 69.

Isabella is the hot spot in the CMDHD's six county area with cases there increasing by 349 – from 4,276 to 4,525 over the past week and up by about 900 in the past two weeks. The Morning Sun said that the Mt. Pleasant area "has the nation's sixth-worst ongoing outbreak according to data from the New York Times." The recovery numbers there remained at 3,363 while the deaths increased by two to 79.

Cases in Arenac County went up from 763 last week to 845 this week in Wednesday number. Recoveries remained at 603 as did the deaths at 27.

Gladwin County's numbers went up 148 from 1,478 last week to 1,626 this week. Both their recovery numbers, 1,126 and the deaths – 40, were unchanged.

In Osceola County the numbers increased by 102 from 1,263 to 1,365 over the past week. Both their recovery numbers – 815 and their deaths – 24 remain the same.

Roscommon County cases increased by 80, totaling 1,428 this week compared to 1,348 last week with 924 of those recovered and 39 deaths.

COVID-19 cases across Michigan now total 850,583 including both confirmed and probable cases. Deaths in the State, including confirmed and probable. total 17,694. Michigan's fatality rate is 2.2 percent.

Almost 190 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered in the United States, according to data published Monday by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC reported that 189,692,045 total doses have been administered – about 80% of the 237,796,305 doses delivered.

That's about 2.6 million more doses reported administered in one day, for a seven-day average of about 3.2 million doses per day.

More than 36% of the U.S. population – nearly 121 million people – have received at least one dose of Covid-19 vaccine, and more than 22% of the population – about 74 million people – are fully vaccinated, according to CDC data.

Among adults, 46.5% have received at least one dose of Covid-19 vaccine, and 28.6% are fully vaccinated.

COVID cases across the nation now number 32,128,645, deaths total 577,703 and recoveries number 24,672,933.



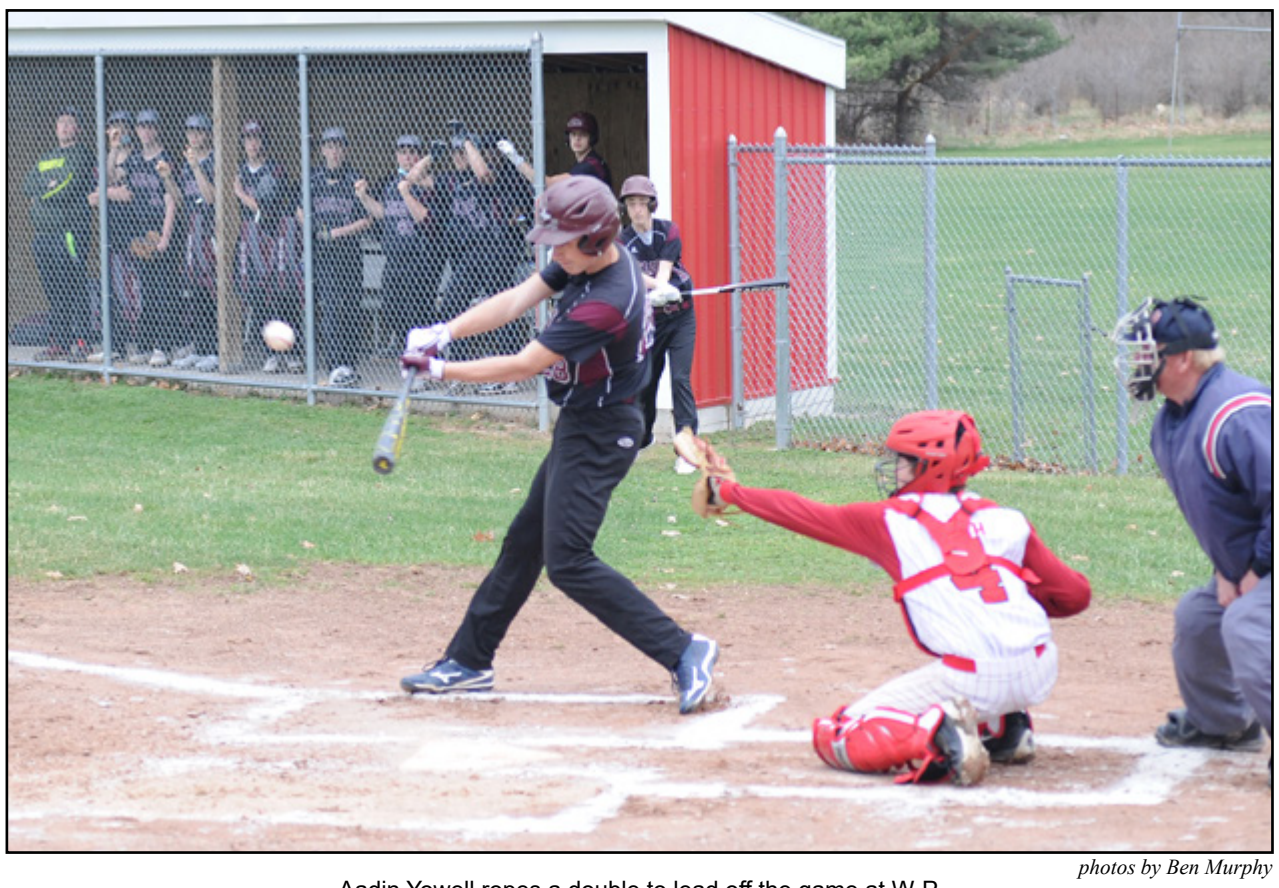


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Sports

Marion baseball earns sweep at Whittemore Prescott



photos by Ben Murphy

Aadin Yowell ropes a double to lead off the game at W-P

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Marion baseball team continued its good early start to the season on Tuesday, winning both sides of its first West Michigan 'D' League doubleheader at home against Bear Lake. The Eagles won by scores of 11-1 and 11-5.

In game one, it was Chase Seeley getting the win, as he pitched five innings and gave up one earned run on five hits and seven strikeouts.

At the plate, Aadin Yowell had three hits, Gavin Prielipp had a double and two RBI and Colton Hammer had a double and two RBI.

"Chase was outstanding again and we got timely hits when we needed them," head coach Chad Grundy said.

Marion trailed 4-1 after the first inning of game two, but Aadin Yowell and Braden Prielipp pitched well in relief to allow the Eagles offense to storm back for the win. Prielipp earned the win, giving up one run on two hits and six strikeouts.

The offense saw Yowell rake three hits, Seeley added two, Mason Salisbury had a double and three RBI with Hammer and Blaine Faulmann getting one hit apiece.

On Thursday, April 8 the Eagles swept a road non-league doubleheader at Whittemore-Prescott, 14-0 and 15-4.

In game one, Seeley was mostly unchallenged, tossing all five innings to get the shutout and gave up just three hits, struck out seven and walked one.

For the offense, Gavin Prielipp had three doubles and four RBI, Salisbury had a double, two singles and three RBI, Yowell had three hits and one RBI and Thomas Jenema had two hits and two RBI.

"We really hit the ball well and Chase pitched a gem," Grundy said of game one.

Game two saw Salisbury earn the win, as he pitched three innings and gave up one run and struck out seven.

The big day continued for G. Prielipp, as he had a triple, a double, two singles and two RBI, Salisbury helped his own cause with a pair of doubles and two RBI and Weston Cox had two hits and three RBI.

"It was good to get out to play and hopefully we can use this confidence as we enter league play," Grundy said.

Marion is now 5-1 overall and 2-0 in WMD action.



Marion pitcher Chase Seeley fires a pitching during his complete game shutout last week at Whittemore-Prescott.



Marion firstbaseman Thomas Jenema gets low to catch the ball for a putout.

McBain sweeps NMC track invite

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Tuesday was a winning type of day for both the boys and girls track teams of McBain. The Ramblers, competing at the McBain Northern Michigan Christian Invitational on Tuesday, swept both sides of the early season event.

The boys won with 140 points while Traverse City St. Francis placed second and host NMC was good for sixth.

Brock Maloney won the 400 meter dash in a time of 54.04, Grayson VerBerkmoes won the 800 on a time of 2:08.56, and Kyle Pylkas won the 3200 thanks to a run of 11:16.

The Ramblers also won the 1600 relay, the sprint medley relay and the distance medley relay. Mack Bontekoe swept the throwing events.

NMC's lone first place points came from Blake DeZeeuw in the high jump and long jump.

For the girls portion, McBain won with 140 points, Pine River was second and NMC placed eighth.

In the 800, Kahli Heuker won on a time of 2:44.54, Maggie O'Malley claimed a victory in the 1600 at 5:29.68 and Emma Schierbeek took top honors in the long jump.

For the Lady Comets, Paige Ebels was a winner in the pole vault.

Clare softball sweeps Reed City

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Clare softball team had no problem with visiting Reed City Tuesday. The Lady Pioneers swept the visiting Lady Coyotes handily in both contests, 21-3 and 18-1.

In game one, Abby Mellish was the winner, pitching three innings and giving up three runs, two earned on four hits, six strikeouts and one walk.

At the plate, Jalyn Burhans was a perfect three-for-three, Mellish had a triple, a double and had four RBI and Aubrey Dionne had two hits and drove in six runs.

In game two, it was Savannah Robinson getting the win, pitching four innings and giving up one earned run on five hits, nine strikeouts and one walk.

Claylee Veitengruber and Mellish had two hits apiece, Robinson, Dionne, Mara Pomerville and Brennah Lubs each added hits as well.

Harrison offense on display, split with Grayling

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Harrison softball team managed to score a bunch of runs in its home non-league doubleheader with Grayling on Monday. The Lady Hornets only managed to win one contest however, as they had to settle for a tie in game two.

In the opener, it was a 20-13 victory. The Hornets trailed 11-2 early on, but rallied the final few innings to claim the win.

The Lady Vikings led early on in game two as well, but Harrison rallied and held off Grayling in its final at bat to preserve a 16-16 tie.

"They had the last at bat and loaded the bases with no outs and the game tied 16-16," head coach Jamie Lipovsky said. "Taylor Price-Hamm caught a fly ball in left field and gunned out the runner at home. With two outs, Jayne Hamilton struck out the next hitter on three straight pitches."

On Thursday, April 8 the Hornets played a pair of games at St. Louis, but lost both sides of the twinbill, 12-7 and 9-1.

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Clare dominates non-league track meet

by Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Clare track and field teams hosted an early season tri-meet on Wednesday. The Pioneers fared well in several events to dominate the event.

On the boys side, Deven Pawlowski and Matthew Harton took the top two spots in the 100 meter dash, with Pawlowski getting a winning time of 11.84. Pawlowski also won the 200 meter dash on a sprint of 23.96, with Harton finishing second once again. In the 400, Dan Stevens and Jefferey Schafer swept the top two spots, with Stevens clocking a winning time of 1:02.3.

In the 800, Scott Rodenbo was the winner with a time of 2:23.29 and Hayden Wood was second, with Rodenbo also winning the 1600 meter run on a time of 5:25.89.

In the 3200, Andrew Klaus placed second, Kaleb Brewer won the 110 and 300 hurdles with times of 17.08 and 46.09, while Landon Cook was second in the 110 hurdles and Keagan Paisley was second in the 300 hurdles.

The Pioneers took first place points in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays and finished second in the 4x800.

In the shot put, Jordan McPhall was second, Pawloski was second in the discus and Brody Yost won the high jump with a 5-04. Aidan Paisley and Bruer Staley had the top two spots in the pole vault, with Paisley getting a 12-00. In the long jump, Ben Wood took the top spot with a 19-11.25.

On the girls side, Holley Gilmore and Savannah Woods took the top two spots in the 100 meter dash, with Gilmore's winning time reading 14.21. Gilmore was also second in the 200 and in the 400 Riley Schroeder won with a 1:06.92 and Cayla Barber was second and in the 800, Abby Leigh was second.

In the 1600 meter run, Katherine Haupt was a winner on a time of 5:48.48, with Hattie Veenkant taking second and in the 3200, it was Kara Forsberg winning on a run of 14:40.07 and Simone Kaechele placed second.

Lexi LaPoe and Ava Harton took first in second in both hurdle events, with LaPoe's winning times reading 17.46 and 52.75.

In the relays, Clare claimed wins in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 and it took second in the 4x800.

Claylee Veitengruber won both throwing events, tossing the shot put 32-08.5 and the discus 76-10. LaPoe was second in the high jump, Teagan Russell won the pole vault with a 8-00, the same event Barber was second in. Morgan Jones won the long jump and Ava Miedzianowski was second, with Jones' winning distance being 12-07.5.

Lady Pioneer kickers split opening matches

by Ben Murphy

The Clare girls soccer team was able to pick up its first win of the season at home Monday night. The Lady Pioneers, hosting Northern Michigan Soccer League foe Brethren, managed to control things the entire way to pick up an 8-0 victory.

"We faced a very inexperienced Brethren team," head coach Jim Bond said. "With time to practice and some corrections we played much better (than in the opener). Except for a couple of short exceptions, the entire game was played in their half."

Mya Tait scored three goals, one of which was the first of the night about six minutes into the contest and she also scored the final goal of the night, ending the game via mercy early in the second half.

Leah Palmer started the contest as goalkeeper, but was swapped to the field, where she had a pair of goals. Caton Walter had a goal and an assist with Katie Witbeck and Kat Allmacher adding one goal apiece. Valerie Rahl also saw time in goal, however the Pioneers did not face a shot all night.

On April 6, at home against Hemlock in their season opener, the Pioneers came up short, 1-0.

"Both teams were sort of in the same boat, with our season being pushed back a week, basketball still playing, and spring break, we really did not have much practice before this game," Bond said. "We made a defensive positioning error three minutes into the game and they had an uncovered player right in front of the net. Unfortunately, the ball found her and she scored. That goal woke my team up and they played much better the rest of the game. Most of the game was played in their end, but we struggled to generate scoring opportunities."

With not even having a season last year, the Pioneers are one of the many teams battling inexperience at certain positions.

"We have some inexperienced forwards, three of them are sophomores and the fourth is a junior that did not play her freshman year," Bond said. "With covid canceling last season, this is the first year for all of them. Combine that with a lack of practice and we had some positioning errors on the offensive side of the ball too. After they scored, both teams played some pretty good defensive soccer, only giving up a couple of shots on goal each."

Palmer had two saves in goal, while Rahl, who played the final 15 minutes in net, did not face a shot.

Clare (1-1 overall, 1-0 NMSL) was at Houghton Lake on Wednesday, heads to McBain Northern Michigan Christian on Monday and hosts Gladwin on Wednesday.

Evart Police Log

By John Raffel
Correspondent

Evart Police Department
Weekly Report
April 5-11

April 5: Standby – Officers were dispatched to conduct a civil standby during a property exchange. During the exchange one of the subjects experienced a medical event which resulted in an ambulance being called to the scene. The subject denied further treatment from EMS and the property was exchanged without further incident.

April 7: PPO Violation/Stalking – Officers were called to a possible Personal Protection Order violation. The case remains open at this time.

April 8: Suspicious – Officers were called to a trespassing complaint. Contact was made with the subject and they were told further violations would result in criminal charges.

April 9: Check Well Being – Officers were dispatched to conduct a well-being check. The subject was found to be secure and did not request any additional services.

April 9: Juvenile – Officers were dispatched to a report of an unsupervised juvenile. The juvenile was located and returned to their home. The case has been forwarded to CPS for review.

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Beta Sole awards scholarships to area students

The Beta Sole Foundation granted scholarship awards to incoming college and undergraduate students for the 2021 school year. These awards are granted for students who applied for the 2021 Emergent Scholar Scholarship, who have shown seriousness of purpose, have potential as global change agents, and have proven academic success. The received scholarships are used to further their education whether through universities, colleges, trade schools or fine arts programs.

The winners of this scholarship are Amelia Burke (Michigan State University), Allison Sutton (Meridian Public Schools), Riley Schroeder (Clare High School), Kirtana Nimmakayala (Michigan State University), Bailey Taylor (Clare High School), Crystal Meija-Lugo (Central Michigan University), Julianna Grenz (Grand Valley State University), Amaya Cornelius (Central Michigan University), Marijane Morse (Grand Valley State University), and Emmah Coker (Michigan State University).

Recognizing the hard work these students have dedicated to their education, the Beta Sole Foundation wanted to reward them with more than just a check. On April 3rd, the recipients of the Scholarship Award were honored with a celebration banquet at Riverwood Resort in Mount Pleasant, MI. At the award banquet, the recipients received their monetary scholarship award, other gifts provided by the Beta Sole, and the recognition they deserve. The event's keynote speaker, Joel Johnson, presented the awards to the students. Johnson is a former three term member of the Michigan House of Representatives and a part of the House Committee on Agriculture for all three terms. He is currently Secretary of Agriculture.

The Emergent Scholar Scholarship Coordinator, Carolann Plank, shared her thoughts on the scholarship: "As a recent Central Michigan University graduate, I was thrilled to help my peers achieve their personal, academic, and career goals. The 2020-2021 school year has been difficult on most students, whether it be financially or mentally. Knowing I was able to assist some wonderful people in a difficult time has been very rewarding."

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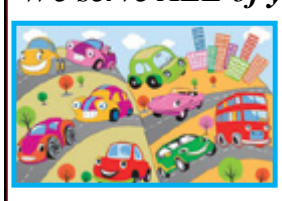
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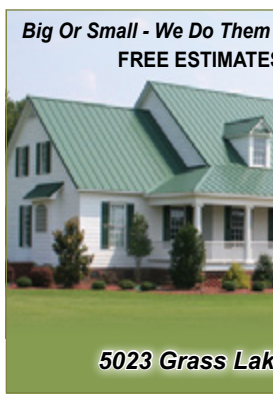
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$2.5 million from state will help Clare water service project

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Kingsbury said, "It is important to note that prior to the recent change in state law all municipal water service providers were only responsible for the water delivery system up to where each customer is connected to the distribution system (typically what is called a curb stop, a valve where the water supply can be turned off when needed). Now the City of Clare and all other municipal water systems are responsible for the delivery system up to the first valve within the serviced building or no further than 18" if there is no valve just inside of the building."

The state funds approved for this massive project are also approved for reimbursement of the costs already incurred for the municipal water delivery improvements already completed, a substantial amount over the last decade, Kingsbury said.

"In fact," He added, "the City of Clare has invested $5,138,828.25 in capital improvements into our municipal water system over the past twelve fiscal years. During this timeframe we have applied for and received $1,540,404.29 in other grant funding to help reduce the costs to the City to $3.6 million for the improvement project."

"There is no free money," Kingsbury said, "We had to work hard to be approved for these grant funding opportunities and we had to complete all of the required reporting after receiving the [financial] assistance."

At a public hearing held in October of 2019, Former City Manager Ken Hibl said in his agenda report, "The City of Clare received formal notice from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy September 24, 2019 that its community water supply ninetieth percentile value had exceeded "Actionable Levels" (AL) for lead."

He said the notice required the City … to initiate mandatory "Public Action" (PA) and "Public Education (PE) requirements within 72 hours.

The City completed the requirements by mailing a formal notice to each of the City's water customers and by posting the steps being implemented on their Facebook page and website.

Hibl said, "the primary focus of the hearing is to educate the community of the hazards of lead in drinking water, to share information related to actions being taken and planned to ensure the health and safety of Clare's residents, and to listen to and to respond to the community's concerns regarding the test results that mandated these actions."

Hibl said, that because of the testing requirements, the City had "created a new full-time position and hired a new employee with one of his primary tasks being completing the inventory." He continued, "For the past year that employee has knocked on doors throughout the City and physically inspected the service lines in each business and residence. With the exception of 40 sites that have not allowed us access, we have completed the inventory. During that inventory, we found 131 galvanized service leads … and only four lead service leads, all in our downtown district… [and we] notified the respective property owners and tested the service lines," Hibl said.

The high lead test results Hibl was talking about earlier were from two Clare businesses, Hicks Jewelers and Dr. Scotts office, which had lead levels exceeding the maximum level allowed by the state (15 or more parts per billion). Hibl noted at that meeting that neither of the businesses used the City water for consumption. He said each of the two businesses used only 1,000 to 2,000 gallons of water and repeated that they didn't consume the water in the stores.

At the October public hearing in 2019, Hibl stressed that the City water infrastructure did not have detectable lead levels and that the possibility of lead in residential services was only from the point where the individual service lines are connected to the City's water supply.

To ensure the public safety, both the City and the CMDHD [Central Michigan District Health Department] said they would provide free water testing and filters to remove lead to anyone who has galvanized pipes (service lines) with a possible lead solder connection.

In a Tuesday [April 13] email, Kingsbury said, "At this time we have replaced all of the true lead service lines within the City of which we had very few. This week is the deadline for bid proposals from qualified contractors to complete the work of replacing the remaining 200 plus galvanized water service lines which is scheduled to be completed over the next two years."

He continued, "We are very thankful to the State of Michigan for providing the financial assistance to make this project possible. We are also very happy that we started the process of seeking the assistance early on in the process as this is an extensive issue that affects virtually all municipalities in the state and nation."

Even more water systems are in the planning stages. In an article printed January 8th, Clare City Manager Jeremy Howard reported that that the city is working with Engineer Jennifer Hodges of Gourdie Fraser and Associates on another grant for drinking water asset management. The grant submitted is for $500,000. He said, "it would help the city with creating things like an asset management program, GIS mapping and would pay for equipment and staffing." He said he would let the board know as soon as he hears results on the grant application.



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Mt. Pleasant man faces two life sentences

James A. Neff of Mt. Pleasant is looking at seven federal charges in connection with the sexual assault of two minors ovr-five or six years.

He was indicted by a grand jury last week (April 7) in Bay City US District Court on two counts of aggravated sexual abuse, which carry up to a life sentence in prison on each if found guilty, four counts of abusive sexual contact, which carries a mandatory 30-year sentence each, and one count of aggravated indecent exposure.

According to the indictment, Neff allegedly assaulted two minor children several times between December 2013 and December of 2019.

Neff was arraigned in front of U.S. District Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford with Assistant U.S. Attorney Roy Kranz representing the state.

Kranz said he feels Neff is dangerous and argued that Neff should be kept in custody until his trial because the charges represent a pattern of aggravated sexual abuse over "about five or six years" and that it involves "more than one victim under the age of 12."

Because of the length of the sentences, Kranz said Neff is a flight risk. He also noted that a third person has reported similar touching of a sexual type.

Attorney Bryan J. Sherer is representing Neff. He noted that conditions could be put in place to eliminate the threat of flight, including house arrest with a tether. He argued that Neff, a 20-year home owner, has no passport and has significant ties to the community; has no wife or children and has "stable employment."

He also said there was no physical evidence implicating Neff, and that the care is the result of the ending of a "volatile relationship" with an adult woman and that the charges came to light after the relationship ended.

Despite Sherer's argument, the judge sided with the prosecution, saying the indictment provides "probable cause" that Neff is a flight risk and a danger to the community. The Magistrate ordered Neff detained until trial.

A pretrial conference on Neff's case is set for April 20.

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CITY OF CLARE COMMISSION MEETING UNOFFICIAL CONDENSED MINUTES APRIL 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 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, and Gus Murphy. Absent: Maegan Jenkins. The audience was in attendance via remote audio meeting attendance as authorized under the Open Meetings Act. Rules for Public Comment during the remote electronic meeting were read by the City Clerk.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was supported and approved.
Public Comment: None.
Motion to open a public hearing for the proposed establishment of a new Industrial Development District and Rehabilitation District was supported and approved.
Public Comment: None.
Motion to close the public hearing was supported and approved
Motion to establish a new Industrial Development District and Rehabilitation District was supported and approved.
Motion to approve an Airport Lot Lease (#304) Agreement with Michael D. Dost was supported and approved.
The Treasurer's Report was received.
The City Manager's Report was received.
Extended Public Comment: Pam O'Laughlin and Bob Campbell thanked the Commission for their support.
Commission Topics: Status of Lake Shamrock equipment purchase; painting of fire hydrants; weed control on curb fronts & at expansion joints.
Motion to adjourn at 6:32 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.

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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 unhealthful 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.

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Adrian Krawczynski
Village of Farwell Clerk

CITY OF CLARE PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Commission of Clare will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comments pertaining to the approval of the Single Lot Assessment Roll for 2020 delinquent accounts. A copy of the assessment roll is available for review by contacting the City Clerk at 989-424-4068 or by email at dlyon@cityofclare.org. The City Commission will accept comments at the hearing or in writing if the written comments are received by the City Clerk not later than 4 p.m. on the date of the hearing. The meeting location will be provided on the meeting agenda and posted on the city's bulletin boards, cable channel 189 and on the City's website at least 18 hours in advance of the meeting. The City of Clare is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clare City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing @ 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, to accept public comment pertaining to a site plan proposal submitted by North Ten, LLC. to construct two 60,000 sq. ft. pre-engineered spec buildings on the northeast corner of Consumers Energy Parkway and ReBak Way, in Clare, MI 48617. Public comment will be accepted during the public hearing via remote meeting attendance. Information to attend the public hearing remotely will be provided on the agenda which will be posted on the city's website, on cable channel 189, and on the bulletin boards at Clare City Hall at least 18 hours in advance of the meeting. In lieu of providing comment during the meeting, written or verbal comment may be provided to the City Clerk, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan; via email, dlyon@cityofclare.org; or by calling 989-424-4068, provided that comment is received by the City Clerk not later than 4 pm on the date of the hearing. The City of Clare is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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