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# Renters escape fire that destroys Clare home

*By Pat Maurer*
*Correspondent*

The home is a loss, but the occupants were not injured in a fire at a home on Prairie Street on the west side of Clare last Saturday.

Fire Chief Jim Chapman said William Gorney, who was renting the home and lived there with his 2 ½ year old daughter, were "two very lucky people."

Gorney was the only one at home at the time and said he was awakened by a "big boom," followed almost immediately by the ceiling collapsing on the bed in his daughter's room. His daughter was staying with her grandparents at the time. "If she had been there it would have been a terrible thing," Chapman said.

He said when Gorney called the fire in around 2:43 p.m. he was talking about getting some of his possessions out of the home, but the dispatcher talked him out of that and convinced him to evacuate immediately.




*Photos by Bob Guiliani*
Chief Chapman looks on as a Surrey Township Firefighters works to ventilate the roof of the burning home.

No one was injured in the blaze, Chapman said. He said the fire, which he believes may have been caused by "an electrical problem," was burning in the blown in insulation in the attic, "probably for 15 or 20 minutes before it was discovered." Once the ceiling in the baby's room collapsed the downstairs almost immediately became engulfed in flames. "He was a lucky man." Chapman said the cause will be determined after an insurance investigation. The home was insured and owned by Daniel Bittner of Clare.

Firefighters were on the scene for around three hours, Chapman said. They were assisted at the scene by Surrey Township Fire Department, Harrison Fire Department, Mobile Medical Response Ambulance Service and the Clare Police Department.




A Clare firefighter attempts to clean blown in insulation off his breathing apparatus. He is covered with burned insulation.




# Assault with box cutter leads to attempted murder charges

*By Pat Maurer*
*Correspondent*

A 23-year-old Southfield man, William Grigsby, is behind bars and facing a charge of assault with intent to murder.

Sunday, June 20th, deputies were sent to a home in the 5000 block of Oak Run in Lincoln Township by the call to Central Dispatch of an assault.

Deputies arrived to find that Steven Lewis, 64 of Southfield had been wounded several times after he was attacked with a box cutter. Lewis was transported to Mid-Michigan Medical Center-Clare for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Grigsby, who allegedly attacked the older man, was arrested at the scene and taken to the Clare County Jail until the Clare County Prosecutor could review the incident and present charges.

Grigsby was arraigned Monday in 80th District Court by Magistrate Steven Worpell on the intent to murder charge. His bond was set at $100,000 cash.

He remains lodged in the Clare County Jail.



William Grigsby

# Fireworks, parades headline 4th events in area towns

*By Pat Maurer*
*Correspondent*

Following are some of the events planned around Clare County to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday coming up.

**Fire in the Sky in Clare this weekend**

This weekend Clare will be the first in the area to begin celebrating the Fourth of July holiday with their "Fire in the Sky" on Saturday.

This is an annual event, which began many years ago as the Summerfest Celebration and eventually became Clare's Music Festival. This year it be "Fire in the Sky" at the same location of course – Shamrock Park in Clare and with some of the same great events.

Everything will be happening Saturday, June 26th this year, with the traditional Teddy Bear Races sponsored by Maury Irwin, Jerry Witbeck's free hot dog picnic, and another patriotic special concert by the Gateway Community Band entitled "The Beat Goes On." All of this will lead up to a fantastic display of fireworks over Shamrock Lake when the sun goes down. The concert will be held outdoors with plenty of room to spread out.

The Teddy Bear Races will be the start of tomorrow evening's fun. They begin at 5 p.m. when little ones race to try and win a Teddy Bear. Witbeck's hot dog picnic starts right after the races at 6 p.m. and the concert is at 8 p.m., followed by the fireworks display at dusk.

Remember to save the date and start your holiday celebration just a bit early. June 26th; 5 p.m.; at Shamrock Park.!

**Farwell's Figure 8 Derby and fireworks July 2nd**

Farwell's annual Figure 8 Derby will be held July 2 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Farwell Fairgrounds. The Unique Motor Sport (UMS) event will be followed at dusk with a fireworks display. The fairgrounds are located at 221 South Webber Street in Farwell.

**Harrison's 4th of July celebration starts July 3rd**

Harrison's big Fourth of July Celebration is now just one week away.

On Saturday, July 3rd, the gates will open for the traditional Demolition Derby at the Harrison Fairgrounds and the event will begin at 7 p.m.

After the Derby you want to stick around for the fireworks at dusk.

On Sunday the 4th, you won't want to miss the 4th of July parade, which traditionally begins at the fairgrounds at 2 p.m. Lineup at 12:30 p.m. This year's parade theme is Summer Fun! Metals will be awarded to winning entries for most unique design; most patriotic; best use of theme; and most beautiful. Entries are still being sought. If you would like to participate in the parade, call the Harrison Chamber Office at 539-6011 for more information.

**8 Point Lake Road Parade**

Beginning at the clubhouse, and open only to members of the Eight Point Lake Property Owners Corporation, the annual Golf Cart Road Parade around the lake begins at 5:00 p.m. July 3rd.

The parade route for 2021 will be Garfield/Rock, to South Shore, to Clareola, to North Shore, to Partridge, to South Shore, to Garfield, and end at the Club House. Line up begins at 4:30 p.m. Winners will be announced upon return to the Clubhouse after the parade.

Prizes will be awarded to current Association members, relatives and guests. Best in Show wins $75; Funniest Cart 1st Prize $50; Funniest Cart 2nd Prize $25; Patriotic Cart 1st Prize $75; Patriotic Cart 2nd Prize $50; Non-Cart (vintage car, truck, street rod, tractor, etc.) 1st Prize $50. Call Patrick Keenan 989.588.1789 or Teri Rau 248.376.8266 for information.


















# Clare ratifies new contract with teachers

***By Pat Maurer***
***Correspondent***

The Clare Board of Education ratified a new three-collective bargaining agreement with district teachers – The Clare Educational Association and the Clare Pioneer Education Association at Monday evening's BOE meeting, that last for this school year.

The agreements includes steps and wage increases for each year of the contracts and improved contributions to insurance. There were also language changes, supplemental duties and adding a professional learning day to the calendar.

Both unions will get a step and 2.75 percent increase for 2021-22; a 2 percent increase and step increase for 2022-23; and for 2023-24 a step increase and a varying flat rate increase. The new contracts deleted some old snow day language and, Walter said, "We partnered to improve supplemental pay rates on a number of ancillary positions.

At the regular meeting Athletic Director Brian Beebe gave a recap of the year in sports. He said the 2020-21 CHS Senior Athlete of the Year for Girls was Bailey Taylor and for Boys the Senior Athlete of the Year was Jon Bouchey.

Following is his recap of the spring athletics:

The Baseball team coached by Dave Gould had an 18-10 overall record, was a District Finalist and placed 4th in the JPC.

Al Warner was named 1st Team All-Conference; players named 2nd Team All-Conference included Miles Haggart, Jon Bouchey, Carter Smedley and Dawson John; Taking All-Conference Honorable Mention were Kevin Tanner and Jake Punches; and the JPC Sportsmanship Award went to Carter Smedley.

Softball, coached by Jeff Albert, had an overall record of 14-20 and placed fifth in the JPC. The All-District Designated Player was Claylee Veitengruber; All-District Outfielder and 2nd Team All-Conference was Abby Mellish; All-Conference Honorable Mention was Jalyn Burhans and Kat Brandon; and the JPC Sportsmanship Award went to Paige Bailey.

In Girls' Track and Field, coached by Kyle McKown, the team earned their 7th consecutive JPC Title; were Regional Champs and MITCA D-3 Team State Champs.

1st Team All-Conference in Long Jump and Pole Vault was Tegan Russell; 1st Team All-Conference in 100 m & 300 M Hurdles was Lexi LaPoe; 1st Team All-Conference in the 100 M Dash was Holley Gilmore; 1st Team All-Conference in the 800 M Run was Katherine Haupt; 1st Team All-Conference in the 400 M Relay was the team of Savannah Woods, Teagan Russell, Kenna Barber, and Ava Long; 1st Team All-Conference in the 800 M Relay was Savannah Woods, Lexi LaPoe, Kenna Barber and Riley Schroeder. The JPC Sportsmanship Award went to Ava Harton.

Named All-Region was Lexi LaPoe, Ava Long, Claylee Veitengruber, Teagan Russell, Riley Schroeder, Holley Gilmore, Katherine Haupt, Ava Long and Abby Leigh. At State, Teagan Russell placed 7th in Pole Vault; Lexi LaPoe placed 5th in 100 Hurdles and Holley Gilmore took 7th in 100 Hurdles. Placing 6th in the 800 Relay was Savannah Woods, Lexi LaPoe, Kenna Barber and Riley Schroeder.

The Clare Boys' Track and Field Team claimed their 17th Consecutive JPC Title; was named Regional Champions in five of the past six years; won the MITCA D-3 Team State Championship - their 4th Straight Title. The team is coached by Adam Burhans.

Taking 1st Team All-Conference in the 800 M Relay and Finishing 2nd in the State were Deven Pawlowski, Ben Wood, Brody Yost, and Matt Harton. 1st Team All-Conference in the 1600 M Relay were Aidan Paisley, Ben Wood, Brody Yost and Matt Harton. 1st Team All-Conference in the 400 M Dash was Ben Wood and Finishing 4th in the State in Pole Vault was Aidan Paisley. All of the All-Conference winners were State Qualifies as well as Deven Pawlowski in the 100 M Dash and in the 300 M Hurdles.

Named All-Region were Aidan Paisley, Ethan Cook, Keagan Paisley, Jordan McPhall, Scott Rodenbo, Hayden Wood, Wyatt Allbee, Brody Yost, Bruer Staley, Ben Wood, Caden Dunn, Bradley White, Ted Bell, Kaleb Brewer, Deven Pawlowski and Matt Harton.

The Boys' Golf team, coached by Chris Fedewa, took 2nd place in the Conference and won the Irish Invitational. Named 1st Team All-Conference was Kaleb Ketchum. All-Conference Honorable Mention went to Randon Iserhoth, Keegan Chichilli and Jaden Ketchum. The JPC Sportsmanship Award went to Kaleb Ketchum.

Girls' Soccer, coached by James Bond, ended their season with a 9-7-2 overall record, was a District finalist and were named the Academic All-State Team.

All-Conference players included Caton Walter, Bailey Taylor and Lucy Nobis. All-Conference Honorable Mention went to Leah Palmer and Katie Witbeck. Named All-District were Caton Walter, Bailey Taylor, Lucy Nobis, Leah Palmer and Jessica Sierocki. Named All-Region was Caton Walter and Individual Academic All-State players included Caton Walter, Bailey Taylor, Annika Lowe, Abby Allen, Leah Palmer, Katie Witbeck, and Aleah Garver. The JPC Sportsmanship Award went to Annika Lowe.

Other business at the regular Clare BOE meeting included:

*Approval of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA);

*Approval to hire four new employees: Mandy Cahoon as Student Support Specialist; Michaela Kroll as Health/PE Teacher at CMS; Kirsten McCallum as First Grade Teacher at Clare Primary; and Kristi Volz as Special Education Teacher at Clare Primary.

*Approval of the Extended COVID-19 Monthly Learning Plan; and

*Approval of bills payable totaling $217,092.68.

# Marion Schools announce 2021-22 calendar

***By John Raffel***
***Correspondent***

MARION – Marion Schools superintendent Steve Brimmer has announced the school calendar for 2021-22.

Brimmer announced the staff's first day is Aug. 18. The students first day will be on Aug 24

There will be no school on Labor Day weekend Friday and Labor Day Monday, Brimmer said in his announcement. The dates are Sept. 3 and Sept. 6.

In October, the high school parent teacher conferences are set for Oct. 7 3:30-6:30 p.m. and Oct. 8, noon to 3:30 p.m. Fall count day is Oct. 6.

The elementary parent-teacher conferences will be 3:30-6:30 on Oct. 28 and noon to 3:30 on Oct. 29.

Brimmer also announced Thanksgiving vacation is Nov. 25-26. Exams and a halfday of school are set for Dec. 16-17.

The holiday break is scheduled for Dec. 20 through Dec. 31.

Spring count day is set for Feb. 9. High school parent teacher conferences in the spring are March 3 and 4 for high school and April 7 to 8 for elementary. Spring break is March 28 to April 1.

Exams in June for set for June 2 and June 3. It will be a half day each day.

# Clare County to replace jail roof

***By John Raffel***
***Correspondent***

HARRISON – The Clare County Board of Commissioners had a special meeting earlier this month and had discussion on the jail roof. Discussion proceeded on moving forward with all 3 sections to be repaired at approximately $132,500 before cost of materials goes up even further. It was discussed if the American Relief funds could or could not be used. It was noted American relief funds could be used to update the servers and software. It was also discussed having additional software programs that would be beneficial to the county at an additional $18,600.

On courthouse maintenance, there was discussion on need for a part time maintenance associate and HVAC issues. Maintenance and changing of filters were completed. It was voted to approve the bidding process for HVAC maintenance program.

It was voted to approve the Corona virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant Contract between the Clare County Prosecutor's Office and the MSP Project Number CESF-2021-012.

Prosecutor's request for another Assistant Prosecutor – added to the Department head wish list for American Relief Fund.

Clerk Lori Martin said the ARPA committee is meeting on June 23d to discuss what the first disbursement of $3 million dollars should be spent on and to see what department heads need to continue to work with COVID.

A special board meeting was set for June 24 to talk about what the committee came up with regarding ARPA and any other business that comes before the board.

# County presented with sesquicentennial




Lee Wixom (on right) representing the Clare County Historical Society presented Clare County Board of Commissioners Chair Jeff Haskell with the Historical Society of Michigan Milestone Sesquicentennial Plaque last week. The June 16 presentation was made 150 years and 90 days after March 16, 1871 – when the Michigan Legislature organized Clare County.

The Plaque will be hung in the Courthouse hallway.

On page 64 of the July/August, 2021 issue of Michigan History, a magazine publication of the Historical Society of Michigan, there is a one-page article by Clare County Historical Society member Marty Johnson commemorating Clare County's 150th year.

# Garage sales in Clare, Harrison this weekend

***By Pat Maurer***
***Correspondent***

Everyone loves hunting for bargains and summer is the time for it when the garage sales are in full swing around the area!

This year Clare's free City-Wide Yard sales, that began Thursday and will continue through the weekend will set off the Fire in the Sky event which is set for Saturday. A map of all the sales in the City is available on the Chamber of Commerce website.

This year for the very first time Harrison is joining the fun with their own "1st Annual Harrison City Wide Garage Sale" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 26th.

Harrison's event is also free for those planning a sale and a list of the addresses where the bargains can be found is available on the Harrison Chamber website.

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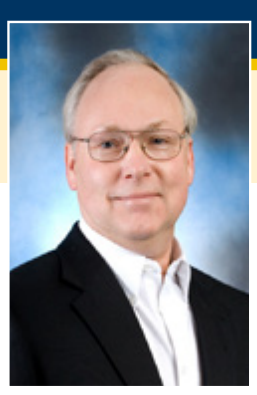
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We would like to thank Dr. Middleton for his many years of dedicated and outstanding service. His commitment to his patients and the health of the community is greatly appreciated. We wish him all the best in retirement!

According to Dr. Middleton, medicine has allowed him to give back in memorable ways. "I once did a joint replacement on my fourth grade teacher. The woman who helped shape my early education saw her efforts pay off," he said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at MidMichigan Health and will miss my practice, my colleagues and all of the wonderful patients that I've had the opportunity to help and get to know."

Upon his retirement, Dr. Middleton's patients can expect the same great care and personal attention they have come to know over the years. Orthopedic Surgeon James Ware, D.O., will be taking over the practice and will be welcoming new patients to the office located at 602 Beech Street, Suite 1230 in the MidMichigan Medical Offices - Clare building. Dr. Ware has been in practice for more than 22 years and has been performing surgeries at MidMichigan Medical Centers in Gratiot and Mt. Pleasant. Those interested in becoming a patient of Dr. Ware, may call **(989) 463-2333**.

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# Second Front Page

## Clare BOE approves uncertain budget for next year

*By Pat Maurer*
*Correspondent*

In a special Budget Hearing Monday evening, the Clare Board of Education outlined Revenues totaling $15,895.046 and Expenditures totaling $17,172,369 leaving $1,277,322 which will be covered by the District's fund balance. The balance was $5,032,668 at the end of the 2021 school year lowering the fund balance from 30.75 percent to 23.57 percent or $4,047,146.

In the Functional Summary, increases in basic programs (K-12 classrooms) have increased from $10,211,839 at the end of the current year to an estimated budget of $10,858,886 for the coming year.

Supporting Services also increases from $5,841,054 to the new proposed budget of $5,967,803.

The net change in the fund balance is a negative $985,522.

In Budget Assumptions revenues are projected to show an increase in taxes but a decrease in State Aid. Staff members, at 169 at the end of this year, are projected at 172 for the coming school year.

In his report to the BOE at the regular meeting, Superintendent Jim Walter II said, "The State's budget process remains up in the air at this point. We are hopeful for a budget agreement by July 4, although this is little more than an educated guess." He explained, "The Governor, Senate and House have all proposed increases in the foundation allowance, though the proposals to vary in the amount of increase. Only the Governor's plan addresses declining enrollment, an issue in almost every district in the state during the Covid era."

Walter added, "As previously mentioned to the Board, the new budget involves a great deal of unpredictability right now: foundation allowance is not agreed upon legislatively, enrollment post-Covid is estimated but unknown, we have added the Brookwood stadium lights, wage increases for settled contracts, a new school bus and currently ESSER funds (federal) are not included in the budget as the state has held those up."

He said, "We made conservative foundation allowance projections of $154 per student increase, and conservative enrollment estimates of 1,530 students (our current enrollment). Our budget shows nearly a $1 million shortfall, but it includes no federal Covid money at this time, as the state has not yet determined how to disperse that month. It is held up by the legislature and governor."

Walter said, "Our adopted budget estimates an ending fund balance of roughly 23 percent in June of 2022." He continued, 'I would emphasize that this year, above any other year in my tenure here, has more unknowns as we plan that affect the original budget. The real work will happen between July and our February amendment as we learn the foundation allowance for the year, our enrollments, and the dispensation of federal funds."

The current year budget and the estimated budget for the coming school year, were both approved by the board at the regular meeting following the Budget Hearing.

## Three interviewed for Clare City Treasurer position

*By Pat Maurer*
*Correspondent*

Three candidates have been interviewed for the position of City Treasurer/ Finance Director, City Manager Jeremy Howard report to the Clare City Commission at Monday's meeting. Howard said that four candidates had been invited to the interviews June 14 and `15, but one failed to respond.

The candidates interviewed so far included Fred Bush, Jr., of Clare, currently staff accountant for Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority; Justin Cavanaugh of Harrison, currently Banking Center Manager for TCF Bank; and Pebblesann Adsit of Farwell, currently Business Office Manager at Ashley Clare Center.

Second interviews have not yet been scheduled while the committee reviews each candidate. Howard said after that is complete, second interviews may be scheduled. The position continues to be open at this time, he added, and applications are still being accepted.

The time capsule, commemorating the City's 150th anniversary, will now have a home for the next 50 years with the approval of the Commission to place it on the Clare Union Railroad Depot property. The capsule, which will contain mementos of this era, will be opened when Clare reaches it's 200th anniversary.

Howard said he believes "the plan is it will be presented to the City Commission at their July 6th meeting." He continued, "I think the tentative plan is to fill the time capsule and have the official dedication of it at the Depot sometime this year, as part of the continued celebration of Clare's 150th."

The Commission took the first steps toward approval of a rezoning request and site plan application from the Clare Northern Group – North Ten LLC to construct two new 60,000 square foot spec buildings at the corner of Consumers Energy Parkway and Rebak Way next to the North Industrial Park.

The City staff had reviewed the rezoning request (from C-2 Commercial to Industrial May 6th and recommended that the Commission approve it since it did meet the rezoning criteria. The parcels are nearly contiguous to the North Industrial Park, as they are separated by strip of land. The property is also located on the same road where both side are zoned industrial and is buildable.

The North Industrial Park is nearly full with only one buildable lot remaining in the park.

An ordinance change is required to rezone the property.

The City Planning Commission met June 9th to consider the site plan application and the request for rezoning and voted to approve the zoning change and the site plan, recommending the Commissions' approval.

After a Public Hearing on the matter, the Commission held the first reading on the matter.

In other business Monday:

*The Commission approved a State Charitable Gaming License resolution for United Way of Clare County, so that the organization can hold fund raising events to support local non-profit organizations.

*The board approved final amendments for fiscal year 2020-21 budget. The corrections were called "housekeeping" type amendments that are required to be held at the June 21 meeting.

*Retiring Treasurer Steven Kingsbury presented his final report to the Commission.

*In his report to the board, Howard noted that MSU Extension completed an invasive species study at Stamina Stadium and McIreland Trail in 2020 and found no non-native invasive species.

*Howard also reported on the progress to upgrade the south side of the City Hall building. He said the brickwork that was covered has been uncovered and that blue inlays and metal have been removed by City crews. In place of the former window openings, which will hopefully be replaced with new windows eventually, wood has been installed he reported.

## Sixth Street bridge nearing completion



Clare County Drain Commissioner Carl Parks said Tuesday that the Clare Sixth Street bridge replacement, part of the Little Tobacco Drain renovation project, is nearing completion. "I was hoping by the end of the week, but probably not until next week sometime," he said.

He reported that work had to be redone due to the weekend storms on the 11th and 12th, but, "Back filling is done, and crews are getting ready to black top after removing damaged black top.

The old bridge was replaced with a new 26 ft box culvert

The cost is part of the little tobacco river drain project paid by the special assessment district. The Sixth Street bridge replacement started June 9th.

Photo by Bob Guiliani

## Osceola seeks new coordinator, road commission manager

*By John Raffel*
*Correspondent*

MARION – Osceola County Board of Commissioners member Tim Michell said the county is looking at hiring a new county coordinator and road commission manager.

County coordinator Sue VanderPol did not have her contract renewed by commissioners. Her contract expires Sept. 15 and her last day is Aug. 13 due to personal vacation time.

Luke Houlton has announced his intention to retire as road commission chair.

Michell said he is waiting for word from the building and grounds committee on its decision regarding the Hersey Elementary school as a Commission on Aging site.

"We'll be face to face at our next meeting for the first time in over a year," Michell said of the July 6 meeting.

Michell said he is on the Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency Board of Directors.

"They have a lot of COVID money left over from last year," Michell said. "They have a million dollars a month to disburse to people in the area for people in Osceola, Mecosta, Clare, Midland and Gladwin who need assistance in rent payment and utilities. They're not even giving half of it away so far. The program ends in September. People should be aware of that."










# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**JUNE 26**

**THE SWEAT SHAKER MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE** is returning to Mid Michigan College's Harrison Campus in 2021, and is scheduled for Saturday, June 26. The race is held on the Harrison Campus trail system, and features divisions for every ability level. The course is designed to include wooded and hilly sections, long and gentle climbs, several areas wide enough for passing, and areas of steep, rough terrain.
Sweat Shaker registration is available via BikeReg at www.bikereg.com/mids-sweat-shaker or the day of the event. Register now through June 24 for discounted pricing. Day of registrations for both races are accepted using cash or check only.
For more information about Mid's Sweat Shaker Mountain Bike Race, visit midmich.edu/sweatshaker, or contact Annette Sturdavant at asturdavant@midmich.edu or (989) 386-6651.

**JUNE 29**

**COMMUNITY OF HOPE FREE CLOTHING STORE** will be open only one more time June 29, 2021 before we go on vacation. The store will be closed all of July and reopen on august 3, 2021. Please do not leave any donations, of any kind, after June 29, 2021. There will be no one to take care of the donations and they could be ruined by the weather. We have always appreciated all donations but not at this time. You can start again on August 3, 2021. Any questions call Marian 1-989-544-2883 or Delynn 1-989-588-9701 Thank you!

**MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE** is partnering with Versiti Blood Centers on an upcoming blood drive.
10am-3pm Tuesday, June 29 on the Mt. Pleasant Campus
Blood Drive will take place in the Versiti Mobile Blood Drive Unit
Schedule your donation at https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/135323
For more information about the upcoming blood drives contact Annette Sturdavant at asturdavant@midmich.edu or (989) 386-6651.

**JULY 4**

**FORTY & EIGHT CANOE IN TEMPLE** MI is hosting an outdoor 4th of July party at 1pm with live music starting at 6pm. Food available.

**JULY 10**

**THE FEEDING AMERICA FOOD TRUCK** WILL BE AT THE MARION VFW HALL ON SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021, 520 E. MAIN STREET.
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**JULY 14**

**THE CLARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY** have their regular monthly meetings the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6:30 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 14th. This will be a remote meeting using ZOOM. You can attend either by VIDEO or by PHONE. If you would like to attend, email stephterpening@gmail.com. The Public is welcome to all of our meetings and events.

**AUGUST 7**

**THE MARION SCHOOL ALUMNI PROGRAM** for August 7th has been canceled. Due to the uncertainty of COVID 19 restrictions, we were not able to plan the event. It is our sincere hope to have the program in 2022 and honor the last three 50 year classes.

**ON GOING**

**LAKE GEORGE BOOSTERS CLUB** Euchre Night
The Lake George Boosters Club, 89 S. Bringold Ave., (north of Lake George) invites the public to play Euchre on Tuesday nights. Doors open at 6pm with cards starting at 7pm. The euchre night will be year around

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For more information, contact: Bob @ 989-539-5637

**COMMUNITY OF HOPE FREE CLOTHING STOP** is next to Living Hope Lutheran Church, 2855 Cadillac Drive, Farwell east of US 10 and M115 overpass. We are open every Tuesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm including, June 8, 2021, June 15, 2021, June 22, 2021 and June 29, 2021. Donations to this cause have been great so we have clothes for babies, children, men and women in all sizes. Besides clothes, we have curtains, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, table cloths, kitchen and bathroom towels etc, too many things to mention. We have adult diapers for men and women (2 packages per family). If you have need of some medical equipment such as walkers, hospital beds, shower chairs etc, just let us know and we wil try to locate them for you. WE WILL BE CLOSED THE WHOLE MONTH OF JULY. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY DONATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD SINCE THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. We will reopen on August 3, 2021. If you have any questions call Marian 1-989-544-2883 or DeLynn 1-989-588-9701. PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK. KEEP SMILING AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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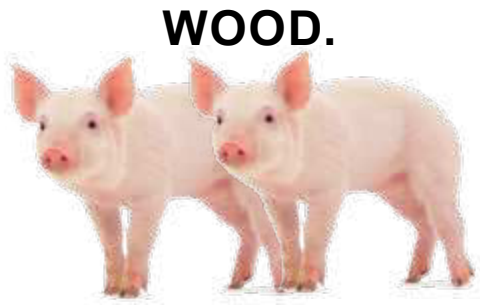
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**MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE** is partnering with Versiti Blood Centers on an upcoming blood drive.
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# Hearth of the Home celebrates 45th Anniversary

***By Pat Maurer***
***Correspondent***

Reinke's Hearth of the Home has been serving the community of Harrison and the surrounding area in mid-Michigan since Ned Reinke started the business by selling wood fireplaces out of his garage in 1976.

Always a family business, the Hearth of the Home Fireplace Shop soon outgrew that space and by 1977, Ned and Doris moved the business into Ulch's Snowmobile Showroom.

Before long the couple purchased the property that became the permanent site for the expanding business. Son Jim said, "The property they bought had a 100-year-old home built on the commercial property dating from the logging era." The Reinke's moved their business there and it has remained at that site, just off Old U.S. 27 behind Haskell's Tire Store ever since. Expansions of the store continued with the purchase of homes on the east and west sides of the store.

Over the years the business as continued to thrive – and grow. The store has been expanded from a 1,000 square foot showroom to 6,000 square feet and their storage area is now approximately 4,000 square feet.

Sons Jim and Mark had a minority partnership in the business with their parents until Ned and Doris retired in 1990, and the two brothers took over as second generation co-owners.

Back in the beginning, the business included commercial and residential construction, a trend that continued until it was eventually phased out in 1999.

Doris passed away in 2012 and Ned in 2019 but Jim and Mark are still around 45 years later carrying on the family business with same integrity and attention to detail as their parents did.

Family is still very involved and they are also celebrating their own milestone years. Sister Jean (Reinke) Hardy has been there for 35 years; Jim's son-in-law Michael Mier III has been with the business for 20 years. Long-time employee Jeff Eaton, who they all consider family, has been around for 30 years too.

Hearth of the Home's specialty is custom installations. "We do everything from carpentry to masonry, plus all of the mechanical work to install quality wood burners; fireplaces that use wood, gas and electric; wood pellet stoves and even wood furnaces," Jim said.

All of their work is handled by in-house staff and is guaranteed. In an earlier interview, Mark said, "The atmosphere here is fun and informative. We have a friendly, helpful staff."

Another plus is that they handle top brands including Vermont Castings, Jotul, Napoleon, Hearthstone, Lopi, Regency Mendota, Superior and Quadra Fire to name just a few.

In fact to celebrate their 45th anniversary they are offering 15 percent off their in-stock Hearthstore wood and gas stoves through July 31st!

Customers coming to the business will find that Reinke's Hearth of the Home is much more than just a Fireplace Shop. The showroom is reminiscent of a country cottage with working fireplaces and comfy chairs nearby where a customer can stop and sit for a while to enjoy the ambiance and warmth of a crackling fire surrounding by unique cottage décor, gifts, furniture and candles too.

On the west side of the showroom are some unique antiques including a 1947 beautifully restored candy-apple red Studebaker and three vintage Indian motorcycles ranging from 1937 to 1950 eras.

To see for yourself, stop in at the store at 234 East Pine Street directly behind Haskell's Tire. You won't be sorry. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You can also visit their website at www.hearthofthehome.com or give them a call at 989-539-3551. Be sure and wish them a happy anniversary!




*Shown here in front of one of the working fireplaces inside Reinke's cozy Hearth of the Home Fireplace Shop in Harrison are Mike Mier, Mark Reinke, Jean Hardy, Jim Reinke and Jeff Eaton.




Shown is the exterior of the expanded Hearth of the Home business in Harrison




Shown here are the vintage Studdebaker and one of the Indian motorcycles that are part of the décor of the business.


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# Viewpoints

## Mike's Musings

*Michael Wilcox, Publisher/Editor*

### Post Office needs to step up service

Last week was a particularly busy week for phone calls. One of my reporters, who was answering many of those calls, asked that I write about the post office, and its failings, in one of my columns. I readily agreed, as we spend dozens of manhours, weekly fielding phone calls from angry subscribers who are not getting their weekly newspaper at all, or many days late.

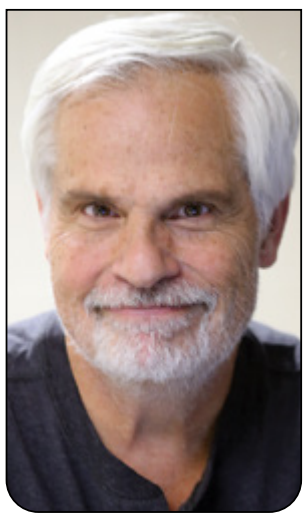
Let me be clear from the outset, this newspaper does all it can to get you your newspaper. We have purchased expensive software to assure timely delivery. We pay in advance and get it to the various post offices at the same time every week. What happens after that is anyone's guess.

We first noticed a substantial decline of timely service during the pandemic. Newspapers that took one day to get in the hands of our readers, were now taking two. Most of our readers understood that because it was the pandemic, and everyone was experiencing delays with deliveries.

But now that the pandemic has left, the slow deliveries have continued and in some areas are now worse. I do not blame our local post offices. I believe they are very efficient. Rather the problem appears to exist with the regional sorting centers, where mail and newspapers seem to pile up on a corner and are shipped out to the local post offices whenever the regional workers get around to it.

Obviously that's not good enough. We pay for expedient delivery. That could mean same day, next day or at worst, two days. I am here to tell you and I are not getting what we pay for, and unfortunately there is not a lot we can do about it.

The post office operates as a monopoly. With agency approval, they can raise rates at their pleasure. In fact we are in the midst of attempting to absorb another price increase, despite increasingly poor service. If the service were adequate, one would not care about the increase in rates, but when the service



is less than adequate, I've got a major problem.

Newspapers have long complained about the post office. Many bailed from the post office in favor of setting up their own delivery service. Other newspapers have blamed the post office as a major reason for them going out of business. But instead of getting better, it appears delivery problems have increased.

I pledge that we will do all we can to get your newspaper to you in a timely manner. We have plans to deliver to more local post offices, in an attempt avoid the regional sorting centers. We are calling all district post office managers to express our disappointment in their service. Our circulation departments take your complaints seriously and will step up efforts to get your newspaper to you.

As our customer, you are very important to us. Without you, there would be no newspaper. Actually many newspapers have been buried in the last few years. We will not let that happen to yours, whether the post office cooperates or not.

## Pat's Bits & Pieces

*Pat Maurer, Review Correspondent*

### June, and summer nights

Sunday was a milestone day. It was Father's Day, the first day of summer and it was the longest day of the year, the day with the most daylight hours of the whole year.

Now it's all downhill again until just before Christmas…

I'm not going to think about that right now. Summer is a great time of year.

The calendar said Sunday was the officially the first day of summer but we all know that summer in mid-Michigan really begins on Memorial Weekend.

Besides we have been having summer weather for nearly six weeks already. That has to be some kind of record for the area.

Up until this week, it certainly has been hot and humid enough to qualify as honest-to-goodness summer.

Terry got our air conditioner in just in time and we have been giving it a workout!

I say up until this week, because this morning it was 39 degrees when we got up and we had to turn the furnace on again.

Ahhh Michigan.

I'm not a huge fan of air conditioning. Most people set it so "inside" feels more like the top shelf of the fridge. Years ago when Terry and Jack put it in our old house (without my input) I finally agreed that we needed it, but we generally would only set it for ten degrees cooler than the outside air, so it is refreshing rather than "sweater weather" in the house.

Where we live now, we catch all kinds of breeze (in fact it is downright windy and has prompted us to plant some trees to try and tone that down a bit. So unless the temp outside is in the high 80s or 90s, we have been using "outside air conditioning" (opening lots of windows) whenever possible.

Plus, we spend seven or eight months of the year with the windows all closed and I like to have them open as much as possible for the other four or five.

Of course to keep it cool, we have to keep the curtains closed and the sunshine out, so I guess the air conditioning means at least I can see outside…

This is my favorite time of year and the best time of the day is the evening. Summer nights are really something special.

Some of the best things about summer are the hazy evenings when the sun lazily sets after 9:30 p.m. and the scent of flowers and fresh cut grass is everywhere.

You see couples strolling around town in the evening, youngsters riding bikes and skateboards, and plenty of cruising up and down our little road that dead ends at the lake.

The days are made for spinning on the tire swing in the sunshine and splashing in the lake or river.

The evenings are for sitting around bonfires after dark and roasting marshmallows over the coals of a dying fire.

There's something



exciting about a summer thunderstorm crashing through the sky after dark, and we have had a bit of that lately including that incredible fresh smell that comes right after the rain.

It is completely peaceful just sitting on the porch at twilight and listening to the frogs singing in the cattails.

Even driving home after an evening meeting is an adventure – seeing deer wandering everywhere, some with new fawns.

For kids, Summer means never ending days of play outside with friends, going to the lake or river and jumping in that shivery cold water on a blazing hot afternoon.

It's sitting on the riverbank with a fishing pole and waiting for that "big bite," and not even minding when it doesn't happen.

It's popsicles that melt almost before you can eat them, ice cream cones in the shade or eating big slices of watermelon and seeing who can spit the seeds the farthest.

It's long bike rides and picnics on a blanket in the yard.

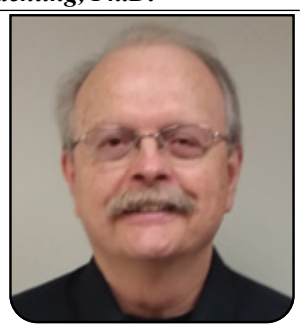
It's lying on your back after dark and counting the stars.

It's summertime. Don't you wish you could be a kid again?

## May I walk with you?

*By Daniel Fachting, Ph.D.*

### BLESSINGS



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Independence Day is upon us again and a time to count the many blessings we have for living in such a wonderful country. I know, I know. When we look around at the stuff the media is pushing it is awfully easy to notice the things that are not right with our country and its history. I contend that there is a lot more to like about our country that to hate. While some of us are racist, not all of us are. While white privilege gives some whites more opportunities, not all whites were blessed by it and while success depends on opportunity, it takes a lot of hard work and planning to be truly successful. Are there not a lot of minority Americans and women who are very successful?

While some Americans are racists, America, as a country, is not. Is it not racism when we believe that all white males are successful because of systemic racism, white privilege, and racism? I am not racist, and my success is not a product of being a white male. Our country is not the evil place and system that so many want to make us believe.

Let me give you an analogy. Suppose I am wearing a blue shirt and I bite into a hot dog, when a spot of mustard squirts out onto my blue shirt. When you look at me what will you notice? You will notice the mustard on the shirt. There may be hundreds of square inches of unstained good shirt, but we notice the spot with the mustard on it. I think the same thing happens when we look at our country and its history. Do we not notice the few bad parts, while overlooking the vast majority of good parts?

When I think of racism, I focus on the Civil War and the millions of men who died freeing the slaves. I also think of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950, and 60s that resulted in affirmative action, the Voting Rights Act, and the Civil Rights Act signed into law by a white Lyndon Johnson, and I think of The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Junior.

When I think of systemic racism and white privilege, I think of the millions of men of all races who fought in many wars in our country's history to keep us free, from the Revolutionary War to the Middle East Wars. I also think of a country where every adult can vote. I think of a country where in most places I can walk the street without fear. I can voice my opinion, go to a church of my choice, carry a gun for protection, choose my doctor, start a business, and work, and I can eat hot dogs.

I challenge you to look beyond the mustard on the shirt of America and notice the whole of what makes America a wonderful place to live. Is it any wonder that so many people from around the world are risking everything, just to live and work in America? I don't see any Americans leaving to live in other countries. If America is so awful, why do so many want to come here? God has blessed America.

"May the Lord bless and keep you. May he let his face shine upon you and give you his peace."

## Grant Twp. News You Can Use

*By Supervisor Dan Dysinger*

### How taxpayers got duped and a shortfall in road

Almost 2 years ago I warned that voters would get tapped for increased funding to support Clare County Transit. To get a handle on the subject we need to go back in time, 2019 to be exact. The Clare County Commission was fed a tale of poorhouse talk that Transit was in dire straits and needed new buses desperately. The County Commission swallowed the bait, hook, line and sinker, they were simply sleeping at the wheel. They approved a ballot millage request by the private nonprofit corporation without question. This was placed before voters in March 2020. There was only a 20% voter participation rate, that's always the plan. I told it before, 20% decided for the remaining 80% who failed to vote. The election shut out the blue birds, robins, snow birds and anyone else who left town. Let's look at how well this is going for the Transit System and see the fatty pork dripping from an empty bus tailpipe.

Here is the CCTC comparison data: In 2014 there were 117,300 total passengers, in 2018 there were 93,735 total passengers, in 2020 there were 50,965 total passengers. Ridership is declining a lot, but costs are increasing a lot. Sinister inflationary trends will add further to waste and inefficiency of Transit Systems.

In 2014 revenues from Federal sources was $191,107, in 2018 Federal sources was $284,657 and in 2020 Federal sources was $261, 022. State sources of support went from $688,530 in 2014 to $629,736 in 2018 and $558,051 in 2020. Let's look at what happened to local sources of revenue; in 2014 it was $320,295, in 2018 it increased to $500,763 and in 2020 it ballooned to $743,936. Fare revenue went from $321,939 in 2014 to $83,161 in 2020. Looking at the "performance" indicators, which measures efficiency or inefficiency.

In 2014 transit buses traveled 634,081 miles, the cost per passenger was $14.94 and $2.76 per mile. In 2018 transit buses traveled 530,070 miles, the cost per passenger was $16.31 and $2.88 per mile. In 2020 transit buses traveled 356,851 miles, the cost per passenger was $29.86 and $4.26 per mile. The highest regular fare is $3, seniors ride free. When it comes to government programs, I don't use the word free. Taxpayers pick up the tab. Taxpayer subsidies per rider is estimated at $26, per trip. By comparison the US Truckers Report pegs the cost to run a big rig over the road at $1.40 to $1.80 per mile. MDOT advocates that Transit should not worry about efficiency. Typical behavior from State Bureaucrats, authors of the manual on creating waste.

So now let's look at road funding and how it gets diverted from where it really belongs. There is a fund derived from Federal and State coffers funneled through the Michigan Transportation Fund. We'll call it the 7c fund. To receive this portion of funding the Clare County Road Commission needs to provide a match amount of about 20 percent. It is distributed by a planned project process and can only be used for certain eligible routes; these would be mainly primary roadways or what are sometimes referred to as Federal eligible roadways. However, Transit systems are also eligible to receive this funding, all, none or just some of it, with the same match requirement. It requires the approval of the committee members. What a convoluted process. By now everyone knows, there is a major project ongoing this summer to improve Surrey Road between Old 27 and Harrison Avenue. This includes the bridge replacement at 5 Lakes Creek. Please note; there is one mile of Surrey Road between Harrison Avenue and Coolidge Road that is not included due to lack of funds. That funding went to Clare County Transit Corporation. The local 7c Committee consisting of representatives from Transit, Clare County Road Commission and City of Harrison awarded Transit



$40,000 each year in 2019 and 2020. That $80,000 plus the match from CCRC would pay for the last mile of improvement. There should be some level of accountability here, I don't see it.

Transit Administration should be ashamed for continuing to ask for more funding diversion. I'll provide a comparison of need just because I have some numbers to support it. It is known that the average annual traffic counts for Surrey Road is 600,000 vehicles. Transit had 50,000 riders. You be the judge for wise use of taxpayer funding. Clearly the largest impact of taxpayer dollars utilization is on the roadway, not putting miles on an empty bus. We can expect this disparity to worsen and continue.

Maybe we should all gleam with happiness when we pass a empty Transit bus, and remember it wouldn't be possible without all the tax subsidy. We've all heard of "Pure Michigan", Transit Systems Statewide run on "Pure Pork". We also like to call it "trough cash" funding wasteful government.

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## Letters

### Gypsy moth spraying was effective

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the comment by Tim Michell (June 18th) about gypsy moth spraying: "the effectiveness of the spraying program is questionable."

I can personally testify that spraying the newly hatched caterpillars this year WAS effective. It was late May and the gypsy moths were hatching out in record numbers; these quarter inch worms that look fuzzy but feel prickly when they are climbing your bare leg were all over our woods and house. We noticed a crop duster covering our neighborhood in a grid pattern but thought we had been missed when it stopped. At 7 AM the next day the plane zoomed over our house and resumed its spraying pattern. The reduction in caterpillar numbers was dramatic: they went from uncountable to a few survivors. Interesting note: I saw a daddy-long-legs eating one! I had never seen one of these weird ball-body spiders eat before.

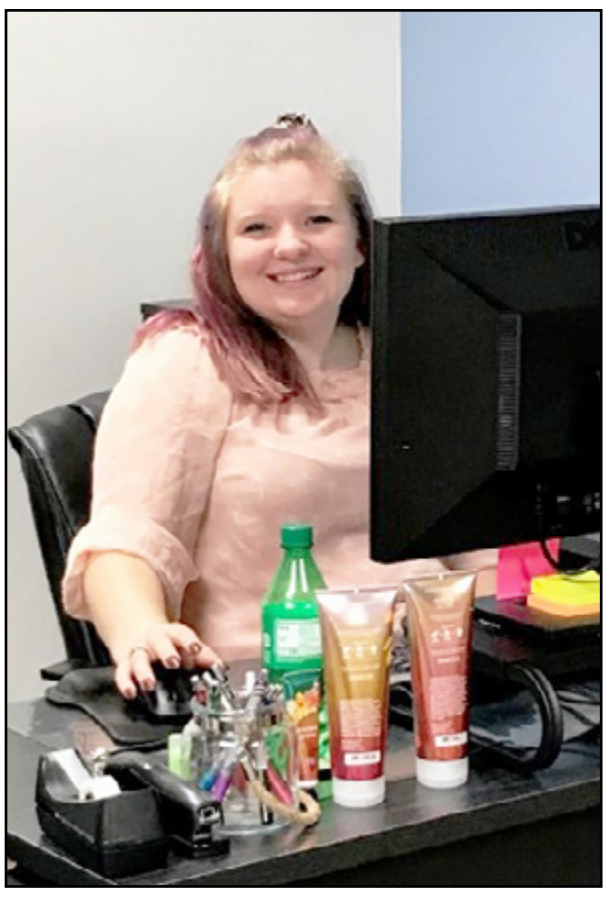
As for scraping the egg masses off and destroying them - well why not? It's a good excuse to walk in the woods between late fall and early spring. I scrape them into a paper bag and get a grim satisfaction from putting the bag on a (little, safe) campfire. My habit is apparently NOT effective in controlling the pests, judging from the infestation we were about to get. Though many egg masses are within easy reach on tree trunks and buildings I saw a horizontal branch 15 feet up that was painted with them. I draw the line at setting up a tall ladder in the woods. So it was only the spraying that saved our shade this year.

I have a gypsy moth question for the experts. Something woke me up at 5:00 this morning and I checked the outdoor temperature. The thermometer read 35 degrees! Very cold for June 22nd! Was that cold enough to kill off the gypsy moth larvae? Not that it would help as a general policy since we can't control the weather.

To conclude: please keep up the gypsy moth spraying program. It made a big difference on our property this year. And we are paying taxes for it.

*Sincerely, Lee Thomas*

# Overton-Bennett finds success with CTE internship



Mackahla Overton-Bennett participated in the Clare/Gladwin RESD Career & Technical Education (CTE) Program during her junior and senior year at Harrison High School. Mackahla chose the CTE's Criminal Justice program because she enjoys interacting with the public and helping people in need.

While participating in the CTE Work Based Learning, Mackahla was placed with Clare County Prosecutor Michelle Ambrozaitis. While with the Clare County Prosecutor's Office, Mackahla learned many new skills and gained valuable professional and personal experience. "I am thankful that I signed up to participate in the Clare/Gladwin RESD CTE program. The Work Based Learning program confirmed my decision to pursue a career in Criminal Justice," said Overton-Bennett.

Because of her success in the CTE program, Mackahla was offered employment following her graduation and started work on May 24, 2021 with the Clare County Prosecutor's Office as legal secretary. "I am grateful for the CTE program and to Prosecutor Ambrozaitis for giving me the opportunity to work in her office," said Overton-Bennett. "My office is a strong supporter of the CTE program. I am always impressed by the students who have come to our office through that program and Mackahla was no different. We are happy to have her on staff," said Prosecutor Ambrozaitis.

"Mackahla is an example of the wonderful opportunities that participation in the Clare-Gladwin RESD CTE program can provide. Our Work Based Learning Coordinator, Ed Hubel, and the CTE instructional staff work closely with both CTE students and local employers to match what the employers need to individual CTE student strengths. This process really gives students the opportunity to apply what they are learning in CTE to real-world employment experiences. We are so proud of Mackahla and all the hard work she has done to be ready for such an amazing opportunity right in here in her home town." Sandy Russell, CTE Director

Mackahla's future plans include attending Mid-Michigan College to attain a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

# Obituaries

## Wayne Donald Callison



Wayne Donald Callison was born on November 8, 1931 at home in Wise Township to the late Irvin and Althea Callison. He graduated from Coleman High School in 1950. Upon graduation from high school, he began full time farming with his dad on the family property. He received an outstanding young farmer award. Wayne was wed to Dorothy Anthony but the marriage ended in divorce. To this marriage were born four children, Linda, Carolyn, Dennis and Steve. On April 16, 1970, Wayne married Jolene Tomlin at the First Church of the Nazarene in Mt. Pleasant. This marriage brought him three more children, Tim, Ken and Ben. Wayne was a farmer and continued to work the combine and tractors until his late 80's. Wayne was the Township Clerk, then a member of the Board of Review for Wise Township for many years.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Jolene, his daughters, Linda Callison, Carolyn (Michael) Daniels, sons, Dennis (Cathy) Callison, Steven (Becky) Callison, Timothy (Donna) Callison, Kenneth (Jaque') Callison and Benjamin Callison, grandchildren, Jessica (Matt) Monczka, Erin Dupuis, Christine Daniels, Jon Daniels, Toni (Cordon) Johnson, Joshua (Melissa) Callison, Ashley Callison Amy Sims, Eric Callison, John Callison, Garrett Callison, Elizabeth (Isiah) Linscott, Josh Callison, Matthew Callison, Noah Callison, and Grace Callison, sister Grace Coulson, brother Floyd Callison, twenty great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Wayne was preceded in death by his brother Earl, sisters Ruth, Pauline and Berniece and grandson Jamie.

Wayne was a very hard working man who truly loved all of his family. A thank you to the hospital staff at Alma. They were so considerate.

Cremation has taken place. The family will receive friends at the O'Laughlin Funeral Home, Inc. on Monday June 14, from 6-8 pm. Please follow COVID-19 Protocol.

## Dennis K. Allen



Dennis K. Allen, age 81 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Horizon Senior Living Center of Clare. On May 19, 1940, Dennis was born one of two children to Delmer and Roma (La Voye) Allen at home on Clare County's Cornwell Ranch. He was a proud graduate of the Clare High School Class of 1959, and even more proud of the fact that he remained a lifetime resident of Clare. On June 22, 1968, Dennis was united in marriage to Donna J. Cook at the Harrison Assembly of God Church, and from there the couple enjoyed almost fifty-three years of marriage together. Dennis' work career began with Clare's Holley Carburetor plant, before he began working for Total Refinery in Alma—a career that lasted for twenty-five years. However, the eighteen years that Dennis and Donna owned and operated the Dover Evergreen Nursery was his most enjoyable and memorable time. Dennis was an avid fisherman, often enjoying trips to fish in Canada. He was an accomplished antique coin collector, enjoyed hunting and loved to go bowling.

Dennis is survived by his wife Donna Allen of Clare, his sister Marilyn Adams of Cincinnati, OH., and several in-laws, nieces, and nephews that will miss him greatly. He was preceded in death by his parents Delmer and Roma Allen.

A funeral service in honor of Dennis will take place on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Tony Reynolds officiating. Friends may visit with the Allen family on Tuesday from 10:00 A.M. to the time of service at 11:00 A.M. Burial will take place in Frost Township's Evergreen Cemetery. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared on the Allen family page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

# Restrictions lifted, Osceola COA in full swing

**By John Raffel**
**Correspondent**

MARION – The restrictions have been lifted across Michigan and various Osceola County departments such as the Commission on Aging are looking to be just as active as ever."The COA meal sites will open on July 6," Osceola County Commission on Aging director Justin Halladay said. "The planned daily hours for each are a little flexible right now as we are getting some new staff trained and hoping to hire some others. "Staff will contact all senior clients to advise. If any others would like to come or have any questions about hours, operations, etc please feel free to call our office at 231-734-5559. Drive though meals will still be available at those locations as well for now. All other services are operating at full capacity."

A major event for the Commission on Aging was considered a major success in mid June. "The fundraiser golf outing which was on June 16th was a good time and a great success," Halladay said of the event at Spring Valley Golf Course in Reed City. "Thank you to all who helped make this event possible."





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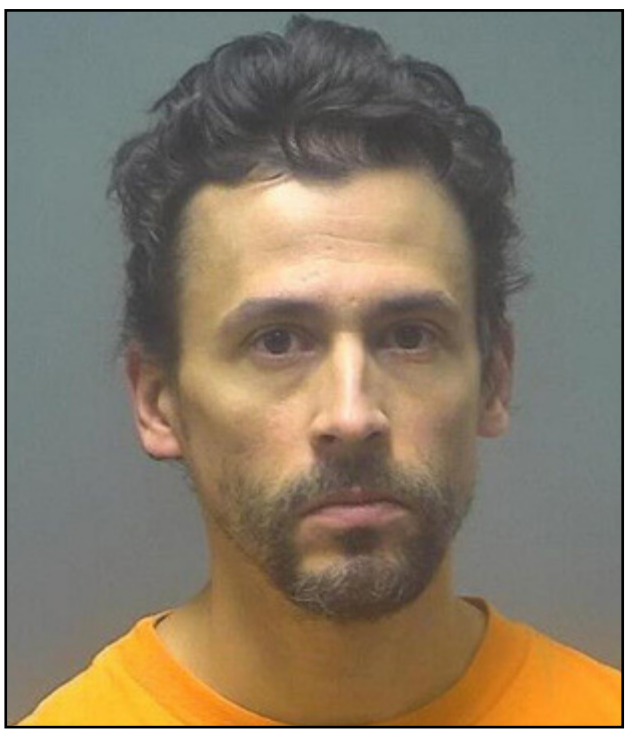






# McVeigh sentenced to 25-65 years for CSC

***By Pat Maurer***
***Correspondent***



Eric Steven McVeigh

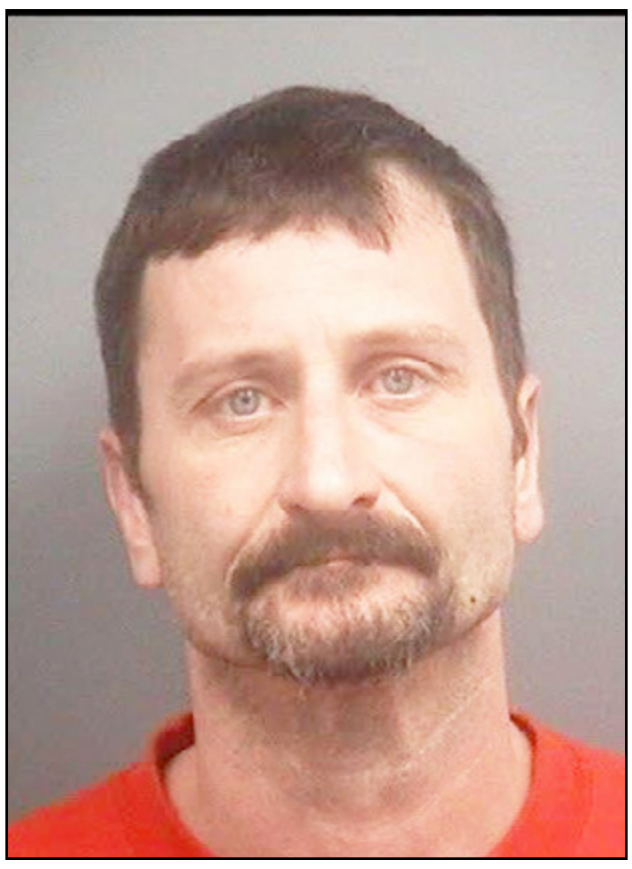
Eric Steven McVeigh, 40 of Mt. Pleasant, arrested last October for raping his partner's youngster in Union Township, was sentenced Wednesday morning in Isabella County Trail Court after he pled pled no contest to one count of first degree criminal sexual conduct with a relation as part of a plea deal in May.

McVeigh was originally charged with the rape of a boy under 13: two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a victim under 13 years old; two counts of second degree CSC with a victim under 13; and accosting a child for immoral purposes. All but the one count of first degree CSC was dismissed under the plea agreement.

He was arrested in his home in Mt. Pleasant after the Clare County Sheriff's Office turned over information about him that they had received. The CSC took place between 2016 and 2017. He was arrested last October.

The penalty for CSC in the first degree ranges from 18 years in prison to life. He was scheduled to be sentenced June 23rd.

# Attempted traffic stop leads to chase, arrest



Steven Bender

On 6-22-21 at approximately 5:30 p.m. Deputies attempted to traffic stop a burgundy colored Chevrolet Equinox in the area of Cherry / Hemlock in Garfield Township for previous knowledge of the current driver having a suspended license.

The driver refused to stop for Deputies and fled briefly until he abandoned his vehicle and then ran from the scene on foot.

Deputies located the driver in the area and he was apprehended without incident.

Update On 6-23-21 The Clare County Prosecutor's Office charged Steven Bender, age 49 of Lake, with the following charges: Police Officer – Flee and Elude 3rd Degree; Police Officer – Assaulting / Resisting / Obstructing; Operating While Intoxicated/ Impaired – 3rd Offense; Driving While License Suspended – 2nd; Malicious Destruction of Property u/$200; Transporting Open Intoxicants; and Operating Without Insurance.

He was arraigned in 80th District Court by Magistrate Steven Worpell and his bond was set at $100,000 10%. He remains lodged in the Clare County Jail.

# Cadillac man arrested for DUI, no license

***By Pat Maurer***
***Correspondent***

A driver from Cadillac was arrested near Temple in Redding Township Sunday evening when a trooper from the Mt. Pleasant Michigan State Police Post pulled him over for erratic driving on M-61 near Cook Avenue around 7 p.m..

The subsequent investigation by the trooper led to the arrest of the man for driving under the influence, 3rd offense and for driving on a revoked/suspended license.

He was lodged at the Clare County Jail pending an arraignment.


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# Raymond named to Albion's Dean's List

Student Austin Raymond was named to the Albion College Dean's List at the end of the spring 2021 semester.

Albion College's Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a 3.5 or better GPA while taking four graded courses.

Raymond is majoring in biology with a minor in biochemistry and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. Raymond is a resident of Clare.

# Emery named to Dean's List

Kelly Leanne Emery of Farwell has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year.

Emery, a senior majoring in environmental studies, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

**SURREY TOWNSHIP**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**& SPECIAL MEETING**

The Surrey Township Board will hold a Special Meeting and Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Surrey Township Hall, 110 E. Michigan, to amend the 2020/2021 Budget and review/approve the proposed Township Budget for 2021/2022.

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

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection at the clerk's office at 110 E. Michigan during regular business hours.

Glenna Bradbury, Surrey Township Clerk

**CITY OF CLARE COMMISSION**
**MEETING UNOFFICIAL**
**CONDENSED MINUTES JUNE 21, 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, Gus Murphy, Pat Humphrey and Nick Loomis. Absent: Maegan Jenkins.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was supported and approved.
Public Comment: None.
Motion to open a public hearing for Ordinance 2021-002 was supported and approved.
Public Comment: None.
Motion to close the public hearing was supported and approved.
Motion to approve a charitable gaming license was supported and approved.
Motion to approve the FY20/21 budget amendments was supported and approved.
The Treasurer's Report was received.
The City Manager's Report was received.
Extended Public Comment: None.
Commission Topics: blight & code enforcement.
Motion to adjourn at 6:53 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.

Diane Lyon
City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISMENT.**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clare County, starting promptly at 11am, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The foreclosure sale is pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by JIMMY R. TOTH and MARIANNA F. HANSON, a/k/a MARIANNA F. TOTH, Mortgagors, to The Provident Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 26, 2004, and recorded April 26, 2004, in Liber 906, Page 509, of Clare County Records, Michigan, which mortgage is now held by Main Street 75 LLC through mesne recorded assignments, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice $40,376.98, including interest at 3.25% per annum. Said premises are situated in Hayes Township, Clare County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 41 of Wildlife Park Subdivision, according to the plat on file of the office of the Register of Deeds for Clare County, Michigan; also, Lot No. 42 of the Plat of Wildlife Park Subdivision; c/k/a 3932 Starr Rd, Harrison, MI 48625. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. The redemption period further may be shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3238(10) if the property is not adequately maintained, or if the purchaser is denied the opportunity to inspect the property. Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: June 11, 2021 Randall T. LeVasseur P41712 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee Assignee 3233 Coolidge Hwy Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 236-1765

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In the matter of the name change of Daphne Dee Williams.
The name change is for an adult.
The name change is for the following reason: Gender Affirmation Surgery is in progress.
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I request the court to order the State Registrat to create a new live birth certificate that dose not disclose the name of Daphne Dee Williams at birth and to seal the original certificate.
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**CITY OF CLARE PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Clare Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 6:30 p.m. at Clare City Hall, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan, to receive public comment pertaining to a Site Plan application and Special Use Permit request by Vault MI, LLC., for a proposed recreational marihuana cultivation facility located at 545 Industrial Drive, within the city's South Industrial Park The Planning Commission will accept comments at the hearing or in writing if the written comments are received by the City Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. A copy of the site plan application is available for review by contacting the Clare City Clerk at dlyon@cityofclare.org or calling 989-424-4068.

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Diane Lyon
Clare City Clerk




# Section B

## R-C jets entertain dozens with "Thunder Over Clare"




***By Pat Maurer***
***Correspondent***

Remote Control Jets were back in Clare for a second fly-over at the Clare Municipal Airport June 18,19, and 20th. Approximately 18 mini-jets were in action over the airport for the event last weekend.

Airport Manager Gary Todd said he "is happy to have the R/C Jets come to provide aerial entertainment for Clare residents."

They are certainly fun to watch. Some of these aircraft can exceed 200mph and be able to go vertical with thrust to spare! Todd said, "When they are in the air it is hard to tell them from the real thing."

The free event was organized through the Central Michigan R/C Jets and Randy Gibson.

The event began June 18 (Thursday) in the afternoon and despite intermittent showers, were flying on Saturday (June 19) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and again on Sunday (June 20) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Observers braved the weather to come out to watch the Jet- A burning aircraft take over the skies over Runway 9/27 at the south end of the airport.

And if you missed the event last weekend, don't despair because the R/C Jets will be back for a return performance at the Clare Municipal Airport on July 24th and 25th for a "Fun Fly." The main activities for the event coming up in just four weeks will be on Saturday (July 24th) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Sunday (July 25th) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Observers are urged to bring their lawn chairs and come out to watch the Jet-A burning aircraft take over the skies at the south end of the airport. Some of these aircraft will exceed 200mph and be able to go vertical with thrust to spare!

The airport is located one mile east of Clare at the intersection of Eberhart and Washington Roads. The entrance is just north of that intersection and the address is 10725 S Eberhart Avenue. Parking will be off of Washington Rd 1/4 mile east of Eberhart. Follow the signs.

The Central Michigan R/C Jets Club is a part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), the world's largest model aviation association with 200,000 members. Their purpose is to promote the development of model aviation as a recognized sport and worthwhile recreation activity.

According to their website, "The AMA sanctions more than 2,000 model competitions throughout the country each year, and certifies official model flying records on a national and international level.

They are the organizer of the annual National Aeromodeling Championships, the world's largest model airplane competition."

For more information about the AMA, call 989-802-2005







Beautiful summer weather dotted with a few fluffy clouds made for some nice pictures of these highspeed birds in action

*Pictures by Steve Landon*



A little smoke added unique twist to this flight

*Pictures by Steve Landon*



A veteran pilot keeps an eagle eye on his aircraft as it soars overhead

*Pictures by Steve Landon*




A flight crew swings into action making preflight preparations

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# Solar panels improve Harrison and save money

***By Pat Maurer***
***Correspondent***

Solar panels at five locations around Harrison could save the City up to $200,000 annually over next ten years.

Harrison City Manager Tracey Connelly-Beadle said, "The City of Harrison is excited to use solar energy to significantly reduce our monthly energy bills, allowing monies to be redirected into projects like recreation, parks, public works, infrastructure, first responders, all things that work towards the City of Harrison's goal of improving the quality of life and to support community development for the Harrison community. All the while being healthy for the environment, decreasing consumption of fossil fuel-powered electricity and offsetting its carbon emissions."

She said, "We started researching solar [power] in the fall of 2019, and began working with Powerhome Solar in the summer of 2020."

"The installation began this spring at the Fire Department," She continued. "The City financed the installation of the project for $1,161,890.

"The return on our investment is critical and at the current electric rates we estimate we will be saving $132,000 in electric, but as rates increase, it is estimated that we will be saving $200,000 annually. With these savings we believe the solar [project] will pay for itself within nine to ten years."

Solar panels are placed at the City Water Tower; the Fire Department; the City Hall and Department of Public works where both ground and roof panels are installed; the main lift station for the Waste Water Treatment Plant on Mostetler Road and at four Waste Water Treatment Plant locations on East Lily Lake Road.

Connley said, "The WWTP locations are not complete at this time but will be in the near future."

Photos courtesy of Tracey Connley


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# New flag disposal box installed in Clare County

In partnership with the National Association of Counties and the National Flag Foundation, Clare County has installed a flag retirement box, at no cost to the county, in the lobby of the Clare County Building, 225 W Main St in Harrison. Flags should be folded respectfully before being placed in the box. The United States Flag Code prescribes flag etiquette — everything from flying it near other flags to instructions on how to raise and lower it.

"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning," says the code.

Members of the Harrison VFW Post will be responsible for the proper disposal of the worn flags. "This centrally-located drop-off provides convenience while respecting our national symbol," said Karl Hauser, Director of Clare County Veterans Services. "The county is unified in helping enable our citizens to respect our great nation while disposing of old or worn out flags."

# Osceola COVID cases drop dramatically

***By John Raffel***
***Correspondent***

MARION – COVID-19 total case numbers in Osceola County continue to drop dramatically.

It was also on Tuesday the state lifted COVID restrictions on indoor gatherings.

The numbers entering this week were 1.962 cases and 31 deaths in Osceola County.

The previous weeks, the numbers were: 1,958 cases and 31 deaths; 1,954 cases and 31 death; 1,951 cases and 30 deaths; 1,940 cases and 29 deaths; 1,920 cases and 28 deaths; 1,870 cases and 28 deaths; 1,826 cases and 27 deaths; 1,765 and 26 deaths; 1,673 and 25 deaths; 1,566 and 24 deaths; 1,445 with 24 deaths; 1,310 with 24 deaths; 1,208 with 23 deaths; 1,131 with 23 deaths; 1,090 with 23 deaths; 1,059 with 23 deaths; 1,048 with 23 deaths; 1,033 cases and 22 deaths; 1,020 cases with 22 deaths; 1,000 with 22 deaths; 981 cases with 22 deaths; 958 with 20 deaths; 920 with 20 deaths; 827 cases and 17 deaths; preceded by 797 cases and 16 deaths and 737 cases and 14 deaths.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Osceola County entering the previous week, according to state health officials, was at 667 for an increase of 87. Deaths rose by one to 11.

Weekly total cases before were at 580 and 463, the total was at 380 and 305 the previous two weeks and the week before that it was at 232.

The previous week, it was 182, up 51 from the previous week's 131 total.

It was at 112 the previous week and 103 the week before that and at 99 the week before.

The case number is 997,000 in Michigan with 20,900 deaths. In Wayne County, it's 166,000 cases and 5,150 deaths, in Oakland County 119,000 cases and 2,434 deaths; in Macomb County 101,000 cases and 2,489 deaths and in Kent County 73,231 cases and 854 deaths.

Locally, it's 3,212 cases and 36 deaths in Mecosta County, 1,512 cases and 27 deaths in Missaukee County and 2,474 cases and 83 deaths in Clare County.

Health department officials recorded the first COVID-19 death earlier last fall in Osceola County.

The upward trend, which has extended since late May 2020, has slowed significantly.

# Busy month ahead for Missaukee conservation

***By John Raffel***
***Correspondent***

The Missaukee Conservation District is offering several activities within the next few weeks.

On June 25, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the district will emphasize its nature trail and nature journaling basics. "Are you interested in building a deeper connection with nature?" the district newsletter said. "Want to improve your observation, curiosity, and artistic ability? Learn how to keep a nature journal as a tool to improve your mindfulness, curiosity, and observation. We will cover useful techniques to use when journaling and then go out on the trail to practice. Supplies will be provided, just bring an open mind." Then on July 2, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. the district has backpacking essentials as its theme. "Are you interested in backpacking but intimidated by all of the gear and planning?" the district newsletter said. "Come learn about the essentials of backpacking and prepare yourself for the trail. We will go over the essential gear you should always carry, how to plan a backpacking trip and what you should do in the case of an emergency."

The recycling center will be closed on July 3.

On the Trail: Leave No Trace is the theme 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on July 16. "Are you worried about the impacts recreation has on our natural areas?" the district says in its newsletter. "Interested in keeping our wild lands beautiful for future generations? Come learn about leave no trace. Learn about the seven principles of Leave No Trace and how to #RecreateResponsibly. This workshop will be interactive and educational, and will help you to become a better environmental steward." A Water School Day Camp is set for July 19-22 It's suited for children 8 years of age through 12. Limit of 15 campers with pre-registration required. Contact Andrea Mayer at 231.839.7193; or andrea.mayer@macd.org.Then on July 23, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the district will emphasize Michigan Edible plants and forage."Interested in hunting for mushrooms, herbs, and other plants in the forests of Michigan," the district asks in its newsletter. "Want to mix things up in the kitchen with delicious, nutritious wild foods? Come learn about the wild foods available in Michigan and how you can get started foraging.

"Discover the many delicious wild plants and fungi available for foraging in Michigan, how to get started with hunting and identification, and in which seasons to look. This is an educational workshop covering useful plants and their characteristics. We will not be gathering plants on the trail."

# Missaukee library plans August fishing school

***By John Raffel***
***Correspondent***

A special event will set for August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10 a.m to 11 a.m Ardis Missaukee District Library It's a fishing school for families with children 8 years of age and above. Participants can learn how to fish with hands on instruction. Fishing license is required for 16-plus years of age.

A Missaukee Conservation District board meeting is set for 9 a.m. on Aug. 17 in the Missaukee Conservation District Community RoomBoard Meeting Open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Through August 25, the Missaukee County Recycling Center will have marine shrink wrap recycling. Participants can purchase bags that can hold a 26-foot boat wrap or up to 600 square feet for $10. You can purchase bags at Missaukee County Recycling Center Drop off individual bags at Missaukee County Recycling Center by August 25. Bags will be picked up by Dr. Shrink, Manistee, to be recycled. Learn more about recycling marine wrap at https://youtube/s71gbGkfnEk.

There will also be programs for the Ardis Missaukee District Library and McBain Library Summer Reading Programs and at the Cadillac Farmer's Market. Suggestions and comments are welcomed. Please call the office at 231.839.7193 to talk to Sherry Blaszak or email her at sherry.blaszak@macd.org.

For more information on these activities and more, visit www.missaukeecd.org or visit our Facebook page.

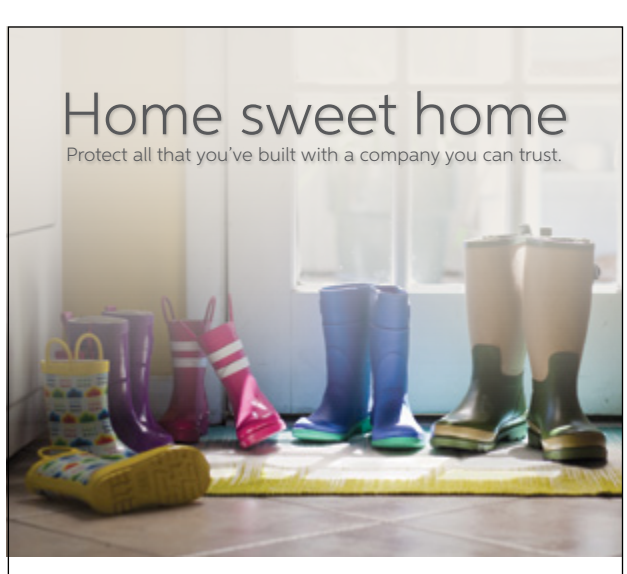






















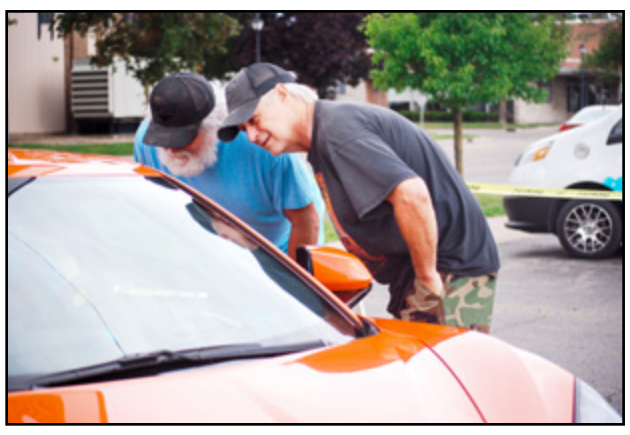


# Clare car show features Corvettes

Photos by Steve Landon



The interior of this Vette made it seem like yesterday was here once more



These two fine gentlemen checked out this sweet looking 2020 Vette



Car lovers could not resist examining this old girl from end to end inside and out.



The threat of rain may have kept attendance but it didn't keep some of the nicest Vettes around from showing up.



The awesome power plant of this sleek beauty lies in the rear

# Russell receives MARSP scholarship



The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) Clare County Chapter donates one $400 scholarship on a yearly rotating basis to a graduating high school senior from Clare, Harrison, or Farwell. A $100 donation is also given to Mid-Michigan College for their scholarship fund yearly.

The 2021 school year's recipient of the $400 scholarship went to Harrison Community School's graduating senior Jayce Russell. He is the son of Sam and Kate Russell. Jayce was senior captain of the Harrison baseball team and enjoys fishing and kayaking with his family He is an accomplished musician of piano and guitar. Jayce plans to use the scholarship monies to help pay for classes at Mid-Michigan College as he begins his pursuit of a career as an educator.

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# Cooking & Recipes

*Carol Cope*

## What's Cooking?

The weather man can not decide to have rain or have sunshine, again this is Michigan and we never know !!!!!!!..We do need a nice steady rain as it is very dry and the farmers are praying for some water.....

I have some super recipes for you all today and I would really appreciate some of your great summer recipes to place in this column...you can send them to me at caroljeancope@gmail.com or 2592 Hillcrest Dr., Ionia, 48846.....Now for some from our family cookbook.....

**JEAN'S CHICKEN DINNER CASSEROLE**

This is a great recipe for those times when people drop in and then stay for dinner...It is no fuss and all will enjoy.....

4 Whole chicken breasts, skinned, split and with bone in or bone out.....
6 ounces Jarlsberg, Amish, or jack cheese, sliced
1 medium zucchini, thinly sliced
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup dry wite wine
salt and pepper to taste, (optional)
garlic powder (optional)
1 eight (8) ounce package (2 cups)
Pepperidge Farm herbed stuffing mix (not the cubes)
3 Tbsp. melted butter

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter a shallow 9 x 13 baking dish. Arrange chicken breasts in a dish. Top with cheese slices, then top with zucchini slices.

Combine soup and wine, then pour over zucchini. If you would like, you may sprinkle lightly with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Top with a stuffing mix, then drizzle with melted butter.

Bake, uncovered, for 35 minutes for boned chicken and up to 50 minutes for bone-in chicken. Chicken should be cooked through and the casserole should be bubbling.

**As a substitute for zucchini, you may use 1 to 1 1/2 cups of small florets of broccoli cooked barely tender....

***This is really super good and will be very good with any meal.***

Will make approximately 6 to 8 servings and is super for when people drop in and stay for dinner.....Super Yuuummmyy!!!!!!!!!



**SCALLOPED ONIONS**

6 large onions, sliced
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 cups milk
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (6 ounces)
6 slices day old French bread
butter, softened
Paprika

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a shallow 1 1/2 to 2 quart baking dish....

Place sliced onions in a large skillet with a cup or so of water, plus salt to taste. Tightly cover. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until just tender, about 10 to 12 minutes. Now drain well.

Melt butter in a ,medium-size saucepan. With a whisk, blend in flour, salt and pepper. Cook one (1) minute, stirring constantly. Whisk in milk and Worcestershire sauce. Continuing to stir, simmer until sauce thickens and bubbles. Stir in cheese until melted. Remove from heat.

Generously butter both sides of bread slices, then cut into large cubes.

Combine well drained onions and cheese sauce and place in a buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with Paprika for color. Arrange bread cubes around edge of casserole. Place in oven and bake for 30 minutes or until bread cubes are golden.

*****This is delicious with any meal.....even those who do not like onions will like this.....

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***You can eliminate all other recipes for these as these are the best!!!

2 cups Bisquick
1 egg
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 1/3 cups club soda (1 10 ounce bottle)

Preheat waffle iron (no oiling will be necessary if iron is seasoned)

Combine ingredients with a wire whisk. Pour as needed on to the hot iron, and bake until golden brown. Serve with your favorite toppings, like good Maple syrup or brown sugar for breakfast, then for supper you can add creamed chip beef.....Yuuuummmmmyyy!!!!!!

Until next week, please take a walk and say hello to your neighbors.....Maybe they will come out and walk with you....

God Bless, Carol Jean


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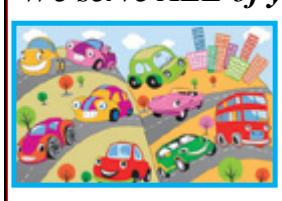
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