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## BUCK TALES



(Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

### Woolly Bear's Winter Wisdom

Welcome to FALL! A Farmer's Almanac-favored portender of winter's severity is the humble woolly bear caterpillar, with the proportion of brown to black telling the tale. The caterpillar has 13 segments, and when more than five of them are brown it is said to indicate a milder winter – the more black, the more severe the winter. What is certain, is that this caterpillar will transform into the Isabella Tiger Moth, sporting softly beautiful orange wings with black spots.

## COMING EVENTS

**Harrison Lioness All Male OMG Pageant** at the Harrison Lions Club from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Cost is \$5. See ad on page 5.

**Old Fashion Day at the Clare County Historical Society** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at the museum complex at the corner of Dover Road and Eberhart Avenue. Living history demonstrations, live animals, food, tours, blacksmiths, kids' activities and more.

**Clare County CROP Walk** will be Sunday, Sept. 29. The walk hopes to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce or eliminate hunger. A portion of the funds raised here in Clare County will go to local food pantries. For more information, call Carol Stuhr at 989-539-7910 or email castuhr@tm.net.

**The Harrison Area Genealogical Society** has changed their meetings times to include research assistance to members and the general public. Meetings will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and March 4.

**Fall Rummage Sale at the First Congregational Church**, Harrison. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

## Contentious Financial Choices Finalized In 5-to-2 Vote BOC Passes Budget by Slim Margin



Commissioners Dale Majewski, left, Samantha Pitchford and Jack Kleinhardt are pictured during the Sept. 18 meeting of Clare County Board of Commissioners, shortly before Majewski and Pitchford were the only dissenting votes cast against adoption of the Clare County General Appropriations Act for 2020. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

By Dianne Alward-Biery  
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – Five-to-three was the 2020 Budget vote cast by the Clare County Board of Commissioners at its Sept. 18 meeting. The motion was presented by David Hoefling (R-District 6) and seconded by Jeff Haskell (R-District 7). Dissenting votes were cast by vice chairperson Dale Majewski (D-District 1) and Samantha Pitchford (R-District 2). Administrator Tracy Byard has repeatedly defined the county's budget as a snapshot of what will be spent by the county "if" all the projected revenues come in, and "if" all the expenses match what is projected. Obviously, those are fluid elements and the board must be a bit fluid in its handling of that ebb and flow.

At this moment in time, the bud-

get of projected revenues and projected expenses were equally balanced at \$38,823,906 in/out, a General Fund Budget of \$13,206,598. Administrator Byard said that left an \$800,000 General Fund balance, with \$100,000 in Contingency. That balance, however, most likely will be affected by more mandated expenditures to the county Probate Fund and Child Fund – some \$77,000 of which were approved by the commissioners in that same meeting. And so, the water treading has already begun.

The BOC has been wrestling with its budget woes for a long time, in what would seem an ever-lengthening spiral: failing to anticipate shortfalls and growing its deficit spending. With declining revenues and increasing expenses, and a legal requirement to balance its budget

annually, the county has found itself having to delve into its General Fund to make up the difference. This has resulted in an ever-diminishing fund balance – diminishing to the point that the state already had notified the county that it needed to increase that balance.

At a previous BOC meeting, Majewski pointed out that the board's failure to adhere strictly to its own policies had resulted in a roughly \$250,000 shortfall in meeting the county's 2019 expenses, and another \$250,000 difference between its projected revenues and expenses in the 2020 budget. Much financial shifting, slicing and dicing – and some hitching hopes to anticipated grant monies – has the current budget balanced. Unfortunately, some of that financial juggling has meant dipping deeper down into the county's

General Fund pocket, leaving a balance even lower than the 2019 balance that spurred a recent warning from the Michigan Department of Treasury. It was reported in the previous week's Budget Appeals meeting that the state sent Clare County a letter stating the county's fund balance is dangerously low, and that the state would "come in and take over" if the BOC doesn't bring that balance up.

In the face of that, the BOC boldly moved to reinstate Middle Michigan Development Corp., contingent on MMDC receiving a grant which would defray the county's MMDC cost, with MMDC to move any funding overage into the county's coffers to fund technology costs.

Of course, it doesn't help that the

See **BUDGET** on page 9

## ALEX HAUPT SENTENCED ON 2 CONVICTIONS

Prosecuting Attorney release

Alexander Haupt was sentenced Sept. 19 by Judge Thomas Evans on his convictions for Interfering with Electronic Communications and Domestic Violence. He was sentenced to serve 11 months for the interfering with electronic communications and 93 days for the domestic violence, with credit for 49 days served to date. He was also ordered to pay \$1,808 in assorted fines, costs, and fees.

His sentence on the nine other felony convictions are scheduled for Sept. 30.

UPDATE:

On Tuesday, Aug. 28, Alexander Haupt, of Clare, pleaded no contest as charged to Interfering with Electronic Communications (a felony punishable by up to 2-years in prison) and Domestic Violence (a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93-days in jail). The plea was a result of an investigation conducted by the Clare County Sheriff Department in 2017, wherein the defendant assaulted his then-girlfriend and threw her cell phone out her bedroom window to prevent her from calling the police for help. He will be sentenced on this matter on September 23, 2019.

He was previously convicted by a jury earlier in August for stalking this same victim. He was sentenced in that case on Aug. 28, as well by Judge Joshua Farrell to serve the maximum sentence of 1 year in jail with credit for 34 days served and associated fines and costs.

He was also previously convicted by a jury in late July of Child Sexually Abusive Material – Manufacture, Use a Computer to Commit a Crime, Child Sexually Abusive Material – Distribute (2 counts), Use a Computer to Commit a Crime (2 counts), Child Sexually Abusive Material – Possession, Use a Computer to Commit a Crime, and Obstruction of Justice. He will be sentenced on that case Sept. 30.



Haupt

## Doc & Rod Shine on Surrey House Front Porch

Doc & Rod shine in the early evening with smooth vocals and musical precision on the Surrey House front porch as they perform in concert Tuesday, Sept. 17. This was the final show in the 2019 series of free grant-funded summer Front Porch Concerts hosted by the Harrison District Library. Brian "Doc" Spicer and Rod Loomis are well-known for their work with fellow musicians Ed Kerns and Chris Janowski as The Reliks, and this Front Porch performance did not disappoint. The two brought their great experience and expertise on vocals and guitar, all while engaging the audience. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)



## Big Friday Night Under the Lights Planned for Harrison

Friday, Sept. 27 will be a big night for Harrison Community Schools. Not only will Harrison play at home against Beaverton, but there are multiple activities during halftime and before and after the game.

Go, Fight, Win

Harrison Athletic Boosters will host a military appreciation event before kickoff. Admission is free for veterans and all veterans will be honored.

Mid Michigan College will host a tailgate event before the game and a scholarship contest at halftime. College representatives will be at the fields starting at 6 p.m. with giveaways and free refreshments supplied by SpartanNash.



During the game, two students from each participating high school will compete in a fun, interactive scholarship giveaway contest. Each team of two will stand 15 yards apart with one student throwing 10 Mid Michigan College footballs and the other attempting to catch them in a basket. Both members of the winning team will receive a \$500 scholarship to Mid Michigan College. The remaining two participants will each receive a \$100 gift card to the Mid Michigan College Bookstore.

Maverick Ford of Gladwin will donate \$20 to Harrison Community Schools for every (adult) test drive of a Ford vehicle. They will be at the Larson Elementary School field from 4-8 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY LIFE

By Dianne Alward-Biery  
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – Those not in attendance at the Sept. 18 Redding Township Board meeting missed a rarely seen moment of resolve: the seemingly abrupt yet organized resignation of two of the board's five members. In one swift movement, the township lost the two representatives who had been working diligently for months to restore order to the township's financial books and legal practices which had been in disarray for years.

Unfortunately, those two officers' efforts to bring the township into compliance had been met with ongoing resistance via the board's lack of governmental knowledge and the seeming misperception that a tight grip on the township's purse strings would solve its issues. There also had been ongoing conflict

## Redding Clerk, Treasurer Make Dramatic Departure ... and Then There Were 3



Chris Martin, left, and Trisha Martin as read aloud their departing comments to the Redding Township Board Wednesday, Sept. 18. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

which she said was illustrated by the supervisor's "thumbs-up" when the deputy treasurer resigned at the previous month's meeting.

Clerk Martin then listed her accomplishments since taking office April 4 of this year, to include: Implementing State of Michigan Unemployment Reporting; implementing a record keeping system that keeps invoices attached to vouchers; implementing state accounting procedures for payroll/personnel files, along with use of proper reporting forms; instituting General Ledger Best Practices using EFT [Electronic

Funds Transfers] and ACH [Automated Clearing House] payments policy.

Actions also included gathering vendor information, i.e., W-9 forms, vendor proof of insurance, and implementing other policies regarding the tax drawer/petty cash and bills paid prior. Martin said the majority of election master cards had been printed, but due to lack of election supplies, the voter ID cards had not. However, materials had been ordered and supplied and could now be printed.

Regarding a worker's compensation audit, Martin said there may be additional costs stemming from the township's not properly reporting employees and vendors to Workers Compensation.

She also addressed separate salary See REDDING on page 10

**Redding Township Supervisor Bruce Scarbrough listens, his foot tapping, as Chris Martin delivers his resignation as township treasurer.**

### Thank you...

Where do we begin...first I want to thank John Wilson for helping our family through this difficult time and his compassion to help this community through a tragedy. Thank you to the Animal Shelter for caring for the children's dogs. Thank you to Kim Switzer-Mott for helping Nicole's family and cheer family get through tears and sleepless nights. Thank you, Angelica Erskine, for being one of Nicole's best friends and helping with Nicole's children. Thank you to all the football teams and sports organizations for putting a fundraiser together. Thank you to Bob's Party Store, Scooters Bar, and the Budd Lake Bar. Thank you to Peggy Davis for making stickers and Jessie Ann for doing a shirt sales drive. A big thank you to Janice Haskin. I know that Nicole loved each and every one of you. Please keep her smile in your hearts.

Love,  
Nicole's Mom and Family

within the township offices generated by the supervisor's interactions with the clerk and treasurer. And so, when the board's agenda items had been addressed, Clerk Trisha Martin read her report, which also was her resignation statement.

"In taking the position of Redding Township Clerk, I found the following items were not available to me to assist me in learning and performing my duties as Redding Township Clerk," she said.

Category by category, Martin elaborated on the multitude of unlocated or not-available job-necessary manuals:

Elections: Qualified Voter File; Michigan Bureau of Elections; State of Michigan Test Procedure Manual for Tabulator and Voter Assist Terminals; Electronic Poll Book; and Military and Overseas Voters.

MTA [Michigan Township Association]; Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards and Commissions; Clerk's Guide' Introduction to FOIA [Freedom of Information Act]; Introduction to Township Meetings; Guide to Building a Better Budget; and Township Cemetery Management.

State of Michigan Manuals: State of Michigan Department of Treasury-Accounting Procedures for Local Units of Government; Uniform Chart of Accounts; State of Michigan Retention notices [required to be followed by the State of Michigan]; and the following

schedules: General, Clerk, Human Resources, Treasurer, Financial Records and Election Records.

Another elections issue included the election master cards not having been updated for months, possibly longer. And, since the master cards had not been printed, it could not be verified that voter ID cards had been sent.

Equally disturbing was her statement that cemetery records were scattered in several areas and possibly were not up to date.

Another gross legal violation was the fact that there had been no separate employee personnel files, no Form I-9 for employees and no State of Michigan New Hire Forms for employees. Martin also said there had been no documentation attached to receipts and that only the voucher printed from QuickBooks was available. She said there were no invoices attached to disbursements, and that Tax Fund disbursements listed in the check book did not agree with the actual check.

She noted the lack of office and election supplies, as well as the board's lack of willingness to follow proper procedures, best practices, or to complete required payroll/personnel information, to change thus improve internal controls or budget monitoring. Martin also cited the lack of respect to township residents and employees,

## STATE POLICE INVESTIGATE 2-VEHICLE, FATAL CRASH

Michigan State Police release

UNION TOWNSHIP – Troopers from the Mount Pleasant Post responded to a two-vehicle, serious injury crash at approximately 11:15 a.m. at the intersection of E. Blue Grass Road and S. Isabella Road in Union Township, Isabella County.

A 2007 Hyundai Elantra passenger car, driven by a 19-year-old Clare woman, was eastbound on E. Blue Grass Road where it drove into the path of a 2003 Ford F-150 pickup travelling southbound on S. Isabella Road, where the two vehicles collided. The F-150 was driven by a 19-

year-old Mount Pleasant man.

Megan Richardson, the driver and only occupant of the Hyundai Elantra, was transported from the scene by MMR Ambulance to McLaren Hospital in Mount Pleasant where she was pronounced dead. The driver and two adult passengers of the F-150 suffered minor injuries from the crash, which remains under investigation.

Troopers were assisted on scene by MMR Ambulance Service, Mount Pleasant Fire Department, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, Isabella County Sheriff's Department and Green's Towing.

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## Internal Medicine Physician Kinal Patel, D.O. Welcomes New Patients In Harrison

Internal Medicine Physician Kinal Patel, D.O., has joined the patient care team at MidMichigan Health Park - Harrison, 815 N. Clare Avenue, Suite A., and is currently welcoming adult patients to her practice.

The most satisfying aspect of Dr. Patel's work is experiencing the variety and complexity of cases that she does, on a daily basis and how she can really improve the quality of a patient's life.

"I believe the patient and physician are a team. I like to take this approach when discussing treatment plans and explaining test results. My goal is to ensure that the patient is engaged in their own health care and can therefore be an active participant," Dr. Patel said.

Dr. Patel earned her medical degree at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM), Spartanburg, South Carolina, and completed her residency training at Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren, Michigan.

As an osteopathic physician, Dr. Patel has been trained to perform Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT) which involves using hands-on techniques to diagnose, treat, and prevent illness or injury. Using OMT, a D.O. moves a patient's muscles and joints using techniques that include stretching, gentle pressure and resistance.

In her free time, Dr. Patel enjoys biking and watching sports, traveling and exploring, and spending time with family and close friends.

For more information or to make an appointment with Dr. Patel, call (989) 539-4434 or visit [www.midmichigan.org/patel-kinal](http://www.midmichigan.org/patel-kinal).

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# Outdoors With Jeff

Over the past few weeks when you start talking to hunters, they greet you by saying, have you been seeing deer? It's the only time just before and during deer season that you will be greeted like this.

It's hard to believe that the opening of the bow season starts in five days. Bow hunters have been waiting somewhat patiently for this day to come. Most bow

hunters have had their deer plots in for several months. Hunters have been preparing for weeks, getting their stuff together and what else they need. Some hunters are checking their bows for any wear or tear that needs to be addressed before the opening of the bow season.

Hunters are hanging out in the bow section at Jay's, looking at all the new equipment anyone would need. As I have said in previous articles how I just like watching hunters in Jay's as the season is rapidly approaching. I watched hunters looking at the multitude of broad heads on the wall. You will hear comments on how much better the broad heads look than the ones they presently own. They will look at everything in the store, sometimes looking doesn't make it, and they must touch, feel and sometimes smell everything in the store.

With all the talking about something they need you wonder if they are convincing their themselves or their friends, they need it or are they rehearsing for when their wife gets the Visa bill?

In my younger years, it took a week or more to prepare for opening day of bow season. After I got married, my wife was amazed how much stuff I took when I went hunting. It took days and days to gather that entire bow hunting equipment for opening day. What any good wife would say, "Do you really need all that stuff?" I would inform her by saying, "you never know." She would inform me that I have more hunting clothes than I have in dress clothing.

As time went by, I no longer have a hunting closet where I kept everything to do with hunting. I ask the readers to not feel sorry for me, today with no hunting closets, as I have a hunting room now. As I sit in the hunting stuff room, I realized that what my wife said might be true. I have hunting stuff I haven't used in forty years, I have so many arrows that I have purchased because of using a different bow, the room looks like a room for "Sitting Bull."

As I sat in the hunting room, I realized how simple bow hunting was when I was a kid. With what we had we didn't need a hunting



JEFF GOYT

room or closet, all you needed was a drawer in a cabinet. As an eight or ten-year old, I started getting into bow hunting; this was because a friend of my parents named John Arbaugh from Lansing. All camouflage was the same too, there weren't many choices. You only had one bow and it was a recurve.

There were very few bow hunters in the fifties and sixties; in fact, John was the only one I knew. You only needed a camouflage shirt, pants and hat. Nobody ever washed them and never thought about scent as we do today.

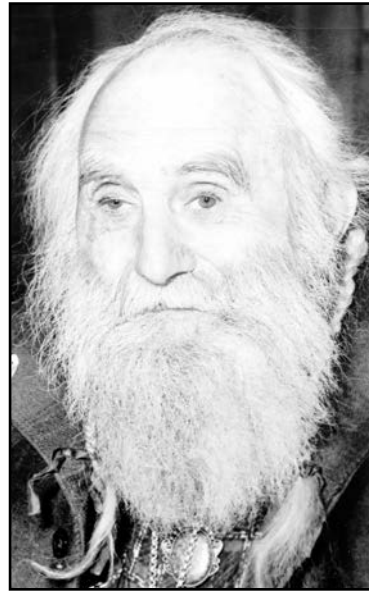
In all my youth I only knew of one person that shot a deer with a bow. Lake George talked about that for two weeks. For us kids, our idle was not some ball player, it was Fred Bear. We read his books and watched his movies on Michigan Outdoors. As an adult, I met Fred when he was in Harrison. We talked for some time and I was so proud of meeting him. Two years after our talk old Fred passed away.

One thing about deer hunting, it gave me the opportunity to meet some great guys that I have hunted with over my lifetime. Today most of these friends that I have hunted with have passed away and they will be forever in my mind. One of my greatest times in hunting is when I got to hunt with my two sons, those cherished times in my life.

I wish, all the success, to those hunters, that will be out in the woods in five days. There's something about being in the woods that day that I cannot describe.



# ~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~



Spikehorn in 1957, two years before he passed away in a press photo. (Clever photo)

It's been sixty years since John "Spikehorn" Meyer passed away in the Gladwin Nursing home. He claimed to be in his 80's the last 30 years of his life and was 89 when he died on September 19, 1959.

## "Spikehorn" Comes Home Obituary from the Shepherd Argus

Spikehorn Meyer came home Tuesday to Shepherd, MI when he was buried in the Salt River Cemetery following services which were held at the Stephenson Funeral Home in Clare.

He passed away at the Gladwin Nursing Home at the age of 89, where he had been cared for the past eighteen months.

Spikehorn, as he was known far and near, was born John A. Meyer July 15, 1870 in Stark County, Ohio, and came to Shepherd in 1876 with his parents to farm two miles north of Shepherd.

He grew up in this community and for some time operated a deer park before moving to Clare County, where he had a bear den and deer park since the early thirties on US-27 near Harrison.

Spikehorn worked as a farmer, guide, woodsman, hunter, trapper and lumberjack and many were the tales he told of the early days, some of which had pretty much of a Paul Bunyon flavor. He chose to dress in pioneer costume with buckskin jacket and always wore a long flowing beard and



The final resting place of the infamous Spikehorn.

## 60 Years Ago, Living Legend Passes

long hair according to the memories of those who knew him. He long claimed to be in his eighties and by his appearance, looked it, but was only 89 when he died Saturday.

He was quite a hand to invent and manufacture machines. Among them was a sugar beet lifter, tile and chairs, and one especially remembered by local residents was a logging tractor which proved to be so heavy it could scarcely remove itself, engines in those days not being so powerful.

He advertised his bear den as the only bear den in the world where visitors were allowed to shake hands with the bears and as a result, he faced law suits from visitors who were mauled by his bears. He was also taken into court by the Conservation Department for failure to get a permit to keep bears and was consistently criticizing the department.

In 1948 Spikehorn was campaigning for state representative to the legislature from the Clare Isabella District and ran afoul of the law when he distributed defamatory literature about one of his

opponents. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail after conviction by a justice court jury. He had served three hours when the case was dropped after he was defeated in the race.

Many years ago he drew plans for a tunnel under the river at Detroit for the Michigan Central railroad. It was later built from almost identical plans. He also appeared before the legislature at Lansing with a model of a tunnel across the straits for consideration, long before the bridge was considered. All of these things brought him publicity and many a tourist stopped to visit his bear dens as a result.

One final memory shared by the long-ago boys of this community were his various ingenious traps to catch the watermelon-hunting kids. However, kids being kids, they managed to elude them.

His bear dens and park were damaged by fire in 1957 and his age prevented him from rebuilding. With failing health, he entered the nursing home at Gladwin, where he spent the remainder of his life.

~SPIKEHORN 1870-1959~

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## Early Clare County Legal Cases

**CO-OPERATIVE FOUNDRY COMPANY vs. DOHERTY**  
MAY 24, 1897 -

### Pay For The Stoves!

This lawsuit was begun on the filing of a Declaration on May 24, 1897. To further complicate the matter, the plaintiff owner of Co-Operative Foundry Company, H. Garretsee, had died on September 10, 1895, and his widow, Elizabeth Garretsee, as administratrix of the Estate brought the lawsuit to recover a claimed debt of about \$125.20 owed by defendant Alfred J. Doherty for 3 "Cook stoves" and 11 "Cottage stoves", and, perhaps some other goods. The stoves and possible other goods were delivered in May and July of 1895. Defendant Doherty claimed a set-off of \$75 paid before the lawsuit was begun, and also claimed a set-off of \$12.65 for freight charges paid. Plaintiff Co-Operative Foundry Company was represented by attorney John T. McCurdy of Corruna, Michigan. Defendant Doherty was represented by attorney C.W. Perry.

Depositions were taken of Elisabeth Garretsee, Henry Garretsee, Jr., and William D. Reynolds in New York State on August 25, 1897. The gist of the deposition testimony seems to be about whether or not H. Garretsee, a salesman for plaintiff Co-

Operative Foundry Company was in Clare at a time after May and/or July of 1895. The deposition testimony was that after this time he was sick off and on until his demise on September 10, 1895, and that he was not in Clare after May and/or July of 1895.

On September 3, 1897, the attorneys agreed to a trial without a jury and that the deposition testimony would be admitted. A Defendant's Taxed Bill of Costs for \$29.70 filed on October 15th indicates that defendant Doherty won the case.

The Record of Jurors & Witnesses at page 289 states that the matter was tried on September 22, 1897, by the Court with a Judgement rendered on September 23, 1897, of \$65.41 for plaintiff Co-Operative Foundry Company.

By **Jon H. Ringelberg**  
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By David A. Hoefling  
Clare County Commissioner

As part of my job as a county commissioner, I receive a packet of information before the board meeting each month. Usually our board packets are full of just your usual information on motions that have been proposed or a list of things other counties are doing around the state. This month's packet though contained a pleasant surprise for me. In our communications list we were given three letters informing us that Clare County's own Scout Troop 620 had gained three new Eagle Scouts. As a fellow Eagle Scout, I understand how much hard work and perseverance are necessary to reach this highest of peaks. A single Eagle Scout is an amazing asset to his community, but three at once is incredible!

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank that a scout can

## YES, THERE IS GOOD NEWS

achieve, and those who hold it are considered worthy of tremendous respect and admiration. While many scouts start down this path, only the few with enough will and determination are able to finish the journey by their 18th birthday. An Eagle Scout is expected to be a leader among his peers, the first to offer assistance to others. In addition to having the prerequisite merit badges, an Eagle Scout is required to plan and carry out a community service project as well as being a leader in his troop. These three new Eagle Scouts have worked hard for their rank, not just in their troop but in their community as well.

The first of these new Eagle Scouts is Charlie Helmling. Charlie goes to Clare High School and is a member of the band, National Honor Society and soccer team. Next, Troop 620 has Nathan Allen, also of Clare High School and a member of the school band. Last but certainly not least, there is Kyle Frost of Farwell High School. Kyle is a member of the school band, National Honor Society and the cross-country

team. Each of these young men has worked incredibly hard to get where they are today, and they are shining examples of excellence in their community. Charlie, Nathan and Kyle, allow me to be one of the first to congratulate you on your tremendous accomplishment.

However, just as this mountain peak called to you, there will be new challenges that will warrant your attention. Now that you have achieved something so few are able to accomplish, there is but a moment to rest and reflect on the path you have traveled. Whatever you decide to do with your life, remember, you made it this far. With enough hard work and perseverance there is little in this life you cannot conquer. Your journey has barely begun, and just as those who reached this point before you helped you up, it is now your turn to guide those who wish to follow you in the path of the Eagle Scout.

Once again, I congratulate and welcome you to the Eagle Roost! Your community is so proud of you today.

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## Grammar Guy

### Who are you calling an idiom?

Some people take things literally. Kleptomaniacs take things, literally. Literalists aren't fans of idioms. Idioms are phrases with figurative meanings; they aren't intended to be taken literally. Believe it or not, my friend Byron tends to take things literally; so, when I suggest we "paint the town red" on Friday night, he goes to his garage to get his paint rollers.

In fact, poor Byron really has an ax to grind with idioms, although, if I told him that, he'd claim he only had a problem with idioms. Idioms are designed to express a sentiment, feeling, or an idea. If I said "Don't count your chickens before they hatch," I'm not claiming to be a chicken or egg farmer; instead, I'm suggesting that you shouldn't count on something before it has come into reality. In the same way, when I say "Curiosity killed the cat," I'm certainly not suggesting that NASA's Mars rover murdered a cat; I'm suggesting that it's dangerous to be too curious.

An idiom is a type of figurative language. The point of figurative language is to make your speech or writing more impactful or effective.

Other types of figurative language include euphemisms, metaphors, similes, hyperbole, personification, and – my favorite – puns. In fact, idioms exist in most languages. This isn't just another tricky English construction that makes our language hard to learn.

One of my favorite idioms is "You can't judge a book by its cover." While I don't agree literally with this statement, its figurative truth holds up to scrutiny. We shouldn't judge people at face value; instead, we should look "under the hood," so to speak, and get to know them better before we draw any conclusions.

The only literal thing that costs an arm and a leg is going swimming with hungry sharks. As an idiom, however, something that costs "an arm and a leg" is merely incredibly expensive. The same idea goes for "robbing the cradle." You're not stealing a baby, but instead, when someone says this she means that you are marrying someone significantly younger than you.

Idioms are a dime a dozen, so forgive me if I rubbed you the wrong way; please don't get bent out of shape. Sometimes it's hard to wrap



CURTIS HONEYCUTT

your head around figurative language.

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## THE AMISH COOK - By Gloria Yoder

### Chalupas Add a Tex-Mex Twist

At our house, whoever is having a birthday gets to choose his or her meal. Daniel chose one of our all-time summer favorites, Chalupas. Now if you've never had a chance to give them a try, today may be your chance. It's like going out in the garden, combing it and coming to the house with all sorts of goodies then laying it right on top of a deep-fried tortilla along with some fried burger and cheese.

I know not all Amish are the same, but in this community where I grew up everyone has a garden, from young children to Grandma and Grandpa, most folks are involved with gardening in one way or another. Besides eating lots of fresh goodies, Mom would always make sure we had plenty of canned and frozen sup-

plies. Now I'm not a little girl anymore, and the weeds don't just go marching out of the garden on their own, neither does the hoeing happen by itself.

This year with having a handful of little children I just wasn't sure if I'll get any gardening done at all. As you can imagine, Daniel enthusiastically declared that he and the children would be happy to look after it. I was tickled; after all, I really couldn't imagine a summer without one. When the veggies began ripening, Julia and Austin had a real party helping harvest it.

I wish you could see Austin bounding into the house with both hands behind his back, asking, "Which hand, Mom?" Then I guess, "Your right one!" and he proudly pulls out a



like never before; I feel so deeply blessed and unworthy of all the prayers who have also been offered on our behalf. Now a week later we still don't know what will happen, according to their report it could still be months or only a few weeks. We don't know what to expect yet we do know it is in God's hands.

#### CHALUPAS

flour tortillas  
sour cream  
browned hamburger, seasoned with salt and pepper to taste  
lettuce, chopped,  
onions diced  
peppers, diced  
cucumbers, diced  
tomatoes, diced or salsa sauce  
shredded cheese or cheese sauce

Deep fry tortillas on both sides until golden brown. Prepare one or two tortillas per person. Each one then can then layer the toppings of his choice onto his tortilla. Sometimes we snip or tear the tortillas in small pieces before adding the toppings to make it a bit easier to eat. This works exceptionally well for children. Enjoy!

fresh cucumber he found in the garden. For me, watching the children's delight has been one of the best parts of gardening this year.

They love it when I send them out to pick vegetables. Julia was delighted to be the one to get veggies for Daddy's chalupas.

I wish I could serve you a fresh chalupa loaded with garden goodies, but since that won't be happening, I'll share the recipe with you. Be sure not to stay stuck on the recipe, add anything like radishes, peas, cabbage, or even olives- anything that strikes your fancy.

Besides chalupas, Daniel chose to have his favorite dessert, apricot pie with homemade vanilla ice cream. Funny as it may sound we started splitting the birthday meal into two hitches; we have the main course one night and dessert another to kind of space it out a bit more and be able to enjoy it all to the fullest. On the evening of Daniel's birthday, we had the hot dish. As a little add-on to finish it off, Julia helped me quickly whisked up a chocolate cake which

we frosted with his favorite caramel frosting then decorated it using candy to spell his name. I made a mocha smoothie to go with it.

With Owen's help, the children decorated the table with a yellow table cloth, pretty plates, balloons, and streamers. It was a full-time job for me to keep the four one-year-old hands from tugging on the bright table cloth or trying to drink from the pretty glasses. All is well that ends well. At last, we had everything ready for Daddy. As he walked into the kitchen, we all sang Happy Birthday and gave him his cake. I'm not sure who had the most fun, Daddy or the children.

In response to those of you who have been asking for updates on the adoption: last week we were devastated to learn that the foster system missed a step. They kindly informed us that it could go months instead of only a few weeks until the adoption. Needless to say, it did take some processing on our end. The biggest whirl for me was to not worry about the children's future. As we prayed, we sensed God's faithfulness and love

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This year's CROP Walk will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church (formerly St. Cecelia Catholic Church), 106 E. Wheaton St. in Clare. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2 p.m.

To help feed the hungry, walk and get sponsors or sponsor someone else. For more information, call Carol Stuhr at 989-539-7910 or email castuhr@tm.net.

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# LOCAL EVENTS & NEWS



(Photo courtesy Maureen Gierucki)

## Dr. G Open House a Tasty Affair

By Dianne Alward-Biery  
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – Harrison dentist Maureen Gierucki and her office made the move to some new digs on Spruce Street in early July of this year, marking the occasion with a ribbon cutting. The move has been a good one according to Dr. G, and as a way to show her appreciation for her patients and the community's support, she held an open house event Wednesday, Sept. 18. The office was decked out in richly colored blue and green balloons, and the reception area replete with a tantalizing lunch buffet. Attendees received Dr. G T-shirts and gift bags filled with pens, scratch pads, bird suet/feeders, fridge magnets, and much more – all provided by area businesses, as a way to say congratulations and good luck.

Attendees also could enter their names into a drawing for a Sonicare electric toothbrush and a Water Pik irrigator – handy items to get all that tasty buffet food out of those pearly whites.

## LIONS CHARTER DINNER, AUCTION IN COLEMAN

On Oct. 12, Coleman Lions Club will be celebrating 79 years of service in the Coleman area with its Annual Charter Night Dinner and Auction. Games will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Coleman VFW Hall. The public is invited to this fun evening of good food, good company and exciting raffles, games and auctions. The dinner will be a buffet from Jenny's Catering in Shepherd, with two choices of meat, potatoes, vegetable, salads, rolls and dessert.

Attendees could win a beautiful multicolored Mixed Nine-Patch Quilt made by Esther Gordon on the Lions' 100 Square Board, a porch heater and propane tank with the purchase of a key on the Door Game, or a Winchester 12-gauge SXP Black Shadow from Jay's Sporting Goods in the

Card Draw. There also there will be many other prizes available in drawings, games and auctions. Colt Johnson will serve as auctioneer again this year.

Tickets cost \$15 each and may be purchased from any Coleman Lions Club member, or at C W Gordon's Sales and Service in Coleman by Oct. 4.

Coleman Lions Club is a volunteer service organization of service-minded men and women interested in making a difference. Coleman Lions Club helps many local citizens with eye exams and new glasses. We also give scholarships to seniors, books to the library, and sponsor a Little League team. The club also sponsors the local Boy Scouts as well as the Coleman High School STAR Leo Club.

## Long Lake Beach Ball Battle a Blast

On Aug. 24, the Long Lake Community Association hosted its annual Beach Ball Battle. Twenty-five beach balls were freed at the north end of the north island. The day was sunny and bright, and the crowd was anxiously awaiting the release of balls. Once they were on the loose, the cheering started on land, sea and air. Persons on the shore and on their boats urged the inflatables with words and propellers.

Midst all this hoopla, a flight of "Canadian blue angels" in perfect "V" formations flew overhead. They sent well-wishes with flapping wings and resounding honks.

Once their fly-over was complete, participants returned to cheering on the balls. At first No. 3 was in the lead. Then No. 12 made a run for the finish. Nos. 22, 12 and 8 bunched up and fought for a place in the finish. In the end it was No. 23 that proved that a steady and deliberate pace was the winning solution.

The No. 23 ball was sponsored by Greg and Pam Bond of the Long Lake Bonds. Their reward was their 2020 dues paid by the association.

All are looking forward to next year's Beach



Lucky Beach Ball No. 23 is pictured with its sponsors Greg and Pam Bond.

Ball Battle, scheduled to run after the annual Long Lake Community Association picnic in August 2020.

## Quilt of Valor Presented

First Congregational Church parishioner Bobby Johnson received his Quilt of Valor at church yesterday. The presentation was made earlier this month by Quilts of Valor Foundation representative Jacki Bradley.



## LIVING THE DREAM ACCEPTS DONATIONS

Jenia Canel and Chad Stearns of "Living the Dream" are shown receiving a donation from Gary and Carol Maas from MWTHA North-Central Chapter. "Living the Dream" is a once in a lifetime hunt presented to one person per year who has unique challenges. To get involved or to make a donation please, contact Chad or Jenia at Jay's Sporting Goods.

## MARSP Clare County Chapter Meeting

The final MARSP [Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel] Clare County Chapter meeting for the 2019 season is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 1. MARSP supports and keeps attendees up to date on current happenings with retiree pensions and insurance concerns, as well provides a program of interest to educate everyone on issues of the day. The group welcomes all currently employed or retired school personnel to attend the upcoming meeting at the Clare-Gladwin RESD Administrative building. The meeting begins at noon.

October's speaker will be John Wilson, Clare County Sheriff, who will share information about senior issues. A regular business meeting will follow his presentation.

A catered lunch is available for \$8; call Susan Cobb at 517-202-2682 to reserve your meal.

## Mid Opens Annual Scholarship Contest

This is the eighth year that Mid Michigan College plans to award competitive full-ride scholarships to exceptional high school seniors. Laker Distinction Scholarships are offered at two award levels.

The scholarship's traditional level provides for 31 credits of tuition and fees. Presidential LD Scholarships, the highest awards, include a maximum of 62 credits of tuition and fees, the equivalent of an associate degree. Presidential LD Scholarship students must meet academic requirements to renew the award for their second year, and also receive a \$500 per semester stipend for books and school supplies.

The selection of scholarship winners occurs over the course of two months, and applicants attend two events at Mid as they progress through the process.

To qualify for LD Scholarships, applicants must be Michigan high school seniors with a 3.5 grade-point average or higher. They must also RSVP for and attend the scholarship's first selection event, which is held at 11 a.m. Nov. 2 at the Mount Pleasant campus. RSVPs can be placed online at midmich.edu/distinction.

Final determinations are based on applicants' leadership, service and academic performance, which are assessed through a variety of measures. Students submit creative response pieces, write on-campus essay responses, and, for those moving to the final round of selection, undergo a series of short interviews with Mid personnel.

"It's always rewarding to see how many exceptional students apply for these scholarships, and we hope to see those numbers grow in 2019," said Karry Kiste-Toner, Assistant Vice President of Student Services at Mid. "It's extremely hard to narrow the field down to our final recipients – there are so many remarkable local students."

Past winners include students from local schools including Clare, Gladwin, Farwell, Beaverton, Harrison, Fulton, Mount Pleasant, Chippewa Hills and Ithaca.

"Many of us dual enrolled at Mid during high school and became familiar with the caring staff and faculty at the college," said Isabel Murphy, a 2018 Presidential LDS winner from Farwell. "I never felt like just a number at Mid and that definitely helped make me feel secure in my college choice."

To learn more about the Laker Distinction Scholarships or to RSVP for the first selection event, visit midmich.edu/distinction or contact Admissions at 989-386-6622 or admissions@midmich.edu.

## Coleman Variety Show to Fund 2019 Holiday Parade Fireworks

Do you love fireworks? The Fire Cracker Variety Show planned for Saturday, Oct. 19 will help make them possible at the Coleman Holiday Parade! The family-friendly fun will start at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment, door prizes and a silent auction to help finance the fireworks displayed after the Dec. 14 Charlie Brown Holiday Parade.

Event sponsors the Coleman Community Schools, Coleman Family Center and the Holiday Parade Committee are excited to announce the lineup will feature gospel, oldies, country music and a surprise in entertainment! It will all

take place at Coleman High School, 4951 N. Lewis Road in Coleman.

Admission at the door is by cash donation, which along with the silent auction, will support the fireworks show after the Dec. 14 holiday parade. The variety show and collecting pop cans are the only money-making projects to fund the fireworks.

Mark the date on your calendars and spread the word of the event to make this year's variety show the best one yet! It'll be a firecracker of a good time!

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# Obituaries

## LYLE SHAVER

JULY 5, 1929 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Lyle Shaver, 90, from Mission, Texas, formerly of Holt and Clare, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Comfort House in McAllen, Texas. He was born on July 5, 1929 in Clare, Michigan to Albert and Ruby Shaver. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Harold, Donald, and Vernell Shaver, and sister Velma Clark.



Lyle was a millwright at General Motors in Lansing, Michigan for 37 years. He retired from GM in 1983. He enjoyed his retirement years, taking many trips with his wife, Darlene. They traveled extensively, including a long but beautiful drive to Alaska. Their travels eventually took them to Texas, where they have been "winter Texans" for over 30 years.

on his patio with Darlene at their home in Texas.

Lyle was a loving husband, father and friend and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a great storyteller and loved listening to others share their stories. He also loved to dance and could often be found on the dance floor.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Shaver; children: Terry (Earl) Mason, Bud (Nancy) Shaver, Pam Shaver, Bonnie (Roy) Rennirt, Tom (Terri) Shaver, Todd (JoLynn) Peck, Chris (Scott) Brown, Matt Peck; 19 grandchildren and many great grandchildren; brother: Ronald (Anna) Shaver; sister: Dorothy Gorham; as well as many great friends and family members.

One of his favorite places was his property in Michigan. Lyle loved hunting, fishing and just being outside, especially in the woods. He also enjoyed relaxing

A private celebration of Lyle's life will take place at a later date. If desired, memorial contributions in Lyle's name can be made to: Comfort House, 617 Dallas Avenue, McAllen, TX 78501.

## GEORGE JOHANN ERHARDT JR.

OCTOBER 1, 1930 - SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

George Johann Erhardt Jr.

88 of Gladwin, formerly of Harrison passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at Gladwin Nursing and Rehabilitation Community. George was born October 1, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan the son of George Erhardt Sr. and Barbara (Finitzer) Erhardt. Mr. Erhardt honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. George was united in marriage to Ms. Gloria Ann Zammit on December 26, 1964 in Detroit. Gloria preceded George in death on September 26, 2018 after fifty-three years of marriage. George was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church-Harrison.



Mr. Erhardt is survived by two daughters; Michele A. Foehringer and husband George of Kingsport, Tennessee and Jaclyn A. Navarro and husband Frank of Cape Coral, Florida, two sons; George Erhardt III of Clinton Township, Michigan and Eric Erhardt and partner Jesse Gardun'o of Sacramento, California, five grandchildren; Tonya Rzeppa and husband Evan, Trisha Stephens, Carly Foehringer, Caryn Ahlin and husband Paul and Christopher Foehringer, one great-grandson, Easton Rzeppa, two brothers; David Erhardt of California and Fred Erhardt of Tennessee, plus many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Mr. Erhardt also was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters;

Selma Early, Ann Erhardt and Teresa Macknac and one brother, Martin Erhardt.

Funeral services for Mr. Erhardt was held Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. from St. Luke Lutheran Church, 616 South Fourth Street, Harrison, with Pastor Bill Winter officiating. Visitation took place on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until time of service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Harrison. Military Honors were presented to Mr. Erhardt under the auspices of the American Legion Post 404 Honor Guard. Inurnment is in Hillcrest Cemetery, Harrison. Memorial gifts in memory of George may be considered to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belford Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. To share an online memory or condolence with George's family, please visit: [www.stockingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stockingfuneralhome.com). Arrangements for Mr. Erhardt are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

## DANIEL "DAN" ALLEN TAYLOR

APRIL 6, 1978 - SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Daniel "Dan" Allen Taylor 41 of Harrison passed away at his home on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Daniel was born April 6, 1978 in Jacksonville, Florida the son of Timothy Lee Taylor and Deborah Lynn (Turek) Taylor. Daniel graduated from Harrison Community Schools in 1996.



Dan had resided in Harrison since 1994, moving from Midland, Michigan. He was employed at StageRight Corporation of Clare as a Robot Welder and previously employed with Save A Lot of Harrison. Dan enjoyed fishing, hiking, camping, watching cartoons, Godzilla movies and Jack Skellington shows. He will fondly be remembered for his love of spending time with his family and his never-ending craving of snack foods.

Daniel was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Timothy Lee Taylor, one brother, Matthew Lee Taylor, paternal grandparents, Jerry and Neva Taylor and one uncle, Randy Taylor.

Surviving Daniel is his mother, Deborah Lynn Taylor of Harrison, two daughters; Kiara Taylor of Harrison and Allenah Taylor also of Harrison, one son, Orian Taylor of Harrison, two brothers; Tony Taylor and wife Carol of Clare and Corey Taylor of Harrison, maternal grandparents, Gary and Deanne Turek of Saginaw, Michigan, two nieces; Nicole Taylor and Charlotte Taylor, one nephew, Anthony Taylor, plus many aunts, uncles and extended family members.

Celebration of Life services honoring Dan took place on Monday, September 23, 2019 from Clare United Methodist Church, 105 E. 7th St., Clare, Michigan with Pastor John G. Kasper officiating. A Memorial Gathering was held Sunday, September 22, 2019 Clare United Methodist Church. Memorial gifts in memory of Daniel may be considered to the Taylor family, in care of: Deborah Lynn Taylor. To share an online memory or condolence with Dan's family, please visit: [www.stockingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stockingfuneralhome.com). Arrangements for Mr. Taylor are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

## JUANITA ANN LEWIS

JANUARY 14, 1943 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Juanita Ann Lewis 76 of Harrison passed away Friday, September 20, 2019 at McLaren Bay Region Hospital, Bay City, Michigan. Juanita was born January 14, 1943 in Farmington, Michigan the daughter of Ralph and Martha (Clayton) Earls. Juanita was united in marriage to Mr. Eldon Leonard Lewis on December 13, 1969 in Farmington. On December 13, 2017, Mr. Eldon L. Lewis preceded Juanita in death after forty-eight years of marriage.



Mrs. Lewis had resided in Harrison since 1977, moving from Farmington. Juanita enjoyed making authentic Native American memorabilia, knitting, crocheting, working with ceramics, selling her crafts at the Harrison Flea Market. Listening to Tom Jones songs was a favorite pastime of Juanita's.

Mongeon of Harrison, many nieces, nephews and her beloved dog, Tinkerbell. Juanita also was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Fred Clayton.

Private family memorial services for Juanita will take place at a later date. Inurnment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Harrison. To share an online memory or condolence with Juanita's family, please visit: [www.stockingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stockingfuneralhome.com). Arrangements for Mrs. Lewis are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

Private family memorial services for Juanita will take place at a later date. Inurnment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Harrison. To share an online memory or condolence with Juanita's family, please visit: [www.stockingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stockingfuneralhome.com). Arrangements for Mrs. Lewis are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

## Ole Time Country Gospel Jamboree

To be held at First Congregational Church located at 211 West Spruce Street • Harrison, MI. The current schedule for the Jamboree for 2019 is as follows: Last Saturday of the - April through October 2019.

Time: 6pm to 8pm with refreshments to follow.

Come enjoy and join in on the singing or tap your feet to a fun-filled night of great entertainment praising the Lord. All musicians/singers are welcome.

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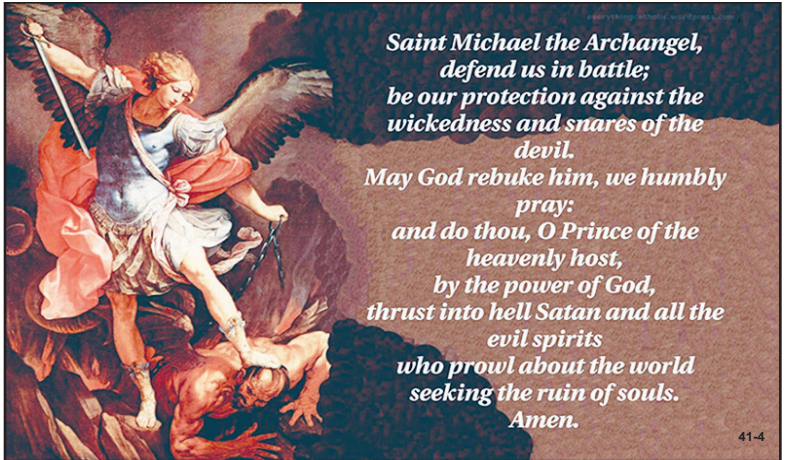
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## We Cannot Eat Gold



"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."  
—1 Timothy 6:10 NIV

Those espousing a simpler way of life have often reminded us that we can't eat money. There are many stories about native Americans being perplexed by the obsession of the newly arrived Europeans with gold. More recently this meme has found favor with environmentalists, who worry that corporate interests will destroy the earth's ability to provide healthy food. This idea is even put forward by modern-day survivalists who had previously advised people to invest in gold, fearing that traditional currency would be useless when society eventually fails. Some of them now argue that gold will be as useless as currency in the coming apocalypse, precisely because you can't eat gold. It is better to have a reliable store of food, or the means of producing it, they say, than gold. But why are we so obsessed with money in the first place? For anyone who has ever struggled to come up with enough money to buy food, or to pay the rent, the answer is obvious: money provides us with a modicum of security. We may not be able to eat money, but money can usually buy us food. Having a surplus of money gives us the peace of mind to not worry about the unexpected expenses of life. While there is nothing wrong with saving for a rainy day, the question is whether we have the right attitude about money.  
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## RONALD GERALD LOUBERT

MAY 26, 1934 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Ronald Gerald Loubert 85 of Harrison went to be with his Lord on September 20, 2019. Ronald was born May 26, 1934 in Saginaw, Michigan the son of James and Catherine (Schissler) Loubert. Upon graduation from high school, Ronald enlisted in the United States Air Force and honorably served his country during the Korean Conflict. On April 17, 1965 in Sanford, Michigan, Ronald was united in marriage to Ms. Marian C. Draeger.



Mr. Loubert had resided in Harrison since 1983, moving from Saginaw. Ronald was a member and faithful attendant of First Baptist Church, Harrison. Ronald enjoyed the game of golf, playing on three leagues at Devils Knob Golf Course of Harrison. He also played several rounds of golf weekly while wintering in Florida. Ronald was presented a Handyman award for 2017 and 2018. He was a skilled craftsman and home builder, building the family home in Harrison. Ronald will be fondly remembered by many for his magnetic personality.

friends and his beloved dogs; Chee Chee and Peppy. Mr. Loubert was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and six brothers.

Surviving Mr. Loubert is his loving wife and best friend of fifty-four years, Mrs. Marian C. Loubert of Harrison, two sons, Monty Godwin and wife Victoria of Saginaw and Terry Godwin, four grandchildren; Rita (Cobby) Eckhardt, Ethan James Godwin, Lydia Marie (Chris) Chaltraw and Brett (Karen) Godwin, four great-grandchildren; Trevor Godwin, Shelby Godwin, Ava Rose Eckhardt and Stella Rose Eckhardt, one brother, Michael Loubert, three special nephews, plus many nieces, nephews, extended family members,

Funeral services for Mr. Loubert will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. from First Baptist Church, 3088 Mostetler Rd., Harrison, with Pastor Tim Tanner officiating. Visitation for Mr. Loubert will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until time of services at First Baptist Church, Harrison. Burial will take place at Pleasant Plains Cemetery, Harrison with Military Honors presented under the auspices of the V.F.W. Post 1075 Honor Guard. Memorial gifts in memory of Ronald may be considered to: First Baptist Church, Harrison. To share an online memory or condolence with Ronald's family, please visit: [www.stockingfuneralhome.com](http://www.stockingfuneralhome.com). Arrangements for Mr. Loubert are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989) 539-7810.

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**LEGALS**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLARE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Decedent's Estate  
**FILE NO. 19-17894-DE**  
Estate of DENNIS EUGENE WHITE  
Date of birth: 05/10/1949  
**TO ALL CREDITORS: \* NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, DENNIS EUGENE WHITE, died 09/03/2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DOUGLAS C. WHITE, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 WEST MAIN STREET, HARRISON and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 39

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**Clare County Road Commission**  
**Bid Notice:**  
Clare County Road Commission is accepting bids to fulfill PA 106 VEBA requirements. All vendors interested in bidding for the following benefits, please submit a sealed bid to:  
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**FOX ESTATE AUCTION**  
**Sat. Sept. 28 @ 10 A.M.**  
**Sale Features:** Tractors, Farm Equip., (40) Firearms, Gun Safe, Large Quan. Of Reloading Supplies, Military Bayonets, Knives, Lots Of Shop Tools, 12'x24' Vinyl Sided Storage Building, Lumber, Lawn/Garden Equip. **Located:** 1041 Gerald Miller Rd., West Branch. Mary (Frank) Fox, Owner. John Peck, Auctioneers (989) 426-8061. **To View A Complete Listing With Photo's Visit** johnpeckauctions.com 38-1

**CITY OF HARRISON MI**  
**Notice**  
The City of Harrison Department of Public Works will be flushing hydrants as part of their preventative maintenance program. The hydrants will be flushed the week of September 29th through October 2nd. Remember to check the water before doing laundry and allow the water to run for a few minutes to clear the rust out before use.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a special meeting for the Board of Education of Harrison Community Schools, Harrison, Michigan.  
**Date:** September 30, 2019  
**Place of Meeting:** Board of Education Room 224 West Main Street  
**Hour of Meeting:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Telephone number of principal office of Board of Education:** 989-539-7871  
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE

MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.
Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Norris Uhlman to NPB Mortgage LLC dated March 22, 2006 and recorded March 28, 2006 in Liber 996 at Page 711, Clare County, Michigan.
Said Mortgage is now held by Northpointe Bank by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$26,023.27. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the Circuit

Court and/or for conducting such sales for the County of Clare, Michigan at 11:00AM on October 16, 2019.
Said premises are located in Clare County, Michigan and are described as: A parcel of land being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, T17N, R3W, Sheridan Township, Clare County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence N 89°39'55" W, 2382.48 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 27 to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 89°39'55" W, 268.18 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 27 to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 27; thence N 00°44'01" E, 1618.67 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 27 to the centerline of Oak Road; thence N 87°13'25" E,

268.68 feet along said centerline; thence S 00°44'01" W, 1633.25 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 27 which is the point of beginning.
Said property is commonly known as 9520 East Oak Road, Clare, MI 48617.
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period.
TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing

mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed.
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Notice Of Public Hearing
FREEMAN TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
A public hearing to consider a request for a variance from required setback will be held on October 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The hearing will be held at the Freeman Township Hall at:
7280 Mannsiding Road,
Lake, Michigan 48632.
The requested variance is for a 30x48 pole barn constructed within 18 feet of the road-side lot line, at 6101 Tamarack Trail, Lake, Michigan 48632, which is located on Freeman Township Parcel number 18-009-060-175-01.
Persons wishing to comment on the requested variance may attend the hearing and/or direct their comments to the Freeman Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Township address listed above or may email comments to info@freemantwp.org. All comments will become a part of the public record.
Information concerning this hearing is available at the Township Hall.
Zoning Board of Appeals
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Franklin Township
Franklin Township is currently seeking a township Clerk.
Interested persons should have the following:
• Computer skills
• Basic knowledge of QuickBooks (but will train)
• Interest in local and state government as they will be running elections.
• Must be a Franklin Twp resident.
To those interested, please attend a board meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.
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Hayes Township
Planning Commission
The next meeting is
October 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
at the
Hayes Municipal Complex
2055 E. Townline Lake Rd.,
Harrison, MI.
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NOTICE OF OPENING
HARRISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Harrison Community Schools Board of Education will accept applications for a vacant seat on the board. A new member will be appointed to fill a term on the Board which will begin:
October 8, 2019
and will expire December 31, 2022.
Interested parties should submit a letter which expresses your reasons for your interest in serving on the Board of Education, resume with personal and professional references and letters of recommendation to the Board Secretary by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019.
Mail materials to:
Harrison Community Schools
Board of Education Secretary
224 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 529
Harrison, MI. 48625
38-1

HAYES TOWNSHIP
Notice Of Public Hearing/Special Meeting
The Hayes Township Board will hold a Public Hearing/Special Meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Hayes Township Municipal Complex, located at 2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison MI 48625.
In accordance with MCL 125.3103, Hayes Township is publishing notice of this public hearing.
The public hearing is being held to address the adoption of the 2019 Hayes Township Zoning Ordinances, as revised/amended from the 2002 Hayes Township Zoning Ordinances.
All related information may be reviewed at the Hayes Township Clerks office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.
Debra Hoyt
Hayes Township Clerk
Publication date September 26, 2019
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Wanted
- Part Time administrative Assistant for Hayes Township Municipal Complex.
- Starting wage \$10 hour, approximately 15 hours per week. No benefits.
- Job description and application are available at the:
Hayes Township Municipal Complex
2055 E. Townline Lake Rd.
Harrison, MI.
- Applications will be taken thru noon on Monday October 7, 2019.
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HAYES TOWNSHIP
Pleasant Plains Cemetary
Clean-Up
If you have any items on the graves at Pleasant Plains Cemetery that you wish to keep, Please Remove Them Yourself By Monday, October 21, 2019.
All summer type flower arrangements should be removed. Only grave blankets, wreaths, and flags are allowed after October 21, 2019. After that date items will be removed and disposed of at the discretion of cemetery personnel.
Thank You
Debra Hoyt
Hayes Township Clerk

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE
COUNTY OF CLARE, MICHIGAN
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ARTHUR TOWNSHIP, CLARE COUNTY:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Election will be held in Arthur Township on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.
IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE at the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, registration must be made by Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Township office, the office of the County Clerk, a Secretary of State Branch office or at the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health, the Department of Career Development and at the Military Recruitment offices for person enlisting in the armed forces. Registration made on October 22, 2019 through 8:00 p.m. on November 5, 2019, must be made in-person with the Arthur Township clerk with proof of residency (MCL 168.497).
Registration by mail may be used by obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application at www.mi.gov/vote and forwarding it to the election official as directed on the application by Monday, October 21, 2019. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the Township where they live, or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped. Only persons who have registered as electors with the appropriate Township Clerk, County Clerk, or through registration at a Secretary of State Branch office or at any specified agency or by using an official mail registration application, are registered electors.
PERSONS ENTITLED to be registered voters in Arthur Township must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the Special Election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and the local municipality (MCL 168.492).
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following recall of office will be submitted to the electors of Arthur Township:
Recall of the office of Arthur Township Supervisor.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted to the electors of Arthur Township:
Shall Arthur Township impose an increase of up to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levy the new additional millage for two years, 2019 through 2020 inclusive, for all township purposes authorized by law.
Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Arthur Township Clerk's office, 3031 S. Athey Avenue, Clare, MI 48617, (517) 388-0573.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR ELECTIONS, THE ARTHUR TOWNSHIP CLERK MAY BE CONTACTED AS FOLLOWS AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME SPECIFIED ON THE SATURDAY AND/OR SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ELECTION TO ISSUE AND RECEIVE ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:
ARTHUR TOWNSHIP
Andrew Verhage
9375 Amanda Drive
Clare, MI 48617
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November 2, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Arthur Township Clerk's office. You may view a sample of your ballot with the exact wording of the proposal online at www.clareco.net as well as verifying your voter registration. You may also visit the Secretary of State website at www.mi.gov/vote for further information. For election night results visit www.clareco.net.
THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY LAW (MCL 168.498(3)).
Lori Martin, Clare County Clerk



HAYES TOWNSHIP BOARD
Synopsis of Meetings
Public Hearing - August 6, 2019
Public hearing called to order by Hoyt at 7:00 p.m.
Members Present: Buckley, Rood, Haley, Hoyt
Member absent - Acton
Public comments on Road Brining Special Assessment were addressed. Public hearing adjourned at 7:08 p.m.
Special Board Meeting - August 6, 2019
Meeting called to order by Hoyt at 7:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Members Present: Buckley, Rood, Haley, Hoyt
Member absent - Acton
Items Approved:
1. Accept resignation of Tom Vaughn from the Zoning Boards of Appeals
2. Appoint Frank Gadberry to Zoning Board of Appeals
3. Approve training for Zoning Board of Appeals members
4. Approve refinishing of gym floor
5. Approve traffic study for Mostetler Road and its intersections
6. Resolution 19-01 Road Brining Special Assessment District
Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.
General Board Meeting - August 20, 2019
Meeting called to order by Acton at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Members Present: Acton, Buckley, Rood, Haley, Hoyt
Items Approved:
1. July 16, 2019 General Board Meeting minutes
2. August 6, 2019 Public Hearing minutes
3. August 6, 2019 Public Hearing Special Board Meeting minutes
4. Consent Agenda
5. Cummins Sales & Service generator maintenance contract renewal
6. Burial plot refund
7. Rehmann Technology Solutions - Liebert maintenance service/support agreement renewal
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
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ATTESTED: Debra Hoyt, Hayes Township Clerk

**BUDGET**  
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state has been reducing revenue sharing while seeming to continually increase unfunded mandates, resulting in expenses which must be borne by local entities with no accompanying increase in funds. Coupled with the Headlee Amendment which curtails the county's ability to raise property taxes, the county has been left with a dependence on new construction and new businesses coming into the county to generate new revenue.

The other side of the coin is expenses, and in Clare County government the lion's share of those [roughly 80%] is employee related: wages, health insurance, mandated family leave, vacation pay, workman's compensation costs, etc. Some speak of the county as having too many employees, but the fact is that personnel numbers have been static since 2017. And it's not that those workers are getting exorbitant wage

increases; in fact, Clare County is regularly losing well-trained, capable workers to other counties who are willing/able to pay more. That is excruciatingly obvious in the Clare County Sheriff Department, which has come to be known as a training ground for neighboring departments.

Majewski strongly suggested the BOC stay on top of the revenue/expenses by pursuing a monthly review, a "State of the County." Chairperson Jack Kleinhardt agreed, as did Byard, that such review could become part of the regular agenda.

Thus, recognizing the necessity of employees to keep the county running, the board unanimously voted to approve Wage Compensation Resolution No. 19-16, establishing Fiscal Year 2020 compensation.

The county's debt is not all about people, though. It also means paying down the Clare County Building renovation/utilities upgrade debt, along with all the month-to-month equipment, infrastructure and maintenance expenses that come with running the county's departments and courts.

After the BOC approved refunding the Middle Michigan Development Corp., contingent on that organization securing grant funding, Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt playfully points a finger at MMDC's Jim McBryde and Pam O'Laughlin and tells them, "Jim and Pam, you're on the spot." (Clever photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)



The BOC also heard from Carl Parks, county assessor, regarding the Little Tobacco Drain. He informed that the anticipated FEMA grant would be forthcoming, which will enable the purchase of parcels and demolition of homes in the flood plain. Majewski inquired about how much of the county's loan had been spent thus far, and it was learned the cost to-date has been \$1 million, and of the original loan some \$7,000 to \$10,000 remains. The balance was spent on engineering costs.

to exceed \$250,000 in addition to amounts previously borrowed and that may be issued as part of a note issued to refinance the prior notes, pursuant to Section 434 of the Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956. The cost for this project is being split between Clare County (70%) and Isabella County (30%).

Clare County Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger informed that the total loan was for \$1.25 million and that the last interest payment was just less than \$18,000. In her Treasurer's Report later in the meeting, Beemer-Fritzinger shared the Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds Accounts. This report showed transferable monies of \$178,248; of that

\$100,000 is held in reserve against potential claims currently unknown, leaving \$78,248 available to transfer to the General Fund.

Beemer-Fritzinger also reported on the Clare County Penal Fines which are designated to the county through traffic violation penalties. She reported \$216,000 was paid out to libraries this year. Beemer-Fritzinger also noted that the two counties which have not assigned their designated fees to a library are Sheridan, which has \$128,842.22 in escrow and Arthur, which has \$53,370.77 in escrow. That \$133,294.80 total has accrued since 2005/2006 and can be used for no other purpose than to benefit libraries, and by extension the communities the libraries serve. For Sheridan and Arthur townships, in this case, a bird in the hand is worth exactly nothing.

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resolutions for each board member, establishment of supporting documentation for invoices and bill payments for both the clerk's and treasurer's side, and the research and implementation of corrective actions for classifying employees versus contractors to be in compliance with the State of Michigan and Internal Revenue Service. Martin also made recommendation for a township corrective action plan.

"After reviewing the Redding Township Corrective Action Plan, submitted to the State of Michigan Community Engagement and Financial Division on Oct. 11, 2018, I make the following recommendations to the Redding Township Board," Martin said.

Her list included placing payroll in a separate bank account; using an accounting system that will produce a balance sheet for each fund; attaching supporting documentation to check copies; and establishment of internal controls as to who has access to which offices. She also recommended policies to deal with the following: workplace harassment; penalties and interest for taxes; returned check fees; sexual harassment; and authorized check signers. With those recommendations, she finished her statement:

"I have enjoyed my time serving and working with the residents of Redding Township," she said. "It is at this time, I respectfully submit my resignation as Redding Township Clerk - effective immediately."

Chris Martin began his Treasurer's Report by reading a statement of what he had found.

"I took office on June 25, 2019, and tax collection began July 1," he said. "I found no past tax records to follow for processing payments."

Martin said that in going through

records in an attempt to figure out the job, he had discovered check stubs were in the tax check books from 2015 with no balances, no deposits and no interest posted to it, and that check stubs didn't always match the written check amounts. Martin said he sought assistance from Hayes Township to learn the BS&A system for taxes and balancing with the county in accordance with the State of Michigan Department of Treasury disbursement calendar.

"I found books marked 'bank statements' that were empty," he said. "Upon searching, I decided we had to contact the bank for copies to try and figure out balances."

He said vouchers in both the clerk's and treasurer's offices had no documentation and that no copies of invoices, copies of checks or receipt documentation could be found - only audits from 2014-2018 stating supporting documentation had been a recurring problem. That included documentation for the prior year's tax reconciliation with the county, copies of which he had obtained from the Clare County Treasurer's Office.

"Reviewing the office, I found \$10.50 in the till as tax change," Martin said. "I discovered that at year end there was over \$6,000 still in the tax account, and that \$200 had been written out of taxes for Petty Cash."

Martin said that when he had asked the board in July for an audit to give good starting balances in all funds, the request was tabled until September. He also noted the lack of office supplies, adding that *by law* receipts must be printed with Redding Township's name and be pre-numbered.

"I had to go to the Cleaver and purchase two generic receipt books: one for taxes and one for general fund to be able to receipt in tax batches and general fund receipts," he said. "I brought some supplies in from home, due to the pushback on ordering supplies for the offices."

Martin also spoke of bank statements which "suddenly appeared back in the office in the empty bank statement book" discovered by the supervisor [himself appointed to office March 20, 2019] and brought to the attention of everyone who was in the office.

"My office does not have a computer program for posting the tax journal which should be in the general ledger," Martin said. "All funds need to be reported in the Treasurer's Report monthly."

He said he had been told to use Excel, which does not have that capability.

"Reviewing past audits from 2014, 2016 and 2018, it appears that there has been a problem for many years with segregation of duties and not having proper documentation attached to receipts and checks," Martin said. "The board should be aware that the computer system being used *could be manipulated*."

Then the treasurer noted his accomplishments over the past 2 1/2 months, beginning with a system for balancing taxes on the regularly scheduled tax disbursement schedule established by the Department of Treasury.

Martin enumerated 14 different procedures implemented to keep track of all accounts, taxes and disbursements which will enable the township to maintain information flow between the treasurer and clerk offices, stay on top of its finances, keep current running balances on all accounts - and to stay legal.

In summation, the treasurer offered the following:

"It is my recommendation that a policy is established for internal controls," Martin said. "Currently, there are keys given out to multiple people besides the clerk and treasurer for their offices, filing cabinets and closet. There are personnel records, checks, cash drawer, etc., that only the appropriate offices should have keys to."

He also recommended that software



Chris Martin, resigned Redding Township treasurer, goes over the ledgers and other items which have been put in order prior to his departure from the board. Pictured, from left, are Nancy and Bruce Scarbrough, Martin and Marlene McGlashen. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

be supplied for accurate fund accounting, and that if QuickBooks use is to continue, separate bank accounts be set up for each fund. He said this would be necessary to make a balance sheet with the accurate balances needed to set up bank accounts for the fire and sanitation funds, as well as the payroll account.

Martin then stepped into the records closet and retrieved multiple boxes laden with ledgers and files representing the tax account and general fund, provided a thorough accounting of all things that have been brought up-to-date, and then he concluded by presenting his inventory log stating he had given the board "everything," which he requested the board sign-off on, along with one witness.

"Last but not least, I want to thank

the people of Redding Township for the opportunity to serve them, if only for a short time," Martin said. "It was my hope to bring accountability, transparency and professionalism to the office of Redding Township Treasurer. I feel that I made a good effort to do so, but under the circumstances could not complete my goal. Therefore, I respectfully resign my position as Redding Township Treasurer - immediately."

With that, the supervisor called for a vote to accept/not accept the resignations of the clerk and treasurer. After a 2-to-1 vote to accept the clerk's resignation, the supervisor called for a second vote in an effort to achieve a unanimous vote - which, by the way, is totally illegal. The vote can be changed before the vote was

announced by the presiding officer; that 2-to-1 vote was already announced aloud by supervisor Scarbrough as, "I believe that passes." The vote was unanimous to accept the treasurer's resignation, and the supervisor thanked the two for their time.

The next monthly meeting of the Redding Township Board is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. Chris and Trisha Martin told the Cleaver that they will attend, with the intent of continuing to ensure the board functions in a responsible, legal manner - making certain there is no un-doing of their efforts to bring order out of chaos - something they said they will be more comfortable doing without the burden of abuse, intimidation, or hierarchal/patriarchal attitudes and tactics experienced while in office.

## BOC Passes Motions

HARRISON - The Clare County Board of Commissioners passed the following motions at its Sept. 18 meeting. The Board moved to:

- Approve Commissioners minutes for Aug. 21 and Special Board Meeting minutes for Sept. 11;
- Approve Closed Session minutes for: Lee Schunk vs. Clare County Election Commission; Lamar Gunden vs. Clare County Election Commission; Erma Kleinhardt vs. Clare County Election Commission; Union Negotiations; Karen Moore vs. 55th Judicial Circuit Court and 80th Judicial District Court; and Stephen and Robin Morris vs. Clare County;
- Adopt Resolution No. 19-15, a resolution approving and adopting the County General Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (dissenting votes cast by Dale Majewski and Samantha Pitchford);
- Adopt Resolution No. 19-16, establishing Fiscal Year 2020 compensation;
- Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Clare, on behalf of the Clare County Prosecutor's Office and Ten 16 Recovery Network;
- Amend the agreement commenced effective Oct. 1, 2018, between the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office and the 80th District Court-Veterans Treatment Court with Chairperson Jack Kleinhardt to sign;
- Approve the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Grant agreement;
- Adopt Resolution No. 19-17

pledging full faith and credit to the Little Tobacco Intercounty Drain Note;

- Approve a \$1 lease agreement with Northern Michigan Alliance for Children, a Title 501(c)(3) non-profit organization;
- Approve the 911 Plan Amendment Resolution No. 19-18;
- Allow request for proposals to complete subdivision plats into ownership parcels/shapefiles;
- Approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of Aug. 26 in the amount of \$141,221.51 and Sept. 9 in the amount of \$47,371.05;
- Approve expenditures for the month of August 2019 in the amount of \$2,338,114.74 with General Fund expenditures totaling \$909,789.97;
- Approve an agreement with the Department of Treasury for Clare County's audits for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020 and 2021;
- Allow Senior Services to hire its Title V worker part time, beginning Oct. 1;
- Allow Senior Services to hire a driver for medical transportation part time, beginning Oct. 1;
- Allow Senior Services to give all Home Health aides a 50-cent per hour increase, beginning Oct. 1;
- Reinstated Middle Michigan Development Corp. for Fiscal Year 2020, contingent upon receipt of grant funds for technology (dissenting votes cast by Dale Majewski, Samantha Pitchford and David Hoefling);
- Appropriations of \$35,000 for the County Probate Fund and \$42,000 for the Child Fund (lone dissenting vote cast by David Hoefling).

## Coffee With a Cop Brewing for Oct. 3

On Oct. 3, troopers from the Michigan State Police and officers from several local police departments will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. All community members are invited to attend.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the following locations:

Cops and Doughnuts, 1372 S. Mission St., Mount Pleasant; Cops and Doughnuts, 521 N. McEwan St., Clare; Magnolia Boutique & Gifts, 102 W. Upton Ave., Reed City; and Biggy Coffee, 840 S. State St., Big Rapids.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Michigan neighborhoods (Isabella, Clare, Osceola and Mecosta counties).

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed,

one-on-one interaction.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

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