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COMING EVENTS

Free Clare County Drive Thru Mobile Food Distribution Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Clare County Transit Corp., 1473 Transportation Drive, Harrison: Vehicle line up/registration begins at 9 a.m. Distribution is 10:30 a.m. until noon. Food will be placed in your trunk/hatchback; make room in advance and bring empty boxes or baskets for the food. Restrooms will not be available.

Stuff a Truck-Clare Local Michigan DNR conservation officers and Jay's Sporting Goods are currently collecting toys to donate to local children this holiday season. Donated toys should be new, in the original packaging and free from any wrapping or decorations. Jay's Sporting Goods from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

Harrison Genealogical Society will meet at the Harrison District Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. All are welcome.

Harrison Christmas Celebration at 5 p.m. Dec. 11. Christmas Celebration at Town Square includes visit with Santa, Memorial Tree lighting, Christmas Caroling, food available at Harrison City Market, Hot Chocolate. Parade starts at Clare County Fairgrounds, down Fairlane Street to First Street, to Main Street to Town Square (Second and Main) where Santa will be dropped off. To be in the parade, sign up by Nov. 26 at harrisonchamber.com/events.

6th Annual Breakfast with Santa Cops & Doughnuts-Clare City Bakery and Camp Rotary sponsor Breakfast with Santa from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Camp Rotary. Cost is \$8, free to ages 3 and younger.

Holiday Centerpiece Class The Clare County Arts Council will be holding a centerpiece making class at the Clare Union Railroad Depot at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14. Cost is \$30 Register at 989-630-9020.

Downtown Development Authority Grant Program Sparks Changes on Main Street

By ANGELA KELLOGG
Cleaver Managing Editor

Just about everyone noticed the big change on Main Street in Harrison last week: the removal of the Harrison school building, built in 1938. Other more subtle changes have been happening all summer at Dreyer Hovey and Post, and at Dan Durga State Farm.

Both businesses applied and received approval for façade improvement grants from the Harrison Downtown Development Authority. The Façade Beautification Plan began this year to help businesses make positive changes to their building exteriors. The plan allows business to apply for matching funds up to \$5,000 to paint, improve signage, or to make specific renovations.

The DDA reached out to businesses in the designated DDA zone, roughly along Main Street and N. Clare Avenue from



The above left photo shows landscaping in progress in September at the law offices of Dreyer Hovey and Post. Some trees were cut, but the tree at right was saved and trimmed as it was planted by employee Angie Cullen's father when he helped with maintenance at the firm. (Photo courtesy Izak Post) Above right, Dreyer Hovey and Post's new look and removal of trees and old landscaping improves the look of the Broad and Main Street intersection. (Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg)



On the day before Thanksgiving, Dave Danberry, Matt Gargin and Andrew Morris of Hogger's Custom Sign and Design of Harrison install window decals and one of two planned signs. (Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg)

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

Michigan State Police release

HARRISON – Troopers from the Mount Pleasant Post responded Nov. 19 to a Harrison bar in Hayes Township, Clare County, for the report of a stolen vehicle. Troopers contacted the victim and conducted a preliminary investigation.

On Nov. 21, a witness located the stolen vehicle on private property in Isabella County. The witness also observed the suspect on the property where the stolen vehicle was located. After continued investigation and contact with the witness, the suspect was identified.

On Nov. 24, troopers spoke with several of the suspect's family members. Troopers then interviewed and obtained a confession from the suspect, a 26-year-old Harrison man, while he was lodged at the Clare County Jail on several warrants including absconding on parole.

Charges were submitted to the Clare County Prosecutor's Office for Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile, Driving While License Suspended, and Failure to Report a Crash. As of the Nov. 29 press release date, the suspect was awaiting arraignment.

Townline Lake Road to the south city limit of Harrison, to make them aware of how the program could help with any future planning of improvement projects.

The Dreyer Hovey and Post renovations were significant, over \$50,000. The portion approved for the grant included matching funds for signage and landscaping. Built in 1981, by mostly retired partner Dave Dreyer, the building needed tiling for drainage, foundation, and basement improvement in addition to outside work. Removing a large, half-dead pine made room for signage and landscape for the law office.

Hovey, who is familiar with DDA operations as the City of Beaverton's attorney, applauded the grant program.

"It was time to update the building and we very much wanted to. Working with the DDA and getting the grant made it easier. We wanted to partner with the DDA and help continue to update Harrison. It's time to update so as a community we look new and upcoming, and I think that's what this program is about. Welcoming people to our community and welcoming our community members to our businesses. Growing together."

Post agreed. "It's very helpful. Coming up with the money to do this project was hard and sometimes stressful," he said. "Having a DDA that contributed definitely alleviated stress."

Community is important to both Post and Hovey. Hovey is actively

involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters, Friends of Clare Park and Recreation and several other charitable organizations. Post is a board member of the Clare County Community Foundation and the Northern Michigan Alliance for Children, and he is part of Team Clare, in the Clare-Gladwin Recovery Court.

Post was also recently recognized with the honor of "Super Lawyers Rising Star" for 2021. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Dan Durga's State Farm office (ironically built by Dreyer in the 1970s) applied to improve signage, safety and accessibility and overall façade improvement.

"I probably wouldn't have done part of my project had it not been for the DDA," Durga told the Cleaver. "I would have done my ramp because of safety. I took it as an opportunity to go beyond the scope of my original plan."

Durga replaced siding and trim, painted, and resurfaced his ramp entryway. He also made inside

improvements not part of the grant process.

Dreyer Hovey and Post also plan to refresh their practice's interior next year.

The finishing touch for both businesses will be their main signage done by Hogger's Custom Sign & Design of Harrison which will be installed soon.

What is a DDA?

A downtown development authority is a type of tax increment finance authority available to a city, village, or township. Under tax increment financing, an authority captures a defined portion of the property tax revenues in a designated area. Typically, a DDA captures the growth in tax revenue within a designated development area for use in financing a variety of public improvements in the area, often through the issuance of bonds. The act says a municipality can create a DDA by resolution in order "to halt property value deterioration and increase property tax valuation where possible in its business district, to halt the causes of that deterioration, and to promote economic growth."

Senior Services Struggling to Secure Adequate Staffing

BOC Hears Community Services Report

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – In her November address to the Clare County Board of Commissioners, Community Services Director Lori Phelps provided a cumulative update on the services provided through the departments under her purview. She began with the end-of-fiscal year numbers.

Code Enforcement: \$240,424 in building permits (which was \$76,424 more than the previous year); \$110,991 in electrical permits (\$26,000 more than the previous year); \$74,253 in plumbing and mechanical permits (\$18,000 more than the previous year); 124 new addresses issued (up from 87 from previous year). Phelps said this is the second contract year for zoning and enforcement for the City of Clare Code of Ordinances, for which the department receives \$18,000 per year from the city.



Lori Phelps, director of Clare County Community Services, reports on her department's achievements and financial status during the November meeting of the Clare County Board of Commissioners. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Bieri)

"This year, every time, we update our website," Phelps said, noting that was being worked on at the time.

The numbers for Senior Services included: 107,329 meals served (99,913 were home-delivered).

"We were able to welcome our congregate

back in the early summer," Phelps said. "However, many are really nervous to come back, so we're still having the curbside pickup for them, if they would like."

Care hours for seniors included: 26,276 hours of in-home care, which includes assistance with personal hygiene, housekeeping, grocery shopping, relief for caregivers and general activities of daily living.

Phelps said that caregivers spent 2,901 hours of coordinating services for seniors, from obtaining meals, in-home health, coordinating home repairs, heating assistance, medical transportation, prescription medication assistance and durable medical equipment.

"Our caseworkers see now about 50 new See BOC on page 2

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KONGsgiving Comes to Clare County Animal Shelter

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – Animal Control Director Rudi Hicks had a pleasant surprise last week when she received an email from Metro Detroit-based Bark Nation seeking approval to make a donation to the shelter’s residents. Hicks provided the OK, and two Bark Nation representatives arrived Wednesday, Nov. 24 to bring the shelter a supply of KONGs, which are heavy rubber chew toys that can be filled with the treat of choice.

And filled they were! Trays of KONGs filled with turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin. And, appreciating that it takes a large staff to care for the many animals in the shelter’s care, treats also included snack crackers and other goodies for shelter personnel.



Animal Control Director Rudi Hicks, center, and Bark Nation representatives Kerry McLaughlin, left, and Reagan Gilshire display the treats-filled KONGs contributed to the shelter for KONGsgiving. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)



Kerry McLaughlin, above, and Reagan Gilshire, below, serve up the Thanksgiving-themed KONGsgiving treats to shelter dogs.



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All these goodies were part of Pet Nation’s 8th Annual KONGsgiving event, which included stops at shelters across both of the state’s peninsulas prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Kerry McLaughlin, president and co-founder of Bark Nation, and volunteer Reagan Gilshire were the emissaries bringing the goodies. Both were highly sincere,

professional representatives of their organization, proudly explaining the group’s history and the multi-faceted scope of its work. “Bark Nation’s been around for 8 years now,” McLaughlin said. “We started out doing a lot of enrichment with shelters, and that’s how KONGsgiving was started. Last night we were hanging out and making these KONGs.”

She said more than 1,500 KONGs had been prepared this year, which their teams delivered that day to 42 shelters all over the state of Michigan and Ohio.

“Our first shelter was in the U.P. today, at the Eva Burrell Shelter in Manistique,” McLaughlin said.

She explained that her group had

This shimmering rooster named Jerk is one of the latest additions to the shelter. Having been ejected from his home due to his excessively amorous behavior, he may be flirting with a future as a plated Caribbean entree.



started out doing projects like this for shelters, but in short order it became apparent there was a need to step in to work to thwart dog fighting and cruelty in Detroit.

“Right now, what we do is focus on assisting local and federal law enforcement in dog fighting

“And since things have been opening back up, we’ve taken in another 200 in this time span,” McLaughlin said. “So, we’re not letting up anytime soon, because we really want to combat this. What’s really neat is we actually assist the law enforcement – when they get the people out of the home, we go and get all

According to Hicks, this porcelain pandemic pooch has been wearing his mask for two years with no side effects.



raids,” McLaughlin said. “And we have a shelter (location undisclosed), because we have to put those dogs into live evidence – we call it ‘pit-ness protection.’ We can have anywhere from 30 to 150 dogs at any time that are live evidence, that our team of 70 volunteers takes care of. And we make sure they get enrichment and veterinary care, teach them that humans are awesome – and that they can be dogs.”

Once those animals are no longer live evidence, shelter partners across the nation take them on to enable the dogs’ adoptions. Some Bark Nation dogs have traveled as far as Arizona, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Apparently, the pandemic has done little to slow down dog fighting, with Bark Nation rescuing some 240 dogs.

the dogs from their chains. And we actually see them from chains to charges. We are witnesses, we get up and testify to the condition of the animals as well.”

Bark Nation also has its own veterinarians – all volunteers.

After giving a thorough description of the organization and its mission, it was time to head back to the dog holding area to serve up the KONGsgiving treats. As expected, the barking quickly reached a crescendo as the 17 dogs in residence that day enthusiastically greeted the visitors. And, one by one, the tasty KONGs were presented – and well-received. And, one voice at a time, the room got quieter as the dogs became occupied with their treats.

After touring the facility, including its much quieter Cat Room with its current 15 cats, and the roofed outdoor dog enclosures, both McLaughlin and Gilshire

were effusive in their admiration for the quality of the “happy shelter” and its staff. That admiration grew still more after seeing the original small block building from which the current award-winning

shelter has evolved. “I am so impressed,” McLaughlin said. “This is beautiful. And your dogs are so happy – that speaks volumes for how they’re taken care of.”

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clients a month,” she said. “We had 595 new clients just this past year. We were also able to help recently eight families of grandparents raising their grandchildren with school backpacks, school supplies, food, Kindles.”

Phelps said one of the issues currently being faced by Senior Service is food cost, bringing food costs up more than \$48,000 from last year. She said that is up \$30,000 over the previous year, but the cost in that year had included two meals for home-bound seniors. This year, there is only one meal being served.

“There’s nothing we can do about that,” she said. “We do have a problem getting certain items now.”

Phelps said the gasoline expense for meals-on-wheels has also increased, and cited the October 2020 bill as \$565, while the October 2021 bill was more than \$1,030.

“We also are having an issue

with adequate staffing,” Phelps said. “Nobody wants to work, so that is a problem for us right now – we just can’t find people that want to work.”

Senior Services revenue was up from the same time last year, to the tune of \$1,768,000-plus. Total expenses were \$1,691,000.

Phelps closed out her data by describing how grant loan repayment revenues were being used to the betterment of lives and therefore the community. She said program income included about \$46,000 from the previous Community Development Block Grant which is for renovation of homes for low-income or moderate-income individuals.

“There’s over \$1 million in loans,” Phelps said. “That’s been for years past, and we received \$45,000 back from those loans. So, we put that back into the community – we replaced two roofs with that, a septic system, three wells, two furnaces installed, and a handicapped shower.”

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Outdoors With Jeff

Well, it's the first of December, the firearms deer season has passed. In a few days, the hunting season known as the black powder season and others will call it, muzzle loader season. Just before the firearms season started, there were rumors down in Lansing that were circling, that they may be changing some of the rules. The rule they are talking about has already taken place in several counties down state. Their rule for down state is that during the muzzle loader season, the hunter can use either the muzzle loader or they can use a regular rifle. I would assume that this could take effect

for the season in 2022, if they change the rules any time soon. I haven't heard anything from hunters down there if they like it or not. I would assume, if this passes, more hunters will put aside their black powder rifles and only use the regular rifle.

A few hunters have told me that have contacts with hunters down state and they have all pretty much switched over to center fire deer rifles. They also stated that they think this is a ploy to get more hunters hunting. I haven't been able to talk to hunters a lot of hunters about the firearms deer season and if they thought it was a good or bad.

Hunters that hunted in Roscommon, they stated that they hunted every day, and the action was pretty slow. Like many hunters they had trail cameras out for several weeks or months prior to the season opener. They stated that the cameras revealed, several or many bucks and does. Come the opening day, those specific deer were never seen.

The first or second day of the season, I went up and looked at the community deer pole over at Marion. I was amazed how many deer were hanging from the pole. Some stated that it was a record amount; others said they didn't think so. All I know it was amazing. The meat processors were busy the first week of the season. One meat processor had so many cars waiting in line to get their deer in; it looked like a Walmart early in the morning on black Friday trying to get in the store to get special Christmas gifts.

The first day or so of the season, hunters started hearing that a warmup was coming, the hunters were concerned that their deer may spoil if not in a cooler. Supposedly, there were so many hunters at one location; they had to close the doors, for a couple days. They told the hunters to come back in two days.

At one processing location I was amazed on how many big bucks were there. Some of the antlers on those deer, resembled more like



JEFF GOYT

elk, had to go check and Shure enough, they were white tailed deer. One thing that I noticed in the hunters was that were equally proud of their deer they harvested.

Whether it was a small spike or the thirty-point buck, like the Yooper's call them. As I watched there was an adult and the other with him was a small child, I couldn't tell who was the proudest, the dad or the child that got the deer. For those that have asked, yes, I was able to harvest an eight-point opening day. Someone asked me if I was proud of my deer? My answer was I was, like other hunters my age, I was just as proud of every deer I harvested in my lifetime, anything from a 3-inch spike to an eight point or more.

I want to remind all hunters that have a valid tag, to check the DNR deer hunting guide. There is an extended season in December for rifle hunting. Not sure which counties are eligible, last year it was allowed in Roscommon County, and I think it's opened this year again. You need to check and see if its doe season only or not. Again, I remind hunters to hunt safely and ethically.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. As I get closer to finishing this article, I think about hunting seasons past, it hits me now, this is my fifty sixth, hunting season. I have fine memories of all those hunts, with my dad, grandfather and my two sons.



CCDP Holiday Get Together

The Clare County Democratic Party will have their annual Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday December 16 in the 4 Leaf Brewery's back room, in Clare. They will be having a Silent Auction to support their scholarship, and a 50/50 drawing. If possible, bring a Christmas gift item for the silent auction, and don't forget to wear your favorite Christmas sweater! Food and drinks will be available to order. Please plan to wear your mask at the event if you are not eating or drinking. The Public is welcome to all meetings and events.

For more information go to www.clarecountymocrats.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clarecountymocrats, and you can also contact: Stephanie Terpening, County Party Chair, at contact@clarecountymocrats.com.

~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~



A Glimpse Into The Past

Photo of downtown Evart from the original case file, circa 1938.

MAY 9, 1938 – A 2,500 Pound Stone Worth 6 Cents!

A letter from Orville J. Glerum of Evart dated March 22, 1938, and directed to Samuel V. Blair of Flint begins the matter. The letter reads "You were at our office today and made inquiry about a certain stone. Because of the attitude which predominated your visit, the writer had determined, that the stone to which you referred is of such value that under no circumstance would any disposition of same be considered."

I wish to inform you now that any trespass upon my property where stone is located is strictly forbidden."

On reviewing an Affidavit for Writ of Replevin by Sam V. Blair, JP Kyle McKinnon issued a Writ of Replevin on April 1, 1938, for the seizure of "One stone with granite base and variegated formation on one side, weighing approximately one and a quarter ton" from Orville J. Glerum, apparently the owner of Northland Dairy Company, of Evart. The stone had been present on the street in Evart for over 20 years, however Orville J. Glerum seemingly with permission removed the stone and placed it as part of "water barrier wall" at the "summer cottage" property owned by his wife, Lottie Glerum, located in Clare County, Section 29, Garfield Township on 8 Eight Point Lake.

On Clare County Under-Sheriff Deputy Henry Doll, "protected" by a \$2,000 bond provided without surety by plaintiff Blair, seizing the stone, it was appraised at \$20 by E.B. Collins and Lance Thayer. Under-sheriff Doll "returned" the stone to plaintiff Blair. The interest /ownership of the stone on the part of plaintiff Blair is not disclosed in the legal paperwork, however, in the opinion of this writer it may well be that plaintiff Blair had "second thoughts" as to keeping the stone or for some undisclosed reason wanted to "jab" defendant Glerum.

Attorney William F. Umphrey, representing defendant Glerum, filed a Motion to Dismiss on April 12th challenging the service of process on defendant Glerum and claiming that the taking of the stone was "unauthorized". And, in defense of his taking the stone it was alleged that defendant's wife, Lottie Glerum had possession of the stone for 1 year and 8 months before the Writ of Replevin was issued, and that plaintiff Blair had orally given permission as to the taking of the stone from his lot as well as "permission" being obtained from the town Marshall.

Attorney Joseph K. Naumes appeared for plaintiff Blair and the matter went to trial. At trial, plaintiff Blair waived any right to receive back the stone and requested that he receive the value of the stone as to which he claimed a "sentimental" value of \$300. Defendant Glerum claimed a value of \$150. JP McKinnon found in favor of defendant Glerum and against plaintiff Blair with nominal damages of 6 cents as to the value of the stone. Plaintiff Blair appealed and filed a bond. The

Return of JP McKinnon was filed in Circuit Court on May 9, 1938. Included in the case file is a photo of Evart (plaintiff Blair's Exhibit #3) and the September 13, 1872 (date of filing), Field Notes of the Village of Evart, a plat description of Evart signed by Delos A. Blodgett and others (plaintiff Blair's Exhibit #2).

Description of Eight Point Lake land – "Commencing at a point 54 rods and 10 feet South of Quarter Post on the North side of Section 29, Township 178 North, Range 6 West; thence South Six rods, thence West to waterline of Eight Point Lake to a point directly West from place of beginning, thence East to place of beginning, Michigan."

The September 13, 1872 (date of filing), Field Notes of the Village of Evart, a plat description of Evart signed by Delos A. Blodgett and others (plaintiff Blair's Exhibit #2) includes reference to 879 lots in the platted village, mention of a Main Street, Railroad Avenue, the [Muskegon] river, R.R. Grounds, seventh Street, etc. Also a reservation of "One block or square . . . set aside for church and school purposes and one for a public square".

While on appeal in Circuit Court, on September 1, 1938, Lottie Smith Glerum (Charlotte E. Glerum, formerly Charlotte E. Seath), represented by attorney Umphrey, filed a Petition to Intervene. Most likely the Petition to Intervene as a defendant along with her husband was because ownership of the Eight Point Lake lot was in the name of Lottie Glerum and as it could possibly be deemed a part of the real estate, that is affixed and so not personal property, she would "own" the stone.

The matter came to an end on the filing of a Stipulation signed by the attorneys on September 6, 1938, stating a settlement had been reached, the lawsuit to be dismissed and discontinued, the Judgment of JP McKinnon "declared to be and is satisfied in full" – so it would seem that plaintiff Blair paid defendants Glerum 6 cents and costs and taxes of \$10 and an attorney fee of \$5; and, probably most importantly, defendants Glerum got the stone.

A final question might be – Is the stone presently located at Eight Point Lake? Perhaps this writer with take a field trip to see if it is yet located there.

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MDHHS expands Opioid Health Home services to additional counties

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has expanded the Opioid Health Home initiative to more Michigan counties to provide intensive care management and care coordination services for Medicaid beneficiaries with an opioid use disorder.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently approved Michigan's State Plan Amendment to expand its Opioid Health Home initiative into PIHP Regions 6, 7 and 10. The expanded SPA will allow thousands of Medicaid beneficiaries meeting the eligibility criteria to receive OHH services.

A Health Home is a benefit awarded to Medicaid beneficiaries who have a diagnosed with an Opioid Use Disorder and reside within one of the following

Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) regions/counties:

- Region 1 (counties in the Upper Peninsula)
- Region 2 (21 northern-most counties of the Lower Peninsula)
- Region 4 (specifically Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties)
- Region 6 (Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw)
- Region 7 (Wayne)
- Region 9 (Macomb County)
- Region 10 (Genesee, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair)

Individuals who meet the criteria are able to work with a team of providers who will attend to a beneficiary's complete health and social needs. Participation is voluntary and enrolled beneficiaries may opt out at any time.

"The expansion of Opioid Health Home program will help address the complexity of physi-

cal and behavioral health conditions in Michigan and improve access to essential services," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "For enrolled beneficiaries, the Health Home will function as the central point of contact for directing patient-centered care across the broader health care system."

In Michigan, half of Medicaid beneficiaries have an untreated mental illness and more than two-thirds have an untreated substance use disorder. Health Homes are a proven model to increase access to coordinated and integrated care, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For OHH-specific information, including eligibility and available resources, visit Michigan.gov/OHH.

MDOC offers video option for prisoners attending funeral services

LANSING – Prisoners in Michigan whose immediate family members pass away will have a new option available to them, by now being able to attend the funeral service virtually through a video connection at the prison.

"Any death is tragic and a cause of great sadness that only compounds when you are not able to pay your final respects with your family," MDOC Director Heidi Washington said. "While these individuals have broken the law, they are still human beings and helping them to maintain connections to family and to the community that most will someday return to are important steps to long-term public safety."

While incarcerated individuals do not have a right to have an in-person or video funeral visit, wardens will ensure efforts are made to allow a prisoner to view the funeral of an immediate family member via video when possible.

Once the prisoner has received approval, the video viewing will take place in an area that allows the prisoner to have privacy from other prisoners. A facility employee will also be present to monitor the viewing at all times.

The prisoner's security level will not preclude them from attending the video funeral viewing.

Previously, in-person funeral visits were only available to lower security level prisoners. And can only take place if there are off-duty staff interested in volunteering to work and the prisoner, or prisoner's family have to pay all escort costs including salary, benefits, travel and any other costs incurred.

This will come at no expense to the department or taxpayers as if the funeral home or vendor conducting the service charges for recording the service, the prisoner or the prisoner's family will be responsible for the cost.

The revised policy went into effect Monday, Nov. 29.

Grammar Guy

5 holiday card grammar mistakes to avoid

Put that turkey leg down and listen up! Today we have to discuss your family's upcoming holiday card. In addition to the fact that we do not need to see your pets in your cards, we also don't need to see any glaring grammar mistakes. Stick to the following tips and you'll turn a bah, humbug card into a very merry message.

To keep your headings holly and jolly, write "Season's greetings." "Seasons greetings" isn't right because the "greetings" belong to the "season." Therefore, we need the apostrophe. Also, please refrain from writing "Sneezin' greetings." You may think that's funny, but it's snot.

Continuing on the theme of that grinch of a punctuation mark called the apostrophe, let's look at the phrase: 'tis the season. Never write "tis" with no apostrophe before it. 'Tis is a conjunction (I like to call it a mashup) of "it" and "is." These days, we write and say "it's" instead of "'tis," but the antiquated "'tis" still enters into our collective holiday lexicon.

Okay, so it appears that all our holiday card woes stem from the pesky apostrophe. We see it again in the phrase "Happy New Year." Don't write "Happy New Year's" or "Happy New Years." However, "New Year's Day" and "New Year's Eve" are correct. When in doubt, simply write "Have a swell 2022."

You only need to capitalize the "m" in "Merry Christmas" if "Merry" begins a sentence or if "Merry Christmas" is the heading at the top of your card. For instance, you would correctly



CURTIS HONEYCUTT

write, "We hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy new year."

How do you write your family's last name on a card? Suppose your greeting says "Merry Christmas from the (your last name here)." Should the last name read "Kringles" or "Kringles"? This is by far the most common holiday card faux pas. Never use an apostrophe here; instead, pluralize your last name by adding an "s." Your family name isn't possessing anything.

If your family name ends in -s, -ch, -sh, -z or -x (as long as the -x is not silent), ad -es to make your last name plural: Happy Holidays from the Joneses. If you want to avoid this plural vs. apostrophe confusion, simply write "Merry Christmas from the Miller family."

You and your family deserve great grammar and punctuation to go along with your coordinated family photo. No need to thank me when your friends and family decide to frame your card as the pinnacle of holiday merriment.

Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of "Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life." Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.

MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES PROVIDES WISH LIST FOR HOMES AHEAD OF HOLIDAY SEASON

LANSING – Michigan Veteran Homes has provided a wish list for each home highlighting much-needed items to support veteran members this holiday season. The success of the Homes would not be possible without the amazing charitable support they receive from community members and veteran advocates throughout the state.

Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Township is seeking monetary donations to support the life enrichment fund which is used to improve the quality of life for members. Monetary donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/2SeSPcm> or checks can be written to MVHCT and mailed to 47901 Sugarbush Road, Chesterfield Township, MI 48047. The Home is also seeking in-kind donations such as new seasonal clothing items, snacks and entertainment options such as games, puzzles and books on CD. These items can be brought to the main entrance of the Home. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Ninette

Probyn at probynn@michigan.gov or 586-210-7119. Updated wish list items and donation tips may be viewed online at <https://bit.ly/30Qc2pk>.

Michigan Veteran Homes at Grand Rapids is seeking monetary donations to support the life enrichment fund which is used to improve the quality of life for members and ongoing efforts to raise funds necessary to support the restoration of the Hebe Fountain. Monetary donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/2SeSPcm> or checks can be written to MVHGR and mailed to 3000 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49505. The Home is also seeking in-kind donations such as snacks and new movie releases on DVD. These items can be brought to the main entrance which is under the white canopy. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Deanna Reames at reamesd@michigan.gov or 616-364-5331. Updated wish list items and donation tips may be viewed online

at <https://bit.ly/2Zhl1bz>.

Michigan Veteran Homes D.J. Jacobetti is seeking monetary donations to support the life enrichment fund which is used to improve the quality of life for members. Monetary donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/2SeSPcm> or checks can be written to MVHDDJ and mailed to 425 Fisher St., Marquette, MI 49855. Please indicate the fund designation "Life Enrichment" in the memo section of the check. The Home is also seeking in-kind donations such as new seasonal clothing items, personal care items, magazine subscriptions, DVD players and portable CD players. In-kind donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby at the main entrance. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Johnson at johnsons93@michigan.gov or 906-226-3576 Ext: 2520396. Updated wish list items and donation tips may be viewed online at <https://bit.ly/3xkZrpJ>.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.
 Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary 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 11:00 A.M., on January 12, 2022. 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.

MORTGAGE INFORMATION:

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Melvin P. French, A Single Man, whose address is 4096 Oak Flats Road, Harrison, Michigan 48625, as original Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Amera Mortgage Corporation, being a mortgage dated October 2, 2006, and recorded on October 4, 2006 in Liber 1019 Page 263-271, Clare County Records, State of Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held through mesne assignments by J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 12, 2021 and recorded on November 16, 2021 in Liber 1504 Page 659, Clare County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND 27/100 (\$30,827.27).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Clare, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 115, Oak Flat Subdivision No. 1, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hayes Township, Clare County, Michigan. Street Address: 4096 Oak Flats Road, Harrison, Michigan 48625
 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from

the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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.
 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Dated: November 25, 2021
 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing:
 Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 21 4197 (11-25)(12-16) 47-3

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARE
 File No. 21-900330-CH

THE SALLY E. KEILLOR TRUST, dated March 1, 2006, Plaintiff, v. CONSECO FINANCING SERVICING GROUP, f/k/a GREENTREE

FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION, BRIAN KOZLOWSKI and KATHLEEN KOZLOWSKI, husband and wife, MARCIA M. HARRISON and MICHAEL A. HARRISON, husband and wife, Defendants. IZAK J. POST (P77832) Dreyer Hovey & Post, PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 195 W. Main, Box 649 Harrison, MI. 48625 (989) 539-7134

ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AS TO DEFENDANTS. CONSECO FINANCING SERVICING GROUP (f/k/a GREENTREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION).

BRIAN KOZLOWSKI and MICHAEL A. HARRISON

At a session of said Court the Courthouse in the City of Harrison, Michigan on November 16, 2021.

PRESENT: HONORABLE ROY G. MIENK Circuit Judge
 An Ex Parte Motion for Order to Answer having been made pursuant to MCR 2.105 (I), this Order to Answer is hereby entered by the Court pursuant to MCR 2.106 as follows:

The Plaintiff, through its attorneys, Dreyer Hovey & Post, PLLC, filed a quiet title action against said Defendants.

The real property is described as:

Lot 811 and 812, White Birch Lakes of Clare #5, Lincoln Twp., Clare County, Michigan.

Together with a manufactured home that has been situated on the above described property for decades, being particularly described as:

UTL ES Country Manor Sectional MY 97 101095AB 4026 2B 2BA
 Manufacture Date: 6-05-1996

The Defendant, or any person claiming interest in the aforesaid property are directed to answer or take other action as permitted by law or court rule in the Circuit Court for the County of Clare on or before January 31, 2022. The effect of failure to answer or take other action, as permitted by law, by any Defendants named herein, shall result in an Order being entered by this Court granting the relief requested by the Plaintiffs in and to

the above described property.

Dated: November 16, 2021
 HONORABLE ROY G. MIENK Circuit Court Judge 47-2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GERALDINE GALLAGHER
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, GERALDINE GALLAGHER, who lived at 403 Wilcox Parkway, Clare, MI 48617 died on October 25, 2021.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Geraldine Gallagher, her estate, or Steven Gallagher, as trustee of the Geraldine Gallagher Trust under Agreement dated October 25, 1995 as Amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Steven Gallagher, as trustee of the Geraldine Gallagher Trust under Agreement dated October 25, 1995 as Amended, at 6931 W. Harbor Drive, Elk Rapids, MI 49623, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

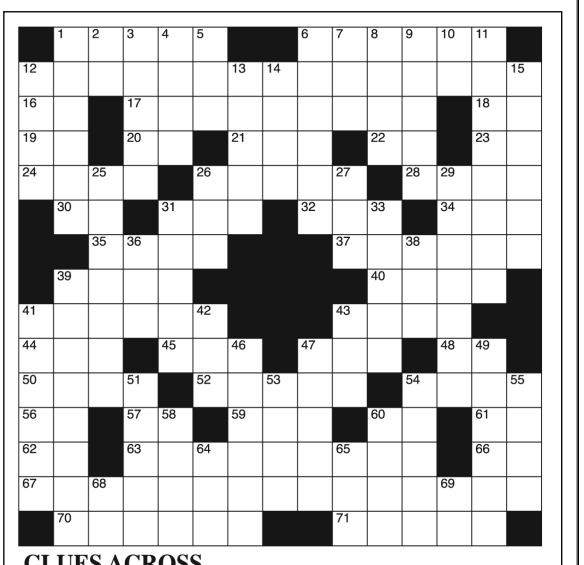
No probate court proceedings have commenced and no personal representative has been appointed. Steven Gallagher is the Trustee.

The attorney for the Trustee is: Jeffrey J. Klaus Martineau, Hackett, O'Neil & Klaus PLLC P.O. Box 265 Clare, MI 48617
 This notice is given pursuant to MCL 700.7608 and MCR 5.208

Date: December 02, 2021
 Respectfully submitted,
 Jeffrey J. Klaus P59563 Attorney for Steven Gallagher, Trustee 48



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- 1. Struck firmly
 - 2. Shirt part
 - 3. Nevertheless
 - 4. Article
 - 5. Adornment
 - 6. Educator's helper
 - 7. Healthcare pro
 - 8. Atomic number 28
 - 9. Extinct flightless bird
 - 10. Mystic syllable
 - 11. College sports decision maker (abbr.)
 - 12. Edible mushrooms
 - 13. Venerable English monk
 - 14. Surrounded by
 - 15. Eastern France river
 - 16. Short cry or yelp
 - 17. Brew
 - 18. Ornamental box
 - 19. In a way, surfaced
 - 20. Attired
 - 21. Poem
 - 22. Everest is one (abbr.)
 - 23. Olympic legend Jesse
 - 24. Portable tent
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 - 51. People of India and Sri Lanka
 - 52. Cleaning fabrics
 - 53. Very skilled
 - 54. Pouches
 - 55. Restaurant must-have
 - 56. Native Americans from Arizona
 - 57. Remaining after all deductions
 - 58. Fleece
 - 59. Dorm official
 - 60. It cools your home

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THE AMISH COOK - *By Gloria Yoder*

**Apple Pie Bars, An
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I blinked my eyes and checked again. Where is Daniel? I checked the children's bedrooms to see if he was caring for one of them—no Daniel. Stepping over to the window overlooking our driveway, I blinked again and smiled, looking at the field beyond. Way back, in the back section of our 11-acre field, were the headlights of our tractor as he drove back and forth in the blackness of the wee hours of the early morning.

I nestled back in bed, excited for the day ahead, yet thankful for not carrying the responsibility of planting 1,150 chestnut trees in the next two days, before the heavy rain, which was in the forecast for Tuesday night.

Now I don't know how familiar you are with chestnuts; I was not familiar with them last winter when Daniel first talked about them. Okay, so most chestnuts are imported, making the demand much higher. Daniel is always on the lookout for things that will enhance our children's lives and help build character. He was impressed with the thought that by the time we have a houseful of teenagers, we'd Lord willing have a family project of harvesting chestnuts and caring for the grove. I was fascinated to learn of the health aspects of this nut and its ability to be used in many ways, including ground to make flour.

I admit, at first, I was a bit on the skittish side, till one day I was like, "Of course I'll support his idea with my whole heart!" Since then, we've had untold blessings as we discussed how to approach the planting days and dreamed of

having a picnic area among the trees (once they're taller than the two to three feet they are now) and fixing up a camping spot.

Now we've eagerly been waiting on the day of their arrival, which happened to be on Daniel's birthday. The next 'wait' was the soybeans, which needed to be harvested first to have the field emptied, ready for grass seed, then trees. On the day the beans were harvested, Daniel began preparing the area for planting, including cutting down some trees in the woods surrounding the field.

Now the day was here. No more waiting; the race was on. Hubby was out planting grass seed.

After a few more hours of sleep for me, the break of dawn was here. I met Daniel in the field with two breakfast sandwiches (made with fresh quail eggs) and juice. The grass seed was all planted, and he was ready to work on squaring off the field and put in flags where the trees were to be planted in 20 feet increments throughout the entire area. That was a significant job all its own. Daniel enjoys nice straight rows of whatever he does, and marking off a big field was no small task. With much diligence and help from his dad, they worked their way across the field.

The children were on pins and needles waiting on this big day when friends and family would pitch in and lend a helping hand, making the job more pleasant and doable. Now, this morning it only took moments for them to be wide awake. As soon as they had breakfast and did their morning jobs, we joined the men starting to distribute stakes, guards, and ties in preparation for planting. Little Joshua was thrilled to be in on the



action and took it all in.

Daniel's goal was to have the last trees in the ground by Tuesday night. My guess is that optimistic Hubby over-shot a bit. Monday went well. Perhaps the best part of all for me was at night, having guests relaxing in the yard after supper. It felt so good to sit down, chat, and catch up on news.

Tuesday morning, I took the children out in the field again. Thanks to Grandma for baby-sitting Joshua as we dug in and gave it all we had. By mid-afternoon, Daniel contacted those who planned to help in the evening and told them that we're working on the last section, and they don't need to feel obligated to come.

White protector tubes stripped over the trees and tied to the stakes, all stood in rows of hundreds of trees. As we did those last rows, I gazed over the field in wonder. Overhead, dark clouds were gathering. I thanked God for the rain, which I was confident would be coming one time or other.

I hadn't mapped out all my menus ahead of time to feed those who came to help. So, I just took a meal at a time and asked God to plan it for me. I was amazed at how well it all came together. Several ladies brought in food which was a rich blessing.

That night as we slept, soundly rain fell in torrents, watering these young trees.

We are hearing stories from old-timers, how they used to roast chestnuts over a fire on autumn days. Do any of you remember those days before the blight went through, killing most chestnut trees in North America? We'll see, and perhaps in a couple of years, we'll have some to offer to you! With this blight-resistant type, we hope for a good harvest.

Mix dough ingredients together and roll out like pie dough. Place half of dough in the bottom of a 15- by 11-inch rimmed cookie sheet. Now mix filling ingredients together and spread on top of unbaked crust. Dot with several tablespoons butter. Place other half of rolled out dough on top of filling mixture or cut in strips and place on filling, lattice style. Beat an egg and brush on top crust. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Enjoy hot from the oven or chilled. Yummy with homemade vanilla ice cream!

Social Security Benefits Increase In 2022



Securing today and tomorrow

By Vonda Van Til, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Approximately 70 million Americans will see a 5.9% increase in their Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in 2022. Federal benefit rates increase when the cost-of-living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

The CPI-W rises when inflation increases, leading to a higher cost-of-living. This change means prices for goods and services, on average, are a little more expensive, so the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) helps to offset these costs.

We will mail COLA notices throughout the month of December to retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and representative payees. But, if you want to know your new benefit amount sooner, you can securely obtain your Social Security COLA notice online using the Message Center in your my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. You can access this information in early December prior to the mailed notice.

If you prefer to access your COLA notice online and not receive the mailed notice, you can log in to your personal my Social

Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to opt out of a mailed COLA notice and any other notices that are available online by updating your Preferences in the Message Center. Did you know you can receive a text or email alert when there is a new message waiting for you? That way, you always know when we have something important for you – like your COLA notice. If you don't have an account yet, you must create one by November 17, 2021, to receive the 2022 COLA notice online.

January 2022 marks other changes that will happen based on the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax in 2022 will be higher. The retirement earnings test exempt amount will also change in 2022 and you can view that

at www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2022.pdf.

Be among the first to know! Sign up for or log in to your personal my Social Security account today. Choose email or text under "Message Center Preferences" to receive courtesy notifications.

You can find more information about the 2022 COLA at www.ssa.gov/cola.

Vonda Van Til is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

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COMMUNITY MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

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The Harrison Chamber of Commerce will be having the Annual Memorial Tree Lighting at the Harrison Town Square on Saturday, December 11, following the Lighted Parade (starts at 5 pm). If you would like to add a name to the Memorial List or would like to make a contribution, please fill out and submit the form no later than Friday, December 10 by 3:00 pm.

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LOCAL EVENTS & NEWS

Mid Michigan Industries Signs USDOL Apprenticeship

MMI was struggling with employee retention issues and the COVID shutdown did not help. In response they began having tough conversations with their team to learn why people were leaving. Through these conversations they learned that many of their team wanted more training and room to grow within the organization. While the journey has been long for Mid Michigan Industries, the outcome will be valuable for their entire team.

First, to assist with growing their team, management worked with Mid Michigan College to put together a training program that met the standards of the National Association of Direct Support Professionals. Once an individual completes the training, they can continue their education through an online format to achieve DSP I, DSP II and DSP III certifications.

MMI then reached out to Michigan Works! Region 7B to help put together a USDOL Apprenticeship for their Direct Support Professional positions. On Nov. 8, Cherie Johnson, MMI's CEO, and Jim Haton, director of Quality Assurance, signed the USDOL Standards to make this apprenticeship active. At a recent Board Meeting, Cherie stated, "We are excited that all of the hard work that has gone into the creation of the curriculum with Mid Michigan College, and working with Michigan Works! Region 7B and the USDOL



to create an apprenticeship will have a positive impact for our team. We believe that employment is a means to support people to reach their highest potential, and we are excited to see our team excel and reach new peaks."

MMI has also applied for Michigan's Going Pro Talent Fund grant to help offset some of the cost of training. All of these programs can help move organizations like Mid Michigan Industries forward in a time when talent is scarce.

If you are interested in a Direct Support Professionals apprenticeship, please contact

Mid Michigan Industries. Successful candidates will start out as a Connections Coach and progress through the qualification process to become an apprentice. Interested candidates may complete an online application at www.mmionline.com.

Registered Apprenticeship is an industry-driven model that combines on-the-job learning with job-related instruction. As an "earn and learn" model, apprentices are employed and earn wages from the first day on the job. Apprenticeship is a flexible training strategy that can be customized to meet the needs of any business. There are currently more than 1,000 occupations—including careers in health care, information technology, transportation, and energy—in which apprenticeship is used to meet business needs for qualified workers. Using apprenticeship as a workforce strategy will also contribute to higher performance outcomes in employment, retention, earnings, and credential attainment.

Michigan Works! Region 7B has specialized Apprenticeship Success Coordinators who can assist employers in working with USDOL to set-up an apprenticeship. If you are interested in setting up an apprenticeship for your business, contact Nichole at Michigan Works! Region 7B: call 989-426-8571 or email: apprenticeships@michworks4u.org.



Quilt of Valor Awarded

On Nov. 28, Quilts of Valor Foundation representative Judy Tritten presented Spec-4 Gene Payne with a Quilt of Valor at his home in Farwell. Payne served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1962. During his tour at Fort Polk, Louisiana, he was involved in the recovery and rescue of more than 400 people during Hurricane Audrey. Payne also had the distinction of being recognized as Soldier of the Month.

Special Needs Christmas Receives Several Donations

Linda Drinkwine has been spearheading the special needs Christmas party in Harrison since 1993. This year's party will be held at the Harrison Senior Center from Noon- 3 p.m. on Dec. 18. The party provides a luncheon, music and dancing, a visit by Santa and his helpers and presents to approximately 75 special needs residents of Clare, Gladwin and Isabella Counties.

The following is a list of donors for this year's party: Harrison Senior Center; J. Ranck Electric of Mount Pleasant; American Legion Post 404; Sons of American Legion Post 404; American Legion Auxiliary Post 404; American Legion 40 & 8 Post 767; Rich and Michelle Young of American Legion Post 110; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1047; Stacy Stocking; and a helping hand from countless others.

RSVPs for the party for the party will be accepted until Dec. 9. If you know a special needs person who would like to attend, or to make a donation, contact Drinkwine at 989-544-9134.



Linda Drinkwine is pictured receiving a donation from J. Ranck Electric of Mount Pleasant and a donation from the American Legion Riders of Harrison from the 2021 Special Needs Christmas Party.



Don't Miss Mid's Lighted Holiday Trail

Mid Michigan College's Harrison campus offers nearly 20 miles of trails for hiking and mountain bike enthusiasts to enjoy. The trail system is open to the public and is also used for organized athletic events throughout the year. But, in December, the trails offer community members and guests from all over Michigan something very different – because on six evenings, Mid's trails are full of holiday magic.

The North Pole Passage Holiday Trail is designed and staffed by students who are members of Mid's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honors society for two-year college students. The event is also sponsored by the Mid Michigan College Foundation.

North Pole Passage will be open from 7-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18. Take a stroll through the enchanted trail covered in twinkling lights, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy hot cocoa and more. Plus, children can make their own snow globes and take a ride on the North Pole Passage Express.

Tickets are available online at midmich.edu/north-pole-passage or at the event; cost is \$5 for ages 12 and younger, and \$10 for adults.

"These events will require social distancing, and face coverings are required inside college facilities," said Tammy Alvaro, director of Student Advancement and PTK adviser at Mid. "We're excited to have a fun event on campus, but are following health guidelines to maintain a safe, healthy environment for those in attendance."

This event raises funds for service-learning projects and leadership development experiences for Mid's Phi Theta Kappa students.

"North Pole Passage is an event full of holiday spirit orchestrated by more than 40 student volunteers who help to make the trail a safe, fun night," noted Alvaro. "It's great to see community members come out and enjoy something that we plan for several months in advance, and we hope many visitors will make memories they cherish."

For more information about North Pole Passage, visit midmich.edu/north-pole-passage or contact Alvaro at talvaro@midmich.edu or 989-386-6634.

DEVIL'S KNOB 2021 GOLF SEASON SUMMARY

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As the 2021 Golf Season concluded at Devil's Knob, we look in retrospect to some of the highlights. Contending with the Covid-19 virus for yet another summer, we were again able to provide a safe environment. Operating out of the porch window, we look forward to the time when we can safely invite golfers into the Clubhouse again! Golf cars & carts were sanitized between golfers, one of many things done to promote healthy golfers and employees. Groups, outings, and tournaments resumed this summer, with precautions in place. A successful benefit for the New Dawn Homeless Shelter took place in August.

The Tuesday evening men's league golfed from May through September, with Charlie Cobb and his nephew, Taylor Cobb, taking 1st Place! The DeYonkers were 1st Place winners in the mixed league with the Laurettis taking a close 2nd.

Our neighbor refurbished the old Ford tractor that Duane Baumer purchased at the end of WWII. This tractor was used for farming and in the construction & maintenance of Devil's Knob for many years. The tractor was on display for Memorial Day and throughout the summer, providing a popular photo opportunity.

The 2021 season produced three hole-in-ones! Adam Rousseau aced the #2 hole shortly after the course opened in April. Logan Gerow made his sweet shot on #8 ("The Knob") in July. And Michael Gibbons made an end of the season hole-in-one on #4 in September.

Lord willing, we hope to see our members, regulars, and new golfers in the spring of 2022. Be sure to check our Facebook page this winter and participate in the yearly Opening Day guessing contest. Have a restful, safe, and healthy winter!



Charlie & Taylor Cobb 1st Place 2021 Men's League



Dawn Shelter Benefit

FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Mid Michigan Community Action Agency hosts commodities distributions for those in need of emergency food. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is a monthly distribution for low-income seniors 60 and older.

"Senior food boxes contain USDA products aimed at filling nutrient gaps in seniors' diets," said Jennifer Raymond, Food Commodities manager at Mid Michigan CAA. "The boxes include items like canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, cereals, grains, ultra-high temperature (UHT) milk, and cheese."

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a quarterly distribution for individuals and families of all ages in need of emergency food. Quarterly distributions occur in March, June, September, and December.

"The quarterly food box contains products that vary from quarter to quarter. They are designed to distribute excess agricultural products to deliver food to people who can use it while minimizing food waste," said Raymond.

Upcoming December senior distributions and quarterly distributions include:

– Dec. 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Clare Moose Lodge, and

– Dec. 21 from 10-11:30 a.m. at First Congregational Church of Christ in Harrison.

To apply for either program, bring your ID to the next distribution near you. For a complete calendar of senior distributions, visit www.mmcaa.org/seniors or call 989-386-6849 for a recording of times and dates. For a complete calendar of quarterly distributions, visit www.mmcaa.org/economicsecurity.html#food.

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ELLEN JANE (WATTERS) AGLE

JANUARY 18, 1933 - NOVEMBER 27, 2021

Ellen Jane (Watters) Agle, Ellen was born in a cabin on Hasty Ridge in the Ozark Hills of Newton County, Arkansas on January 18, 1933 and entered eternal heavenly rest from home on November 27, 2021, in Farwell, Michigan. At the age of 7 her parents moved the family to Michigan. Her father, John Blaine Watters worked in the Temple oil fields while her mother, Eunice Watters taught family lessons of hard work and a frugal lifestyle as they emerged from the Great Depression era. Her family eventually moved to a farm where their strong work ethic was necessary. Ellen attended a one room school in Temple, then continued in Marion and graduated high school in Harrison. She began Nurses training while still in high school during summer months and continued training in that field after graduation. She worked at hospitals in Alma, Reed City, and Clare. During employment at Clare Hospital, she met her future husband, Gary Agle while caring for his grandmother. They married in 1953, created two sons Dallas and Kevin, and began her career as a homemaker. Ellen always had "side jobs" including school bus driver, township treasurer for several years, and office manager for a dental office in Farwell. One of her passions was taking road trips, the destination was not that important. She traveled most of the United States including, Alaska several times, by vehicle usually with her sons and later on with grandchildren. Ellen was a devout Christian attending the Gilmore and Farwell Churches of Christ where she played the organ and piano during worship services. A spin off from her religious teachings was her creation of a Puppetry team, the Sonbeam Puppeteers, who performed regularly at every opportunity she could arrange including out of state engagements. Children too numerous to count were her puppeteers, the group remains active. She used her musical talents to play for the residents of North Woods Nursing Center for 16 years, stopping only because of the pandemic. Her music partner, Matt Lucas, was making plans to resume their gift of music at the time of her passing. Ellen was concerned for the safety of students walking between school and the athletic complex, she was



instrumental in organizing funding resources to construct a sidewalk aptly named Ellen's Way. She attempted to shun the recognition but there is a large stone by a sitting bench with a plaque engraved Ellen's Way near the sidewalk at the athletic complex. Another source of joy, with the assistance of the Ladies Fellowship group at church, was to deliver cookies and other treats to the students of the alternative school Timberland in Farwell. A testament of their appreciation were numerous cards sent by the students just prior to her death. Her illness was abrupt, untreatable, and not survivable. She dealt with the diagnosis and prognosis as few can do, disappointed but gracefully accepting that her life was coming to an end. She dearly loved her family.

Ellen is survived by her sons Dallas and Kevin (Libby) Agle who cared for her to the end; grandchildren Stephanie (Jared) Sansom, Matthew (Tina) Agle, Kristen (Louis) Corriero, Nathan (Cathy) Agle, Shauna (Keith) Meister, and Cory Knowlton, along with 9 great grandchildren. Her younger brother George (Jean) Watters survives her as well as the precious nieces. Her husband, Gary Agle, predeceased her as well as another brother Argus Watters.

In accordance with Ellen's wishes, a celebration/memorial will take place in the spring of 2022. She was not interested in a traditional funeral and felt strongly against creating a threat of spreading the virus. She would be greatly honored and humbled to know her memory will live in the hearts of many. Arrangements were handled by the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

DUANE EDGAR HOEFT

JULY 1, 1930 - NOVEMBER 6, 2021

Duane Edgar Hoeft died on November 6, 2021, at the age of 91. Duane was born on July 1, 1930 in Hawks, MI to Albert and Irene Hoeft. Duane was a proud veteran having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1949 - 1953. Duane worked for the state of Michigan as a food inspector, a machine operator and retired from Clare County as Equalization Director in 1992. Duane was happiest, however, when he was "playing in the dirt". He loved working outside. Duane was very proud of his Harrison ponds that he stocked with fish. Duane loved playing and watching sports - especially Michigan State.



Duane is survived by 5 children Elly Smyczynski (Tom), Mike Hoeft (Collette), Carl Hoeft (Caren), John Hoeft and Sue Hoeft, 2 step children Cristie Brown and Kim Frank (Chris) plus many grandchildren, great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and his sister, Rita Selke. He was preceded in death by Mary Anna Hoeft, Beverly Hoeft and his sister Jewel Stanley.

Family will receive friends at Stocking Funeral Home in Harrison on Saturday, December 11 from 10 - 11 am. A public memorial service will be held at Stocking Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. with Monsignor Francis B. Koper officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Gladwin or Compassus Hospice. To share an online memory or condolence with Duane's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements and care of Mr. Hoeft and his family are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810.

DONALD "DON" EDWARD HYDE

NOVEMBER 6, 1944 - NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Donald "Don" Edward Hyde 76 of Harrison passed away Friday, November 5, 2021 at MidMichigan Regional Medical Center-Midland. Donald was born November 6, 1944, in Flint, Michigan the son of Eugene and Gladys (Nicklas) Hyde. Don graduated from Grand Blanc High School in 1962. Mr. Hyde was united in marriage to the former Charlotte Ella Wyman on June 11, 1963 in Burton, Michigan.



Don had resided in Harrison since 2015, coming from Burton. Mr. Hyde retired from General Motors Corporation, Pontiac Division, after thirty years of dedicated service as a forklift operator. Don was an avid woodworker, creating many keepsakes for his family over the years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and ice fishing, watching old western television shows as well as movies and books. Don enjoyed watching televised Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions games.

Surviving Mr. Hyde is his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Mrs. Charlotte Ella Hyde of Harrison, his three children; Jeffrey Hyde of Harrison, Jody Bennett and husband Gordon also of Harrison and Mark Hyde and wife Vicki of Altoona, Iowa, six grandchildren;

Cheyenne Shull, Donald Hyde and fiancé Macy Smith, Joseph Bennett and wife Emily, Wesley Hyde, Leah Johnson and Dakota Bennett, sixteen grandchildren, one great-grandson, one sister, Violet Conger of Georgia, plus many nieces and nephews. Mr. Hyde was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers; Eugene Hyde and Clyde Hyde.

To share an online memory or condolence with Don's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements and care of Mr. Hyde and his family are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison (989)539-7810.

PATRICK G. LAMB

FEBRUARY 17, 1954 - NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Patrick G. Lamb 67 of Elmira, passed away on Monday, November 15, 2021, at home.

Patrick is survived by his wife Cecelia Lamb and his children Patrick (Deb) Lamb, an estranged son Jimmy Lamb, and daughter Jennifer Rambeau (Shannon) Rogel, Alyssa Beaulieu, Aaron

Larabee, Patrick Lamb JR, Nathaniel Lamb, Marcia Lamb, Elizabeth Talley, Victoria Talley, and Gwendolyn Talley and great grandchildren James C. Larabee and Alenah Rogel.

Patrick was preceded in death by his daughter Trishia Lamb and son James Lamb.



Get in the holiday spirit with the Gateway Community Band's 2021 Christmas Concert

"And All the Bells Shall Ring!"

This year's lineup includes many holiday favorites along with a medley containing many famous Broadway tunes, a mix of music from the original Loony Tunes! Join us at the Clare High School Gym on Wednesday, December 8, starting at 7:30! Also, plan on staying afterwards for our dessert party in the cafeteria!

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Clare Volunteers Donate \$5,000 to Benefit Breast Health Patients

CLARE, Mich. – Those in need of breast health care will benefit from the support of volunteers of MidMichigan Medical Center – Clare. Members of the Medical Center’s volunteer team presented a \$5,000 check to Caylyn Pietryga, volunteer coordinator, and

MidMichigan Medical Center – Clare. These funds will be housed at the MidMichigan Health Foundation and will support the Breast Health Fund at MidMichigan Medical Center – Clare.

This Breast Health Fund sup-

ports breast cancer prevention, screening, diagnostic testing, educational services, equipment and patient care items for patients who are uninsured or underinsured. The program is offered year-round for individuals who have not had a screening mammogram in the past year.

In addition to this most recent gift, the Clare volunteers have donated more than \$340,000 to the Medical Center, spanning from 2012-2020. The support enables the purchase of equipment and enhanced services provided to patients in several departments: the Diabetes Center, Emergency Room, Speech Therapy, Urgent Care, Community Education, Housekeeping and the nursing floors, to name a few.

Currently, 33 people volunteer their time to the Medical Center in Clare, participating in many notable projects, including organizing book sales, employee logo sales, and staffing the reception area for outpatient surgeries. In addition, volunteers raise funds through the Medical Center’s Gift Shop, jewelry sales, and other special projects to purchase non-budgeted items requested by departments as funds allow. All proceeds raised are donated back to the Medical Center.

Those interested in more information on the Breast Health Fund



Those in need of breast health care will benefit from the support of volunteers of MidMichigan Medical Center-Clare. Members of the Medical Center’s volunteer team presented a \$5,000 check to Caylyn Pietryga, second from left, volunteer coordinator, MidMichigan Medical Center-Clare. Volunteers also pictured are, from left, Jane Sartor-Key, Shirley Conn and Linda Purkis.

may call Cheryl Heal at 989-837-9056. Those who would like to learn more about the volunteer program at the Medical Center may visit

www.midmichigan.org/volunteers or contact Pietryga at 989-802-5102.

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MMC Benefitting from Multiple Industrial Donations

Mid Receives Donation from Midland Ford Lincoln

Mid Michigan College's Automotive and Diesel Service Program has a long history of providing students with an education that features current technologies and leads to meaningful careers.

Two years ago, the program moved from the Harrison Campus to the Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District's (CG-RESD) Magnus Center facility – a new facility featuring the latest technologies and a dynamic learning environment.

Recently, the program received a donation of three Ford F-150 turbochargers, from the Midland Ford Lincoln dealership in Midland and Ford, the exact part that is used in 2021 Ford F-150 Diesel Trucks. The donation is valued over \$5,000.

"We're grateful to receive this generous donation on behalf of the College, and appreciate the support of our local partners, which allows us to continue training our students on top-notch technology so they are ready to enter the workforce successfully," shared Shawn Troy, Dean of Workforce and Career Education at Mid.

The program offers a two-year associate degree and one-year training credential, and both pathways allow students to fast-track their progress by completing a course every three weeks.

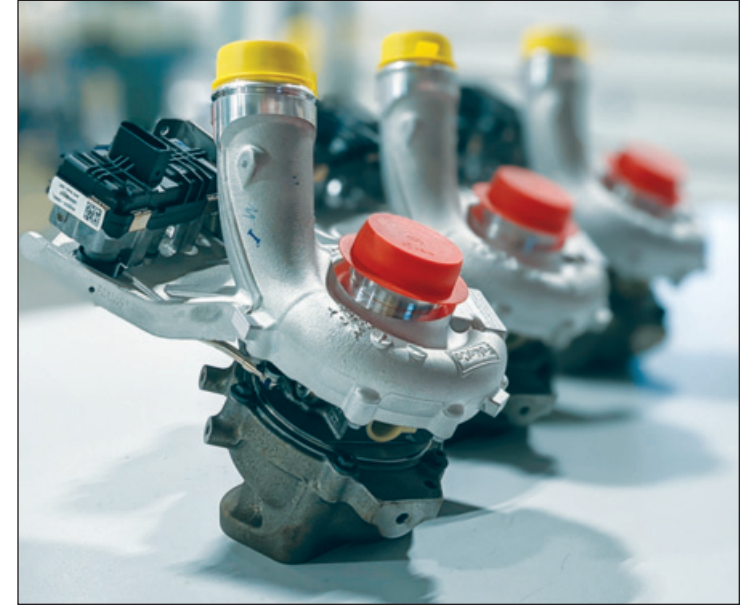
"Students benefit from extensive hands-on training by applying the skills they have learned in our lab environment, providing them with real world work experience," explained Troy.

Mid is the first Ford ACE program college in the state of Michigan. The ACE program, which stands for Automotive Career Exploration, is



a partnership program between Ford Motor Company, Ford/Lincoln dealerships, and secondary and post-secondary educational institutions, with the intent to raise awareness and increase interest in career opportunities within the automotive industry.

Mid's program also offers students the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications through the college's partnership with the National Certification Center or NC3. These certifications are offered through NC3 by industry leaders like Snap-on, and allow students to clearly demonstrate the skills they have mastered to potential employers.



"Mid is a nationwide leader in moving technical education forward, and we look forward to our continued partnership as we work to expand industry-related certifications for students," noted Roger Tadjewski, NC3's executive director. "Mid's programs are really helping people prepare for success in a variety of technical industries, including automotive service."

For more information about Mid's Automotive & Diesel Service Program, visit midmich.edu/auto or contact Dean Shawn Troy at stroy@midmich.edu or 989-386-6658.

AIM Program Receives New Robotics Lab from CMMMA

Mid Michigan College's Advanced Integrated Manufacturing Program (AIM) recently received a donation from the Central Michigan Manufacturers Association (CMMMA) of a FESTO Mechatronics Lab valued at \$9,000.

"This equipment will allow students to train hands-on in pneumatics, hydraulics, and programmable logic controllers," explained Shawn Troy, dean of Workforce and Career Education at Mid. "We're excited to provide our students with industry-standard equipment that simulates real-world manufacturing applications."

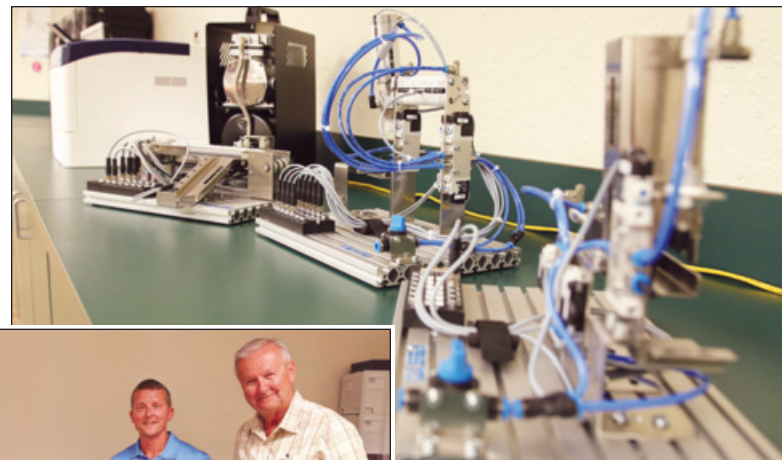
Mid's AIM Program offers five distinct pathways including automation/robotics, manufacturing management, plastics technology, precision machining, and welding. Students learn hands-on in modernized labs featuring high-tech robotics, industry 4.0 technology, and precision machinery. Flexible course delivery formats with open lab hours give students the flexibility they need, and industry-recognized certifications

from partners like Starrett, Snap-on, Lincoln Welding, FANUC Robotics, and others prepare them for success.

"This donation represents yet another foundational piece of the AIM program that our students will experience hands-on as we prepare them for highly-skilled, manufacturing positions" noted Jess King, AIM full-time faculty.

Mid Michigan College and the CMMMA launched an official partnership in 2016, in an effort to better prepare students, meet the needs of local employers, and to strengthen the training-to-employment pipeline in the manufacturing sector.

The CMMMA is a network of manufacturing organizations created to exchange ideas and information and to promote manufacturing's opportunities and contributions to the region, and is led by



Harry Leaver, who has over 15 years of experience in higher education and over 35 years in the manufacturing industry.

"The Mid + CMMMA partnership is yielding great results for stu-

dents and employers," Leaver said. "This equipment will bring in-demand skills to life for students and all of us at the CMMMA look forward to the continued expansion of opportunities available at Mid through this partnership."

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