



BUCK TALES

National Leap Day

Feb. 29: According to an old Irish legend, or possibly history, St Brigid struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to propose to men – and not just the other way around – every four years.

Move over, Sadie Hawkins.

COMING EVENTS

Free Drive Thru Mobile Food Distribution, Clare County Transit Corporation, 1473 Transportation Drive, Harrison on Saturday, March 2. Food distribution from 10 a.m. until at least 11:30 a.m. Food will be placed in your trunk/hatchback, so please make room in advance. Please bring empty boxes or baskets in your trunk for volunteers to put the food. Restrooms will not be available. If you do not have access to a vehicle or are feeling ill, please stay home and arrange for someone to pick up your food.

Sign ups for **Harrison Little League** will be held from 5-7 p.m. on March 4, 12 and 19 at the Harrison District Library. Cash or check for in person sign-ups only. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/3s5xymms> or Visit Harrison Little League on Facebook.

The **Harrison Area Genealogical Society** will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 16 at the Harrison District Library. This is the first meeting of the new year, and the public is welcome.

49th Annual Clare Irish Festival March 13-17. Visit www.claremichigan.com for more information.

Snowball Dinner Dance will be held March 23 at the Harrison Moose Lodge. All proceeds will serve homeless veterans. Sponsored by Veterans4USA. \$15 includes dinner. Purchase tickets at Moose Lodge, Jackpine Restaurant, Trails End Restaurant or from Maye Tessner Rood.

13th Annual Freedom 5K In Memory of Robert Friese will be held Saturday, April 27 beginning at the Veterans Freedom Park in Harrison.

Leota Community Church offers free lunch every other Wednesday. All are welcome.

Yoder's Quilt Auction and Flea Market will be held from 8-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 at 10885 N. Leaton Road in Clare.

Harrison War Bride Shares Story Nearly a Century in the Making

By ANGELA KELLOGG-HENRY
Cleaver Managing Editor

HARRISON – Few writers have an opportunity to sit down with someone who was so integral a part of history as the fabled “War Brides” of the 1940s. That all changed last year as I was considering doing a series of interviews with centenarians, those that have reached 100 years of age. I didn’t find anyone 100 or over to interview, but I did have the honor of interviewing Paulette Sharp on April 7, 2023, and at the time she was 98 years old.

Paulette Sharp was born Paulette Camille Zurecki on Jan. 31, 1925, to Ladislas Zurecki and Jeanne Virginie (Tissier) Zurecki in Montceau-Les-Mines, France.

Paulette’s mother was French, and her father was Polish and French. Paulette was raised Catholic and later became a Lutheran. With the coming of her teen years also came WWII, and although she was not Jewish, all of Europe was affected by the war.

“Before the war was a very good life,” said Paulette. “Things were good over there. During the war it was hard to find food and bad things happened. We saw some terrible things.

“My father was supposed to go to work [in the] south and we never got there because my father said we are not moving anymore because the Germans are nearer all the time.

“We stopped at this place,” she said. “We got to the town, they had a castle there and then we tried to find a barn to spend a few days in. We found a barn in the country and my dad went to talk to the people to see if we could stay there. There was a lot of straw in the barn, and we made mattresses and put down blankets. He drove the car inside because a German could take car. They took my dad’s bicycle, and they would steal anything they could get from you. At night we closed the doors to feel safer.

“We went to town every day to see if could get some bread and some meat – some food you know. We stayed there for about three weeks until the Germans caught up with us. The French had Senegalese troops from Africa, and they would sit along the sidewalks, and we were scared to walk by them as they looked so exhausted.”

One of those soldiers had an unusual necklace he made of the ears of Germans that he was going to take back to his wife in Africa.

“The French army was west of us and the Germans caught up with them,” she said. “They had a fierce battle down there and we could [hear] them screaming, men being hurt. Then the Germans came through and we didn’t dare move any further. Then there were evacuations and ambulances- to the hospital for the wounded.”

Paulette was just 14.

“Anyway, things calmed down and we waited another two weeks where we were at then we started back home,” she said. “We should have just stayed home in the first

place, it would have been safer. I don’t like to talk about it, and I don’t have to think about it. It wasn’t a good time. When I came over here I was glad my children are raised over here. Where there wasn’t so much trauma. It’s quiet here. I never thought I would marry a GI. But the good Lord took care of us. You have to live with your faith. That’s all you have.”



Paulette Sharp was born Paulette Camille Zurecki on Jan. 31, 1925 and is shown here in a portrait as a young woman.



Paulette Sharp and her sisters in France.

Her family lived north of Paris during the war, near the river Seine.

“We were bombed and lost everything,” Paulette recalled. “My dad passed away after he had a heart attack at work.” Her father was just 47.

“I went to school until I was 16 and I graduated. I went back to private school to take shorthand and typing. I went to private school for six months and then I went to work at my first job when I was 17 in an office.” She also learned English in school.

“In school there was this Charlotte [Charlotte Feigenbaum or possibly spelled Fajgenblat] she was Jewish. For some reason she wanted to sit by me. She was living in the settlement. Time went on, she was talking about how the Germans would come and raid the settlement and first they would take the older men, then they took the young men and the boys. She said, ‘Sometime if I don’t come to school, they will probably take me and send me in camp in Germany.’ They were taking the Jewish over there. She would tell me that and how many would leave, and she said, ‘If I miss one day I am sick, but if I miss two day or more, I will be sent to Germany.’

“She never missed a day of school, she was all A’s, a good student. Every day she would come back, and she would tell me things that happened, and it was so sad. They took her dad; they took her brothers and then they took her mother and, apparently, she was taken too because she didn’t come back to school. The table was empty beside me. I told the teacher about it, the whole class was crying

Faith and love key to long, happy life



At left, Paulette Sharp in a 1942 photo in France. She was a student and a teenager throughout all of WWII.



At right, Paulette Zurecki Sharp stands in front of an Army truck in 1945.



A photo of the Zurecki family in France from a Sharp family photo album. Paulette’s parents are seated in the center. (Sharp family photos)



Above, Paulette with her GI husband Gene in 1959. Below right, Paulette and Gene Sharp were married over 53 years.



The USNS Henry Gibbins (T-AP-183) was a troop transport ship refitted for transporting war brides after WWII.



Pictured while serving in France during WWII, Eugene “Gene” Sharp sits astride a motorcycle that had belonged to a German soldier.

because we knew what happened to her. We never saw her again and she never did come back. She was so smart. I never knew what happened to her either. I was telling Pastor [Timothy] Sheridan this, that there isn’t a day I don’t think about her, wondering what happened to her. Was she hurt or was she in pain.”

Since genealogy is my forte, I did attempt to find Charlotte in Holocaust databases and on genealogy sites. I hoped to deliver news to Paulette that perhaps Charlotte had lived through the war. To my disappointment I wasn’t successful.

Paulette didn’t date much before she met an American GI named Eugene “Gene” Sharp from Harrison, Michigan.

“I was shy,” she said. “During the war the young men that were there – the healthy ones were sent to Germany to work – the ones still there were sick.

“I met my husband when he was over there. He was a GI. We were celebrating V-day. My cousin was prisoner of war for five years and just returned. There was other ones that were sent to work in Germany – they got back too and we went out to

celebrate. This was the first time we had dancing since the war started. During the war there was no dancing. My husband was there with some other GI’s and came and asked me to dance. Then he kept coming back and back and coming back.”

Sharp was stationed in France a for a year after the war ended. They married and their daughter Phyllis was born in May of 1946 in Saint-Ouen, France.

“It took a long time to get things back to normal,” Paulette recalled. “All the railroad tracks had been blown up. The year after the liberation was very hard. It was hard to get food to the city and gasoline for the trucks. I was 18 and I was working. You could make money, but you couldn’t spend it because you couldn’t find food. I was in a nice office. I worked until I was married.

“My husband left when my daughter was three weeks old. He was on his way home after three years in France. He was gone two weeks, and they changed the orders and we had to wait six months. I had a friend from the office that had come to see the baby and she asked me what I was going to do. I guess

I’ll just go back to work since it would be a while for my husband to get home and find a job and send money. I called the office where I used to work, but they went broke and the office was closed. So, I went to work at my friend’s office while my sister and mother watched the baby. My sister stayed home from work to play with the baby.”

Hundreds of thousands of American servicemen married women in the countries where they served during WWII. So many, in fact, that the United States passed War Bride Acts in 1945 and 1946 to make coming to America easier for those spouses.

Paulette and her infant daughter arrived in the United States in December of 1946. She was brought to the United States on the ship *Henry Gibbins*. The *Henry Gibbins* served as a troop transport ship during WWII. The same war that brought Paulette’s husband to Europe. After the war, the ship was refitted as a “war brides ship” – a small passenger liner that brought wives of American servicemen to the states.

“We traveled with the Red Cross,” she said. “We checked in at Paris with our passports. And all the papers had to be just right. I was in Paris for a week to check all the passports. We went to Germany, and we were there another week. They put the baby in a nursery, and it was the first time I was separated from my baby and it was hard. We got on a boat and were 10 days out on the *Henry Gibbins*. It was an old tub, but it was good. We could watch movies and visit with all the people. We landed in New York.

“I was at Ellis Island, I was there

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Meeting Topics Include Vaping, Addiction, Sidewalks, Vaccination Requirements

BOE Hears Multiple Reports, Scuttles Kitchen Plan

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer

HARRISON – Actions taken Feb. 12 by the Harrison Community Schools Board of Education included approving regular and organizational meeting minutes of Jan 8; financial reports for Jan. 1-31; hiring Emily Lipovsky as a high school special education paraprofessional; and the second reading of board policies.

Superintendent Judy Walton also informed the Board of the resignations of Gavin and Paige Rhodes, middle school boys and girls track coaches, due to a scheduling conflict. Those positions have been posted, and the need for a varsity girls track coach was noted as well. Filling those slots is pressing, as track is slated to start March 11.

Under Reports from Board Committees, Trustee Zach Driver spoke of the Curriculum Committee’s activities to include: Discussion of professional learning which took place the previous Friday, along with the teacher’s choices around the sessions which included how exciting some of the subjects were, such as AI. He also expressed appreciation to the event’s sponsors and for the swag bags provided which he said made it feel like a real conference. There also had been an update on the progress being made on the math curriculum, in addition to discussion of progress being made through the grades.

“It was good to hear and exciting to hear that teachers across those grades are having those conversations,” Driver said. “And, eventually, plans leading to both social studies and science topics to go through the same type of work was exciting to hear.” He added that with athletics, there will be a plan to always have an event manager when Harrison hosts an event –the athletic director, an administrator or some other staff to be able to administer the event – so it’s not a coach running it.

Driver also reported on funds which are being used to purchase athletic shoes of all sizes to have on hand.

He added that there had been questions at the end of that meeting regarding the new cell phone rules.

“It sounds like it’s going great,” Driver said. “We did ask about it possibly going up to high school, which is a conversation for another times.”

Kendra Durga, BOE president, reported on the Policy Committee, whose discussion items included: Staffing, the possibility of doing an incentive for people who are retiring to announce such by a certain date to better enable the district’s replacement effort. She said there still are two Title I teachers needed at Larson Elementary, and that one application has been received.

She further reported the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting would work on how to glean stakeholder input. Labor Negotiations work has included preliminary scheduling issues for upcoming contract negotiation.

Also addressed was electronic signage, and Durga said there are funds in hand to put an electronic sign by the football field. Bids had been provided by Hogger’s and Midwest Signs, with Hogger’s being the favorable bid, both monetarily as well as being a local company. She noted there are stip-

ulations that require the funds be spent by May 1, so there is a time factor involved. Chad Hathcock, business manager, had confirmed the bid and noted Hogger’s is onboard with the timeline. Walton also will be pursuing the possibility of some sponsorship signs.

The Hillside Kitchen renovation was again addressed, with it being noted the original project had been estimated at \$20,000 three years ago. That cost projection has risen to \$200,000-plus and the project is on indefinite hold, with a need for already-purchased Chartwells equipment to be sold/dispersed/dispensed.

“It’s unfortunate it happened that way,” Durga said. “But here we are. It’s just not responsible to spend that type of money on a kitchen when we’re not even sure how much impact it would have here.”

Durga also reported that the district had received its first \$9,500 payment from the JUUL settlement, and that it would go to the purchase of vape detectors for the lock-er rooms in both the middle school and high school.

Walton spoke of various steps being taken to monitor and thwart vaping inside the school, and also of the effectiveness of the two wands being used.

When Betsy Ulicki, trustee, asked if resources are available to help students who are addicted, Walton cited Ten16 and second program that come in to provide information in an effort to stop or prevent vape use. She added that doing something proactively, such as bringing in detection dogs [which students seem to enjoy seeing] can cut down on a lot of such activity.

“I think the more we can do up front is going to do better than on the back side,” she said.

“It’s unfortunate because there are not many resources for those kids,” Ulicki said. “And there are a lot of, at least, high-schoolers who are very, very addicted.”

“If we can use some of the JUUL money to really go into preventative work – which, in a way, they’re compensating us for the harm they’ve caused in our schools,” Walton said. “Getting some of that preventative work in now that we have the money – it can’t hurt.”

Walton noted that on the first offense, a student meets with a counselor, i.e. Ten16, and on the second occasion they’re written up through law

enforcement.

“But, if you’re addicted, you know sometimes that doesn’t matter,” she said.

Therese Haley, BOE secretary, reported on the Building and Grounds Committee, noting discussion on the traffic study and that Walton had a conference call slated for that day with a civil engineer to discuss the traffic situation at Larson. She also noted the district’s legal representation is seeking a four-way phone conference with the DNR, road commission and HCS to discuss what to do with the portion of the Amble School where the building sits, as the DNR does not want it. She said that Auxilio has asked permission to put skids in for gas tanks and will work with the district’s maintenance department for tank placement. Haley added that the district also owns 40 wooded acres off N. Clare Avenue at Lockwood which had been deeded to the school many years ago. She said learning from whom and the nature of that donation is being sought, as well as how the district could utilize it. She said the meeting also included a suggestion for summer projects to include painting crosswalks at the high school and middle school, repainting the crosswalk at Larson, and posting speed limit signs for the campus and potentially signage for yield and buses.

In her Superintendent’s Report, Walton also spoke of the professional learning event which feature keynote speaker Dr. Troy Hicks from CMU who is part of the Chippewa Reading and Writing Project. Also attending was Clare teacher Andy Schoenborn who is also the president of the Michigan Reading Association. He shared ways in which his high school students use AI as a tool to be better readers and writers.

“We had 13 teachers, including the two instructional coaches, stop by and say ‘I will teach my peers,’ four administrators plus me,” she said. “It was kind of great to provide our own learning that day.” Walton added that she had a 93 feedback response rate from that day, which is unusual. She said people had expressed varying opinions, but read the following comment which she said encompasses a lot of what she saw in the feedback:

“Thank you, thank you, thank you a million times over for not making me dread another P.D. day. I truly took away many important items to help me grow as an educator, ponder and want to explore further and share with my colleagues. I feel proud of my district and the direction it’s going. I don’t feel like things are stagnant. It’s exciting again after many years of being a veteran teacher.”

Walton said the day was a response to previous feedback asking what was wanted by teachers, and trying within reason to meet teachers’ needs, and do due diligence on things they needed to keep abreast of in the field of education. She said one great suggestion was to have a similar day in August for new teachers.

Walton affirmed she had the Zoom meeting with Craig Dengler from Spalding DeDecker [a civil consulting and engineering firm], who suggested six different options for ways to do thing on the campus. She said that one likely be pursued regardless of any other option is to apply for a Safe Routes to School grant to connect the sidewalks at Larson to the public sidewalk. She said this could help enable bus parking to return to the front of the building.

Walton also spoke of meeting with Sheriff John Wilson and discussing things such as the school resource officer and ways the two entities can continue to support each other in the community.

“We have a great relationship,” she said. “I know that they’ll be there in a heartbeat if we need them, and that’s so reassuring to know that.”

The BOE meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Board Room at 224 W. Main St., Harrison.



CMDHD Urging Eligible Residents to Get the Measles Vaccine as Cases Surge in the United States

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is calling on community members to take immediate action to protect themselves and their community against the increase of measles cases in the United States. As the number of cases continues to rise, CMDHD is stressing the importance of vaccination to end this easily spread and potentially dangerous disease in our community.

Measles has seen a comeback in recent years as travelers bring it to the U.S. from other countries. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. health department data shows nine states have recorded cases of measles in 2024: California, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington. “The increase in

measles outbreaks and deaths is staggering, but unfortunately, not unexpected given the declining vaccination rates we’ve seen in the past few years,” John Vertefeuille, director of CDC’s Global Immunization Division, said in a statement.

“Measles cases anywhere pose a risk to all countries and communities where people are under-vaccinated. Urgent, targeted efforts are critical to prevent measles disease and deaths.”

Measles is very contagious and can spread rapidly among the unvaccinated, placing unprotected people — including children and those with immune system problems — at more risk. One sick person can infect many others.

Common measles symptoms include high fever, cough, runny

nose, red, painful, watery eyes, and rash. About 1 in 5 people in the U.S. who get measles will end up in the hospital. Complications for some can lead to death. Worldwide, measles kills more than 100,000 people a year, mostly children. These facts make it vital for every eligible person to receive the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine, a two-shot series, which has been proven safe and effective in preventing measles and its severe complications. Since widespread use of the vaccine began in the U.S., the number of people with measles has Proud member of the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance: 7 local health departments advocating for public health. greatly decreased. The MMR vaccine is recommended as a routine shot series for all

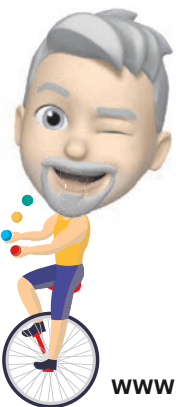
children, starting after 12 months of age. A second dose is given at least 28 days later, usually when the child is 4-6 years old. CMDHD strongly advises everyone to ensure they are up to date with vaccines, either by talking to our Personal Health department or their primary care provider. The MMR vaccine not only protects the person who gets it but also helps create herd immunity, safeguarding those who cannot receive the vaccine because they are too young or ill. CMDHD branch office information is listed online at www.cmdhd.org/locations.

Vaccine clinic schedules are found at <https://www.cmdhd.org/countymimmunizations>. CMDHD Personal Health staff can be reached by calling 989-314-7570.



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Vendor of the Week

Glo's Glass



Glo’s Glass is the vendor of the week at the Rustic Owl. Gloria Labadie likes to create affordable art in the form of her stained-glass creations. She has a grandson turning 16 so she created a “car fund” for him from her sales. Gloria has been doing stained glass since 2000. She was inspired by a window in her own home when she lived in San Francisco. The house was built in 1908 and a stained-glass window was covered with plywood in the attic. The discovery spurred her love of stained glass. She is originally from Royal Oak, and she has lived in Harrison for a few years. She uses scrap glass and likes to be creative with her materials. Her creations aren’t perfect by design and most are quirky little animals or objects you instantly want to take home and enjoy.

Visit the Rustic Owl (former Harrison District Library building) at 105 East Main Street in Harrison.

Regular business hours are:

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday - Sunday; Closed Monday & Tuesday

Outdoors With Jeff

Just when people are talking about the good weather we have been having over the past few weeks. I remind people that back in March 16, 1976 a terrible storm hit the entire state of Michigan. We had a lot of ice some say that the ice level was well over an inch. In fact, some say that it was over two inches of ice and it stayed with us for over a week.

Several people went out is their garages and got their ice cleats out of their fishing equipment. They put on these cleats and strapped them to their boots. Police officers and firemen were also wearing them on emergency calls. All the stores were closed because of the slippery ice. Police and firemen also had chains around their wheels so they could get traction on their emergency vehicles.

It was a terrible time and we felt that it would last for many weeks. This storm as I said lasted close to two or more weeks. Hunters and fishermen were not happy about this terrible storm. That was one of the worst storms I have ever had. We delivered a lot of food for people in our county.

I have had several calls from individuals that want to be able to go to a trapper's school and if you are interested in trapping contact the DNR for information.

On April 13 the Harrison Sportsmen Club will be hosting a Hunters Safety Class. You need to go online and get the DNR site and will help you get registered.

Fishermen are still waiting to see what the ice is going to do for the rest of winter. The last information I heard was to use caution going out on the ice. You need to check with bait businesses and see the thickness of the ice on that lake. The thickness of the ice varies on all lakes.

One thing you haven't seen in a long time around here and that's the use of snowmobiles. The reason we haven't seen very many was the lack of snow in the winter



JEFF GOYT

for the past decades or more ago.

I never knew much about snowmobiles back then. I had never seen one before until I got up here. The first time I seen a snowmobile was when I got a picture sent to me from my parents and they were showing it to me. They were showing me their machine and the fancy clothes you have to have, I couldn't believe they had one after I left home. They were having a lot of fun with that machine. I was several thousands of miles from home when I saw it in a picture.

The ORV's have really developed after all those years. They are comfortable and hold several people. People like Karen Lipovsky, Bill Bedor and others got the roads open to ORV's.

In a couple days it will be March, hopefully it will warm up and all the snow will be gone. March will bring warm weather and St Patricks' day.

There are a couple of those Wizards of the Woods that are still around here and their legacy will still be alive. It won't be long, and Steelhead should start pretty soon if the water and air temperature rise a little bit.

Remember there has been a change in Steelhead limits this year. One thing that I remember from long ago and I wish I could go again this spring. I wish we could go Smelt dipping one more time. Those were the days, I'm not sure what was funnier the drunk fishermen or his drunk wife. I remember the next day in Harrison and all you could smell was that smoked smelt of smoked suckers.

As the day starts getting warmer, get outside and enjoy the warm day. As I write, the snow is coming down pretty good. Hopefully when the snow melts, this will be the last snowstorm.

Check with the locals on the status of the ice and is it safe before you go out.



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Wednesday, March 6

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Thursday, March 7

Baked Ham, Maple Spice Squash, Green Beans, Orange, Raisin Vanilla Bread Pudding, Choc. Milk

Friday, March 8

Potato Cod Crunch W/ Tartar Sauce, Baked Potato W/ Sour Cream, Peas and Carrots, Tossed Salad, Choc. Milk



~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~

Field Office Happenings

Fire behind Hazel's Trailer

The Forest Fire Division of the DNR was funded mostly from the State's General Fund back in the 1970's. There were always budget concerns and politicians were constantly looking for ways to cut the fire budget. Providing a full time Forest Fire force was never financially practical. It was decided that one way to produce revenue for the program would be to arrest people who were responsible for causing the fires.

The DNR sent all the Forest Fire Division employees for training so that they could start making these arrests. We were given Miranda Warning cards, trained on how to conduct interviews and what information to gather at the fire scenes. So now, ALL fires that were man-caused were expected to be thoroughly investigated and the person who was responsible was to be charged. NO EXCEPTIONS.

One afternoon, I was dispatched to a fire in Ash Acres. It was a small blaze in a backyard. I drove the Dodge Powerwagon around to the back of the house, stretched out the hose and extinguished the fire. No personal property was damaged, just the grass and ferns burned.

After a quick investigation, it was obvious that the burning barrel

was the source of the fire. So, now I am Mr. Law Enforcement. I went up to the house and a young pregnant woman came to the door holding an infant in her arms. She got her identification for me and volunteered that she had burned some stuff in the burning barrel. I began to read the Miranda Rights to her. Immediately, this lady burst into tears sobbing uncontrollably and almost dropped the infant. I had no idea what to do next. Just about then, her husband came home. I was a little worried that he might deck me, but he was really very kind. I briefly told him what had happened, then I just got out of there so he could tend to his wife. Nobody at our wonderful training session had ever told me how to handle a scenario with a sobbing pregnant woman. No arrests were made.

A few days later, I was dispatched to Tobacco Drive out off of Townline Lake Road. The fire here was a little bigger out in the woods behind a mobile home owned by Hazel Dille. I had written Hazel a burning permit earlier that morning allowing her to burn in her barrel. After I extinguished the fire, I proceeded to look around Hazel's burning barrel. It was obvious that the fire had

escaped from the barrel. Hazel was a very kind old lady who lived humbly alone with only her Social Security money to support her. I didn't even read the Miranda card to Hazel. This fire was absolutely an accident and I could not, in good conscience, arrest her. She had learned her lesson and was very shaken by what had occurred. Arresting her would have ignited huge bad publicity for the DNR and I wasn't going to be a part of it.

A few days later, I submitted the Fire Incident Reports to Lansing. My reports were always very thorough. Everything that happened was documented and I stated the reasons why I had not made arrests. About a week later, all the supervisors were in my face for not arresting Hazel. The bureaucrats didn't care and they didn't even mention the pregnant lady. They told me that I absolutely had to go out and cite Hazel for allowing that fire to escape so that they could recover several hundred dollars in suppression costs.

Earl LaDere was the Conservation Officer, so I talked to Earl about Hazel. He said that he would go out and take care of it. A couple of days later, Earl came in and told me that he had visited



KEN ROUSTON

Hazel out on Tobacco Road. He said she was a widow who lived very frugally and that he didn't want to create a hardship for her by arresting her. She could not afford to pay the costs of that fire run. Earl called Lansing Forest Fire Headquarters to let them know that he had investigated the matter and informed them that I had done the right thing. Furthermore, he told them that if they wanted Hazel arrested, that they would have to come and do it themselves. That's one of the reasons that Earl was my hero. No arrest made here either.

FIRST HARRISON COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT GOLF OUTING

Dear Harrison Community Members,

I am writing this letter to convey my sincere thank you for the support of the First Annual Harrison Community Fire Department Golf Outing. This golf outing was held in September at the Tamaracks and had 20 4-person teams participating. There was a shotgun start and all golfers were treated to a hot dog at the turn and had a fabulous dinner at the end.

The outpouring of support from our community was overwhelming. There were hole sponsors, cart sponsors and donations for prizes. Not to mention the food that was donated for our golfers. The 4-person team that won donated all their "winnings" back to the fire department. These were 4 gentlemen from different states who met up at The Tamaracks for a fall weekend of fun. They were happy to get together for a weekend and help support our fire department.

With the funds that we made, we were able to purchase ventilation fans that are lightweight and more efficient. These were purchased from Dinges Fire



Company. Additionally, we were able to purchase Milwaukee lights that are more mobile on fire scenes. These were purchased from Harrison Lumber Company. All of this equipment makes our jobs, on fires, more efficient.

Again, a huge thank you to all of the people that helped plan the outing, the people who golfed in the outing, the fine folks who donated for sign sponsors and cart sponsors, the businesses who donated food and prizes and The Tamaracks for providing a fun course to golf.

Our department is looking forward to the 2nd Annual golf outing in the fall.

Sincerely,
Reed Romanowski,
Firefighter
Harrison Fire Department



Legal Notice

Consumers Energy, 1945 W. Parnall Rd, Jackson, MI announces that it is planning to apply a herbicide to its right-of-way in order to maintain the reliability of its gas pipeline system.

The herbicide will be applied with hand pumped-backpack style sprayers. The crews will selectively apply herbicides to woody tree species throughout the pipeline right-of-way as needed. Crop areas and gardens will be avoided.

Herbicides that will be used are a combination of the following: Garlon 3A (active ingredient: Triclopyr), Milestone (Al: Aminopyralid), Escort XP (Al: Metsulfuron Methyl), Garlon 4 Ultra (Al: Triclopyr), Arsenal (Al: Imazapyr), and Stalker (Al: Isopropylamine Salt of Imazapyr), with 85% to 94% water as a diluent.

The application is scheduled for March 1st through December 31st in Clare County.

All treatments will be completed according to label requirements and all state and federal requirements. Please keep people and pets off treated areas until sprays have dried. There are no restrictions on your use of the treated area after the material has dried on the plant.

Thunder Bay Tree Service has been contracted to perform this work. Any questions should be directed to:
Thunder Bay Tree Service
Attn: Austin Gilmet
1172 Halley Rd.
Alpena, MI 49707
1-877-333-8950

LOCAL EVENTS & NEWS



• ClareCountyCleaver.net
• EMAIL: editor@clarecountycleaver.net
• 989-539-7496

SVSU names President's and Dean's List students for fall 2023

More than 650 students from Saginaw Valley State University were recognized for their determination and commitment to academic excellence by being named to the fall 2023 semester President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Over 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the fall 2023 semester Deans' List.

To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Among those recognized for President's list academic excellence were:

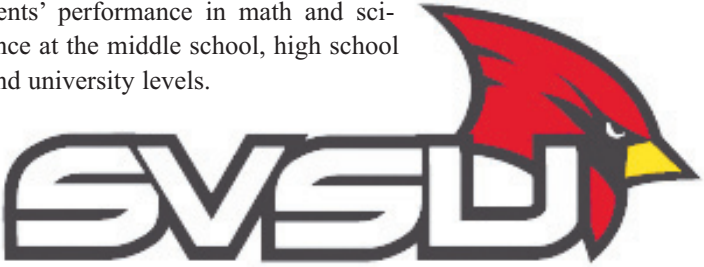
Vincent Brazier, Kendall Rouleau and Taylor Smith of Harrison.

Among those recognized for Dean's list academic excellence were: Mitch McDowell and Zachary Leslie of Clare; Evan Wilson, Emily Gee and Sarah Kokko of Harrison; and Kaitlinn Langley of Lake.

Saginaw Valley State University is a comprehensive university with more than 90 programs of study for its nearly 7,000 students. Located on a suburban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, SVSU is committed to a supportive and empowering environment for students.

SVSU emphasizes undergraduate teaching and learning, and community-based research. SVSU has received the Community Engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a distinction achieved by only 7% of U.S. colleges and universities.

SVSU is establishing itself as a leader in STEM education for the Great Lakes Bay Region, partnering with businesses, foundations and school districts to improve students' performance in math and science at the middle school, high school and university levels.



Syrup Cooker Fire Ignites Barn in Grant

Clare Fire Department Press Release

At 1:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, the Clare Fire Department responded to report of a shed and barn fire at 3378 E. Beaverton Road, east of Grant Road in Grant Township. On arrival, the fire department found both buildings to be fully involved, and it took two hours to knock the fire down. Firefighters were on scene for 4 1/2 hours battling the blaze. The Clare Fire

Department was assisted on scene by fire departments from Surrey Township, Harrison, Garfield Township, and Beaverton. The barn was full of hay and required a lot of water to extinguish. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental, the result of a wood fired maple syrup cooker in the shed which was only a few feet away from the barn. There were no injuries, and no animals were lost.

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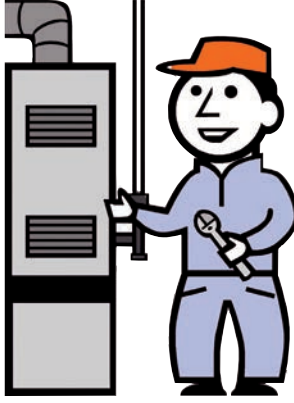
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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clare County, starting promptly at 11:00 AM, on April 3, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Geri-Lynn Hawkins, single woman

Original Mortgagee:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

Date of Mortgage:

July 12, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording:

July 13, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice:

\$77,663.34

Description of the mortgaged premises:

Situated in Township of Hamilton, Clare County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 300, Dodge City No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, Clare County Records.

Common street address (if any):

2762 Margaret, Harrison, MI 48625-9044

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner:

If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Date of notice:

February 29, 2024

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Jack H. Morrison, a single man

Original Mortgagee:

James B. Nutter & Company

Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

GITSIT Solutions LLC

Date of Mortgage:

January 9, 2008

Date of Mortgage Recording:

March 3, 2008

Amount claimed due on date of notice:

\$194,027.75

Description of the mortgaged premises:

Situated in Township of Hayes, Clare County, Michigan, and described as: PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T19N, R4W, CITY OF HARRISON, CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING N 89 DEG. 13 MINUTES 52 SECONDS E., ALONG THE E/W 1/4 LINE, 1316.37 FEET, FROM W 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE N 00 DEG. 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS W. ALONG THE W 1/8 LINE, 982.20 FEET; THENCE S 83 DEG. 02 MINUTES 52 SECONDS E., 331.66 FEET, THENCE S 00 DEG. 12 MINUTES 22 SECONDS E., 937.64 FEET, THENCE S 89 DEG. 13 MINUTES 52 SECONDS W., ALONG THE E/W 1/4 LINE 329.09 FEET, BACK TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Common street address (if any):

1375 Byfield Dr, Harrison, MI 48625-9357

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s):

Paul H. Williams, unmarried

Original Mortgagee:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

New American Funding, LLC

Date of Mortgage:

December 17, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording:

January 5, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice:

\$288,610.57

Description of the mortgaged premises:

Situated in Township of Frost, Clare County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 9, Town 20 North, Range 4 West, described as: beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 9; thence South 89 degrees 28 minutes 45 seconds West, along the South section line, 330.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 57 seconds East, 944.77 feet to the center line of Bailey Road; thence South 78 degrees 42 minutes 18 seconds East along said center line 337.07 feet to the East Section line; thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds West, along said East Section line, 875.75

feet back to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any):

10175 Bailey Dr, Harrison, MI 48625-7601

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Hamilton Township, Clare County Board of Review March 2024

Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024; 5:00 p.m.

First Appeals

Monday, March 11, 2024 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Second Appeals

Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Appeals can be made by letter, phone appointment, or in person. Written appeals must be received by Monday, March 4, 2024 Appeals can be mailed to: Hamilton Township Board of Review 3042 N. Rodgers Ave., Harrison, MI 48625 or deposited in the town hall dropbox.

David Wright Sr., Hamilton Township BOR Secretary

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NOTICE

The Hayes Township Board of Review will meet the following dates in March 2023 at the Hayes Municipal Complex, 2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison, MI.

Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:30 p.m.

Appeal Hearing

Monday, March 11, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Appeal Hearing

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Assessments can be appealed by mail or in person. Mailed appeals must be received before Monday March 4, 2024, and sent to: Hayes Township Assessor, PO Box 310, Harrison, MI 48625 or delivered in person to the Hayes Municipal Complex at 2055 E. Townline Lake Rd., Harrison.

Meetings are held in accordance with the General Appropriations Tax Act and Open Meeting Act.

Debra Hoyt Hayes Township Clerk

Publish February 15, 2024, February 22, 2024, and February 29, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Public Notice

Franklin Township has Board of Review meetings on:
March 5 at 5 pm,
March 11 at 9 am - 3 pm and
March 13 3 pm - 9 pm held at 9809 N. M-18 Gladwin, MI 48624

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NEED LEGAL FORMS?

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Clare Gladwin RESD is accepting sealed bids for a HVAC project at the Area School.

Documents for the RFP are on www.cgresd.net.

For questions contact Owen Malson, Maintenance Director at (989-386-3851).

Bid Due Date:
March 06, 2024 - 1:00 pm, EST

Return sealed bids to:
Mrs. Tara Mager, Superintendent
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District
4041 E Mannsiding Road
Clare, MI 48617

Late Bids will be Rejected

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Summerfield Township Board of Review

Will be meeting the following dates.
Please schedule an appointment if you need or have questions regarding your property taxes.

Monday, March 11, 2024, 12 PM – 6 PM
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 3 PM - 9 PM

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FROST TOWNSHIP

March 2024 Board of Review

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meeting Location:
Frost Township Hall
9031 N. Clare Ave.
Harrison, MI 48625

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Arthur Township

Notice of Annual Budget Hearing

The Arthur Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 at the:
Arthur Township Hall
3031 S. Athey Ave
Clare, MI 48617
On **Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm** during the regularly scheduled board meeting.
The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied in support of the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

Thank you,
ARTHUR TOWNSHIP,
CLARE COUNTY MI

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Harrison Community Schools

Request for Proposal for Sign Sponsorships

Harrison Community Schools is looking for a maximum of 8 digital sign sponsors for our new digital sign that will be located adjacent to our football field at 355 W. Spruce St. The cost of the sponsorship will be \$2,500 and that will be good for 5 years. If there are more than 8 submissions the school will randomly select 8 from a hat. If selected, the school will handle the installation of your business's name/logo decal on the sign once we get your approval of your business's proposed name/logo decal template designed by the sign vendor. The approx. size of the sponsorship decal will be 24" by 24" but could vary with number of sponsorships and size of sign pedestal. If any questions, please submit them to chathcock@harrisonschools.com.
Please submit your sponsorship request along with business name and contact information to the following:
Harrison Community Schools • Attn: Chad Hathcock – Business Manager
224 W Main St. • Harrison, MI 48625
Deadline for submissions is March 11, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

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TOWNSHIP OF LINCOLN

PUBLIC NOTICE – March 2024 Board of Review

The March, 2024 Board of Review will be held at the **Lincoln Township Hall, 175 Lake George Avenue, Lake George, Michigan** on the following dates:

Tuesday, 05 March at 6:00 p.m.
(Organizational Meeting, No Appeals Heard)

(Appeals Hearings - 1st Day)
Monday, 11 March • 9:00 a.m. to Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Appeals Hearings - 2nd Day)
Tuesday, 12 March • 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Increase on Taxable Value for 2024, as mandated Statewide is **1.050, or 5.0 %**

Please Note: It is NOT necessary to schedule an Appointment for an Appeal. Should someone other than the Property Owner be making the appeal, a letter of authorization signed by the owner must be presented at Appeal.

All meetings are subject to the Provisions of Public Act 267 of 1976, The Open Meetings Act (as amended) - MCL 15.260 (et seq)

Appellants not able to attend, may Mail or e-Mail an appeal and shall receive equal consideration, as an appearance in person to:

Lincoln Township Board of Review,
P.O. Box 239 • Lake George, Michigan • 48633-0239
or bor@lincolntwp.com (e-mail)

Please Note that Mailed or e-Mailed Appeals **MUST BE RECEIVED** in our offices No later than Tuesday, 12 March, by 9:00 p.m. or they will not be considered.

Tentative Ratio(s) and Multiplier(s) for each Property Class, for 2024

Agriculture	N/C	N/A
Commercial	47.32	1.05664
Industrial	48.66	1.02754
Residential	44.02	1.13585
Timber C/Over	N/C	N/A
Developmental	N/C	N/A
Personal / Utility	50.00	1.00000

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ARTHUR TOWNSHIP • MARCH 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW

Will be held at the Arthur Township hall at 3031 S. ATHEY AVE. CLARE, MI. 48617

and will meet on the following Dates:
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm **Organizational meeting**
Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm **Appeal hearing**
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Appeal hearing**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, for the 2024 assessments. Taxpayers can protest by letter, E-mail, or in person. Letter or E-mail must be received by March 11, 2024. Letters must be mailed to:
Bill Strouse
8164 E. Washington Rd. • Clare, Michigan 48617.
E-mail: billstrouse@ispmgt.com

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7 days notice. Contact BILL STROUSE ASSESSOR 989-289-5845

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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Board of Review - Meeting Schedule

The Greenwood Township Board of Review will hold an organizational Meeting at the Township Hall 3447 W Temple Ave – Harrison, **Tuesday, March 5th at 4pm**

The Board of Review will hear appeals at the Township Hall from property owners regarding their tax assessment on:
– **Tuesday, March 12th** 9am to 12pm, and from 1pm to 4pm or
– **Thursday, March 14th** 2pm to 5pm, and from 6pm to 9pm

All meetings are subject to the guidelines of Michigan's *Open Meeting Act*.

Property owners can also submit their questions regarding Tax assessment via 1st class mail to:
Rachel Mackson, Township Clerk
3447 W Temple – Harrison, MI 48625
All correspondence must be received by Thursday, March 7, 2024

Jess McClaghry
Secretary to the Board of Review
810-488-0056



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CITY OF HARRISON

2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by the City of Harrison that the 2024 March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the 2024 assessment roll, hearing protests and appeals of assessed and/or tentative taxable values, and hearing and deciding on other matters as permitted by law. Appeals will only be heard from the owner of the property or authorized representative. Authorization must be in written form for a representative to act on the property owner's behalf.
LOCATION
Harrison City Hall: 2105 Sullivan Dr., Harrison, MI 48625

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (Protests or appeals will NOT be heard at this session.)
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC APPEAL MEETINGS
Monday, March 11, 2024: 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2024: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

APPEALS SHALL BE HEARD BY APPOINTMENT
IN-PERSON APPEAL- Call 989.544.9511 or email assessor@cityofharrison-mi.gov to schedule an **IN- PERSON APPOINTMENT**. If you reach our voicemail, please leave your contact information and we will return your call to schedule your appointment. Appointments must be made no later than March 15, 2024, at noon.

WRITTEN APPEALS will also be accepted from residents and non-residents alike. **WRITTEN APPEALS** must be accompanied by FORM 618/L-4035. Appeals in writing are to be mailed to: Attn. City Assessor, 2105 Sullivan Dr, Harrison, MI 48625. To obtain FORM 618/L-4035 or any other questions, call or direct to the email provided above.

Additional dates and times may be added by the Board of Review as necessary. Such dates and times will be posted at the City Hall.

The 2024 Tentative Ratios and Estimated Multipliers for real property classes in the City of Harrison are:

Agricultural	50.00 / 1.00000	Industrial	48.81 / 1.02438
Commercial	48.73 / 1.02606	Residential	43.80 / 1.14155

Taxpayers or their authorized representative may contact the Assessor prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss 2024 assessed or taxable values using the same contact information to make appointments.

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Harrison Lions Club
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Harrison Lions Club Bldg.
Fairgrounds, Harrison
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Harrison Women of the Moose
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OBITUARIES

DAVID RAY COWELL, JR.
July 2, 1953 – February 19, 2024

David Ray Cowell Jr., age 70, of Harrison passed away suddenly Monday, February 19, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center-Clare. David was born July 2, 1953, in Key West Florida, the son of David Ray Cowell Sr. and Carolyn Yvonne (Hoard) Cowell. David graduated from Harrison Community Schools in 1975. David had resided in Harrison most of his life, with the exception of time spent working out of town and state.

Mr. Cowell was owner and operator of D&L Drywall for many years. He was a professional drywall installer and finisher. David enjoyed gardening, mushroom hunting, fishing and deer hunting with his grandchildren, collecting and flipping vehicles, especially “his Cadillacs”, he was passionate about cheering and watching the Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings, attending his grandchildren’s school and sporting events, and dabbling in metal and iron scrapping. David always considered himself as a graduate of the School of Hard Knocks and a life member of the “High Times Club”.

Surviving David are his six children; Stacy Rena (Cowell) Graves and husband Todd of Farwell, Michigan, Lisa Marie (Cowell) Young and husband Kenneth Young of Dunn, North Carolina, Dana Ray (Cowell) Sharp and husband Devin Sharp



of Cadillac, Michigan, Amanda Sue (Cowell) Schroeder and Mauro Cruisnberry of Summerville, South Carolina, Tiffany Rose (Cowell) Strickland and Cade Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and David Ray Cowell III and wife Rebecca Cowell of Cadillac, Michigan, a bonus child, Regina Shaw of Harrison, twenty-six grandchildren; Joshua Graves, Ashley Graves and Patrick Zale, Jacob Graves, Evan and Brianna Judy, Breanne Judy, Kennth Young Jr., Allen James Davis and wife Kylie Davis, Devinney Sharp, Dominic Davis Sr. and Destiny Meadows, Kendyll Sharp and Brad Goodnoe, Zander Sharp and Jasmine Buck, Gage Davis, Sophia Trowbridge, Clayton Lundy, Natalie Davis, Tyler Erskine and wife Rachael, Caleb “Mo” Erskine,

Nicholas Erskine, Cameron Erskine, Becca Rose, Harry Strickland, Jersey Strickland, Tessa Shaw, Lindsey Cowell, Oliver Cowell, Eva Shaw and Kira Pumfrey, seven great-grandchildren; Corlalyn Judy, Dominic Davis Jr., Laine Erskine, Allie Jane Judy, Castiel Davis, Wrenley Erskine and Emmett Davis, three brothers; Michael Cowell of Coleman, Michigan, Christopher Cowell of Harrison and John Cowell and Shannon Marsh also of Harrison, plus numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and many friends he considered his brothers and sisters. Mr. Cowell was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, Dakota Erskine, four brothers; Tommy, Nicholas Cowell, Scott Cowell, Dennis Mills and one sister, Susan Bonner.

A McMemorial Celebration of Life service honoring David will be held Friday, February 23, 2024 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm from American Legion Post 404, 1267 West M-61, Harrison. Memorial gifts in memory of Mr. Cowell may be considered to the Cowell Family, in care of: Stacy Graves. To share an online memory or condolence with David’s family, please visit: www.clarkstocking.com. Arrangements for Mr. Cowell are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service 989-539-7810.

SUSAN IRENE ROLAND
April 24, 1946 – February 18, 2024

Susan Irene Roland, age 77, of Harrison passed Sunday, February 18, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her family. Susan was born April 24, 1946, in Owosso, Michigan, the daughter of Leon Sandford Morse and Mary Lou (Perkins) Morse. Susan was united in marriage to Mr. William Herbert Roland on August 26, 1967, in Lansing, Michigan. Susan had resided in Harrison since 1969, moving from Lansing, Michigan.

Mrs. Roland was a longtime member of Harrison WOTM Chapter 1804, she enjoyed visiting various Michigan Casino’s, planting and raising flowers, playing cards and bingo, cooking, especially for her family and friends, taking sporadic road trips, especially when the sun was shining.



Surviving Susan is her daughter, Patricia Roland of Gaylord, Michigan, two grandchildren: Autumn Smith and Mark McClellan and Doug Loughlin II; three great-grandchildren: Douglas

Loughlin III, Elecktra Loughlin, and Brody McClellan; two sisters: Nancy Brant of Lansing and Cathy Nichols also of Lansing; one brother, Leon “Butch” Morse of Lansing, and numerous extended family members and friends. Susan was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter, Trena Hawkins and two grandchildren: Amy Roland and Cody Lampman.

Celebration of Life services honoring Susan will be announced at a later date. To share an online memory or condolence with Susan’s family, please visit: www.clarkstocking.com. Arrangements for Mrs. Roland are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service 989-539-7810.

HOBERT DALE BEAVERS
December 3, 1930 - February 21, 2024

Hobert Dale Beavers, age 93, of Harrison passed away on February 21, 2024. Dale was born on December 3, 1930, in Harrison to Hobert Lawton Beavers and Goldie Elizabeth (Bailey) Beavers. He married Marjorie Lee Baker on July 3, 1954. Dale is preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Gail Miller and Dellamae Mitchell, sister-in-law Gloria Beavers and brothers-in-law Everett Mitchell, Vern Dixon, and Terry Miller. He is also preceded in death by his daughters Lyn and Lori Beavers. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, their children Lisa Beavers, Denise (Dan) Esch, Tim (Terri) Beavers, John Beavers, Paul (Jodie) Beavers, David Beavers and grandchildren Katelyn Esch, Madison (Alexander Ergo) Esch, Zachary (Megan) Beavers, Ethan Beavers, Erica Beavers, Mallorie Beavers, Matthew Beavers, Nolan Beavers, and Javier Beavers. Dale is also survived by his sister Melba Jean Dixon, and brothers Dee (Jan) Beavers and Dean (Mary) Beavers.

Dale was drafted and served in the Korean War from November 1951 to November 1953. He was an employee of the Harrison Postal Service for 31 years until his retirement in 1990. While there he worked as a clerk, post-



master, and rural route carrier, but his real calling was as a minister in the Community of Christ church. His faith and trust in God sustained him throughout his entire life. Dale was a true servant of God and officiated at many weddings and funerals in the community.

Dale loved to be outdoors in nature and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Over the years there were many hunting and fishing trips in Michigan, Colorado, and Wyoming, which provided more than a few memorable moments that seemed to grow greater with each retelling. Dale was a jack-of-all trades and could fix most anything that needed fixing. He loved to build things and was a very skilled carpenter. Dale was a great

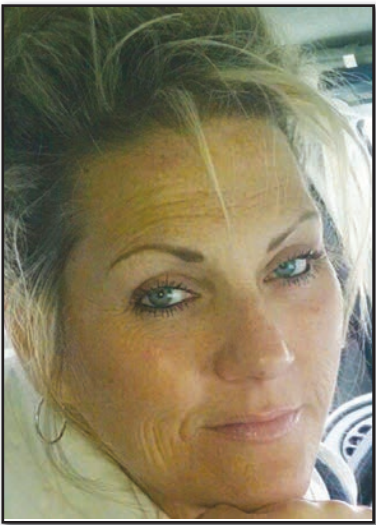
father to his eight children, and later cherished his role as grandpa. Every one of the grandchildren have their own special memories of going fishing with him. Above all, Dale was a people person. He loved a good story, being surrounded by family and watching any of the Detroit or Michigan teams play. He was a humble man with a huge heart.

Funeral services for Dale will be held at Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service, 165 W. Oak St., Harrison, Michigan on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., with Elder Dan Esch officiating. A time of gathering will be held Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until time of service. A luncheon will immediately follow at Reflections Reception Center attached to the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Farwell Community of Christ, c/o Doug Beavers, 315 W. Maple Road, Farwell, Michigan 48622. To share an online memory or condolence with Dale’s family, please visit: www.clarkstocking.com. Arrangements and care of Mr. Beavers and his family are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service 989-539-7810.

MARGARET “MARGO” MARIE ZELINSKI
May 7, 1966 – February 19, 2024

Margaret “Margo” Marie Zelinski age 57 of Clare, passed away peacefully after courageously fighting a long illness on Monday, February 19, 2024, at Trinity Health -Grand Rapids. Margaret was born Saturday, May 7, 1966 in Pontiac, Michigan the daughter of Robert E. Zelinski and Joan Therese (St. Dennis) Zelinski. Margaret graduated from Walled Lake Central High School in 1984. She furthered her education by obtaining her Bachelor’s degree in Transportation Management from Baker College of Flint in 2012. Margo was united in marriage to Mr. Larry Ferdinand Cohorst on February 22, 2022 in Harison.

Margo had resided in Clare for two years, moving from Harrison, where she had resided since 2012, moving from Genesee County, Michigan. Margo spent several years as an active member, promoter and planner for local Whitetails Unlimited events. She was a coach for The Mt. Pleasant Drillers 14 U Team, was a member of Harrison WOTM Chapter 1804, past member and volunteer of Harrison Area Chamber of Commerce. Margo had worked for Auxillio Transportation as a bus driver, prior to her illness. In past years, she worked as a truck driver, waste hauling operator and concrete delivery (mixer operator) as well as school bus driver.



Margaret enjoyed traveling, cruises with family and friends, camping, kayaking, crocheting, hunting, attending concerts, assisting with many fundraisers, playing and coaching softball, decorating her home, she loved party planning, watching baseball and football games and making sure the high school athletes arrived to and from their games safely.

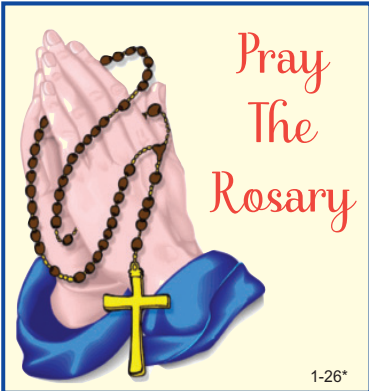
Surviving Margaret is her husband, Larry Ferdinand Cohorst of Clare, two daughters; Tiffany Barber and husband Rickey of Mt. Pleasant and Nicole Hoenstine and Jeff Whalen also of Mt. Pleasant, one step-daughter, Kristin Partaka and husband Jason of Gladwin, Michigan, four grandchildren; Chloe Barber, Sophia Barber, Aubree Whalen and Jackson Whalen, one sister, Sharon Trudeau and husband Tim of Metamora,

Michigan, one brother, Robert Zelinski and wife Stacy of Waterford, Michigan, ten nieces and nephews; Christopher Lundgren, Mark Meyers and wife Megan, Carolyn Meyers, Alyssa Ferguson, Zachary Zelinski, Zarek Zelinski, Kate Zelinski, Aaron Lang, Gracelyn Dadacki and Jack Dadacki, her close friend and father of her daughters, Jack Hoenstine and wife Brandy Gabrys-Hoenstine of Harrison, plus many extended family and close friends. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Sue Stevens.

Celebration of Life services honoring Margo will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. from Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service, 165 West Oak St., Harrison, with Mr. Ben Evers officiating. A time of gathering and sharing of memories and stories will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. until time of service. Memorial gifts in memory of Margaret may be considered to the Zelinski family, in care of: Tiffany Barber or Nicole Hoenstine. To share an online memory or condolence with Margo’s family, please visit: www.clarkstocking.com. Arrangements for Mrs. Zelinski are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service 989-539-7810.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **Clare County Republican Party** meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Harrison District Library.

The **Clare County Democratic Party** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 13 at the Pere Marquette District Library in Clare, The Public is welcome. For more information go to www.clarecountymocrats.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clarecountydems.

Grief Share grief recovery seminar and support group for those who have lost loved ones: Meets at Clare Assembly of God in Clare (3557 E. Colonville Road) each Thursday at 6 p.m. Jan. 25-April 18. For more information, call Jill at 989-386-3232.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings will be held at Sheri's Diner, 316 E Park St., at noon and 7 p.m. every Monday; and at 7 p.m. the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month at Harrison District Library. Join for food and conversation.

Hope For the Future – Suicide Loss Survivor Support Group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, Quality Inn conference room, 10318 S. Clare Ave., Clare. Direct any questions to Maxine Lago on Facebook.

Al-Anon Family Group meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays at First Congregational Church, 211 W. Spruce St., Harrison.

Lake George Booster Club, 89 S. Bringold, north of Lake George, hosts Euchre Tuesday year-round. Doors open at 6 p.m. and cards start at 7 p.m. Public welcome.

City Receives Grant, Park Improvements on Tap

Eye on Water App Catches Major Water Leak on Lake Street

**By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Staff Writer**

HARRISON – The Feb. 19 meeting of Harrison City Council got off to a lighthearted start as Mayor Dan Sullivan told of his latest side-by-side trail excursion to St. Helen which saw a turnout of about 120 units. This time he travelled 120 miles there and back, to ride a 40-mile route through some very cold weather.

“It wasn’t any warmer than the last one, until about 1 o’clock when the sun came out,” he said. Sullivan, as always, expressed his gratitude to the City’s employees for all the extra time they spend on behalf of the community.

There was even better news when Kathy Maharas offered her report from the water department and thanked the DPW for getting the water shut off that day, stopping a “huge leak.” Sam Russell, DPW superintendent, explained that the new meters had truly paid off for a resident, described as “a snowbird on Lake Street” who was currently in Texas.

“Something went awry,” Russell said. “The meter’s in their house and it’s past the meter so, something’s running. Those e-read meters are pretty nice. We would’ve never known that until they come back two months from now and their bill’s \$3 million and the house is full of black mold and water.”

Maharas thanked the DPW for getting the water shut off promptly at that residence – which took a bit of digging. Maharas reviews that water monitoring program, and discovered the leak was discharging 255 gallons per hour/4 gallons-plus per minute. It was noted that, without the Eye on Water app, the City would not have been promptly alerted and the homeowner would have come home to a disaster. Russell agreed, saying the app is “pretty handy.”

Council member Mick Haley summed it up well by adding, “Good save – awesome!”

Other department head reports included fire chief Chris Damvelt’s report of 42 runs year-to-date. He also informed the new SCBA compressor was in, hooked up and running; the new radios were in and being installed, with four left to go; and six new sets of firefighter gear ordered through a

state grant had arrived. Lastly, Damvelt reported a \$125,000 check had been sent the previous week to Spencer Manufacturing for the new firetruck chassis.

Russell reported his crew was busy maintaining roads, sidewalks and doing equipment maintenance. He also said two crew members were replacing faded signs and doing sign inventory. Russell also noted being glad winter is almost over.

Describing her work with Parks/Rec and DDA, Christie Balog noted working to gather sponsors for the summer’s Friday Nite Delights, and that the first Street Fair Committee meeting would be March 6. She also is exploring a possible joint effort between the library and Parks and Rec.

Justin Cavanaugh, city manager/clerk, reported on behalf of Mike Freeman, code enforcement officer. He cited the Elm Street blight issue noted in the motions below and explained Freeman had been in court to seek an abatement order, and also informed Council of the nature of the blight and the clean-up bid quote. Cavanaugh explained the cost would be less than previously paid as it had been caught quicker this time, adding that he expected the property would be abated by the end of the following week.

Cavanaugh said the City would be in court again in March for a parking tickets issue related to parking on the street.

He also noted he had been working on his Zoning Administrator class requirement of completing a 155-questions test by March 22 – and having completed 70 of those questions that day. And, of course, there was staying on top of continuing election preparation work.

The last portion of Cavanaugh’s report was perhaps the most exciting. He explained that when he had submitted the original DNR Spark grant application, he had also applied for a coinciding Community Centered grant. He said Harrison has been awarded that grant in the amount of \$550,000.

Cavanaugh explained that if the City gets the full amount

for the Spark grant, and the Community Centered grant plus the \$50,000 the City was going to match for the Spark grant, it would total \$1.6 million for improvements to the park.

“We should hear on the Spark grant sometime in March,” he said, adding that if both grants are received, both projects could be worked at the same time. He anticipated that would be sometime in the spring/early summer of 2025. That interim time span would enable going out for bids and ensuring best prices can be secured.

“It’s pretty exciting,” Cavanaugh said. “It took 20-some hours just to do the grant application.”

He noted that there had been more than 1,000 applications received and he was very excited at the City’s having received the grant.

“I was in such a good mood last week after getting that email,” he said, repeating again that it was very exciting.

Cavanaugh explained that the grant as written would be used for upgrading pickleball courts, a plan which would include new fences, paving and netting. He further explained that four pickleball courts can be done in the space of two tennis courts, so the plan is to end up with four pickleball courts and two tennis courts, as well as some sort of waiting area for players to use between games.

“On top of that, improvements would go to an additional playscape on the east side of the park,” he said.

As action items, Council moved to:

- Adopt Council meeting minutes of Feb. 5, and Council bills of Feb. 19 as presented.
- Approve Resolution 2024-2 – Poverty [Exemption] Renewal (which changes the annual renewal at the City to every three years).
- Approve the expenditure of \$1,950 for blight abatement on the Elm Street property, payable upon completion, with that cost to be put on the taxes.

Council will meet next at 6 p.m. Monday, March 4 at Harrison City Hall, 2105 Sullivan Drive.

(Cleaver file photo)



BOC Passes Motions

HARRISON – The Clare County Board of Commissioners passed the following motions at its Feb. 21 meeting. The Board moved to:

- Approve Board of Commissioners minutes of Jan. 17 and Committee of the Whole minutes of Feb. 7.
- Adopt resolution No. 24-07 entering into a joint effort with the Midland Area Community Foundation to implement the talent Attraction Program for Clare County.
- Approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of Jan. 22 in the amount of \$87,329.20 and minutes of Feb. 5 in the amount of \$153,439.38
- Approve the expenditures for the month of January 2024 in the amount of \$2,655,373 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$1,033,003.93
- Approve Budget Adjustments 24-52 in the amount of \$75,732

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three days and they sent my husband a telegram that I was going to be here and he had to reply back that he would meet me in Clare. From New York to Toledo, I took a train. Then another train from Toledo to Clare. As I got closer to Harrison, I was more fidgety wondering what it would be like.”

In Toledo, Paulette found herself between tracks and was unsure how to find her connecting train. She had to transfer to the Ann Arbor station. She ended up sharing a taxi with another passenger who was traveling to Farwell.

“The young lady said, ‘I hear you are going to Clare.’ I said yes, I guess that’s where I’m going. She said I’m going to Farwell. But I didn’t know where Farwell was. Anyway, she was so nice and when I went to pay for the cab she paid for it. I said I’m older, I should be paying for it. She said ‘I never talked to a war bride before’ and then we went on the train together. I didn’t know what a war bride was until I come over here. I wasn’t the only one, there was a lot of them. When I was in Germany, I couldn’t believe there was so many of them. I was here alone by myself.”

Clare was the closest train station to Harrison as the rails north had been pulled up just that year. Gene was 40 minutes late to pick up Paulette. The road to Clare from Harrison wasn’t the paved highway it is today, and she joked that she should turn around and go home.

The Dec. 12, 1946, issue of the Cleaver has a small item under “Out Lake. Our Way” that reads “Franklin community welcomes a newcomer. Mrs. Gene Sharp arrived with her infant daughter from France last Friday. Mrs. Sharp is a war bride. We all extend greetings and hope she will learn to love this her foster country. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are living at Mr. Sharp’s parental home for the present.”

Eugene Sharp, called Gene, was the son of Otto and Ellen Sharp. His family had a lot of roots in Franklin Township with relation to many families: Varney, Stockwell, Campbell, and many others. Eugene’s father had been supervisor of Franklin Township and his grand-

parents met in lumber camp in the area.

“I was used to living in the city and then I came to the country and the unknown,” she said. “It was kind of hard when I first came here. I had three years of English in school. We didn’t have a lot of money. We lived in a log cabin for about three years building our home. The cabin was then used as a cow shed.



Paulette at home the day she was interviewed by the Clare County Cleaver in 2023. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grace her wall, and she proclaims them all very good looking. (Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg)



Paulette Sharp holds a pike caught in Arnold Lake.

“There was a young woman who worked in the office. She was engaged to be married and her fiancé was in Germany; he was prisoner of war and was sent to work in a factory. He was killed. The factory was bombed. And ohh...she had a hard time getting over it. Then she met a GI and came over here to get married and it didn’t work out. She even came over here to visit me and she went back to New York. She met someone and planned to go to Venezuela. She said ‘If you don’t hear from me, it’s because I’m fine.’ She said if that didn’t work out, she would go home to France. I never heard from

her.

“I was one of the lucky ones. Some of them didn’t fair so good but I did good. My mother, the last things she told me before I left is ‘If things don’t work out we’ll get you back home.’ So, I always had a home to go back to if it didn’t work out.” Obviously, it worked out as the Sharp’s were married for 53 years and nine months. Gene passed away in November of 1997.

Paulette went back three times to visit her family in France over the years, once when her sister was terminally ill.

“My younger brother came over here one time, with his wife and two children,” she said. “He loved it here. Most of my relatives have scattered over the place and it’s hard to keep track of everybody.

“When I went back over there, I was always glad to get back over here because it was my home you know. My family was here and my children. I was happy to go back home and then was happy to get back home to my children. I had a good husband. He worked hard. He was a good father.”

Paulette adjusted to her new life in Harrison with her family. Gene and Paulette had two more children, Connie and Gene. Dr. Earl Wilson delivered Eugene in their home.

“I don’t know how he [Dr. Wilson] stayed in practice. Everyone went in to there and he had a book and he’d put your name and date in the book and he never sent a bill. You paid when you could.”

Gene worked out of town a lot on the pipeline but by all accounts, they had a happy family life. Paulette attended church at St. Luke Lutheran Church, and she relied heavily on her faith throughout her life. She would even sing there in her native French.

None of Paulette’s children learned French.

“When I first come over here my oldest daughter I was speaking French to her,” Paulette recalled. “But then nobody could understand her. Her dad would speak English and she spoke both, so we decided to speak one language.”

She found a friend in Anna Paul in the 1950s. Anna’s parents were Germans who went to Yugoslavia during the war. Anna married and had two sons born in Germany; they were in a camp as displaced persons. They then immigrated to



see my great-grandchildren graduating from high school and college,” Paulette said.

Gene Sharp sorts through photos with his mother Paulette on April 7, 2023, in her Franklin Township home. (Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg)

“I hate to brag but they are smart.”

Her advice to live a long life?

“I guess the good Lord watches over me,” Paulette explained. “I was ill, I had cancer. When I was little, I was always

sick with earaches and sore throats and my older siblings were healthier than I was. But I’m here, so I don’t know. Maybe it’s the fresh air. And a good family life. My husband would go away to work,



In January of 2024 Paulette celebrated her 99th birthday with her family.

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