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Ole Time Country Gospel Jamboree from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at the First Congregational Church, Harrison. Refreshments to follow. Come enjoy and join in the singing or tap your feet to a fun filled night of great entertainment praising the Lord. All musicians/signers are welcome.

Harrison Youth Football and cheer signups from 6-7:30 p.m. June 24 at Harrison District Library.

Clare County Arts Council's annual **Art of Gardening Tour** of five gardens in the Clare area is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 13. You will have the option to tour 5 gardens in the Clare area. Visit the home/studio of artist Carly Shortz filled with garden ornaments. Tickets cost \$10 and will be available at the Doherty Hotel starting July 1. The ticket lists names/garden address. Questions call 989-386-3925, leave message.

Harrison Area Genealogy Society meets at 6:30 p.m. July 3 at McDonald's (venue change for July). Bring laptops, brick walls and info for a fun night of research. For questions, call Barb at 989-240-9251 or Linda at 989-539-9796.

Independence Day Celebration at the Clare County Fairgrounds Friday, July 5. Mud bog starts at 6 p.m. and fireworks will follow. Admission is \$15 for ages 6 and older, free to age 5 and younger. Food trucks on site.

BOC Motion Landing Definitely Needed a Flagman

Airport 80D Funding Discussion Heated, Contentious, Revealing

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – Despite the ongoing efforts – over many years – of persons interested in the successful sustainment and improvement of Clare County Airport 80D, there are still naysayers who think that doing so is not worthwhile. It seems always to turn out that those naysayers are not personally involved in flying or airport use, but base their argument on the financial aspects of maintaining an airport. It also seems to lie with the idea that if such a county asset does not serve residents in every township, it is not worth sustaining.

Since the re-forming of the Clare County Airport Committee in 2023 [which was a realignment with state laws and requirements] there has been forward-thinking, earnest and fiscally responsible action taken to bring the airport up to FAA standards and function. This has included a cooperative effort with the Clare County Road Commission for proper crack sealing of the paved runway, helped in large part by CCRC crew and community members willing to take on the preparatory work that preceded the crack sealing and the sealing product application itself.

Additionally, the many obstacles to state licensing have been tackled one by one, and conquered through diligence and persistence. With the volume of residential neighborhood trees creating a seemingly insurmountable obstacle to meeting the required approach angles, the diagonal turf runway was officially closed. Next will be supplementing and overseeding of the remaining turf runway.

Also, a local pilot contacted the Pontiac Airport which had replaced its runway lights and secured the donation of those old lights, which will bring a complete upgrade for all lighting needed at 80D – plus spare inventory for the future.



Kim Kennicott, left, and Bob Ash, below, address the BOC seeking ongoing support for the Clare County Airport. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

It should be noted that, over the years, airport work has been done through previously allocated funding, via sale of airport property, match-grants, county budgeted funds, and the short-lived Clare County-Hayes Township-City of Harrison Airport Authority.

By focusing on the facility's maintenance and repair needs, and creatively addressing appropriate solutions, the Airport Committee and those pilots and community members who value the airport's potential have been working to ensure its survival as an asset – a county asset located in the heart of the county.

A recent surprising response to a request made to the Michigan Department of Transportation for crack sealing and painting funds yielded a no-match grant tailored to covering the complete cost of the work – with absolutely no cost to the county. On the surface, that would be seen as great news.

During General Public Comment at the June 12 meeting of the Clare County Board of Commissioners, four people spoke of the need for the county to continue its support of



the airport and to quell the continually resurfacing mutterings of airport closure. They included Kim Kennicott, former airport manager; resident Pat Adams; and pilots Carl Lounsbury and Bob Ash.

Kennicott provided an airport work and funding overview, complete with reference to a time when the county failed to fund airport maintenance to the point that grass was growing up through huge cracks in the run-

way – and noted that pilots are not all that keen to have grass stains on their propellers. He referred to the county-township-city agreement as a “breath of fresh air” which worked great for one year – then in the second year, the county deferred which led to withdrawal of funds from all three entities.

“We’re asking to fix something that’s been broken a long time,” he said, then urged the BOC to support the MDOT grant funding.

Adams said he thinks the airport is necessary for the county, and spoke to the value of a central location for Life Flight pick up of medical emergency patients – asking what is one person's life worth? He also noted that businesses with access to airports expand more than those without.

Lounsbury spoke of the substantial investments borne by hangar owners [who lease the airport property the hangars are built on], noting there had just been signing of a new seven-year lease.

“We pay rent and taxes on the building,” he said. “If it was not a viable asset to the county, MDOT would not be coming in at their expense.” Lounsbury then stated that if the airport was to close, there would be legal action taken to recover that asset.

Ash spoke to the importance to the community of airport availability, as well as his successfully procuring the new runway lighting. He emphasized the cost savings, the small installation investment, and the overall savings of \$100,000 in materials. Later in the meeting, Ash also spoke of having contact with a billionaire developer who is highly interested in building hangar homes on the west side of the airport, which he said would bring in more aircraft as well as more county tax revenue. Ash said the only hold up for that project is waiting on the installation of water and sewer along N. Clare Avenue.

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Hayes Township Commencing Next Batch of Blight Abatements

Missed Road Brinnings Made Up, Remaining Applications Rescheduled

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – The agenda for the June 11 meeting of the Hayes Township Board was diverse. Attending were Commissioner Gabe Ambrozaitis, who spoke of the township's blight enforcement contract and the airport crack sealing grant from the state, and the proposed hangar lease increase, all of which were to be voted on at the next day's Clare County Board of Commissioners meeting.

During his Supervisor's Report, Rick Jones spoke of the many complaints received due to roads being missed during the recent brining application. A list of make-up brining for those missed roads (being done that same day) was provided, along with a new schedule for second, third and fourth applications, set for July 3, July 25 and Aug. 20, respectively. It also noted that as it was a newly gravelled road with no residual brine, Clarence Road from Coolidge to Harrison avenues would receive a

booster application June 27. Jones also noted that the cost for brining was likely to go up for the next year and the township should plan accordingly, possibly determining to move from four down to three brinnings.

Treasurer Maye Tessner-Rood reported the township had balanced with the county that day with summer tax collection and would be sending the taxes to KCI that day as well.

Clerk Deb Hoyt reported that absent voter ballot applications had been coming in and that absent voter ballots would be arriving soon and be getting mailed out. Hoyt said Election Commission preliminary and public testing would be scheduled soon. She also noted a virtual election preparation training would be held June 26 in the board room at Hayes. Beyond that, her work has been focused on budgets and audit preparation.

Ken Lind of EMC Insurance addressed the Board, expressing gratitude for the township's being his client, as well as a stable client,



(Cleaver file photo)

rather than a disconcerting one where he walks into a meeting to find sandbags and gun emplacements.

“So, I encourage you to keep up the good work,” he said. “We have a fabulous country. I just had the opportunity once again to go overseas on a situation. And I come home, and I just re-notice how blessed we are.”

That said, he urged Board members to keep a spiral notebook handy for jotting down a few notes

if somebody “really gets ornery.” What would the notes include? He said anything that is reflective of a statement that could be construed as a directive, and went on to describe the liability threat to the township that can be created by an incomplete informational directive.

Under New Business, the Board moved to:

-Approve renewal of EMC Insurance at \$18,810 (last year \$16,574), with addition of property

at 3088 N. Clare Ave.
-Approve Accident Fund Workers Compensation renewal at \$1,784 (same as last year).

-Enter a closed session to discuss a confidential written legal opinion under MCL15.268(1)(h) related to a contract. Upon return from the 21-minute closed session, the Board resumed open session.

-Accept the township attorney's recommendation for changes to the Ordinance Enforcement contract with Clare County, and recommend the contract term be changed from Jan. 1 to July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

-Approve an additional Building Loan principal payment of \$39,000.

-Approve the contract with Middle Michigan Development Corp. (MMDC) from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, at a cost of \$5,000.

-Approved public hearings on budgets/Special Board meeting at 11 a.m. June 26.

-Approve contract quote of \$150/hour from Walters Lawn Care for foundation pouring at the cemetery.

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However, prior to the motion to accept that free MDOT money, District 8 Commissioner George Gilmore – who represents Grant Township which surrounds the City of Clare where the Clare Municipal Airport is located – asked how many airports the county needs, saying there was an airport within 20 minutes of anywhere in the county. He then offered a motion asking the BOC to defund the airport – based on his belief that if 80D is closed and the property returned to the State of Michigan, the county would be on the hook for returning those MDOT funds. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickie Fancon.

Then the sparks flew.

Commissioner Gabe Ambrozaitis pointed out the airport has the potential to be an economic generator, and that the MDOT funds were simply getting back \$48,000 of the county's own tax dollars.

Commissioner David Hoefling, also a member of the Airport Committee, emphasized the potential for lawsuits if the county was to close the airport and default on the hangar and restaurant leases, adding, "If you wish to be sued, go ahead."

Gilmore was quick to dismiss that point, saying that leases are broken all the time. Hoefling also inferred that Gilmore was attempting to affect the political race of another commissioner.

Gilmore said he was not trying to mess with anyone's race, but was "purely thinking about the drain for the county – and all we've ever received from the airport is complaints: We don't do this, we don't do that, we don't do something else. And I see it benefitting very few people." He further suggested that most of the people benefitting were sitting in the board room, to which Ambrozaitis said there are 14 employees at the Airport Restaurant that disprove that.

"Like any other development in my district and Frost Township's district, Jeff's district," he said. "This is about the northern part of the county – why do you not want to support the northern end of the county as a county commissioner?"

Gilmore said he doesn't mind supporting the whole county, but doesn't want to support a dozen people with county money from the whole rest of the county. He added that "They've never been



Commissioners Gabe Ambrozaitis, left, and George Gilmore square off over Gilmore's motion to defund the Clare County Airport. Below, Commissioner David Hoefling speaks of the legal ramifications of defaulting on the County's leases with airport hangar owners and implies that Gilmore has political motive for his stance on the airport. (Clever photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

happy with our support to begin with."

To which Ambrozaitis replied, "Because you've never supported them the way you should."

Noting there were two very good airports within 20 minutes, Gilmore said the Clare airport was fabulous, which Ambrozaitis should know.

"I do, and I see the potential right here for this airport," Ambrozaitis said. To which Gilmore thanked Ambrozaitis for interrupting him, and disparaged him as discourteous.

Fancon, who represents District 9, which is the City of Clare, and is himself a member of the Airport Committee, said he didn't want to see the airport close and urged taking the emotion out of it. He suggested that only two or three townships benefit from the airport. Noting going into a new budget, he spoke in profit-and-loss terms about the need to determine what value the airport could bring in the future, and what it would take financially to sustain it. [For perspective, the Clare Municipal Airport, as part of the National Plan for Integrated Airports System, receives annual federal funding which requires a *match* from the City of Clare – and that in its most lucrative year that airport came up *only \$13,000 short* of breaking even.]

Then Chairman Jeff Haskell posed another question.

"What if we make it successful and it actually becomes an econom-



ic draw to Clare County that we get tax revenue from?" he said. "I don't think we've been doing a very good job of trying to do that."

"The airport's been around for 88 years," Ambrozaitis said. "And until I became a commissioner, there wasn't a concerted effort to fix that airport with a plan. Now we have that plan and we're moving forward – and now the commissioners want to close the airport. I find that just to be wrong."

Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt then spoke of his first seating as commissioner in 2008 and the serious discussion about the airport, saying, "I've never voted against the airport." He went on to describe the work needed at the restaurant at that time, followed by installation of a new drain field. "We put a lot of money into that airport. And when you roll ahead, we have supported the airport – not like they would like. I'm not onboard for shutting it down yet, but we need to see sustainable. What is sustainable? How much money is sustainable?"

At that point, Kennicott informed that the City of Clare regularly budgets \$200,000 a year for its airport, and that the county couldn't come up with \$10,000. "It takes money, folks, to get this thing rolling," he said. "It does take money, and that's what they've done down there. They have a beautiful airport, but it's cost them a lot of money to get that way, to get it eligible for funding – and

that's what it's going to take. And Clare County has not gone out of its way in any way shape or form to support this airport. I've been involved with it the past 10 years, and anytime you want anything, you have to fight for it." He emphasized that people can't be invited to come to the county, build a hangar, or start a business when those same people continually hear that the airport may close. "You can't build anything if people think you're going to close it."

Kleinhardt then spoke of leaner times when choices had to be made for the "have-to" items and that had put some airport money to the side. He spoke of the insecurity of the entire nation's current financial direction, but that such concern is why he wants to see a plan for the airport.

"What's going to happen out there to make it great?" he said. "I'd sure like to do that, too."

When Gilmore then said he thought the county should donate the airport back to the state, Ambrozaitis quickly pointed out his incorrect assumption. "The state did not donate it to the county," Ambrozaitis said. "A private owner from Toledo donated it to Hayes Township, and then Hayes Township gave it to the county. Half of it they gave to the state, and the state immediately gave it to the county. Both those parcels belong to the county."

Gilmore reiterated it did come from the state, and Ambrozaitis restated that was just one parcel,

half the airport. At which time, Gilmore pointed out that a motion had been made and seconded, and if it was to be tabled ... again referring to his oft-cited Roberts Rules of Order, etc.

Haskell asked that Gilmore repeat his motion for clarity. Haskell said the motion could be voted on, but he didn't want to just quash the motion.

"Obviously, there are people here who are not for it," Haskell said. "But I see no reason not to improve it. So, I'd say if you want to hear about the airport, it's a valid Committee of the Whole discussion, but I don't feel it should stop us from voting on these two motions [the MDOT funds and the hangar lease increase]."

Ambrozaitis made one last comment regarding sustainability, starting with the optimum \$13,000 the City of Clare kicks in for its airport every year.

"No airport in the United States of America is self-sustaining," he said. "It takes tax money. Just like no sheriff's department is self-sustaining, no prosecutor's office, no city clerk, no treasurer. Nobody in government is self-sustaining. It costs money, it's tax money, it's a necessary evil. Do I like having a lot of taxes? No, I don't. But in this case, there are Fiscal Recovery Funds that are allocated to us. Of those funds, if you do not take this, they're just going to be diverted to another airport in the state of Michigan and they will get the benefit – and we will not."

Kleinhardt added that this is the first time in his years as a commissioner that he has seen the state step up to give the county airport money. "And, if in fact, they can make a go of this, I think we at least out to give them a chance – especially if it's not going to cost us. Could we have to pay it back? Yes, but we'll cross that bridge when it comes." Kleinhardt also agreed with Gilmore about hearing only complaints. "In the 14 years I've been here, I have not seen anyone come in here and say 'thank you for what you did.'"

At that point, a man in the audience stood and said, "Let me do that right now, because I really, really appreciate it." This pilot's name is Stan Luke, and while he did not state his name, Luke did explain that he was not from the local area originally, and only came up here *because* of the airport. "I've seen multiple, multiple

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Additionally, there was discussion of current blight abatement actions. Ken Hoyt, blight coordinator, described the quotes received for six properties, two of which Hoyt thought were out of lien and needed adjustment. He cited quotes of \$7,700 each for the first four properties. After

hearing of detailed notifications and ticketing status, the Board then moved to give Ken Hoyt the authority to move forward with the proposed cleanup quotes and to stay within budget for the 2023-2024 year.

It was further noted that two of the six properties, one on Pointview Drive and the other on Wooddale Street, had previously

been abated. One of the two properties had changed ownership, and one ticket had been issued with second in the offering. Hoyt added that he had already served notice to all six property owners that abatements would take place the last week of June.


Jones also informed that Hazardous Waste Collection Day at Northern Oaks Recycling

Facility is slated for 2-6 p.m. July 19, and Recycle Day at Harrison City Park will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 14. He said volunteers for Sept. 14 are needed, and anyone who is interested should contact Tessner-Rood.

Another point of interest is the new TextMyGov program available to Hayes Township Residents which will be up and


running July 18. Tessner-Rood said residents can go on the township website and sign up in advance.

The Hayes Township Board will meet next at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 at the Hayes Municipal Complex.



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County History Park, Museum Open for Season

The Clare County History Park, including the museum, Dover School, and Ott family log cabin, is now open every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. The Park is located at the corner of Dover Road and Eberhart Avenue northeast of Clare. It's a great place to learn about local history such as Spikehorn Meyers, Isaiah Leebowe, the Ott Family, and more. Find out why gangsters visited Clare County and why a few even settled here! You might even get a chance to learn a bit of blacksmithing at our working blacksmith shop. Questions can be sent to museum@clarecountyhistory.org or call Marty at 734-755-2638.



Outdoors With Jeff

Well, it seems that it's getting warmer and warmer; this must mean that summer is just around the corner. Some people are starting to turn their air conditioners on now. The kids are starting to head for the lake and get in the water and they will cool down. All the people are getting into the water with their dog and they will be cooler that way. Fishermen are doing their fishing earlier in the morning before the heat sets in, or later in the day or even at nighttime. Kids are at the beach and they are just sitting around while talking. Most like fishing in the evening because it's a little cooler to be out on the lake. Many of these fishermen are fishing with cane poles. Cane poles come from bamboo limbs. This was the best time to be fishing just before sundown. Some of the fishermen are using their boats to get out and fish. Despite its summer, hunters still have their ear to the ground listening to what may be happening when it comes to deer season. According to the DNR Whitetail harvest and hunters both increased in 2023. The deer kill for 2023. The number of deer harvested last year was 347,008.

According to the DNR the number of hunters has increased slightly compared to years past. Compared to the DNR we have lost 32% of licensed hunters. Eight out of the ten years continued to lose hunters.

There are issues that are still being discussed and we will have to just wait and see what the DNR will do in the future. I don't know if there will be any effect if hunters are slowly leaving hunting. I don't know at this time. Locally I have talked to a fair amount of hunters that have told me that they are thinking about quitting hunting and I don't know what the effect that will be in the near future. I have heard hunters say that they were thinking to end hunting but we will have to see how it goes. I think some things may change sometime. It's about that time that the DNR starts to look at some



JEFF GOYT

changes in hunting. We will have to just wait and see. A week or so, the DNR talked about their old communication on their old radios and we were told that there were sometimes that the radio system wasn't too reliable. The same was for local police patrol cars. When you were on patrol after midnight and the weather was just right you could hear someone calling you on the radio. We would hear radio talk from the entire north west of the country or sometimes all that way from Texas. That stopped after they brought us some radios that were more modern. We had to put new glass plugs in it to make it work. A reminder, that if you are out in the woods and you see a fawn and don't see the doe around leave it also, the does probably is not that far away. Also if you are out on some lake check and see what local issues are on that lake? I think if you are here and would like walking in the woods there are several places that you can go. There are a lot of trails on state land in the county check with the DNR for directions. There are also places on the campus of mid-Michigan college they have marked areas and trails. It's not unusual during the summer for the woods and it becomes really dry, use caution and checks in with the DNR or fire department to see if there is a fire restrictions. It's hard to believe that in a couple weeks we will be in July, someone told me we've passed the half way mark of summer already.

I hope everyone has a great time this summer and have fun. It won't be long and the Fourth of July will be up sooner than you think. It won't be long and there will be lot of boats on the lakes, please use safe manners. Again use caution when burning a fire and don't let it get away from you. Have a great time this summer.



~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~

Field Office Happenings

Ethel Campbell

My desk at the Harrison DNR Field Office was always in the front near the wall phone. I liked to have my desk facing the door entrance, so I was facing people who came into the office. The view out the front office window was overlooking Old US-27 or N. First Street. If you peered out the window from my desk, you would be looking out at Ethel Campbell's house on a little hill across the street. The house was located directly adjacent to Doc Weitzel & Doc Martin's Medical Office parking lot.

Ethel was a widow in her 80's who lived alone in her house at 655 N. First Street. She was a tough, independent, rather gruff old gal. She was well known in the community. When Ethel made up her mind to do something, she went about doing it and she did not like being interfered with. Conservation Officer Bill Griffin told me about encountering Ethel out on Budd Lake ice fishing. She was sitting on a bucket out in the middle of the

lake. Bill was out on the lake checking fishing licenses. He came upon Ethel and saw some blood on the ice. Ethel told Bill that she hadn't caught anything, but he found that she had kept an undersized bass. She had the fish hidden in a pocket of her clothing. She told Bill that she was hungry for fish, so she kept it. I don't remember what Bill did about this, but he didn't ticket her. It was Ethel and she was just an old lady out fishing for her dinner.

I only talked to Ethel once. She had a grandson (Dave Campbell) who was a utility infielder in the Major Leagues for the Detroit Tigers in the 1970's. I am a baseball fan and I talked to her briefly about her grandson when I saw her out in the yard one day. She was quite proud of that young man and enjoyed telling me all about him.

There was a gravel driveway along the north side of Ethel's house. This drive entered Old 27 at an angle making it difficult to

see traffic coming from the north. If I remember correctly, Ethel had a little green sedan. When Ethel decided to drive somewhere, it was because she was on a mission. She would march out to the garage, get into her car and roll down the driveway at a pretty good clip right out onto the highway without looking. As Ethel aged, it got worse. It often became a forced merger with squealing brakes or a crash. She caused a few accidents but somehow evaded the collisions herself.

One day, the Harrison Police Chief stopped at the Field Office. Apparently, Ethel had forced a couple of cars into a near head-on collision the day before. He had noticed that I had a clear view of Ethel's house from my desk. The Chief described all the problems caused by Ethel's driving. He asked me if I would please call the Sheriff's Department whenever I saw Ethel raise her garage door to get her car out.

So, whenever one of us saw

Ethel go out to the garage, we called the Sheriff's Office. A City patrol car would rush over to monitor Ethel's driveway dash onto Old 27 blocking traffic until Ethel was safely on her way. It was an honor that was bestowed upon Ethel in the interest of the public safety. Ethel passed away in March of 1981 at the age of 87.

Ken Rouston is a retired from the MDNR and lives in Grayling. He spent 14 years in Harrison, 13 years in Gladwin and 10 years in Kalkaska for a total 37 years of service.



KEN ROUSTON

LATEST DNR SURVEY SHOWS STABLE WOLF POPULATION IN MICHIGAN

Central Michigan District Health Department is conducting a bathing beach monitoring program of public beaches in the six-county district of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon counties. Monitoring consists of weekly water sampling and testing for E. coli, posting results on the state website, and posting advisories at beaches with elevated E. coli results.

"Testing beaches during the swimming season is important to make sure the public is informed of high E. coli levels that pose a greater risk of illness," said Steve King, CMDHD Environmental Health Director. "Beaches posted with an advisory should not be used for swimming until further testing shows bacteria levels are within acceptable levels."

Surface water contaminated with elevated levels of E. coli bacteria can result in illness, with symptoms including nausea, vomiting, stomachache, diarrhea, headache, and fever. Other illnesses associated with swimming in contaminated waters include ear, eye, nose and throat infections, skin rashes, and skin infec-

tions, which can be serious. In highly polluted waters, swimmers run the risk of exposure to more serious disease-causing organisms, such as Cryptosporidium, Giardia, E. coli STEC, Norovirus, and Shigella.

Beaches that are open to the public but not part of a monitoring program - including smaller beaches, campgrounds, and children's camps - have been asked by the health department to implement a water sampling program that meets the State standards. Public beaches which are not being monitored for E. coli are required to post a sign stating they are not being monitored. Summer days spent at Michigan public beaches are fun and can be done safely by following these guidelines: Proud member of the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance: 7 local health departments advocating for public health.

If there has been a heavy rain event within the past 48 hours, avoid swimming due to runoff and likely higher levels of bacteria in the water. Avoid waters that are unusually cloudy or muddy after rain. Rivers often have ele-

vated E. coli levels after heavy rainfall.

Large amounts of waterfowl present - like ducks, geese, or seagulls - could mean an increased amount of bird droppings that contain high concentrations of E. coli bacteria. Lakes with a large duck population may also pose a higher risk of swimmer's itch.

Do not swim in lakes, ponds, or rivers if you have open sores or lesions on your body, to avoid infection.

Check CMDHD's Public Beach Monitoring for a list of beaches we monitor. Find the number of closings the beach has had in recent years on Michigan's BeachGuard website.

If the water is discolored with a greenish, blue, or milky appearance, this may indicate a harmful algal bloom (HAB). Certain algal blooms can produce toxins that could make someone ill. Do not swim in these areas and keep pets from drinking the water. Suspected algal blooms can be reported by sending an email to AlgaeBloom@Michigan.gov. More information can be found

on EGLE's HAB page.

Do not swim where the beach has an abundance of trash and litter.

Dry off immediately with a clean towel after getting out of the water. Do not forget to use sunscreen and take precautions against sunburn. It is also a good idea to take a shower after spending a day at the beach.

Wash your hands with soap and water before eating.

This swimming season will be the 23rd consecutive year CMDHD will be monitoring public beaches. It is also the eighth year in partnership with the Midland County Health Department to assist in monitoring select Midland County beaches. For more information on the beach monitoring program, visit www.egle.state.mi.us/beach.

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June 17 - 21

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Monday, June 17

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Tuesday, June 18

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Wednesday, June 19

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Thursday, June 20

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CMDHD is Monitoring Public Bathing Beaches for Unsafe Water

Central Michigan District Health Department is conducting a bathing beach monitoring program of public beaches in the six-county district of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon counties. Monitoring consists of weekly water sampling and testing for *E. coli*, posting results on the state website, and posting advisories at beaches with elevated *E. coli* results.

“Testing beaches during the swimming season is important to make sure the public is informed of high *E. coli* levels that pose a greater risk of illness,” said Steve King, CMDHD Environmental Health Director. “Beaches posted with an advisory should not be used for swimming until further testing shows bacteria levels are within acceptable levels.”

Surface water contaminated with elevated levels of *E. coli* bacteria can result in illness, with symptoms including nausea, vomiting, stomachache, diarrhea, headache, and fever. Other illnesses associated with swimming in contaminated waters include ear, eye, nose and throat infections, skin rashes, and skin infections, which can be serious. In highly polluted waters, swimmers run the risk of exposure to more serious disease-causing organisms, such as *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia*, *E. coli* STEC, Norovirus, and *Shigella*.

The program monitors public beaches for dangers like high E. coli and algal bloom presence.

Beaches that are open to the public but not part of a monitoring program - including smaller beaches, campgrounds, and children’s camps - have been asked by the health department to implement a water sampling program that meets the State standards. Public beaches which are not being monitored for *E. coli* are required to post a sign stating they are not being monitored.

Summer days spent at Michigan public beaches are fun and can be done safely by following these guidelines: *Proud member of the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance: 7 local health departments advocating for public health.*

If there has been a heavy rain event within the past 48 hours, avoid swimming due to runoff and likely higher levels of bacteria in the water. Avoid waters that are unusually cloudy or muddy after rain. Rivers often have elevated *E. coli* levels after heavy rainfall.

Large amounts of waterfowl present - like ducks, geese, or seagulls - could mean an increased amount of bird droppings that contain high concentra-

tions of *E. coli* bacteria. Lakes with a large duck population may also pose a higher risk of swimmer’s itch.

Do not swim in lakes, ponds, or rivers if you have open sores or lesions on your body, to avoid infection.

Check CMDHD’s Public Beach Monitoring for a list of beaches we monitor. Find the number of closings the beach has had in recent years on Michigan’s BeachGuard website.

If the water is discolored with a greenish, blue, or milky appearance, this may indicate a harmful algal bloom (HAB). Certain algal blooms can produce toxins that could make someone ill. Do not swim in these areas and keep pets from drinking the water. Suspected algal blooms can be reported by sending an email to AlgaeBloom@Michigan.gov. More information can be found on

EGLE’s HAB page.

Do not swim where the beach has an abundance of trash and litter.

Dry off immediately with a clean towel after getting out of the water. Do not forget to use sunscreen and take precautions against sunburn. It is also a good idea to take a shower after spending a day at the beach.

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SOCIAL SECURITY’S COMMITMENT TO THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY

By Hillary Hatch, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

June is Pride Month. It’s a time to acknowledge the LGBTQI+ community and also celebrate diversity, love, and respect. On June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, holding that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry in all states.

We recognize same-sex marriages in all states, as well as some nonmarital legal relationships (such as some civil unions and domestic partnerships). This recognition is important to determine entitlement to benefits.

Here are a few things you should know about our benefits for same-sex couples:

• Marital status is important – A member of a same-sex couple may be entitled to benefits when a spouse receives retirement or disability, or dies. We also consider marital status when we determine eligibility and payment amount for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

• What type of benefits you can receive – Social Security taxes pay for 3 kinds of benefits: retirement, disability, and survivors. If you’re entitled to benefits, your spouse and eligible



family members may receive benefits, too.

• When you apply for benefits is important – If you’re married or have entered a nonmarital legal relationship, we encourage you to apply right away, even if you’re not sure you’re eligible. Applying now may protect you against the loss of any potential benefits.

• Report life changes right away – You should let us know if you move, marry, separate, divorce, enter into (or leave) a nonmarital legal relationship, or become the parent of a child. Let us know if you change your name. You should report changes as soon as possible so benefits are paid correctly.

For more information, please visit our website for same-sex couples at www.ssa.gov/people/lgbtq. You can also read our publication *What Same-Sex Couples Need to Know* at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10014.pdf.



GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Greenwood Township Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 12. There were 22 visitors present. Harrison District Library rep Nancy House informed us of ongoing activities. The library has a metal detector and corn hole bags that can be checked out in addition to books. County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave his report. Brian Coon and Nate Hulliberger from the Road Commission were present to discuss progress on Old State Ave and speed limits. Tom Evans announced his candidacy for County Prosecutor.



GAIL GARRITY
Greenwood Trustee

Under Unfinished Business, Mark Kingsley, Jeff Yuchasz, Roger Sadler, Nancy House, Bryan and Marianne Mough were thanked for working on the cemetery along with Jan Bohlinger and Rachel Mackson. They were able to locate and raise many of the buried plot markers back to ground level. The next workday is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday, June 20. The blight complaint on Larch has been resolved. In addition to improving Harding Road north of the DNR boat launch access road, Finley Lake Road on the east side of the Greenwood Forest Subdivision will be upgraded. The committee is working with MSU extension on the tree/landscaping project for the hall. Bryan Fliegel is assisting the township to update its outdated sound system.

ments, the following items were noted: Bronwyn Asplund stated that she is proud of our township residents. Rachel attended an informative CPR class and the first Blood Drive will be held on July 19 at the township hall. Jess McClaughry thanked cemetery sexton Jan Bohlinger for placing the flags to denote veterans, and called attention to the scheduled Board of Review at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 16. Gail Garrity reminded everyone of the Recycle Day on Sept. 14. Northern Oaks Recycling is having a Hazardous Waste Collection from 2-6 p.m. Friday, July 19. Lorie Fliegel informed us that the LCSA Metro Funds are moving to direct deposit. Also, she went directly to the Bank to obtain higher interest rates on the CDs which were due to rollover.

The next regular township board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 10. Greenwood Township residents are especially invited to attend, but ALL meetings are open to the public.

Under New Business, the insurance proposal was tabled until next month providing time for the board to review. Inasmuch as the township does not have zoning, we are limited as to speed limit signs. However, we remind people to use common sense and to slow down in residential areas.

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times when I’ve come up, at least 14 planes in front of the restaurant who fly in for a \$100 hamburger.”

Luke said the turf runway is OK with him, and that he and other pilots he knows will not fly in on the long runway [the one needing crack sealing/painting]. I bought a hangar. I bought a plane up here. I’m working on multiple planes. I’m going to become an instructor in two years when I retire. You want to know why I wanted to fly up here? Because [from] Houghton it’s 20 minutes south, and there’s not a better place in the country you can take a low- and slow-flying World War II training airplane and fly kids. I don’t understand, this is such a low budget amount. You guys have a \$52 million budget, he’s working his ass off, and the only reason I’m up here right now is because of that man right there [indicating Ambrozaitis].

“If you keep saying ‘I’m gonna close the airport,’ I’m not going to put a dime into a building. I basically own the structure, a 50-year-old thing - it’s got history, this whole place. If you close that airport down, you will never, ever, ever get another one - no matter what you do.”

He then strongly encouraged the Board to take a chance on the grant, because there are people who are truly dedicated to the airport. “And you have an asset you can’t replace. Airports like this are closing across the country at a high rate. My grandfather was at Dayton Wright Patterson during World War II; he taught me to fly as a kid. What I’ve seen over my lifetime is a chance for kids to be able to do that. I just really wish you guys would reconsider because I for one really appreciate that you guys are doing the minimum amount required to do this.”

He finished by reiterating that he would not put any money into

repairing a hanger, build a new one, or buy a hanger home if the county can’t at least get the runway repaired. Luke also offered his assistance with work on the airport, be it mowing grass or building a bathroom in the terminal.

Thus, after much heated, impassioned commentary - and Haskell repeatedly stating that since there has been no budget approved yet for the coming fiscal year, ergo no funding earmarked for the airport which could be taken away - Fancon reconsidered his second. And when the clerk was unclear whether or not that was legal, Gilmore begrudgingly agreed to withdraw his motion. He further said he was not opposed to keeping the airport open but was opposed to it continuing to cost part of the budget and “getting nothing but complaints and threats of lawsuit for the few people that use it.”

It was decided the issue would indeed be researched/discussed at the Committee of the Whole.

The motion to approve a 5% hangar lease increase for the next fiscal year from \$280.78 per year to \$294.82 per year passed unanimously. The motion to accept the no strings MDOT crack sealing/painting contract was passed on a 7-2 vote, with dissenting votes cast by Commissioners Gilmore and Samantha Pitchford.

So, that previously stated argument that if the airport doesn’t directly serve every township it isn’t worth county support? The fair complementary position would be that any facility which generates economic opportunity is a benefit to the county as a whole, and therefore its residents - wherever in Clare County they reside. And if it goes away, with it goes that economic opportunity - in a county with the third highest poverty rate in the state.

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Central Michigan District Health Department Launches New Hepatitis C Treatment Program

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) has announced the launch of the new hepatitis C treatment program, aimed at providing accessible and effective treatment to individuals in the community.

The hepatitis C treatment program offers full care, including access to medication, monitoring, and support services to help people manage their condition effectively. This program is a critical step in addressing the growing burden of hepatitis C in Michigan.

“Our new hepatitis C treatment program is a significant step in our efforts to improve the health and well-being of our community,” said Connie Lance, CMDHD Community Health Supervisor. “By offering testing and treatment, we aim to make it easier for people to get the complete care they need to manage their hepatitis C.”

Hepatitis C is a serious liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). It can lead to liver damage, cirrhosis, and even liver cancer if left untreated. The good news is that hepatitis C is curable, and early detection and treatment can prevent serious health complications.

Healthcare providers can refer patients and clients can self-refer for treatment using the forms available on our website at www.cmdhd.org/hepc. The program bills insurance for treatment. For those without insurance, CMDHD has resources available to help assist with the cost of treatment.

CMDHD provides testing for hepatitis C for those who are unsure of their status. For testing appointments, individuals can call the Community Health division: 989-314-7570.

Visit our website at www.cmdhd.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

MARSP Clare County Chapter Meets

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel-Clare County Chapter membership recently met on the Mid-Michigan College campus in the Esther C Room. The guest speaker for the June meeting was Janice Jenkins, co-owner of Elm Creek Nursery in Farwell. Janice enlightened the membership with information about gardening with a focus on herbs. She provided very helpful knowledge on the care and benefits of herbs and other plants.

The business meeting followed Jenkins' presentation and started off with the secretary's report from the May meeting as well as the current treasurer's report. Each committee chairman updated the membership regarding their respective committee activities. Plans were made and volunteers solicited to work at the Witbeck's Hotdog

Fundraiser planned for Thursday, June 27. All monies obtained from our fundraiser go to support scholarship fund.

MARSP CCC outing was planned to attend the July 19 community play in Gladwin. For information regarding this event contact Liz Smith (information below).

A catered luncheon was provided by Jackpine Restaurant of Harrison. A drawing was held at the end of the meeting with two attendees winning a free meal at any upcoming meeting.

All public school retirees are welcome to attend/join MARSP and new folks are welcome to become a part of the membership. Direct any questions about the organization to contact Liz Smith, membership chairperson, at ecsmith06@hotmail.com or 989-368-2346.



VFW 1075 to Host 3rd Annual Car-Bike-Truck Show

VFW Post 1075 will host its 3rd Annual Car-Bike-Truck Show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 6. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by 2 p.m. 50/50, Silent Auction and Lotto Board drawings. Show awards of the Commander's Trophy and Best in Class also will be announced at 2 p.m.

The day will include music and food, and the chance to view a wide variety of vehicles, and maybe chat it up a bit with the owners.

Trophy sponsors have been secured, but there are still a limited number of 10x10-foot vendor spaces available for \$25 each, with preregistration and full payment required to guarantee a spot. To reserve a spot, call Wayne at 989-429-6512 or Shelly at 989-329-3751.

Proceeds from the day's event will go toward the purchase of a new kitchen stove for the post.



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Join MFE. Help stop the erosion of our elections and freedoms. The left is undermining our elections in order to seize control of the levers of power. The larger government grows, the more our freedoms shrink. Our republic was founded on the principle of preserving individual rights through a system of checks and balances and duly elected representatives.

MFE's state and local task force volunteers investigate election administration, communicate their findings, and litigate when necessary. A citizen's vote is their voice, so **protecting the sanctity of every eligible vote is our focus.**

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- MFE's litigative actions are defending voter rights in federal and state courts.
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- MFE rallied to help stop the National Popular Vote from becoming a ballot proposal in 2022. Now, NPV radicals are trying again—this time through the legislature. The battle wages on.
- MFE's efforts to clean the voter rolls through our Soles to the Rolls program with CheckMyVote.org is second to none.
- Legislators consider MFE a major stakeholder and often consult us for our analyses and bill assessments.
- Our near daily newsletters keep supporters informed and alerted to necessary actions.
- MFE's weekly Zoom @ Noon and committee meetings help volunteers maximize effectiveness.



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2085 Bilhare, Harrison. June 21 & 22, 8am - 5pm. Misc. Household, ladies clothes, lots to see!

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Yard Sale
Thursday, June 20 - Saturday, June 22; 9 am - 4pm. 3440 Ball Ave., Harrison. Everything from 4-wheeler to kids clothes, also auto parts and stools.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
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 7/10/2024. 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.

Names of Mortgagor(s): S&V Michigan Real Estate Consulting Group LLC.
Original mortgagee: Civic Financial Services, LLC.
Date of mortgage: 1/25/2022. Mortgage recorded on 3/10/2022 as Document No. 202200001595, in Liber 1515, Page 327.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Civic Real Estate Holdings III, LLC.
Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$171,108.08

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clare County, and described as: PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 28, T19N, R4W, CITY OF HARRISON, CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

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HAYES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Hayes Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 at the:

Hayes Township Municipal Complex
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On Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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

A copy of the proposed budget will be available after June 20, 2024, by contacting the Clerk.

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THE AMISH COOK - By Gloria Yoder



This is a glimpse into our home on a recent Friday evening.

Tonight, six-year-old Elijah came in from doing his chores to report that Miss Putter, our turkey hen, is sitting on the nest. Sounds too good to be true! A couple of weeks ago, the children were impressed when a gentleman from the area offered to gift us with his two turkeys, a tom and a hen. "The tom is tame," he explained. Now, seeing is believing. This big black tom is truly as tame as a cat. Even little Joshua can go out there and pet the strutting tom. One day, when I heard Joshua's urgent cries, I went to investigate to find Joshua hanging onto one of his wings in an attempt to get him back in his pen. This big bird will follow you around the yard like he feels at home whenever he's with people.

Of course, new pets equal new names. We debated, and at last we decided Strutter and Putter will do. Since the hen started laying eggs, I've been telling the children we'll need to get an incubator to hatch some eggs, now if Miss Putter does it herself, we won't need to worry about that. The ducks have been laying eggs in the same nest, what will happen now? By supper time, the sun was at last peeking through the clouds. We decided to all sit outside to celebrate. Thanks to Aunt Mary from Ohio, who had made pizza on her visit last week. The leftovers had been frozen and provided an easy

supper for six hungry children. As the last bits of pizza were scraped from the plates the sun was hiding behind the clouds once more, so we opted to go for the living room floor in front of the heater for ice cream.

I marveled: life is so different now that the babies are growing to be children, old enough to add their personal contributions to the family, whether it be helping around the house, telling stories to each other, or playing games together.

"When you were younger, and I needed a babysitter, I had to get two sitters."

"Why?" Hosanna wanted to know.

We don't remember what it was like to be toddlers, do we?

I kept it simple "It takes a lot of care to make sure little ones are well taken care of."

One of the older children noticed the sunshine which would be sure to cut the chill again.

"Mom the sun came out again, could we leave the dishes for now and go in the front yard to play softball?"

"It will just take us a jiffy to do them right away," I assured.

After our song they sprang into action and in minutes the dishes were cleared. Now as I write I hear the ding of a bat hitting a softball. And Hosanna, from her perch on a bar stool on the front porch is singing her heart out. Surely, it's worth it all! She loves singing for her imaginary audience. Before she could read, she'd take a song book and turn its pages, intently

'reading the words' as she sang song after song by memory.

Tonight, we all want to walk over to the schoolhouse where the youth will be practicing for a program.

I'm back again, it's 9:30, the children are all tucked into bed. We loved listening to the program and with several girls missing I even got to help sing for a portion of it. It brought back fond memories of my youth years and the times we would go sing in nursing homes.

In closing we'll wrap up with a family favorite rice casserole. Most folks who don't care so much for rice will go for the second helping of this yummy dish. Daniel liked when I added a dash of liquid smoke and tossed in some extra onions and peppers.

Easy Oven Rice

- 2 cups parboil rice
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons chicken base
- 2 tablespoons minced onion or 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 3 cups cooked diced chicken
- 2 cups shredded cheese of your choice (optional)

1. Place all ingredients in a greased 9 by 13-inch baking dish.
2. Pour 4 cups of water over everything.
3. Cover and bake at 350 for 1 hour.
4. Carefully remove lid from steaming rice and serve.

*Chopped peppers, mushrooms, peas, or any other chopped veggies may be added.

CMDHD is Monitoring Public Bathing Beaches for Unsafe Water

The program monitors public beaches for dangers like high E. coli and algal bloom presence.

Central Michigan District Health Department is conducting a bathing beach monitoring program of public beaches in the six-county district of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon counties. Monitoring consists of weekly water sampling and testing for E. coli, posting results on the state website, and posting advisories at beaches with elevated E. coli results.

"Testing beaches during the swimming season is important to make sure the public is informed of high E. coli levels that pose a greater risk of illness," said Steve King, C M D H D Environmental Health Director. "Beaches posted with an advisory should not be used for swimming until further testing shows bacteria levels are within acceptable levels."

Surface water contaminated with elevated levels of E. coli bacteria can result in illness, with symptoms including nausea, vomiting, stom-

achache, diarrhea, headache, and fever. Other illnesses associated with swimming in contaminated waters include ear, eye, nose and throat infections, skin rashes, and skin infections, which can be serious. In highly polluted waters, swimmers run the risk of exposure to more serious disease-causing organisms, such as Cryptosporidium, Giardia, E. coli STEC, Norovirus, and Shigella.

Beaches that are open to the public but not part of a monitoring program - including smaller beaches, campgrounds, and children's camps - have been asked by the health department to implement a water sampling program that meets the State standards. Public beaches which are not being monitored for E. coli are required to post a sign stating they are not being monitored.

Summer days spent at Michigan public beaches are fun and can be done safely by following these guidelines: Proud member of the Northern

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If there has been a heavy rain event within the past 48 hours, avoid swimming due to runoff and likely higher levels of bacteria in the water. Avoid waters that are unusually cloudy or muddy after rain. Rivers often have elevated E. coli levels after heavy rainfall.

Large amounts of waterfowl present - like ducks, geese, or seagulls - could mean an increased amount of bird droppings that contain high concentrations of E. coli bacteria. Lakes with a large duck population may also pose a higher risk of swimmer's itch. Do not swim in lakes, ponds, or rivers if you have open sores or lesions on your body, to avoid infection.

Check CMDHD's Public Beach Monitoring for a list of beaches we monitor. Find the number of closings the beach has had in recent years on Michigan's BeachGuard website.

If the water is discolored with a greenish, blue, or milky appearance, this may indicate a harmful algal bloom (HAB). Certain algal blooms can produce toxins that could make someone ill. Do not swim in these areas and keep pets from drinking the water. Suspected algal blooms can be reported by sending an email to AlgaeBloom@Michigan.gov. More information can be found on EGLE's HAB page.

Do not swim where the beach has an abundance of trash and litter.

Dry off immediately with a clean towel after getting out of the water. Do not forget to use sunscreen and take precautions against sunburn. It is also a good idea to take a shower after spending a day at the beach.

Wash your hands with soap and water before eating.

This swimming season will be the 23rd consecutive year CMDHD will be monitoring public beaches. It is also the eighth year in partnership with the Midland County Health Department to assist in monitoring select Midland County beaches. For more information on the beach monitoring program, visit www.egle.state.mi.us/beach.

The Central Michigan District Health Department serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola, and Roscommon. Visit our website at www.cmdhd.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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Three Steps to Prevent Heat Related Illness

High temperatures each summer cause spikes in emergency room visits and thousands of heat-related deaths. To help prepare Americans for the dangerous temperatures, the National Weather Service and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this year released a new national forecast predicting heat-related risks. As of Thursday, June 13, the tool was forecasting a multiple day heat event starting June 17 and potentially going through June 21. All counties in Michigan are forecasted to experience some level of heat risk during this time.

“Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, with over a thousand deaths each year,” said David Jordahl, president,

MyMichigan Medical Group. “Extreme heat puts strain on organs, including the heart, lungs, and kidneys. It can also worsen health risks from chronic conditions, like asthma and diabetes. That’s why it’s important to protect yourself and others when it’s hot outside by staying cool, staying hydrated, and staying informed.”

Symptoms of heat-related illness can include: muscle cramping, unusually heavy sweating, shortness of breath, dizziness, headaches, weakness, or nausea. “Although anyone at any time can suffer a heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others,” said Dr. Jordahl. “Some groups that may have to take additional action on hot days, include: people, especially children, with asthma; people with heart disease; pregnant women; people 65 years of age or older; people who are working or exercising outside in the heat, and infants and young children.”

If the HeatRisk is red or higher, MyMichigan Health recommends these three steps:

One. Stay cool. If outside: wear sunscreen; choose lightweight, loose-fitting clothing; stay in the shade as much as possible; take breaks and do outdoor activities during the coolest parts of the day or evening. When indoors: use fans, but only if indoor temperatures are less than 90°F. In temperatures above 90°F, a fan can increase body temperature; use air conditioning or find a location that has one by dialing 2-1-1, visiting the National Center for Healthy Housing’s Cooling Centers by State page, or by contacting the local health department or emergency management agency; use the stove and oven less to maintain a cooler temperature in the home, and take a cool shower or bath to cool off.

Two. Stay hydrated. Drinking water on hot days keeps the body

hydrated. Remember to carry a water bottle and drink and refill it throughout the day; consider limiting beverages high in sugars and sodium, caffeine, and alcohol; and check urine color. Darker yellow typically indicates more water intake is needed.

Three. Stay informed. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially if they have chronic medical problems or live alone. Check the local news for extreme weather alerts and safety tips and to learn about any cooling shelters in the area.

“During extreme weather events, we all need to watch out for people around us,” said Dr. Jordahl. “Keep a close eye on young children, be sure to check on elderly neighbors and others in our communities who may need help.”



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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The Clare County Democratic Party meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month. Find more information at www.clarecountymocrats.com or at www.facebook.com/clare-countydem.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings are 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.

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.

MDARD Reminds Owners to Help Keep Their Animals Cool and Safe as Temperatures Rise

LANSING – As temperatures rise into the 90s in many parts of the state, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is reminding owners on some of the best ways to keep animals cool and safe.

“When temperatures rise, keeping animals cool and hydrated is essential to their overall health,” said State Veterinarian Dr. Nora Wineland, DVM, MS, DACVPM. “While it is important to recognize the signs of heat stress in animals, it is even more critical to prevent this stress from occurring. Michiganders can follow six easy steps to help keep animals cool and safe.”

Keep animals safe from the heat by following these tips:

Let it Flow: Provide unlimited cool, clean, fresh water

Just like people, animals can quickly get parched in hot temperatures. No matter the species, animals should have access to unlimited cool, clean, fresh water to prevent dehydration. Also, if out in public, bring along some hydration options for your animal and avoid using shared/communal water bowls.

Know Their Limits: An animal's ability to tolerate heat varies

An animal's age, breed, type of coat, and health history can all play a role in their ability to tolerate the heat. Keep an eye on them for signs of heat stress like increased panting or drooling and being more lethargic. If they are showing these signs, it is time to immediately move them to a cooler area.

Also, consider talking to your veterinarian. They will have a greater knowledge of

Feeling hot? Chances are your animals are too

your animal(s) and be able to give more specific guidance on how to best handle them in hot weather.

Happy Paws: Test surfaces to make sure they won't burn paws

Surfaces like asphalt, concrete, and sand can really heat up in the sun, which can burn paws or at least make a walk very uncomfortable. To test if a surface is too hot, touch it with the palm of your hand. If it is too hot for you, consider taking a different route that is mostly grass or waiting until the evening when everything has had a chance to cool.

Look Before They Splash: Avoid harmful algal blooms (HABs) in bodies of water

HABs form due to a rapid growth of cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae, which are naturally found in lakes, rivers, and

ponds. To prevent illness in animals, keep them out of areas with scums or discolored water, rinse them off after contact with any lake water, and bring clean, fresh water for them to drink. If an animal becomes sick after contact with a suspected HAB, call your veterinarian right away.

Also, animal illness due to HABs is reportable to MDARD. To report cases, submit a Reportable Disease Form or call 800-292-3939. In addition, to report any suspicious looking algae, please email algae-bloom@michigan.gov.

Get in Gear: Parked vehicles are not places to park pets

Even when temperatures feel more moderate, vehicles can heat up very quickly, creating dangerous conditions for the animals left inside. Leaving windows cracked open and/or parking in the shade do little to improve the situation. In these conditions, it is best to leave pets at home when you need to go out and about.

A Place to Chill: Make sure animals have a place to cool down

Animals know when they are too hot and will usually try to find a place where they can cool down. Make sure they have access to shade, fans, misters, pools, cooling mats, and/or air-conditioned spaces to help them stay comfortable.

Following these tips can help keep your animals cool and comfortable through any heat wave. If there are any concerns about your animals' health, either now or throughout the summer months, please talk to your veterinarian.



BOC Passes Motions

HARRISON – The Clare County Board of Commissioners passed the following motions at its June 12 meeting. The Board moved to:

- Board of Commissioners minutes of May 15, Committee of the Whole minutes of June 5, and closed session minutes of June 5.
- Re-appoint George Gilmore to the Mid-State Health Network Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board for a three-year term beginning Sept. 1, 2024.
- Approve a 5% increase in the yearly hangar lease rates as allowed in the current lease agreements effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, from \$280.78 per year to \$294.82 per year as recommended by the Airport Committee.
- Accept the contract from the Michigan Department of Transportation-Office of Aeronautics Fiscal Recovery Funds for crack seal and paint marking at the Clare County Airport. Dissenting votes were cast by Commissioners Samantha Pitchford and George Gilmore.
- Approve the L-4029 2024 Tax Rate reflective of a millage rollback in the amount of \$1,476,346,341.
- Approve the Charging Station Agreement between Charge EV, LLV and Clare County as amended by our attorney.
- Approve the contract between Hayes Township and Community Development as amended by our attorney for the enforcement of blight.
- Approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of May 13, 2024 in the amount of \$71,691.78 and the amended minutes of April 29, 2024 in the amount of \$162,051.60; the minutes of May 28, 2024, in the amount of \$38,699.62; and minutes of June 10, 2024, in the amount of \$206,776.17
- Approve the expenditures for the month of May 2024 in the amount of \$2,608,579.68 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$1,063,461.69
- Approve the Courthouse Weapons Control Policy as presented. Dissenting vote was cast by Commissioners David Hoefling and Gabe Ambrozaitis.
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Hive Students to Participate in Peer to Peer Project

HCS to Shift Elective Scheduling to Enable Reading Growth, More

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HARRISON – It’s always obvious at Harrison Community School Board of Education meetings when school recesses for the summer – attire becomes far more casual and comfortable. And folks start taking their vacation times, so community attendance drops dramatically. At the June 10 meeting, BOE members present were Kendra Durga, Therese Haley, Jim Neff, Carrie Whitaker and Zac Driver. Members absent were Betsy Ulicki and Chelsea Roland, in addition to Judy Walton, superintendent; Sarah Rust, recorder; and Chad Hathcock, business manager.



School board president Kendra Durga, left, listens as Judy Walton, HCS superintendent, explains the plan to shift electives which will enable more reading time and the opportunity for students to receive focused assistance in a scheduled way.

The Board heard the first reading of Amended Policy 5409, regarding graduation credits and the gradual shifting of student schedules to include dedicated choice reading time each day to build reading comprehension, as well as just-in-time interventions which would be available on a weekly basis.

“It’s very much structured,” Walton said. “So, it will be a time where Mondays and Wednesdays will be dedicated to reading, Tuesdays and Thursdays will be dedicated to interventions, and on Fridays buildings will have a bit more flexibility on what they use the time for.”

She said the high school is considering using that Friday time for conferencing with students about their academic progress. Also, students will get a credit for this time, which was not the case for the traditional Home Room. Walton also pointed out that this dedicated time could provide the opportunity for a student to form a more significant bond with a teacher as a mentor. She said it’s also a way to improve students’ perception of the openness of adults in the building.

The meeting’s curriculum update was provided by Stacey VanAntwerp, principal at The Hive and K-12 special education coordinator. She updated the Board on The Hive shifting from an 8-11 to a 9-12 grade level next year, a driving reason for which was the oft unreadiness for juniors to return to the high school.

“We did our two-year pilot,” she said. “Yes, I think it did a good

service to our eighth-graders, but looking at the data – after discussion, talking to parents, talking to kids – we thought it would be more beneficial to keep them.”

She explained that the data showed a need for more interventions in the middle school building, thus academic intervention is being done in grades 6-8. That includes math intervention and ELA intervention at each grade. The choice to do interventions rather than shift students needing assistance to The Hive was also driven by the huge need and the limitation of eighth-grade slots available.

Walton also spoke of the importance of the social aspect of middle school, and the vast number of parents who objected to putting their eighth-graders into a more high school setting. She also noted hearing many, many times from Hive juniors who believed they were not ready to return, and that they would do better academically if they remained they believed the education was working for them. VanAntwerp clarified that students are doing the same work with the same rigor as their peers at the high school, but that the smaller class size just plain helps those students “do hard well.” And they are doing well, as their combined reading growth and proficiency score of 97%, along with language usage at 92%, math at 90% and science 76%. She said ELA overall last year was 68%, math was 55%, and science was “30 something.”

teachers, students and families in the way they need to be supported.

“It has made a huge difference this year at The Hive,” she said. “Just to say that it feels right.”

VanAntwerp also informed of a Peer to Peer project she will be working on, starting with Larson Elementary. The project will be primarily targeting students with disabilities, primarily kids with autism. She will be training Hive students using a START curriculum, and her mentoring role would be done once a week.

Teacher Kelly Cook explained the elective Outdoor Recreation class she will be bringing back with improvements for 11th- and 12th-graders at The Hive.

Stacey VanAntwerp, principal at The Hive and K-12 special education coordinator, describes for school board members the plan to shift grade levels up at The Hive for the coming school year. She also elaborated on the Peer to Peer project being instituted at The Hive where students will work with elementary students with autism. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)



“It’s working,” VanAntwerp said. “It’s working, and I know the kids don’t want to leave that. At the beginning of the year, only two wanted to come, and now none want to go – because they’re feeling that success.”

Walton then pointed out the difference that VanAntwerp’s instructional leadership in the building has made this year for the kids and also for supporting the

Describing the class as being about leisure, adventure and adrenaline, Cook’s highly enthusiastic descriptions of the intended activities left no doubt about her passion for the topic, as well as what she believes are the positive results it will bring to students.

The Board then went on to approve the Consent Agenda, which included BOE meeting minutes of May 13; Financial reports for May 1-31; and

Approval of the hiring of Kailin Glazier as Larson Elementary teacher.

The Non-Consent Agenda included five additional motions to:

-Approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association 2024-2025 Membership Resolution.

-Approve the K-5 Curricular Resource.

-Approve the Chartwells food service contract.

-Award the custodial contract to Enviro-Clean.

-Approve the Harrison Education Association 2-year Contract, with Zac Driver abstaining.

Under Informational Items, Walton noted she had accepted the resignations of Josh Bigby, Larson physical education teacher/high school girls track coach; Hayley Russell, middle school English Language Arts teacher; and Abigail Lator, Larson Elementary teacher.

Under Communication, Walton informed the Board that summer curriculum work had begun that morning. She noted that the remainder of the administrators and counselors had done Threat Assessment training that morning as well. Walton said the administrator training for teacher evaluations would be on June 25. She also informed that the middle school Sparks visit to the STEM lab at Central Michigan University had occurred the previous week and that two weeks hence would be Department of Natural Resources outdoor education.

Board committee meetings were held June 3, and reports were pro-

vided:

Kendra Durga, BOC president, reported on the Curriculum Committee noting discussions around receiving math material quotes, that Steve Lockhart had accepted a math teacher position at the high school, and the search for an elementary Music teacher, as well as the need for a dedicated mental health professional for the high school.

Therese Haley, BOE secretary, reported that the Policy Committee had discussed the Policy 5409 Amendment, Strategic Planning, HESPA negotiations, administrator evaluations and contract negotiations, as well as Gage Agin having accepted the position of Maintenance Supervisor.

Carrie Whitaker, trustee, informed that the Building and Grounds Committee had discussed the student pick-up situation at Larson Elementary and how it was working. She said the position of Assistant Maintenance Supervisor with HVAC experience had been posted; and she also spoke of custodial bids, current HVAC work being done in the buildings and the need for more signage for parking lots.

The Board then went into closed session to consider a disciplinary action. Upon its return to open session, the Board determined the student had committed the act based on a preponderance of the evidence, and that expulsion was warranted. That motion passed by unanimous (5-0) vote.

The BOC will meet next at 5:50 p.m. Monday, June 24 for the HCS Budget Hearing.

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