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Read more sports and school news on pages 8 and 9.

The Cleaver office will be closed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 to allow staff to attend a community function.

COMING EVENTS

Pasties available at John J Carton Masonic Lodge in Harrison from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 4 and 5.

Fall Rummage Sale at the First Congregational Church, 211 W. Spruce St. in Harrison from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Oct. 4 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

Free Drive Thru Mobile Food Distribution Saturday, Oct. 5 at Clare County Fairgrounds, 418 Fairlane St., Harrison: 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. 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, stay home and arrange for someone to pick up your food.

Chili Cook Off at noon Sunday, Oct. 6 at Clare Assembly of God, 3557 E. Colonville Road. Chili lunch and a dessert auction. This is a fundraiser for the church's food pantry which serves the community once a month.

Corn Hole Tournament from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at Shamrock Park in Clare sponsored by the Clare County Democratic Party. Food, music and fun; \$20 entry fee per person. Get a partner and sign up. More information at www.clarecountymocrats.com or www.facebook.com/clarecountydems

Ole Time Country Gospel Jamboree from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 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 Sportsman's Club Trap Shoot held noon to 2 p.m. every Sunday through Nov. 2. Free for youth with adult shooters. Cost is \$7/round. Public welcome.

County Schools Crown Homecoming Royalty



Clare Homecoming King and Queen
Jayden Arthur and Kayla Moreno



Farwell Homecoming King and Queen
Wyatt VanBuskirk and Ava Darnell



Harrison Homecoming King and Queen
Kaleb Williams and Ava Snyder

Old Fashion Day a Festive Adieu to Summer

Hey, My Grandpa Had One of Those!

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – The Clare County Historical Society once again offered citizens an opportunity to stroll through some of Clare County's history via its Sept. 28 Old Fashion Day. The Society's property, located at the intersection of Dover Road and Eberhart Avenue, was the site of many opportunities, including guided tours of all the buildings: the History Museum, the Blacksmith Shop, the Dover School, and the Ott Family Cabin. Also featured this year, was the newly-placed Bell Knapp Cabin, with a dedication ceremony held that day.

The day of pretty much free everything included many opportunities for family fun and education, such as hayrides, refreshments, period music performed by Stephanie Terpening, blacksmithing demonstrations, and a chance to play with some vintage toy trains, toys and games. Displays included; 100 miniature cars of the '50s and '60s; a vintage Detroit Tigers items; miniature historic flags of the USA (and book giveaway); quilts; along with vintage cars and tractors. Also onsite were City of Clare Fire Department firemen and fire truck.

In all, it was a very busy day, and a grand closing of the Historical Society's summer activities.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

By MEGAN BARRON
Cleaver Guest Writer

HARRISON – On Saturday, Sept. 28 Mara Kalat-Brown and her husband Benjamin “Ben” Brown opened their home to tours for community members interested in their unique home building project. The roughly 3,000 square foot home being built in Harrison is drawing attention and interest as it is distinctively being constructed utilizing straw bales. More specifically, it is a non-loadbearing straw bale house – so essentially all the weight of the building is on a post and beam structure where the straw bales are utilized as the home’s insulation. The earthen home has been a dream of theirs for years, and they are excited to bring their passion for sustainability and self-reliance to life right here in Clare County.

Mara and Ben met out west in 2017 during their time working as wildland firefighters. They immediately connected about living off the land and homesteading and have wanted to do something like this ever since.

“Through that work we learned a lot about working hard, living remotely, and living off grid,” Kalat-Brown shared. “We have worked together over the years remodeling homes and Ben has done a lot of carpentry work with my dad, who has been a carpenter of fifty years. My dad, Mike, is also an integral part of the build. He brings a lot of experience to the team and is definitely our number one cheerleader! We have never built anything like this before but it’s just the kind of wild project Ben has always known he would take on.”

They broke ground on April 29 and are building the entire home themselves. A great deal of time, research, and planning went into the schematics for their home, and they looked at a wide variety of sustainable home options throughout the process. They sought out as many resources as possible, and ultimately settled on the straw bale model for their home after visiting friends in Washington and their own straw bale home. They took time and toured a few straw bale homes they were able to find in Michigan, and graciously took time to give me a tour of their home in progress, sharing their vision and plans for its completion.

“We have been dreaming of homesteading since the day we met,” Kalat-Brown shared of their journey leading up to this incredible project. “That dream turned into dreaming of living off grid and grew into dreaming of building our own earthen home. We began homesteading in April 2022 and have been planning the build since. We considered all types of builds each with their pros and cons, but our hearts were sold on a straw bale home as it is the most energy-efficient home that we can build. We love being warm in the winter!

Family Hosts Tours of Modern Straw Bale Home in Progress for Others Interested in Living Off-Grid Sustainable Living in Harrison



Mara Kalat-Brown and husband, Benjamin “Ben” Brown, stand with their son, Jupiter, in front of their home in progress that is being sustainably constructed with straw bales.

We don’t have an exact projected completion date and are humbled by doing the work ourselves and the learning curve that building alternative brings.”

The home will be constructed of approximately 1,000 compact straw bales, which were sourced locally from Nevill Supply in Clare. The straw bales are interlocked like brick, and each bale must be trimmed to fit the cavity, as they are staggered, not just laid out in rows. It is a post and beam structure, so they still have rafters, and everything is conventional as far as the loadbearing portion of the building. The lumber was also sourced locally from Flynn Lumber and Supply Co. in Gladwin.

“So it is an 18-inch wall of insulation and it’s great because the straw is porous and it allows air circulation, and with the walls being made out of clay it makes the walls breathe so it’s a really energy efficient way of doing it,” Brown explained, noting that the R-value (the value assigned to measure thermal variation, or how energy efficient it is) is R50 in comparison to standard homes typically rated at R13 or maybe R23.

The floors will be earthen with radiant heating, which means they will be constructed out of stucco and then oiled, ultimately resembling a polished concrete floor that can be swept and mopped. The home will have large windows and the early morning sun will heat the floors, which will radiate heat throughout the day. While this is much more cost effective than concrete, it is an extremely labor-intensive process.

The house will have traditional plumbing, and electrical will be wired typically as well, with plans to generate their own power via solar. There will be two big wall batteries that will charge via the solar panels. Brown explained that if they are unable to charge them in the winter, it’s a matter of running

the generator for a couple hours, and that will power a couple freezers and a fridge. Most people they have talked to said they could go about four days without sun on the two-battery system with their solar panels. The heating will be in floor heating, which is still in the works

plaster consisting of three different coats, each varying in thickness and finish work. The first layer is clay sand and fine straw, the second layer is sifted clay and sand, and the third is a ‘fine-tuned’ plaster application to ensure our walls look nice and smooth which will



View of construction progress of Mara Kalat-Brown and Benjamin “Ben” Brown’s straw bale home being constructed in Harrison.

on how they are going to run that. They are looking at solar propane furnaces and outdoor boilers, and they will have their wood burning stove.

Once complete, the exterior of the home will boast a southwest adobe style aesthetic.

“Maintenance on a straw bale home is minimized, like with any kind of house, by keeping water away,” Kalat-Brown said, then laid out the intricate process.

“In our case, we went with a three-foot roof overhang and made sure that all surrounding ground is sloped away from the house. With a straw bale home, you can most likely expect to repair plaster as it thins over the years. No painting or sealing, it is imperative the walls are able to breathe, which is why we decided to go with a clay-based

need to be reapplied every five years or so. For the most part these buildings are very resilient.”

Seeing the couple bringing their dream to life is nothing short of inspiring, and that is something they hope to give back to the community as well.

“Our hope is to provide resources for people who have never heard of an alternative way of building,” she said. “Our straw is from 15 miles away, our dirt is from the land. Just different ways that we can reduce the load on mother earth is one passion. The other is, it’s way warmer. We live in a cold climate; it is significantly warmer and more efficient in the winter. So, just educating people who are interested.

“Also, we do meet a lot of people who want to live off grid or talk



View of the interior ground floor of the straw bale home. The home will be an open concept home to allow for familial cohesiveness and interaction. The photo below shows the work Mara Kalat-Brown had just started by applying the initial layer of clay-based plaster to the straw bales. That plaster consists of clay sand and fine straw. (Cleaver photos by Megan Barron)



about building earthen homes, and if you just never see it, it’s harder to dream it,” Kalat-Brown heartfully noted.

They plan on hosting future tours and workshops, tentatively

hoping to host their next event sometime in the spring. For anyone interested in connecting or learning more, please reach out to Mara Kalat-Brown at mkalat7@gmail.com.

Law Enforcement Releases Statement on Wrecker-in-Lake Crash

Sheriff Department release

At 4:33 a.m. Sept. 24, the Clare County Central Dispatch received a call of a traffic crash, which was reported to have occurred on Townline Lake Road near Oak Grove Road in the City of Harrison. It was reported an Auto Solutions Wrecker was involved in this crash.

Deputies with the Clare County Sheriff Office responded to the scene, where they observed the wrecker off the roadway, and in Budd Lake. Through investigation, it was determined the wrecker driver had been traveling west bound on Townline Lake Road. The driver failed to negotiate the curves in the roadway and crossed the center line where he continued to travel in a straight line before running off the south side of the roadway and crashing into some trees. After striking the trees, the wrecker left the land and traveled into Budd Lake where it struck a Monark Pontoon docked in the area.

Emergency Management Director Jerry Becker was contacted for any possible contamination caused to Budd Lake from the wrecker entering the water.

Speed appears to be a factor in the crash, which is still under investigation. There were no injuries reported from the crash.

The Clare County Sheriff Office was assisted on scene by the Mobile Medical Response Ambulance Services, as well as the Harrison Fire Department and the Clare County Emergency Management Division.

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Outdoors With Jeff

As I sit outside the heat is starting to get hotter. Today is the opening of small game season and the local news is stating that the temperature is predicted to get up in the eighties or possibly even more.

Those that have been hunting for geese, they stated that it was too hot on certain days. Several goose hunters have stated that hunting for geese was a little harder this year. Several of the lakes are reporting that the water is down all over this year. One hunter said that early in the mornings the geese would go back and forth from the water to where there was a crop field nearby.

Looking ahead, hunters were concerned some time before bow season that it would remain warm. One hunter stated that if it stayed hot after October that would cause the deer to stay in the shaded areas or later after dark. We will just wait and see. Hopefully the weather will get a little cooler.

Those bow hunters that have been watching its plantings around their blinds are hoping they will get some more water. One forecast stated that this heat should last for seven to ten days; we will have to wait and see. I have talked with the Clare County Drain Commissioner, and he stated the lake levels are low. People that have ponds stated that their pond is really low.

When I was about ten years old, I decided that I wanted to start hunting with a bow and arrow. It wasn't long and I had a bow and a couple of arrows. Before I could hunt, I was told that I would have to get some camouflage it took some time to be able find where it's sold. So, after thinking I went down to a war surplus store. It wasn't hard and I located shirts, pants and a jacket. On the coat a patch was still on it, and it stated Marine Corp.

It took a while to learn how to use a bow and it wasn't easy. No



JEFF GOYT

matter what I did, it was hard to be a good shooter with a bow. The second year I was hunting deer with a friend of my family. He too was a hero during World War 2 with my dad and they served on a ship, and it was sunk. He taught me how to use this bow and later he was with me when I got a recurve bow, and it was great. Several years later I harvested my first deer. Then it was the first compound bow and that was a great bow. Lastly a new type of bow came called the crossbow and we were still there today.

It was cool this morning and a great time to get out in the woods, when you and your bird dog were very happy. The hunter and his dog were out hunting for some time, after two or three hours of hunting it was over. It started to get hotter, and they knew it was time to get the dog into the house to cool down.

The DNR has stated that bow hunters can expect a turnout somewhat like last year. Deer hunters can expect a little more than a quarter of a million.

Fifty years ago, when we hunted opening day, we didn't have comfort, we had pine stumps and no cover from the weather. Most of the hunters were on state land that was located in oil country. There were hundreds of hunters on the state land. One year the state lands were extremely cold and later they informed us that it was twenty-five below zero the entire day. Some hunters actually got pine wood and made a fire. No longer when I go up on state land there is no forest, and I thought that was sad. I visited the location where we hunted in the 1950s and there is little to see.

So, we are on the second day of bow season, we hope that never happens. It seems that time is passing by this year, hunting seasons will come and go and we will be done hunting and we have hope for a new year.



~ CLARE COUNTY HISTORY ~

Historical Society Dedicates Bell Knapp Cabin

Late Historian, Author's Donation Wish Fulfilled

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – A special aspect of the Sept. 28 Old Fashion Day was the dedication of the Bell Knapp cabin which had been relocated from Athey Avenue to the Clare County Historical Society's property at the intersection of Dover Road and Eberhart Avenue.

Throughout the Old Fashion Day event, visitors could step into the past of the cabin, and marvel at the fastidiousness of the building's restoration and structure.

The ceremony itself began with words from Dennis Guerriero, who welcomed attendees and spoke of what it took to make the cabin relocation a reality. He began by saying "It takes a community," and continued with "Thank you to all the individuals and entities who worked and contributed to the successful relocation of the 1888 Bell Knapp cabin during the summer of 2024 to the Clare County Historical Society grounds on Dover Road."

Guerriero detailed all the contributing forces that made the move a reality, beginning with it having been funded by Robert and Carolyn Knapp, and additionally listed Williams House Raising & Moving; Humphrey Brothers Masonry; Clare County Road Commission; Consumers Energy; AT&T; Grant Township Commission; A.L.E. Construction Co.; Clare Tree Trimming & Removing; Rich Magnus Excavating; Clare County Sheriff Department; Amish Community; Ed Byler, John, David, Noah and Abe Hostetler; CCHS volunteers: Sam Sellers, Andy Coulson, Dennis Guerriero, Carron Nevill, Liz Ringelberg, and CCHS Project Manager Jon H. Ringelberg.

Next to speak was Jon Ringelberg, who related with great fondness stories of the late Robert C. Knapp, whose vast historical knowledge and reach enabled myriad answers to be discovered over the years. Knapp – a professor emeritus, University of Southern California at Berkeley, California, and

the author of many books based in Clare County – contributed to the evolution of the CCHS despite the physical distance between California and Michigan. Ringelberg noted one specific time when Knapp insisted on physically being part of the grounds work and managed to paint one of the yellow bridge railings that bound the entrance to the southeast portion of the property.

That distance was overcome once again Saturday, as Knapp's widow, Carolyn Knapp attended and briefly spoke of her memories associated with the cabin and its restoration. She also thanked all involved with the project, noting her appreciation of the care rendered by those who completed the cabin which was so much a part of their family's lives.

In all, it was a wonderfully respectful and sincere honorific – not only for Robert Knapp as a historian and his life partner who shared his vision, but also for the fulfillment of his dream of placing his family cabin in the safekeeping of the Clare County Historical Society.

Carolyn Knapp greets attendees at the close of the Bell Knapp Cabin dedication Sept. 28 at the Clare County Historical Society grounds where her husband's family cabin has been relocated. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)



Dennis Guerriero welcomes attendees to the Bell Knapp Cabin dedication, and expresses appreciation to all those who worked to make the cabin's restoration and relocation a reality.



Jon Ringelberg describes with fondness and admiration his longtime association with the late Robert Knapp, and the varied and many contributions of knowledge and effort Knapp made over the years.

A Brief History of the Bell Cabin

Compiled by Angela Kellogg-Henry

Thomas K. and Margaret L. (Wallace) Bell built their log cabin in 1888 in Sheridan Township. Thomas was born in Canada and Margaret immigrated from Dundee, Scotland to Canada as a child. When they first came to Michigan they settled in Saginaw before purchasing land in Sheridan Township, Clare County. They lived over 45 years in Clare County and had twelve children, three sons and nine daughters. They were married for 60 years. Margaret passed away in 1927 and Thomas in 1928. They are both buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. At the time of their deaths, they were considered respected pioneers of the area.

The cabin had various owners over the years until Robert Knapp, Thomas and Margaret's

great-grandson brought the cabin back into family ownership in 1995. Robert and Carolyn Knapp used the cabin as a seasonal home when in Michigan and in 2007 and 2008 rebuilt the foundation and extensively restored the cabin.

Until recently, the cabin was referred to as the Bell Cabin and it is distinguished as a Michigan Heritage Home by the Historical Society of Michigan. The cabin is now referred to as the Bell Knapp Cabin with the Knapps donation of the cabin and funds to care for it endowed to the Clare County Historical Society.

Robert Knapp had been working on a plan for several years looking for a good home for the cabin. That plan accelerated when Knapp was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2023. Knapp passed in September of 2023 and his wife Carolyn and his friends at the Clare County



Historical Society carried out his wishes.

The Bell Knapp Cabin is the second historic cabin on the Clare County Historical Society grounds. The Ott family cabin was built in 1897 and was moved to the museum site in 2000.



At right, the late Robert Knapp stands before his beloved family cabin.



See Page 5 for photos of the restored Bell Knapp Cabin.

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Tuesday, October 8

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Michigan pushes to plug orphan oil wells

By DONTÉ SMITH
Capital News Service

LANSING – Michigan’s oil industry may not be front and center, but it remains active with over 9,300 wells across the state.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration ranks Michigan 18th in the nation in crude oil production.

In June 2024, Michigan wells produced 211,000 barrels of crude oil — around 8.8 million gallons, the agency said. Otsego County leads the state in production, followed closely by Jackson, Kalkaska and Manistee counties.

number are in Charlevoix, St. Clair, Benzie, Gratiot and Manistee counties.

Addressing the situation falls to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, which runs the state’s orphan well program.

Jim Armbruster, who manages the program, explained how the process of plugging orphan wells has progressed in recent years, thanks in part to federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

“Most plugging projects are similar, involving a mix of wells



Workers operate a floating rig to plug an orphan oil well in Ottawa County. Credit: Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

Despite 73 orphan wells being closed in August and 54 in September of last year, only 13 have been closed so far in 2024.

“The U.S. Department of the Interior won’t allow states to spend grant money on plugging projects until they get approval on the National Historic Preservation Act and Endangered Species Act requirements,” he said.

The state environmental department is working to hire an archae-

ologist and a biologist to complete these requirements, which will “pave the way” for Michigan to access more federal funding, Armbruster said.

Department officials remain committed to reducing the number of orphan wells in Michigan, he said.

Once federal approvals are secured, the department anticipates resuming efforts to plug those wells, he said.

MEET THE CANDIDATE

Rick Jones Seeks Election to Clare County Board of Commissioners, District 4 – Independent

Getting down to brass tacks, I want to take care of your money for the next four years.

I grew up in Clare County, on a farm in Greenwood Township. I attended Harrison Community Schools, graduating in 1985, attended Mid Michigan Community College while in high school through senior release, and then attended the University of Michigan from which I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology-Zoology, with an additional focus in Economics. After retiring from U-M, I returned to the Harrison area in 2016, worked for Hayes Township in various roles, and was elected Supervisor of Hayes in 2020. My focus as supervisor was on roads and blight elimination. Residents of the township cannot help but notice the large improvements made to the public roads in Hayes Township, including widening and overlaying aged, neglected pavements. There is still work to be done on pavements in excess of 40 years, but a limited budget precluded getting all those done in four years.

As a county commissioner, my first aim is to save the county-owned airport located in Harrison. It is clear, if you follow the Board of Commissioners, that some have advocated shutting the county airport down; the Commissioners have already voted to cut funding to zero. This is entirely short-sighted.

Second, I will advocate for updating the animal control ordinance and having a dog census as required by law. Too many calls have been referred to townships by Animal Control for barking dogs,

and I have received too many complaints for dogs on the loose.

Third, for those who attend the BOC meetings at the County Building, it is very difficult to hear much in the commissioners’ room. Microphones need to be added to each commissioner seat and speakers need to be installed so that those in attendance can actually hear what is being said and how commissioners have voted.

Fourth, I am a proponent of great roads. I would like to explore a countywide road millage as many other counties have. Our Clare County Road Commission is responsible for over 1,000 miles of road; funding comes from the state based on a complicated formula based on vehicle registrations, driver license fees, and the gas tax. Such funding is wholly inadequate to improve roads; maintenance money goes to core duties of blading/grading, snowplowing, mowing, culvert replacements, and some tree trimming. I will be a proponent of a 1.0 road millage dedicated to: (1) improving all paved county primary roads by increasing widths (where possible), clearing ditches, and trimming trees that are now growing in the right-of-way; and (2) for unpaved county primaries, encouraging the road commission to have a plan to clear the right-of-way of trees, widen, ditch, and re-gravel with the goal of paving the most highly traveled unpaved roads by working in concert with each of the 16 townships.

If my record and qualifications square, I ask that you forget political party and favor me with your support and vote by absentee ballot, early voting at the County, or on election day Nov. 5.

How we protect you from misleading advertising and communications

By Hillary Hatch, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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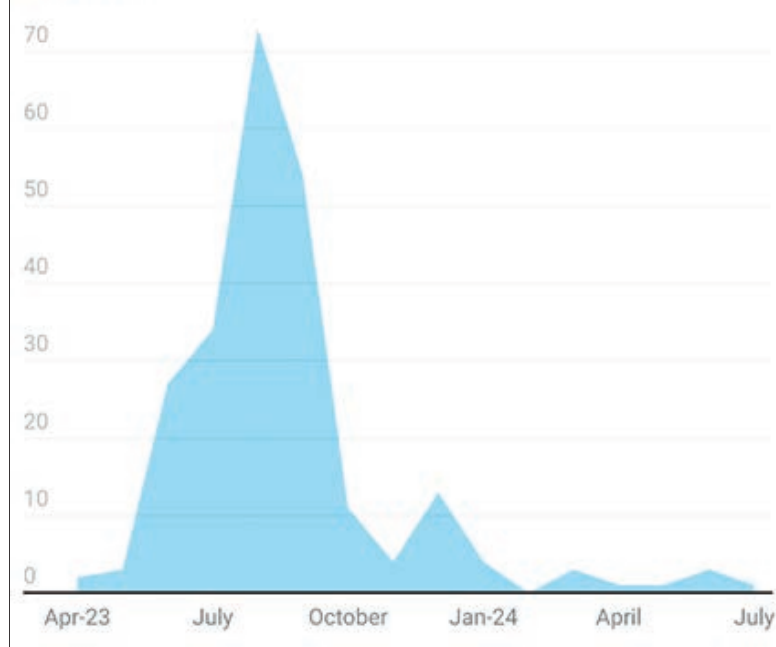
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Social Security questions and answers

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Michigan Orphan Well Closures by Month



Michigan orphan well closures by month from April 2023 through July 2024. Source: Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

However, there’s a growing environmental concern linked to the industry: Michigan has about 230 orphan wells abandoned by their original operators or owners without being properly plugged.

That leaves taxpayers on the hook financially and logistically for plugging them.

Orphan wells pose significant environmental and safety hazards, experts say. Without proper plugging, they can contaminate surrounding water sources and leak harmful gasses like methane, potentially contributing to climate change.

Scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say that the concentration of methane in the atmosphere has more than doubled in the past 200 years, and they estimate that the increase is responsible for almost 30% of climate warming since the Industrial Revolution.

Most of Michigan’s orphan wells are scattered across the Lower Peninsula, and the largest

and their associated facilities, where fluids would be stored pending sale or disposal,” Armbruster said.

The department has received two federal grants for orphan well management.

The first \$25 million allowed the state to plug hundreds of wells in a year. The second, \$5.8 million, funded a project in Ottawa County where two wells in a gravel pit lake near Jenison were sealed using barges to float the plugging rig and materials, he said.

That project followed a report from a concerned kayaker who observed suspected oil on the water and shoreline of the Ottawa County lake in April of last year.

The presence of oil affected 300 feet of shoreline and was traced to abandoned wells impacted by floodwaters, leading to their addition to the state’s plugging list.

However, Armbruster said progress on plugging projects has been delayed due to federal requirements.

Judd Endorses Ruell for 100th District

Have you heard of Tracy Ruell, candidate for our State House District 100? I have been seeing a lot of her signs around so I was curious about her. Then I met her. I was really impressed by how genuine she is, and very easy to talk to. She is definitely a middle-class, hard-working woman. She has worked from the bottom up all her life, never quitting at anything she has done. Her energetic demeanor, and positive attitude made me sure that she would listen to me and care about my needs if I was one of her constituents. I was also impressed that Tracy fully intends on working across the aisle. She had very good things to say about some of the votes of Roger Hauck, our State Senator. She will work with everyone, no matter their political party. We need a lot more of that. So I will definitely be voting for her and I hope you will consider it too, especially after you learn more about Tracy Ruell.

Sheryl Judd, Retired Teacher
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Three Clare County Resident's Named to SNHU 2024 President's List and Dean's List

Southern New Hampshire University has announced that Amanda Worthing of Harrison and Austin Webb of Clare have been named to the SNHU Summer 2024 President's List. Jarrod Zimmer of Harrison has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2024 Dean's List. The summer term runs from May to August.



MARSP Clare County Chapter to Meet Oct. 8

The MARSP-CCC October 2024 membership meeting will be held at noon Tuesday, Oct. 8 in the Esther C Room at Mid-Michigan College. A \$10 luncheon will be served by Jack Pine Restaurant of Harrison. Guest speaker for this meeting will be Charles Zerkowski, director of Gladwin Evergreen Physical Therapy. He will speak about falls, risks and fall prevention. MARSP-CCC is open to all current and retired public-school personnel and encourages all interested persons to attend. These meetings are an excellent way to stay informed about what is happening at the state level with school employee's retirement benefits. Direct any questions about the organization to Liz Smith, membership chair, at ecsmith06@hotmail.com or at 989-368-2346.

Clare County Community Foundation helps students attend MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan

Thanks to the generous support of the Clare County Community Foundation, students from Clare County schools will have the chance to attend the region's premier hands-on Career Exploration event, MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan. Without this funding, some schools might have missed out due to the transportation costs involved in bringing students to Saginaw Valley State University for the event.

MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan gives high school sophomores direct exposure to dozens of employers from across the region. This interactive event allows students to explore various career fields up close, helping them actively plan for their futures.

Hosted by Michigan Works! Region 7B and Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!, this year's MiCareerQuest takes place on Oct. 11 at Saginaw Valley State University's Ryder Center. Up to 100 employers from five key sectors – Advanced Manufacturing,

Agri-Business, Construction, Health Sciences, and Information Technology – will provide exciting exhibits featuring heavy equipment, simulators, robots, drones, and more. This experience will no doubt inspire some students to explore potential career paths and take the next steps in their educational journey to support their goal.

These hands-on experiences are not only crucial for building a robust talent pipeline for businesses within our 11-county service area, but they also play a vital role in educating the next generation of our workforce about local opportunities.

The Clare County Community Foundation exists to cultivate the power of giving within our community, support long-term transformation, and help ensure all residents thrive. Michigan Works! Region 7B is deeply thankful for the foundation's assistance in eliminating this barrier, ensuring Clare County students can participate in this valuable experience.



High School sophomores from Clare County will have the chance to interact with more than 70 employers at the 2024 MiCareerQuest Middle Michigan event. Pictured here at last year's event are representatives from Saint-Gobain in Beaverton.

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(Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)



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LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of SUMMONS and COMPLAINT
KELLY WINCHEL, Plaintiff, and ZACHARY RIGGS, Defendant, take notice that on 09/16/2024 an Order was made by Honorable Judge David M. Glancy in the Trial

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Court of Lake County, 800 Tenth Street, Baldwin, MI 49304 that the Defendant, ZACHARY RIGGS, shall be served substitutionally, specifically service by the publication of the Summons and Complaint issued in case 2024-010826-DS on 09/27/2024 and again on 10/18/2024 notifying the Defendant of this Court's intention to go forth with Child Support Establishment and Enforcement proceedings.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Court address: 225 West Main Street Harrison, MI 48625
Court telephone: 989-539-7109
Estate of KIMBERLY ANN HALL
Date of birth: 09/09/1957
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, KIMBERLY ANN HALL, died 09/21/2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to AARON MATHEW AGEE, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 W. MAIN ST. HARRISON, MI 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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CREDITORS Decedent's Estate CASE NO. and JUDGE 24-19139-DE Hon. Marcy A. Klaus
Court address: 225 West Main Street Harrison, MI. 48625
Court telephone: 989-539-7109
Estate of Craig Stevens Panwas
Date of birth: February 02, 1952
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Craig Stevens Panwas, died April 16, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dena Renee Badore, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Request for Public Comment Rural Task Force - Region 7C 2025 - 2029 Federal and State Funded Road Construction Program
A public meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 10:00AM at the Clare County Road Commission: 3900 E. Mannsiding Rd, Harrison, MI 48625 to discuss expenditure of Federal and State funds on eligible county roads and transit facilities for projects located in Clare County.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CLARE COUNTY NOTICE TO
Dated: September 25, 2024
Morgan Maul P78445
P.O. Box 263 Hamilton, MI 49419
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Dena Renee Badore P.O. Box 95

Request for Proposal - Harrison City Park Improvement Project
The City of Harrison invites qualified firms to submit proposals for Project Prime Professional and Construction Management Services for the Harrison City Park Improvement Project.
The project involves enhancing recreation opportunities at Harrison City Park, including ADA-accessible pathways, parking areas, construction of a restroom/concessions building, and the planting of native trees.
Please visit the City of Harrison's website at https://cityofharrison-mi.gov/ to review the full Request for Proposal (RFP). Additionally, an FAQ will be posted, and updated as questions are received.
Bid Submission Deadline: Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 PM on October 18, 2024.

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3382 Oakleaf Dr, Harrison - \$269,900 - 3 beds, 2 baths, 3500 sq ft, .62 of an acre, large garage, fence in yard, currently used as a daycare, many modern updates. Text: RBKSYRX To: 52187

THE AMISH COOK - By Gloria Yoder



Supper and singing nights are always a highlight for me.

I can't say it's always been like that. When I had a handful of real young children, it just seemed like evening services were something they had marked. My training to teach them how to sit still seemed to fall flat on those evenings when I was supposed to be singing with the church family.

Today, they have matured enough to know how to sit (at least most times), and most of them are old enough to help sing or even choose a song.

Last Sunday my cousin Judith and her husband hosted the services and invited everyone back for supper

and singing. Since we have a number of folks who don't have a basement or shop suited for hosting everyone in church, we end up having it at the schoolhouse most of the time. Gathering in a home adds a personal touch we enjoy.

The children are aching to have church at our house again like we did before Daddy went to heaven. We'll see, maybe it'll fall into place next summer when we'll be taking a turn to host at school or at home.

To be really honest, what I enjoyed most about hosting church at our house was listening to Daniel as he welcomed everyone and made announcements. I felt like I could just sit there and

listen to him for hours. Having church without him feels like a bell with no ring; on the flip side I am quickly reminded that to every empty spot God keeps bringing something better than what I had given back to him. At any rate we'll wait and see what works out when the time comes. Know what? Perhaps you all should just come and be with us that Sunday!

For now, join us as we attend supper and singing at Jeremy and Judith's house. It was 5:10 when the children and I walked out the lane together.

In ten minutes, we had stepped into Judith's cozy kitchen, where she was putting last-minute touches on

supper. With a bunch of ladies, it didn't take long to carry her meatball sub sandwich fixings, corn chip salad, pumpkin bars, and ice cream to the shop.

Jeremy got everyone gathered and asked one of the brothers to pray the blessing on the food. A table with food stood to one side for the men and another for the ladies, both food stages next to the benches where they would be seated for supper then the singing.

The older ladies filled their plates first, then the moms with little children came next. The supper combination looked scrumptious. The co-jack cheese melted on the barbecued meatballs. Eating the sandwiches required some extra napkins, but that's okay, that's the way I like mine. If it's moist enough to be messy it's bound to be good.

Taking a bite from my dessert I eyeballed it again. What was in there? It was chewy but soft, and bursting with flavor, much like a cheesecake. Still, it was a pumpkin bar. After supper I quizzed Judith about it and

asked for the recipe. Hang on, and I'll get it for you once we are done chatting here.

After supper, us ladies washed up the dishes in totes of hot water, which Jeremy had brought from the house. With two ladies washing, one on either side of the table and a half a dozen wiping, it didn't take long to have the clean dishes staked back in the proper totes where they would be stored until next Sunday.

While Judith finished putting leftovers away, the rest of us started singing in the shop. The first half hour is usually filled with German songs, followed by the man of the house sharing a devotional then English singing for another 45 minutes.

This time we sang from the Mountain Laurel songbooks which a friend of ours compiled.

As we sang of heaven my heart swelled with joy, knowing that I too, will one day be called to go home to heaven, the tears came. Yes, it was like a deep river of joy mingled with that sad-

ness of missing my beloved. Mrs. Pertler, who is also a widow, put it into perfect words when she wrote, "It's possible to cry both happy and sad tears all at the same time. It is possible to find true joy even when you are hurting." That's it.

By 8:00 a parting song was sung with the words, "With my eyes fixed on Jesus I can face another day..." True, it really does not matter what happens in life, it'll really all be okay, because there is one greater than us to lead the way though it all.

The children ran out to

play a game of tag in the semi-darkness. Soon it was time to head home and tuck everyone to bed, ready for another week of school, another week of clasping the hand of the One who knows it all.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE BARS

Crust:
2 cups flour
10 tablespoons butter, softened
2/3 cup brown sugar
Mix altogether and reserve 1 3/4 cup for topping. Put the rest in a 9 by 13 inch cake

pan and bake at 350 for 15 minutes or until golden.

Filling:
2- 8 ounces cream cheese
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 cup pumpkin
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice or pumpkin pie spice

Spread filling on top of crust then sprinkle reserved crust ingredients and sprinkle on top. Bake at 350 for an additional 30 minutes. Cool and enjoy. Delicious with ice cream!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HAYES TOWNSHIP, CLARE COUNTY

ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Hayes Township, Clare County, Michigan ("Township"), will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2024 at the Hayes Township Hall (2055 E. Townline Lake Road, Harrison, MI 48625), to hear objections to the proposed improvements, the proposed estimate of costs, and the proposed special assessment district for the Hayes Township road improvements as described below. At the public hearing, the Township Board will consider any objections to petitions, as well as any objections, revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimate of costs, or the special assessment district. The Hayes Township road improvements and the proposed special assessment district to be established by the Township Board as the district against which the costs of the proposed improvements are to be assessed are generally described as follows:

The Hayes Township road improvements: The Township will conduct three, or other amount as approved by the Township Board, brinings per year on gravel roads in the Township and possibly other related road maintenance and improvements, which can include other dust control measures. Periodic redeterminations of cost associated with the proposed Hayes Township road improvements may be necessary without a change in the special assessment district to pay for ongoing road expenses and such redeterminations may be made without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the property unless required by law.

Proposed Special Assessment District: Properties that will be benefitted by the Hayes Township road improvements, which includes properties that generally can be described as: Approximately 3,668 parcels within Hayes Township that includes parcels that are through lots (front side paved) not touching a road end, corner lots on gravel and paved roads, and all parcels that front a gravel road. Specific properties within the proposed special assessment district is available upon request to the Township and will be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the petitions and plans showing the Hayes Township road improvements, locations and estimated costs, and the proposed special assessment district are on file with the Township Clerk, Debra Hoyt, 2055 E. Townline Lake Road, Harrison, MI 48625, for public examination during ordinary business hours and at the public hearing. The special assessment proposal would assess the cost of the proposed improvements to the properties benefiting therefrom.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the proposed district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. To the extent applicable, impacted property owners may submit objection petitions to the Township Clerk under MCL 41.723.

Hayes Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk not less than four days before the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
Debra Hoyt, Clerk
2055 E. Townline Lake Road, Harrison, MI 48625
Phone: (989) 539-7128
Web: www.hayestwpcclaremi.gov
(Publish October 3, 2024 and October 10, 2024)
(Mail October 3, 2024)

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the proposed district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. To the extent applicable, impacted property owners may submit objection petitions to the Township Clerk under MCL 41.723.

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Harrison Tames St. Louis On Homecoming for 5-0 Start

By **BEN MURPHY**
Cleaver Sportswriter

Starting the season 5-0 just flat out feels pretty good. The Harrison football team gets to enjoy exactly that, after they topped visiting St. Louis on Friday, 30-14 on homecoming night.

"It has been a great start to the season, we have not been 5-0 since 2014, so it feels great," head coach Jamie Lipovsky said after the Jack Pine Conference Division 2 win. "St. Louis was very physical. We knew this going in and had to out muscle them. I felt our conditioning helped up secure the victory."

The Hornets entered the game on a two-game winning streak, securing victories over Pinconning and Farwell. The Hornets were able to use their size and strength to their advantage though, as they won the game by two possessions.

"The offensive and defensive line played awesome," Lipovsky said. "St. Louis was very big up front, and it was one of those games where it reminded you of a heavyweight fight. Both sides just kept hitting each other."

The Hornets claimed an 8-0 lead after the first quarter and led 16-0 at the half and made the spread grow into 24-0 at the half. The Sharks did manage to score twice late in the game, but Harrison was able to finish the game safely.

The Hornets were led by Logan Williams, who ran 26 times for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Wayne Baehr carried the ball 11 times for 68 yards and a touchdown and Matt Latunski was four-of-seven passing for 99 yards and one touchdown. Williams had one reception for 53 yards and Talon Hamilton had three grabs for 46 yards and a touchdown.

The defense featured a 12-tackle performance from Williams. Kaleb Williams and Alex Jansen had 10 tackles apiece each, Aiden Brewer took down eight, Hunter Lafeve and Gavin Vanburen had six tackles each and getting five each was Baehr, Ray Cosgrove and Case Brand. Latunski had his hand on four tackles. Cosgrove also hauled in an interception for another defensive highlight.

Harrison (5-0 overall, 3-0 JPIC Division 2) hosts Pinconning (4-1, 2-1) in a key league battle on Friday. The Spartans are enjoying one of their best starts to a



(Cleaver photo by Angela Kellogg-Henry)

season in many years and are coming off a win over Farwell last week, 40-8.

"There is a good chance that this game will decide the fate for who is the number one seed in the lower division of the Jack Pine Conference," Lipovsky said. "Like us they are a run first offense. They do a good job of shoving the ball down your throat so it will most definitely be a test for us. I know they will come into Harrison with their best game, so we had better be ready."



Clare's Ryan Louch breaks free for a touchdown on a kickoff return during Friday's home loss to Ogemaw Heights. (Cleaver photo by Ben Murphy)

Clare Comes Up Just Short, Falls to Ogemaw 41-34

By **BEN MURPHY**
Cleaver Sportswriter

The battle between the top two Jack Pine Conference Division 1 football teams lived up to the hype. Clare was hosting Ogemaw Heights in the key league showdown Friday, and while they rallied to tie the game late after facing a two-score deficit, they ultimately came up just short, 41-34 on homecoming night.

"Ogemaw is a great football team across all positions," head coach Steven Spranger said.

They have the ability to run the ball between the tackles and earn the tough yards, and then they also have the ability to hit the big plays as well. The difference in the game was we took too long to get a handle on their physicality, and we didn't do as good of a job as we have been at limiting their explosive plays."

The Falcons capped off scoring drives with short touchdown runs in both the first and second quarters, taking a 14-0 lead. The Hornets got their offense going with a four-yard touchdown pass from Jayden Arthur, who found Jacob Halicek for the score, bringing them within 14-6.

Ogemaw responded with a long 51-yard touchdown pass to put their lead back to 21-6, but it didn't take long for the Hornets to answer.

Ryan Louch took the ensuing kickoff, racing the other way, picking up blockers and avoiding would-be tacklers along the way for a 91-yard touchdown. A Dane Kruskamp extra point made it 21-13.

The Ogemaw passing game continued to be hard to stop, as they connected on a 44-yard touchdown pass for a 28-12 lead.

Clare did score before the half ended though, getting Arthur to

pitch a two-yard touchdown pass to Conan Weeks, making it 28-19 at the half.

The Falcons scored the only points of the third quarter, getting a one yard scoring plunge to lead 34-19 entering the fourth.

The Hornets scored on back-to-back offensive possessions to tie the game up. Arthur connected with Halicek for both touchdowns on short passes; resulting in scores of two and 15 yards. Arthur also completed a pass to Louch on the two-point conversion, knotting things up at 34-apiece.

The Falcons unfortunately had one final scoring drive in them. They capped it off with a 14-yard touchdown run with just over a minute remaining, and Clare was unable to answer with points of their own in the final moments.

"While disappointed in the loss, there were still many positives," Spranger said. "I thought once we got our feet underneath us, and started to handle their physicality, we were fine. I'm proud of the guys for fighting back the entire game and eventually tying it up after being down one-to-two scores all night. That type of constant fight makes a coach extremely proud, and something the guys can be proud of too."

Arthur finished his night 24-of-38 passing for 200 yards and four touchdowns and he also ran for another 51 yards on five attempts. Louch ran four times for 33 yards, and he also had 10 receptions for 96 yards on top of his special teams touchdown. Aiden Van bonn ran the ball eight times for 33 yards and Weeks finished with five receptions for 32 yards.

On defense, Louch was a force as well, getting 16 combined tackles. Van bonn brought down 14, Joey Bouchey had 13 tackles, Triston Gauthier and Mason

Heintz had nine tackles apiece and Chase Randall took down seven. Brendan Burton added six tackles and with five was Ethan Reeves.

Clare (4-1 overall, 2-1 JPC Division 1) will travel to Standish-Sterling (3-2, 2-1) on Friday for another league game. The Panthers are coming off a 33-20 loss to Gladwin last week; while their wins this year have come over Boyne City, Shepherd and Bullock Creek.

"Standish is a very technically sound football team," Spranger said. "(Their head coach) Marty Malcolm will always have his team ready to play and will have a great game plan for us. As always, our keys to win are explosive plays and turnovers."

Clare Slips By Ovid-Elsie for Narrow Road Win

By **BEN MURPHY**
Cleaver Sportswriter

There wasn't much offense between Clare's and Ovid Elsie's soccer teams on Wednesday, Sept. 25. The visiting Hornets had just enough to get the job done in the non-league game however, getting a slim 1-0 victory.

Silas Donaldson scored the only goal of the match with an assist by Isaiah Mulheron, with less than 30 seconds to play in the first half. Strong defensive play helped them secure things the rest of the way.

"Both teams had opportunities, but neither managed to score again and we won," head coach Jim Bond said.

Josh Zeilinger was in goal and made 11 saves to secure the clean sheet.

On Monday, Sept. 23 Clare picked up a home Jack Pine Conference win in Pinconning, 2-1.

The Spartans scored the only goal of the first half, giving them a 1-0 lead at the break.

The Hornets got on the board thanks to a Kolton Pung boot, with an assist by Jack Thompson. Sergio James sent in the game winner later in the half, also on an assist by Thompson.

Zeilinger was in net once again and got his hands on seven saves to help them secure the victory.

"We played a little sloppy, but cleaned things up in the second half," Bond said.

All things considered, Bond was more than happy to pick up a pair of one goal victories last week; especially with one coming in league play.

"Wins are always nice to get," Bond said. "We have had some tough games recently so these wins were especially good for our team morale."

Clare (4-7-1 overall, 3-7-1 JPC) had a home league match with Ogemaw Heights on Monday, had a home contest with Gladwin on Wednesday, is at Alma today (Thursday) and will make the trip to Shepherd on Monday. They are also at Lakeview on Tuesday.



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Clare Volleyball Plays Well In Road Win Over Ogemaw

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sportswriter

The first two sets were pretty close between Clare and Ogemaw Heights on Monday, Sept. 23. The Lady Pioneers won both of those however and then took care of things rather convincingly in the third frame, and they swept the host Lady Falcons in Jack Pine Conference volleyball action, 25-23, 27-25 and 25-10.

“As a team, we achieved our goal of serving over 90-percent,” head coach Shannon Taylor, who also called it an important victory said. “Our aggressive and precise serving played a major role in our success. We were dominant at the net, and our serve reception was excellent, which allowed us to execute our offense smoothly.”

Amelia Rzyk had a solid match playing setter; she had 23 assists, two kills, four blocks and two digs. Addie McMillan tracked down 12 digs, served for three aces and also had two assists. Tessa Kelly managed 13 kills and six digs. Kyley Wyman added six kills, one block, 13 digs and three aces and Marlee Clark had five kills and four blocks. Addison McMillan had 17 digs and two aces and Syerra Mills chipped in with six kills.

“Taryn Green had an impressive serving streak, delivering powerful serves that included three important aces,” Taylor said.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, Clare had a home JPC win over Standish-Sterling, taking four sets to do it, 25-12, 25-17, 22-25 and 25-23.

“Homecoming is a busy week with so much going

on, so we were excited to secure two wins this week,” Taylor said. “We lost a little momentum and dropped the third set. We came back and finished with a (win in the fourth) to end the match.”

Kelly led the attack with 19 kills and she had nine digs and served for three aces as well. Rzyk continued her steady play at setter, getting 39 assists. Clark added eight kills and one ace, McMillan was able to chase down 17 digs and serve for two aces and Wyman and Mills had six kills apiece.

“The team is made up of leaders who each have their own unique style,” Taylor said. “They focus on supporting one another, ensuring accountability, and engaging in difficult discussions to enhance the team’s overall success. Our senior members are doing an excellent job of guiding others in leadership.”

The Pioneers have a sub-500 overall record with seven wins and 11 losses, but for Taylor, that was kind of by design.

“We loaded our preseason schedule with challenging opponents to prepare for JPC play, leading to some tough but narrow defeats,” she said. “The team is really bonding and putting in a lot of effort, feeling excited about what lies ahead. They understand that it will take more and are striving to improve by 1-percent each day in all aspects.”

The wins over Ogemaw and Standish put their league record to 2-1, leaving much to play for in the coming weeks for the team.

“They are in a great position to achieve the success



Clare’s Kyley Wyman serves the ball during their win at Ogemaw Heights on Monday, Sept. 23. (Cleaver photos by Ben Murphy)

they desire,” Taylor said. “This is going to be an exciting journey. We hope the team can enjoy every moment for the rest of the season. We want them to inspire one another and, at the end of each day, to realize they have made a positive difference for the team and everyone

they meet.” Clare was at home against league-foe Bullock Creek on Wednesday, makes the trip to Cadillac for a non-league match on Monday and welcomes in Gladwin for more JPC action on Wednesday, Oct. 9.



At left, Clare’s Amelia Rzyk sets the ball for a teammate. At right, Tessa Kelly makes a play on the ball.



Clare Boys Cross See Action At Large Shepherd Meet

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sportswriter

The Blue Jay Invitational was held on Saturday. The meet, hosted by Shepherd, featured multiple divisions with as many as 20 teams in each one; creating one of the largest regular seasons meets in the area. Clare took part in the event as well. The Pioneers were in the gold division, where their boys team finished 10th out of 18 scoring teams.

They were paced by Brayden Schmidt in 26th place with a solid time of 17:46. Sutton Klaus was

40th with a run of 18:08, Carter Peacock was 50th at 18:32, Christian Villa-Bilton was 55th with an 18:33 and Caiden Gaskill crossed 62nd at 18:46. Next for the Pioneers was Neiko Ketchum, who was 65th at 18:52 and Joseph Haupt was 83rd at 19:58.

The Clare girls did not take part in the event, due to homecoming events later that evening.

Clare ran in the second Jack Pine Conference in Shepherd on Wednesday and they also head over to the Portage Invitational on Saturday.

Farwell Girls Golf Takes 3rd Place at JPC meet

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sportswriter

The Farwell girls’ golf team continued their season on Tuesday, Sept. 24. The Lady Eagles were at Maple Leaf Golf Course in Pinconning for a Jack Pine Conference match, where they took third place as a team with a round of 199.

They were led by Jayey Stover with a score of 47, good for seventh place, Anna VanBuskirk hit a 49 and took 10th and Ahnrae Bailey carded a 50 or 12th place. Carlee Campbell and Lindsay Esterline both shot scores of 53 to tie for 20th and Chloe Miller came in with a 58 to take 32nd.

“They continue to work hard every week to try to improve,” head coach Hugh Lewis said. “We are really working on trying to manage the course by making smart decisions and shot selections. They continue to ask to do extra time or practices to help them get better. It is nice to have the girls pick up their teammates when one of them does not have the score that they have been shooting.”

Farwell played in league matches on Monday and Tuesday and will conclude the regular season today (Thursday) in Reed City for a non-league nine-hole event. On Monday they compete in a Division 4 regional at Huron Breeze Golf Course, hosted by Tawas Area.

Harrison Cross Teams Compete at St. Johns

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sportswriter

The Harrison cross country teams took part in a meet at St. Johns on Wednesday, Sept. 25. The event was dubbed Apples to Apples and was held at Uncle John’s Cider Mill.

The Harrison boys took eighth place out of 11 scoring teams.

They were led by Logan Young in 17th, on a time of 18:30. Malachi Coulson was 49th with a 21:14, Eli Wing had a 52nd place run at 21:54 and in 57th was Gavin Jansen at 22:31. Jacob Bowermaster crossed the line at 22:36 and was 58th, Sam Bennoit was 60th and he timed out at 22:38 and Cory Westbrook was 78th at 24:33.

The Lady Hornets finished in eighth place as a team and were led by Arie Workman, who had a 32nd place finish and time of 24:25. Hope Purvis was 44th at 26:50, Madylyne Gross was 58th at 28:30, KyLeigh Briggs had a 64th place run thanks to her time of 29:31 and Isabel Heath was 70th at 31:33.

Harrison ran in the second Jack Pine Conference meet of the season at Shepherd on Wednesday and will be in Mt. Pleasant for another event on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Farwell Volleyball Outlasts Pinconning in 5 Sets

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sportswriter

Farwell let a two-set lead slip away. The Lady Eagles fortunately regrouped in time for the fifth set, and they were able to claim a hard-fought Jack Pine Conference victory on Wednesday, Sept. 25, topping visiting Pinconning 25-19, 25-21, 22-25, 24-26 and 15-9.

“The win helped our team realize their resilience and grit,” head coach Stephanie Brown said. “They had to work hard during the five sets and came together to make a ‘W’ a reality. With a young team, we have challenges; however, through a lot of specialized

practice, we are growing both mentally and physically. The win is a great confident booster as we head into (future league games).”

The Eagles were led in the attack by Hunter Green who had 12 kills and Addy Radtke had 11 kills. Macie Carrow had a solid night at the service line, getting two aces and serving at 96-percent. Ella Norbury served 94-percent and found the floor on four aces and Nora Z. had six aces and served at 94-percent.

Farwell (2-2 JPC) was at home in a league match with St. Louis on Wednesday and will also head to Harrison on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Farwell Eagles Drop Road Game at Pinconning

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sportswriter

Pinconning managed to take a two-score lead before Farwell could even touch the ball Friday. The visiting Eagles could never get back into things, and lost the Jack Pine Conference Division 2 football contest, 41-8.

The Spartans scored on a 56-yard touchdown pass on their first play and took an 8-0 lead after a two-point conversion. Pinny attempted and recovered an onside kick, then capped off that drive with a five-yard pass play for a 15-0 advantage.

The Eagles did score on their first offensive possession. Brent Ellul found the end zone from 24 yards out, bring them with 15-8 after one.

In the second quarter, Pinconning booted a 32-yard field-goal to lead 18-8. Farwell returned the ensuing kickoff 65

yards, to set up a good scoring opportunity. The Eagles reached as far as the 10-yard line before turning the ball over on downs.

The Spartans cashed in before the half, scoring another touchdown to lead 24-8 at the break. Pinny booted another field-goal in the second half and scored added two more touchdowns to put the game out of reach for the Eagles.

The Eagles combined to run for 157 yards, led by Ethan Morford. Wyatt VanBuskirk led the defense by chasing down 17 tackles.

Farwell (1-4 overall, 0-3 JPC Division 2) looks to get back in the win column on Friday, when it makes the trip to Meridian (1-4, 1-2). The Mustangs opened the year with losses to Clare, Bullock Creek, Harrison and Pinconning, but got in the win column last week, by taking down Beaverton 37-16.

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MARY CLINE

December 9, 1929 – September 21, 2024

Mary Cline age 94 of Harrison passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Mary was born Agnes Marie Lucille LeBoeuf (nicknamed Mary) in Barrie, Ontario, Canada on December 9, 1929, the daughter of Blaise LeBoeuf and Lucille (Campeau) LeBoeuf. Mary was united in marriage to Mr. Lorne Timothy Cline on February 18, 1950. Soon after her marriage, Mary became a naturalized US Citizen. After raising twelve children in the Detroit area and Hadley, Michigan, Mary and Lorne moved to Harrison in 1989 as retirees.



Throughout the years, Mary volunteered through her church women's group and Habitat for Humanity. Mary spent many years sewing baby blankets and burp cloths for several baby pantries. Mary enjoyed spending her free time knitting, gardening, feeding her birds, baking special treats for her family and friends and being surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Cline is survived by her eight children; Anne (Ross)

children, several great-great grandchildren, one sister, Therese Anne Czap of Sidney, British Columbia, plus many nieces, nephews and extended family. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Lorne, four children; Joan Wysocki, Patricia Howell, Timothy Cline and John Cline, two daughters-in-law; Sarah Cline and Merri Cline and one brother, Thomas A. LeBoeuf.

A Funeral Mass celebrating Mary will be held Monday, October 14, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. from St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309, with Father Gerard LeBoeuf officiating. Inurnment will be in St. Athanasius Catholic Cemetery, Harrison. Memorial gifts in memory of Mary may be considered to the Charity of Choice. To share an online memory or condolence with Mary's family, please visit: www.clarkstocking.com. Arrangements for Mrs. Cline are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service 989-539-7810.

DONA JANE L'VALLE

September 28, 2024

Dona Jane LaValle passed away peacefully with family by her side on September 28, 2024, at the age of 91. Earth has lost an incredible mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister-in-law, aunt, and friend. Her presence will be deeply missed by many. We are grateful for her unending love, and the positive impact she had on so many lives.



Dona was the cherished matriarch of a loving family. Her spirit will continue to shine brightly through her children, Diana (Lon) Konkus, Lloyd (Jan) LaValle, and Loren (Mary) LaValle, along with her six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her tremendous joy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Evan and Nora McPhee; her husband, Lloyd LaValle; her brother, Harold McPhee; and her sisters, Merna Crippen and Katherine Gaines.

Dona graduated from Dimondale High School in 1950, the same year she married the love of her life, with whom she shared 49 years of marriage. Alongside her career, Dona supported her husband in the operation of several businesses, including gas stations, auto repair shops, and tow truck serv-

ices. She also established and ran D & L KIS Photo Shop. Later, she worked for Harrison Community Schools and retired in 1998 to travel.

Dona had a deep passion for spending time with her family and creating cherished memories. She found great joy in planning, organizing, and crafting unforgettable family gatherings. As her family's biggest supporter, she was always there to cheer on her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at sporting events, school plays, recitals, band concerts, and all of life's special moments.

Dona's legacy is one of love, devotion, and unwavering support for her family and friends. She lived a life full of creativity, kind-

ness, and generosity, touching the hearts of all who knew her. Though she is no longer with us, her warmth and spirit will continue to inspire those who were blessed to be a part of her life. Her memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of her family and the countless others whose lives she enriched.

Funeral services honoring Dona will be held Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. from Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service officiating. Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 10:00 am until the time of service. Graveside services will immediately follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, Harrison. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to McLaren Hospice in Dona's memory, to honor her life and the compassionate care she received. To share an online memory or condolence with Dona's family, please visit: www.clarkstocking.com. Arrangements for Mrs. LaValle are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service 989-539-7810.

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During the walk, they will share insights on winter bale grazing, pasture development, cattle handling facilities, and their barn renovation project.

Everyone is welcome! Dinner will be provided by the Kersten family. To attend, please RSVP by calling Brittany at (989) 426-7741 or emailing msue.gladwin@msu.edu.

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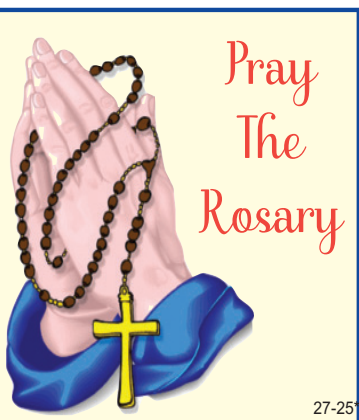
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Joel Donovan Bauer, of Lake, Michigan, pleaded guilty in three separate files on June 27, 2024. He pleaded guilty to Police Officer Flee and Elude 2nd Degree, habitual 3rd offender in one file; Possession of Methamphetamine, habitual 3rd offender in the second file; and Possession of Methamphetamine and Police Officer Flee and Elude 3rd Degree, habitual 3rd offender in the third file. He was sentenced to prison on all three files.

In the first file he was sentenced to serve two years to 20 years, with credit for 207 days already served. In the second file he was sentenced to serve two years to 20 years, with credit for 235 days already served. And, in the third file he was sentenced to serve two years to 20 years and two years to 10 years respectively, with credit for 236 days already served. All sentences were ordered to run concurrent with one another. He was ordered to pay \$1,762 total across the three files in miscellaneous fines, costs, and fees.



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Landscape Trees or ...Timber-r-r?

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – Have you been noticing the tree trimming/felling going on around town? It would seem that many of the trees planted back when Harrison was young are coming to the end of their life spans. Many of these trees are in the parkway areas between streets and sidewalks, and thus also likely to have worked their way into sub-surface infrastructure, creating maintenance difficulties. Fortunately, for Arbor Day 2023 the City of Harrison offered to help residents with replacement of the aging trees via a substantial discount

offered through the Clare Conservation District. Many residents took advantage of the opportunity. “Out with the old and in with the new” can be a good thing – with trees, however, it does require some patience.



(Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.

The **Harrison Area Genealogical Society** to meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Historical Room of the Harrison District Library. Public welcome.

The **Clare County Republican Party** will meet at the Pere Marquette District Library (Clare) in Lower Level Room A at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. Follow them at www.facebook.com/groups/clarecountyrepublicans/

The **Clare County Democratic Party** regular meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday every month. The next meeting will be Oct. 9 in the Senior Services

Building, 212 Broad St., Harrison. The public is welcome. To join the meeting by conference call contact Jennifer Donovan, county party chair, at chair@clarecountydems.com. For more information visit www.clarecountydems.com or www.facebook.com/clarecountydems.

Adult Grief Support Group- Grief support focuses on the value of support during grief, the idea that each person's grief is unique, myths about grief, creating a memory relationship, and self-care during emotional healing. There will be education on coping skills to deal with intense emotions as well as a time for sharing, if desired. This program is facilitated by a bereavement counselor. Participants may attend all or some of the sessions. Group is provided FREE of charge to participants. Location: The Gathering UMC Church: 3090 N. Clare Ave. Harrison 989-539-1445. Times: 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 and 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. Sponsored by: MyMichigan Health. For more

information about this service or others, call 800-862-5002.

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.

Clare AA meetings at United Methodist Church in Clare are held: Monday at noon (open meeting); Tuesday at 8 p.m. (Step meeting); Wednesday at 8 p.m. (general meeting except third Wednesday is Open Speaker meeting); Thursday at 1 p.m. (Women's meeting); Friday at 8 p.m. (Big Book Study); and Saturday at noon (open meeting). Direct questions to Pat M. at 231-642-1303 (leave message for ASAP response).

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Residents Urged to Fill Out Parks & Rec Survey

Council Hears Ordinance Resistance

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – The Harrison City Council meeting of Sept. 23 once again saw visitor Malisa Dinnan and her supporters seeking variance and possible grandfathering as a way to enable The Rustic Owl merchandise to remain on the Second Street city sidewalk 24/7. The Harrison Planning Commission had previously adopted a revision to the city’s ordinance to clarify that all sidewalk displays are to be allowed only during business hours, and removed otherwise. That revision was then moved to Harrison City Council for a first reading, after which a second reading would be done prior to Council having the option to adopt it.

At Council, Dinnan said she apologized for the way she had walked out of the Planning Commission meeting, however would not change it. She noted having removed all her merchandise on Second Street in anticipation of Council’s vote, adding that she did not agree with it, adding that she did not believe she was “above the ordinance.”

In response to comments inferring that the ordinance was aimed at Dinnan’s business, Council member Angela Kellogg made the following comment:

“This ordinance has to apply to everyone in the city, now and moving forward. We have no issue with Malisa; she has done a fantastic job, whether you think it’s junk

or you don’t. She’s swept it, she’s cleaned it, she’s out there dealing with it. We have no issues with that at all. We have gone this round with citizens over grass because it has to be under 8 inches, over trees. It has to work for the entire city, and that’s the only thing that we’re saying. It is not personal in any way. She has a beautiful, large retail location in Harrison, and I don’t think anybody wants that to fail. It’s an asset; I’ve told her it’s an asset.”

When one of the Rustic Owl vendors asked if there could be a variance, it was explained again by Justin Cavanaugh, city manager/clerk, that a variance for one is a variance for all – which would mean that if NAPA wanted to sell engine blocks on the city sidewalk they could.

“We’ve got to allow the same rules for everybody, and that’s what we’re trying to do,” Cavanaugh said. And when that same person asked if there could be an amendment made, Cavanaugh replied by asking how there could be an amendment for one business?

Unfortunately, there was not enough patience in the room, and some commentary became heated, with folks lingering after the meeting and exchanging totally inappropriate comments. Hopefully, people will behave in a more civil manner at the Oct. 7 meeting.

Other business that took place at the meeting included Department Head reports, which began with

Fire Chief Chris Damvelt citing 318 runs year-to-date. Noting it had been a busy weekend, which included attending the Firemen’s Memorial in Roscommon where past fireman Dan Little was placed on the wall – one of 179 placed this year. Damvelt noted that none this



year were fire-related deaths, but added that two were added to that portion of the wall. **During the Sept. 23 Harrison City Council meeting, Justin Cavanaugh, city manager/clerk, explains the necessity of ordinances applying to all everyone, and that a variance for one is a variance for all.**

He said one was in 1953, a 14-year-old who was crushed between horses and wagon – himself the son of a deceased fireman.

“Things still happen that way,” Damvelt said. “People get killed in front of trucks, out on the highway.”

That same day, Damvelt said was the 2nd Annual Golf Outing at

The Tamaracks, which sported 26 teams, 40 hole sponsors, and a good time had by all. After costs, the event realized \$11,129 the use of which will be designated by the firefighters.

Mayor Dan Sullivan interjected that “40 more outings, you’ll have that [fire]truck paid for.”

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Mike Freeman reported two tickets issued that week, and in the previous week and the current week had already been “fairly eventful.”

Christie Balog informed that the city’s Parks & Recreation Survey is posted online [paper copies are also available at City Hall] that will continue through November. She also was working on the Downtown Development Authority’s CRM and website, adding that there could still be an event or two this year, including a holiday event at The Venue on Main Street, which would take place sometime after the Nov. 16 Shop Local event.

Cavanaugh reported that receipt of ballots had been delayed, but that public accuracy testing would be held at 4 p.m. Oct. 7 at City Hall. He also updated Council on the progress on the city parking lot project; the Spark Grant progress; the potential for additional grant monies due to the city’s adjustment to the City Park project; that the street sweeper had been posted



Harrison City Council members listen to Fire Chief Chris Damvelt’s report of the previous weekend’s events, including the 2nd Annual Golf Outing sponsored by the Harrison Community Fire Department. (Cleaver photos by Dianne Alward-Biery)

for sale; that City Hall technical upgrades were 75% complete; the Planning Commission would have a public hearing Oct. 8 on the Master Plan; City Hall bullet proof glass would be installed in October; BS&A upgrade to be completed by April. He further noted that the Parks & Rec Survey would be posted on the City’s Facebook page, website, posted in the Cleaver, and available in printed form at City Hall. Cavanaugh noted the survey is very important and urged everyone to fill it out.

Under Old Business, it was stated that the flagpole for the former Remedy property had been ordered.

Under New Business, Council heard a first reading of Ordinance 2024-02: Revisions to Sidewalk Display Regulations. Also heard was Ordinance 2024-03- Amendment to the City of Harrison Planning Commission

Ordinance, which makes official the reduction of Planning Commissioners from nine to seven to alleviate quorum difficulties.

Council also moved to approve: -USDA Water Project-Fedewa Pay Request 1-Final Request [painting water tower].

-USDA Water Project- Pay Request 9-Final Request [engineer].

-USDA Sewer Project-Contractors Pay Request 05 [Sterling].

-USDA Sewer Project-Pay Request 06 [engineer].

-USDA Sewer Project-Change Order 03 [more time required due to materials delay].

Also approved were street closures to enable the Harrison High School Homecoming Parade to follow the standard parade route through town.

Council meets next at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 at Harrison City

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