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COMING EVENTS

Annual Public Easement Clean-up Day in Harrison from 12-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 at the run-off site on the corner of Spruce and Lake Street. This is a resident-led community volunteer effort.

Clare Family Night Out will be held from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 in Wood's Household parking lot. Free games, prizes, demonstrations, food, and so much more!

Harrison Area Genealogical Society will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct 7 at the Harrison District Library. Bring your family information to research. For questions, call Barb at 989-240-0251 or Linda at 989-539-9796.

Rummage Sale at St. Athanasius Church in Harrison from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 8-10.

Vendor and Craft Show at Mott's Up North Venue 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at 452 N. Clare Ave., Harrison. Food truck, local vendors, goat snuggling. Free admission. Call or text Lori at 539-8887 for more information.

Gun and Knife Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11 at the **Harrison Sportsman's Club**, 3704 N. Harrison Ave., Harrison. \$5 admission, free to children 12 and younger.

Area libraries are hosting an event with author **Craig Johnson** at the **Ideal Theater in Clare** at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the **Harrison District Library and Pere Marquette District Library** or online at www.pmdl.org/library-events

Families are invited to celebrate Halloween at **Mid Michigan College's Trunk or Treat** event from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Harrison Campus Poet Family Outdoor Education Center, 1375 S. Clare Ave.

Harrison football rolls to 46-16 homecoming win over St. Louis

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sports Writer

Harrison head football coach Jamie Lipovsky knew that his team couldn't overlook visiting St. Louis on Friday, for their homecoming game. The Sharks entered the game winless, sure, but the coach knew the talent they had on the roster. The Hornets certainly didn't overlook the Sharks, as they notched a notched a 46-14 Jack Pine Conference victory.

"It was a great win, a good homecoming victory," Lipovsky said. "St. Louis hasn't won a game yet, but they are way better than their record indicates, they have some great running backs and are big up front offensively. We knew it was going to be difficult sledding as far as pushing them back on offense and we had to gang-tackle on defense."

The Hornets fortunately took the momentum early and led 16-0 after the first quarter. They carried a 22-6 advantage into the half and padded that to a comfortable 36-6 margin entering the fourth.

"I thought my linebackers and defensive line did a great job of rallying to the ball," Lipovsky said. "Our secondary did a good job too, coming up in run support and offensively we did a good job of moving the ball on the ground. We didn't get big chunks (on the ground) but we were able to open up the game through the air."

The Hornet passing game was certainly effective. Quarterback Matt Latunski was five-of-eight throwing the ball, good for 114 yards and one score. Parker Latunski had four receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown and Cosgrove hauled in one pass for 18 yards.

"Certain teams will crowd the line of scrimmage against us, and that's one of the elements



Harrison Homecoming King Jayden Bobzien and Queen Miley Kenny

that we have that is different than we've had in the past," Lipovsky said of the passing game. "We have pretty good protection up front, the quarterback makes good decisions, and the receivers have good hands."

Of course, the ground game was effective as usual, too. Five different players had over 30 yards rushing, led by Aiden Brewer with 75 yards on 16 carries. M. Latunski had six rush attempts for 66 yards and one touchdown,

Nyxon Rhodes had seven rushes for 57 yards and a touchdown, Ray Cosgrove ran it seven times for 31 yards and two scores and Collin Dennis had eight carries for 31 yards and a touchdown.

"The second half I thought we ran the ball really well," Lipovsky said. "Overall, very productive night and I was very happy with how the kids played."

Alex Jansen had a monster game on defense, getting 17 tackles and one sack. Daniel Seefeld had 12 tackles and one sack, Alex Erskine had five tackles and M. Latunski, Cosgrove and Clayton Austin had four tackles each. Dennis and Walter Samples both managed to get three tackles, with Samples tracking down the quarterback for one sack.

Harrison (5-0 overall, 3-0 Jack Pine) heads for Meridian (5-0, 3-0) on Friday. The Mustangs, are coming off a 36-29 victory over a solid Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood team last week. This is expected to be an important matchup between the Hornets and Mustangs, with the winner likely winning the Jack Pine Conference Division 2.

"They are big, physical and they really run the ball well and are fast defensively and offensively, and they have skill players all over the place that can play," Lipovsky said. "They have played a pretty tough schedule and have worked their way through undefeated, so I think they're pretty battle tested and well-coached. I think they lost one kid off last year's team that won our division, so we know it is a tall task, but the kids are excited. They are looking forward to the game Friday night."

See **More Sports**
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DWSL Replacement Engineering Work Awarded

Busy, Busy Month for Harrison City Council

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – September saw a lot of work addressed by Harrison City Council, as well as the Harrison Planning Commission.

Prior to the Aug. 17 meeting there was a Special City Council meeting held at the Harrison Community Fire Department where Fire Chief Barry Wallace Jr. and Fire Operations Manager Remi Lipovsky provided an overview of equipment and its adequacy and inadequacy for the department's needs.

The regular City Council meeting followed, to include adoption of the Aug. 17 meeting minutes and followed by the Mayor's report which included discussion of the Rock the Dock event and Dan Sullivan's comment that the varsity had a good start to their football season.

After the day's Financial Reports and Bills were adopted, and no visitors made public comment, the agenda moved to Old Business. The focus there was discussion of the Clare County Sheriff Contract, and the writing up of draft Clare County Sheriff contract which would be presented to Council at a future meeting. Reports of Committees and



Brian Rowley, Fleis & VandenBrink engineer and regional manager, describes the scope of engineering work to accomplish the 214 water service line replacements in Harrison under an anticipated Drinking Water Service line Replacement Fund lead service line replacement loan reimbursement grant. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

Department Heads started out with Chief Wallace noting 343 runs year-to-date. He also observed use of the new trauma bags and increased medical calls. He said several fire fighters were prepping for Fire 1 and 2 classes, and that he had been working been working on grants.

Sam Russell, DPW Supervisor, noted maintaining the city and doing needed winterization. He also said the leaf truck was ready to take on the fall; that his crew was working on salt boxes and that hydrant flushing was slated for the end of September. Russell

also said preparation for the next road project had begun, and talked about asphalt bids.

Deputy Loudenslager inquired as to the City's concerns and learned those included e-bikes and mini bikes, ORVs and loud exhausts.

Mike Freeman, code enforcement officer, said that five properties had been cleaned up, and that he had been in court twice.

Tracy Wheeler-Clay, treasurer, noted that day was the last when residents could pay their summer taxes without penalty.

Kathy Maharas, city clerk,

offered the following advice: "Grab your sweatshirt, your pumpkin spice and check your water meter – Get your EYEON-WATER! We are getting more and more eyeonwater users, keep spreading the word."

Justin Cavanaugh, city manager spoke of working on invoice training with BS&A, updating City forms, moving to Sharepoint, WCAG 2.0 compliance. researching bike ordinances, drafting a nuisance ordinance and Capital Improvement Plan for the next Planning Commission meeting.

Under New Business, Council moved to:

- Adopt Resolution 2026-21 – Act 51 Transfer Major to Local Connie Huffman moved and Phil Duggan seconded Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution 2026-21 CARRIED.

- Adopt Resolution 2026-22 – Approval of Special Beer Festival License for The Lynx - Shop Local and Buck Pole

Event.

- Approve the 2027 City Council meeting dates with the change of Nov. 15 to Nov. 16.

- Approve Dickinson Wright to assist with the DWSRF Bond Process.

- Approve Pay Request 1 to DJ McQuestion & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$333,247.70

- Approve the Byfield Engineering Amendment in the amount of \$9,000.

Cavanaugh also offered a First Reading of Ordinance 2026-05 – Solar, Wind, and Battery Energy Storage Updates; Corner Lot Accessory Structure Updates; and Building Code Administration Updates

Under Remarks, it was noted that the Public Easement Clean-Up was slated for Oct. 4.

The Sept. 21 Council meeting included adoption of the usual Previous meetings minutes and the day's bills. Mayor Sullivan offered his oft-stated thanks to all at City Hall for all they do, and to all who came out to help at Recycle Day and contributed their time, as well as those who participated.

Resident Matt Stephenson spoke to Council, announcing his candidacy for the office of Harrison City Mayor.

Old Business included a public hearing on the City of Harrison and Hayes Township Joint Parks and Recreation Plan, and hearing no comment, the public hearing was closed. Council then moved to:

- Adopt Resolution 2026-23 – Adoption of City of Harrison and

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Bill Ernot of the Eastern Michigan Council of Governments addresses the Hayes Township Board, complimenting Clerk Deb Hoyt and Treasurer Savannah Cavanaugh for their work in effecting completion of the City of Harrison and Hayes Township Joint Parks and Recreation Plan. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)



Hayes Park Nears Completion

Township Adopts Brining and Rubbish SADs

By DIANNE ALWARD-BIERY
Cleaver Senior Staff Writer

HARRISON – Activities began earlier Wednesday, Sept. 23, with 6 p.m. Public Hearings on the Road improvement Special Assessment District, as well as the Rubbish Special Assessment District. Both hearings saw no members of the public present to comment, thus both were closed and voting resulted in Resolutions 26-02 and 26-03 passing unanimously.

The regular meeting commenced at 7 p.m., again, with all members in attendance. After agenda approval and hearing no public comment, the meeting moved to Community Reports. County Commissioner Gabe Ambrozaitis provided an update on what had been approved at the previous Board of Commissioners meeting, noting the FY 2027 budget approval and the Sept. 30 meeting for finalization of FY 2026. He reported the MDOT Aeronautics grants projects had been completed, which included the recently installed airport beacon and the runway crack sealing done by the Clare County Road Commission. He reminded that grants awarded the airport this year totaled roughly \$33,000 – part of nearly \$300,000 received for the airport over the past three years. Ambrozaitis also spoke of the \$15,500 budget increase for the airport which will provide a small boost to the airport manager’s salary and enable taxiway and turf runway work which are intended to be completed this fall.

Seemingly always present Road Commissioner Bill Simpson was not in attendance due to what Supervisor Brendan Powell described as a family emergency.

Also addressing the Board was Bill Ernat, Program Manager for EMCOG (East Michigan Council of Governments). Ernat informed that the Plan was done.

“It’s been a pleasure working with Savannah and Debbie,” he said. “And I’d hoped to get the Plan approved tonight so that we can get it approved and submitted to the DNR.”

The Board then opened another Public Hearing regarding the City of Harrison and Hayes Township Joint Parks and Recreation Plan.

Clerk Debra Hoyt described the Plan as being very detailed and containing a lot of good information. Treasurer Savannah Cavanaugh added that it contains a lot of room for growth. After Cavanaugh noted having received no community feedback on the Plan, the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.

After approval of Sept. 8 General Board Meeting minutes and the day’s Consent Agenda, the meeting moved to Department Reports.

Supervisor Powell noted there were Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review seats to be filled. He also informed that signs had been mounted in the park that day, and that Sign Image had been onsite the previous day to clean out the changeable sign, noting it was “pretty gross” but, otherwise, the sign’s condition was good.

He also noted under Maintenance that Jim Hoskey had replaced the water heater element.

Treasurer Cavanaugh spoke of the last of the park chimes being received, and that posts had been installed for the last remaining chimes. She mentioned a message board is available for use, and the bike repair station which was to be installed soon. Cavanaugh said the bike station customer rep described Hayes as one of the first purchase it in that color. In all, park plans are being finalized.

Cavanaugh also touched on the previous weekend’s Recycle Day, describing it as having a great turnout. She said the shredding station handled 10, 96-gallon totes, a nearly filled tire semi trailer, and that the scrap metal and appliance stations had been filled.

She informed that the last big taxes disbursement had been done, and that while \$300,000 was left outstanding, it was lower than in previous years.

Clerk Hoyt informed of the recent preliminary election testing

done that week, and on preparation for the Nov. 11 in-house audit. She said Recycle Day work at Hayes included clearing out a lot of election materials that could be destroyed, done following government retention policy for federal elections.

Deputy Clerk Pam Voelker reported getting out ballots, nearly 100 that day. Voelker said she had called all the Snowbirds to see if they want to pick up their ballots, if they will be out of state or out of town, and was awaiting 10 call-backs.

Hoyt explained that, because ballots don’t get forwarded, her office is doing that calling because they want to be sure they have correct addresses. She said all the out-of-state and out-of-town ballots had been sent out that day.

Trustee Bob Buckley noted the weed control work being done on Cranberry Lake, and Trustee Rob McKay offered no report.

Reporting on Zoning and Code Enforcement, Andrew Goodman informed of a variance being sought, and that he’s been busy with lots of enforcement and zoning to include 100 active cases. He referred to things as a “blow out of people building without permits – six in the last two days.” Goodman also enumerated 14 cases as in compliance. He said three cases have abatement orders, but that he continues to try to work with those to help them get into compliance [one of those cases is in its sixth year of enforcement].

“I try to work with them, even the nastiest of them,” he said, adding that he sees success when

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Jacob Stickler Named to University of Alabama Summer 2026 Presidents List

TUSCALOOSA, Alabama – Jacob Stickler of Harrison has been named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for Summer Semester 2026.

A total of 624 students enrolled during Summer Semester 2026 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean’s list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president’s list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s).

The UA dean’s and president’s lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

For more information visit news.ua.edu.

SNHU Announces Summer 2026 President’s and Dean’s Lists

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire – It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2026 President’s List and Dean’s list.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and higher for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer. They are Lee Cater of Farwell, Katrina Gilbert of Clare, and April Wardwell of Farwell.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer. They include Kain Hodgson and Lindsay Greene, both of Harrison.

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Mid Michigan College and Northern Michigan University Create New 3+1 Pathway for Future Early Childhood Educators

Students can complete their associate degree at Mid and bachelor’s degree at NMU entirely online through the new partnership.

Mid Michigan College and Northern Michigan University have created a new 3+1 pathway that gives students a flexible route to a career in early childhood education—beginning at Mid and finishing their bachelor’s degree entirely online through NMU.

The agreement is the first articulation agreement between Mid Michigan College and Northern Michigan University, marking the beginning of a new partnership between the two institutions after nearly a year of collaboration.

“This partnership is about creating opportunity and making the path forward clearer for students,” said Dr. Scott Mertes, President of Mid Michigan College. “Students can begin their education at Mid, build a strong foundation close to home, and then continue to a bachelor’s degree and teacher certification at Northern Michigan University—all online. That flexibility can make a bachelor’s degree more attainable for students balancing work, family, and other responsibilities.”

A clear path from Mid to a bachelor’s degree.

Under the agreement, students complete the Associate of Arts in Enhanced Early Childhood Education at Mid Michigan College, along with the additional coursework needed to fulfill the Michigan Transfer Agreement.

Students then transfer to Northern Michigan University for their final year of study through NMU’s Global Campus and earn a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Teacher Certification, Birth–Kindergarten. The 3+1 pathway is 100% online, allowing students to complete their bachelor’s degree and teacher certification without relocating to attend a four-year university.

The pathway provides students with a defined educational journey from their first college courses through bachelor’s-level teacher preparation while giving them the flexibility to continue working, caring for family, or remaining in their communities.

Students interested in following the agreement are encouraged to declare their participation through Northern Michigan University’s transfer agreement process. Doing so allows NMU to provide additional support as students prepare to begin their journey.

Preparing educators. Strengthening communities.

The partnership is also an investment in the communities Mid Michigan College and Northern Michigan University serve.

Early childhood educators help children develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence that form the foundation for future learning. They also provide essential support to families and contribute to the strength of local communities.

“This partnership creates another way for students to reach their educational and career goals while remaining connected to their communities,” said Amy Fisher, Interim VP of Academic Affairs and Dean of Business & Technology Studies at Mid. “By working together to create a coordinated pathway, we are helping students move forward while preparing educators who will make a difference in the lives of children and families.”

Students interested in becoming an early childhood educator can learn more about the Enhanced Early Childhood Education Pathway by connecting with Mid’s Admissions team by calling 989-386-6622, emailing admissions@midmich.edu or visiting midmich.edu/edu.

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Outdoors With Jeff

Just a few days ago, I was sitting back in my recliner, watching some old movie. I don't remember what the movie was, as I got bored, something popped up in my head. It's only a couple days until archery season starts.

It was like a panic attack in a way, I haven't even thought of bow season, and it will take more than a couple days to be ready, on opening day.

A couple weeks ago, I went to Jay's Sporting Goods celebration of fifty-five years in business. I had a great time, walking around and seeing people that I haven't seen for many months. The reason I only see them in Jay's about once a year, is because of the opener of bow season.

As I said in pervious articles, I love to watch the people walking around at Jay's. This year was no exception.

While I was talking to some old-time hunters, which I have hunted with for years. I watched the couple standing over in the archery department. The husband was looking at cross bows; the wife or his companion was off to the side looking at something else.

As his wife or companion was looking she got farther and farther and eventually went out of sight. This is when her hunter picked up



JEFF GOYT

an expensive cross bow; he must have fondled that bow for several minutes. I noticed after several minutes passed by, he started looking around a lot, like he was looking for his companion, he couldn't find her. She was four or five rows over from him. It appeared that after a few minutes, with this cross bow, you could see he was deep in thought. I wondered what he was thinking, he would look at the bow and then look around the store many times, it was then, I realized, by watching his body manners, he was planning on how he was going to tell his companion he was purchasing that bow.

Once he made the decision, he got some cross bow bolts and some broad heads. It was not long; his wife appeared out of virtually nowhere. She stopped and the smile on her face disappeared suddenly. It wasn't long and the two of them walked towards the checkout, him in tow of a new cross bow and her with a scowl.

Some of you, reading this article, would ask did this come from training as a police officer? The answer is no. I got the training some forty years ago, from my wife. I remember her face when I would find something that I need to purchase for hunting. My wife's standard response when I bought something was do you really need that? For forty years or more this ceremony occurred every time.

Now with only a few days until opener of bow season, bow hunters and I are getting our stuff together for the opening day. Hunters and I have already checked their tree blind. We checked for any branches from the tree that would interfere with a shot. We also have checked out the safety factors of the tree blind. Making sure the welded joints are still good. We are also checking the seat to make sure it hasn't rotted.

Now the high temperatures, hopefully are gone. Hunters are starting to see more deer. I have seen many photos on social media, of young hunters bagging some nice deer, during the youth hunt. I think this will be a favorable deer season. Hunters that plant plots are telling me the plots look great. Only a few days and the season will start! Hunters are out in their back yards shooting their bows, making sure they are still accurate and safe. Many, like me, have taken their bows down to Jay's and had minor repairs.

A couple of weeks ago, I watched several kids accompanied by their dad, come into a store to purchase their youth hunt licenses. The young hunters had a fantastic grin on their faces, I think the grin was bigger on dad's face, they couldn't be prouder.

I wish all the hunters out there to have a great hunting season and a safe one.



Clare County History

Historical Society Holds Old Fashion Day and Announces History Award Winners

By ANGELA KELLOGG-HENRY
Cleaver Managing Editor

The weather cooperated again this year to give the Clare County Historical Society a beautiful fall day to wrap up their season. Old Fashion Day is held at the end of every year before the museum closes for the winter season. Families and local visitors enjoyed donuts, homemade bean soup and cornbread, live music, and touring the museum complex grounds.

The grounds include a large museum holding local history displays, the Dover one-rooms schoolhouse, a working blacksmith shop, and two pioneer cabins. Beautiful grounds in a country setting make visiting the museum a really nice stop on any Saturday.

The Twenty Lakes Antique Engine and Tractor Club displayed many antique tractors, and the Clare Fire Department was on site for tours of their very modern firefighting and first responder equipment.

This year's annual collectible pin celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Dover one-room schoolhouse. It is the reason the historical society's museum complex is located at 7050 S. Eberhart Ave, and the school is in its original location. It is mostly in the same condition when students last graduat-

To commemorate the USA 250th anniversary, the historical society held a local history contest. Those entering were required to be Clare County residents and could write about any local history topic. A panel of three judges independently scored the entries, and they were announced on Old Fashion Day. First prize was awarded \$150, second prize \$75 and third prize \$25.

Third place went to Bill White for his entry about the roadside park in Clare County from the 1930s. He shared a history and memories of the roadside park on Old 27.

Second place went to Elizabeth Queen for her "3 Lakes Legacy" a delightful poster board story about her family history in the area. Through photos, art and essay she outlined over 150 years of family history. First place was award to Frank Hutchinson for his essay "A True Life Story About Norman" which took place from 1880 to present day.

Although the museum is now closed for the year the history



Local history contest winners are displayed on the counter of the 'Clare County Country Store' exhibit in the museum.

Saturday's May through September. The last Saturday in September is Old Fashion Day and will take place again on September 25, 2027.

New members are welcome for just \$10 per year. The his-

torical society will hold their last meeting of 2026 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the museum located at 7050 S. Eberhart Ave., Clare. Visit www.clarecountyhistory.org/ for more information.



The Sunshine String Band entertained this year with live music with a backdrop of antique quilts on display on the museum porch.



The Twenty Lakes Antique Engine and Tractor Club members attended Old Fashion Day and displayed many of their tractors. (Cleaver photos by Angela Kellogg-Henry)

ed from the school in 1966 with a few preservation efforts over the years. The pin was designed and made by CCHS member Carron Nevill.

contest winners will be displayed next year throughout the season. The Clare County Historical Society museum complex is open from 1-4 p.m. on



This year's collectible pin celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Dover one-room school on the CCHS museum complex property.

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Outside Looking In Fore!

By: Charlie Zieseemer

Last week was our annual father-son golf weekend. This tradition started over 50 years ago when us brothers, Tom, Rick and I decided to get away in the fall and play some golf. We would drive to Harrison and camp out at Wilson State Park, play golf at a few of the courses available in the area and visit various bars and restaurants. As the years progressed and our families grew, we decided to bring our children, now adults, up to enjoy the great family time.

We kicked off this year playing The Tamaracks. We play this course every year. It's a fun and challenging course and it is the most reasonable pricewise because we get a great rate through "Group Golfer". Owner Mike Hawkins is always so welcoming and accommodating.

One of my most memorable times playing Tamaracks was about 30 years ago. Brother Rick and I decided to do some fall



CHARLIE ZIESEMER

camping in November. It was a rather nice day, so we decided to head over to see if the course was open. Pulling into the carless lot I noticed there were some carts parked by the clubhouse. I walked up to clubhouse where there was a sign on the front door, golf with a cart \$10, help yourself. I yelled out to Rick, "they're open". We went to the party store by the course, bought some beer, and played some golf. I thought it was so nice that

Mike trusted his customers enough to offer golf and a cart on the honor system. Not sure if he still does that but Rick and I had a great time and we will never forget that fun time at Tamaracks. Thanks Mike.

In the afternoon our sons and nephews played another favorite, The Quest in Houghton Lake. Us dads decided to stay back in camp. Our days of playing more than 18 holes a day are long gone.

The next day we played another favorite, Snow Snake. This course is rather challenging. Hills and trees make for some blind shots that make this course unique. My highlight was shot on #10. I stood with the ball at the base of the hill looking up to the green. I could see the tip of the flag giving me an idea where the hole was. I chipped up to their green but could not see the green. I called out to Jim, my son-in-law Andy's dad, if he could see my ball. He looked at the green and said no, unless it went in the hole. He walked to the hole, glanced down and gave me a thumbs up.

The next day we were supposed

to play Eagle Glen, another favorite. Unfortunately, it was about to rain so we decided not to play. That was disappointing because we enjoy this course every year. I think it is one of the hidden gems in the Harrison area.

Another course we enjoy but did not play this year is Devil's Knob. This course has some great memories because we played golf with my grandpa, uncle, and my dad. Those early years of our lives and time spent with family are priceless. The tradition of our families coming together to camp and enjoy time with each other started way back then. As I look back over the last 75 years, I realize the importance of family time together. We were fortunate to have parents and family who started these traditions. As I look ahead, I can't wait to pass these traditions on to my grandkids. Maybe I can learn to play golf better along the way.

Do you have any stories to tell? Send them to me at cziese-mer49@gmail.com or in care of the Cleaver.

Harsh public debates make some wary of holding local elected positions

By KIERA KEMPPAINEN
Capital News Service

LANSING — Many Michigan townships are facing vacancies for elective positions as the tone of public comment becomes harsh.

In Saline Township, for exile, Treasurer Jennifer Zink announced her resignation during a board meeting in May after weeks of public debate over an AI data center in the township.

During meetings, residents voiced concerns over water use, overnight outdoor lighting and emissions, leading to a lawsuit between the data company building the project and the township, which the board voted to settle.

"I can't take it anymore — the threats that 'I'm going to tar and feather you,'" Zink said during the recorded meeting. "It's disgusting. It's horrible. I can't do it anymore."

Zink's experience is one example of the scrutiny township officials face.

Part of the problem with filling township positions is the influx of attacks on local officials for doing normal work, said Tom Hickson, the executive director of the Michigan Townships Association.

"People show up to the meetings with grievances that the township officials maybe can do nothing about," Hickson said.



Tom Hickson is executive director of the Michigan Townships Association. (Michigan Townships Association photo)

"A great example," he said, is a 2023 state law that "took away community decision making for townships and cities for zoning for wind and solar and battery plants" for large-scale projects.

Hickson said that residents can go to their township to complain, but the townships can do nothing because the state took over the zoning, leading officials to be harassed at meetings due to their lack of solutions.

Opinions from the public can turn violent.

According to the Department of the Attorney General, two Michigan residents from Metro Detroit were recently arraigned for allegedly making threats toward elected officials, including Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

"Thousands of Michigan residents answer the call to serve through elected office, be it as the local mayor or in statewide office," said Attorney Gen. Dana Nessel in a

press release. "Unfortunately, hate crimes and threats of terrorism against officials at all levels of government are becoming increasingly common."

Hickson said he has not seen extreme levels of hostility against the association's members, but intimidation at meetings is common.

"Something we hear from our members is, 'If I'm making some stipend per meeting, is it worth it to sit there and take the abuse?' For some people, yeah, they can handle it, but it may be a slight deterrent for other people," Hickson said.

A survey from the University of Michigan recently reported that 77% of township officials believe there are not enough residents running for office and serving on boards.

Hickson said that though officials may believe that to be the case, the association has never seen an instance where nobody has been willing to stand for election. He said there is an appointment process in case that happens.

The association is working with its 1,240 township members to find solutions to fill these roles, Hickson said.

"Having a one-size-fits-all approach is not going to work," Hickson said. "Michigan's a very diverse state, and one thing we know is that people love their communities. Hopefully, we can get people to volunteer and do this."

ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS: DISCOVER ALL YOU CAN DO ONLINE WITH SOCIAL SECURITY

By Hillary Hatch, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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MEET THE CANDIDATE

Stephenson Announces Candidacy

Hi, my name is Matt Stephenson and I am running for Mayor of Harrison Nov. 3rd..

I was born here and left at 6 months old to live in the U.P. and Ohio, and returned to Harrison at age 10. My dad was MIA/POW in Vietnam and a 100% disabled vet. My grandpa was with the Teamsters and both my grandfathers went through WWII. Both my parents were real estate landlords and always kept rent prices lower than everyone else.

I had my first job with my dad in skilled labor before I became a freelance political consultant. I ran a youth rights organization for many years. I am a precinct delegate for the city.

Harrison ranks No. 1 in the state for poverty and Clare Count ranks No. 1 for blight and meth, and has the lowest median household income and lowest property values. This makes it difficult to make a living.

We struggle with businesses in Harrison because everything is family-owned and franchised, and wages are too low. Most people in town are either retired, disabled or own a business or they can't work because of lack of transportation or childcare or are caregivers. It is not laziness or lack of responsibility. I will focus on poverty, home-



lessness, healthcare, environment, traffic and noise (chainsaws, ATVs, dirt bikes, mufflers, loud altercations, etc.). I will not run our town like a business, but like a struggling community.

I'll put money where it needs to go to best benefit citizens, job growth, consumers and into our local cemetery and roads.

Our student population has dwindled since the Y2K era, we can't pass school bonds or retain graduates or a young working population. This affects tax revenue.

We need "outside the box" idealistic-realistic thinking to turn things around. I will start from my very first Council meeting to address residents' concerns and make our town a place where people want to visit, work, live, vacation and spend money.

I look forward to being our next mayor and providing leadership that gets results. Vote Matt Stephenson for Mayor Nov. 3rd.

Sincerely,
Matt Stephenson

NOTICE: The Clare County Cleaver will print one Announcement of Candidacy for a registered candidate per election not to exceed 700 words. The views of candidates for office do not reflect the views of the Clare County Cleaver editor or employees.

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Spiritual Center of Clare Dedicates Peace Pole and Labyrinth/Meditation Garden

On Sunday, Sept. 20, a local New Thought community, the Spiritual Center of Clare, located at 215 W. Sixth St., Clare, MI, gathered to dedicate a brand-new meditation garden and Peace Pole, marking a three-year journey of love, planning and collective labor by its members. In the true spirit of “Gadugi” (Cherokee for working together). The timing of the dedication carries profound significance as it took place one day before World Peace Day, September 21. This is a global observance dedicat-



Tom LaGoe, John Temelko and Charlene Mahoney prepare to place the peace pole in the meditation garden at the Spiritual Center of Clare.



Members of the Spiritual Center of of Clare pose in their newly completed garden. Back Row: John Temelko, Rev. Bob Allen, Kim Stackowicz, Rev. Lorna Brown, Chuck Norman, Thomas Berger. Front Row: Evelyn Bovan, Michelle Bains, Darwin Bains.

ed to strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.

This sacred space, which officially began taking physical shape with the planting of the

Peace Pole on September 8, serves as a permanent sanctuary for reflection, harmony and spiri-



Members of the Spiritual Center of Clare labor over their new mediation garden installed in honor of their founder Anne Hobart.





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OBITUARY

Samantha Rose Barnes

December 16, 1982- September 18, 2026



Samantha Rose Barnes, age 43, tragically passed away on Friday, September 18, 2026,

in Clare County, Michigan. Samantha was born on December 16, 1982, to Olin Gleason and the late Mary Richard. Known for her bright red hair, beautiful freckles, and a warm, kind smile, Samantha had a gentle spirit that brought immense joy to those who loved her. She found comfort and community during her time in Harrison, Michigan, and her presence will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her. She is survived by her beloved father, Olin Gleason, and step-

mother, Alice Gleason; her devoted older brother, Butch Richard, and his wife; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Richard, as well as her beloved wife, Amy Barnes, who passed away alongside her. The family is assisted by Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel & Cremation Service in Harrison. Memorial services will be held privately by the family at a later date.



Handmade sign by a member of the Spiritual Center of Clare for the meditation garden honoring founder Anne Hobart.

tual connection.

At the heart of the garden is a uniquely designed Red Path (Road) featuring a labyrinth built entirely by members. They received help from Mr. Dennis McDonald, owner of All Pro Automotive in Harrison. He donated a bench and helped restore all four benches. Standing in the center is the newly dedicated Peace Pole. Imprinted with the universal prayer, “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in four languages. English, Spanish, Cherokee and Aramaic (the language Jesus spoke). Rev. Lorna Brown and local artist researched the languages that were chosen. She “wood burned” the prayer on each side. The pole serves as a visual anchor for global unity. There are two gardens in opposite

corners, a rock garden, a dry river rock creek and a metal sculpture of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The Spiritual Center gathered in a circle of “love and shared intention,” members affirmed during a communal responsive reading at the ceremony. “By anchoring peace in this soil today, we anchor it deeply in our hearts, we commit to thinking peace, speaking peace and being peace.”

We have fulfilled the vision of our founder Anne Hobart. Look for the miracles, Nancy A. Temelko

Editor’s note: Rev. Bob Allen is the grandson of the former owners of the Cleaver Jessie and Martha Allen. The Allen’s owned the Cleaver in the early 1900s.

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2026-90018-CH
Hon. Tara S. Hovey

Court Address:
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PLAINTIFF:
ALVIN HUTCHISON &
WILMA HUTCHISON,
Husband and Wife
**PLAINTIFF'S ATTOR-
NEY:**
JEFFREY J. KLAUS
(P59563)
127 W. 4th Street, Suite 1
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Clare, MI 48617
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v. MICHAEL CATHCART
and LAURA A. BROWN,
and all UNKNOWN Heirs,
Devises, or Assignees of a
deceased person who may
have an interest in the sub-
ject matter of the action,
and ALL UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS.
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in
this court by the Plaintiffs
to Quiet Title to the follow-
ing described Real Prop-
erty:
Land Situated in Franklin
Township, Clare County,
Michigan, to wit:
Parcel 1; Lot 50 of White-
wood Acres, according to
the recorded Plat thereof,
Franklin Township, Clare
County, Michigan and Par-
cel 2; Lot 25 of Whitewood
Acres, according to the
recorded Plat thereof,
Franklin Township, Clare
County, Michigan (Herein-
after the "Land")
Parcel ID # 18-004-650-
050-00 and 18-004-650-
025-00.
2. You must file your an-
swer or take other action
permitted by law in this
court at the court address at
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son, MI 48625 on or before
October 15, 2026. If you
fail to do so, a default judg-
ment may be entered
against you for the relief
demanded in the complaint
filed in this case.
3. A copy of this order shall
be published once each
week for three consecutive
weeks in the Clare County
Clever, and proof of pub-
lication shall be filed in this
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Signed: Honorable Tara S.
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some part of them, at a
public auction sale to the
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of holding the circuit court
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gage may be greater on the
day of the sale. Placing the
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the purchaser to free and
clear ownership of the
property. A potential pur-
chaser is encouraged to
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the conditions of a mort-
gage made by Carl D.
Crawford and Frances M.
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tems, Inc., as nominee for
Citizens Bank, its succes-
sors and assigns, Mort-
gagee, dated May 24, 2004
and recorded June 2, 2004
in Liber 912, Page 326 and
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Page 419, Clare County
Records, Michigan. Said
mortgage is now held by
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ment. There is claimed to
be due at the date hereof
the sum of Sixty-Six Thou-
sand Nine Hundred Sixteen
and 63/100 Dollars
(\$66,916.63).
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contained in said mortgage
and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice
is hereby given that said
mortgage will be fore-
closed by a sale of the
mortgaged premises, or
some part of them, at pub-
lic venue at the place of
holding the circuit court
within Clare County, Mich-
igan at 11:00 AM on NO-

VEMBER 4, 2026.
Said premises are located
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Clare County Michigan,
and are described as:
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realty and shall pass with
it." 1725 South Jackson Ave-
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The redemption period
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date of such sale, unless de-
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foreclosure sale, pursuant
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Firm Name: Orlans Law
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Firm Phone Number: (248)
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NOTICE OF LAND
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personally and as attorney-
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lander and Irene N. Gil-
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the first part), and Marty
J. Hall and Sharon Kay
Hall, husband and wife, as
Purchasers (parties of the
second part), concerning
the property described as:
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Subdivision, being part of
the South ½ of the South-

east ¼, Section 14, Town
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County, Michigan, is in de-
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principal and/or interest,
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tract, and payment is de-
manded by the Sellers.
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of notice upon you.
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time stated, or if the mate-
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Seller:
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Haslett, MI 48840
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148 S. Putnam St.
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Ordinance 2026-05
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the
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Wind, and Battery Energy Storage Updates; Corner
Lot Accessory Structure Updates; and Building Code
Administration Updates, on September 21, 2026.
The Ordinance updates City zoning regulations for
solar energy systems, battery energy storage systems,
and wind energy systems. It establishes standards for
residential and accessory systems and requires larger
principal-use solar, battery storage, and wind facil-
ities to be located in the L-1 Light Industrial District
and receive Special Use approval.
The Ordinance also updates requirements for acces-
sory structures on residential corner lots and clarifies
that building permits, construction-code inspections,
plan reviews, and certificates of occupancy are ad-
ministered by Clare County or another agency hav-
ing jurisdiction, while City zoning and other local
approvals remain applicable.
References to the Light Industrial District are also
corrected to "L-1" to match the Official Zoning Map.
No property is rezoned by this correction.
The amendments apply throughout the City of Har-
rison. Ordinance 2026-05 will take effect thirty (30)
days after publication.
The complete Ordinance is available at cityofharri-
son-mi.gov and may be inspected or obtained upon
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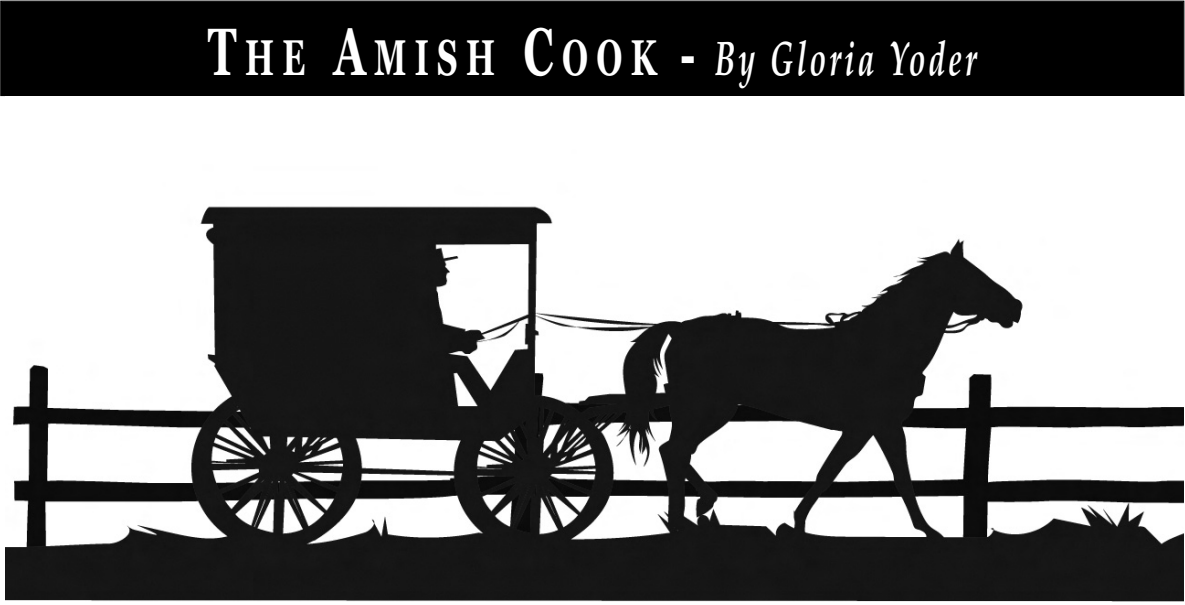
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Good morning! Stillness reigns in our aft countryside as another dawn breaks. An occasional crowing from Austin’s bantam rooster reminds me that my dream of living on a farm has come true. We may not have all the animals I’d like to have, but it’s a start. Next spring, when Julia joins our youth group, she’ll also have reached the mark where she gets to ask for that miniature cow she’s been dreaming about. Several years ago, when the question kept popping up, I told her she’d have to place the idea on the shelf until she’s 15½. It’s getting here faster than I thought it would. Oh my, we’ll see. A cow would be nice with all that rich cream, but then goats are more user-friendly for families with children who will be doing the milking. Anyway, for now we’ll take today. Julia will hopefully be able to finish training Anchor, our little pony, for Jesse to ride.

Elijah’s newest endeavor has brought many smiles to his face, this fall he’ll have his first tag to go deer hunting. Jesse is not so much into hunting just yet; he said he’d rather go riding. Hosanna suggested Jesse could give Elijah a ride back to the woods on his pony, so they could work together with their different interests.

Austin enjoys wildlife. He’d take taming and caring for small animals like squirrels or chipmunks any day. Yesterday he rescued a baby chipmunk from one of our kittens. He’s feeding it and seeing if he can nurse it back to health. This morning he was up bright and early to check on it and feed it.

Joshua, who is the littlest of them all, has taken a liking to Kanoa, our English Cream Retriever, even though she has nipped him several times. Each time it happened he was broken-hearted, but he always ended up being quite forgiving.

Though I’m not a dog lover at heart like some of you, I’ve taken a liking to Kanoa and enjoy having her around. She likes playing

fetch and we’re teaching her how to shake hands.

Hey, I just got back. Speaking of animals, Selah has been a highlight for all of us, we just got back from a drive with her. There is little, if anything, quite like going on a drive with an open wagon in the countryside. It’s a double blessing when I’m getting to the bottom of the barrel with the energy to lead out in my little family. The clip-clop and gentle breeze have a way of setting everyone at ease. Now that we’re home, Julia is making a simple supper. I’m eager for it, but I admit I feel something on the inside that is not just about eating supper. As the horse slowly made her way up the driveway to cool off before being unhitched, we were discussing bygone days. Though she does not remember, when Julia was a little girl and we lived in the trailer, our Sunday night supper usually consisted of a hamburger dip where we’d empty out the fridge and stir it all together. Sometimes we’d snip flour tortillas into wedges and deep-fry them to dip into our concoction. I’d often start on it and then Daniel would come help me wrap it up and give his opinion on the taste.

Now when my teenager suggests she could make it, why not cheer her on? There are those times it feels easier to stay in a rut and not face the realities, but then who wants to live in the myth of a protective cocoon that will only keep us from new growth?!

Speaking of stretching, this week looks like a good one. I’m excited, but I’ve also had to let go of worrying about not having everything down pat. So here it is: the youth from Danville, Ohio are planning to come to our house Friday morning and stay through Saturday after lunch, Lord willing. They are simply coming to help us! Wow. At first when I heard it I felt like laughing and crying, it meant so much to me. Now, weeks later, we have nice long lists of things around the house and farm with options of

what to tackle. Many hours have been put in , by others as well, to plan and prepare for the event. On Friday evening our local youth, youth leaders, and some neighbors will also be joining, which will make 80 people at supper. Yes, bring it on, I love people and I love seeing things flow when everyone is out for the good of others. All the food is being brought in — whoopee!

I’ll be back to fill you all in. In the meantime, know that you can and do make a difference right where you are today. It need not be grand.... A word of life generally carries more weight than a thousand words of criticism. And as I was reminding my children, every word we speak is documented. Is mine worth listening to?

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Dip Instructions

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LINCOLN TOWNSHIP, CLARE COUNTY
LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Lincoln Township, Clare County, Michigan ("Township"), will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on 12 October, 2026, at the Lincoln Township Hall (175 Lake George Ave., Lake George, MI 48633), to hear objections to the petition, proposed improvements, the proposed estimate of costs, and the proposed special assessment district for improvements related to, among other things, paving Lake Road, North Street, and Pine Street located in Lincoln Township (referred to as the "Lake Road Improvements"). At the public hearing, the Township Board will consider any objections, revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the petition, plans, estimate of costs or special assessment district. The Lake 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:

Proposed Lake Road Improvements: A project to make improvements to, among other things, paving Lake Road, North Street, and Pine Street located in Lincoln Township, Clare County, Michigan.

Proposed Special Assessment District: Certain properties along Lake Road, North Street, and Pine Street within Lincoln Township as further described in Exhibit A of Resolution 091426-A on-file at the Township Hall (a list of parcel identification numbers and a map).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans showing the proposed Lake Road Improvements, locations and estimated costs, petition, and the proposed special assessment district are on file with the Township Clerk, Carol Majewski, 175 Lake George Ave., Lake George, MI 48633, for public examination during by appointment 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 with the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

Lincoln 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

Carol Majewski, Clerk
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 - CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLARE COUNTY:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026. THE FOLLOWING POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS CITY/TOWNSHIPS ARE OPEN:

CITIES:

City of Clare	Pere Marquette District Library 185 E. Fourth Street, Clare, MI 48617
City of Harrison	2105 Sullivan Drive, Harrison, MI 48625

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Arthur Township	3031 S. Athey Avenue, Clare, MI 48617
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Garfield Township	9348 Terry Street, Lake, MI 48632
Grant Township	3022 E. Surrey Road, Clare, MI 48617
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Redding Township	8391 W. Temple Drive, Harrison, MI 48625
Sheridan Township	8987 E. Surrey Road, Clare, MI 48625
Summerfield Township	9971 N. Finley Lake Avenue, Harrison, MI 48625
Surrey Township	110 E. Michigan Street, Farwell, MI 48622
Winterfield Township	8987 Cook Avenue, Marion, MI 49665

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that voters will be voting on the following:

State:	Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General
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State Boards:	Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University
Judicial:	Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of 4th District Court of Appeals, Judge of 55th Circuit Court, Judge of 76th District Court, Judge of 80th District Court
County:	County Road Commissioner
Township:	Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee
Village of Farwell:	President, Trustee
City:	Mayor, City Council, City Commissioner
School Boards:	Clare Public Schools, Farwell Area Schools, Harrison Community Schools, Gladwin Community Schools, Beaverton Schools, Marion Public Schools, McBain Agricultural School, Evart Public Schools, and Mid-Michigan College

Harrison Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal Exempting Principal Residence and Other Property Exempted by Law 17.4362 Mills for 10 Years. Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Harrison Community Schools, 224 West Main Street, P.O. Box 529, Harrison, Michigan 48625, Telephone: (989) 539-7871.

Mid-Michigan College Mid-Michigan College Charter Millage Proposal 0.2929 Mill (0.2929 on Each \$1,000 of Taxable Value) in Perpetuity to Restore Millage Reduction. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Mid-Michigan College, 1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison, Michigan 48625-9447, Telephone: (989) 386-6622.

Grant Township Road Improvement Millage Renewal 1.1802 Mills for 10 Years. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the offices of Grant Township Hall, 3022 E. Surrey Road, Clare, MI 48617. Telephone: (989) 339-4274.

Lincoln Township Fire and Rescue Millage Renewal of 0.35 mills for 5 years. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Lincoln Township Hall, 175 Lake George Avenue, Lake George, MI 48633. Telephone: (989) 588-9841 ext.6.

Redding Township Library Millage Proposal of 0.3 mill (\$0.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 5 years. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Redding Township Hall, 8391 W. Temple Drive, Harrison, MI 48625. Telephone: (231) 743-9525

Surrey Township Road Millage adoption of 1 Mill for 10 Years. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Surrey Township Hall, 110 E. Michigan, Farwell, MI 48622. Telephone: (989) 588-6691.

Winterfield Township Road Millage Renewal Proposal of 2.00000 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 2027-2030. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained from Township Clerk, Dianna Powell-Reid, 7681 Orchid Ln, Marion, MI 49665. Telephone: (231) 468-4961.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local township/city clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help American Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in the alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities. In an effort to reduce costs, this publication is being provided cooperatively with approval by township and city clerks. Not all proposals noted above will appear on all ballots. You may view a sample of your ballot with the exact wording of the proposal(s) online at www.clareclerkrod.com as well as verifying your voter registration. You may also visit the Secretary of State website at www.mi.gov/vote for further information. For election night results visit www.clareclerkrod.com. This notice is given as required by law (MCL 168.653a).

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City of Clare Commission Meeting Unofficial Condensed Minutes September 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Clare City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Clare City Hall Commission Chambers by Mayor Pat Humphrey who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Commissioners Pat Humphrey, Bob Bonham, Kim Bussell, and Nick Loomis. Absent: Gus Murphy.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was supported and approved.

Public Comment: Vincent White.

Motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit was supported and approved.

Motion to set 2026 Trick-or-Treating on October 31 from 6-8pm was supported and approved.

Motion to approve a revised bid from Peerless-Midwest for Well #9 rehabilitation was supported and approved.

Motion to approve quotes and select GFA for IP3 streets and infrastructure design was supported and approved.

The Treasurer’s Report was received.

The City Manager’s Report was received.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Commission Topics: None.

Motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm was supported and approved.

A complete copy of the minutes is available at the Clerk’s office upon request. After approval, minutes are posted on the City website: cityofclare.gov. -Boards & Commissions-Mayor and City Commission. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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LOCAL SPORTS & MORE

Win over Beaverton a first for Farwell since 2011

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sports Writer

It's safe to say that Farwell's win on the football field over Beaverton on Friday was a long time coming. The Eagles, who were hosting the Beavers, mostly controlled things on the field, picking up a 40-8 Jack Pine Conference victory; their first win over Beaverton since 2011.

"It is a great win," head coach Travis Waddell said. "(Beaverton head coach) Aaron Seiser does a great job at Beaverton. His players are always well prepared and well coached. It has been a long time since Farwell has beat them so it definitely gives our team some confidence."

Beaverton was coming off a 36-20 win over St. Louis the week before, the Farwell was able to slow the Beavers down, giving up just one touchdown in the first quarter.

"We had a couple of different defensive schemes that we ran on Friday," Waddell said. "Once we had a feel for what they were trying to do, I think our players settled in. We also forced a turnover and had a blocked punt that gave us short fields on offense."

As for the Eagle offense, they got things going on their first drive. They went 53 yards on nine plays, capped by a Hunter Edlin fun from seven yards away. Edlin also rushed in the two-pointer to make it 8-0.

The Beavers struck back with their lone scoring drive, knotting things up at 8-8.

Beaverton stalled out on its next possession, and attempted to punt the ball away. Farwell had other ideas though, as they blocked the punt, setting the Eagles up in good field position. They scored six plays later, with Mason Esterline getting in from one yard out. An Edlin extra point made it 16-8.

Treyton Lassen forced a fumble on Beaverton's next offensive series, and Farwell cashed in again, this time getting a drive to end in a 15-yard scoring jaunt by Edlin, and it was 22-8.

The Eagles got the ball back on their own 30-yard line with about two minutes to play in the half. They put together an

impressive drive in the final moments, going the length of the field in eight plays, ending with a 30-yard touchdown pass from Esterline to Hect, and it was 28-8 at the half.

"That touchdown pass from Esterline to Hect just before halftime was a huge momentum swing for us," Waddell said.

A lengthy scoring drive for Farwell ate up much of the third quarter; which ended on a 26-yard touchdown pass from Esterline to Hayden Roberts and it was 34-8 after three.

Farwell's fourth quarter score was a six yar run from Edlin.

The Eagles had over 400 yards of total offense in the game, with 342 of that coming on the ground.

Roberts led the ground game with 121 yards and he also had 26 receiving yards and one touchdown. Edline finished with 102 yards rushing and three touchdowns, Aiden Barkley ran for 81 yards and Esterline had 83 yards of total offense and three touchdowns; including going two-of-two passing for 56 yards and two scores, both completions going to Hect.

"This game was about our offensive and defensive lines, led by Hunter Miller and Cooper Stover," Waddell said. "They were bigger than us up front, but I thought we played more physical."

Hayden Roberts led the defense with nine tackles, while Barkley, Edlin and Memphis Peever had seven tackles each. Esterline had six tackles and one interception.

"Big win for our team and our program," Waddell said. "They are well coached and always disciplined. We feel like this was a quality win for our team."

Farwell (3-2 overall, 2-1 Jack Pine) hosts St. Louis (0-5, 0-3) on Friday. The Sharks have had a few close games this year, but did fall to Harrison last week, 46-14.

"St. Louis is a good football team and they will have a huge size advantage against us," Waddell said. "We will need to match their physicality if we want to be competitive. (Their head) coach Ben Brock will have them ready to go."



At left, Farwell's Alaina Slocum makes a play on the ball. At right, Farwell's Mya Yarhouse sends the ball over the net during last week's match at Ogemaw Heights.



Farwell volleyball drops road match at Ogemaw Heights

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sports Writer

The Farwell volleyball team had a road Jack Pine Conference match at Ogemaw Heights on Wednesday, Sept. 23. The Lady Eagles were unable to hang with the Lady Falcons though, and they fell in straight sets, 25-10, 25-18 and 25-19.

While they struggled to get much going in the opening frame, they battled O-H well in the final two sets.

They had some closer sets in a home Jack Pine game against St. Louis on Monday, Sept. 21, though they came up short 25-20, 25-20

and 25-16. On Sept. 16 it was a home Jack Pien match with Standish-Sterling, and this one went four sets, though the Lady Panthers came away winners, 23-25, 25-22, 25-21 and 25-15.

Back on Sept. 9, Farwell did defeat visiting Clare in a match that went five thrilling sets, 13-25, 25-22, 25-21 and 25-15.

Further details and stats were not provided for these matches.

Farwell had a road match at Pinconning on Wednesday, and they'll be at home with Beaverton on Tuesday. They also host their home tournament on Saturday, Oct. 10.



Emma Barnett begins her serve attempt.

Clare girls golf places third at JPC meet

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sports Writer

The Clare girls golf team played in an 18-hole Jack Pine Conference event on Tuesday, Sept. 22. This meet was held at Maple Leaf Golf Course and hosted by Pinconning. The Lady Pioneers had some good rounds, but had to settle for third place overall, with a team score of 436. Standish-Sterling took first with a 385, Ogemaw Heights was second with 408, and host Pinny was fourth on a round of 483.

The Pioneers were led by Ella Pettersch who was seventh overall with a round of 107 and Jade Alexander was ninth after carding a 108. Joelle English came in with a round of 110 and was 11th over-

all and Natalie Fischer was 12th thanks to shooting a 111. Rayna Kruskamp was also 15th with a 114 and Jane Krell was 23rd with a 130.

Clare was at the Ogemaw Heights Invitational on Tuesday, they'll be at Reed City today (Thursday) and they'll be at the West Branch Country Club on Monday for their Division 3 regional.



Clare girls win first Jack Pine Conference jamboree

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sports Writer

Clare had five girls finish in the top 10 of the first Jack Pine Conference meet in Gladwin on Wednesday, Sept. 23. That pretty much allowed the Lady Pioneers to dominate the event, held at the Gladwin County Recreation Area, winning with 32 points. Meridian was second with 66 and Shepherd was third with 73. Harrison and Farwell did not figure into the team scoring.

"I was proud of how well our girls ran," Clare girls' head coach Kyle McKown said. "They have been working very hard and our overall performance was a nice reflection of the dedication that all of the girls on the team have been putting into this season. We had six different girls set season's best times on the day. We know that this is only one of three Jack Pine Conference jamborees and there is still much more work to do. Our conference is tough and there are a lot of good teams this year."

On the boys' side, Shepherd took first with 24, Gladwin was second with 61 points and Bullock Creek took third with 91. Harrison finished seventh with 162 points, while Farwell did not have a team score.

The Lady Pioneers were led by Sophia Buzzelli, who was third overall with a time of 20:11. Lauren Leis was fifth with a 20:42, Quinn Drake followed in sixth at 20:52, Emma Stotzel was eighth and

Elizabeth Letherer was 10th, with runs of 21:08 and 21:26. Ava Robinson was also 14th at 21:56, Leah Leis finished 19th thanks to a time of 22:30, Rebecca Rubei was 61st at 26:48, Jordyn Maki was 67th at 29:27, Aaliyah Smith was 76th at 40:15 and Olivia Dubay crossed the line 77th with a 41:05.

For the Clare boys, Connor Schmidt crossed in 12th with a time of 17:46, Joseph Haupt was 18th with an 18:09 and Sutton Klaus was 22nd with an 18:43. Christian Villa-Bilton was 30th with a 19:02, Greg Steele placed 42nd at 20:09 and Carter Chapman was 75th with a run of 22:29. Hayden Wright-Johns followed with a 77th place run with a 22:33, Jace Montney was 88th at 23:56 and Koleton Murdoch was 98th at 32:34.

Harrison had some solid runs too, and their boys were led by Logan Young in fourth overall, with a great time of 16:46. Kaiden Eichorn was 45th and Jayden Bobzien was 46th, on runs of 20:14 and 20:21. Malachi Coulson was 52nd on a run of 20:48, Chase Dhaene was 54th with a 20:51, Gavin Jansen placed 71st after crossing at 21:52, Adam Eichorn was 84th with a 23:13 and Cory Westbrook was 90th at 24:16.

The Harrison girls had Bella Young finish 12th with a 21:44 and Caitlin Kirby was 38th on a time of 24:01.

The Farwell boys were just one runner short of having a team score. They had Conner Cousineau get a sub-19-minute time, getting an 18:45, good for 26th place. Clayton Lutes was 65th after seeing a time of 21:43, Callen Mogg was 73rd at 22:00 and Paxton Terrian was 82nd at 23:05.

Farwell had their girls led by Mariah DeGeer, as she was 57th on a run of 26:07. Aubrianna Terrian and Sierra Spence also ran, coming in 68th and 70th respectively, with times of 30L14 and 31:35.

The second Jack Pine Conference jamboree will be hosted by Bullock Creek on Oct. 7 and the championship race is Oct. 21, hosted by Clare at Mid Michigan College.

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The Jack Pine Conference is the athletic conference in Central Michigan composed of the following schools, divided into two divisions by enrollment.

Division 1: Bullock Creek, **Clare**, Gladwin, Ogemaw Heights, Shepherd, Standish-Sterling Central.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Clare County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at Liberty Mountain Chalet, 1001 Mott Mountain Road, Farwell. Visit www.clarecountygop.com

Clare / Gladwin UAW meeting at Noon on Friday, Oct. 9. Flue & Covid shots available. For info call Dave at 989-426-9154.

The Clare County Democratic Party will meet at 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, Oct. 14 in the Senior Services Building, 212 Broad St., Harrison. The Public is welcome. For more information go to www.clarecountymocrats.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clarecountydems.

GriefShare support group at 6 p.m. every Monday at the Harrison District Library. For more information, call 989-539-6582.

Cancer Support Group/Clare County will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Harrison District Library. Patients and caregivers welcome.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings are held at Sheri's Diner, 316 E. Park St. at 7 p.m. Saturdays; at noon and 7 p.m. Mondays; and at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Harrison District Library.

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

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

Clare football falls in tight battle with Gladwin

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sports Writer

Friday's meeting on the football field between Clare and Gladwin was certainly a thriller. Unfortunately for the Pioneers they came up just a few plays short of picking up a victory, falling to the Flying G's, 14-13 in the Jack Pine Conference showdown.

"It doesn't take much to get motivated for this game, and the guys were ready to go and competed extremely hard all game," head coach Steven Spranger said. "Unfortunately, in the second half they just made more big plays than we did, and we weren't able to finish drives with points."

The game started off pretty well for the Pioneers. They got a touchdown pass in the first quarter from Dane Alexander to Jayden Nemetz for 17 yards for a 6-0 lead and they made that 13-0 in the second quarter, when Alexander broke free for a 49-yard scoring rush. An extra point from Brayden Humphrey put them ahead 13-0; an advantage they held into the half.

Clare held Gladwin off the scoreboard for much of the third quarter too, but Preston Newman rushed in from 26-yards out with 1:11 to play in that frame, and an extra point made it 13-7. The Flying G's scored the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth, with Newman getting another scoring run, this time from six yards out and they followed with another extra point.

Clare did get a chance at a potential game-winning field-goal from 34-yards out with 19 seconds remaining, but that attempt

was just off the mark; allowing Gladwin to escape with the win.

"They have a big, strong, and experienced offensive and defensive line," Spranger said. "I thought we were able to match their level at times and we've shown a tremendous amount of growth in that area as the season has gone on. Unfortunately, we were on the wrong end of a tremendous football game."

The Pioneers were led by Alexander who was 13-of-20 passing for 201 yards and one touchdown and he also rushed for 90 yards and a score on 20 attempts. Mason Heintz ran 13 times for 47 yards and Nemetz led the receiving game with four receptions for 71 yards and a touchdown. Donovan Hoogerhyde had four receptions for 58 yards, Marcus Haynak had three grabs for 50 yards and Judah Woods hauled in a pair of passes for 22 yards.

For the defense, Bryce Mills had eight tackles, Heintz had seven tackles and one sack and Hoogerhyde added five tackles.

Clare (2-3 overall, 1-2 Jack Pine) has another tough road test on Friday, when they head for Shepherd (3-2, 1-2). The BlueJays are coming off their biggest win of the year last week, when they topped Ogemaw Heights 14-12.

"They're playing extremely well right now, and obviously extremely confident after a massive win over state-ranked Ogemaw," Spranger said. "We will need to bring the same level of focus into Shepherd as we did this past week with Gladwin."

Clare soccer plays well in 2-2 tie with Ovid-Elsie

By BEN MURPHY
Cleaver Sports Writer

The Clare soccer team played at Ovid-Elsie on Monday, Sept. 21. The Pioneers battled well with the Marauders, earning a 2-2 tie in the final moments, that head coach Jim Bond really, really liked.

"This was the best team we played all year," he said. "They had tremendous speed up top and knew how to use it. Fortunately, Tyler Thompson, our keeper, had his best game of the year and kept us in it. Sergio Jamies tying the game up with only 16 seconds left was pretty amazing. Back-to-back 2-2 ties against two solid teams was a pretty good result for us."

Thompson made several fine saves in the first half, and it was 0-0 at the break. Both teams found their offense in the second half. O-E scored first, but the Pioneers had an answer, as Kolten Pung tracked down his own rebound, sending a perfect pass to Jamies, who delivered on the goal to knot things up at 1-1.

O-E went back in front with about 25 minutes to go in the game. With the final seconds ticking away, Pung passed the ball to Jamies again, and he sent it into the net for his 22nd goal of the year; tying things at 2-2 in the process with 16 seconds to go.

Clare also played at Alma in a non-league game on Thursday, Sept. 24. They struggled in this one, falling 5-0.

"That game didn't go so well," Bond said. "We played like a team expecting to lose in the first half and we also struggled a bit with their long thick grass.

Clare found themselves down 4-0 at the half, but they did slow the Panthers down in the final 40 minutes, giving up just one more goal.

"We came out with more energy in the second half and played a better game," Bond said. "Although we generated some chances, we were unable to convert, and they managed to score another goal. I was happy to see us pick it up in the second half, but disappointed we started the game so flat. Hopefully we will learn from it and move on."

Clare (6-3-3 overall) returned to Jack Pine Conference play at Ogemaw Heights on Monday, they hosted Shepherd on Wednesday, and they'll travel to Standish-Sterling on Monday. They'll wrap up the regular season Oct. 12 in Lakeview.

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Mid Michigan College, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Central Michigan University Partner to Host Indigenous Peoples’ Day Event

Mid Michigan College, in partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University, is honored to invite community members to a special Indigenous Peoples’ Day event 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct.12, in the Community Room on Mid’s Mt. Pleasant campus. This event is free and open to the public.

This event honors the cultural traditions, history, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, and serves as a time to uplift Native voices, celebrate cultural heritage, and reaffirm a commitment to building a more inclusive and equitable future.

The event will include: 10 a.m. Opening – Blue House Singers and Drum Circle; 10:10 a.m.; Welcome– Scott Mertes, MMC president; Neil MacKinnon, Central Michigan University president, and representatives of the Tribal Council of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; 10:30 a.m.



keynote address focused on indigenous song and dance.

This year’s event will take a deep dive into song and dance, including men’s and women’s traditional dances, men’s grass and fancy feather, and women’s jingle dress and fancy shawl. Performances coordinated by The Ziibiwing Center.

At 11 a.m. there will be Indigenous Food Sampling by Indigenous Chef Sam Anglin, followed by a noon closing with the Blue House Singers and Drum Circle.

For more information, visit mid-mich.edu/indigenous-peoples-day.

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people actually come to the office and talk with him. “I shake his hand and we walk out with an understanding.

New Business included approval of the following:

- Resolution 26-04 Adoption of City of Harrison and Hayes Township Joint Parks and Recreation Plan.
- Change the amount of additional principal payment on the building loan from \$44,000 to \$42,000 and authorize Treasurer Cavanaugh to sign the agreement [the extra payment was approved at the May 26 meeting – the paperwork required is a new requirement of the USDA].
- New IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 76 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2026.
- Additional mileage reimbursement to Andrew Goodman from July 1, 2026, to Sept. 15, 2026, due to the change of IRS mileage reimbursement rate.



Savannah Cavanaugh, Hayes Township treasurer, makes suggestions regarding possible timing for the new Hayes Township Park opening, as well as Halloween activities, tentatively planned for 4-7 p.m. Oct. 31. (Cleaver photo by Dianne Alward-Biery)

Set a tentative Arnold Lake Special Assessment District public hearing for 6 p.m. Oct. 27, prior to the Oct. 27 Board meeting.

- Start the Hayes Township

Facebook page.

Cavanaugh noted there were no plans to have a Halloween at Harrison City Park this year, and the Board approved a tentative plan to hold a 4-7 p.m. Oct. 31 Trunk or

Treat Halloween event. That event also could possibly coincide with the official opening of the new park facility. The final plan for that event will be set at the Oct. 13 Board meeting.

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Hayes Township Joint Parks and Recreation Plan.

After hearing a second reading and attendant updates, Council moved to:

- Adopt Ordinance 2026-05 – Solar, Wind and Battery Energy Storage Updates, Corner Lot Accessory Structure Updates, and Building Code Administration Updates, as written.

Reports of Committees and Department Heads began with Chief Wallace, who noted 349 runs year-to-date. He also reported that his crew responded to a devastating vehicle crash the previous Friday [referring to the pedestrian vs. vehicle double fatality on E. Townline Lake Road]. Wallace said the department’s golf outing had a good turnout, and that he would be doing an inspection the next day at the new Clare County Road Commission buildings.

Russell reported again on maintaining town and winterization. He also noted the paving project on the east side of the lake was moving forward with paving to be done the next week. Russell added that hydrant

flushing would be done along with the South Water Tower being drained for the season Sept. 29.

Maharas urged residents to check their mail boxes as “Ballots are on the way; they were mailed out today.”

Wheeler-Clay offered no report.

Freeman reported having sent two property mailings over the previous two weeks. He noted one property that was in need of a new roof, missing fascia with squirrels going in and out. Freeman said he dropped off some fascia he had, so at least the squirrels are stopped.

Cavanaugh invited Council members to the Venue open house so they could see all the work that’s been done there, particularly noting the updated lighting.

He also noted Planning Commission appointments are coming due, and that he was working on a draft of the Sheriff Contract; working on health insurance items with information to be presented at an October meeting, as well as work on the Workman’s Comp Audit. He said he had sent out the Capital Improvement Plan for review. Additional work includes the Planning Commission Bike Ordinance draft and the Nuisance

Ordinance, and updating outstanding invoices.

Cavanaugh also proposed that Council consider offering a six-week Citizen Academy next year where 10-15 residents could learn how the city works, enabling them to become “City Ambassadors” to help still others understand the city budgets, ordinances, possibly offering a water utility bus tour, and public safety [fire department].

Under New Business, Council heard a presentation by Brian Rowley of Fleis & VandenBrink who spoke of the Maple Street Lift Station No. 9 conundrum that has plagued the DPW, stymying because of its proximity to the Budd Lake and property owner structures overrunning the public access lots. He described the various scenarios considered, and the seemingly most advantageous one being considered. He has received the go-ahead to pursue a plan to accomplish that work.

Rowley also described at length the grant money for which Harrison is most assuredly to be awarded the requested amount of \$2,495,000 for

the EGLE-mandated lead service line replacement work at 214 locations. He said that due to its being considered “overburdened” it goes to the top of EGLE’s DWSRF FY27 draft Project Priority List and that the city is shown as a being in line for a 100% Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Principal Forgiveness grant.

Council then agreed to assign the work to award that work to Fleis & VandenBrink, passing a motion to:

- Approve DWSRF FY27 LSLRs full engineering services – Fleis & VandenBrink [in the amount of \$321,750].

He also reported that the Byfield paving work had been completed. That work had been originally bid at \$500,000 [\$250/\$250 split] but that work had come in significantly lower, and that MDOT had done the entire length of road. That work ended up costing \$333,000 [\$167/\$167 split] resulting in a savings of \$80,000.

Council meets next at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5 in Harrison City Hall, 2105 Sullivan Drive.

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Johnny Hunt of SUGAR (Saginaw Ukelele Gurus and Rookies) will play his ukelele and share the fun of making music at MARSP – CC (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel-Clare Chapter). The meeting will be held at the Harrison Campus of Mid-Michigan College in the Esther C Room at noon Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Karen’s famous Turkey Dinner will be provided by Harrison’s Jackpine Restaurant for \$10.



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