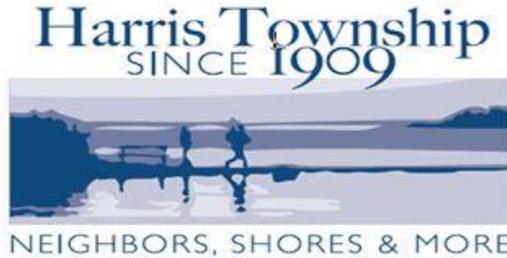


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**Mission Statement:**

The Harris Town Board strives to enhance the quality of life, protect the environment, and maintain economic stability for the residents of their community.

## Harris Township Public Accesses

Harris Township maintains four boat accesses on Pokegama Lake. Three of these landings contain docks at least 24' long x 4' wide. Portable bathrooms are available for use at all landings during the months May - Oct.

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**Woodtick Public Access**

30901/30895 Sunny Beach Road   A  
 smaller landing, no dock on site.



**Mishawaka Landing**

21631 Mishawaka Road.  
 This beautiful Public Access has a dock and a picnic area. Please responsibly enjoy our lovely Pokegama Lake landing!

**LaPlant Road Public Access**

31518 LaPlant Road  
 Nestled on the Pokegama Lake shore, this picturesque spot is easily accessed.



**Do you have newsletter tips, ideas or questions??**

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**We have new features, "Meet your Neighbor" and "Getting to Know a Township Business"**

**Casper Public Access**

28943 Sunny Beach Road  
 This access area is also known as the Troop Town Landing. Popular place for boaters in the summer.



**Facts & Figures Becky Adams, Treasurer**

Harris Township is a township in Itasca County, Minnesota. The population was 3,253 at the 2010 census. The township has a total area of 35.9 square miles, of which 31.9 square miles is land and 4.0 square mile is water. We own and maintain approximately 32.5 miles of roads; of these, about 25 miles are paved and 7.5 are gravel.

Harris Township was named for Duncan Harris, a pioneer farmer.

## “Getting to Know a Township Business”

Clayton Produce is owned by Ben and Tammy Clayton. They farm on land owned by Ben’s parents Mike and Linnea, who purchased the farm 35 years ago. Ben has been growing produce for the past ten years. In addition, he also farms approximately 300 acres around the area, growing field corn, barley, oats, and soy beans.

The main produce crop of the farm is sweet corn. The corn should be ready to harvest near the end of July or the beginning of August. In addition to sweet corn, green beans, pumpkins, squash, a variety of potatoes, summer squash, onions, several types of peppers, eggplant, cantaloupe and watermelon are grown. The farm also has 1,300 cherry tomato plants plus a 26’ x 80’ greenhouse with regular tomatoes.

The produce requires both mechanical and hand weeding. In addition, the crops are hand harvested with the exception of the green beans. A machine was purchased last year to harvest the beans, which has helped out a lot. Watering this year has been a real problem, and a great expense, due to the dry condition. During harvest time 5 to 6 people are hired to help.

Clayton Produce is set up at the old K-Mart parking lot and will open when the sweet corn is ready. For the best sweet corn in town, visit Clayton’s.



### Harris Township 2015 Meeting Schedule

The Harris Town Board will meet on the following dates in 2015, with the meetings starting at 7:30 p.m., and held at the Harris Town Hall, 21998 Airport Road.

Regular	Planning & Development
<b>Meetings:</b> (Second Wed. of the month)	<b>Meetings:</b> (Fourth Wed. of the month)
August 12	August 26
September 9	September 23
October 14	October 28
November 10	November 18
December 9	

### Roads, Work & Summer!

Within the next few weeks (probably in the first half of August), a pavement maintenance contractor will be working on various Township Roads. The roads in question are Underwood Road (east of Wendigo Park Road), Winston-Taylor Road, the LaPlant Road boat landing, Mishawaka Road, Wesleyan Drive, Mishawaka Shores Trail, East Harris Road, and Norberg Drive.

The work to be done involves sealing existing cracks in the bituminous pavement. Cracks will be routed out, cleaned with a high volume blower, treated with a heat lance, and finally filled with a rubberized sealant.

Great news!!!

ICTV is now Live Streaming Harris Township Meetings. Watch from the comfort of your home, live on your TV or PC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

<http://watchictv.org/content/ictv-live-stream>

Past meetings can be viewed at:

<http://watchictv.org/content/harris-township>

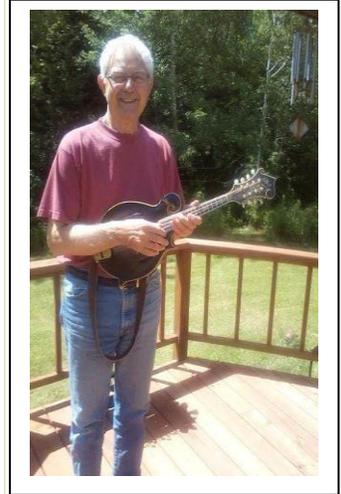


### “Meet your Neighbor” Lloyd LaPlant

Lloyd has been a resident of Harris Township most of his life. The LaPlant Road was named after his father, William, who owned the LaPlant Resort. The forty acres of land on the resort property was divided up amongst the 11 LaPlant children, 8 boys and 3 girls. They all lived within the radius of three miles at one time with the exception of one brother, who lived in Grand Rapids. There are 4 remaining children, Ron, Lawrence (String), Alice and Lloyd, all living in Harris Township. Lloyd and Bev, his wife had 5 children, one girl (who has passed away) and 4 boys. The boys all live in Minnesota.

Lloyd worked his whole life as a self-employed carpenter. He built many nice homes in this area. In 1959, he began building mandolins and guitars as a hobby. He built many, many different varieties of these two instruments. To date, he has crafted over 400 and still is making them. Lloyd is pictured on the side with one of his instruments he hand crafted. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling around the area attending and playing at various places for their music weekends. He plays on the third weekend of the month at the Itasca County Fairgrounds, where a number of bands and individuals come together to enjoy music. Lloyd and Bev also traveled to Missouri to play at a music event.

He is a charter member of the Vintage Car Club. He owns a '32 Ford Coupe Street Rod, a '31 Chevy Town Car, and a '33 Ford Coupe Sedan.



### Summer is Here! By Michele Smith, Clerk

I would guess that most everyone is glad that it finally feels like summer. Along with sunny days and warmer temperatures comes opportunities for outdoor recreation.

As I drive around our township, I am reminded of all the great recreational facilities that we have to offer our residents and visitors. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight one of those areas: Crystal Park. **CRYSTAL PARK** is located off of Crystal Springs Road, about 1/2 mile from Zorbaz Restaurant.

At this park, you will find a covered picnic pavilion with 2 grills, 6 picnic tables, and four electrical outlets. You may reserve this pavilion, at no charge, by contacting the clerk, Michele Smith at michelesmithclerk@msn.com or 218-327-9930.

For recreation, this park contains two tennis courts with benches, a full basketball court, a sand volleyball court, a horse-shoe pit, a large sandy playground area with benches, a baseball field with bleachers, a horseshoe court, and a skating rink with warming shack. A portable bathroom is maintained here all year long. This park has a fence around it, with several pedestrian by-pass entrances.



*We now have wireless at the Harris Town Hall!*



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**“Harris Township Newest Board Supervisor” Ken Haubrich**

My name is Ken Haubrich. I have been appointed to fill the vacated Township Supervisor’s position. My wife, Frances, and I have been married for 28 years and have lived in Harris Township for 20 years. We have 4 children, all boys, and 9 grandchildren. I’m retired.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Harris Township Board of Supervisors. I am learning there is more to the position than is apparent from attending meetings. There will be issues to be dealt with in the future and it will take all the board members working as a team to find the right solutions for the citizens of this township.

Please call, text, or email me with your concerns and issues. I welcome your input, ideas, and suggestions. If I’m not available to take your call please leave a message. Both phone numbers have an answering service so please tell me your concern or suggestion and if you want me to return your call. You may contact me by:

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