

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners  
FROM: Diane Lyon City Clerk  
DATE: July 13, 2016  
RE: \*Communications

For the Agenda of July 18, 2016

**\*Note: This is a Consent Agenda item and is considered as routine by the City Commission. As such, this matter shall be automatically enacted by one motion with all other Consent Agenda items unless a Commissioner or citizen requests this item be individually discussed, in which event it shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and acted upon in its designated sequence on the approved Clare City Commission agenda of July 18, 2016.**

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The following major items of correspondence were either received by or transmitted by the City since the last regularly scheduled City Commission meeting:

*DLEG Notification.* The City received the attached notice from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

*MMDC July Newsletter.* The most recent newsletter is attached for information.

*Attachments.* As outlined above.



RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

SHELLY EDGERTON  
DIRECTOR

June 20, 2016

To whom it may concern:

Act 62 of 2016 - the "Human Trafficking Notification Act" - was recently passed into law and takes effect on July 4, 2016. You are receiving this letter because under Section 3 of the (enclosed) Act 62, your entity appears to be required to display the enclosed notice in both English and Spanish.

Please display the enclosed notices at your entity in a location that is visible to the public and to your employees. Additional posters may be downloaded without charge from our website at [www.michigan.gov/wagehour](http://www.michigan.gov/wagehour).

Under Section 9(2) of Act 62, failure to comply with the law's notification requirements after being informed of them may subject a covered entity to a \$250.00 fine for the second occurrence within 1 year and a \$500.00 fine for the third occurrence within 1 year. Our goal is to encourage voluntary compliance by timely providing entities with the required notices to display.

Please contact the Wage and Hour Division at the telephone number or website indicated below if you have any questions. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in displaying these mandatory notices.

Sincerely,

Wage and Hour Division  
Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
State of Michigan

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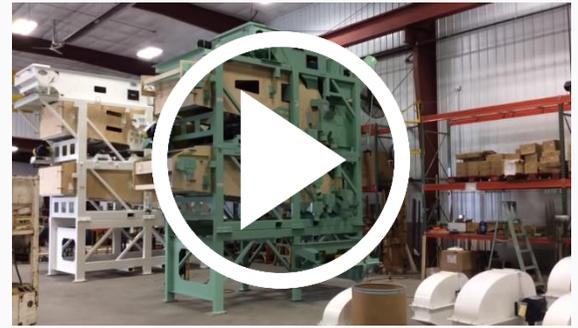
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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

# July 2016 Newsletter

[www.mmdc.org](http://www.mmdc.org)

## Q-Sage is export strong!

Q-Sage Inc., an innovative company that specializes in custom agricultural equipment here in Middle Michigan, has successfully used the federal STEP program to increase their exports. This video features a custom agricultural unit that was recently shipped to Canada. This unit is a 5.5 X 88 Seed Cleaner and is a very powerful machine. Check it out!



## MTW Industries wins “Best Small Business” award!



In 2015, the Michigan Small Business Development Center provided confidential consulting to over 5,000 Michigan businesses. Based on each company’s success in creating jobs, increasing sales and improving their business strategy, MTW Industries was awarded one of 12 Best Small Business awards. MTW specializes in oil, gas, mining, and forestry, and continues to grow right here in Middle Michigan!

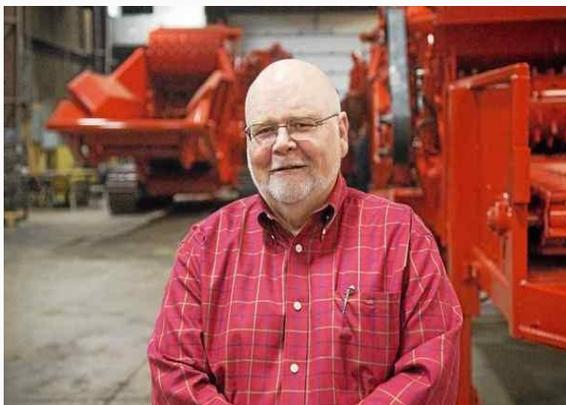
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## Unified Brands Moves into the Terex building.

Unified Brands will bring 75 new jobs to the area to support continued growth of their Randell product line. Their current manufacturing facility in Weidman, MI employs 430 manufacturing and office personnel and supports production for both Randell and Avtec products. The newly leased space in Farwell will significantly expand the company’s Michigan manufacturing operation to support increased customer demand while easing space constraints in the Weidman facility. Hiring for the expansion is slated to begin next month.



## Jim Schoemaker is the “Manufacturer of the Year”!



Morbark President James W. Shoemaker is the recipient of the 2015 John G. Thodis award: Michigan Manufacturer of the year. This award is given annually by the Michigan Manufacturers association; they had this to say about Jim: “He is a founder of one of Michigan’s most respected regional industry associations, an advocate for promoting a positive image of manufacturing careers and a voice on top economic issues impacting businesses across the state.” Jim was recognized at the 2016 Manufacturing Forum in May, 2016.

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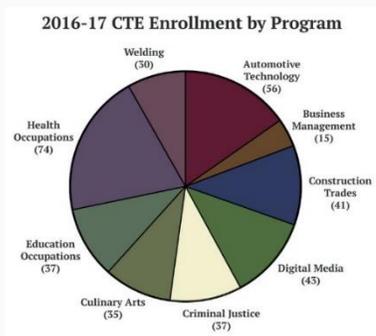
## Bandit receives the Presidential Export award!

Bandit Industries received a national award from the United States Secretary of Commerce on May 15! The President's "E" Award is the highest recognition a business can receive for "making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports." Bandit Industries President, Jerry Morey, and Sales Manager, Felipe Tamayo, accepted the award on behalf of the company. Bandit demonstrated sustained commitment to export expansion and was one of 72 manufacturers to receive the award.

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## Clare-Gladwin CTE enrollment jumps!



Enrollment in the Clare-Gladwin Career and Technical Education program is up nearly 100 students. In May, a 1 Million dollar 10-year Millage was passed to fund the Career and Technical program. Superintendent Sheryl Presler thinks that it's a great problem to have. Many of the new students were enrolled immediately in business management and welding classes. Presler credits the success of the millage with the districts understanding of CTE's impact on students, communities, and the economy.

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## Clare residents purchase Johnston Elevator.

Brothers Jonathon and Gabe Seibt and their cousin John Merillat are officially the new owners of the oldest business in Clare, Johnston Elevator. The business has been in operation on South McEwan Street for the past 126 years and is announcing that it under new ownership. All three family members believe it's important to keep the elevator in their home town and are currently beginning development on a vitamin packed deer feed.

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## Art Reach wins Tourism award.

Art reach has had a significant effect on the art culture in Isabella County and was the winner of this year's William Brehm Tourism award! Each year, this award is given to a recipient that shows outstanding support to Mt. Pleasant tourism. Constant community events like Art Walk Central and gallery walks help to keep residents and tourists actively involved with artists in the state of Michigan!

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## Clare County releases new video.

Earlier this summer, Clare County released a new promotional video. Working with Small Business Initiative Council (SBIC) students, they produced this extraordinary result.



## Q-Sage instrumental in growth of “I’m All Ears” Theatre Popcorn!



Quality Seed and Grain Equipment

The “I’m All Ears” Premium Theatre Popcorn brand has become the primary popcorn for hundreds of movie theatres in the United States. Last year, “I’m All Ears” produced a million pounds of popcorn. This year, they’re projected for 4 million pounds and 8 million in 2017. Q-Sage, a Middle Michigan agricultural manufacturer, has been instrumental to the success of “I’m All Ears” by building custom seed processors for Michigan popcorn growers. “I’m All Ears” continues to grow and get weekly calls from potential new customers!

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## MDOT approves Walton Road reconstruction!

Bandit Industries Inc. is one of the world’s largest manufacturers of wood and waste processing equipment. Their facility in Fremont Township produces the line of whole tree chippers, but the gravel surface of the Walton Road doesn’t allow for efficient seasonal work. In April, with MMDCs assistance, MDOT approved a \$302,910 grant to pave Walton Road. In the coming years, Bandit will be able to work year round on Walton Road without the worry of winter frost.

MDOT Michigan Department of Transportation		Grant Summary			Date:	04/14/2016
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<b>Grant Type:</b>	TED - Category A					
<b>Grant Number:</b>	1269					
Section	Applicant	Description (rpt)	Current Grant Amount	Total Match	Grant Percentage	Grant Year
01	Isabella County Road Commission	Walton Road	\$302,910.00	\$75,740.00	80.00%	Approved 2016
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$302,910.00</b>	<b>\$75,740.00</b>	<b>80.00%</b>	
Section	Grant Section Description					
01	Reconstruct (from gravel surface to asphalt surface) Walton Road from Winn Road west to Curtis Road. Total construction costs are \$331,150. The TEDA share of construction is \$302,910 or 92%. The remaining construction match of \$28,240 is the responsibility of the Isabella County Road Commission. This grant section includes an additional \$47,500 in matching funds from the Isabella County Road Commission for non-construction project-related work.					

## Cops & Doughnuts is expanding to new locations!

Cops & Doughnuts is on their way to having a very impressive year! Just a few weeks ago, they were featured on a segment of NBC nightly news hosted by Kevin Tibbles. They have recently expanded to new locations in Bay City and Ludington. Working with MMDC, they received a grant to improve their façade outside the Clare location. Cops & Doughnuts continues to impact the community with their story of success.



## Check out our website: [www.mmdc.org](http://www.mmdc.org)!

In early 2016, MMDC launched their new website at: [www.mmdc.org](http://www.mmdc.org). We thoroughly updated our website content while creating a modern design. Click on the link to explore what Middle Michigan has to offer to the community and company site selectors!