

Death notices

Cierra Sowle, Jackson County clerk, reports the following recently recorded deaths:

Ricky Carpenter, 65, Liberty Township;  
Patricia Hamilton, 79, Jackson;  
Richard Birt Rockwell, 89, Jackson;  
Lewis Alvin Foster, 77, Spring Arbor Township;  
Lois Jean Gauthier, 91, Rives Township;  
Andrew Joel Grosnickle, 56, Potterville;  
Jackie Lloyd Shell, 91, Brooklyn;  
Doranne Taylor, 68, Jackson;  
Melinda Ann Hawley, 71, Jackson;  
Gayle DeEtte Mason, 85, Jackson;  
Ronald Douglas German, 75, Norvell Township;  
Rita Rae Dorn, 73, Spring Arbor Township;  
Marian Ruth Lambert, 93, Jackson;  
Marion Grace Campbell, 97, Brooklyn;  
Nicholas Alan Cuthbert, 38, Liberty Township;  
Mark Shappell Dorch, 49, Adrian;  
Birdine Cole Sr., 60, Jefferson Township;  
Judy Kay Hawley, 83, Columbia Township;  
Lisa Ann Booth, 40, Summit Township;  
Mary Louise Taylor, 98, Leoni Township;  
James Lee Hammond, 81, Jackson;  
Joseph Hu Newman, 62, Leoni Township;  
Fredrick Charles Reigle, 93, Litchfield;  
Toshiko Butcher, 91, Leoni Township;  
Ted Sierminski, 92, Concord;  
David Leo Tumey, 85, Grass Lake Township;  
Daevion Maliek Wright, 23, Jackson;  
David Lee Leightner, 69, Blackman Township;  
Dennis James Boedicker, 65, Grass Lake Township;  
Rex Onis Cure, 69, Sandstone Township;  
Darlene Elaine Lasky, 75, Jackson;  
Timothy Lee Wilson, 64, Jackson;  
Joseph Doyle Friedrich, 76, Wheatland Township;  
Douglas Norman Stoddard, 73, Summit Township;  
Jackie Joseph Cook, 76, Henrietta Township;  
James Martin Burless, 76, Leoni Township;



Guinness record holders of fastest eaters have nothing on this hungry fella!



The star nosed mole. Photo by US National Parks Service.

When we are hungry, some of us gobble down our food. My dad often did this as he did not want his food to be cold, much to the dismay of my mom.  
Most of us have heard of Joey Chestnut, who holds the world record for eating the most hot

dogs and buns in 10 minutes, which is 83!  
Leah Shutkever, a lady from England, holds many world records for the fastest eating of pasta, cucumbers, etc. She once ate a burrito in 32.35 seconds.  
Still, there is a creature right here in Michigan that lives in our backyard, and this creature puts these records to shame. It's one that my dad used to curse at and has aggravated many people as they walk across their beautiful lawns. I am talking about the star-nosed mole.  
Before we talk about its incredible speed-eating ability, here are some facts about this tunneling critter: It is not a rodent but is related to shrews and hedgehogs. It is a semi-aquatic mammal with dark brown or black fur known for its star-shaped nose and for creating volcano-like mounds in fields and in people's yards. Their nose has twenty-two pink fleshy tentacles used to feel their way underground and even underwater to detect their prey. This mole is often found near swamps or

areas where water has built up, unlike its cousin, the Eastern mole, which prefers drier soil. They are also one of the few mammals that can smell underwater! They do this by blowing out air bubbles in the water that pick-up scent particles in the water and then sucks them back up through their nose. This allows them to track prey underwater.  
Their nose also picks up faint electrical signals, much like the Australian duckbill platypus. Its brain has a specific set of nerves that allows it to "brain-map." Born blind, they can "build a picture" of their surroundings, including their prey. Once it finds its prey, it has toxic saliva that neutralizes it. It is NOT dangerous to humans, however, because its venom is too weak and its fangs are at the back of its mouth.  
Contrary to one's belief, they do not hibernate and can be found in our yards where water has been built up. They are active year-round, day and night, and can be a nuisance. Traps and poisonous grubs are a couple of ways to reduce their presence.  
Incidentally, pushing down their mounds does nothing to deter them. These mounds act as air vents, and they will simply push them back up. The Eastern mole digs deeper and longer tunnels, and closer to the surface.  
The Star-nose mole holds the Guinness World Record for the fastest-eating mammal. It can detect and eat its prey in 200 milliseconds, which is less than one-fifth of a second! I guess you could say it doesn't have the best table manners and puts Joey Chestnut and Leigh Shutkever to shame.

COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS  
WITHIN COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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TO ALL OWNERS OF THE  
FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:

THE DISTRICT includes all of the lots and parcels on the following roads: Alameda Court, Virginia Court, and Franklin Court.  
TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has received a petition signed by record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total frontage upon the road being improved in the proposed special assessment district comprised of the lands described above, and has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements described as follows:

Acquiring and constructing road improvements, consisting generally of mill and fill or a crush and shape on hard surfaced roads and placing Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) on existing gravel roads and related improvements, rights of way, and appurtenances and attachments thereto.  
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township

Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above-described lands as a special assessment district against which part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.  
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the office of the Township Clerk, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, Michigan, 49230, for public examination.  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board will meet on Monday the 19th day of January, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at the Township Hall, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, Michigan, 49230, to hear objections to the petition, the public improvements and to the proposed special assessment district therefore.  
Cathy Hulburt  
Township Clerk

Marriages

Cierra Sowle, Jackson County clerk, reports the following marriage licenses:

Tryvonne Jovea Brown, Jackson, and Jodi Ann Parran, Jackson;  
David Ryan Gutekunst, Jackson, and Maria Ann Lodise, Jackson;  
Selena Alejandrina Jimenez, Jackson, and Kody Alexander Barks, Jackson;  
Angel Xavier Martinez, Saint Clair Shores, and Kathryn Danielle Herman, Jackson;  
Sarah Lyn Riddle, Jackson, and Charles Clifton Larock, Jackson;  
Claten Jay Jones Mays, Jackson, and Kiera McKenzie Glass, Jackson;  
Terri Susan Yafai, Parma, and Eric Albert Kalis, Parma;  
Dylan James Towas, Grass Lake, and Sabrina Loretta Mocer, Grass Lake;  
Samantha Marie Jinkerson, Grass Lake, and Michael Scott Toms, Grass Lake;

Doing Business As...

Uncle Gilly's Concession: 8750 Brown Road, Springport (Food) Rexine Cockroft, owner;  
Jackson Nails & Spa: 1709 Spring Arbor, Jackson (Manicuring, skin care services) Hein Ngoc Nguyen, owner;  
Rimer's Forestry: 10530 Dew Road, Hanover (Tree Work/Firewood) Mary Annett-Lovitt, owner;  
Impact CPL: 7968 Weir Road, Hanover (Firearm Instruction) Joseph Lee Childs, owner;  
Crafts and Antics: 1847 Rives Street, Jackson (Mobile Craft Parties) Christina B. Dungy, owner.



ROLLIN TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING 23

Rollin Township Board of Appeals will hold a zoning variance hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Todd and Shayna Clark, 677 Williams Ct., Manitou Beach, MI 49253. Request approval for side and rear yard setbacks associated with new construction.

Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Rollin Township Hall, 730 Manitou Road, Manitou Beach, MI 49253.

Comments can be emailed to the Rollin Township Clerk at rollintownship@comcast.net or by calling 517-547-7786, Ext. 120.

Amy Emerson,  
Rollin Township Clerk

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**SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting**

The Grass Lake Village Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall.

Present: President David Keener, President Pro Tempore Jane Fitzgerald, Council Member Gina Lammers, and Council Member Jennifer Stanton, & Council Member Matt Swank.  
Absent: Council Member Wes Shemwell & Council Member Cindy Popovitch  
Staff Present: DPW Supervisor Paul Lammers, DDA Executive Director Mitzi Koors and Clerk Jennifer Keener.  
Public:

- Items Approved:
1. Agenda for December 16, 2025
  2. December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
  3. Disbursements for December 16, 2025
  4. Motion to adopt Sestercentennial Proclamation.
  5. Motion to extend the 2025 committee appointments into 2026 year.
  6. Motion to accept the Village Presidents recommendation to reappoint Susan Cobb to the Grass Lake Planning Commission for a three year term.
  7. Motion to accept the Village Presidents recommendation to reappoint John Lesinski & Dan Stanton to the DDA board for a three year term each.
  8. Motion to accept the Oktoberfest Street Closure Request for October 3, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.  
Prepared by Clerk Jennifer Keener. Approved by Village President David Keener

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jennifer Keener  
Village of Grass Lake, Clerk

Complete Copies of the meeting minutes are available at www.villageofgrasslake.com or upon request from the Village Clerk. Office Hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday, closed between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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Doug's Sudoku

UNIVERSAL  
Sudoku Puzzle

7		8		5		1		2
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6		7		8				2
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9			4	3				
8		5		6		9		7

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Today's puzzle solution

7	8	6	2	9	1	5	4	3
8	1	2	5	3	4	9	7	6
9	5	4	7	8	2	6	1	3
4	2	5	3	8	6	7	1	9
1	9	3	7	4	5	6	8	2
6	8	7	1	2	9	3	5	4
5	6	9	8	1	7	4	2	3
3	7	8	4	6	2	1	9	5
2	4	1	9	5	3	8	6	7

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Crossword Time

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 11, 2026

ACROSS

- 1 "For \_\_\_'s sake!"  
5 Indonesian tourist hot spot  
9 "Severance" star Scott  
13 Sailors' salutations  
15 Written or oral hurdle  
16 Aloe \_\_\_  
17 "I should remember this ..."  
19 \_\_\_ chicos ("those guys," in Spanish)  
20 Unsolicited opinion  
21 In danger  
23 Scuba diving spot  
24 Length units, to a Liverpudlian  
25 Feeling of regret after a sizable purchase  
30 Gray \_\_\_ (ambiguous situations)  
31 Pelvis bone  
32 Buddy  
35 "Kapow!"  
36 Bridle straps  
37 Doily material  
38 \_\_\_ Ketchum, "Pokemon" protagonist from 1997-2023  
39 The "a" of a.m.  
40 Money dispensers  
41 They don't get worn out  
46 Stick around

- 48 Wander around  
49 "Things aren't looking so great"  
50 Mary Westmacott, for Agatha Christie  
54 Apply messily, as fingerpaint  
55 Champing at the bit  
57 Ireland, to natives  
58 "Not to \_\_\_ my own horn ..."  
59 Strong string  
60 Winter transport  
61 She-sheep  
62 \_\_\_ advice (expert wisdom)

DOWN

- 1 Huff and puff  
2 DIY website  
3 "Africa" band  
4 Skin care product for dark circles  
5 Closest companion  
6 Lines in a Cartesian plane  
7 LeBron's team, on scoreboards  
8 Comment from someone who went viral  
9 Wards off  
10 Route created by pedestrians seeking shortcuts  
11 Came up

- 12 Superheroes' face covers  
14 Takes the wheel  
18 Gender-neutral possessive  
22 Semester  
25 \_\_\_ghanoush  
26 Addresses that may start with https://  
27 "No doubt about it"  
28 Top-notch  
29 Game whose players have been around the block?  
33 Fictional corporation that sells Do-It-Yourself Tornado Kits  
34 What's more, proverbially and paradoxically  
36 Contingency for an outdoor event

- 37 Nightly TV broadcast  
42 Caught red-handed  
43 "Cheap Thrills" singer  
44 Mischievous Norse god  
45 Very noticeable  
46 Drop Tower, Tilt-A-Whirl, etc.  
47 Online commerce  
50 Drifting mass of ice  
51 Sarah McLachlan hit in "Gladiator"?  
52 Type of bean used in some spring rolls  
53 Dueling sword  
56 \_\_\_-hanging fruit

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

R	E	N	A	I	S	S	A	N	C	E	F	A	I	R
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WOODSTOCK TOWNSHIP

Woodstock Township  
6486 Devils Lake Hwy  
Addison, MI 49220  
Planning Commission, Public Meeting  
Date Posted 1/9/2026

Woodstock Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 5:00pm, at 6486 Devils Lake Hwy.

This meeting is to work on the Master Plan, AND to review the Ordinance Book for possible changes.

John Nicholl- PC Chair

Copies of documents are available for review at 6486 Devils Lake Hwy.

Any written comments relating to these meetings can be forwarded to: Woodstock Township, Attn. Planning Commission 6486 Devils Lake Hwy., Addison, MI 49220  
Or emailed to: woodstocktownshipzoning@gmail.com

Matthew SeGraves,  
Zoning/Ordinance Administrator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DECEDENT'S ESTATE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF JACKSON  
312 S. JACKSON ST., JACKSON MI 49201  
(517) 788-4290 CASE NO. 25-1116-DE  
HON. JENNIFER M. KELLY

Estate of VALERIE ANN TRIPP, deceased, born on June 23, 1962  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, VALERIE ANN TRIPP, died September 25, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, will be forever barred unless presented to Rodney L. Tripp, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 312 S. Jackson Street, 1st Floor, Jackson, Michigan 49201, (517) 788-4290, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Ryan L. Phillips P73731  
180 W. Michigan Ave.,  
Suite 906  
Jackson, MI 49201  
(517) 796-3907

Rodney L. Tripp  
200 East Meadow Heights Ave.  
Jackson MI 49203  
(517) 474-1277

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF JACKSON  
312 S. JACKSON ST., JACKSON MI 49201  
(517) 788-4290 CASE NO. 24-061-DE  
HON. JENNIFER M. KELLY

Estate of LOIS M. SNOW, deceased, born on June 15, 1941  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, LOIS M. SNOW, died November 19, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, will be forever barred unless presented to Daryl Snow, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 312 S. Jackson Street, 1st Floor, Jackson, Michigan 49201, (517) 788-4290, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Daryl Snow  
12905 Griffith Rd.  
Springport, MI 49284  
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Themeless Sunday 167 by CJ Tan

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