

# A Look at the Top Graduates

Inside we highlight the Top 10 graduates and valedictorians (shown below) from our area schools



Ava Beard  
Addison



Greyson Agnello  
Columbia Central



Zachary Hoppe  
Grass Lake



Ethan Hays  
Napoleon



Bryson Sutherland  
Onsted



Alyssa Jones  
Vandercook Lake

## Regional champs



Every year dozens of excellent pictures taken by Exponent sports reporter and photographer Paul Snyder go unpublished because of lack of room. Today and next week we are featuring a few "leftovers" from spring sports, like the one above, taken when Grass Lake defeated Napoleon for the conference title. A week later (we report inside) the Lady Warriors are regional champions as well.

## Prepare for contact



Napoleon catcher Logan Hankis prepares to get hit by a baserunner in a recent game.

## Thrill of victory



The Onsted baseball team celebrated winning the district championship last week. Unfortunately, the Wildcats season came to an end last week in a loss to Detroit Edison in the regional semifinals. Photo by Paul Snyder.



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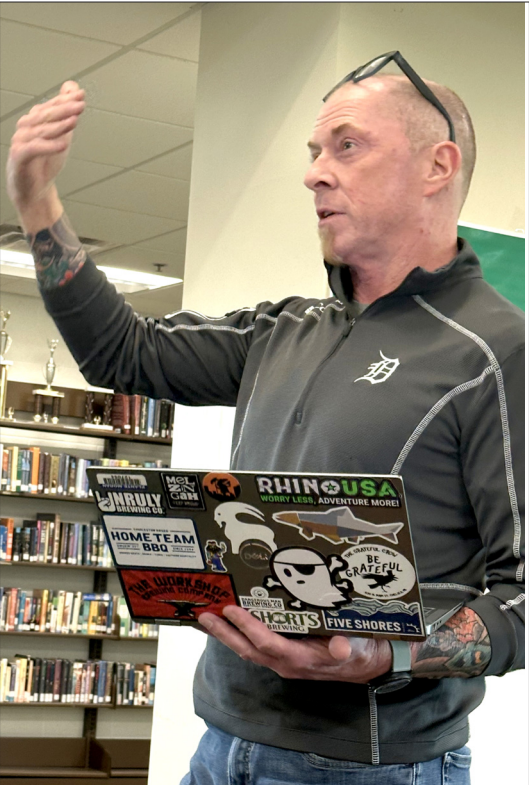
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## Napoleon progress



Marc Alexa, bond consultant/owner representative with Plante Moran Realpoint, explains to the Napoleon school board that the district is getting a new track that will be a "Cadillac for the price of a Buick."

## Series II work underway this summer from \$17.4 million bond

Story and photos  
By John Hummer  
Editor

Marc Alexa, bond consultant/owner representative with Plante Moran Realpoint, provided an update on work resulting from the \$17.4 million bond that voters in the district passed in November of 2023 at Napoleon's May regular school board meeting. As part of that discussion, the board approved a contract to have the high school track redone as part of Series II bond work.

Alexa presented the board with a bid for resurfacing the high school track. He noted that the sub-base of the track was in good shape. "That probably saved about \$80,000 in labor, which is nice," he said, adding that only one bid came in to redo the track (two other companies dropped out), however, it was from the same company (A.G. Sports Services, LLC) that did the last resurfacing and noted they are familiar with the track.

"They are fully capable of doing this project, they've done plenty of tracks, and they have a good reputation," Alexa noted. "Plante Moran has worked with them on several jobs – I'm very confident in their ability, and they're local to Jackson."

"We're below budget (\$72k), we're getting a higher-end track. It's pretty close to a Cadillac – it's a really nice track. You're basically getting a 12-16-year track. You're getting a Cadillac for the price of a Buick."

Alexa said the new track work was scheduled to begin at the end of May. "We really need to move fast to get that turned over in time for the fall school semester," he stated.

The "big ticket" item from Series I of the bond was the building of the multi-use Pirate Plex, which was completed late last fall. Series II work is now underway.

More bids were scheduled to come in last month for other parts of the Series II bond work. "This isn't as fun as the Pirate Plex, so it's a little tougher to get some bidders for some of the smaller renovation jobs," Alexa said. "Once we get the bids for the balance of the projects, we'll review those and try to crank those out in short order because we've got to get them back in front of [the board] so that we can get contracts issued and get that stuff happening this summer."

Series II projects include renovations at each of the three main schools on the Napoleon Schools campus – Ezra Eby Elementary, Napoleon Middle School, and Napoleon High School. Several of those projects are slated for this summer.

Renovations at Ezra Eby Elementary School will include a new cafeteria/multipurpose room addition in the courtyard area, miscellaneous interior finishes, HVAC and electrical upgrades, selective roofing replacement, and playground renovations.

Napoleon Middle School will see miscellaneous interior finishes, as well as HVAC and electrical upgrades, and selective roofing replacement.

See *Napoleon bond* page 2

## Bridge to be closed

## Expect delays on U.S. 127 near Clarklake this week

By John Hummer

Motorists traveling south of Jackson should expect delays starting this Wednesday as crews begin maintenance on the U.S.127 bridge over the Grand River near Clarklake, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation. The work is set to begin at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, and end by 6 p.m. Thursday, June 11.

According to MDOT officials, crews will apply an epoxy overlay to the bridge deck on U.S. 127 where it crosses the Grand River. The work is intended to help preserve the structure and extend the life of the bridge.

Traffic will be maintained in both directions during the project, but motorists should still expect slowdowns as vehicles move through the work zone. MDOT said shifting traffic patterns are necessary to protect both workers and drivers while the repairs are completed.

## Race a sellout

## Hamlin charges from rear to win FireKeepers Casino 400 at MIS

From staff reports

Michigan International Speedway announced that Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race – the FireKeepers Casino 400 – officially sold out as fans packed the venue for NASCAR's return to the Irish Hills.

Last November, the track announced the MIS Camping.com infield sold out for the 2026 event, marking the fifth consecutive year that fans have filled the campgrounds inside the famed two-mile circuit. Premium hospitality areas, including the Ally Champions Club and Victory Lane Club, were also sold out.

Ultimately, the fans got to see a great race, where perseverance proved as important as raw speed. Veteran Denny Hamlin pulled off an amazing run from the rear of the starting grid to claim the checkered flag, taking his second consecutive and fourth overall trophy in the NASCAR Cup Series' FireKeepers Casino 400.

The massive effort marked Hamlin's 63rd career win, tying him with the late Kyle Busch for ninth-place on the NASCAR Cup Series all-time wins list. And as importantly, the showing – combined with points leader Tyler Reddick's first DNF of the season – cut Hamlin's deficit to Reddick nearly in half. He now trails him by only 51 points with 11 races left to settle the NASCAR Cup Series regular season title.

Hamlin, 45, celebrated the milestone victory – his third of the year and second consecutive last-to-first efforts in as many weeks – by waving a black and white No. 18 "Kyle Busch" flag outside his driver's window, driving around the track for a victory lap – capped by a long burnout. The ode to the two-time series champ Busch, Hamlin's former teammate who passed away suddenly two weeks ago from pneumonia and sepsis, received huge applause and a standing ovation from the massive grandstand crowd.

Although Hamlin won pole position for Sunday's race, he started from the rear of the 37-car field after the team made adjustments after qualifying. The opening stage was mostly frustrating for Hamlin, who only managed to run between 20th and 30th place early. But the perennial championship contender and his JGR team made adjustments all day, and he was running top five by lap 140 of the 200-lapper. And moving forward quickly.

"Great car, unbelievable," Hamlin said, thanking his crew after taking the checkered flag. After a day where patience and confidence mattered most, his No. 11 Toyota led 40 laps – including the final 39 of the 200-lap race – and pulled away to an amazing 11.110-second win over fellow Toyota driver, Legacy Motor Club's Erik Jones.

"Just amazing," Hamlin said of his car and crew. "That last run there, just hammered down. Had a few good restarts and once I got the lead, laid out all I had."

"The offseason was rough for me, rough for the NASCAR family. We lost a lot of people. This week we lost Gentleman Ned (Jarrett) and are still thinking of Kyle (Busch), his wife Samantha (and children), Brexton, and Lennix."

"Just grateful to be able strap in every week and I don't take it for granted this opportunity that I'm in. Just love that we're making the best of it."

A record 11 caution flags – plus a 20-minute red flag – flew for incidents and accidents throughout the afternoon, involving half the field to varying degrees. And while the stoppages slowed the race, it also allowed drivers to save enough fuel late, enabling them to make the checkered flag without losing positions on extra pit stops.







Honoring the fallen



Sam Morris, left, a freshman at Columbia Central High School, sang the national anthem in Cement City while members off the American Legion saluted the colors on Memorial Day. Photo courtesy Tim Wheaton.

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By Cindy Hubbell, President/CEO  
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The Irish Hills Regional

Chamber of Commerce is holding a Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, June 17 at noon at **BC Pizza** in Brooklyn. Join us as we discuss "Why Authentic Marketing Matters for Small Business" with Leo Brown of **Leo J. Brown Productions**. The cost is \$20 per person; Irish Hills Chamber members are discounted to \$10 per person, and lunch is included in the price.

**Top of the Hill Party Store** is starting a Farmer's Market

for the summer on Friday evenings. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Andy at 248-214-0890.

**Michigan Works! Southeast**, in partnership with Jackson College, invites you to attend the Race to Talent event, an opportunity to celebrate and learn from Jackson County employers leading the way with Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). This event takes place on Thursday, June 18, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Go to [events.resultsathand.com/mwai/4274/](https://events.resultsathand.com/mwai/4274/) for details.

Celebrate summer with the **Home Builders Association of Jackson, Hillsdale & Lenawee** at a high-energy night at **Chateau Aeronautique Winery**. Enjoy live music, free food and drinks, and a great crowd from across Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee as we mark one year as a tri-county association. This event takes place on Thursday, June 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Downtown Brooklyn** is holding its annual Ladies Luau on Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Join the Downtown businesses for shopping, sipping, laughing, and giveaways. Luau attire is not required but encouraged. For questions contact **Kelsey's Boutique and Gifts** at 517-592-5032.

**Camp Liberty** is holding its Summer Fundraiser Golf Outing and Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 20 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Gauci Golf Resort. Call Melinda at 517-206-8633 with any questions.

**Cherry Creek Cellars** is holding their Wheels & Wine Car Show on June 20, from 5 to 5 p.m., featuring class prizes, live music, food trucks, café, beverages, and views. Cars interested in participating are encouraged to pre-register; all makes and models welcome.

Join the **Village of Brooklyn** on Thursday, June 25, for an evening of music, art, local vendors, and more. Art in the Park will take place every fourth Thursday until September from 5 to 9 p.m.

The **Irish Hills Eagles** will have a bus trip to a Detroit Tigers ballgame on Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 6 p.m. This bus trip will leave the Irish Hills Eagles at 11 a.m. For tickets, call 517-403-0107.

For more Irish Hills Happenings, including bike nights, live music, specials, and more, please visit the community calendar at IrishHills.com.

This & That

Looking for classmates — CCHS Class of 1986

The Columbia Central High School Class of 1986 is organizing its 40th Class Reunion and is looking to reconnect with classmates.

If you are a member of the CCHS Class of 1986 — or know someone who is — please help us spread the word and update your contact information.

The reunion will take place on August 8,

2026.

For reunion details and registration information, visit: [www.signupgenius.com/go/CCHS1986](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/CCHS1986).

Questions or classmate information may also be shared with the reunion committee at [michellemcs Shane6@gmail.com](mailto:michellemcs Shane6@gmail.com) or [wendysmigie8668@gmail.com](mailto:wendysmigie8668@gmail.com)

Milwaukee Days at B&B Hardware

Milwaukee Days at B & B Hardware will be held on June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be free hot

dogs, door prizes, giveaways, and a live tool demonstration by a Milwaukee representative. Check out their deals on

Milwaukee batteries and other Milwaukee products.

Wooden school open for season



Piper and Hudson Harris enjoyed the spring gardening make-and-take on June 6 at the first Wooden Old Stone Schoolhouse open house of the season. The gardening introduction was put on by June Elwell and Laura Pitock. Photo by Laura Pitock.

Wooden Old Stone Schoolhouse open house started with twenty visitors for their June 6 kickoff. June Elwell, Laura Pitock, and Ron Ryan hosted the event, sharing the history of the site along with the special topic for the day: gardening prep. Visitors

learned about garden preparation, early fertilizer sources, and planting. A display showed seeds in various stages of development, and youth took home a starter plant.

The next scheduled open house will be July 4, from 11

a.m. to 2 p.m. For the special topic of the day, Lisa Cyrus and her assistants will be discussing the Wooden and Onsted Union school neighbors and how they assisted the Onsted Village development.

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ABOVE, RIGHT: Cilliar (left) and Norm (right) Mobley pose with the 1865 two-cent coin Norm found in the 1970s while metal detecting on the Wooden school property. Mobley shared his experience with Laura Pitock and donated the coin back to the school. Pitock wrote up his story and framed both the coin and the story for display. Photo by Laura Pitock.



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# Onsted Auxiliary Officers Sworn In



2026-2027 Onsted Auxiliary officers were inducted on June 1. Back row left to right: Angela Crittenden, vice president; Bonnie McJennett, executive board; Auxiliary Chair Dawn Gramza; Lisa Cyrus, historian; Janice Turnwald, president. Front Row: Robin Bailey, executive board; Joey Robbins, sergeant-at-arms; Carla Pohl, treasurer/secretary. Not pictured: Susan LaRussa, executive board.



Auxiliary District Chair Dawn Gramza accepted a donation for her project “Adaptive Sports for Vets” at the Durkee Segert Auxiliary meeting held on June 1.

**Story & Photos**  
**By Michelle McLemore**  
**Staff writer**  
New officers for 2026-2027 were inducted at the June meeting of the Durkee Seager Auxiliary Unit 550 meeting on Wednesday, June 3, by District



Former President Robin Bailey (at left) receives a pin as Junior Past President from Auxiliary District Chair Dawn Gramza during the Onsted Auxiliary Induction Ceremony.

Chairperson Dawn Gramza. After a joint Legion and Auxiliary potluck, the induction was held. New officers include President Janice Turnwald, Vice President Angela Cirtenden, Treasurer/Secretary Carla Pohl, Historian Lisa Cyrus, Sergeant-at-Arms Joey Robbins, Junior Past President Robin Bailey, and Executive Board members Susan LaRussa, Bonnie McJennett, and Robin Bailey. Business meeting notables included giving District Chair Gramza a \$50 donation for her project “Adaptive Sports for Vets,” which supports the Motor City Warriors. Additionally, the Memorial Day parade was reviewed. Each child who decorated a bike was given \$10 to participate. A general First Aid and defibrillator use class for the public is being set up

for potentially August at the Legion by the unit’s National Security Committee and Tyler Mutter. A date for the class will be chosen at the July business meeting. Finally, the Auxiliary Unit 550 Cash Raffle tickets are now available for purchase. The drawing will be held on October 31 at 8 p.m. at Legion Post 550. The winner need not be present to win. Tickets are \$5 for the chance to win first prize, \$1,200; second prize \$800, third prize \$250, fourth prize \$150, and fifth prize, \$100. Tickets may be purchased from an auxiliary member or at the Onsted American Legion club room most evenings. Proceeds support local education scholarships, veteran programs, Auxiliary unit business, and community events.

## Ba-da-boom



The drummer for the indie folk band Swamp Trolls (based out of Michigan Center), Steve Canterbury, had a good time drumming and singing as the band kicked off Grass Lake Music in the Park last week. PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER

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# Onsted America250 events updated

**By Michelle McLemore**  
**Staff writer**

The June 1 planning meeting firmed up details for the parade and clarified other activities for Onsted's America250.

To clarify the window decorating contest: the Onsted Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring it, and only village businesses are eligible for the contest and prize. There is no residential decorating contest at this time. Businesses are encouraged to decorate their windows and storefronts throughout the holiday week-end. Chamber members will judge the entries on Thursday, July 2.

Regarding Friday, June 3 events, the free historical village takes place at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude with a bonus look at local history artifacts inside the Village Office, with the cooperation of Scott Holtz and the office staff. All three historical tours (Friday morning and two on Saturday evening) will be focused on events that required courage, collaboration, or charity, which united the community. To participate in a tour, individuals must be registered in advance, as each tour is limited to 15 people. Details may be viewed, and registration may be completed using the link <https://bit.ly/4uFL2Ru> or the QR code on the festival brochure. For additional infor-

mation, email heartofthe-  
walk@gmail.com.

entation will focus on the topic of how the early one-room Wooden school community and Onsted's Union school affected the long-term growth of Onsted.

A parade will be held at noon, and the line-up begins at

the high school parking lot. Legion Commander Dave Rudd is in charge of the lineup.

After the parade, cash prizes will be awarded for float and bike decorating winners at the American Legion. A free luncheon is also being offered to the public. Auxiliary and community members willing to donate desserts are reminded that they will be needed for the luncheon.

Any individual interested in demonstrating an early art, craft, or tool-use at a table during the luncheon from approximately 1 to 2:30 p.m. can contact Michelle at 517-270-0986 to arrange space. At the same time, Sara Sollars will be presenting a talk on Lenawee County's early indigenous culture at 1:15 p.m. at the luncheon site after the parade.

Finally, Jackie Hubbard will open the Hubbard Auto Museum for free self-guided exploration on Saturday, July 4, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is no need to register in advance. The public is welcome to visit on July 4, at 7630 Onsted Highway, to see Mrs. Hubbard and the fine collection that people from around the world have visited.

The committee of community volunteers hopes the public will turn out to support the events and celebrate the America250 celebration together.



Questions about entries should be directed to Eric at (517) 605-8199. Food trucks will also be on-site. From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jaded Soul Band will perform. All events are open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

On Saturday, multiple events in the area are offered to meet public needs. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lisa Cyrus will be the guest speaker at the Wooden Old Stone Schoolhouse at the corner of Hawkins and Stephenson Road. Her pres-

11 a.m. Decorated patriotic floats (large for adults and small wagons for kids) and decorated bikes are still needed for the contests. The antique tractor club members will be included in the line-up. Community group walkers, antique car drivers, horse riders, and other participants are also invited. Note, multiple firetrucks are expected to be part of the parade and may be running their sirens. All participants are to use the athletic practice field entrance off of Onsted Highway to create room for lineup in

# Lakes Print Shop Summer Vendor Series begins this Saturday



The Lakes Print Shop on U.S. 223 also includes Suite 223 Studio and The Lost Buoy, a curated in-store boutique.

By John Hummer  
Editor

The Lakes Print Shop on U.S. 223 in Addison is holding its first of three special events this summer, which begins this Saturday. The Summer Vendor Series features an array of vendors that will help visitors with their

printing and design needs.

The other summer market dates are set for July 18 and August 8. The events will feature local vendors set up in the parking lot, along with handmade goods, food trucks, live music, and live apparel pressing demonstrations.

An official kick-off of the shop's monthly Summer Vendor Series took place back on May 9 with the celebration of The Lakes' first anniversary.

**Owner** Christina Robbins has grown the shop into a creative hub for the community, offering custom apparel, business branding, signage, promotional products, and in-house design services.

As part of the business's growth, Robbins has expanded into photography with the addition of Suite 223 Studio, a natural light studio space available for photographers and content creators. During the events, guests can enjoy pay-what-you-can mini photo sessions with Lucky Owl Studios, making professional photography more accessible to the community.

The first anniversary celebration also marked the official opening of The Lost Buoy, a curated in-store boutique featuring locally made products, gifts, and unique items from small businesses and artisans. The boutique adds a new retail experience to the space, further supporting local makers.

Located at the corner of U.S. 223 and Herold Highway in Addison, The Lakes Print Shop has built a strong reputation over the past year for personalized service and quality production, working with local businesses, organizations, and individuals on everything from branded merchandise to event ap-

parel and marketing materials.

With a focus on small-town values, creativity, and collaboration, Robbins continues to grow the business into more than just a print shop – creating a space where the community can shop, create, and connect all in one place.

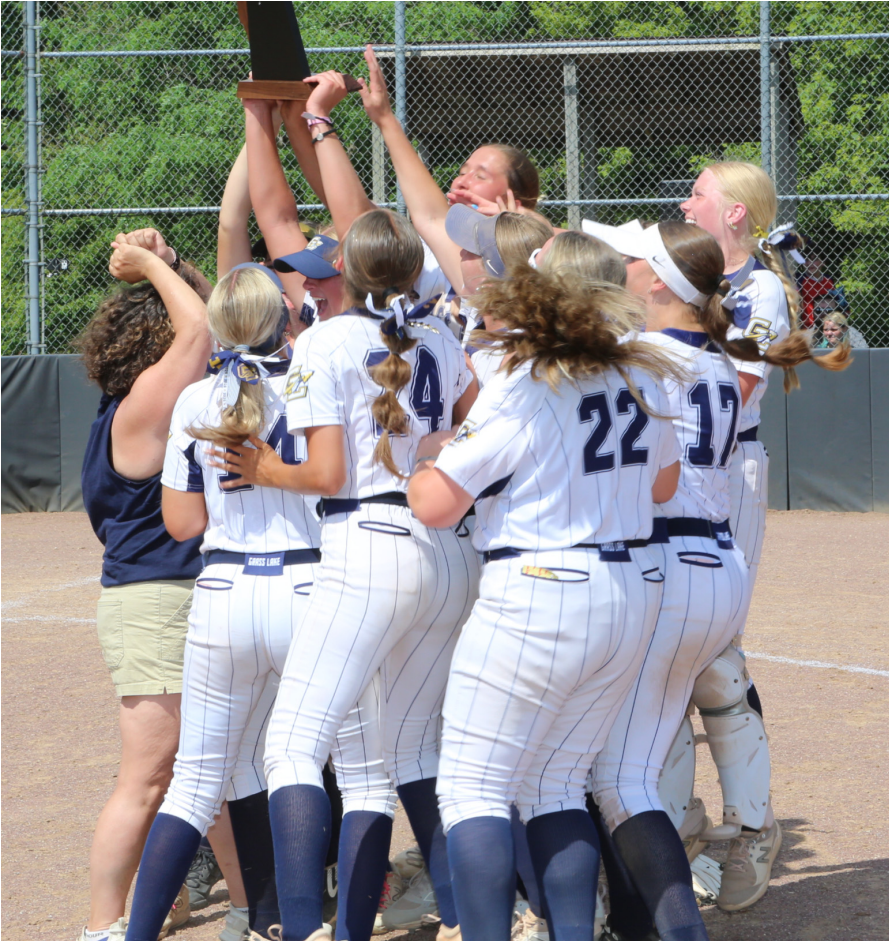
The Lakes Print Shop owner, Christina Robbins, has grown the shop into a creative hub for the community.





Defending title admirably

# Warriors regional champs!



The Grass Lake Warriors hoisted their regional champion trophy after holding off Clinton in the championship game. Photo by Paul Snyder.

Story and photo  
By Paul Snyder

The Grass Lake Warriors were able to hold off a seventh inning Clinton Redwolves rally for a 4-2 win to capture the regional title Saturday afternoon at Hanover-Horton and move a step closer to defending their Division 3 state title.

The Warriors took a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh when the Redwolves capitalized on a Warrior error to start the inning and a Sierra Welch single, scoring one run. Lexi Tzortzinis followed with a single, and after getting Welch out on a fielder's choice, Mya Popkey singled to load the bases.

But Warrior pitcher Morgan Conrad was able to get Ashlynn Benschoter to ground out into a fielder's choice, getting Tzortzinis out at home and Kaylinn Long to ground out to second to secure the Warrior win.

Grass Lake was able to squeeze in a run in the fourth inning when Mikayla Jurek singled with one out and Kayleigh Hilberer delivered a two-out single to put the Warriors up 1-0.

The Warriors added three runs in the sixth in-

ning on three hits and a walk. Conrad led off with a single, Kennedy Collins drew a walk, Jurek got a sacrifice bunt, and Chloe Hollifield singled in two runs. Kayleigh Hilberer followed with another run-scoring single.

Conrad went the distance in the pitching circle allowing the Redwolves two runs on eight hits, striking out two and walking one.

Kayleigh Hilberer had two of the Warriors eight hits in the game as the Warriors improved to 34-5 on the season.

Grass Lake will face the Whiteford Bobcats in MHSAA quarterfinal play this Tuesday (June 9) at Novi High School at 5 p.m., with the winner advancing to the MHSAA Division 3 state semifinals this Friday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at Michigan State University's Secchia Stadium, with the state championship game on Saturday at 3 p.m. on the same field.

**Regional semifinals**  
**Grass Lake 5, Homer 2**  
**Clinton 2, Lumen Christi 0**

Grass Lake advanced to the regional championship game with a 5-2 win over their Cascades

Conference rival Homer Trojans earlier in the afternoon this past Saturday.

Grass Lake did all their scoring in the second inning, taking advantage of four walks. Kennedy Collins and Mikayla Jurek drew back-to-back walks and Chloe Hollifield drove in the Warriors' first run with a single. Lily McVicker then drew a bases-loaded walk for their second run. Makenzie Hilberer then capped off the inning with a two-out double, driving in three runs.

Homer tried to rally in the sixth inning, scoring two runs on three hits and a Warrior error with one out, but Morgan Conrad was able to get a strikeout and groundout to end the Trojan threat.

Conrad allowed the Trojans just four hits and struck out four in five and 2/3 innings. Kayleigh Hilberer threw one and 1/3 innings, giving up two runs on three hits. She had two of the Warriors' seven hits in the game.

In the other regional semifinal, Clinton skirted by Lumen Christi in a pitchers' duel, taking down the Titans in a close game, 2-0.

## A solid season ends



Onsted pitcher

Story and photo by Paul Snyder

The Onsted Wildcats' baseball season came to end last Wednesday (June 3) as they fell to the fourth-ranked Detroit Edison Pioneers 7-1 in a MHSAA Division 3 regional semifinal matchup at Onsted.

The Wildcats faced strong pitching from Pioneer right-hander Jamir Campbell who struck out 10 and only gave up three hits and a walk in five and 2/3 innings.

Onsted threatened in the second inning when Jack Tessier led off with a single and Cade Symington was hit by a pitch. They advanced to second and third on a wild pitch with no outs, but Campbell was able to get out of the jam with two strikeouts and Tessier being caught in a rundown trying to score.

Edison got on the board with three runs on four hits in the second inning and added three more runs in the third on two hits, three walks, and a sacrifice fly.

Cade Symington led off the fifth inning with a double for Onsted's second hit of the game but was left stranded as Campbell struck out the next three Wildcats.

The Pioneers added their seventh run in the fifth inning with one hit and three walks.

Onsted got on the scoreboard in the sixth inning when Jacob Hill reached base on an Edison error and scored on a double from Lucas Arnold with two outs. The Wildcats threatened to score more when Teegan Cunningham and Cade Symington drew back-to-back walks to load the bases, but Pioneer pitcher David Hemphill came on in relief and was able to get Bryson Sutherland to ground out to end the inning, then got the Wildcats to go one-two-three in the seventh.

The Wildcats finish a strong season with a 23-11-1 record. Edison moved on to the MHSAA state semifinals this Thursday (June 11) at Michigan State University with a win over Jonesville (4-2) in the regional final and a victory over Jackson Lumen Christi (7-6) this past Saturday in the state quarterfinals at Novi High School.



## Schwartz knocking on the door of the top 10 in D-4 golf

**Left: Addison High School golfer Lucas Schwartz hits a shot during the MHSAA Division 4 state final at Forest Akers West Golf Course near the campus of Michigan State University.**

Photo, story by Jeff Steers  
Exponent special writer

Two years ago, Addison High School golfer Lucas Schwartz finished nearly 20 strokes out of the top 10 at the Division 4 state golf final.

This year, Schwartz was two strokes away from the top 10 after shooting a two-round total of 162 at Forest Akers Golf Course near the campus of Michigan State University.

Next year, the senior should be right in the mix.

Addison qualified as a team for the first time since 1981.

Just like Schwartz's improvement, the Panthers improved 17 strokes from Friday to Saturday.

Addison finished round one with a 377 on Friday at Forest Akers and stood in 17th place.

Saturday, the Panthers shot a four-man total of 360 – moving up two places in the process.

Addison finished 15th in the state with a two-day total of 727. Quincy Smith shot 187, and Levi Chestney and Caden Olsofsky both carded 198s for the two-day tournament.

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Obituaries

Michael A. Ewing

Michael A. Ewing, 83, of Jerome, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Otterbein Jackson SeniorLife Community. He was born on January 2, 1943, in Monroe, Michigan, to Leland and Helen (Heck) Ewing. Mike married Ellen Mathein on September 21, 1964, and she survives. Mike graduated from St. Mary Catholic Central High



Michael A. Ewing

School in Monroe, and he received his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, majoring in history, education, and English. Mike began his teaching career in Pontiac, where he taught for three years before moving to Homer Community Schools, and later retired after 24 years of service. He was an avid reader, historian, golfer, and a lifelong Detroit Lions fan. In their retirement, Mike and Ellen enjoyed winter-

ing in Florida and Texas. Mike loved spending time with his family, boating on Lake LeAnn, and enjoying a good cocktail with friends. In addition to his wife of 61 years, Ellen Ewing, Mike is survived by two children, Stephen (Carolyn) Ewing of Jackson, and Michelle (Eric) Willenbrink of Ballwin, Missouri; four grandchildren, Eric (Kimi) Ewing, Leland (Shannon) Ewing, Maggie Willenbrink, and Katie (Jeffrey) Schorsch; five great-grandchildren, Aret, Theo, Callum, Wells, and Griffin; and one

brother, David Ewing of New Albany, Ohio. Mike was preceded in death by his parents. Per his wishes, a private family celebration of life will be held for Michael Ewing. Arrangements are entrusted to VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale. Memorial contributions may be directed to Homer Community Schools, 403 S. Hillsdale St, Homer, MI 49245.

Paul Raymond Francis

Paul Raymond Francis, 81, of Brooklyn, Mich., and formerly of Temperance, Mich., passed away on June 2, 2026, after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving family.



Paul Francis

Paul was born on May 28, 1945, in Santa Rosa, Calif., to Raymond and Pauline (Whitman) Francis while his father was stationed there during World War II. He was raised in Temperance, Mich., in a close-knit family alongside his brother, Mark (Karen) Francis, and many Whitman cousins. He was especially cherished by his grandmother, Claire Whitman.

Paul met the love of his life, Garnet (Kinsey) Francis, in kindergarten. They both graduated from Bedford High School in 1963 and were married on August 4, 1964. Together, they raised three children: Lynette (Michael) Fisher, Patrick (David) Francis, and Julie (Herb) Morelock. He was a proud and devoted grandfather to James (Stephanie) Fisher, Julianna (Damien) Pfaff, Jocy Fisher, Tyler Lafave, Sophia Morelock, and Evan (Sidney) Morelock. He was also "Papa" to six great-grandchildren: Caroline, Finn, Maggie, Meredith, Milo, and Maizey.

Paul earned his degree from Eastern Michigan University and enjoyed a distinguished career as a CPA for over 50 years. Even after retirement, he continued preparing tax returns for a select group of clients.

A longtime member of First Baptist Church of Temperance, Paul served faithfully as the church organist for many Sunday services and for countless weddings and funerals. He also dedicated many years to public service, including serving on the Bedford Public

Schools Board of Education and as both trustee and treasurer for Bedford Township until his retirement in 2020. Paul and Garnet later made their home at Vineyard Lake, building on property originally purchased by his grandfather, John Whitman, in the 1950s. It was his favorite place. He remained deeply involved in his community, serving as a member of the Bedford Township Lions Club and as a Trustee on the Norvell Township Board. At the time of his passing, he was vice president of the Bedford Lions Club and was set to become president on July 1, 2026.

Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Garnet; his brother, Mark (Karen) Francis; his children and their spouses; his six grandchildren; his six great-grandchildren; and Zippy the cat. He will be remembered for his quick wit, unwavering loyalty to his family, and strength during life's most difficult moments. He was also known as the captain of the Water Hazard pontoon boat on Vineyard Lake, the head grillier at every family gathering, and, above all, the leader of his family. He was a man of great faith.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, 1640 Smith Road (at Jackman), Temperance, Mich., where a celebration of life will follow at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Bedford Township Lions Club: Bedford Township Lions Club, P.O. Box 301, Temperance, MI 48182 or email: bedford\_lions\_club@yahoo.com.

Suzanne E. Huber

Suzanne E. (Wellman) Huber, 78, of Cement City, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2026. She was born on November 6, 1947, to Frank R. Wellman and Ruth (Quivey) Wellman. She was a 1965 Graduate of Western High School. She was a telephone operator at Bell Telephone, where she met and married the love of her life, Douglas R. Huber, on March 2, 1968. They were



Suzanne E. Huber

married for 58 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Ruth (Quivey) Wellman, and her brother, Danny. Surviving are her husband Doug, daughter Kristie (Paul) Miller of Cement City, and son Aaron of Manitou Beach. She was blessed with five grandchildren, Michael,

Daniel, and Rebekah Miller, and Eve and Sarah Huber. Also survived by her brother Dennis (Annette) Wellman, sisters Jackie (Denis) Murray, Jan (Randy) Jarchow, sister-in-law Merry (Jim) Vaughn, brother-in-law Tom (Shelia) Huber, and many nieces and nephews. She was a homemaker and loved to bake, sew, enjoyed camping and loved animals. She was an active member of Word of Life Fellowship Church (now Restoration

Church), where she led a Women's Bible Study, was the Nursery Coordinator, helped with Vacation Bible School, led the Music Ministry, and taught people who couldn't read to read. She also taught at the church's Christian school for many years. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will be held at Restoration Church, 13191 M-50 in Brooklyn, Michigan, on June 13, 2026. The service will begin at 1:30 p.m.

James William Koebnick

James William "Jim" Koebnick, 77, of Clark Lake, Michigan, passed away on January 24, 2026, at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Born October 30, 1948, in Ann Arbor and raised in Ypsilanti, Jim graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1968. Drafted into the U.S. Army that October, he served with Delta Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry "Manchus" of the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam from April 1969 to May 1970, first as an infantryman in Tay Ninh Province and later as a door gunner with the 25th Aviation Battalion. He was decorated with the Bronze



Jim Koebnick

Star, the Combat Infantryman Badge, two Air Medals, and two Army Commendation Medals (one for valor). After returning home, Jim built a 25-year career as a superintendent with O'Neal Construction in Ann Arbor, leaving his mark on the city through countless projects. He took pride in his craft, with a quiet, confident lead-by-example approach. A devoted father and grandfather, he loved country living, the water, building furniture in his woodshop, and the friendships he

forged on the golf course. Jim died of cancer caused by Agent Orange exposure during his service, fifty-six years after he came home, a casualty of the Vietnam War. Jim is survived by his son, Justin Koebnick; his daughter, Angie Haverly, and her husband Steve; his grandchildren Anna, Christian, and Bethany Haverly; his brother Dennis "Denny" Koebnick and Denny's wife Robin; and his nephew Jeff Koebnick, Jeff's wife Shonie, and their daughter Rylee. He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen (Corwin) Thornton, and his stepfather, Bill Thornton. A funeral service with full military honors will be held at

Washtenong Memorial Park, 3771 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on August 29, 2026, at 1 p.m. A Celebration of Life will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Jim's name to American Legion Wilber-Bartlett Post 315 (americanlegionbrooklynmi.com), the VA Ann Arbor Fisher House (fisherhousemichigan.org/give), or Woodworking for Warriors (woodworkingforwarriors.org). Full obituary available online at https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/12721664 "Keep Up the Fire."

Death notices

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

Elaine Ann Beasley, 78, Spring Arbor Township; Stevenell Glenn Clark, 73, Grass Lake Township; Gail Marie McGlynn, 70, Summit Township; Anthony Stuart Middleton, 79, Bradenton, FL; Larry John Smith, 80, Rives Township; Frederick Lyman Marshall, 78, Summit Township; James Austin Stewart, 78, Leoni Township; Michael James Shankland, 74, Summit Township; Kevin Joseph Klosterman, 62, Jackson; Curtis C. Brown, 43, Blackman Township; Edna May Barker, 87, Blackman Township; Emilio Pita Armentero, 75, Blackman Township; Clito Daniel Christou, 70, Jackson; Nelson Adelbert Kothe, 82, Freedom Township; Gary Leroy Jones, 66, Fairfield Township; Douglas Edward Rowley, 74, Leoni Township; James Thomas Webster, 79, Leoni Township; Gerald John Schweda, 85, Leoni Township;

Allen Monroe Pitmon, 93, Jackson; Jairus Andrae Perkins, 43, Blackman Township; Gregory Albert Mcconnell, 74, Jackson; Hazel Gladys Kukulka, 96, Leoni Township; Gertrude Jenette Jacobson, 93, Liberty Township; Harmony Ann Renfer, 0, Blackman Township; Donald Patrick Mars, 48, Blackman Township; Betty Jane Joplin, 91, Jackson; James Allen Newby, 70, Jackson; Irving Charles French, 92, Jackson; Larry Eugene Towns, 78, Parma Township; Gary Edward Fleming, 75, Henrietta Township; Clinton Scott Bolenbaugh, 63, Summit Township; Harold Dean Cartmell, 82, Hanover Township; Harvey Benjamin Dennis, 64, Jackson; Tylor Douglas Lee, 29, Leoni Township; Martha Ruth Farrell, 92, Columbia Township;

Marriage licenses

Cierra Sowle, Jackson County clerk, reports the following recent recorded marriage license applications:

Tyler Jacob Bearden, Brooklyn, and Laura Marie Allen, Brooklyn; Kaleigh Mikkel Edwards, Jackson, and Scott William Barth, Whitmore Lake; Tabitha Jean Mulkey, Hanover, and Anna Alicia Alcorta, Hanover; Lucas Andrew Felton, Grass Lake, and Alyssa Monique Arbour, Linden; Myles Antoine Bracey, Jackson, and Jennifer Perales, Hartford; Carol Ann Brigham, Jackson, and Logan Joseph Miner, Jackson; Richard Allen Pittsley, Jackson, and Taunya Mae Meyerhofer, Jackson; Melissa Faye Padron, Jackson, and Elmer

Ruiz-Orozco, Indianapolis, IN; Alicia Nicole Piliszko, Jackson, and Zachary Joseph Sierminski, Jackson; Brandon Correy Marks, Springport, and Xena Kay Mitchell, Springport; Angelo Joseph Muraco, Columbia Station, OH, and Jolee Suzanne Mitchell, Columbia Station, OH; Logan Michael Priess, Grass Lake, and Kaitlyn Joan Kelly, Grass Lake; Hope Koren Jehnzen, Jackson, and Justin Kyle Copeland, Jackson; Kimberley Ann Powell, Jackson, and Jon Alan Gutekunst, Jackson; Rhonda Deanna Bakes-Willson, Jackson,

and Brandon Joel Babineau, Jackson; Oliver Joseph Cook, Jackson, and Heather Mccrae Molina, Jackson; Steven Alexander Valdez, Jackson, and Pamela Jean Brown-Valdez, Jackson; Logan Joel Pitts, Jackson, and Hunter Elizabeth Lott, Jackson; Shiloh Madison Utterback, Jackson, and Kevin Andrews Beissel, Jackson; Timothy Jason Lightner, Springport, and Dakota Jayden Spink, Albion.

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# Obituaries

## Walter and Patricia Burke



Walter and Patricia Burke



Walter and Patricia Burke, formerly of Addison, Mich., passed away surrounded by family in McGregor, Texas. Walter, 101, passed away on March 5, 2026. Patricia, 98, passed away on February 21, 2025.

Walter was born June 24, 1924, in Addison, Mich., to Rudolph and Milda (Strobel) Burke. With an engineer's mind and a good sense for business, he was a successful dairy farmer. He always had a project and could build/fix most anything - wood, electrical, plumbing, machinery, and more. He especially enjoyed building things from wood - buildings, play structures, toys, clocks, and cabinetry. He planted trees and 50 years later harvested them to build Mom, her dream log home. He

was always working. Well into his 90s, he used his golf cart to work on the ranch, picking up limbs, harvesting pecans, helping with animals, and fixing up farm buildings. He was constantly curious, reading and learning. He always knew right from wrong and was generous beyond measure for his family and community. He was a Michigan State University short-course graduate. He served as a 4-H leader, Hillsdale County Fair Vegetable Building Supervisor, and was a member of the Soil Conservation District Board, Kiwanis, Jackson Movie Club, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

Patricia Marie (Converse) Burke was born May 9, 1926, to Orrin Leonard Converse and Clara Estelle (Snow) Converse. She grew up as a city

girl in Jackson, Mich., with four brothers. After attending Jackson Business College, she married Walter Burke, a dairy farmer, on March 2, 1947. Pat served the community as Hillsdale County Fair vegetable building manager, Sunday school teacher, and founded the Addison 4-H Stitchettes Club, teaching countless girls how to sew, cook, and manage a home. She was proud of her MSU Extension Nutritionist work, helping families learn the art of preparing nutritious meals on a budget. Patricia kept up on current events as well as the news about our large extended family. She was funny, feisty, and not afraid to share her opinions. A voracious reader, she was reading about a book a week and still texting people right up to the time of her passing.

Together, Walter and Pat raised six daughters plus two foster daughters, hosted children with disabilities, MSU foreign students who didn't have a place to go for the holidays, and a dozen foreign exchange students. They traveled across the United States in a station wagon with six kids and later in their motorhome across the West, Canada, and Alaska,

made farm exchange trips to Hawaii, Scotland, Ireland, Europe, and Egypt. Eventually, they sold their Addison farm, built a house in McGregor, Texas, in 2000, bought a house in Holland with their oldest daughter, Deanna, in 2005, and later moved into Heidi's McGregor, Texas, farm in 2017.

Walter was preceded in death by Patricia, his parents, his sister Wilma and her husband, Royce Baker. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents and brothers. Both were preceded in death by their oldest daughter, Deanna Marie Hansen, in 2019. Surviving are their daughters Pamela Burke, Deborah Leonard (Mark), Sandra Slowey (David), Rebecca Burke, Heidi Foster (Otis), Martha Burrell (Harold), and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A special thank you goes out to their Hospice team and Home Instead caregivers. In honor of Walter and Patricia's generous spirits, donations may be sent in their names to your local Hospice, public library, Meals on Wheels, 4-H Club, or County Fair. A celebration of their lives will be held in Michigan.



Ance Renner and Sherry Moore were married June 16, 1956, at Tipton Community Church by Reverend Howard Chipchase. Mr. Renner retired from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Renners have 3 daughters, Lynne Davis, Lisa (Mike) Finch, and Lori Prichard. A family dinner is planned. The Renners have lived their entire married life in Onsted.

## Doing business as

**Cierra Sowle, Jackson County clerk, reports the following recent recorded businesses**

**Grass Lake Dental Center:** 11745 East Michigan Avenue, Grass Lake (Dental Office) Luciana Castro, owner;

**R H Lawn Service:** 516 Oakwood Beach Drive, Brooklyn (Lawn Care) Roger Wayne Hulbert, owner;

**Clark Lake Carpentry:** 5890 Jefferson Road, Clark Lake (Carpentry) Colleen Agnes Charles, owner;

**The Backyard Plug:** 719 South Elm Avenue, Jackson (Game Rental Service) Carey A. Whitaker, owner;

**Motor City Sound:** 2939 Park Drive, Jackson (Entertainment/Sound Production) Patrick Doletzky, owner;

## Colbrook Meadows to host meeting on June 22 regarding pond flooding

Colbrook Meadows subdivision is holding a public meeting to address the pond flooding. The meeting is being held on Monday, June 22, at 6 p.m., at the Brooklyn Library, 207 N. Main Street. The speaker for the event will be Jack Ripstra, a professional engineer hired by the Jackson County Drain Commission.

## Scott Barnett

Scott Burton Barnett, 70, of Brooklyn, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Chelsea Retirement Community. Per Scott's wishes, cremation has taken place, and the family is planning a celebration of life on Sunday, June 21, 2026, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Beach Bar at Clarklake.

He was born on February 24, 1956, in Lansing, Mich., to William and Merelyn (Burton) Barnett. Scott married Anne, February 14, 1999, in St. Ignace, Mich. He will be re-



Scott Barnett

membered as a kind, compassionate person with a great smile. Scott graduated from Addison High School, class of 1974. He was involved in landscaping, softscapes, and hardscapes, and was featured in the tour of homes in Jackson. Scott truly loved the outdoors, especially anything to do with water. In 1974, he canoed the full length of the Grand River from Michi-

gan Center to Lake Michigan. Scott cherished his family vacations on Lake Michigan. He loved to travel primarily in Michigan. Scott also enjoyed bicycling, doing the DALMAC bike tour eight years in a row. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn and the American Legion Wilbur Bartlett #315 of Brooklyn. Scott was a loving husband, brother, father, and grandfather who was fun to be around and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Scott is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Anne; his

children, Nathan (Kelli) Barnett, Kelly Mack, John (Jen) Dermeyer, and Lauree Dermeyer; a sister, Lori Barnett; grandchildren, Tyler, Lucas, Hudson, Phillip, Page, Nicholas, Lily, and Amiyah; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Merelyn; and a son, Chad Dermeyer.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Alzheimer's Association. Please leave a message of comfort for Scott's family or sign his guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 4TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON  
GUTHRIE HOLDINGS, LLC (Plaintiff)  
v  
UNKNOWN PERSON OR PERSONS (Defendants)  
Case No. 26-986-CH

This case is hereby set for pretrial conference before the HONORABLE RICHARD N. LAFLAMME, on November 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

A pretrial statement on the attached form must be filed with the clerk at least 7 days prior to the pre-trial.

The purposes of the pretrial include presentation of proofs, entry of judgment, and/or:

- Setting the calendar for future action in this case through trial, including:
- Discovery cut-off
- Date of exchange of witnesses and exhibits (witnesses and exhibits not disclosed on the date scheduled may not be used at trial absent order of the Court on good cause shown)
- Case evaluation date, if to be case evaluated
- Next pre-trial date
- Date for filing and hearing motions
- Setting trial date
- Making any stipulations that may assist in preparation of case.

Other matters may be raised during the conference.  
Cc: Attorney for Plaintiff(s), for service on Defendant(s)

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint.

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE**

Plaintiff states:

Plaintiff, by their attorney, Frederick Lucas, state:

1. Plaintiff, Guthrie Holdings, LLC (hereafter referred to as "Guthrie"), is a Michigan limited liability company.
2. On June 2, 2003 purchased the following described real property (hereafter referred to as the "Parcel") located in the Township of Columbia, Jackson County, Michigan from Grantor, Leo Haligus (hereafter referred to as "Haligus").  
Land in the East half of the Northeast quarter, Section 24, Town 4 South, Range 1 East, Columbia Township, Jackson County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the West quarter corner of Section 19, Town 4 South, Range 2 East; thence North 00°03'19" West along the West line of said Section 19 a distance of 1447.73 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 14°00'51" West 10.00 feet; thence South 89°30'09" West 25.96 feet (recorded as 20.5 ft.) to the Easterly line of Highway M-50; thence Northwesterly along said Highway line 216.05 feet on the arc of a curve to the left, with a radius of 2914.93 feet, a central angle of 04°14'48", and a chord which bears North 15°00'22" West 216.01 feet to the centerline of Goose Creek; thence North 71°17'03" East along said Creek 88.37 feet to the East line of said Section 24; thence ) South 00°03'19" West along said Section line 246.47 feet to the point of beginning. Exhibit A
3. In the course of preparing a title search preparatory to Guthrie selling this parcel, it was determined by Prestige Title Company, that at the time that Haligus sold the Parcel to Guthrie, he did not have clear title to the Parcel.
4. As evidenced by the attached letter, in conducting a thorough title search going back to 1925, Prestige Title was unable to identify any person or entity that had legal title to the Parcel. Exhibit B
5. Since 2003 when Haligus deeded the Parcel to Guthrie, Guthrie has paid the taxes on the Parcel for more than 15 years.
6. For a period in excess of statutory 15 year period, Guthrie has treated and continues to treat the Parcel as its own for all purposes, to the exclusion of all other persons.
7. Guthrie's use and possession of the Parcel has been actual, visible, open, notorious, exclusive, continuous, and uninterrupted for more than 15 years, thus satisfying the requirements for adverse possession under Michigan law.  
Wherefore, plaintiff, Guthrie Holdings, LLC, respectfully request that this Honorable Court enter an Order authorizing service of process by posting and publication, pursuant to MCR 2.106(b) and thereafter grant judgment as follows:

A. Determine that title to the Parcel is plaintiff's in fee simple and that title to the Parcel be forever quieted by this judgment;

B. Plaintiff's title to the Parcel is a valid title against defendants, all persons claiming under defendants, and all other persons claiming an interest thereto;

C. The title of any person claiming ownership of the Parcels is cut off by adverse possession; and

D. Plaintiff have such other and further relief as the court deems just and appropriate or as the equities require.

Dated: April 14, 2026

**CASTLEBERRY & LUCAS**  
Frederick Lucas  
Attorney for Plaintiff

**VERIFICATION**

I, Cole Guthrie am a member of Guthrie Holdings, LLC, the plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I have read the foregoing verified complaint and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein alleged on information and belief; and, as to those matters, I believe it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on April 14, 2026.

**Cole Guthrie, member**  
Guthrie Holdings LLC

**MOTION AND VERIFICATION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE**  
GUTHRIE HOLDINGS, LLC  
Vs  
UNKNOWN PERSON OR PERSONS

**In the matter of Quiet Title**

1. Service of process upon PERSON OR PERSONS cannot reasonably be made as otherwise provided in MCR 2.105, as shown in the following verification of process server.
2. Defendants last known home and business addresses are: unknown
- b. I do not know the Defendant's current home address.
3. I request the court order service by alternate means.

I declare the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

4/14/2026  
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517-467-4000

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION**  
GUTHRIE HOLDINGS, LLC  
Vs  
UNKNOWN PERSON OR PERSONS

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to Quiet Title. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the above address on or before (28 days after last date of publication). If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Tecumseh Herald for 3 consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
3. Agent of Frederick Lucas shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at property described in complaint for 3 continuous weeks, and file proof of posting in this court.

**FILED APRIL 24, 2026**  
Judge RICHARD N. LAFLAMME

High flyin' Jayhawk



Vandercook Lake High School athlete Dallas Swaenepoel was second in the state in pole vaulting at the Division 4 state meet Saturday. The Vandercook Lake senior finished the competition with a leap of 13-6. He scored eight points for the team, helping the Jayhawks finish 28th as a team. Ava Beard of Addison placed 17th in the discus (97-11). Photo by Jeff Steers.

PUZZLE TIME!  
Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 7, 2026

ACROSS

- 1 Nail care tools  
6 Baseball stat  
9 Football scores, for short  
12 Back to one's usual shenanigans  
14 Go bad  
16 Pooch that's always close to its owner  
17 Like unimaginative writing  
18 "Rehab" singer  
19 Winehouse  
20 Landed (on)  
21 Sandcastle molds  
23 On fire, colloquially  
23 Field that includes topology and set theory  
25 \_\_\_-Mex  
27 Disdain  
29 \_\_\_state area  
30 Incursions  
33 Browse your enemy's blog, say  
35 "Be there in a sec"  
37 Total quiet  
38 "We should have a conversation"  
40 "Everything is good"  
41 Consumed  
42 Passion  
44 \_mazon \_eb \_ervices  
45 Dressed up in  
47 Purina competitor

- 50 Transit option between San Francisco and Marin County  
52 Hideout  
53 Cavs' city  
56 Set of established beliefs  
57 Holiday outfit that's often uncomfortably warm in the Southern Hemisphere  
59 Liver, e.g.  
60 Secondary  
61 Texting letters  
62 Doc signed before visiting a tech office, perhaps  
63 App that many influencers use, for short

DOWN

- 1 \_\_\_bean  
2 It's a thing!  
3 Flower that's highly poisonous to cats  
4 "... you get the picture": Abbr.  
5 Plastic wrap brand  
6 Half of the diameter  
7 Genetic engineering's field  
8 Gerund suffix  
9 "It's no use anymore"  
10 Pieces of musical criticism?

- 11 Devious  
13 Game where lower scores are better  
14 Spot for a couple's massage  
15 \_\_\_and proper  
20 Actress de Rossi  
21 Ways out  
22 Dress up like, at a Halloween party  
24 \_\_\_-and- seek  
25 Behaving as expected  
26 Hidden bonuses  
28 "Stranger Things" actress Fisher  
31 Input to machine learning models  
32 Ingratiating in an insincere way

- 34 Take it easy  
35 "The Hunger Games" star, colloquially  
36 Shoppe descriptor  
39 Drink with a wall-destroying mascot  
43 Kigali's country  
46 Name hidden in "mermaid"  
48 Tiny speck  
49 Person from Baghdad, e.g.  
51 Participated in a marathon  
53 Pool sticks  
54 To-do \_\_\_  
55 Jazz singer  
56 Uno, \_\_\_, tres  
57 xxx-xx-xxxx ID  
58 Connecticut WNBA team

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Springville Church AA – Mondays 1 p.m. at Springville Methodist Church, Springville Hwy. & M-50.tf

UNIVERSAL  
Sudoku Puzzle

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

Today's puzzle solution

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
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Themeless Sunday 187 by Rafael Musa

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## ONSTED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 15th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center, Onsted, Michigan, the Board of Education of Onsted Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2026-2027 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2026-2027 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2026-2027 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Board of Education Office, 10109 Slee Rd., Onsted, Michigan.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education. 45

David VanBrunt,  
Secretary

## NORVELL TOWNSHIP

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The Norvell Township Board will hold their regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. with a Public Hearing held for the purpose(s) of:

Adoption of the 2026-27 Budget and L-4029-Resolution 2026-08

Copies are available at the Norvell Township Hall, 300 Mill Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 A.M to 4 P.M. and Tuesdays 8 A.M. to Noon.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, (MCL 41.72a(2)(3)) and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sharon Pero  
Norvell Township Clerk

## WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

### Summary of Waterloo Township Board Meeting May 26, 2026

A regular meeting of the Waterloo Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm. The following motions were made and passed: approval to accept consent agenda as amended, approval to apply budget amendments as presented, approval to increase the Deputy Treasurer wage by \$1/hour, approval to accept estimate from STG for IT services, approval to pay annual MTA dues, and approval to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Complete minutes can be found on the Waterloo Township website. (https://waterlootwpmi.gov/meeting-minutes/).

Bill Richardson,  
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## NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

### Napoleon Township Public Budget Hearing

The Napoleon Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 at the Napoleon Township Building, 6755 Brooklyn Rd, on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the township office.

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# OUTDOOR LIVING



## Allergic to red meat? Lord forbid!

*Be aware: Scientists are now saying that bites from the lone star tick can lead to allergies triggered by red meat, dairy and even gelatin.*

Imagine one day you're at a summer picnic, perhaps celebrating the Fourth of July or a family reunion. You feast on hot dogs, cheeseburgers or even a nice, juicy steak. You snack on home made bread that you top with real, creamy butter. For dessert you might enjoy some ice cream.

A few hours later your skin starts to feel itchy, you break out in a rash. Your face, lips, throat and eyelids are swollen, and suddenly you have trouble breathing. You start to panic and you head to the hospital or call 9-1-1.

When an EMT or doctor examines you, it is determined that you are going in to anaphylactic shock, which is potentially life threatening. You are treated at the hospital with an adrenaline shot and recover. However, you're not allergic to shell fish or peanuts, and the doctors are not sure how this happened. You go home, but before long the symptoms reappear and are now required to carry an EpiPen.

This scenario is happening to many people, and they are often shocked as to how this happened to them. They eventually may discover that they were bitten by a lone star tick and contracted Alpha-Gal Syndrome.

What is a lone star tick and why haven't some of us heard about them? They were originally found primarily in the South; Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas. Contrary to popular belief, they are not named after Texas, but get their name from a white-silvery colored single or "lone" dot or star on the back of the adult female. Biologists believe over the course of many decades, these ticks hitch-hiked on migrating white-tailed deer.

Lone star ticks were first discovered in Kalamazoo County in 2022. Their population has spread and is most dense in Berrien County. So now we know the culprit, but how does it spread?

According to Will Miller, a biologist at Calvin University (Grand Rapids), Alpha-Gal Syndrome is spread when a Lone Star tick transfers a certain type of sugar found in many mammals after feeding on them, and then to people after biting them. This causes our immune system to overreact to the Alpha-Gal sugar molecule, and our bodies create antibodies, causing our own bodies to essentially "attack" it.

This triggers an allergic reaction that can be potentially life threatening if left untreated.

Once compromised by Alpha-Gal sugar, a person can break out after eating dairy products, beef, lamb, pork, and even venison. There can be hidden triggers also from eating gelatin (often made from mammal bones), meat broths and even some medications.

Of course, a better known side effect of tick bites is Lyme disease.

Several years ago Annette Jackson was playing with her children in a park in Hazel Park. She noticed a bite mark on her arm but didn't feel there was cause for concern. Many days later she felt sick and went to the hospital. She had flu-like symptoms, her white-blood

count was off the charts (a sure sign of some kind of infection) but the doctors told her she did not have a cold or flu. They didn't know the cause, so they sent her home. After about a half a decade of suffering from severe fatigue, aches, pains and countless doctor visits, her doctor finally determined she had Lyme disease. This is caused by a bite from a black-legged tick.

Jackson is not alone. According to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in 2020 they logged 471 new cases of Lyme disease in Michigan. In 2025 that number exploded to 2,167 new cases! Remember, these are just the confirmed numbers. Experts believe the actual numbers are probably higher. People like Annette Jackson often go undiagnosed, sometimes for years. What can be done?

Regarding Alpha-Gal Syndrome, the allergy is not always permanent because over time the antibody levels decrease, especially if there are no additional tick bites from Lone Star Ticks.

If you are bitten by a black-legged tick, it must feed and be on you consistently for 24 to 36 hours. This is because the bacteria that causes Lyme disease lives in the tick's gut and it takes time to travel to the tick's salivary glands and enter your bloodstream. If you remove the tick within 24 hours, the risk is low.

If a tick is flat, it probably hasn't fed long enough to be a problem, but if it is round and swollen it may have been on there long enough to transmit the disease.

Lyme disease caught early can be treated with antibiotics or cefuroxime. There is often a "bull's eye" shaped rash around the bite, but not always. It starts out with flu-like symptoms such as body aches, fever, fatigue, etc.

If bitten by a tick it is best removed with fine-tipped tweezers and grasp as close to the skin as possible and pull upwards with steady, even pressure to avoid leaving mouth parts of the tick. To avoid being bitten apply DEET (like in OFF!), or picaridin to your skin, and/or .05 % permethrin to your clothes. Wear light colored clothes so the ticks are easier to spot on you.

I spoke a few years ago with now retired Howard Russell, Michigan State University's senior insect and arthropod diagnostician. He was with MSU for an impressive 44 years before he retired in 2024. He told me at the time "Twenty years ago, we didn't have this infestation of ticks in Michigan. I believe many migrated from deer herds from Indiana and other states south of Michigan." They called Howard Russell "the bug man" and he is one of the most knowledgeable experts of "bugs" I have ever met in Michigan.

By the way, after paying out of pocket for years in her search for answers, Annette Jackson plans to meet with elected officials to get insurance companies to pay for the treatment.

"I don't want to spread fear; I want to spread AWARENESS," said Jackson. In the end, like the expression goes,

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

## Spring sightings



Once again fawns are appearing in our fields as spring slowly turns into summer. Residents are reminded that if they come across a fawn in a field to leave it be, as its mother is likely close by watching. This fawn was photographed by Cort Schepeler.



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Walking through Hayes State Park last week I happened upon a blizzard. As often happens in early June, the cottonwood trees were releasing their fluffy white seeds, which surrounded me in what appeared to be a late november snow squall - only warmer.

To me, witnessing the release of these floating seeds, a select few of which will eventually become towering trees, is nothing short of a miracle.

Incidentally, despite common belief, the fluff itself does not cause hay fever or allergies, which is good to know, as a few seeds manage to make their way up my nose every spring.

However, according to the interwebs, because cottonwood seeds have a negative electrical charge, they often catch and carry other wind-blown pollens (like grass).

Personally I love snow squalls, but I must admit that I prefer June temperatures to January's.

**I heard my first bullfrog** in my lake (which is more like a giant pond that I refer to as My Little Waldon) the last week of May.

The bullfrogs begin breeding in late May, unlike the tree frogs, which during spring and early summer migrate to temporary or semi-permanent fishless wetlands and vernal pools to lay their eggs.

In keeping with our Christmas theme, I once heard tree frogs trilling on a warm Christmas Day in a marsh near my house six or seven years ago.

**The bluegills are on the beds.** Bluegills typically move onto their spawning beds from late May to early June, as water temperatures hit the low-to-mid 70s.

To find the beds, target water depths ranging from 1 to 5 feet, though in exceptionally clear lakes they may bed as deep as 10 feet. They prefer firm sand or shell bottoms, often close to some form of cover. Look for shallow, saucer-shaped depressions about the size of a dinner plate that look lighter in color than the surrounding bottom.

**Do you have a photo or story to share on the Outdoor Living page?** Email Steve Linenfelser at [Cougarman4@gmail.com](mailto:Cougarman4@gmail.com) or Matt Schepeler at [News@theexponent.com](mailto:News@theexponent.com), along with a brief explanation of your story idea.



Above: This grey tree frog looks more like a bump in a log than a croaking amphibian. Many tree frogs change skin color to blend into tree bark or leaves, providing excellent camouflage against predators like birds and reptiles. Also, male frogs have vocal sacs that act like built-in megaphones. Their calls are incredibly loud and can sometimes be heard up to a mile away. This photo was taken by Randy Andrews of Brooklyn.

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