

All-Conference players

Introducing the Exponent area Softball 2026 All-Conference selections



**Bella
Knapp**

Freshman, Columbia Central
Cascades All Conference
.436 Average • 24 hits
20 singles • 1 double • 3 triples
21 runs • 28 RBI • 11 walks • 10 stolen bases



**Camden
Knapp**

Junior, Columbia Central
MLive Jackson Area Dream Team
Cascades All Conference
.373 Average • 25 hits
15 singles • 7 doubles • 2 triples
1 home run 17 runs • 25 RBI
Pitching: 47 1/3 innings pitched
9 -1 record • 1.479 ERA • 61 strikeouts



**Kelsey
Faucz**

Senior, Columbia Central
Cascades All Conference
.541 Average • 33 hits • 30 singles
• 2 doubles • 1 triple
• 46 runs • 21 RBI • 26 walks • 5 stolen bases



**Gabby
Gaydosh**

Sophomore, Columbia Central
Cascades All Conference
.469 Average • 23 hits
20 singles • 3 doubles • 28 runs
13 RBI • 5 walks • 7 stolen bases



**Hailey
Weatherby**

Junior, Columbia Central
Division 3 All State
M Live Jackson Dream Team Player of the Year
Cascades All Conference
.523 Average • 34 hits • 22 singles
• 7 doubles • 1 triple • 4 home runs • 18 runs • 41 RBI
• 14 walks • 2 stolen bases
Pitching: 64 1/3 Innings • 10-1 record
1.306 ERA • 100 strikeouts



**Kennedy
Collins**

Sophomore, Grass Lake
Division 3 All State Honorable Mention
M-Live Area Dream Team
Cascades All Conference
.417 Average • 50 Hits
32 singles• 12 doubles• 2 triples • 4 home runs
39 runs • 45-RBI • 21 walks • 11 stolen Bases



**Lily
McVicker**

Freshman, Grass Lake
Division 3 All State
M Live Area Dream Team
Cascades All Conference
.476 Average • 59 Hits
43 singles • 8 doubles • 6 triples • 2 home runs
64 runs • 29-RBI • 24 walks • 25 stolen bases



**Makenzie
Hilberer**

Senior, Grass Lake
Division 3 All State
Cascades All Conference
.463 Average • 62 Hits
45 singles • 11 doubles • 5 triples • 1 home run
54 runs • 50 RBI • 15 walks• 16 stolen bases



**Mo
Conrad**

Senior, Grass Lake
Division 3 All State
M Live Area Dream Team
Cascades All Conference
.377 Average • 46 hits
31 singles • 15 doubles • 2 runs
30 RBI • 7 walks • 1 stolen base
Pitching: 31 Games • 144 1/3 Innings
26-2 record • 2.037 ERA • 156 Strikeouts

All-Conference players

Introducing the Exponent area Softball 2026 All Conference Selections



Hayden Rendall
Senior, Napoleon
Cascades All Conference
4 year letter winner • More than 150 Career Hits
.434 Average • 46 hits
36 singles • 6 doubles • 3 triples • 1 home run
33 runs • 35 RBI • 13 walks



Kaitlyn Fall
Senior, Napoleon
Cascades All Conference
4 year letter winner
More than 500 Career Strikeouts
.319 On Base Percentage
14 hits • 7 RBI
Pitching: 17 wins • 19 complete games
151 strikeouts



Hannah Hill
Senior, Onsted
LCAA All Conference
.378 Average • 28 hits
16 singles • 5 doubles • 1 triple • 6 home runs
22 runs • 22-RBI • 11 walks • 10 stolen bases

Columbia Charter Township police report



Payton Edwards
Senior, Onsted
LCAA All Conference
.319 Average • 22 Hits
17 singles • 4 doubles • 1 triple
12 runs • 14-RBI • 11 walks

June 21
Assist other agency: South Brooklyn Road/Austin Road, Napoleon Township; **General Non-Criminal:** Feller Drive; **Personal Welfare:** Irwin Street; Hyde Road; Cement City; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Alarm:** Wesch Road; South Main Street; **Peace Officer:** North Lake Road; **Loud Music:** Marshall Street; **Animal Complaint:** North Constitution Avenue;
June 22
Property Security: Hyde Road (2); **Accident:** Brooklyn Road; **Inspect Vehicle:** Case Road; **Suspicious Situation:** Monroe Pike; East Mill Pond Drive/School Street; **Missing Person:** South Main Street/Wamplers Lake Road; **Personal Welfare:** North Main Street; **Domestic:** Monroe Pike; **Assist other agency:** East Main Street;
June 23
General Non-Criminal: North Shore Drive; Hyde Road; **Personal Welfare:** North Main Street; North Shore Drive; **Ordinance Violation:** Lakeview Drive;

Road; **Disorderly:** Hewitt Road; **Personal Welfare:** Jefferson Road/Sandy Beach Drive; **Operating While Intoxicated:** Hewitt Road/Diversy Drive;
June 28
Parole Violation: Jefferson Road; **General Non-Criminal:** Constitution Avenue; Hayes Road; **Malicious Destruction of Prop:** Lions Lane; **Parking:** Hyde Road (3); **Disorderly:** Eagle Point Drive; Hewitt Road; Hyde Road/Vining Street; **Personal Welfare:** Elizabeth Court; South Main Street; **Property Security:** Hyde Road;

June 29
Traffic Hazard: Riverside Road/Peterson Road; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); Cannes Circle; **Suspicious Situation:** Alameda Court; **General Non-Criminal:** South King Street;
June 30
Assist other agency: Stony Lake Road, Napoleon Township; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); Cement City Road; **Suspicious Situation:** Castlewood Drive; Lakeview Drive; **Found Property:** Jefferson Road; **Parking:** Hyde Road; **Personal Welfare:** Cement City Road; Bennington Lane; **General Non-Criminal:** Hill

Court; **Assist medical:** Keast Drive; **Loud Music:** Ambler Drive;
July 1
Warrants: Jefferson Road (2); **Personal Welfare:** Jefferson Road; South Meridian Road; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **General Non-Criminal:** Grand Boulevard; Eagle Point Drive; Hill Court; **Larceny:** Jefferson Road; **Transports:** Michigan Street (2); **Suspicious Situation:** Michigan Street; **Inspect Vehicle:** Irwin Street; **Disorderly:** Ocean Beach Road; **Loud Music:** Perrin Street, Woodstock Township; **Accident:** Jefferson Road/Keast Drive;

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STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

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GRASS LAKE, MI 49240

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A STORAGE AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2026 AND WILL END AT PROMPTLY 10:00 AM THAT DAY. ONLINE BIDDING STARTS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE AUCTION DATE. YOU MAY VIEW AND BID ON THE UNITS LISTED BELOW ON WWW.BID13.COM PER THE RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.

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UNIT #159/170 - 12' X 30' - PROPERTY OF ZOEY RESKE - ITEMS INCLUDE VARIOUS FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PIANO, AIR COMPRESSOR, 2 TV'S AND OTHER MISC ITEMS.

UNIT #176 - 10' X 20' - PROPERTY OF GARY SMITH - ITEMS INCLUDE CHAIR, MISC BUILDING SUPPLIES, 100 LB LP TANK, MISC FURNITURE, WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER AND OTHER MISC ITEMS

UNIT #217 - 10' X 15' - PROPERTY OF GARY SMITH - ITEMS INCLUDE MISC BUILDING SUPPLIES, VARIOUS 5 GALLON BUCKETS, MISC TOOLS, EXTENSION CORDS AND OTHER MISC ITEMS

UNIT #313 - 10' X 10' - PROPERTY OF RASHWN PARRIS - ITEMS INCLUDE CURL BAR WITH WEIGHTS, LAMP, FOOT MASSAGER, MATTRESS, VARIOUS BAGS OF HOUSEHOLDITEMS, SOME FURNITURE AND OTHER MISC ITEMS.

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Looking to purchase existing mineral rights in Lenawee, Jackson, Hillsdale and Washtenaw counties, please call or text 734-497-1841 #38x12

GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Public Notice

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grass Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Grass Lake Charter Township Hall, 373 Lakeside Drive on July 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The request for a variance is being made by Mark Sayre of Sayre Builders at 3443 Vrooman Rd Jackson MI. The request is to ask for a variance on 205 Highland Dr. Grass Lake, MI. Parcel # 000-15-19-130-039-00. The request is to enlarge a non-conforming structure and move it to the center of the property and closer to the lake and exceeds lot coverage allowed by the ordinance. The parcel is zoned R-2

The property and request are more particularly described and on exhibit at the Grass Lake Charter Township Office.

Written comments concerning the variance may be sent to the Grass Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 373 Lakes Dr. PO Box 216, Grass Lake, MI 49240 any time before the hearing date. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular meeting immediately after the public hearing.

Dan Campbell,
Zoning Administrator
Tim Waskiewicz,
Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals

GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

July 7, 2026

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Grass Lake Charter Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, State of Michigan. Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precincts 1, 2 and the Absentee Counting Board for the August 4, 2026, Primary Election is scheduled for:

Monday, July 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the
Grass Lake Charter Township Office,
373 Lakeside Drive, Grass Lake, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law. (MCL 168.798(1))

Gail Harris, Clerk
Grass Lake Charter Township

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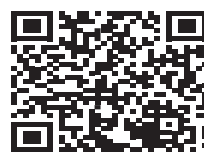
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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

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Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm, the Liberty Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hear a request for variances from Carol and Dayne Boyk at 471 Paradise Ln., Horton, MI, 49246, parcel ID: 000-18-30-327-010-01, for a new garage attached to an existing garage. They need a 4' variance to the west and a 20' variance to the north. The meeting will be held at the Liberty Township Hall, 101 W. Liberty Rd., Clarklake, MI.

Debbie Jacobson,
Liberty Township Clerk

NORVELL TOWNSHIP

Public Notice
Public Accuracy Test for August 4, 2026
Primary Election

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Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at 300 Mill Road, Brooklyn Michigan 49230.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer test that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sharon Pero
Norvell Township Clerk

WOODSTOCK TOWNSHIP

Woodstock Township
6486 Devils Lake Hwy
Addison, MI 49220
Planning Commission, Public Hearing
Date Posted 6/30/2026

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Woodstock Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 5:00pm, at 6486 Devils Lake Hwy.

The Hearing is for the Site Plan review for 18,000 block US 127, WD0-118-2150-00, Commercial Use new construction of 40 ft X 40 ft show room/office.

Immediately after the Hearing will be a Quarterly Meeting to evaluate Planning Commission By Laws

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

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

Summary of Waterloo Township Board Meeting
June 23, 2026

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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 presented, approval to apply budget amendments as presented, Extension of Amrize Extraction Permit by one month, acceptance of BS&A proposal for upgrades and necessary modules at a cost of \$36,655.00, approval of an estimate from PTC to clean up a partially downed tree in Landis Cemetery, and approval to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

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

Bill Richardson,
Clerk

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 5, 2026

ACROSS

1 Person involved in 14-Across

6 “___ Shot” (classic hockey comedy)

10 LAX takeoff guesses

14 They enable people to get the picture!

16 Holier-than-___

17 Flower cultivated by the Aztecs

18 Hamilton’s bills

19 Dr. Seuss creatures with a star-bellied variety

20 LaBelle of R&B

21 PreCheck org.

22 ___ gras (controversial food)

24 Ma that goes baa

25 Home repair initials

27 Show in which high schoolers might be played by 28-year-olds

30 Wordle’s home, for short

31 Clarified butter

32 “Ray” or “Ali”

34 Gradually impart

36 Some pet food bits

37 Any member of Bluey’s family

38 Entreats

39 Fashion designer

40 High school club for future attorneys

42 Org. for Alcaraz and Sinner

43 Stone fruit’s center

44 “Sheesh!”

45 Put on TV

47 Allergy season sound

49 Speculative literary genre that values technological accuracy

54 Prep for publication

55 Like some financial aid

56 May, to Peter Parker

57 Determine the age of

58 Canceled, like a launch

59 Salt Lake City college team

60 Put in stitches

DOWN

1 Electric guitarists’ gear

2 Hoodlum

3 Poet

4 Nona-genarian’s minimum age

5 School unit wrap-ups

6 “SNL” alum

7 Blockbuster surcharge

8 “I, Tonya” Oscar winner

9 Ad Council ad, e.g.

10 “At Last” singer

11 Play whose protagonist is Prospero

12 “You’ll be in bed when I arrive”

13 “Calvin and Hobbes” girl

15 Contender in a 10-event competition

20 Jeopardies

23 Enthusiastic volunteer’s comment

25 Effective pair

26 “This doesn’t deserve mentioning”

28 Symbol of slipperiness

29 “You’ve got mail” ISP

30 Actor Cage, to fans

31 Tree with fan-shaped leaves

33 CBS forensics franchise

35 Spasm

36 Veggie in a pod

38 Unthinkably strange

41 Microwave, maybe

42 Place to play Pac-Man

43 Song of praise

46 Nos. on dust jackets

48 Palindromic German name

50 Bones in a cage

51 “No need to describe it to me”

52 Gala

53 Carded

55 Ant-Man’s franchise, informally

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
CAMBRIDGE DRIVE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: a public hearing to renew the CAMBRIDGE DRIVE MAINTENANCE special assessment district will be held at 6:40 P.M. on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at the Cambridge Township Hall, 9990 W. M-50, Onsted, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: that the district within which the improvements are to be made and within which the costs thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as: the plat of “Addition to Killamey Hills”, section 10, Cambridge Township, Lenawee County, Michigan-ALL PARCELS WITHIN THE ABOVE-NAMED SUBDIVISION, AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING UNPLATTED PARCELS IN SECTION 10, CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP: CA0-110-2800-00 and CA0-110-4300-00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: that the said plans and special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may be further examined at such public hearing. This special assessment for the maintenance of Cambridge Drive is proposed to run for a period of five (5) years beginning with 2026.

Any written comments for or against this action will be received at the Cambridge Township office, 9990 W. M-50, Box 417, Onsted, Michigan 49265 up to and including the time of the public hearing.

Rick W. Richardson, Clerk
Cambridge Township

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONFIRM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
LAKESHORE DRIVE

48x2

A public hearing will be held on the 8th day of July, 2026 at 6:50 P.M. or any adjourned date thereof, at the Cambridge Township Hall, 9990 W. M-50, Onsted, Michigan for the purpose of hearing comments or objections to the confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll for the Special Assessment District known as the LAKESHORE DRIVE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.

The amount of funding and the cost to each parcel is available for examination at the Cambridge Township office during regular business hours (8:00 A.M. to Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.-Monday through Friday) beginning with the date of first publication of notice.

APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING TO CONFIRM THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL.

Any owner or party in interest, or his or her agent (with written permission from the owner), may appear in person at the hearing to protest the Special Assessment, or you may file a protest by letter in which event personal appearance is not required. Any protest by letter must be received at the Cambridge Township office no later than the conclusion of the scheduled hearing and should be addressed to: Cambridge Township Clerk, 9990 W. M-50, Box 417, Onsted, Michigan 49265.

Rick W. Richardson, Clerk
Cambridge Township

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

BETWEEN MAY 15, 2026 AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 ALL PREMISES
OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED, IN CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SHALL
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EVERY THREE WEEKS.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: that the district within which the improvements are to be made and within which the costs thereof are proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as: the “First Addition to Dewey Lake Beach” subdivision, Section 17, Cambridge Township, Lenawee County, Michigan: ALL PARCELS WITHIN THE ABOVE-NAMED SUBDIVISION, as well as the following unplatted parcels in Section 17, Cambridge Township: CA0-117-1745-00, and CA0-117-1750-00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: that the said plans and special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may be further examined at such public hearing. This special assessment for the maintenance of Lakeshore Drive is proposed to run for a period of five (5) years beginning in 2026.

Any written comments for or against this action will be received at the Cambridge Township office, 9990 W. M-50, Box 417, Onsted, Michigan 49265 up to and including the time of the public hearing.

Rick W. Richardson, Clerk
Cambridge Township

BANK MICHIGAN • NOTICE

Notice of Application
to Establish a Branch of a State Member Bank

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Bank Michigan, 417 South Main Street, Brooklyn, Michigan 49230, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch at 135 East Main Street, Manchester, Michigan 48158. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to Christopher Koopmans, Senior Vice President Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604. The comment period will not end before July 24, 2026. The Board’s procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. If you need information about how to submit your comments or to obtain a copy of the relevant procedures, contact Suchi Saxena, Community Affairs Officer and Vice President, Community Development, at (312) 322-4357; to request a copy of an application, contact Christopher Koopmans at (312) 322-8119. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the August 4th, 2026 Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner as prescribed by law.

Bill Richardson,
Waterloo Township Clerk

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Art in the Park

Embracing the arts, artists



Another good crowd came out with perfect weather for the second Art in the Park of the season in downtown Brooklyn. PHOTOS BY JOHN HUMMER



Iron Cowgirl Missy (Missy Covill) and her band treated visitors to lively country, rock, and blues tunes during the second Art in the Park of the season in downtown Brooklyn. An avid motorcycle enthusiast, Missy is honored and humbled to have accepted awards from branches of the United States military, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and many other charities for outstanding work and donating proceeds from shows, as well as her time and efforts to make a difference.



Lilah Dean, of Goshen, Ind., a student at Spring Arbor University and an intern with HOME.fm, enjoyed a mouth-watering dessert snack from the unique Bussin' Bowls food truck at Art in the Park in downtown Brooklyn. PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER



The drummer for Iron Cowgirl Missy, Paul Maybee, started playing drums in the 1970s and has not stopped since. After spending eight years in Southern California, he and his wife, Kathy, relocated to Michigan where he worked in technical theatre production while playing mostly in church. Paul is now enjoying retirement while playing drums for Missy and alongside his brother Mark on the keyboard.



Cheryle Kemp (left) and Rita Cutajar (right), both of Brooklyn, proudly show the DIY bead kits they just purchased from Believe in Beads, owned by Amy Wild (center) of Michigan Center. Amy's daughter, Jordan, has a business, the Wild Wick, which will be on hand at coming Art in the Park events.



Courtney Feuerstein, a 1996 graduate of Columbia Central High School who now lives in Canton, is the author of a new children's book "The BIG Move: The Adventures of Moe Kitty". Courtney was signing copies of the book at Art in the Park in downtown Brooklyn.

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Vanessa Ronders, compliance analyst for WellWise, holds up a painting that was auctioned off during the live auction at the Safe Haven fundraiser at Eagle's Nest Bar & Grill.



Jenna Chmielewski, on the WellWise board, had fun bidding on silent auction items at the Safe Haven fundraiser.



Above, left: Safe Haven fundraiser attendee Kerri Crum of Brooklyn tries to convince her friend Dan Bihn, also of Brooklyn, why she should bid on a silent auction item. Right: Deanne Matthews, contracts and provider specialist for WellWise, had fun being in charge of the 50-50 raffle at the Safe Haven fundraiser.



Safe Haven program now in its 10th year helping victims of abuse and neglect



Kara Lorenz-Goings, CEO at Well-Wise Area Agency on Aging, spoke with joy about how the Safe Haven program she spearheaded 10 years ago helps many people who confront various serious issues in their senior years.



Musician Ian Stewart, originally from Wales (UK) and now a Jerome resident, entertained the nearly 100 attendees at the Safe Haven fundraiser at Eagle's Nest Bar & Grill.

Story and photos
By John Hummer
Editor

It is estimated that over two million older Americans are the victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation each year. There are many right here in the tri-county area of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale counties.

Just what is elder abuse? Well-Wise Area Agency on Aging, based in Brooklyn, notes that elder abuse is any action or inaction that threatens the health or well-being of an older adult. Men and women of all races and economic levels, regardless of physical or mental health status, can be victims of abuse or mistreatment.

Who might abuse an elder? Most frequently, the perpetrator is someone the elder knows such as a neighbor, an adult child or other family member, or a care provider.

Those forms of elder abuse can be of several types including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse as well as financial exploitation and neglect. That neglect may also take the form of self-neglect when elderly individuals may threaten their own health or safety by failing to provide for their basic daily needs.

However, those who may be victims of these types of abuse and neglect are fortunate to have a very solid, caring program administered by WellWise Area Agency on Aging, based in Brooklyn, to address these issues and bring these victims to safety and back to a better, more normal life.

That program is called Safe Haven, now in its 10th year of serving victims in need in the tri-county. The Safe Haven Program provides immediate and ongoing safety support services for vulnerable adult victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale counties.

The program provides temporary emergency housing, permanent housing search assistance, information and referral for criminal justice, victim rights, and other community services; advocacy services, including accompaniment to appointments and assistance applying for crime victim compensation and other benefits; In-person crisis intervention, emergency financial assistance, emotional support, and transportation. All services are free and confidential.

WellWise hosted its 9th Annual Safe Haven Benefit June 24 at Eagle's Nest Bar & Grill on Clark Lake. Over 90 people were in attendance.

"Our mission has always been clear: To ensure older adults and individuals with disabilities, through their caregivers, can live safely, independently, and with dignity in their own homes and communities," said WellWise CEO Kara Lorenz-Goings in her opening remarks at the event. "Every day we work to empower independence, champion choice, and preserve dignity."

"The Safe Haven program is incredibly near and dear to my heart," she continued, having spearheaded the program in 2016. "I've been proud to be part of this program since its development 10 years ago. While this is one of our organization's smallest departments, it carries one of the most vital impacts. Together we actively support and protect [the elderly and survivors] by preventing or stopping abuse, neglect, and exploitation."

"We are profoundly grateful for the continuous support that has sustained this program over the last decade. Your commitment is truly inspiring."

Ashlee Griffes is the elder victims specialist and Safe Haven program manager. She is new to WellWise and Safe Haven, having started with the organization just



Ashlee Griffes

four months ago. "We're a stabilization program, so we work with victims of a crime or elder abuse or neglect and we help them find stability," she stated. "We're very person-centered, so that looks a little bit different for everybody. There is a common theme of needing housing support or transitional housing – so that's one of the main focuses of our program – to either provide temporary housing or case management geared toward finding affordable housing."

Griffes noted that WellWise data indicates the Safe Haven program had 105 referrals last year and is projected to serve about 100 people in the next fiscal year (October 2026 to September 2027). The program is geared toward adults 60 and over. In addition to Griffes, three other staffers at WellWise help support the program.

"Some of the crimes we're seeing more of are financial abuse and exploitation," Griffes said. "That's been really big and really hard for seniors because there is a lot of shame with that. When they finally do turn to somebody, they're quite embarrassed by it. We provide not only legal support, but we also coordinate with legal aid to help them try to recoup any of those funds lost and then help them make a plan to move forward and stay safe from that exploitation and abuse. With AI (artificial intelligence), it's getting really creative and intricate."

Lorenz-Goings thanked everyone who supported the Safe Haven program during their month-long World Elder Abuse Prevention campaign, which culminated with their 9th Annual Safe Haven Benefit. "We are thrilled to report that preliminary estimates confirm we exceeded our 2026 goals, both in benefit attendance and funds raised," she stated.

Individuals and businesses were invited to contribute through sponsorships, ticket sales, 50/50 raffle tickets, a silent auction, and prevention campaign donations. One hundred percent of proceeds from the campaign and the benefit go directly to survivor services, including safe housing access, resource navigation, in-home supports, transportation, and more.

"Funds raised help to offset the substantial costs associated with providing these essential services to vulnerable adults in Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale Counties," Lorenz-Goings noted.

Griffes explained that Safe Haven is primarily grant-funded and has a grant under the Victims of Crime Act. They are also in the process of applying for a grant through the State of Michigan's Prevent Program. The balance of the funding comes through the Safe Haven Benefit and donors to the program.

"Because we're grant funded, we're not limited to Medicaid and Medicare regulations or stipulations," she noted. "We can provide financial support when needed and transitional housing – sometimes that looks different depending on the circumstances."

The Safe Haven program has been so successful in accomplishing its goals, other areas of the state have taken note. "Within the past few years we've been working on replicating it with other area agencies on aging," Griffes stated. "They're building programs in other counties that are similar to the Safe Haven program."

For more information on any services available from the Safe Haven program, visit wellwiseservices.org/safe-haven or call WellWise Area Agency on Aging at 517-592-1974. You may also visit WellWise in person at 107 Chicago Street in Brooklyn.

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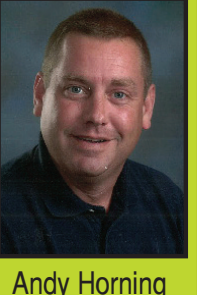
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