

**‘This is me.
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I’m very proud of my garden’**

Margaret Stewart

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A Second Chance for Forgotten Things



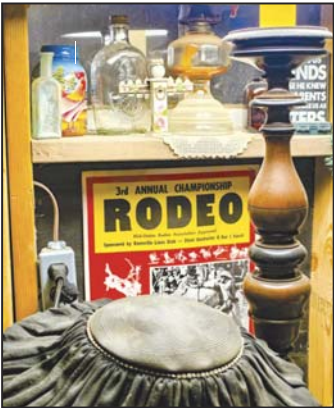
Above: This porch glows with a welcoming light, Below: A dusty dial telephone (left) and chandelier, right, have been repurposed in a fun and useful way.



Napoleon couple transforms roadside finds, family heirlooms, and discarded antiques into a backyard oasis



Margaret Stewart loves gardening, and has created a unique space that neighbors and passer-byes envy.



Margaret Stewart will use an old lampstand, poster and even bottles to create a unique space.

Story and photos by Christine MacIntyre

From the road, Andy and Margaret Stewart's home in Napoleon looks much like any other country property. But beyond the backyard gate, the ordinary quietly disappears. Twinkling lights glow beneath weathered barn wood, flowers spill from forgotten antiques, and winding stone paths lead visitors through a cottage garden where nearly every piece has lived another life before finding its place here.

It's a hidden oasis that has become the Stewart's labor of love—a place where discarded objects are given a second chance and creativity flourishes among the flowers. The couple's backyard re-

treat has taken shape over the past 17 years, ever since moving into what was then simply a house with an attached garage on just under two acres.

In the beginning, the property served a practical purpose. Her daughters, who were active in 4-H, raised chickens and goats. When the family found an old barn that was being torn down, they carefully dismantled it, hauled the materials home and rebuilt it for the animals.

That spirit of rescuing and repurposing eventually grew into something much bigger.

Today, nearly every corner of the garden tells a story.

"We take old stuff and give it a graveyard," Margaret said.

To most people, the items she collects might look like junk. To Stewart, they're full of possibility.

Old metal cheese graters and tea kettles become flower planters. Wooden pallets are transformed into garden structures. Salvaged doors and antique windows frame pathways and flower beds. Rough-sawn barn wood gives new life to structures throughout the property.

Among her treasures, visitors will find a lot of rust and chipped paint, but Stewart says that's what gives it character.

"I found an old rusty wire pot holder for a plant at a yard sale and you'd have thought I got a million dollars," she said. "It's beautiful

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This picket fence is lit up at night with a lantern to create a scene that could be taken out of a fairy tale. Below, dishes, clocks, cupboards and even an old bird's nest invite visitors to explore.

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to me.”

Stewart traces her inspiration back to visits with her longtime best friend, whose own cottage garden is filled with antiques and forgotten treasures.

“It was all antiques, junk no one else wants,” Stewart said. “I always wanted a cottage garden.”

After moving to Napoleon, she asked her husband if she could carve out a small section of their yard for one.

What started as a simple space gradually expanded into the peaceful retreat it is today.

The area behind the house had always been too wet to make mowing enjoyable, but it turned out to be an ideal place for flowers, shrubs and trees to thrive.

Stewart has built much of the space on a modest budget. Shrubs came from end-of-season clearance sales. Orchard grass, apple trees, a peach tree and strawberry plants were all purchased at discounted prices. Friends have gifted unwanted antiques, roadside discoveries have found new purpose and items destined for the trash have become focal points throughout the garden. A local tree company provides mulch, while Andy’s job at a stone quarry has helped supply stone for the winding pathways.

Among the many conversation pieces are a nearly 200-year-old double-seat outhouse complete with an antique chandelier, a vintage Hoosier cabinet with its original flour sifter, a corn shucker, an old wagon, a railway bench, an antique baby bed frame and Andy’s vintage tractor.

One of the property’s most charming features is a rustic she-shed built from reclaimed materials.

After friends were cleaning out a family barn following the death of their parents, the Stewarts salvaged old lumber and other pieces that otherwise might have been discarded.

“My husband made the cutest she-shed out of a bunch of old wood and things,” Margaret said.

While Margaret dreams up the ideas, Andy brings them to life.

“My husband does all the building,” she said. “I come up with the ideas.”

This summer has been especially rewarding because, after retiring as a bus driver for Napoleon Community Schools, Margaret finally has the time to devote to the garden she has envisioned for years.

She’s spent the season adding patio lighting, strands of twinkling lights and countless finishing touches that make the garden especially inviting after sunset.

Although the collection continues to grow, Margaret says expensive decorations have never been the goal.

Instead, she finds joy in giving forgotten things another purpose.

Standing in the middle of the garden she spent years imagining, Margaret doesn’t see junk or discarded odds and ends. She sees possibility.

“This is me,” she said. “This is what I love. I’m very proud of my garden.”



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FROM LEFT: Steve Linenfels captured a picture of eggs, then chicks while at right an adult jenny wren sings her beautiful song.



I was listening to the radio the other day and heard the song by the rock group Eagles "Life in the Fast Lane." Because I was enjoying the warm weather and being outdoors, my thoughts soon transitioned to how FAST summer goes by for not only us, but our fine-feathered friends. This is also the time that young birds must grow after being born, so they can survive the cold, harsh winter months or, when it comes time, to fly their winter migration routes.

During this brief time birds have to do certain things in order to avoid suffering or

even die. Let's start with food. Birds have very high metabolisms, so they must eat a lot to not only survive, but to grow bigger and stronger.

Hummingbirds have the highest energy output per unit weight of any warm blooded animal. It must eat every few minutes just to survive. It survives at night by lowering its body temperature and heart rate. It must consume 30% of its body weight a day. That's like a 200 pound man eating 60 pounds a day just to survive! That beats Joey Chesnut (hotdog eating world record holder) by a landslide!

Robins gorge too. One American robin will eat — if you put them length-wise end to end — 14 feet of earthworms a day, or 98 feet each week!

When they eat this much food, bird chicks grow expeditiously.

A house or "Jenny wren" female will lay her eggs and within 12 to 15 days they will hatch. In one nest in my backyard a wren laid 7 eggs. Only one egg is laid per day, so how does egg number seven "catch up" with the first egg laid? Biologists have determined that eggs laid last have higher amounts of

testosterone than the earlier-laid eggs, causing them to grow faster and more aggressive. This way they hatch about the same time which eliminates the "runt of the litter" situation. This gives each chick the same chance of survival.

After hatching within 15 to 18 days, they leave the nest and are ready for adulthood. Imagine if YOUR kids grew up that fast!

When it comes to grooming, songbirds will take bird baths to rid themselves of parasites. But did you know they practice preventive measures as well? They will rub ants on their feathers and skin. Biologists believe this is because ants have an acid that protects birds against parasites, fungus and bacteria that could potentially harm their feathers. This also soothes their skin during feather molting.

When it comes to summer, there is little time to waste. A woodpecker needs to eat

bugs found in wood, so it attacks fast - 15 beats per second! This allows it to quickly reach the burried bug inside trees before moving on to the next location.

Each bird also must protect itself against different dangers. Brown-headed cowbirds lay their eggs in other birds' nests, and because the cowbird chicks hatch and grow faster, they will either kick the other eggs out of the nest or out-compete the other chicks for food.

The American Goldfinch has adapted itself to survive against this. The parents feed their young seeds, and the brown-headed cowbirds will die because these seeds do not have enough protein for cowbird chicks to live. The goldfinch chicks flourish on this diet and have the full attention of their parents.

Then parents also must teach their young chicks to leave the nest.

Biologists were observing killdeer, which had laid a nest

on a rooftop. When it was time to leave the nest so the young killdeer didn't get hurt, the parents called to their chicks from the ground near the base of a rain gutter. The chicks heard their parents call to come down from the roof from this location and the chicks actually used the rain-spout as a slide. Pretty smart, huh?

Young barred owls are lured from their nests because their parents often leave dead mice or other prey hanging from branches just outside their nest.

Yep, before you know it, the young chicks are like a teenager heading out on their own. They are helped a little after leaving the nest from their parents, but will soon be raising chicks on their own and they too will grow and live in "the fast lane."

Mile-a-minute weed invading Jackson County



From staff reports

Mile-a-minute weed, shown above in a DNR photo, is a highly invasive vine that can smother trees and vegetation that has been confirmed in Jackson County following a landowner's report to the Michigan Invasive Species Program through the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network's online reporting system.

The report was verified following a site visit by staff members from the Jackson, Lenawee, Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Man-

agement Area, who found several established patches of the plant on the property.

A mile-a-minute weed vine, showing arrow-shaped leaves, recurved thorns and a circular leaf to shield fruit.

Mile-a-minute weed was first detected in Michigan in 2020 at Albion College's Whitehouse Nature Center in Calhoun County. Since then, the Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area has been conducting outreach, surveys and treatment of infested properties in the vicinity of Albion

and Homer in eastern Calhoun County.

The new detection in Jackson County is in Concord Township.

The vine's dense growth and ability to climb tall trees make traditional herbicide treatment difficult. Though it is an annual vine, its numerous berries reseed infested areas and are spread by birds, other wildlife and human movement to new locations.

Mile-a-minute weed can be removed by hand, but seeds can persist in the soil for up to six years, so infested sites need to be monitored regularly for regrowth. New shoots can be mowed or tilled in the spring or early summer before fruiting, as even immature, green fruits can carry viable seeds and create new plants.

Mile-a-minute weed vine with a cluster of blue fruit.

Mile-a-minute weed (*Persicaria perfoliata*) is an annual vine that gets its name from its ability to grow up to 6 inches per day, or 25 feet in six to eight weeks. Its light green

leaves are shaped like equilateral triangles, and both the stems and leaf blades are lined with small, recurved barbs that help it climb over other vegetation.

Small, inconspicuous white flowers appear in spring, developing into spikes of pea-sized, blue fruits in mid-summer. Unusual circular leaves called ocreae clasp the stems below the fruits.

Mile-a-minute weed thrives in full sun and wet soils, but it can grow in a variety of conditions. Like many invasive plants, it takes advantage of open space and disturbed areas including roadsides, stream banks, forest edges and fence lines.

Why is it a problem?

The vine's fast growth and climbing habits allow it to overtake native and landscape vegetation, eventually smothering plants and trees under dense, prickly thickets.

"Mile-a-minute weed can displace native plants, disrupt the food web and alter forest regeneration after harvest or natural disturbance," said Katie

Grzesiak, terrestrial invasive species coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Because of the risk to Michigan's agriculture and habitats and the plant's limited distribution, mile-a-minute weed is on the state's invasive species watch list.

What is being done?

JLW CISMA has joined forces with BCK CISMA to encourage landowners around the infested area to request mile-a-minute weed surveys. Since the new detection, the two CISMAS have worked together to survey approximately 3,000 acres in Jackson County and an additional 2,600 acres in Calhoun County. No additional infestations have been found in Jackson County.

Herbicide treatment was initiated on the Jackson site shortly after the detection was confirmed. CISMA staff will continue to monitor the site and work with the landowner to conduct follow-up treatment.

The two CISMAS are able to provide treatment assistance and free surveys through sup-

port from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program and other grant funds.

Earlier this year, the BCK CISMA, in collaboration with Grand Valley State University, initiated a trial release of the mile-a-minute weevil (*Rhinoncomimus latipes*) in four test plots in Calhoun County as a biological control agent to reduce populations of the invasive vine. Study of the weevil's feeding activity and survival rates is ongoing.

How can people help?

Anyone encountering a vine that could be mile-a-minute weed should visit Michigan.gov/Invasives to review identification information. If the plant appears to be mile-a-minute weed, take photos, note the location and report the find using one of these methods:

Use the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network online reporting tool.

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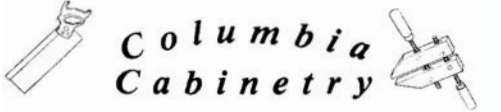
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY AUGUST 20, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Columbia Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on August 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Charter Township Hall at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230, to consider the following requests:

Variance 26-008
Owner/Applicant: Tom & Sabrina Corbin
Location: 106 Morningside Court, Brooklyn, MI 49230 (Tax ID #: 000-19-27-105-004-00)
Request: Variance application to allow project completion of already framed single-family dwelling on an approximately 14,374-square foot property. The dwelling's total living space will be 5,000 square feet and includes an attached garage and rear elevated deck. The dwelling is setback 2.8-foot from the south front property line, requiring a 22.2-foot variance. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 25-foot front yard setback, Article 3: Table 3-4.

Variance 26-009
Owner/Applicant: Mike Dickens
Location: 7504 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230 (Tax ID #: 000-19-23-251-001-00)
Request: Variance application to permit a new 960-square-foot carport in the south front yard, on an approximately 17-acre property. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance prohibits accessory structures in the front yard area, Article 20, Section 20.8.

Variance 26-010
Owner/Applicant: Jon Rozycki
Location: 8744 N. Shore Drive, Clark Lake, MI 49234 (Tax ID #: 000-19-17-304-025-01)
Request: Variance application to permit a new 1,500-square-foot garage on an approximately 6,400-square-foot property. The proposed garage will be setback 7-foot from the north rear property line, requiring an 18-foot variance. The Columbia Charter Township Zoning Ordinance requires a 25-foot rear yard setback, Article 3: Table 3-4.

Information associated with the scheduled Public Hearing is available for public review at the Columbia Charter Township office during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Comments will be heard from the public at the hearing, or you can submit comments in writing to the: Columbia Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. All written comments will be entered into the public record and should be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the scheduled hearing date.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
MARSH/LYSTER ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: a public hearing to renew the MARSH/LYSTER ROAD MAINTENANCE special assessment district will be held at 6:40 P.M. on Wednesday, August 12, 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 are proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as: All those parcels designated by tax number set out in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference being located within the limits of the Township of Cambridge, Lenawee County, Michigan.

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 Marsh/Lyster Road maintenance 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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONFIRM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
MEADOW LANE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

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A public hearing will be held on the 14th day of July, 2021 at 6:55 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 MEADOW LANE 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
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONFIRM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
MARSH/LYSTER ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

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A public hearing will be held on the 12th day of August, 2026 at 6:40 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 MARSH/LYSTER ROAD MAINTENANCE special assessment 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 & 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.-Monday through Friday) beginning August 24, 2021.

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 the owners written permission), 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

LEONI TOWNSHIP

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The Leoni Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan, 49254. This meeting will be held in person.

000-14-09-158-003-00
311 Gilmore Ct.
Lyn Rosier Variance

Purpose of hearing: Variance

Legal Description: LOT 13 CONOVER SUBDIVISION

Cindy Norris, Clerk

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: a public hearing to renew the MEADOW LANE DRIVE MAINTENANCE special assessment district will be held at 6:50 P.M. on Wednesday, August 12, 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 are proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as: the "Patterson's 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: CA0-117-1905-00, CA0-117-4040-00, CA0-117-4060-00, CA0-117-4150-00, CA0-117-4200-00 and CA0-117-4500-00.

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 Meadow Lane 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

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000-14-09-162-007-00
227 N. Lakeside Dr.
Jesten Denbrock Variance

Purpose of hearing: Variance

Legal Description: BEG AT NE COR OF BLK 93 OF VILLAGE OF MICHIGAN CENTER TH E ALG S LN OF BROAD ST 215.8 FT TH S 47°46'E ALG WLY LN OF NAPOLEON RD 255 FT TH S42°14'W 283.5 FT TH S47°46'E 150.36 FT FOR POB TH S47°46'E 51.75 FT TH S33°08'W 110.05 FT TO SH OF MICHIGAN CENTER LAKE AT HIGH WATER MARK TH NWLY ALG SD SHORE AT HIGH WATER MARK 41.95 FT TO A PT BEARING S28°41'W FROM POB TH N28°41'E 126.1 FT TO BEG. BEING LOT G OF A J WORDEN'S SUBDIVISION UN-RECORDED SEC 9 T3S R1E

Cindy Norris, Clerk

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

40, 44, 49, 1, 5

BETWEEN MAY 15, 2026 AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 ALL PREMISES OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED, IN CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SHALL CUT DOWN ALL GRASSES AND NOXIOUS WEEDS AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE WEEKS.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:30 pm, the Liberty Township Board of Trustees will host a public hearing regarding the approval of the 2025-2026 Master Plan. The Liberty Planning Commission has approved the plan and recommends the Board of Trustees do so as well. The plan may be found on the township web site, libertytwp.us or in the township office. The meeting will be held at the Liberty Township Hall, 101 W. Liberty Rd.,Clarklake, MI.

Debbie Jacobson,
Liberty Township Clerk

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

Summary of Waterloo Township Board Meeting
July 22, 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 the consent agenda as presented, extension of the Amrize Extraction permit for one month, appointment of Dave Karczynski to the Extraction Committee, adoption of Resolution #R22-07-22-01 honoring the Waterloo Township America 250 committee for their efforts to plan and execute the July 3rd "America 250" celebration, approval of the Knight Land Division, acceptance of a bid from D-Ray's Plumbing to replace the township hall water heater, and approval to adjourn at 8:16 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 August 2, 2026

ACROSS

- 1 Movie theater chain
4 "Ignore my question"
14 London neighborhood
16 "Single file!"
17 Field yield
18 They have deep pockets
19 Time out that a child enjoys?
21 Broadband inits.
22 Something to study for
23 Rugby player and "Dancing With the Stars" alum
24 Washington's Grand _____ Dam
26 Hit singles, say?
27 Put together
29 Penultimate Greek letter
31 And others, briefly
33 Otorhinolaryngologist, for short
34 Property claims
36 Tenths of centuries
38 Insects that may emerge in 17-year cycles
40 Used either oar
41 End of many a URL
42 $y = mx + b$ represents one

- 43 Marcello Hernandez's sketch show, for short
44 Catch some Z's
46 "when will u be here?"
47 Calm and peaceful
49 Davenport, e.g.
51 _____ mater
54 Cheese's partner
55 Cast out
56 "Hang on a moment"
59 You're reading one right now
60 "I've got something to say!"
61 Name that's 34-Down backward
62 "Don't rush this"
63 City in eastern Mo.
DOWN
1 Chalked up (to)
2 "To be continued!"
3 Ice cream treats with crunchy exteriors
4 GPs, e.g.
5 Stop-dime connection
6 Recite the first 100 digits of pi just for fun, say
7 Prepares to advance on a sac fly
8 Baa in the Maldives, for one

- 9 Siesta
10 Connecticut's is uniquely noncircular
11 Port, e.g.
12 CPR specialists
13 Take five
15 Like a house that buyers can drop by
20 Slump
24 Pros' opposites
25 Awesome
28 Need for a chalumeau or oboe
30 "Daughters of the Dust" and "Short Term 12," for two
32 Event on grass
34 Key ingredient in a certain pie?
35 Outfit for Mr. Claus

- 37 Lenovo competitor
38 Like some dorms
39 It's a shore thing!
41 They're always tired!
44 Harm
45 Free ad
48 Essential _____ acids
50 "There was this time when ..."
51 Qualified
52 Princess who fell for Han Solo
53 Density times volume
55 Sugar source
57 Marry
58 Hosp. scan

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Summer 2026 Themeless Week, Puzzle 7 by Mike Graczyk

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Sudoku Puzzle

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

Today's puzzle solution

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

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Vintage Vibes

Grass Lake Kiwanis historic popcorn wagon making community appearances



From left: Kiwanis Club of the Greater Grass Lake Area members Gail Walls, Nancy Memmer, and Larry Memmer proudly stand outside the recently purchased vintage popcorn wagon that has “popped up” at various summer events in the Grass Lake area.

By John Hummer
Editor

An historic popcorn wagon with a rich Kiwanis Club tradition dating back more than 50 years has been appearing in and around the Village of Grass Lake this summer.

The vintage wagon was purchased this past spring by the Kiwanis Club of the Greater Grass Lake Area and has been making the rounds at several community events including Music in the Park and Grass Lake Traffic Jam 'n.

Originally built in 1975 in Hartland, Mich. for the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, the unique popcorn wagon served communities for decades as a symbol of fellowship, service, and fun. In

2010, the Brighton Kiwanis Club purchased the wagon where it became a familiar sight at summer concerts and car shows in Brighton.

Now, the wagon has started a new chapter with Grass Lake's Kiwanis Club.

"We are excited to continue the tradition of this special popcorn wagon and bring it to events throughout the Grass Lake community," said Grass Lake Kiwanis Club President Larry Memmer. "It represents not only a piece of Kiwanis history, but also the spirit of volunteerism and community service that Kiwanis is known for."

The wagon will continue to be used during summer festivals, con-

certs, community celebrations, and family activities around Grass Lake. Club members have prepared the wagon and worked in it for events this summer and will continue to do so while helping support local Kiwanis service projects benefiting children and families in the area.

The Kiwanis Club of the Greater Grass Lake Area looks forward to preserving the wagon's history while creating new memories for the community for years to come.

For more information about the Grass Lake Kiwanis Club or upcoming events, contact the club at grasslakekiwanis@gmail.com.



From left: Patriotic popcorn? Indeed, these three ladies were dressed for the holiday as they stand outside the recently purchased vintage popcorn wagon ready to sell bags of popcorn during the Fourth of July festivities in Grass Lake.

POPCORN POPPIN'



Kiwanis Club of the Greater Grass Lake Area members Gail Walls, Nancy Memmer, and Larry Memmer stand inside the recently purchased vintage popcorn wagon and are ready to serve bags of popcorn at area events.



Grass Lake resident Star Mead purchases a bag of popcorn from the historic popcorn wagon purchased earlier this spring by the Kiwanis Club of the Greater Grass Lake Area. Working the window for club are Nancy Memmer, left, and Gail Walls.

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Columbia Charter Township Police Report

July 24 Assault: Main Street; Personal Welfare-PWC: Hewitt Road; Property Security: Hyde Road (2); Domestic: Wampers Lake Road/Spicer Drive; Disorderly: North Main Street; Suspicious Situation: Tiffany Street; Personal Welfare/PWC: Riverside Road; General Non-Criminal: Riverside Road; Disorderly: Ernest Street; Disorderly: Lane Street; General Non-Criminal: Detroit Street/South Main Street; Personal Welfare-PWC: Claremont Circle; Alarm: South Main Street; Personal Welfare-PWC: East Mill Pond Drive;	July 26 Property Security: Hyde Road (2); Alarm: South Main Street; Indecent Exposure: North Drive; Warrants: Potter Street; Field Contact: Jefferson Road; Parking: Eagle Point Road/Eagle Pointe Drive; Larceny: Jackson Street;	July 28 Personal Welfare-PWC: Jefferson Road; Property Security: Hyde Road (2); Accident PDA: South Main Street; Traffic Hazard: Jefferson Road/Constitution Avenue; General Non-Criminal: Eagle Point Drive; Larceny: South Main Street; Parking: South Main Street; Personal Welfare-PWC: Boyce Drive; Accident PDA: North Lake Road/Ocean Beach Road; Accident PI: M-50/Daugherty Road;
July 25 Accident Other: Jefferson Road/Lakeview Drive; Property Security: Hyde Road (2); Accident Private Property: Ocean Beach Road; Abandoned Vehicle: Q Lane/Jefferson Road; Personal Welfare-PWC: North Main Street; Suspicious Situation: Nicole Drive; Domestic: Constitution Avenue; General Non-Criminal: Eagle Point Drive; General Non-Criminal: Ashley Court; General Assistance: Notawa Sepee Street; Personal Welfare-PWC: Castlewood Drive;	July 27 Conservation: Crego Road; Larceny: East Mill Pond Drive; Accident PDA: Jefferson Road/Hewitt Road; Inspect Vehicle: Eagle Point Drive; Property Security: Hyde Road; Property Security: South Main Street; Motorist Assistance: Riverside Road/Mckinney Road;	July 29 Property Security: Hyde Road (2); Parking: South Main Street; General Non-Criminal: Crego Road; General Non-Criminal: Constitution Avenue; Motorist Assist: Brooklyn Road; Domestic: River Street;