



A second life for forgotten things

Napoleon couple transforms roadside finds



Round Lake resident has big plans for mall

Developer Mike Howard is investing time, treasure in facility



Grass Lake Kiwanis' new popcorn stand

Public input requested

Police seek help in area car, boat crash investigations

Investigation into fatal crash in Addison remains open

Police are seeking assistance from the public regarding an accident in which a Brooklyn man was killed last week. The crash occurred on July 24, 2026 at approximately 4:53 p.m. in the area of N. Steer St. (U.S. 127) south of Junction Rd. in the village of Addison. Lenawee County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the area for a two-vehicle crash involving a motorcycle. The operator of the motorcycle, a 63-year-old man from Brooklyn, died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, according to officials. Investigators are seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed the crash or observed the driving behavior of either vehicle prior to the collision. The vehicle of interest is a dark-colored Chevrolet Equinox that is believed to have been traveling southbound on U.S. 127 through Jackson County into Lenawee County between approximately 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026. Last week, authorities said the bike was struck from behind by an SUV driver — a 24-year-old woman from Portage, Michigan. She was taken to an area hospital for minor injuries. Alcohol was believed to be a factor in the crash. Anyone who witnessed the crash or observed the vehicle traveling in the area, or have any information that may assist investigators, is asked to contact Detective Anthony Esposito at 517-264-5374. Officials say the information, no matter how minor it may seem, could be valuable to the investigation.

Information sought for Clark Lake hit and run boat crash

Police are also seeking assistance from the public with regard to a hit-and-run boat crash that occurred on Clark Lake this past Saturday. On Aug. 1, 2026 at approximately 10:19 p.m. Columbia Charter Township Police was dispatched to the area of Eagle Point for a collision that occurred on the waters of Clark Lake at the west end of the lake. The two vessels that were involved collided when a speedboat (or "wake boat") struck the aft portion of a pontoon with the bow portion of the speedboat creating damage to both vessels involved. The suspect vessel operated by an unknown male, with a female passenger aboard, fled the scene of the crash failing to stop to identify themselves or check the pontoon's occupants for injuries. The last known direction of the suspect vessel was in an easterly direction toward Eagle Point. Police say that no injuries were reported by the occupants of the pontoon. The identification and status of the occupants of the suspect vessel is still being sought.



Columbia Charter Township Police Department is seeking the assistance from the public regarding this investigation. Please contact the police department at 517-592-3122 should you have any additional information or were a witness to this crash.

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Clark Lake crew pillage their way to win



This raft, depicting the time of the Vikings, won the Best Overall, Adults 18 & Up award: The John Petitto Memorial Cup, at the 2026 edition of the Clark Lake Raft-O-Rama. Photo by John Hummer

Time capsule opened

Ackerson Lake school cornerstone hid history

By John Hummer
Editor

Napoleon Township resident Craig Pittman was driving by the old Ackerson Lake school on M-50 near U.S. 127 in Napoleon Township a couple weeks ago and saw it was fenced off and thought they might be tearing it down. So he stopped and decided to take a few pictures. "A couple hours later I drove back by it and they were clawing away at it, knocking it down," he shared. He went home and composed a Facebook post stating, "Say goodbye to Ackerson Lake school." The school was officially closed at the end of the 2022-23 school year for several reasons, including liability costs and risks of an old building, a leaky roof, and asbestos in the infrastructure of the building, among other reasons. Many comments came flooding in from Pittman's post, with people reminiscing about when they went to school there. Someone mentioned a "year stone" that said "1957" on it, the year the school was built, and suggested that it try to be saved. A few days later, Pittman drove by again and noticed much of the school was torn down but the year stone remained. "I pulled up and asked the guys doing the demo, 'What are the chances you can pull that brick out of there without damaging it?'" They proceeded to pull it out while Pittman was there and



Above, from left: Napoleon historian Ryan Watts, and long-time Napoleon residents Bob Arthur and Craig Pittman stand with the cornerstone, copper box time capsule, and bricks from the Ackerson Lake school building recently demolished. PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER

At right: Craig Pittman opened the time capsule, which was welded shut and contained a variety of treasures, including photos, programs, newspaper articles and more as people from 1957 reached out to us living in 2026 with the story of their school.

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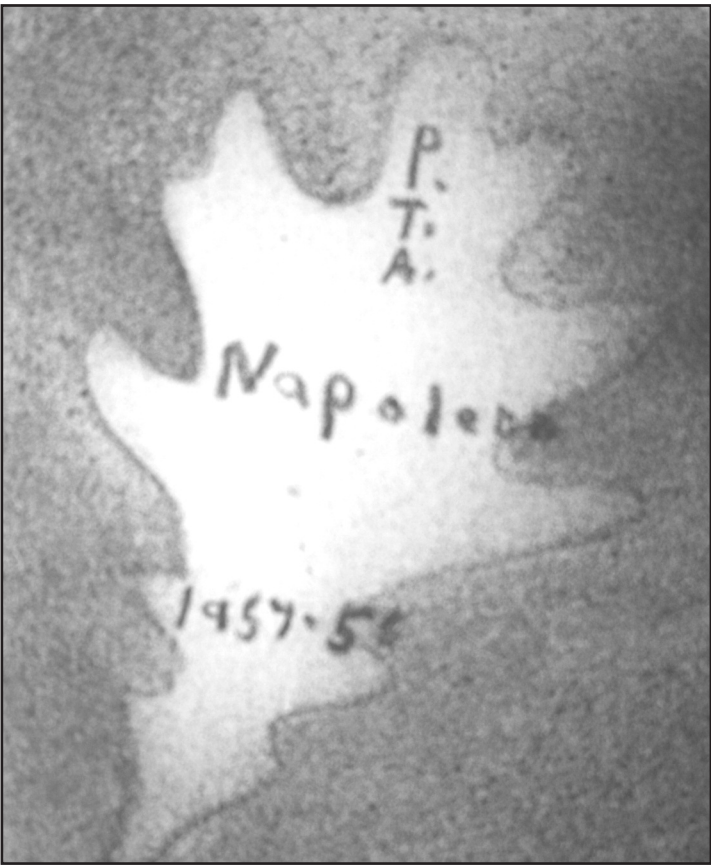
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Contents of the copper box time capsule included photos of school staff from the first school year at Ackerson Lake Elementary School. PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER



This is the 1957 cornerstone still embedded in the bricks of the Ackerson Lake school building just before the building was demolished. Napoleon Township resident Craig Pittman took it upon himself to ask the demolition crew to save the cornerstone. Later that same day, he discovered the cornerstone included a copper box time capsule inside of it that was filled with newspapers and news article clippings, photos, and documents from late 1957 and early 1958 when the school was built and dedicated. PHOTO SUBMITTED



Contents of the copper box time capsule included a PTA Napoleon booklet dated 1954-56. PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER

loaded into the back of his truck. He noticed there was a copper box inside the stone and, upon further examination, thought it could be a time capsule. Pittman researched it further. A copper box in a stone cornerstone serves as a time capsule, often containing documents or artifacts that provide historical context about the building or structure. This tradition dates back

thousands of years, preserving items for future generations to discover. Pittman drove home and tried to open the copper box, but it was stuck inside the stone with some mortar. He then contacted two men whom he knew were knowledgeable of and interested in Napoleon history – long-time Napoleon resident Bob Arthur and Napoleon historian Ryan Watts. They decided to meet

at Arthur's house. Arthur grew up just down the road from the school next to Eldred Cemetery. He was one of the original students at the Ackerson elementary school. "It was so run down," he said of the end-state of the school. "I didn't want to see it turned into low-income housing. I think it was time. It was of no use to the school district and no use to the taxpayers. I do feel some sadness, but it's time to move on." Pittman was able to chisel the copper box out of the stone and they were able to open it. "The amazing thing is somehow they soldered that shut and didn't burn any of the paper in it," he noted. "That newspaper isn't yellowed at all, so it was pretty well-sealed."

The contents of the copper box time capsule included:

- A Jackson Citizen Patriot newspaper dated Oct. 6, 1957 – includes a story about Napoleon's new elementary school being completed. Interestingly, the newspaper also includes a story about crews completing the building of the Mackinac Bridge.
- A Jackson Citizen Patriot article dated Jan. 26, 1958, titled "New Napoleon School Dedication Set Monday";
- Photos of school staff from the first year of operations of the Ackerson Lake school;
- A brochure about the dedication of the building and an open house they hosted on Jan. 27, 1958. The school's board of education at the time and staff are listed in the brochure along with a program on the dedication.
- A "Napoleon Rural Ag School Elementary Teachers' Handbook" including a list of board members, administrators, and staff;
- A document containing the legal description of the school property;
- A Parents' Bulletin dated Sept. 16, 1957;
- A copy of the dedication speech for Ackerson Lake Elementary School, dated Jan. 27, 1958; and
- A PTA Napoleon booklet dated 1954-56.

"I think it provides value from the aspect of community interest," stated Watts of the time capsule materials. "Most of the stuff I look at is 50, 60, 70 years older than this. There are generations of kids that went to Ackerson Lake [school]. Craig's Facebook post made it pretty clear that they had an interest in what was going on at the school, the demolition, and that it was sad for the community. I think there are a lot of people with an interest in seeing this stuff, but there are hurdles in how to do it properly. We've become less of a paper-collecting society. Our concern is that if it goes back to the school [district] that it's left in good stewardship and doesn't end up in the round file (trash) someday."

Watts continued, "The other challenge is, 'How do you display delicate papers?'

It creates a lot of challenges because of what it is – the content is interesting to look at but the displayability is very difficult."

Arthur spoke with Napoleon Community Schools Superintendent Patrick Dillon about the time capsule discovery and shared a list of ideas generated on what to do with the contents of the time capsule going forward. "He was amenable about whatever we had to say," Arthur said. The ideas the group came up with (still open to more ideas) include:

- Have all the contents except the newspapers digitized and put into a format that interest parties can look at on the school district website or a Napoleon community website.
- Have the items be put in the care of historian Ryan Watts. If Napoleon ever develops a museum, then perhaps they can be displayed there.
- Have a fundraiser to lay a 2x4 concrete pad and have a mason or bricklayer construct a wall no more than five feet tall with the old cornerstone and a plaque of explanation. Reinsert a time capsule with current items when dedicated. It would be placed on school property at a site deemed appropriate by the school.
- Develop a written and pictorial history of Ackerson Lake School along with other historical pieces of Napoleon schools' history. Make all available online for interested parties.
- Have an annual Napoleon Heritage Day where all are invited to bring in historical memorabilia to let all enjoy the items.

"I think we can digitize [most documents found in the capsule] and then have somebody run a Napoleon historical society Facebook page so people can read every page on there," Pittman added. There is currently no Napoleon historical society or Facebook page for such a group. Watts maintains a Historic Jackson, Michigan Facebook page that has a Napoleon section that he says could possibly house the digitized documents. Pittman suggested the documents could also possibly be linked to the school district's website and the Napoleon Township website.

Pittman added that Napoleon Middle School eighth-grade science teacher Jill Albert has offered to display the materials in a locked case outside of her classroom for 90 days. Albert was among around 10 people who came to Arthur's garage last Wednesday for a lightly advertised public viewing of the capsule's contents. Her grandfather, Albert E. Slayton, was the president of the school board when the building was erected and dedicated. Pittman handed out several bricks he saved from the school demolition that day to those who requested one. Going forward, Pittman said ideas are welcome from the public on what to do with the contents of the time capsule. To provide those ideas or for more information, contact Pittman at 517-937-9147.



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Round Lake man has big plans for former Adrian Mall

Developer wants to prove nay-sayers wrong in revitalizing former mall

By DAVID PANIAN

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ADRIAN — Like many people who used to shop, dine and hang out at the Adrian Mall, Mike Howard was dismayed by the shopping center's decline.

The Round Lake resident who specializes in revitalizing closed commercial properties recently acquired the mall property and has plans to rejuvenate not only the mall building but the outer edges of the property, too, with more retail space, a restaurant and apartments.

"I grew up coming here when I was a kid," he said recently while giving a tour of the property, cruising around the parking lot on a golf cart. "...Honestly, it's sad to me seeing it fall apart all these years. So I didn't like watching it, but at the same time, I'm really glad it did because it gave me the opportunity to be the one to bring it back...."

"Now look at me. If I had told 15-year-old me when I was coming in here hanging out that I was going to own the mall, I'd laugh. I'd be like, 'No way!'"

Howard, 49, has other irons in the fire, but the mall is his priority.

"I've dedicated myself to this project," he said. "I've turned away probably four new projects since I started this one to dedicate myself to this."

It'll take a local person to bring the mall back to life, Howard said.

"You can't just be out of



BIG DREAMS: Mike Howard of Round Lake is shown inside the Adrian mall. Howard is an experienced developer who says he has dedicated himself to revitalize the shopping center.

state and operate it," he said. "I'm here every single day. My guys are here every single day."

The property was in foreclosure, he said, which made it more affordable. He's paid off the back taxes and has been working with the city and county — Lenawee Now and the county government — on his plans for the site's future.

"The county's really stepped in and just been incredible to work with," Howard said. "And we're working on incentive packages and grants and things like that."

Finding a niche

Howard's niche as a developer has become turning closed retail and dining properties into new, rejuvenated businesses.

"A lot of people walk in and they see just garbage here," he said while inside the mall building central hallway. To the south are piles of rubble where stores used to be. "I see a foundation. I see a slab. I see structural steel. I see money. I see opportunity."

Building a new mall-type building would be cost prohibitive, but having one with the shell already built is an attractive business opportunity.

"If you've ever had to pay for all this structural steel to go up, if you've ever had to pay for this much concrete and this much of foundation, it's insane," he said. "To rebuild the J.C. Penney right now, 93,000 square feet, would cost between \$12 and \$14 million. That's without land."

Most of the roof is new or in good condition, he said.

In Tecumseh, construction is underway at the former Wendy's site, which by early next year will have Dunkin', Jimmy John's, Domino's and Tropical Smoothie Cafe. There will be room for a fifth tenant there, and Howard has offers for it.

In Milan, he's working on converting the former JR's Hometown Grill & Pub into a Dunkin' and Jimmy John's. In Dundee, he's built a Dunkin' and Baskin-Robbins near Cabela's. He has other projects he's completed or working on in Ohio, in West Michigan and in the Lansing area.

"I'm excited about the project," he said. "I'm excited to get Tecumseh done. I'm excited to get Milan opened up."

Starting work on the mall

One of the first changes he made with the mall was giv-

ing it a new name. He named it after himself: Howard Center. He's taken down the Adrian Mall sign from the former main entrance, and he's working on new Howard Center signs for the South Main Street and U.S. 223 sides that also will highlight the main tenants.

Three of the initial anchors are already there: Dunham's Sports, Hobby Lobby and Ollie's. Another anchor will be a premium, indoor, self-storage business, Captain Emma's, in the former J.C. Penney store. That's scheduled to open in the spring of 2027.

Captain Emma's isn't a franchise. It's Howard's own business that he'll operate. He took inspiration in the name from the nautical-themed businesses around Lenawee County's lakes and his late dog, Emma.

"She was my best friend for 17 years ... She died June 6. She was a little Maltese," he said. "...I'm kind of paying homage to her with Captain Emma's self-storage."

He's also begun sprucing up the exterior, painting the walls and removing overgrown shrubs and trees. He got the golf cart for the worker he hired who picks up any litter and keeps an eye on the property. During the interview in the mall's parking lot, K&B Asphalt Sealcoating was removing broken pavement in front of Dunham's and applying fresh asphalt.

"I wanted to get it kind of looking nice before I even took it to the market," he said.

The rest of the parking lot will be sealed and striped, he said.

At the same time, another crew was inside the building, beginning demolition of the old food court.

He's secured the building, which he said was wide open. "It was insane," he said. "You could drive your car in it."

He's been working with the Adrian police, and they've stepped up their patrols. Part of the redevelopment will include a ministration where officers can take breaks or write reports.

"When I met with the chief of police, he's like, 'You had me at bathroom,'" Howard said.

The first stage of the redevelopment was to fix up the area near Dunham's, find a restaurant business to reopen the former Garfield's space, build the self-storage and develop the outlots.

Dunham's has renewed its lease, Howard said, and he's meeting with potential restau-

rant operators.

Additional plans

His concept for the outlots include a four-unit shopping center facing U.S. 223 between Buffalo Wild Wings and the Old National Bank branch. It'll be similar to what he's building in Tecumseh, only a little smaller. Behind the bank branch along South Winter Street he plans to place a restaurant. He's working on having a national brand-name tenant there. In the northeast corner of the property, which is mostly unused parking, he'll build some apartment buildings like the Woodbury Estates apartment complex across South Winter Street.

New Life Church, which is in the former Elder-Beerman space, is staying. The church owns that part of the mall, and Howard owns the rest.

Those hoping for a return of indoor shopping will have to look elsewhere. He said further redevelopment of the mall building will have exterior entrances for future tenants. The look of the building may change, depending on what kind of businesses he can attract. He's talking to mid-box retailers and grocery chains. Modern grocery stores tend to have higher ceilings than what the mall has, so if he lands a store like that, he would tear down the food court area and build a taller structure.

When he's brought representatives of some of those stores to Adrian, Howard said, they're surprised to see the economic activity in the mall area. They tend to think of Adrian as some out-of-the-way location.

There has been a lot of interest from passers-by about what's going on at the property.

"There's times where we can hardly even get any work done because people are stopping us like nonstop, like, 'What's going on?'" Howard said.

He's also heard and read the negative comments from people who don't expect him to have any more success with the property than the previous owners.

"When people are negative, I feed off that," he said. "You're just throwing logs on my fire now and making it brighter. A lot of people, a negative comment will bring them down. I'm like, bring me more negative comments. I love it, because I want to prove every one of you people wrong."

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The OHS class of 1976



The Class of 1976 celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Onsted All-School Reunion Saturday, Aug. 1. Back, from left: Jim Previch, Mark Mapes, Rudy Steffani, Mark LaFollette, Stan Shoemaker, Elger Hawkins, Connie Tilden, Ken Tilden, Lisa (Coberley) Cyrus, and Jim Rice. Front, from left: Sherry (Feller) Davis, Sherry (Gillen) Belmonte, Jo (Hubbard) Edwards, Betsy Hess, Terri (Pauken) Raines, Sylvia (Handy) Stoner, and Don Dowling.

An All-school reuniting of friends



Jane Nelson was the assistant editor of the 1966 yearbook. The annual shows her photo on the yearbook staff page opened.

Story and photos
By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

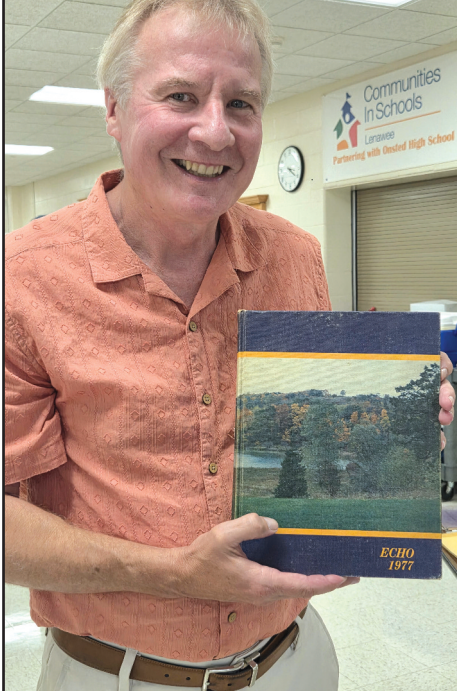
This past Saturday, the Onsted Alumni Association hosted its 26th All-School Reunion for all graduation classes and supporters of Onsted Community Schools.

The program's master and matron of ceremonies were Association President Larry Reed and Executive Board Member Jane Applin. After the veterans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Superintendent Jonathan Royce greeted attendees, the mission statement of the Association was read, special former employees were introduced, and alumni accomplishments were shared.

The 1976 graduating class was introduced and Sylvia (Handy) Stoner shared memories for the group. Lisa Coberley Cyrus presented Mr. Redding (the Class of 1976 advisor) with a yearbook from his first year at Onsted as they had heard Redding had lost his memorabilia in a flood.

The special theme for this year's reunion was Journalism and Yearbook Staffs. Mrs. Burt-Redding shared a few of her memories as a former journalism teacher and a few alums also shared. One yearbook memory shared was that their staff did the "original cut and paste... literally." The Association had on display copies of nearly every yearbook and newspaper/newsletter produced by Onsted students from 1930-2025. Jeff Hubbard, editor of the 1977 annual, recalled working into the summer after his senior year to finish pages for the fall delivery of the yearbooks.

Attendees were able to sign up/renew their association memberships by paying the \$10 annual fee as alumni and Onsted supporters. School historical artifacts were



Yearbook editor in 1977, Jeff Hubbard proudly shows off his staff's masterpiece.

on display to peruse. Memories, cookies, laughter, new introductions, and nostalgia filled the auditoria over the four hours. Though the Wildcat fight song may have been sung a little weaker than when they were students, many attendees mentioned their gratitude for the opportunity "to come home" and "catch up."

Onsted graduates of any year, as well



Former Onsted Community Schools staff members who were influential to the Class of 1976 attended the reunion. From left: Mr. Dalph Diamond, Mrs. DeeAnn Burt-Redding, Mr. Charles Redding, Mrs. Barb Crawford Baker, Mr. Denny VanSickle, and Mrs. Pat VanSickle.

Columbia Charter Township fire report

July 24 Rescue: County Line Road; Rescue: Tecumseh Street; Rescue: Riverside Road; Rescue: Detroit Street;	Drive; Ashley Court; Rescue: Castlewood Drive;	July 27 Rescue: Palo Alto Drive; Rescue: Jefferson Road/Hewitt Road; Rescue: Hewitt Road;
July 24 Rescue: Jefferson Road/Lakeview Drive; Fire: Jackson Street; Rescue: Eagle Pointe	July 28 Rescue: Marshall Street; Fire: Jefferson Road/Constitu-	July 29 Rescue: Crego Road; Rescue: Constitution Avenue; Rescue: Wesch Road;

Letter to the editor
Cost of Iran War

Dear editor,

Fifteen months into President Trump's second term provides an opportunity to evaluate his administration's performance. Trump is currently polling between 33% and 37%, which is at an all-time low for his second term.

The biggest and perhaps most costly disappointment is Trump breaking his campaign promise that he was going to be a "peace" president and would keep America out of forever wars in the middle east. On February 28, 2026 Trump and Israel bombed Iran and started an unauthorized war that Congress did not approve and the vast majority of American citizens oppose. A recent NBC poll shows 63% of Americans disapprove of Trump's overall performance and 67% disapprove of his handling of the Iran war.

The 2026 fiscal year budget is already projecting a 1.9 billion-dollar shortfall and now Trump is requesting a supplemental of \$80 billion to cover the additional cost for the Iran war. The financial implications of this unapproved, unconstitutional war with Iran have increased the current affordability concerns of the middle class and working poor who are already struggling to meet basic necessities.

The Iran war and the closing of the Strait of Hormuz severely disrupted the global oil supply leading to world-wide surging gas prices. Specifically, our gas prices went up a dollar a gallon. This increase will result in an additional annual cost of \$650 per family based on the national average of 27,000 miles driven per family and getting 20 mpg.

The pending \$80 billion supplemental request for the 2026 fiscal year budget will end up costing the average family \$360 in federal income taxes to cover the additional war expenditures.

Jet fuel prices have increased immensely causing airlines to revive fuel surcharges and raise baggage fees, making air travel significantly more expensive. Additionally, the U.S. Postal Service has proposed a temporary 8% surcharge on shipping services due to rising fuel costs. Fertilizer prices have jumped by over 25% threatening to increase food production costs.

Based on the above, I join the 63% of Americans who disapprove of Trump's over-all performance and the 67% who disapprove of his handling of the Iran War.

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August quotables

"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning."

Natalie Babbitt

"August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms."

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Sound Doctor celebrates 50 years

For the past five decades, Mike McLemore has seen much transition in the doctoring of sound

By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

With a Brooklyn address, Onsted phone number, and Adrian start-up, Mike McLemore's business, The Sound Doctor Inc., is a Michigan success story celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Fifty years is a long time to commit to one job in life. Yet, investigating further, he revealed audio was a part of his early childhood due to his mom, Shirley.

"Mom took me to hear barbershop quartets and the Sweet Adelines," he said. "She allowed me to chase my dreams."

His mom bought him a Sears cassette recorder around age

12. "I loved the sound of all instruments and all sounds. I could put the headphones on and tune out everything else."

By his teenage years, McLemore joined the Adrian Balladiers, started a DJ service, and worked at the Crosswell Opera House during the summer as the theater manager for two years. He graduated in 1976 and that summer provided audio for the Lenawee County Fair for the first time.

McLemore recalled, "It was the longest year of my life that [first] week. I was under-equipped, undermanned, and I about died. At a follow up meeting, I was called in front of the fair board. I thought I was going to get fired, but then,

they publicly thanked me. It was a humble beginning. "The first five years, Lou Graham took off work from the LISD and spent his vacation days helping me at the fair. I couldn't have done it without him." This year, The Sound Doctor celebrated 50 years providing audio and support at the Lenawee County Fair.

The Sound Doctor Inc. steadily expanded over the years. In the 1990s he covered a three-day country music festival at Funny Farm campground in Ohio. He organized the first Battle of the Bands at the Mainstream in Adrian, and for several years also provided the sound at Stage Coach Stop's amphitheater for major entertainment acts and musical competitions.

In the late 1990s, McLemore was hired to tour with the a cappella group Three Men and a Tenor. Along the way, he assisted their shows at Mackinac Island's Tulip Festival, school programs, festivals, and music showcases. Later on, McLemore traveled two years doing live mixing for the Scott Thompson band.

People are often curious who audio engineers have worked for, but McLemore explains it is impossible to recall them all.

"I've done all sorts of music and acts – great Michigan-area bands as well as national acts like Hootie & the Blowfish (as well as Darius Rucker), Flo Rida and Nelly, to the Beach Boys, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Oakridge Boys, and Forrest Frank.

"We supported a Garth Brooks show before he became 'Garth' a few short months later." The biggest venue McLemore worked was in Ohio at a three-sided packed arena of 25,000 fans for the country act Alabama.

Audio engagements have taken McLemore as far west as Nevada, south to Florida, east to Vermont, and north to Canada.

Having the opportunity to work with John McBride on the Martina McBride show is the closest to star-struck as he might ever have been.

"John McBride is known as one of the best audio mixers in the U.S.," he said. "He can hear things others can't. I've always admired him. It was amazing to be able to talk with him about audio at such a deep level."

McLemore is grateful to musicians Bille Lewis, Danny Hare, and Wayne Morton "for the time they took when I was starting to answer my questions. I am so thankful for every individual, every duet, and every band because they helped me get where I am."

In addition to live-mixing, McLemore built his own studio outside of Brooklyn where he recorded, mixed, and produced a variety of projects such as Queen's farewell speeches,



For more than 50 years, McLemore has seen the transition from analog to digital consoles. His background in computers and networking eased the transition.

actors' demo tapes, theater sound tracks, and of course musical recordings.

He recalled working with Ed Fish and his family of nine gospel singers from the Jerome area. McLemore reminisced, "There was one song we did – an acapella one – in a single take. The spirit was moving strong and no edits were needed." He explained that live recording is "a totally different world from studio work. When you are outside there are a wide variety of variables – wind, moisture, noise – you do the best you can. However, studio has to be perfect."

In addition to live and studio audio engineering for bands, The Sound Doctor provides sound support and public address needs for corporate engagements, school events, festivals, graduations, and corporate meetings. They also rent stages, lights, projection, and image displays.

For those who prefer to own versus rent, The Sound Doctor is also a certified dealer for Allen & Heath and Electro-Voice. They also consult and install sound for homes, churches, and businesses as well as system integrations with home theaters, security systems, and phones.

A few of the festivals McLemore has worked include the Onsted Festival, Blissfield River Raisin Festival, Adrian's Art-a-licious, and the Ann Arbor Street Fair, as well as Romulus and Kapnick Orchard fall festivals.

Another memorable time was providing audio for a national immigration citizenship oath-taking in Florida. McLemore described, "There were 800 or more people who had passed the test, and I heard them saying the oath in unison. It was very powerful – one of the greatest things to experience."

The company has supported multiple fundraisers and charity



Mike McLemore and his mother, Shirley, celebrate his graduation in 1976 – the first year he began providing audio at the Lenawee County Fair. PHOTO COURTESY MCLEMORE FILES

events. McLemore volunteered as a singing leader for a county 4-H Expressive Arts Club in the 1990s and established a student-led audio and lighting technical team at Onsted High School in the 2000s. McLemore and The Sound Doctor supported Adrian's Civitan Grand Giveaway for many years, the Lenawee Boys and Girls Club, and annual suicide awareness and stigma runs.

Coming up on Sept. 12, the team will again be a major sponsor for the second annual Irish Hills Music Festival and Parkinson's/Hospice benefit in Onsted.

When asked one thing he learned about people from 50 years in the business, McLemore answered without hesitation: "Everyone has a back story. So, I like to start

with an upbeat greeting, a mutual agreement to play some music, have some fun, and help each other along as needed. That way everyone has a great day."

Reviewing his 68 years of life, 50 of them with The Sound Doctor, and nearly all enthralled by music and sound, McLemore admitted, "Nothing would have been possible without the support of my family – my wife, my children, and great employees over the years, like Chris Momany, who has been a staple in the success of the business for the last 19 years."

And for those who might be wondering... McLemore shared, "My wife asked me if I was going to retire. I said, 'Why would I retire when I get to go to a party every day of my life!'"

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July 24
Assault: Main Street; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Hewitt Road; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Domestic:**

Wamplers 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 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:** Not-tawa Sepee Street; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Castlewood 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 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 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 29
Property Security: Hyde Road (2); **Parking:** South Main Street; **General Non-Criminal:** Constitution Avenue; **Motorist Assist:** Brooklyn Road; **Domestic:** River Street;

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Child sexual assault case upheld

From staff reports
A Lenawee County man convicted 2024 of sexually assaulting a child between October 2020 and February 2023 won't get the new trial he wants, but he may get a reduced sentence.
Dennis Jay Clark, now 69, befriended a girl in his Raisin Township neighborhood, despite her parents knowing Clark was a registered sex offender.
Court records indicate that at first, the victim's father told his wife and daughters to stay away from Clark because the neighbors warned about him being a registered sex offender. However, in 2008, Clark helped the victim's father get a job with Clark's employer, and they became friends. The victim's father admitted to being a drug addict and that his family was financially strained, so Clark would buy cell phones and Christmas presents for the victim and her siblings. The

children would go to Clark's house frequently to play with virtual reality gaming systems, laptops, and cell phones. Clark also bought the children school clothes, shoes, and a bedroom set for the victim. On cross-examination, the victim's father admitted he allowed the kids to go to Clark's house to get food, and he would also ask Clark for money.
Clark began touching the girl inappropriately when she was 12, saying she had to repay him for buying her gifts. The behavior continued over several years, until the victim revealed the abuse in a school writing assignment, knowing her teacher would have to report it. At trial, two witnesses described Clark's similar abuse of them as children decades ago, the actions that initially placed him on the sex offender list.
Clark testified at his trial, denying committing any inappropriate acts and saying he

had developed rules for himself after the first incidents to avoid letting it happen again. He was found guilty and sentenced to at least 33 years in prison.
Clark's sentencing guidelines had recommended a sentence of between four and 14 years, making the 33-year sentence a significant departure from the recommended time.
The Court of Appeals rejected Clark's argument that the prosecution had improperly introduced evidence during trial. It did, however, agree that the sentencing judge strayed too far from sentencing guidelines without explaining that decision.
Clark will return to court in August, where a judge will impose a new sentence — which could include a longer one — as long as he or she provides an explanation for doing so.

Parental rights denied, decision upheld

LENAWEE COUNTY The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the 2025 decision to terminate the parental rights of a Lenawee County woman whose three children witnessed domestic violence between their parents.
The Department of Health and Human Services removed the children after they were found living in a tent in a family member's backyard with no shoes, socks, or coats in 38-degree weather.

The children were "feral" with "uncontrollable behavior," according to court records, and did not know how to bathe, eat with utensils, or use a bathroom. During parenting visitation times, the children would bite, kick, and spit on foster care staff, and the oldest child was "extremely aggressive" and tried to hurt his siblings.
According to DHHS, the woman failed to adequately participate in services and

was unable to address her struggles with mental health, domestic violence, parenting ability, and appropriate housing and employment.
The woman claimed in her appeal that her children had been taken without giving her adequate opportunity to improve and against the children's best interest. The Court of Appeals rejected that argument.

Whitmer kidnapping convictions overturned *Kidnapping 'not a violent felony' in Michigan law*

Pete Musico and Paul Bellar, convicted in Jackson County's 4th Circuit Court of supporting terrorist acts by participating in a 2020 plot to kidnap Governor Gretchen Whitmer, will get a new trial after the Court of Appeals overturned their convictions.
The decision follows an opinion last month that similarly reversed the conviction of fellow Jackson County man Joseph Morrison, also connected to the kidnapping plot.
Michigan law does not specify kidnapping as a vio-

lent felony. Because of the law's language, any involvement Musico, Bellar, and Morrison had in recruiting and training people to carry out a kidnapping plot — even one that could turn violent — can't be considered supporting terrorist acts because terrorism, legally, must include violence, the appellate court said.
After allowing Morrison a new trial on those grounds, the Court of Appeals had no choice but to do the same for Musico and Bellar, it said in an opinion last week. It did

also weigh in on other arguments Musical and Bellar had made in their joint appeal, including their contention that the Wolverine Watchmen militia group in which they trained people to harass, kidnap and possibly kill state leaders was not a gang because it was a "nonprofit organization."
A group prepared and steeled for violent action doesn't fit the definition of a nonprofit organization, the appellate court said.

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US-12 Heritage Trail's 180 Mile Garage Sale is coming up Friday, August 7 to Sunday, August 9. **Irish Hills Print Co** (the old Prehistoric Forest) has spots for vendors for only \$20 for the weekend. Call 517-258-4744 to reserve your spot. The 127 World's Longest Garage Sale takes place Thursday, August 6 through Sunday, August 9.

The **Home Builder's Association of Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee's** inaugural Golf Outing takes place on Friday, August 7, beginning at 9 am at the Wolf Creek Golf Club in Adrian. Go to hbajmi.com for more information.

Ang & Co in Manitou Beach Village is holding a Rose' and Blooms Weekend, Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9. Treat yourself to wine tasting, charcuterie boards, and create your own fresh flower arrangement with **Black Dog Flower Co.** Go to angandco.net for more information.

Manitou Beach Farmers and Crafters Market takes place in **Manitou Beach Village** on Devils Lake every Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm throughout the summer. Questions for booth space? Email mbcraftersmart@gmail.com or call 419-377-5653

The **Walker Tavern Farm and Craft Market** takes place on Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm. Enjoy local produce, homemade goodies, merchants, and crafts every Sunday until the end of September.

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Be curious!

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."

Albert Einstein

Hidden Lake Gardens is holding a Grandchildren's Garden Day Camp on Friday, August 7 from 9 am to 4 pm. Designed for children 7-12 and their adult chaperone, this special one-day camp offers an insider's look at some of HLG's most treasured locations. They will enjoy hands-on activities, guided hikes, nature exploration, and outdoor fun. Space is limited, so register at ipf.msu.edu/hidden-lake-gardens.

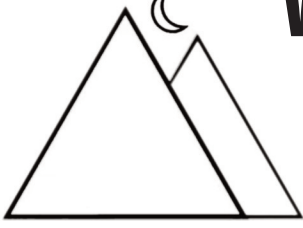
Brooklyn Yoga will be at **Cherry Creek Cellars** on Saturday, August 8 from 11 to noon for their monthly Bottoms Up series. Join Hollie for a fun, gentle yoga class followed by refreshments from Cherry Creek. Cost is \$15 per person. Register on-

line at brooklynnyogastudio.com or drop in.

Flamingo Beach Grille and Bar is holding a Faux Stained-Glass Workshop on Saturday, August 8 from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. No artistic experience necessary; this is a beginner-friendly workshop. All materials and supplies are included in the cost of \$35 per seat.

Check out the Irish Hills community calendar at IrishHills.com to find tons of events going on in and around the Irish Hills, including bike nights, live music, classes, family fun events, craft shows, and more!

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Giving them an earful

Masters of grilled corn, from left, are **Walt Shuberg**, vice president, and **Mike Bullinger**, president, of the Clark-lake Lions Club. The club served hungry visitors to **Raft-O-Rama** corn on the cob.

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Local runners dominate Run Clark Lake events



Runners take off during the running of the 12K event at Run Clark Lake as part of the ORS Race Series.



Cooper Flick of Horton won the 5K run at Run Clark Lake Saturday, Aug. 1. He is shown above sleepwalking through the finish line.

Photos, story by Jeff Steers
Exponent special writer

The sky may be the limit for Hanover-Horton High School cross country runner Cooper Flick. He ran nearly a minute quicker than his personal best time in a 5K Saturday at Run Clark Lake. The 5K run/walk and 12K run was dominated by local athletes. Flick of Horton won the 5K run with a time of 15 minutes, 36.09 seconds. Logan Cristian was second (15:52) and Soren Crosthwaite was third (16:22). Cristian is from Jackson and Crosthwaite is a Brooklyn resident. "I felt good the first mile," Flick said. "After this (event) who knows how fast I can run a 5K ... this is a 50 seconds (better) personal record for me." Maisey Toteff of Horton won the women's 5K event in 20:37 and former Jackson High School runner Michella Wolfe of Roscommon was second in 20:50. Kobe Blanco of Spring Arbor won the 12K event in 37:52 for approximately 7.4 miles around Clark Lake. That is an average of just over 5 minutes per mile. Zebedee of Houghton was second (39:14) and Jacob Singleton of Spring Arbor was third (41:15). Haley Bell of Charlotte was the first female finisher in the 12K with a time of 51:02. Nathan Blondke of Jackson won the 5K walk (34:18) and Katie Flanagan of South Lyon was the first female 5K walk finisher in 38:27. A total of 836 registered for the 50th running of Run Clark Lake. It continues to be one of the largest running events in Jackson County. For complete results go to www.runsignup.com and look for Run Clark Lake.



These two children had the best seat in the house near the finish of Run Clark Lake Saturday.

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Diesing, Nguyen win city junior titles

Photo, story by Jeff Steers
Exponent special writer

Leo Nguyen and Leighton Diesing won city junior championships as part of the R.W. Mercer Jackson Junior Golf Tour Tuesday at Sharp Park Golf Course. The tournament has taken over as the city championship for each age group. Nguyen shot a 1-under-par 70 after shooting a 33 on the front nine and a 37 on the back. He birdied No. 1 and had an eagle on the par 4 eighth hole. Diesing shot a 45 on the front nine but rebounded with a 41 on the back nine at Sharp Park. Here are the age bracket winners in the tournament:

Boys 10-under (nine holes):	
Baker Maska	40
Rowan Fish	42

Boys 11-12 (nine holes):	
Lincoln Vermeulen	45
Paul Murphy	46
Girls 11-12 (nine holes):	
Charlie Brietzke	54
Anastasia Beda	58
Boys 13-15 (nine holes):	
Edward Underwood	42
Jacob Sturgill, Brecken Gough	42
Gils 13-up (nine holes):	
Lilah Laughlin	41
Anna Thompson	42
Boys 11-12 (18 holes):	
Carter Radka	83
Elijah Vermeylen	86
Boys 13-14 (18 holes):	
Aiden Mohlman	75
Logan Banks	79
Girls 14-15 (18 holes):	
Viviana Fish	89
Boys 15-18 (18 holes):	
Leo Nguyen	70
Brayden Norton	72
Brandon Ruhl	73
Girls 16-18 (18 holes):	
Leighton Diesing	86



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Open house this weekend at Addison training center

By John Hummer
Editor

The Addison Fire & EMS Regional Training Center on U.S. 12 between Brooklyn and U.S. 127 will have its doors wide open to the public this coming weekend for an open house. The training center is beginning a new life after several years of dormancy. The open house runs this Friday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Serving Lenawee County and beyond, the training center is dedicated to providing high-quality, hands-on training for public safety profes-

sionals and community members alike. The open house will feature an opportunity to tour the reborn Addison Fire & EMS Regional Training Center and see all of its training trailers, fire equipment and apparatus, meet local firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs), see firefighting and rescue demonstrations, patronize vendors and local partners while enjoying good food and great drinks, utilize clean and convenient open restrooms (especially for those traversing Michigan's Longest

Garage Sale – U.S. 12 Heritage Trail over the weekend), and make donations to support the Addison Fire & EMS Regional Training Center. The facility is located at 16590 U.S. 12, Cement City. For more information, contact Addison Fire & EMS at 517-547-6776, email addisontcdirector@gmail.com, or find Addison Fire & EMS Regional Training Center on Facebook. *Editor's Note: Next week we will feature a complete story about the facility and what it will have to offer.*

Obituary

Robert ‘Bob’ W. Hudspeth

Robert (Bob) W. Hudspeth, Age 87, went to be with the Lord from Brooklyn Living Center, Brooklyn, Mich., after a hard-fought cancer battle. Bob was born on 4/24/1939 in Mt Morris, Mich., to C. Woodrow (Woody) and Nellie (Gould) Hudspeth. He was raised in Willis, Mich., by his mother and stepfather, Drexel Hudspeth. As a teen, he worked at the local Minick’s Market in Willis, Mich., as a soda jerk, later as a butcher. He graduated from Lincoln Consolidated in 1957, where he met, and later married in 1961, his wife, Lorraine (Ewanciw) Hudspeth. Living in Belleville, they raised two children: Robert (Robb) J. Hudspeth [Linda] of Brooklyn and Chere’ Pepper [J.D.] of Leslie. Bob, or Pop-Bob as the Grands called him, enjoyed keeping track of his 7 Grandchildren: Jesse Pepper (Anna), Joey Pepper, Ethan Pepper (Melissa), Daniel Pepper (Courtney), Allyson Hudspeth-Gerben (Nathan), Douglas Hudspeth



Bob Hudspeth

(Vanessa), and Sarah Hudspeth. He often bragged on his 9 great-grandchildren (with 1 more Great-Grandchild on the way). He is survived by his half-sister, Mary Lynn Mattner [Robert]. Bob was a devoted, involved Dad, always supporting his kids’ hobbies, like horses, motorcycles, derby cars, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. He often drove his young teenage children to their country band gigs and helped roadie equipment all over the state. He was always a proud Band-Dad, supporter, and promoter. He was an active member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Whittaker, Mich., where he served at fish fries, Chicken broils, and at Mass... instilling in his kids a love for service and Jesus. In 2003, Bob retired from Skilled Trades at Ford Motor Co, Ypsilanti, Mich., after over 40 years, as a Hydraulic Journeyman. He was truly ‘Built Ford Tough’. Affectionately known by his co-work-

ers as the ‘Godfather’ or ‘Motor-mouth’, he loved to host chili dinners, league bowls, and play on the local 849 UAW golf league (with his son). His woodwork and metal fabrication blessed his family and friends, often solving problems with his ‘Bob-Co’ projects. Growing up, the grandkids all had handmade wagons, doll houses, and rocking horses. He loved donuts, carrot cake, and ice cream. Pop-Bob kept 25 glass jars of candy in his kitchen so the Grandkids could ‘shop’. Bob enjoyed travel with Lorraine and their friends, traveling to Punta Cana/ Dominican Republic, Mexico, and especially, 17 times to Jamaica. He traveled into his 80’s. He would zipline, parasail, ATV, and lay on the beach until he was golden brown. In his later years, he relaxed at his third-generation family cabin in Houghton Lake, visiting frequently during the summer months... often reminiscing about deer hunting camps. In 2023, Bob moved into Brooklyn Living Center, Brooklyn, where he got the

nickname ‘Butter Bob’ for bringing his own blue bottle of squeeze butter to every meal. He loved the new friends friends he made and deeply appreciated the caring staffhe made and really appreciated the caring staff. His love for his TV shows, like Judge Judy, was legendary. Bob is preceded in death by his parents, step-father, his wife [Lorraine], half-sister [Barbara Sue Roombos], and one great-grandson [Jesse Pepper Jr]. Funeral arrangement: Eineder Funeral Home, Brooklyn, Mich. Cremation has occurred. Celebration of Life and meal at Heart of the Lakes Church, Brooklyn, Mich. on August 8. Visitation at 3 pm and Service at 4 pm, meal to follow Memorial contributions are suggested to Blest Ministries. Please leave a message of comfort for Bob’s family or sign his guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.

Death notices

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

Allan Walter Nalli, 80, Norvell Township; Michael Allen Perry, 74, Blackman Township; Peggy Louise Anderson, 79, Summit Township; Adolf Hetke, 85, Columbia Township; Philip Gregory Storrs, 67, Michigan Center; William Fridge Jr., 80, Jackson; Funke Rebecca Maduka, 45, Jackson; Laura L. Smith, 90, Summit Township; Dorothy Poerce, 75, Blackman Township; Larry Otis Abbott, 76, Leoni Township; Robert Earl Bowen, 73, Napoleon Township; Christopher Jacob Corry, 37, Summit Township; Norma Jean Dayton, 86, Sandstone Township; James Granville Ilkins, 73, Hanover Township; Alfonso Carabajal Marin, 73, Lansing; Leeann Margaret Snyder, 65, Jackson; George Michael Gibbs Jr., 84, Jackson; Nicholas Richard Kreskai, 40, Jackson; Jeffery Wayne Hiland, 44, Jackson; Kenneth Edward Keil, 71, Jackson; Joyce Ann Lincoln, 69, Reading; Gerald Frederick Smith, 49, Jackson; Danny Michael Nowak, 76, Jackson; Nancy Mary Ryan, 79, Fayette Township; Tammy Ruth Lambert, 64, Flint; Melvin Douglas Merritt, 69, Jackson; Clarence William Matiland, 88, Summit Township; Larry Ward Prine, 83, Jackson; Penny Marie Wright, 63, Jackson;

Happenings



In 2025, Mike Slick helped amplify contestants during the muffler-rap competition of Hubbard’s annual Auto Show in Onsted. Photo by Michelle McLemore.

Freeze! FBI!

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Devils Lake & Manitou Beach Auto Show

The Devil’s Lake and Manitou Beach Auto Show will be Saturday, August 8. Vehicles invited include classic, hot rods, and modern custom builds. Custom trophies will be awarded at 1:30 p.m. Smoky D’s BBQ, Blackbird Café & Baking Company, and Two Lakes

Tavern will offer refreshments. Ryan Groth has been engaged to provide live music. Nearby, the Manitou Beach Farmers and Crafters market will be accessible. To register a vehicle for the show, email devilsroundlakeautoshow@gmail.com.

Onsted Car Show

Friday, August 14, the annual Hubbard’s Auto Show in Onsted invites all custom car owners and enthusiasts to park for display anywhere along Main Street. (Main street will be closed approximately at 5:15 p.m. Thru traffic will be rerouted up Maple Avenue.) There is no registration fee for entry. Activities for the evening include a muffler-rap competition, a 50-50 raffle by Kiwanis, a lettuce bowl drawing, and music provided by a DJ. Drawings will be pulled around 7 p.m.

The Junior Power Rods parade will be at 6 p.m. Jackie Hubbard shared, “Any youngster with a miniature car, tricycle, or the like is invited to join the parade.” Parents/Guardians are encouraged to walk alongside their little driver during the parade. Food on-site will be offered by Shugar Creek, Johnny’s, Mr. Moo’s Ice Cream, Jack’s Hamburgers and More, and an elephant ear wagon.

Onsted Home Run Derby

The Onsted Community Recreation Committee is hosting a Free Home Run Derby Friday, August 14 in the Park. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. at Field 1. The top three hitters in each division will be awarded medals. The kids’ derby begins at 6 p.m. fol-

lowed by the adults’ at 7 p.m. The concession stand will be open for hot dogs and other food. After the winners are announced, an adults versus kids wiffle ball game will commence. All are welcome.

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