

Sweet Summertime!

Is there any better place to spend summer than here?



Clarklake's Patti Kanaan was excited to place a bid on this "Lakehouse" pillow during the silent auction at Raft-O-Rama.

Summertime LEFTOVERS!

Every summer we have leftover pictures that we have taken or have been submitted that did not make the paper due to size and room restrictions. With summer quickly winding down, we are running a few of those pics we loved that didn't make the paper. Enjoy!



Chas Timberlake of Clarklake shows how to enjoy a grilled ear of corn on the cob. Timberlake is one of the organizers of the recently-resurrected Pine Riders Water Ski Club.

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Geeting comes up with an ace

John Geeting, above, had a hole in one at The Grande Golf Club on August 18, 2026. Geeting scored his ace on the 12th at 155 yards with an 8 iron. He said the tee box is above the hole, so John and his friend Scott Gittins watched it go in. Geeting joked it was "the best day of my life."

John is married to Elyse Geeting and has three daughters: Arden, Harper and Scarlett. John is from Lake Somerset, and is a captain for Delta Airlines. He lives in Ann Arbor and spends the summers on Devils Lake.

Hot doggin' it



Joe DeBoe, coordinator of Grass Lake's Music in the Park, not only made sure the music was ready to go, but took on chief cook duties grilling up some jumbo-size hot dogs for the hungry concertgoers in the crowd.

More sweet summertime



Kelsey Sharfenberg of Onsted was on hand at Raft-O-Rama painting faces and other body parts of children. Here she paints a tiger on the leg of Dove Riley, 10, of Clarklake.

Some divinely wild folk



The Ruppel Brothers of Chesaning performed at Top of the Hill stage with their brand of “wild folk.” They brought their love for “family, music, life, and improvisation” to the stage at the Divine Pine Gathering.

Savanna Rose shines



Savanna Spindelman is always a bright light, whether she is leading a dance routine or a parade. Above, she is shown bringing her dancers down Main Street during the July 4 parade. Spindelman arranged the parade, which was likely the longest in Brooklyn history.



Local photographer Lynn Okenka shared these pretty pictures of summer in bloom. At left is a tight shot of St. John's-wort and at right is bee balm.

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Lynn Okenka shared this photo of the lovely - but invasive - purple loosestrife. Below is a close up of daisy fleabane.



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Learning history



Eli (center) and Ethan Kidder (at right), sons of Josh and Katie formerly of Onsted, visited Wooden School and participated in a range of history-related activities in July led by Michelle McLemore, at left. Photo courtesy of Katie Kidder.

Shakin' with Elvis



Noreen Bartlett danced with Elvis, or perhaps an Elvis impersonator, at the Jackson County Fair two weeks ago. Bartlett backed up The King in such songs as Ruby, Ruby, Kansas City, and more, along with three other volunteers on stage. Photo courtesy Terrie Collins.



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Tootin' their own horns



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Powered paragliders were spotted flying over the Napoleon Township Municipal Services building on election Tuesday. Hmm... might they be Russian spies checking out who was voting? PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER

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Notice to creditors: The decedent, **Paul Wesley Stemen**, died 1/30/2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, will be forever barred unless presented to M. Scott Mead, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 312 S. Jackson Street, 1st Floor, Jackson Michigan 49201, (517) 788-4290, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 7/06/26

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Liberty Township public hearing4x2

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm, the Liberty Township Planning Commission will host a public hearing at Liberty Township Hall located at 101 W. Liberty Road, Clarklake, MI 49234, regarding a Conditional Use Permit for Kent and Tahny lowry, 12201 Sutfin Rd., Horton, MI 49246, for the operation of a bakery/store on ParcelID #000-18-32-226-001-00 and a wedding chapel on ParcelID #000-18-29-477-001-01. Also on the agenda is a public hearing regarding the Pines at Round Lake, a site condominium development consisting of 7 units on 13 1/2 acres with 4 units bordering Steve's Scenic Drive and 3 units bordering Morton Rd.

Debbie Jacobson, Clerk

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Meeting synopsis4

August 11, 2026 roll call of members; Smith, Jacobson, Hubbard, Garver and Vincent. The following Synopsis of Liberty Township Regular Board meeting of items have a motion and support; Approve agenda as presented, approve minutes of Regular Board meeting of July, 2026 as presented, approval of consensus agenda of departmental reports as presented. Payment of expenses in the amount of \$97,184.11 for July 2026 approved with a roll call. Motion was made and supported to approve the 2025-2026 Master Plan motion passed with a roll call 5 yes 0 no A complete set of minutes are available during regular office hours.

Debbie Jacobson, Liberty Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE

Village of Grass Lake
119 N. Lake St., Grass Lake, MI 49240
(517) 522-4550
SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES4

The Grass Lake Village Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall. Present: President David Keener, President Pro Tempore Jane Fitzgerald, Council Member Monica Stevenson, Council Member Cindy Popovitch, Council Member Jennifer Stanton, and Council Member Wes Shemwell. Absent: Council Member Gina Lammers. Staff Present: Village Manager Sabrina Edgar, Village Clerk Jennifer Keener, Village Utility Billing Specialist Cheryl Vicory. Public: Dawn Cuddle and Dick Jarzynka.

Items Approved:
1. Agenda for July 21, 2026
2. Minutes from July 7, 2026 Regular Meeting
3. Disbursements
4. Motion to approve a special meeting to be held on August 4, 2026 at 7:00 pm to make a decision on the Third Party Administrator Proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Prepared by Clerk Jennifer Keener.
Approved by Village President David Keener

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Jennifer Keener
Village of Grass Lake, Clerk

GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE
REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTAL
DWELLING UNITS (FIRST READING)
Grass Lake Charter Township
Jackson County, Michigan
ORDINANCE NO. PPO-16-014

Please take notice that on August 11, 2026, the Township Board of Grass Lake Charter Township introduced for first reading, posting, publication, and subsequent final adoption Ordinance No. PPO-16-01, which amends PPO-16 that regulates short-term rental dwelling units within the Township to address hosting events at short term rentals and to institute caps on short term rentals, among other regulations. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from Gail Harris, Grass Lake Charter Township Clerk, at 373 Lakeside Drive, Grass Lake, MI 49240.

The Ordinance provides, in summary, for the regulation of events at any short-term rental in the Township. The Ordinance has the following sections and catch lines: Section 1: Amendment to Section IV, Definitions and Section VIII, Regulations; Section 2: Addition of Section VIII-A, Event Licensing and Regulations; Section 3: Addition of Section VIII-B, Caps and Further Regulations; Section 4: Severability; Section 5: Repeal, Effect, and Form; and Section 6: Effective Date, which is immediately after publication of a notice of adoption following a second reading.

Published by Order of the Township Board:
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GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF FINAL ORDINANCE ADOPTION
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE
REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTAL
DWELLING UNITS
Grass Lake Charter Township
Jackson County, Michigan
ORDINANCE NO. PPO-16-014

Please take notice that on August 17, 2026, the Township Board of Grass Lake Charter Township approved for final adoption Ordinance No. PPO-16-01, which amends PPO-16 that regulates short term rental dwelling units within the Township to address hosting events at short term rentals and to institute caps on short term rentals within the Township, among other regulations. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from Gail Harris, Grass Lake Charter Township Clerk, at 373 Lakeside Drive, Grass Lake, MI 49240.

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VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE

Village of Grass Lake
119 N. Lake St., Grass Lake, MI 49240
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SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES4

The Grass Lake Village Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall. Present: President David Keener, President Pro Tempore Jane Fitzgerald, Council Member Gina Lammers, Council Member Wes Shemwell, and Council Member Monica Stevenson, Council Member Jennifer Stanton and Council Member Cindy Popovitch, Staff Present: Village Manager Sabrina Edgar, Village DPW Supervisor Paul Lammers, and Village Clerk Jennifer Keener. Public: Dick Jarzynka.

Items Approved:
1. Agenda for August 4, 2026
2. Motion to approve the proposal if \$53,500.00 from Lionbear Ventures, LLC to administer the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and authorize the Village Manager, Sabrina Edgar to execute the contract. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Prepared by Clerk Jennifer Keener.
Approved by Village President David Keener
Complete Copies of the meeting minutes are available at www.villageof-grasslake.com or upon request from the Village Clerk. Office Hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday, closed between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jennifer Keener
Village of Grass Lake, Clerk

ROLLIN TOWNSHIP

Synopsis
Rollin Township Board Meeting
August 12, 20264

Supervisor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were Supervisor Clark, Treasurer Willett, and Trustees Burch and Combs. Addressed the following the following items:

1. Approved bid to repair the fence in Rollin Center Cemetery
2. Approved disconnection of sewer at 1235 Elm Street
3. Approved hiring Jeffrey Feldkamp as backup mechanical inspector, effective September 1, 2026
4. Approved hiring Anna Pedrotte as clerical employee effective immediately.
5. Accepted donation of a parcel of land in front of the Devils Lake Water-sports building, contingent on counsel of lawyer
6. Supervisor Clerk was pleased to announce the passage of the recent fire millage

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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Submitted by
Irma David,
Rollin Township Clerk

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PUZZLE TIME!

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg August 23, 2026

ACROSS

- 1 In need of a deep clean
6 Volume control on a stereo
10 Kylo's mother in "Star Wars"
14 "Mean Girls" actress Rapp
15 Internet pot-stirrers with over-the-top takes
17 Pro at getting the spots out?
18 Buddies you love to hate
19 Rapper whose name sounds like a cold drink
20 Pasture sounds
21 Tree-to-be
22 ___ system (GPS device)
23 Ooze
24 Bird in some Karnak hieroglyphics
25 "Once more unto the ___"
27 Corral, as cattle
29 Mogul with a book club
30 RichTok influencer Bloom
31 Trident-shaped Greek letter
34 "Let's plan something soon!"
37 4G ___
38 Decide you will
39 Nose taps
40 Splash around

- 41 Places for 47-Downs and deals
42 Stitched
43 Qatari leader
45 Low-cost housing option, for short
46 Bird that became extinct in the 17th century
47 MIT Sloan degs.
48 Sticky substance
49 Animal in many a Coca-Cola commercial
51 "Clueless" actress Donovan
52 Ring that wouldn't be a good engagement gift?
53 Walks in water
54 "I'm all ___!"
55 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
56 Nail file material

DOWN

- 1 One might be made with farro or quinoa
2 Stargazing setting?
3 Like a car about to back up
4 "Nice to ___ you"
5 "Def"
6 "Robinson Crusoe" author
7 "That was my bad!"

- 8 Gets on in years
9 Nickname for Leonard
10 Chinese noodle dish
11 Great Lakes people
12 Carded
13 Donkey
16 Spot where every night is ladies' night?
20 Just OK
23 Assignments from teachers
24 Ancient Peruvian
26 "So relaxing!"
28 Cursed Greek nymph who could only repeat the words spoken to her
30 Crunchy deli sandwiches
31 Way to make a splashy entrance?

- 32 Account holder with special IT privileges
33 "No sweat!"
35 Once ___ a time
36 Wad of gum, e.g.
40 Cars generally smaller than SUVs
41 'Twas, in the present
42 "___ Power" (2021 Lorde album)
44 "227" actress Gibbs
46 Name that anagrams to "road"
47 Brunch, e.g.
48 Glitz and ___
49 N95 masks, latex gloves, etc.
50 Early date letters
51 Mama sheep

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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8/23 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

Today's puzzle solution

1	2	9	6	7	8	3	4	5
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3	4	9	3	2	1	8	7	6
7	9	1	8	6	7	2	5	3
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8/23 Themeless Sunday 196 by Rafael Musa and Amie Walker

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Notice of First Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Lakeview Ave Napoleon Township, Jackson County, Michigan

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE LAKEVIEW AVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSON:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of the petition of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose road frontage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total road frontage of the hereinafter described Lakeview Ave Special Assessment District (the Special Assessment District), the Township Board of Napoleon Township has determined to make certain public

improvements consisting of road improvements on that portion of Lakeview Avenue which is within Napoleon Township (The Improvements) and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said improvement which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefit lot and parcel of land in the Special Assessment District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Special Assessment District within which the foregoing Improvements are proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs and has placed them on file with the township clerk from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the petitions, plans, Special Assessment District, and estimate of costs will be held at the Napoleon Township Hall, 6755 Brooklyn Road, Napoleon, Michigan, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10 PERCENT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

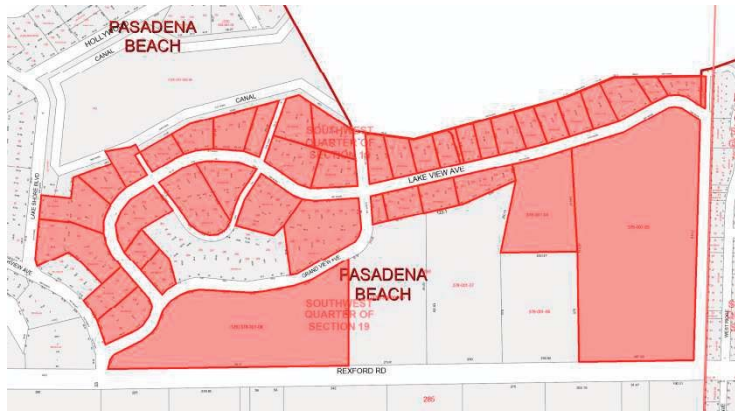
Periodic re-determinations of the costs of the improvement may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event,

such re-determinations may be made by the township board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the lands in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 188 of 1954.

At the hearing, the township board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board on or before the hearing as well as revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimates, and cost of the Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

Napoleon Township
Traci Spring, Clerk
6755 Brooklyn Road
Post Office Box 385
Napoleon, MI 49261
(517) 536-8694



COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Columbia Charter Township Board has adopted a Short-Term Rental Ordinance, a general ordinance. The ordinance was approved at a regular meeting of the Township Board on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Columbia Charter Township Hall, located at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. This ordinance will become effective 30 days after this publication. A summary of the ordinance language is as follows:

A Short-Term Rental shall be defined as follows by this ordinance: A dwelling or portion of a dwelling unit that is available for use or is used for accommodations or lodging of guests, paying a fee or other compensation, for a period less than 28 consecutive days. It is the intent of the Columbia Charter Township Short-Term Rental Ordinance to make the Short-Term Rental activity permitted by this ordinance consistent with the existing traditional residential uses in the community. The provisions of this ordinance are necessary to prevent the continued burden placed upon county and township services and impacts on residential neighborhoods posed by Short-Term Rental homes. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the persons and property within Columbia Charter Township. This ordinance provides regulations for the activity of property where a short-term rental may be established within the township. The ordinance requires all short-term rentals meet all regulations described within and hereby obtain a valid permit to operate. The ordinance provides procedures for administration, violation and penalties, severability, and an effective date.

A complete copy of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance is available at the office of the Township Clerk at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230 on regular business days during regular business hours, or by appointment, and has been posted on the Township's website at <https://twp.columbia.mi.us/>.

Cathy Hulburt,
Columbia Charter Township Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DECEDENT'S ESTATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF JACKSON
312 S. JACKSON ST., JACKSON MI 49201
(517) 788-4290

FILE NO. 26-706-DE HON. JENNIFER M. KELLY

Estate of REX H. WORTHINGTON, deceased, date of birth 02/03/1956
Notice to creditors: The decedent, REX HOWARD WORTHINGTON, died 04/27/1926. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, will be forever barred unless presented to M. Scott Mead, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 312 S. Jackson Street, 1st Floor, Jackson Michigan 49201, (517) 788-4290, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 5/26/26

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

M. Scott Mead
5563 Dogwood St.
JACKSON, MI 49201
517-392-5964

COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION
COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Columbia Charter Township Board has introduced an Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers, a general ordinance. The ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Board on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Columbia Charter Township Hall, located at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. The Township Board will be considering adopting this ordinance at the next regular meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:00pm. A summary of the ordinance language proposed is as follows: An ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations relating to a limited twelve (12) month moratorium on considering applications for data centers while the Township completes a study of ordinances and regulations; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict; and to provide an effective date.

A complete copy of the Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers is posted at the Columbia Charter Township Clerk's Office at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230 and may be viewed on regular business days during regular business hours, or by appointment, and has been posted on the Township's website at <https://twp.columbia.mi.us/>.

Cathy Hulburt,
Columbia Charter Township Clerk

NORVELL TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP OF NORVELL JACKSON COUNTY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its regular meeting on August 17, 2026, the Norvell Township Board adopted Resolution 2026-14 Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Review and Issuance of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals for Power Generation Facilities (the "Resolution") within the Township. The Resolution takes effect on the date of publication of this Notice, and is available for inspection at the Township Hall, 300 Mill Rd, Brooklyn, MI 49230, during regular business hours. Copies may be obtained for a reasonable charge. The following is a summary of the Resolution's effect.

SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTION'S EFFECT

The Resolution imposes a temporary moratorium on accepting, processing, or approving any applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or other approvals for new, existing, or proposed power generation facilities within the Township. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the Township sufficient time to study, review, and consider amendments to the Township's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance concerning Power Generation Facilities, including potential impacts on public health, safety, and welfare. The moratorium is effective for a period of twelve (12) months. The Township Board may extend the moratorium for an additional period, not to exceed six (6) months, if it determines that more time is needed to complete the review or amendment process.

Sharon Pero
Clerk, Norvell Township Norvell Township Hall 300 Mill Rd
Brooklyn, MI 49230
(517) 536-4370

Adopted: 8/17/2026
Published: 8/25/2026
Effective: 8/25/2026

COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Columbia Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Charter Township Hall at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230, to consider the following request:

Special Land Use Permit Amendment and Site Plan Review applications
Applicant/Owner: Heart O' The Lakes Church
Location: 7031 Jefferson Rd. Brooklyn, MI 49230
Parcel IDs: 000-19-23-301-001-03

Request: Special Land Use Permit Amendment and Site Plan Review applications to permit a new parking lot for the church use established on the property to provide additional parking on-site.

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 Planning Commission 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.

Columbia Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the public hearing to individuals with special needs upon five (5) days' notice to the Township Clerk (517-592-2000).

Cathy Hulburt,
Columbia Charter Township Clerk

COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS
COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
August 17, 2026

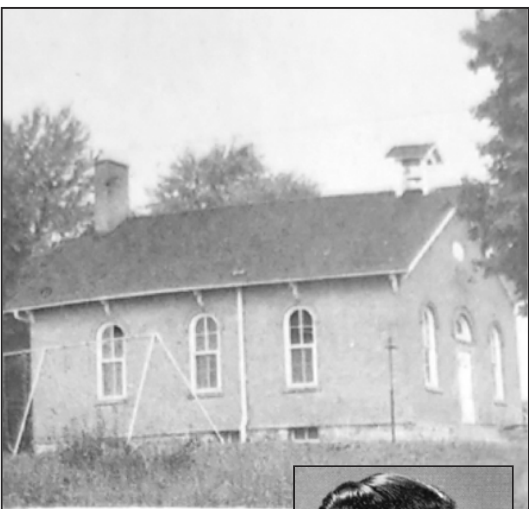
The regular meeting of August 17, 2026, was called to order by Supervisor Marsh at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag and invocation. Members present: Tackett, Hulburt, Calhoun, Church, Deland, Marsh. There was public comment from Commissioner Duckham, Joe Parkhurst, Jeff Knapp, Zack Kanaan Sr., Landon Cathers, Heather Lee, Michael Lee, Dave Swierzbis and Steve Pearse. There was motion and support to amend the agenda and the consent agenda. There was motion and support to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. There was motion and support to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$242,529.50. There was discussion on special land use on Audell Drive, a temporary data center memorandum, Vantage View assessment amendment and a cost recovery ordinance. There was motion and support to approve the Legal representation Agreement. There was motion and support to approve the Fire Department's new hires. There was motion and support to approve the Short-term Rental Ordinance. There was motion and support to approve the resolution for the short-term rental permit fee schedule. There was motion and support to approve the Grinder tank purchase. There was public comment from Zack Kanaan Sr. on short-term rentals, Joe Parkhurst on special land use on Audell Drive, Heather Lee on short-term rentals, Landon Cathers on short-term rentals. There was final Board comment from Treasurer Calhoun and Trustee Tackett on a special land use on Audell Drive. There was motion and support to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hulburt, Township Clerk

Wolf Creek school remembered



Cold weather in February may have been the cause for taking this photo inside at the one-room Wolf Creek school in 1950. Row at far left: second seat from front, Gerald Luck; third seat back, Frank Halliwill; fifth seat back, Ron Dickerson. Second row, holding sign, at left “Klanky,” and at right possibly Dale Armstrong; second seat back, on left Murray Woerner; third seat back, Virginia McKenzie and a Halliwill; fifth seat, Gordon Luck; sixth seat a Klanke. Can anyone verify or add to these identifications? Photo and name suggestions shared by John Spycher.



Above: A county school directory included this photo of the Wolf Creek fractional school house.



At right is John Spycher's senior photo.



Attic & Hearth ~A Look Back~ By Michelle A. McLemore

I always get excited when folks start cleaning out their memorabilia and trust that I will cherish the artifacts that they have held dear for years. Recently, John Spycher of Wolf Creek (NE of Rome Center and SE of Onsted) gifted me these one-room school photos of his classes at the school formerly located at Wolf Creek.

The original log cabin school had been built by the Joseph Baker family on part of their acreage in Section 12 of Rome Township. (The Bakers arrived in 1833.) Mr. Baker became the school's first moderator when it opened in 1834. It would become Rome's District 1 fractional school.

Spycher's father, Hans Spycher Jr., immigrated from

Switzerland to the U.S. in 1913. Children John, Carol, and James all attended Wolf Creek.

Hans had a sister, Rosa, who also immigrated at the same time. Rosa married Earnest Alex Peterson (whose family had immigrated from Sweden) and became a teacher. The vocation was strong in the family, as Earnest's sister, Alma N. Peterson, began teaching at Wolf Creek in 1930, giving a total of 44 years to the Onsted Public School system. Alma's sister Anna also was a teacher.

In addition to Alma and Rosa, Agnus Knoblauch from Blissfield served for a while (per memories of Doris (Dentel) Morningstar-Bayes). Bayes attended Wolf Creek

for eight years and graduated from Onsted in 1943. Bayes recalled a flowing well on the property, and a cream-colored bucket to collect water. Every student brought their own cup. Bayes also had a memory of skipping school, and the punishment by the teacher when they returned the next day.

In May of 1954, the vote passed for Onsted School District to annex Wolf Creek School. During consolidation, the school serviced third grade only. Students were bussed in along with cafeteria items delivered to the site. Ultimately, the school building was closed and today it has been remodeled into a private home.

John Spycher tried recalling the names of his classmates, but readily admits it has been awhile. I have not seen a labeled photo in the county archives, nor the Onsted school files, so we wonder if any of my readers can help us give names to any of these faces or confirm his guesses?

As school teachers and kids return to the institutions

of public learning this week, may it be a safe, useful, and long-term meaningful experience for all.

If you have photos, scrapbooks, postcards, or other historical items that may be shared, we would love to see them. Contact The Exponent office to arrange a time or email unique photos with any information you have about the content to exponews@theexponent.com. In the subject line, please note for "Attic & Hearth" or "For Michelle" and include your name and contact information in the message.

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This class photo at Wolf Creek school is estimated to be late 1940s identified as such by submitter, John Spycher, who sits on the right end of the front row. To the best of his recollection, the classmates are as follows: Seated, left to right, Frank Halliwill, Wanda Woerner, Lila Klanke, Dale Armstrong, Ron Dickerson, two unnamed classmates, and Spycher. In the middle row he believes the third person in from the left may be Carolyn and then Marilyn Heart, and Phil Klanke. In the back row, he recalls Alma Peterson, the teacher, is third from the right while Paul Klanke is the last young man on the right. Photo shared by John Spycher.

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