



Columbia Central High School track and field athlete Zack Johnson checks his finish during the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division 3 state finals at Kent City High School, Saturday. See inside for sports results from the area.

### McCourtie Park

# ULTRA MARATHON



Coordinators and one participant of Lynette Tenaglia Memorial Run, from left: Shaina Kulczycki, parks coordinator, Somerset Township; Glenda Damaske, 72-hour race participant; Amanda Head, vice president, Lynette's Love; and Rich Tenaglia, president/CEO, Lynette's Love.

## Multi-day races held to support brain and neurological disorders

By John Hummer  
Editor

McCourtie Park in Somerset Township, with its 17 artistic historic bridges as a backdrop, was the site of a unique sports event May 21-24 called the Lynette Tenaglia Memorial Run, which included a 72-hour race, a 48-hour race, a 24-hour race, a 5k, and a 1-mile fun run.

Rich Tenaglia, 51, of Canton, is the race director. The event is in honor of his deceased mother, Lynette Tenaglia, to raise money for the charity set up in her name, Lynette's Love. He says he wants to make the races an annual event. Rich is also the president/CEO of Lynette's Love.

Lynette's Love is devoted to advancing research, support, and solutions that help fight cognitive diseases and improve the lives of those affected by them. The Lynette's Love Foundation honors the life and strength of Lynette Tenaglia by providing financial assistance, advocacy, and compassionate support to individuals and families affected by hydrocephalus and other neurological disorders. Inspired by her resilience and generosity, the organization ensures that no family faces neurological illness alone.

The 72-hour race started that Thursday (May 21); the 48-hour race kicked off Friday, and the 24-hour race began Saturday morning. They all ended around the same time on Sunday morning. The 5k and 1-mile fun run were done on Sunday as well.

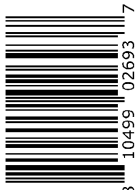
"The race is to raise money for neurological disorders, but primarily hydrocephalus, since my mother had it her whole life, then later in life, my father also got it," Rich shared.

One woman came from Africa – Ethiopia, to be exact – to participate in the event. An exchange student from Spain and her host mother participated. Others came from coast to coast in the United States.

For the longer races, if a competitor reaches the 100-mile mark, they get a thick metal belt buckle. Two athletes reached the 100-mile goal during this event. Jeff Mikesell of West Virginia finished his 81st 100-mile race. Vincent Ma of California completed his 70th 100-mile race.

Rich says that for those doing the longer races, they run or walk through the night. They wear a headband with a light on it to see where they're going.

Rich's girlfriend, Amanda Head, is the vice president of Lynette's Love. She did a lion's share of the administrative work



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Young entrepreneur Evelyn Essenmacher, 8, of Lake Columbia, gives a sample of her special honey lemonade to Brooklyn's Sean Henderson during Art in the Park last Thursday at Weatherwax Park in downtown Brooklyn. PHOTO BY JOHN HUMMER

# Columbia officials address short-term rental problems

Story and photos  
By John Hummer  
Editor

The revised draft of a Columbia Charter Township Short-term Rental Ordinance was presented to the Columbia Charter Township Board by township staff for discussion at its May 18 board meeting. At that meeting, the board heard many concerns and complaints about specific short-term rentals operating in the township, as well as from two short-term rental landlords with concerns about such an ordinance.

The revised ordinance language states, in part, under Section 1-E, "The township has received concerns involving excessive noise, disorderly conduct, overcrowding, traffic, keyholing, congestion, and parking at short-term rental properties, as well as the potential loss of neighborhood character due to the number of short-term rentals in the township."

The ordinance continues, in Section 1-F, "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."

Township Supervisor Barry Marsh started the discussion, stating, "We've been working with residents on both sides trying to come up with what I like to call a 'reasonable balance.' It is shaped by input from a number of residents. We won't have answers that will satisfy everybody, but we're doing our best to come up with what we think is a reasonable balance."

Treasurer John Calhoun commented that the ordinance boils down to protecting the character of the community. "If you exceed a certain number of rentals, you lose the character of the community," he stated. "I want to see some kind of analysis – whether the board comes up with it or whether there is a state law."

Marsh noted, in reply, "We didn't have guidance on a specific number before, so would we like to see Brittany [Stein] go back as soon as possible and dust off the language towards putting in limits?"

Township attorney Eric

White interjected, "I think you're going to have a difficult time delineating the boundaries of what the limit would be for," he said. "It's a policy decision. Whether it survives a challenge, one never knows. You have to have some rational basis to do that."

There will likely be further revisions to the ordinance and possible action on it at the township's June 15 board meeting.

### What some township residents said about the proposed short-term rental ordinance

Roger Lyons of Lincoln Drive stated during public comment that he is a landlord. "I am not in favor of a rental program," he said. "I can only tell you that any issues between my renters and my neighbors are usually settled between my neighbors and me, the landlord. I would only like to think that we, as landlords, can settle any disputes. You have enough rules in effect with nuisance rules, time, crowds, and parking on the streets. I would think that you could call a member of law enforcement to get the cars moved and/or to make things a little bit different. I call it common sense."

Landon Cathers of South Woodland Drive identified himself as the owner of a short-term rental. "I appreciate some of the concerns brought here," he stated. "I would work closely with the neighbors to try to address some of the concerns. But some of the things I want to make sure that the board is aware of before voting [on ordinance approval] is that most short-term rentals – whether Airbnb or VRBO – are already rented out a year in advance. So, some of these restrictions would make cancellations immediately if the implementation is right away. Also, if those that are operating, for example, larger properties – one was brought up today – if they're financially not able to keep operating, they might have to sell. Something that the board may want to consider is grandfathering certain rental properties or imposing certain conditions on the restrictions. I don't think most short-term renters are opposed to what you guys are trying to do here – there are just some restrictions that it seems



Above, Columbia Charter Township resident Faith Bull brought concerns to the township board about a large short-term rental on the road (Maple Lane) on which she and her family live. "This has gotten to the point that my family has decided that we're going to start looking elsewhere to live," she said.

like are unfairly applied to short-term rentals versus homeowner residents. My biggest concern is the 10-max limit – it seems like an arbitrary max of 10.

Arthur Sconochia made a point about enforcing short-term rental rules. "I think [the board] has put a tremendous amount of work into this, but at the same time, I'm concerned about how you would be able to enforce the rules. I think there is probably time [of law enforcement] better spent elsewhere."

Trisha Miller read a letter to the township regarding a short-term rental operating in her neighborhood, "functioning more like a commercial hotel than a residential home. The home is advertised as sleeping 27 people," she stated. "The situation has become urgent due to the unusually high number of occupants regularly staying at the property and the growing impact on surrounding

residents. We seem to be calling the police on a weekly basis to enforce the rental rules, which is becoming a burden on the police department. This is not a typical vacation rental. The property is hosting large groups at a frequency and scale that appear inconsistent with the residential nature of our neighborhood – and potentially beyond safe and lawful occupancy limits. Increased traffic, noise, parking congestion, and strain on a private road that's maintained by the residents. Public safety concerns have significantly affected nearby homeowners." Miller went on to say that the home is effectively operating as a high-capacity lodging business within a residential zone without the infrastructure, oversight, or safeguards normally required of hotels or commercial properties. Waiting months for a broader ordinance discussion for future pol-

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# Group meets to continue fighting proposed mine



Strategy session: Bob Martiny (foreground, back to camera) makes a point about the proposed gravel mine at the last IHCC meeting while he has the undivided attention of (center, from left) Rebecca Michaluk, Judith Hocking, and Jim Hocking. Joe Crisante (head down with baseball cap) is to the left of Michaluk. PHOTO COURTESY IHCC

By John Hummer  
Editor

Approximately 60 residents gathered Saturday, May 16, at Frog Holler Farm for the fifth community meeting hosted by the group Irish Hills Concerned Citizens regarding concerns about the proposed gravel mine adjacent to Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve. An additional 17-plus people attended via Zoom, with seven more participating remotely from the Jackson District Library.

The proposed mining project

has generated growing public attention because of its proximity to Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve, an area known for hiking, paddling, birding, wetlands, forests, and scenic rural landscapes. The packed turnout reflected growing community concerns about the proposal and its potential impacts on nearby residents, public lands, and local roads.

Since Norvell Township received the application, community members have raised concerns about potential impacts, including dust, emis-

sions, noise, truck traffic, road safety, water quality, wildlife habitat, and the long-term industrialization of the surrounding area.

The featured presentation at the gathering focused on concerns related to haul truck traffic and potential public health and quality of life impacts along proposed haul routes. Attendees also participated in small group discussions addressing community priorities, public outreach, fundraising, and next steps in the township review process.

In a related effort, IHCC has been gathering signed petitions to demonstrate broad public opposition to the proposed mine and to show local officials and the wider community how many residents and property owners are concerned about the project and its potential impacts. To date, the IHCC has collected over 1,050 petitions that they plan on presenting soon to the Norvell Township board and planning commission.

In another effort, IHCC attended the State Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) online meeting on April 22. The PAC formed a subcommittee to do a site visit and draft a letter for consideration by the full committee at its next meeting on June 17.

"Hundreds of people have attended our meetings, signed petitions, put up yard signs, and shown up at township meetings," said IHCC President Sybil Kolon. "There are so many good reasons for that support — the proposed mine threatens Watkins and Hayes state parks, would snarl traffic and cause accidents along the haul route, and our rural character and lake life in the Irish Hills would be severely diminished. This mine is a bad idea on so many levels, and we will continue to share these concerns with Norvell Township officials to convince them they have every right, as well as the responsibility, to deny this

mine." The meeting also included updates on legal strategy, expert testimony, fundraising efforts, and community

The next IHCC community meeting will be Saturday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. at WellWise Area Agency on Aging, 107 Chicago Street in Brooklyn.

IHCC is a non-profit community organization formed to protect Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve and its birds and wildlife, and to preserve the rural character of the surrounding region. Residents interested in learning more, volunteering, or supporting ongoing efforts are encouraged to visit [IHCCinfo.org](http://IHCCinfo.org).

**"This mine is a bad idea on so many levels . . ."**

Sybil Kolon,  
President, Irish Hills Concerned Citizens

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## Cement City celebrates



Mel Cure presented the American flag during Memorial Day festivities in Cement City. The village's parade is a local favorite. Photo courtesy Tim Wheaton.

## Marriage licenses

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

Thomas Jacob Dennis, Clarklake, and Gabrielle Louise Baker, Clarklake; Mitchell Ryan Ziebold, Howell, and Maggie Marie Tucker, Grass Lake; Christian Sterling Mason, Jackson, and Haley Mekenzy Marco, Southbend, IN; Benjamin David Whitcomb, Jackson, and Haide Bontillao Richmond, Jackson; Hannah Elizabeth Heers, Jackson, and John Christopher Day, Jackson; Steven Lake Ansley, Hanover, and Hale Jade-Margaret Gonzales, Hanover;

Deandre Lamar Rivers, Jackson, and Lashawn Hendricks, Jackson; Ciara Danielle Rogers, Jackson, and Daniel James Johnson, Jackson; Jeremy Lloyd Stephenson, Rives Junction, and Brandi Louise Bell, Rives Junction; Darian Maxwell Mann, Beech Grove, IN, and Summer Lee Schade, Beech Grove, IN; Alyssa Susan-Bailey Browner, Jackson, and Johnnie Eugene Ebright Jr., Lansing;

Mariah Lee Grange, Jackson, and Tyler John Balko, Jackson; Stefanie Lynn Mcvay, Brooklyn, and Stephen Ray Halcomb, Brooklyn; Robyn Lyn Anes, Jackson, and Cassidy Rae Cecott, Jackson; Brian Walter Anderson, Jackson, and Amanda Dee Shaw, Jackson;

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icy decisions leaves my neighbors and me without protection.

Miller asked the township board to investigate the property's current occupancy practices immediately, determine whether current occupant levels apply to fire code, septic capacity, zoning regulations, and any existing township ordinances. She also asked the board to enforce any applicable occupancy or nuisance violations without delay and consider temporary emergency measures if the property poses safety concerns. "Common sense governance would tell us 30 occupants don't belong in a residential neighborhood," she said. "If you look anywhere else across short-term rentals in Michigan, 10 is typically what the maximum occupancy levels are set at."

Heather Lee is a property owner on Maple Lane Drive near a large short-term rental dwelling. She asked the board to consider adding "preservation of [neighborhood] character" to the standards. "The property at 1265 Maple Lane currently advertises a capacity of 27 guests," adding that over 30 people recently stayed at the house. "Based on my research, a rental of that size . . . should be classified as a commercial establishment rather than a short-term rental. How is this level of occupancy permitted on a small, private drive? She questioned. "How is the commercial functioning of this property permitted in a residential area?" She asked the board to immediately investigate the usage of 1265 Maple Lane, as well as promptly approve and publish a short-term rental ordinance.

Faith Bull lives just down the street from 1265 Maple Lane and stated there were 40 people from a race team that recently stayed there. "This has gotten to the point that my family has decided that we're going to start looking elsewhere to live," she stated as she teared up, noting that some college-age boys were waving at her two-year-old daughter. "That is weird — go do something else."

"I understand there are some people who are landlords and that they are doing their due diligence," she continued. "But we reached out to the owner of this specific property to say, 'Hey, these are the issues,' and he pretty much told us to go shove it. That's not being a respectful landlord. I call the police every single weekend. One weekend, I had drunk kids in my yard, and they woke up my two young children. Then I'm standing out there putting my life in danger — because I don't know them — telling them to get off my lawn. They wouldn't . . . It's getting ridiculous. When you have 40 people staying in a house, I felt more comfortable sleeping in a hotel this weekend than I did in my own home. That's just not right."

## Notes from township meeting

The Columbia Charter Township board approved at its May 18 meeting: the purchase of cyber insurance at a yearly cost of \$7,204; a special land use permit, with conditions stated in the application, for Lakeside Market at 2025 Ocean Beach Drive to allow on-site food and beverage service, including a Class 1 restaurant for small bites, pizza, take-out, and delivery service and a Class 2 Tavern for on-site alcohol consumption; a special land use permit for 1150 Stahl Drive/1198 DeSales Drive for a new 1,200 square-foot single-story, four-bedroom dwelling unit with walkout basement for a rectory to provide housing for two Oblate priests assigned full-time at Camp DeSales and housing for 1-2 more visiting priests; the purchase of 100 grinder pump systems for \$237,000; a new meter for the Cady Road lift station at a cost of \$20,000; 2026 Lake Columbia paving projects, and a Vineyard Lake paving project.

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# Lake Columbia SAD process questioned by lake resident

Under public comment during Columbia Charter Township's May meeting, Mary Jordan stated she would like a formal policy for special assessment districts. She presented an example from Bloomfield Township. "One thing that was noted around the lake with all the SADs was that there was an individual who put herself as the lead to pursue all the SADs around the lake.

"There were a number of residents that were not properly informed; there were no proper mailings of notifications for meetings that residents should partake in to make sure what they're going to be taxed as is understood. The only notifications people were given later were 'they could find it in the Exponent.' That's not sufficient for our public if you're going to be affected by taxes and changes . . . This just doesn't seem clean and concise for our residents. I understand the purpose of SADs and being a good option, but I think there should be a better policy for the residents as this proceeds.

"I know the person who took the lead across Lake Columbia. She was not a representative of the POA (Property Owners Association). The POA has taken a firm stance; they are not responsible for any of the SADs. So, she misrepresented herself - that is not proper and should be clarified on SADs going forward."

Roger Lyons also spoke about other township roads that he says were left in poor shape as a result of rerouted construction traffic last year, specifically Reed Road and Hyde Road. "Those roads, along with the roads around the lake, are in very poor shape," he stated. "I would certainly like this board to attack the county and/or the state to get those roads redone and resurfaced on a timely basis."



Mary Jordan stated she would like a formal policy for special assessment districts in the township, noting that there were a number of residents she says were not properly informed regarding recent township road SADs.

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## Art in the Park



Above, left: Kristy Faust and her puppy, Blue, an 11-week-old Berna-doodle enjoyed Art in the Park in Brooklyn last week. Kristy is the owner of Faust House at Manitou beach, a scrap, craft and art supply outlet. Art in the Park is being held in Brooklyn every fourth Thursday through the summer.



Top: Sheryl Schacht embraces her friend Abe Galnares after dancing up a storm to tunes played by the Jim Dandy Band at last Thursday's Art in the Park at Weatherwax Park in downtown Brooklyn. Schacht and Galnares are both from Adrian.

Left: Darrell Ward plays the keyboard (and rhythm guitar) for the Jim Dandy Band which entertained the crowd at Brooklyn's first Art in the Park last Thursday at Weatherwax Park.

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to put the event on. "People who come to us, if they have any neurological disorder, they can apply for funding," she stated. "We don't just service hydrocephalus; we service all neurological disorders."

At the age of 22, shortly after having her second child,

Lynette Tenaglia was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, commonly known as water on the brain, and was given two weeks to live. Lynette lived for 43 years more and underwent over 80 surgeries, the majority of which were brain operations, over the course of her life. She was in constant pain and agony and was always in and out of the hospital.

The website for Lynette's Love states: "Lynette was dealt one of the toughest hands possible, yet she never complained, hardly ever showed her pain, and always put every single person in her life above herself. For those fortunate enough to have met her, she is the strongest and kindest person they have ever met. There are not many people in this world who can go through what she did and always have a smile on their face. She was truly one of a kind. She never once complained. She never asked, 'Why me?'" She always smiled. And she was always the first to help anyone in need."

Hydrocephalus is a neurological condition where there is

an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) within the brain's cavities (water on the brain). This excess fluid puts harmful pressure on brain tissue, which can lead to symptoms like headaches, difficulty walking, cognitive decline, and urinary incontinence. It often begins in infants and young children who experience an enlargement of the head, which sometimes causes brain damage.

"It causes a lot of pressure, you get migraines, you can't think, and sometimes you get dizzy spells," explained Rich.

For the races, there were two loops participants could take - a 1.08-mile or a half-mile loop around the park. Four people did the 72-hour race.

"When you do long distance, someone says it's like trauma bonding," Rich stated. "Most people who do long distances have something troublesome in their lives. So, when they run, they might say, 'My feet are wet, but at least I'm not homeless.' That puts things into perspective."

Rich is an ultramarathon competitor himself and has

done a 100-mile run in all 50 states. "It took me a little over three years to run a 100-mile race in every state," he said, adding that some have been mountain races, others desert races. He is a candidate for the Guinness World Records.

Rich now lives back in Canton, where he grew up, so he can take care of his dad. He graduated from Plymouth-Salem High School in 1993. He is now retired, having been a paramedic in both Detroit and Flint.

Rich expressed his deepest gratitude to Somerset Township for providing McCourtie Park and its rathskeller facility at no cost for the event.

Amanda noted that folks from the Hydrocephalus Foundation in Maryland came to the event to support the cause and engage with participants as well.

For more information, visit lynetteslove.org or call Amanda Head at 734-899-0520.

"We never know our last moment, so live life the best you can," Rich left us with.

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## Scholars awarded



Scholarship recipients awarded by the Educational Foundation for Columbia Schools. Front, from left: Rylee Knapp, Audrey Corbett, Peyton Huston, Kelsey Fausz, Mikaela Talbot, and Ava Free. Back, from left: Emma Free, Evan DeOss, Greyson Agnello, Brody Denning, Jonas Maki, Adam Senkewitz, Kolie Brown, Garrett Denney, and Conor Rentfrow. Courtesy photo.

Numerous awards were presented by the Educational Foundation for Columbia Schools, and the story can be found on page B8.

## Onsted Schools

# Wrapping up on a positive note

By Michelle McLemore  
Staff writer

Onsted schools are wrapping up their school year with multiple enrichment activities across all grade levels and special recognitions.

Alexa Hubbard, senior, reported to the school board that the elementary school took a trip to the hands-on museums and planetarium. The middle school is soon to travel to Washington, D.C., and the high school's upcoming graduation commencement speaker will be veteran elementary teacher Terri Mapes.

Senior student James Overton also addressed the Board at the May meeting to share his work-experience program at Napoleon Stone Quarry. Overton encouraged the board to maintain work study options as it increased his self-confidence, gave him real-world learning and skills, as well as the chance to make some money while earning 1.5 credits.

Elementary students visited State Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno at the capitol on May 20, and the third grade will visit the Wooden Old Stone Schoolhouse on May 27-28. Recently, each high school senior was adopted by a community member and given a graduation gift basket.

Tami Barth organized a school support unit to walk in the Onsted Memorial Day Parade wearing Wildcat gear. The decision was based on rallying the Wildcat spirit, and Barth wrote, "to come together and remind ourselves and our community that Onsted Schools is still a great place to be, with amazing students, parents, teachers, and staff!" The group carried a banner titled, "The Heart of the Town Beats in Our Schools! We Love Onsted!"

Inclusion Champion Awards were presented by Special Education Teacher Jennifer Smith, parapro Melinda Courington, and at risk parapro Ashley Tracey to three district staff members for their outstanding service to special needs students. The three employees recognized were Tiffani VanSickle, Terri Puckett, and Jaime Mykeloff.

Band Instructor Mykeloff also took 48 band members and their families to New York



Three Onsted staff members were recognized with "Inclusion Champion" awards. Tiffani VanSickle (at left) is acknowledged by parapro Ashley Tracy, and at-risk parapro Melinda Courington. Photo by Michelle McLemore.



As part of their NYC performance and city tour, the Onsted Band toured the Perelman Performing Arts Center. Photo courtesy of Jaime Mykeloff.

City on April 15-19. Mykeloff noted, "The students started in sixth-grade band to fundraise for this trip and boy did they get their money's worth (and their steps in) on this trip!"

In addition to performing on the deck of the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier, they toured the Museum of Airplanes, Spacecraft, and Submarines. Other touring sites included the National History Museum, the

9/11 museum, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Liberty Church, and the burial sites of Alexander and Eliza Hamilton.

Mykeloff also shared, "Our group rode an elevator in the NBC Observation tower 1,776 feet above the city, strolled through Central Park, toured Radio City Music Hall, and met with a Rockette." The group also saw Wicked performed on Broadway and made many

other memories.

Mykeloff is grateful to all who helped make the trip possible. She invites anyone for more information on the next NYC trip in 2030 or to be part of the Wildcat band family to contact her at mykeloff.j@onstedschools.us.



The Onsted Band performed on the deck of the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier as part of their New York City tour. Photo courtesy of Jaime Mykeloff.

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# Daybook Obituaries

## James William Nichols

James William Nichols, 89, of Jackson, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Otterbein Senior Living Community. Jim's family and friends will gather on Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Lakes. His funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Pastor Rev. Jim Weist will officiate. A private interment of ashes will take place at a later date at the Macon



Jim Nichols

Cemetery. He was born on October 2, 1936, in Toledo, Ohio, to Jack Nichols and Blanche (Eurenius) Barrett. He will be remembered as a fun-loving man who enjoyed bowling, golf, music, reading, collecting, and working on antique cars. Jim was also a founding member of the Lutheran Church of the Lakes. He graduated from Tecumseh High School and Adrian College with a bachelor's degree in administration. Jim spent his

career in trucking logistics. He also enjoyed traveling, camping, and board games. Jim attended as many sporting events as possible to support his children. He was always available to them for any of their needs. Jim will be missed by all who knew and loved him. In 2009, Jim married Helen (Mitchell) Rickard, and she survives. Also surviving are his children, Doug Nichols, Debbie (Bob) Wahr, and Darlene Bell; stepchildren, Guy Rickard, Gloria Russell, and Arvilla Ashenfelter; a sister, Lois Kline; grandchildren,

Stephanie Blanchard, Gwen Bell, and Eric (Laura Taylor) Wahr; and many beloved extended family members. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years and the mother of his children, Anne (Bailey) Nichols; his parents, and sisters, Marilyn Nichols and Susan Nowak. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Lutheran Church of the Lakes. Please leave a message of comfort for Jim's family or sign his guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).

## Kathleen Diane Johnson

Kathleen Diane Mildred Johnson, 68, of Onsted, passed away peacefully at home with family gathered around her on Sunday, May 24, 2026. Kathleen's family and friends will gather privately for a family gathering and viewing at Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel. Kathleen is a proud 1976



Kathleen Johnson

graduate of Garden City West High School. She married the love of her life, Gerald Johnson, on April 20, 1989, in Winchester, Va. Kathy worked for Country Market for over 20+ years as a clerk and supervisor, where she made numerous friends with customers and co-workers. In her spare time, she loved to garden, cook, and be with her family. Kathy was a kind, car-

ing, and compassionate woman, with a motherly instinct in every fiber of her being. She was an amazing wife, mother, and a beloved Mi-Mi, who had no problem giving her husband a full "honey-do list." She will be missed by all those who knew and loved her. Kathy is survived by her husband of 37 years, Gerald; her two sons, Brian (Erica) Johnson of Mason, Mich., and Adam (fiancé, Shelbi Polidori) Johnson of Pinckney, Mich.;

her siblings, James McGaw of Tecumseh, Mich., and Karen McGaw of Westland, Mich.; and grandchildren, Zoey and Blake Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Lenawee County Humane Society. Please leave a message of comfort for Kathleen's family or sign her guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).

## Death Notices

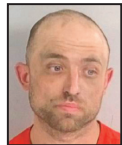
**Cierra Sowle, Jackson County clerk, reports the following recent recorded deaths:**

Steven Michael Orris, 64, Jackson;  
Suzanne K. Archambeau, 79, Leoni Township;  
Sixto Abel Frausto-Montes, 85, Blackman Township;  
Curtis James Kolbe, 38, Blackman Township;  
Adam Gerald Ulbin, 86, Norvell Township;  
Carol Frances West, 81, Blackman Township;  
Gladys Charlene Strait, 86, Tompkins Township;  
Max Louis Miller, 91, Concord;  
Rhonda Marie Liles, 76, Spring Arbor Township;  
Norva Marie Elkins-Bylisma, 94, Chelsea;  
William Chase Bradley, 71, Jackson;  
Viola May Dunlap, 92, Spring Arbor Township;  
John Gilbert Glenn, 73, Norvell Township;

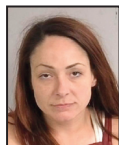
Alfred John Godfrey, 89, Summit Township;  
Diane Marie Rappleye, 65, Summit Township;  
Jonathan Michael Mullend, 77, Jackson;  
Timothy A. Torrey, 53, Albion;  
Timothy Edward Mcconnell, 68, Napoleon Township;  
Gerald Jay Fisher, 65, Leoni Township;  
Patricia Ann Rindfuss, 79, Niles, OH;  
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Patrick Francis Mcsweeney, 65, Jackson;  
Kenneth Foote Soderbeck, 90, Leoni Township;  
Carolyn Ann Aristidou, 74, Liberty Township;  
Cora Mae Buckner, 80, Jackson;  
William August Gatz, 93, Summit Township;

## Two Brooklyn residents arrested, lodged

Police say man violated release bond, woman possessed narcotics



David Farmer Jr.



Shea Hopper

By John Hummer  
Editor

A traffic stop in the Village of Brooklyn last week resulted in the arrest of two Brooklyn residents for separate crimes.

On Tuesday, May 26, at approximately 2:30 a.m. Columbia Charter Township Police Department made a traffic stop on a vehicle at the intersection of Main Street and Michigan Street in the Village of Brooklyn for a motor vehicle code violation.

The officer identified the driver as 36-year-old David Farmer Jr. of Brooklyn and the

passenger as 32-year-old Shea Hopper of Brooklyn. Farmer was not properly licensed to be driving a motor vehicle and was on a pre-trial release bond for previous crimes not related to this incident.

As the officer furthered the investigation, evidence of narcotics possession was observed in the vehicle. A total of 47 grams of methamphetamine was located as a result of the traffic stop.

Farmer and Hopper were both arrested and lodged at the Jackson County jail. Farmer was lodged for violating his pre-trial release bond. Hopper was lodged for possession of the narcotics.

Later that day, a police report was forwarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office for review of criminal charges. Following the review, Hopper was charged with possession of a controlled sub-

stance with the intent to deliver, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. The investigation regarding Farmer's involvement continues. Hopper and Farmer were arrested for similar activity in the Village of Brooklyn in June of 2025.

Last Wednesday, May 27, both Farmer and Hopper were brought before the court. Cur-

rently, Hopper remains at the Jackson County Jail on \$10,000.00 cash or surety bond. Farmer has admitted to the pre-trial release bond violation and remains at the Jackson County Jail as well.

Napoleon Township Police Department assisted at the scene of the arrest.

## Man arrested in Brooklyn for OWI, CCW charges

By John Hummer  
Editor

A traffic stop in the Village of Brooklyn resulted in the arrest of a Waterloo Township man on two separate charges.

On Friday, May 29, Columbia Charter Township Police stopped 71-year-old Terry Koch of Waterloo Township at the intersection of Main Street and Mill streets in the Village of Brooklyn. At the time of the stop, the officer investigating Koch determined he was operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and arrested him for that offense.

While further investigating the vehicle, the officer found several firearms, one of which was loaded. Koch did not possess the proper credentials to



Terry Koch

conceal carry the firearm. On Saturday, May 30, a police report was forwarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office for review. After completion of the review, Koch was charged with operating while intoxicated (OWI), a third or subsequent offense, as he has several prior drunk driving convictions in Michigan and other states. OWI is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison. Koch was also charged with weapons-carrying concealed, also a five-year felony.

Koch is lodged at the Jackson County Jail on a \$5000.00 cash or surety bond. The Napoleon Township Police Department assisted at the scene of the arrest.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Croswell's 2026 Broadway Season continues with 'Gypsy'

ADRIAN – The Croswell Opera House continues its 2026 Broadway Season with the musical, "Gypsy."

This classic musical about celebrity and family tells the story of Rose, an ambitious showbiz mother, and her two daughters as they travel across the country in search of fame with their vaudeville act. As the times change, Rose must accept the end of vaudeville, the rise of burlesque, and the price exacted on her daughter by her drive to succeed.

Set across America in the 1920s and '30s, Arthur Laurents' milestone show includes a celebrated score by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim. With one notable hit after another, including "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," and "You Got to Get a Gimmick," "Gypsy" has been regarded as a quintessential American musical.

The director of "Gypsy" is Erica Wyman Abrahamson with choreography by Christopher Childers. The music director is Bill Hayes, and the vocal director is Bradley Baker.

The role of Rose is played by Julia Hoffert of Ann Arbor, while her daughters, Louise and June, are played by Emma Skaggs of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Abigail Lipsitz of Saline. The role of Herbie is played by Jared Hoffert of Ann Arbor. Cece Underwood of Adrian plays the role of Baby June and Giuliana Kozak of Toledo



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Julia Hoffert (l), Abigail Lipsitz and Emma Skaggs will perform in the Croswell's upcoming production of "Gypsy."

plays the role of Baby Louise. Kai Yuen of Adrian plays the role of Tulsa, and Cindy Eberhardt of Perrysburg, Ohio, plays the role of Electra. The role of Tessie Tura is played by Erica Abrahamson, and the role of Mazeppa is played by Stephanie L. Stephan of Toledo.

Rounding out the cast are Alexandros Coumoundouros, Conner Raymond and Briella York of Adrian; Sarah Hoffert of Ann Arbor; Quincy Graf of Blissfield; Bob Eccles of Carleton; Caroline Hubbard of Chelsea; Emmarie Barden and Olivia Grzebek of Clinton; Vivienne Taylor of Ottawa Lake; Abby Dotz and Norah Stukey of Saline; Ashley Thornton Murdock of West Bloomfield; Jake Aviles, Samie Aviles and Noah Guerra of Ypsilanti; Piper Dillon and

Maddox Reitz of Sylvania, Ohio; Joe Capucini of Toledo; and Raleigh DuShane of Whitehouse, Ohio.

The first weekend will have performances Friday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 13, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m. The second weekend will have performances on Thursday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 20, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 21, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$26 to \$46 for adults and \$16 to \$26 for students and may be ordered online at [croswell.org](http://croswell.org) or by calling 517-264-7469.

The Croswell reminds patrons that it will never sell tickets for more than the advertised price, so any website offering tickets for a higher price is a scam.

## Grass Lake Music in the Park kicks off

One of Grass Lake's most well-known recent traditions, Music in the Park, is entering its 14th year with the first concert of the year this Wednesday, June 3, as the Swamp Trolls take the stage at Community Events Park.

Long-time Ghost Rider DJ Services owner Joe DeBoe was the founder of Grass Lake's Music in the Park in 2013 with the encouragement and support of his wife, Diane.

"I wanted to bring live entertainment to Grass Lake," DeBoe said. "We wanted to bring business to downtown." Since then, Music in the Park has been held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month throughout the summer from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Not only did he bring music the following year, 2014, to Whistlestop Park downtown, but

the Grass Lake Farmers Market kicked off and joined Music in the Park.

"We grew and grew, and got too big for Main Street, so we moved to Brown Street in the open field, which has since become the Community Events Park," he noted.

The Grass Lake Farmers Market dissolved in 2025 and was replaced by two new markets. The Music Market is held in conjunction with Grass Lake's Music in the Park on the first and third Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. "We've still got some of the same long-standing vendors we had at the original Farmers Market, plus we've got some new ones. We'll have local produce (once it's harvested), Mexibilly's food truck, and this year, I'm excited to say, we've partnered with Prates Place.

The Grass Lake Market, now in its second year, occurs monthly on the second Wednesday of the month from 4-8 p.m. at the Community Events Park, through August.

There will also be special events, drawings, giveaways, Nonprofit Celebration Day on Aug. 19, and the Touch a Truck event (date TBD) that was so popular last year. The music season wraps up with what will be an outstanding night of entertainment with The Rock Show, DeBoe's favorite tribute band for his favorite band of all time – Journey! on Sept. 16.

For more information, visit the Grass Lake Music in the Park Facebook page or [ghost riderdj.com](http://ghost riderdj.com), which has an events page for Music in the Park.



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Attendees at last year's Music in the Park series in Tecumseh's Adams Park enjoyed a variety of musical entertainment throughout the summer.

## Lineup announced for Tecumseh's Music in the Park 2026 season

The Tecumseh Parks and Recreation Department has announced the 2026 season lineup for Music in the Park. This free summer concert series takes place at the Elizabeth Wilson Stage in Adams Park, 309 E. Chicago Blvd. next to Tecumseh City Hall.

Music in the Park will start its season on June 18 and continue until Sept. 17. "For the longest time there was only one concert in June, July and August," said Sarah Gilmore, parks and recreation director, "I am especially grateful to the Elizabeth Wilson Foundation that sponsors this program and enabled us to expand it."

Kicking off the season June 18 are Flowers on the Grave. This high-energy, original rock

outfit blends '90s alternative rock nostalgia with a progressive, modern edge. Inspiration for their sound derives from Tool, Vertical Horizon, Daughtry and many others.

On July 16, The Rebel Eves return to the Elizabeth Wilson Stage. Performing with the motto "connection over perfection," these singer-songwriters – all accomplished solo artists – blend a three-part harmony. The Rebel Eves create true intimate listening room moments with their Americana sound.

Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band will make their Music in the Park debut on Aug. 6. Their take on the classic "mountain music" genre honors the bluegrass standards and offers unusual covers.

Local favorites the Wasabi Pearls will make their first appearance for the summer concert series on Aug. 20, and the TCA Big Band & VocalAires will wrap up the 2026 summer series on Sept. 17 with jazz and Big Band era favorites.

As always, all concerts are free and run from 6-8 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their own chair or blanket to sit on. In the event of inclement weather, the show will go on at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts, 400 N. Maumee St., Tecumseh.

For more information regarding Music in the Park, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 517-423-5602 or email [sgilmore@tecumsehmi.gov](mailto:sgilmore@tecumsehmi.gov).

## First Party on the Patio planned for June 12

The first Party on the Patio for 2026 will take place Friday, June 12, from 6-10 p.m., hosted by Stimpson & Associates Law Offices in Tecumseh. The event will be behind the office at 108 W. Chicago Blvd., in the city's southwest parking lot and the 100 block of South Evans St., featuring live music, food trucks and an open social district. First responders and military personnel attending will receive a complimentary drink of their choice to be redeemed at participating bars and restaurants, courtesy of Stimpson & Associates. This Party on the Patio will include a food truck competition

with top food trucks from local communities, the Ann Arbor region and Metro Detroit, including Smoky D'z BBQ, Bussin' Bowls, Mobile Side Bar, Hannah's Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Pac Pizzeria, Tiki Sam's Pizza, Rock Yo Taco, Shawarma Chef, The Grateful Crow Food Truck, Duck Fat & Bacon and The Naughty Lobstah. Attendees will be able to vote for their favorites, and the winning truck will receive \$1,000. Live music will be provided by Bille Lewis & the Soulbacks, with yard games such as corn hole, yard pong, Connect Four and more. Admission is free.



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Winners from 2025 pet parade Brandi Clair (l) and Kiwi, second place winner Jenna Miller and Tater.

## Wack-A-Doodle Day, Pet Parade set for June 20

Downtown Tecumseh will put on a new event Saturday, June 20, when Wack-A-Doodle Day joins the annual Pet Parade from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Touted as a high-energy, family-friendly event, Wack-A-Doodle Day will include activities, games and excitement for kids, adults, and pets.

Throughout the day, children will be

able to jump into funny sidewalk games and interactive challenges, with activities popping up along the sidewalks and near the Market on Evans, 213 N. Evans St. There will be relay races scheduled at various times, for both kids and adults who want to race and compete for prizes.

The highlight of the day will be the

popular Pet Parade at 10 a.m., down Chicago Boulevard. The theme this year is Movie Mash Ups. Participants are encouraged to dress their furry friends in their most creative costumes and join the fun to show off their pet's personality. Register for the Pet Parade at [tecumseh.rja.revize.com/forms/14237](http://tecumseh.rja.revize.com/forms/14237).

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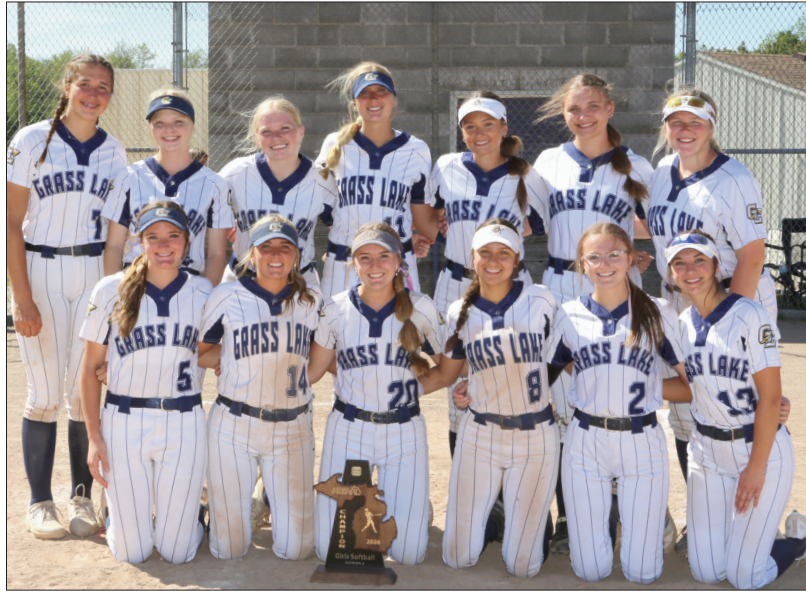
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# Warriors take down Columbia Central, Napoleon



The Grass Lake Warriors with their district championship trophy. Photo by Paul Snyder.

## Grass Lake trounces Pirates to become district champions

Story and photos  
By Paul Snyder

The Grass Lake Warriors captured their fourth district title in five years, defeating their Cascades Conference archrival Napoleon Pirates 14-2 in the MHSAA District 83 championship game Saturday (May 30) at Onsted.

Grass Lake broke open a 2-2 game in the third inning, scoring nine runs on nine hits. Makenzie Hilberer started the Warriors' big inning with an inside-the-park home run. Mikayla Jurek, Kayleigh Hilberer, and Morgan Conrad delivered run-scoring doubles, Leilah Smith notched a two-run single, and

Kennedy Collins, Chloe Hollifield, and Makenzie Hilberer added RBI singles.

Grass Lake added two runs in the fourth on back-to-back RBI singles from Lily McVicker and Smith, and Collins capped off the Warrior scoring with a solo homer in the fifth.

The Pirates threatened in the bottom of the fifth with singles from Molly Simpson, Hayden Rendall, and Katelyn Ault scoring one run with one out, but Warrior pitcher Kayleigh Hilberer was able to get Jada Gallagher to pop out and Hannah Hamlin to fly out to end the threat.

Conrad, Collins, Jurek and Hollifield all had two hits apiece for the Warriors. Rendall and Ault tallied two hits each for the Pirates, who end their season with a 22-14 record.

Coach Roger Cook's Lady Warriors, with a 31-5 record, will advance to the MHSAA Region 21 at Hanover-Horton this Saturday where they will take on the Homer Trojans at noon. The winner will play the winner of the Lumen Christi versus Clinton game for the regional championship at 3 p.m.

### Semifinals Grass Lake 7, Columbia Central 4

The Grass Lake Lady Warriors rallied for five runs in the top of the fifth inning to overcome a 4-0 deficit and defeat the second-ranked Columbia Central Lady Eagles 7-4 in the district semifinals this past Saturday to advance to the championship game.

In their big fifth inning, singles from Warriors' Lily McVicker, Leilah Smith, and Makenzie Hilberer scored one run; Morgan Conrad hit into a fielder's choice and a Columbia error scored two more runs, and Mikayla Jurek delivered a run-scoring double to tie the game at 4-4. Maddie Busch scored on a wild pitch to put Grass Lake in front 5-4.

The Warriors added two runs in the top of the seventh with two outs when Smith doubled and scored on a Columbia error and Makenzie Hilberer scored on a single by Kennedy Collins.

Columbia Central took an early 4-0 lead, scoring a run in the first inning when Kelsey Fausz reached base on a Grass Lake error and scored on a Hailey Wetherby single. The Eagles added three runs in the third inning on a RBI single from Gabby Gaydosh and a two-run single by Bella Knapp.

Warrior pitcher Morgan Conrad shut down the Eagles the rest of the way, giving up just two hits and a walk for the win.

McVicker, Smith, and Jurek had two hits apiece for six of the Warriors' 10 hits for the game. Savannah MacBlain had two hits to lead the Eagles.

The win was a little revenge for the Warriors who fell to the Eagles 6-5 in the Cascades Conference championship game last week at Columbia Central. The Eagles finish the season with a 27-4-1 record, one of the best in school history.

### Division 4, District 119 at Hudson Semifinals

#### Hudson 18, Addison 2

The Addison Lady Panthers' 2026 season came to an end this past Saturday (May 30), falling to the host Hudson Tigers 18-2 in a district semifinal contest.

Caylee Campbell singled home Amelia Wilt in the first inning for the Panthers' only hit of the game. Wilt walked, stole second, and scored on a pass ball in the third inning for Addison's second run. The Panthers finish the season 9-21.

### Sanders falls in tennis final

Columbia Central High School sophomore Lydia Sanders fell in the first round of the MHSAA Division 4 state tennis tournament at Midland last week.

Sanders lost to Kenna Trost of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 7-5 and 6-1. It is the second year in a row Sanders has qualified for the MHSAA tennis finals. She finished the season with an 11-3 individual record.

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