



Outdoor Living

Welcome to Tackett Bear camp

Clarklake family proves that a family that hunts and camps together, stays together



"I'm an outdoorswoman who respects the animals I pursue, values the experience, and is grateful for what hunting provides."

Olivia Tackett



By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

When one thinks of a Sweet 16 celebration for a young lady, going on a bear hunt is not the first image that springs to mind. Yet, that is exactly what Olivia Tackett of Clarklake wanted. So her father found an outfitter in Ontario, Canada, and with her parents, Steven and Robin, and sister Alexa, Olivia experienced her first black bear camp. Ten years later, she has just returned from her most recent trip.

"Growing up experiencing bear hunting has definitely enriched me and strengthened me as a person. It taught me patience, preparation, respect, and the importance of being comfortable in situations that aren't always easy," Tackett shared.

As a youth, Tackett hunted deer and turkey, inspired by her great-grandpa "Pops" Corbid Tackett and her father—both avid hunters. Her first three years at bear camp, she hunted with a crossbow, and it was with that instrument that she harvested her largest animal, weighing 300 pounds. After the third year she moved to using a rifle. Tackett shared that she has harvested five bears over the years, and has had only a few years "with no luck."

Knowing there is a difference that motivates hunters, Tackett clarified her perspective. "I would consider myself an outdoors woman with a deep love and respect for nature and animals. I wouldn't describe myself as a trophy hunter. While I can appreciate the accomplishment of harvesting a large or special animal, that isn't what drives me to hunt."

She continued, "For me, hunting is about being outdoors and carrying on something that has been meaningful in my life. I also see hunting as a way to contribute to conservation and to provide food for my family and others. There is something very meaningful about knowing where your food comes from and being able to put healthy, natural food on the table."

Tackett was raised with the perspective that to hunt meant more than just delivering the fatal blow. She explained, "If I kill a bear or other animal, I track it down, field dress it, and then get help hauling it out of the woods." A 300-pound black bear requires teamwork to move, and Tackett noted bear camp crews work together "because we all want each other to be successful on our hunts."

The animal is processed for eating and as much used for multi-purposes as possible. "Over the years I have gotten European mounts, a black bear rug, tanned hides, and most recently a half-body mount," she said.



The Tackett family filled the front row of this group Bear Camp photo in 2018, Olivia's third trip. Left to right are Robin Tackett, Gabriella (Tackett) Bach, Olivia Tackett, Alexa Tackett Schneider, and Steven Tackett. Photo courtesy of Olivia Tackett.

Still, hard work and planning begins way before one walks into the forest.

When going to camp, naturally, food is one of the essentials. "One day is spent preparing seven dinners for us and everyone else at camp. We (she and her dad) love to do this. This past trip we made tacos, homemade meatballs with spaghetti, pulled pork with pit beans, pork steaks, potatoes with ham, Thanksgiving dinner casserole, and enchiladas."

Preparation for the actual hunting also gets taken seriously. Tackett recalled "I spend time shooting my rifles—sighting them in and practicing. I use a Ruger 350 Legend and Thompson Center 30-06. It is important to practice different angles or positions you may find yourself in while hunting—to make a good shot for a successful hunt."

Finally comes the packing. Tackett highlighted what they've come to prioritize: Hunting gear (clothes for hot, cold, and rainy weather, guns, cases, ammunition, tree harness and safety ropes). The trailer is packed with two chest freezers, food, spare tires if needed, tools, gas for two side-by-sides and one four-wheeler plus anything else miscellaneous they may need.

Once there, two days are spent baiting, setting trail cameras, and doing extra excursions. "We've picked wild blueberries, gone to a waterfall hidden deep in the woods, swam, relaxed, and spent time with others at camp who are from around the U.S." Then comes five days of hunting—baiting in the morning, hunting in the afternoon.

There are multiple jokes about hunters' cabins being luxury glamping. However, Tackett's find in Sudbury is more earthy. She explained, "We stay in rustic old cabins with no running water and little to no phone service. It's the perfect place to get away!"

Of late, it is Tackett, her dad and sometimes her brother-in-law as well as a few friends who make the annual trip. She noted, "I'm grateful to the rest of my family for always supporting me. Hunting has taught me things that you really can't learn just sitting at home or reading about them. It has taught me patience and responsibility,

and helped me become more comfortable being outdoors and figuring things out for myself. I have learned from watching my dad, but I have also learned a lot just by being out there and experiencing things firsthand."

That being said, the family time and one-on-one with her dad has become priceless. "Whether I am successful or not, I'm grateful for the time I get to spend with my dad and for the traditions and knowledge that have been passed down to me. When you spend that much time together preparing, traveling, working around camp, and being out in the woods, you create memories and conversations. I appreciate everything he has taught me, but also the time and effort he has put into making these opportunities possible."

This year her boyfriend, Mikey VanVleet, who is an avid fisherman, was invited. Tackett joined him a few times fishing and he sat one night with her and had his first black bear sighting.

Tackett explained, for being large animals, bears are fairly quiet. "So one second there is no bear and the next second there is a dark figure making its way to the bait barrel." That night, she and VanVleet got to watch two little bear cubs toddle around.

When Tackett is not sitting in tree stands or sighting a rifle, she works at a clinical research facility in Mattawan and lives in Battle Creek. While reflecting she noted, "The biggest lesson I take back into my daily work and home life is to slow down, stay patient and appreciate the process. Not everything happens when or how you want it to, but putting in the time, staying prepared, and enjoying the people around you usually makes the experience worthwhile."

"Growing up with hunting has helped shape the way I handle challenges and has given me a strong respect for hard work, tradition and the outdoors." She summed up the personal impact as, "I'm an outdoorswoman who respects the animals I pursue, values the experience, and is grateful for what hunting provides." Certainly Pops, her father, and her mother are quite proud of the well-rounded and well-grounded woman she has become.

From top, down: Steve Tackett and daughter Olivia of Clarklake often share a tree stand on their annual bear hunt excursions; If you aren't interested in bear, the fishing is always good; Olivia Tackett claimed this black bear in 2025 with her 350 Legend; Bottom: Olivia brought down this black bear with her 350 Legend in 2023. Photos courtesy of Olivia Tackett.

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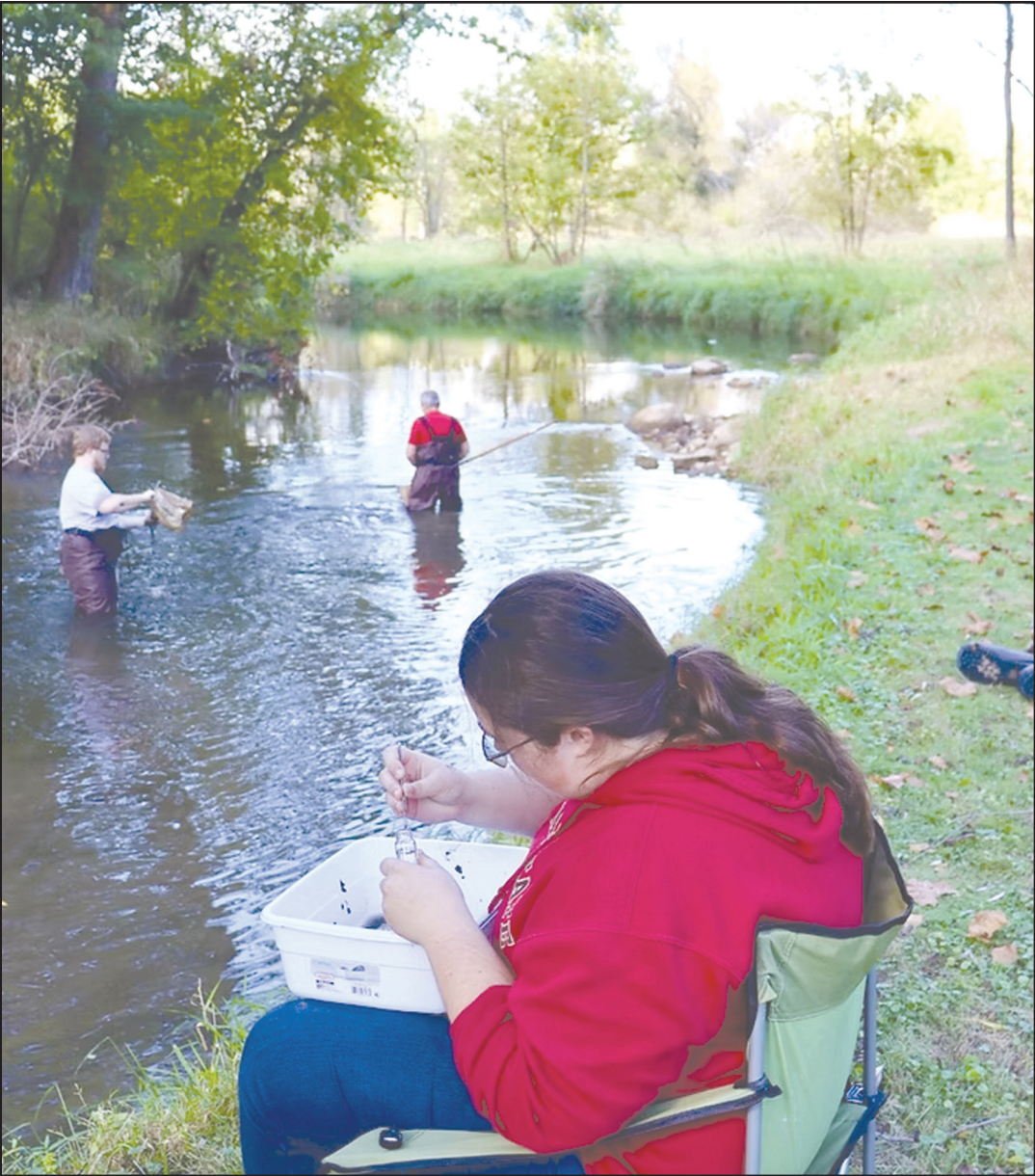
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Volunteers needed!

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Time for a River Raisin health check



Above: Volunteers form the backbone of the River Raisin Watershed Council Adopt-A-Stream program. Photo courtesy RRWC.



Some of my fondest memories as a kid growing up in Michigan involved playing in the River Raisin. I caught crayfish that I would use to feed my baby raccoons or I'd find mudpuppies (salamanders) that I kept as pets.

My dad hunted ducks on the River Raisin and taught me to hunt bullfrogs there.

The River Raisin flows approximately 150 miles and the main branch starts in Woodstock Township in Lenawee County in the Irish Hills and eventually empties into Lake Erie.

Starting Sept. 20, there is an event where residents can help the river by volunteering. This may help the overall health of this amazing river and may impact future generations. It is called Adopt-a-Stream Search and is sponsored by the River Raisin Watershed Council, or RRWC.

Started in 1974 as a non-profit organization, the

RRWC is at 804 N. Evans St. in Tecumseh. Officials there are looking for volunteers to help search for and document pollution-sensitive species known as aquatic macroinvertebrates, or "water bugs." The purpose is to find and document how many there are of these tiny creatures in order to help determine the health of the river.

Volunteers will need waterproof boots or waders and about two hours of time. Trained volunteers will be on hand to assist. There are some waders provided, but are limited, so it's best to bring your own waders or tall, waterproof boots.

This is a great way to spend time in the outdoors and help provide information the council can use to help support local restoration efforts and educate the public on the importance of clean rivers.

Why is this important? These species help us identify the overall health of

the river that not only has an impact on these so-called "water bugs," but will determine if there may be a high presence of certain chemicals in the water, such as atrazine, a widely used herbicide. These types of chemicals act as endocrine disruptors, scrambling hormones, which can cause deformities or even reproductive failure.

So, what are these water bugs?

They are the nymphs or babies of flies and beetles that are sensitive to the pollution or low oxygen levels caused by excessive use of herbicides and pesticides.

- Mayfly nymphs. Born in rivers, they thrive only in clean, stable and unpolluted streams and live one to two years underwater before becoming adults. The adults form swarms and only live 12 to 48 hours, seek out a mate, the females lay their eggs and then they die.
- Stonefly nymphs. They are among the most intolerant of any contamination or low oxygen levels. The more of these found, the healthier the river.
- Caddisfly nymphs. They are very sensitive to chemical runoff. There are over 300 species of Caddisflies.
- Water pennies. These are the larvae of the riffle beetles. They get their name because they are flat, oval-shaped and copper-colored and look like tiny pennies and are sensitive to pollution.

There are many other species to discover. If you want to learn more down the road you can attend "Bug ID Day" on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the River Raisin Watershed Council in Tecumseh.



Left: A volunteer combs through silt and sand taken from the River Raisin. Photo courtesy RRWC.



"These seemingly small aquatic bugs are, in fact, powerful biological indicators of water quality. Different species can tolerate varying levels of pollution and dissolved oxygen, meaning the diversity and type of macroinvertebrates we find can accurately diagnose the health of a stream. When our data shows an imbalance, such as a lack of pollution-sensitive species, it signals an area where conservation attention is urgently needed."

RRWC officials on the importance of monitoring the river

Want to volunteer?
The following are the dates and locations:

- Sunday Sept. 20. In Dundee below the dam, located directly next to the old museum at 242 Toledo Street in downtown Dundee from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Saturday Sept. 26 there are two times/locations: 10 a.m. to noon at Heritage Park in Adrian and 2 to 4 p.m. in Adrian where Benner Highway and M-34 intersect on the river.
- Sunday Sept. 27 10 a.m. to noon in Brooklyn at Swain Memorial Park.
- Saturday Oct. 3, noon to 2 p.m. at Wilson Park in Milan.

To volunteer online go to www.riverraisin.org/AAS. You can call the RRWC at (517)662-8755 to leave a message or email admin@riverraisin.org. If you have specific questions or visit them at 804 N. Evans Street in Tecumseh Michigan. I would recommend going online.

Why not give it a try? I think it would be fun and educational and you'd be helping your community. And perhaps, one day future kids may catch their own crayfish and mudpuppies.

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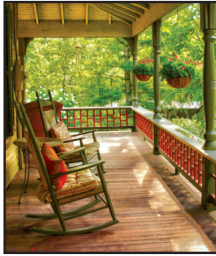
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From ashes to lye



This photo of the Addison Ashery on Bean Creek provides insight into the business. The three young men out front hold a long handled ladle, skimmer, and shovel each used in the ashery leachate process. The photo was found in an Addison Sesqui-centennial program.



Attic & Hearth

~A Look Back~

By Michelle A. McLemore



The latest pollution culprit – plastic

Residents invited to join EGLE for two-day microplastics summit in October

Join the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) on October 7-8 (a Wednesday and Thursday) for the 2026 Great Lakes Microplastic Summit. It is a free, two-day, virtual event uniting scientists, policymakers, stakeholders, and community members to explore the growing impact of microplastics on our freshwater systems.

Building off the success of last year's summit, EGLE is hosting this event for participants from across the region to network, share insights and cutting-edge research, and address real-world challenges regarding microplastics in both surface water and drinking water.

Through engaging presentations and interactive discussions, presenters will explore four key areas:

Where Do Microplastics Go? How Do We

Detect Them? What Are the Risks? How Do They Interact?

Finally, What Do We Do About Them? Strategies to Regulate, Reduce, Replace

Join EGLE as they advance the conversation on microplastics in the Great Lakes. Whether you're from a university, government agency, nonprofit, or simply interested in microplastics in the Great Lakes, the summit offers a valuable opportunity to connect, learn, and collaborate. Over 700 people have already registered for the summit.

Registration for the summit is free. To register, visit egle.idloom.events/2026-Microplastics-Summit/register.

Registration questions should be directed to Alana Berthold at Bertholda@Michigan.gov.

Program questions should be directed to Eddie Kostelnik at KostelnikE@michigan.gov.



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Addison ashery remembered

Along picturesque Bean Creek, George M. Lewis raised an ashery in 1860. Where U.S.127 crosses the creek, Lewis found a way to capitalize on his bartering trade as proprietor of a grocery and dry good stores in Addison.

It was a smart move. Homeowners and farmers had an ongoing supply of ash from their hearths and from clearing timber off land. The ash could be made into several needed products, including lye, soap, and potash. Potash alone had a going rate of \$180 per ton. In today's purchasing power, that would be the equivalent of \$7,241.60!

Just imagine: Mr. Lewis looks up from restocking a shelf with coffee beans or sugar to greet a farmer and wife carrying in a basket of ash. Perhaps he weighs the stock. They discuss what fair value would be, and then the lady might begin shopping, refilling her basket with goods needed back home.

The ash would be transferred to a barrel and, when

full, was loaded onto a wagon and transported down the road to the ashery where it was stored on the upstairs level. When enough ash was accumulated, it was put in wooden frames layered with straw and lime, which acted as filters. Workers would pour water over the top, causing ashy liquid to drip through the frame into the collection kettles and pots waiting on the floor below.

The collected liquid below was called "leachate" or liquid lye. Next, it was boiled in large cast iron pots. Helpers stirred the pots and skimmed off impurities that floated to the top during the boiling.

In small operations, glass or metal hydrometers were too expensive to measure strength of the lye. Instead, a humbler way would be to use a fresh egg or a potato to see if it would float in the liquid.

After the lye thickened, it was formed into cakes and sold to, or through, the stores. There was a large buyer in Adrian where soda and potash was made. Some cakes were shipped to chem-

ical works in New York.

The ash market was only sustainable until around 1870. A large, easily mined potash deposit in Germany took the lead for export worldwide, limiting the need for the wood-ash industry within the U.S. and Michigan.

The Addison ashery building no longer stands. Still, according to a January 1963 *Telegram*, its bricks were used to build four fire cisterns as one of the civil works administration projects. Perhaps someone knows if those cisterns still exist?

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.

What's happening in the area

Crop Walk planned

The 43rd Annual Crop Hunger Walk will be hosted by Brooklyn Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 11. Money raised from these donations will help alleviate hunger, provide safe drinking water, promote health, assist refugees, and respond to natural disasters here and abroad. The funds will also support our local food pantry and ecumenical church world service. Twenty five percent of the money collected and canned goods collected will go back to the Brooklyn food pantry. The pantry will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the first and third week of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or bring the canned goods to the walk, and they will be delivered to the food pantry. 2025 winners between the Napoleon High School and Columbia Central High School leadership classes were the Napoleon Leadership class. This included most canned good donations and walkers; Most canned goods, collected between all other was Springville United Methodist. Registration will begin at 1 p.m., with the walk starting at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Karmen Tallman at 517-536-4476 or Ward Wilson at 517-414-6099 from the Presbyterian Church. All are welcome and invited.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church holds their Diaper Closet on the third Saturday of the month, September's is on the 19th, from 10

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Camp Killarney is holding a Couples Retreat Friday, September 18 through Sunday, September 20 titled 4 Seasons of Marriage. Go to killarneycamp.org to register and for more details.

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Healing in the Hills takes place again at **McCourtie Park** on Saturday, September 26 from noon to 5 pm. Enjoy an afternoon of connection, renewal and soulful energy with vendors, healing and offerings. Tickets are \$5 at the gate. Call 734-365-4971 or email coordinator@somersetownship.org with any questions.

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7 pm Hearing will have two Agenda items:
1) To review Application for Appeal at 6075 W. US 223 WD0-535-0580-00. House addition. Requesting a 23 ft. Variance on the front setback from the private road, and a rear variance of 23 ft.
2) Renewal request on expired ZBA Approved Variance from 8/19/25, regarding WD0465-0570-00, 7188 Walnut Hill, to increase both side lot setbacks by 1 ft.

Michael Holmes- ZBA Chair for this Hearing

Copies of documents are available for review at 6486 Devils Lake Hwy.

Any written comments relating to these meetings can be forwarded to:
Woodstock Township
Attn. Zoning Board of Appeals
6486 Devils Lake Hwy
Addison, MI 49220

Or emailed to woodstocktownshipzoning@gmail.com
Matthew SeGraves,
Zoning-Ordinance Administrator

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. 26-780-DE HON. JENNIFER M. KELLY

Estate of Robert K. Reynolds, Sr., deceased, date of birth 6/27/1941.
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert K. Reynolds, Sr., died 4/10/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Reynolds, Jr., 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.

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

Robert Reynolds, Jr.
703 S. Webster St.
JACKSON, MI 49203
517-784-7507

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Napoleon Township

Notice7

The Napoleon Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing September 9th 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall 6755 Brooklyn Rd, Napoleon, Mi 49261.

At this time all interested parties will be heard on the request of Ron Loeffler, 8033 S. Portage Rd, Jackson, Mi 49201 to allow 1) 5ft West side setback 2) 12ft setback from Private Road edge 3) 40% lot coverage for new home. The ordinance requires 10/15 ft side set backs and 35ft from Road Right away. The ordinance also requires 30% total lot coverage. All other setbacks comply with the current ordinance setbacks.

Napoleon Township Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during which time the Zoning Ordinance / Zoning Map may be examined. Written comments regarding the above matter may be directed to the Township or by calling (517) 536-8694 Extension 208. Napoleon

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Jane Gallant,
Zoning Administrator.

Napoleon Township

Notice7

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At this time all interested parties will be heard on the request of Mike and Annie Hestwood, 10 Ackerson Lake Rd. Jackson, MI to allow 1700sf new construction of a new addition and garage replacement. Requesting a setback of 15.6 on the left side of the garage and 13' on the right side of the garage to the actual road. No other setback reductions are requested. Allow 46% land coverage. (current allowance is 30% for Residential Zoning)

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Jane Gallant,
Zoning Administrator

Leoni Township

NOTICE7

The Leoni Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing, Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan, 49254. This meeting will be held in person.

000-09-01-201-002-04
6800 Welch Lake Rd.
Vernon Buchbinder Variance

Purpose of hearing: Variance

Legal Description: COM AT THE E 1/4 COR SEC 1 TH N00°00'00"E 1040.00 FT FOR POB TH N88°30'00"W 2657.06 FT TO THE N-S 1/4 LN TH N00°04'35"E 660.00 FT TH S88°30'00"E 2656.17 FT TO THE E SEC LN TH S00°00'00"W 660.00 FT ALG E SEC LN TO BEG. SEC 1 T2S R1E; COMBINED ON 12/20/2013 FROM 000-09-01-201-002-02, 000-09-01-201-002-01, 000-09-01-201-002-03;

Cindy Norris,
Clerk

Grass Lake Charter Township

SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
UNAPPROVED
September 8, 20267

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lesinski at the Grass Lake Charter Township Meeting Room. Present: Wyant, Rentfrow, Bednarski-Lynch, Lesinski and Loveland. Absent: Harris and Bray

Items approved:

1. Agenda
2. Consent Agenda Items
3. Monthly Bills for General and Fire-including Payroll
4. No charge for the current installment of Little Pleasant Lake's Weed Assessment. All future installments will be in effect.
5. One year contract with Jackson County Sherriff
6. Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Resolution for application

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Prepared by Sarah Ramsey, Deputy Clerk.
Approved by Supervisor Lesinski.

Copies of unapproved meeting minutes will be posted on the Township Front Door window and Township Website - www.grasslaketownship.gov within seven days of the meeting and are also available upon request at the Township Office. Office hours are 8:00 to 4:30 Monday thru Thursday. Email requests to gailh@grasslaketownship.gov. Approved Minutes can be requested from the Township Office and reviewed on the Township Website – www.grasslaketownship.gov.

Cambridge Township

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP7

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, 10/21/2026, 7:30 P.M., AT THE CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, 9990 W. M 50, ON-STEAD, MICHIGAN IN REGARDS TO THE PROPERTY AT 132 TIMBER TR, BROOKLYN, MI (CAO-675-0560-00), TO CONSTRUCT A IO X 23 ADDITION TO AN EXISTING ATTACHED GARAGE WITH LESS THAN REAR YARD (ROAD SIDE) SETBACK

RICK RICHARDSON
CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK

Cambridge Township

SYNOPSIS
CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 20267

The meeting was called to order by the supervisor at 7:00 P.M. with the pledge to the flag. Roll call showed all board members present. The following items were approved: the agenda, the minutes of the August 12, 2026 meeting, the treasurer's report, \$500 for parking lot striping, \$33,200 for HVAC upgrades at fire station #1, \$1,839 for electrical work related to the HVAC work, and the payment of bills in the amount of \$77,427.68. The monthly police, fire, zoning, planning commission and ZBA reports were accepted and placed on file. County Commissioner Dustin Krasny reported on county business. Approved the bid of \$5,200 for the sale of the 2020 John Deere mower. Adopted resolutions regarding special assessment districts for the following private roads: Oak Hills Drive, Vaniman Island Drive, Little Stony Lake Drive. Adopted Resolution #2026-11 to reduce the assessment for weed control in Deep Lake to zero for the 2026 tax year. Adopted Resolution #2026-12 to rename the fire station at Wamplers Lake to The William R. Gentner Fire Station. Adopted resolutions of intent to establish special assessment districts for road maintenance on the following private roads: Washington Lake Rd., White Lake Rd., Hane Hwy; and for weed control in Sand Lake. Public comment was received. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Rick W. Richardson
Cambridge Township Clerk

Cambridge Township

NOTICE7

ALL DECORATIONS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE GRAVES IN THE MAPLE SHADE AND CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION CEMETERIES BY OCTOBER 10, 2026 FOR SPRING CLEANUP.

PUZZLE TIME!

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg September 13, 2026

ACROSS

1 Captain with a whalebone leg

5 Not just “a”

8 Snag, like Inter Miami tickets

11 Wolfed down

15 Actor’s assignment

16 “Everyone good to go?”

17 One of many in the Shetlands

18 Dudes

19 Like limes

20 Pigs’ facial features

22 “Wouldn’t you say?”

24 Other, in Spanish

25 Kamehameha I or George III

27 Invite as one’s date for

29 Pounded Polynesian paste

31 Took rapid transit?

33 Team up with

34 Blushing

35 Response that mocks entitlement

38 Actress West

39 Guns, as an engine

40 Fashion brand founded in Laguna Beach

41 What keeps the peas?

42 Prepares for publication

44 Behave like a good dog (and receive lots of pets in return!)

45 “___ Sutra”

47 Resides

49 “On ___ of my client ...”

51 Enjoy Eliot, Eco or Eggers

52 It goes to 11 in “This Is Spinal Tap”

55 Ever so slightly

56 Delusion whose victims believe a person is in love with them

59 “Emma” author

60 Austen 1/60,000, 000,000 of a minute

61 “All ___ is quite useless” (Oscar Wilde)

62 Create a plot hole?

63 Finishes

DOWN

1 He raised Cain

2 Classroom response

3 Church response

4 Acknowledge an ovation

5 “There should be a law against it!”

6 “If only ___ listened ...”

7 Breyers rival

8 “As expected”

9 Taunt from a bad winner

10 Contests with defining moments, perhaps?

12 “Wake up and smell the coffee”

13 Leading country in saffron production

14 Mattress company originally named

15 Total hoot

21 “I didn’t get the memo”

22 Aware of

23 Bout enders, briefly

25 Drinking establishment of note?

26 “Help me solve this”

28 Small suggestions

30 Without urgency

31 Sleep under canvas

32 Went back to black, say

36 First-century Roman poet

37 Tiger tots

43 Take care of

46 Friend, in England

48 Vietnam neighbor

49 Tijuana’s peninsula, informally

50 Stave (off)

52 Soon, to Juliet

53 Word before “games” or “boggling”

54 Shin guards, e.g.

57 Italian broadcaster that’s aptly an anagram of “air”

58 Baller in Vegas

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

W I D T H C H A I R B O G S
A L O H A S H I R T O H I O
S L E E P M A S K S R Y A N
P B S P A T S U N I O N S
E N T E R S C R O N U T
I N T E N T S L E I G H
S I R E S S T A I R A N A
N C I S H O O P S A V E R
T E N S O A R S C L E A T
G R U M P Y P A I N T S
B A I L E Y S O R T O F
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Sudoku Puzzle

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9/13

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

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

9/13

Themeless Sunday 199 by Adam Shapiro

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RUN FOR THE HILLS IN PICTURES

Nearly 200 participate in the Oh These Irish Hills! 5K run/walk and one-mile fun run held at Hidden Lake Gardens



There were nearly 200 runners and walkers that participated in Saturday’s Run for the Hills at Hidden Lake Gardens.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HUMMER



Zonya Foko, a renowned registered dietician, nutritionist, speaker, television chef, and writer, was the emcee of the 2026 Run for the Hills this past Saturday at Hidden Lake Gardens



Hidden Lake Gardens Managing Director Paul Pfeifer barks out the marching orders to runners and walkers prior to the race Saturday at Hidden Lake Gardens.



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Rita Adams of Rita’s Flow Yoga led all participants of the Run for the Hills race this past Saturday in a series of stretching exercises prior to the race. Adams offers virtual yoga classes via Zoom and in-person classes at Hidden Lake Gardens.



Jacob Tatsak, 17, of Adrian, was the overall winner of the Run for the Hills 5K run Saturday at Hidden Lake Gardens. Tatsak crossed the finish line at 18:54.37. The second place finisher was more than two minutes behind him. Tatsak is a senior cross country runner at Adrian’s Lenawee Christian High School.



Mason Sumner, left, 7, of Onsted and his cousin Oskar Edwards, 7, of Lincoln Park, were the first two to cross the finish line in the one-mile fun run/walk in Saturday’s Run for the Hills at Hidden Lake Gardens.