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Onsted High School Fall Homecoming Court: Back row: Soph. Carson Herrick, Junior Jacob Ohlman, Senior Carson Garrison, Senior Justus Cunningham, Senior Folton Chamberlain, Senior Alex Clement, Fresh. Grady Barth. Front Row: Soph Elsie Rutledge, Junior Ireland Jones, Senior Kaydence Fox, Senior Izabel Raglow, Senior Emme VanZandt, Senior Alexis Gregory, Fresh Ella Arnold. Photo courtesy of T.J. Olsen Photography.

Panther royalty



Front, from left: Ava Renner, freshman; Caylee Campbell, sophomore; Anabella Carrico, junior; and seniors Grace Stanley, Hailey Marsee, Emma Tison, and Kylie Morris. Back, from left: Mason Creech, freshman; Trent Bailey, sophomore; Mason Wheeler, junior; and seniors Andrew Huston, Michael Beard, Logan Jewell, and Noah Lucas. PHOTO BY MARIAH JONES, ADDISON HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHER

Promoting young artists



Columbia Central High School art teacher Leeann McMichael has reached a milestone of more than 10,000 student artworks showcased online through Artsonia, the world's largest collection of online student art portfolios. The achievement highlights a commitment to celebrating local students' creativity while creating lasting digital portfolios that families can enjoy for years to come. Photo courtesy Artsonia.

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Grass Lake history is alive and well



Cheryl Laimon led the Grass Lake Senior Center Ukelele Band as part of the entertainment for Heritage Day. Photo courtesy of Linda Hutchinson.



A family from Flint brought their long hair rabbits and demonstrated how rabbit hair was spun back in the day. Photo courtesy of Linda Hutchinson.



Coe House hosts a trip to the past

Story
By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

Heritage Day at Coe House Museum in Grass Lake brought folks of all ages in for an enjoyable afternoon, September 12.

Linda Hutchinson, Grass Lake historian and historical and museum volunteer, explained this was the first time in many years that a Heritage Day specific to Coe House Museum was attempted.

She shared, "I am pleased with the turnout. In the house we had les-

sons in the 'Grandma Arts'—quilting with Barb Myall and Violet Arnett, sewing catnip bags with Judy McCaslin, and embroidery with Joy Rosynek. We hope to offer more opportunities for the arts, including lessons in knitting and crocheting, throughout the winter months."

Outside the historic home, visitors explored the vintage tools, farm items, a rabbit hair spinning demonstration with the live rabbits nearby, and kids' activities such as the archery shoot area.

Additionally, James Dameron's

collection of local historical pictures was displayed at the Coe House Museum's Station which is a replica of one that would have been along the Interurban Line.

In the future, in addition to the "Grandma Arts," the Grass Lake Area Historical Society would like to offer more learning opportunities including shooting bows and arrows. However, additional equipment is needed. To donate traditional archery equipment or funds, contact GLAHS at (517) 926-6070 or email coehouse@glahs.org.



James Dameron's photo collection and other historical artifacts were displayed in the Coe House Museum's Station. Photo courtesy of Linda Hutchinson.



Ryan Cook, son of Linda Hutchinson, helped teach basic archery skills at the Grass Lake Heritage Day. Photo courtesy of Linda Hutchinson

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Bud Pelham (at left holding check) and Madison Roberts, center, presents it to Band Instructor Jaime Mykeloff (holding right of check). Band members and other community members witness the moment. Photo courtesy of Bud Pelham.

Onsted Area Fund awards grants

By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

In 2026 the Onsted Area Grant Board awarded two \$500 grants. The recipients were the Friends of Walker Tavern and the Onsted School Music Department.

Wade (Bud) Pelham explained, "The Onsted Area Fund was created in 2008 with donations from Onsted area businesses and organizations. The original total of funds was \$6,000.00 put into the Lenawee Foundation for investing." The Onsted Area Fund is a non-profit under the Lenawee Foundation.

Grant selection is based on if submissions meet civic, cultural, health, education, or social service goals in the Onsted area. Founding members vote to

approve grants. Grants are awarded each June or July. This year, voting occurred at the July 22 meeting held at the Onsted Village Office.

Due to the financial interest and ongoing new member donations, the group has been able to assist many local projects and endeavors. Pelham explained, "Previously we have awarded grants to girl scouts, boy scouts, various school teachers, the fire department, OCRC, Kiwanis, the library, the Chamber of Commerce, the Onsted Park committee, the Onsted festival committee, and Camp Liberty."

Pelham shared, "Historically we have been able to provide two (\$500) grants each year. Anyone in the Onsted area can submit a grant request."

The Onsted Area Fund has a board made up of each donating member. New members donating \$500 would be a voting member. "We would like to get new members to grow our numbers. We would be interested in presenting our community goals and plans to any organization or department interested in participating in this venture," Pelham said.

Pelham continued "We hope this helps get the word out and promote more participation or even more requests for future area grants."

To get involved with the group, or to obtain a grant application, email Wade (Bud) Pelham at wade50@frontiernet.net.



Bud Pelham and Madison Roberts present Friends of Walker Tavern member Sara Sollars with a \$500 grant for the group's work with the community. Photo courtesy of Bud Pelham.

Ice, ice baby!



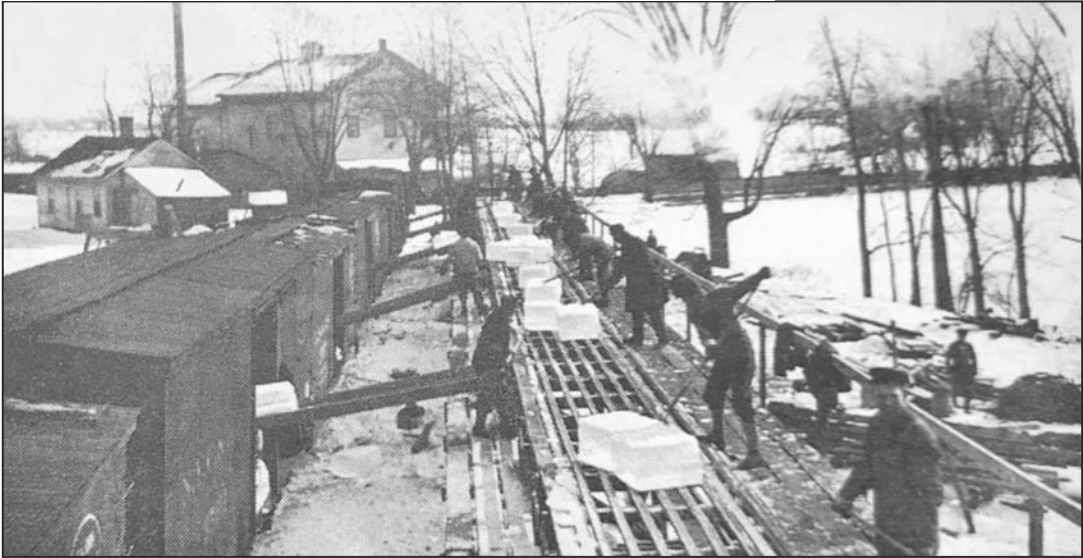
Attic & Hearth

~A Look Back~

By Michelle A. McLemore



A look at
Norvell's ice
business of
years ago



Above: Norvell's Ice Company once employed 70 people. Below: Unloading from ice houses and loading box cars took a lot of time in Norvell. Local Joe Dean, driving his horse, is the only man identified in this photo. Photos shared from Bridging the Years: A Pictorial History of Norvell, MI

A taste of what is to come might help us appreciate these last few weeks of warmer daytime temperatures.

Bridging the Years: A Pictorial History of Norvell, MI 1835-1985 compiled by Vivian Elmore, Lloyd Gouss, and Norma Reese is a simple but delightful collection of early photos of Norvell.

Its variety of photos regarding the Sandusky Ice & Coal Company business is impressive on its own.

Captions record that multiple ice houses (barns) stored 100,000 tons of ice harvested from the mill pond. A 1900 Jackson newspaper article recorded that 70 men were employed at the time. After harvesting, the blocks were stored. Then, as needed, the ice was loaded on railroad boxcars and shipped to Cleveland. An article in January of 1900 reported the company men shipped 400 carloads in 10 days, so they were taking a few days off for needed respite. It was "a nice crop of ice" the reporter observed.

The Norvell book records



the icehouse came down in 1929 and shows a picture, however it's unclear if the buildings burned or were destroyed in a storm.

Today it's a short walk to our refrigerator freezers to pop out a few ice cubes or, for some, getting a choice between crushed, cubed, or solid iceballs.

I wonder, do any of our readers remember the "ice chest" of old, pre-refrigerator freezers? It might be fun to invite the grandkids over for a glass of iced tea and amaze them with this memory from back-in-the-day. I'm guessing

it will be nearly as unbelievable to them as phones with rotary dials that hung on the wall.

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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Jackson Area Career Center celebrates 50 years



Staff put together a walk-through-the-ages history display of the center's development including scrapbooks, decade summation posters, and other memorabilia for the public to peruse.



Leah Rogers, of Vandercook, oversaw the first of three culinary arts program free samples tables. .

Story & Photos
By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

The 50th anniversary celebration and back to school open house for the Jackson Area Career Center occurred Wednesday, September 16. The event was free and open to the public, themed "Careers Happen Here: Then, Now, Always."

Officers of the National Technical Honor Society greeted the public with bright eyes, big smiles, and maps of the facility. Samantha Penn and Ryley Manning, both students in the Health Tech II program, were excited to help with the big event.

Over 700 guests joined the celebration per Marketing and Special Projects Coordinator Kaci Babineau's estimation. "We couldn't have asked for a better way to celebrate 50 years of the Career Center. What stood out the most was the incredible sense of pride I noticed throughout the building. People came to reconnect, share memoirs, and see how much the Career Center has grown over five decades. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who has been a part of our story over the last 50 years."

The Career Center staff and students showed their talents and latest activities with most of the classrooms open, personnel available to answer questions, and some classwork on display such as the 3D printing machines, the robots available for manipulation, and the culinary arts students serving a variety of food in at least three areas.

Babineau noted, "Our students received so many compliments throughout the evening on how professional they were, and how great the food was...people [were] raving about the food—especially the mashed potato bar! The Culinary Arts program really outdid themselves."

Tucked within the history memorabilia was the 1973-1974 Principal John S. Nidelcheff's musings over the first year. He noted, it "was one of the busiest, most challenging, most exciting and most rewarding years I have

ever experienced in vocational education."

In its first year, they launched with nine instructors, one counselor (Steve Nason), two administrators, and 700 students in interim programs of Small Engine Repair, Electricity/Electronics, House Construction, Mail Retailing, Cosmetology, Job Placement, Welding, Office Occupations, Drafting, Machine Shop, Auto Mechanics, and more totalling 32 programs. During that fall, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Henry Kuehl and Principal John S. Nidelcheff researched architectural designs for constructing a more extensive facility.

Today, the Center still offers over 20 programs which give students opportunities to earn industry credentials, college credit, and hands-on workplace experience. One of the newest programs began in 2024. An Esthetics program, a 400-hour pathway toward licensure, kicked off by opening a student-run spa to the public.

Additional programs that were added over the years include Army JROTC, Law Enforcement, Cybersecurity, Programming, Firefighting, Engineering/PLTW, Careers in Education, Center for Student Success, and Academic Consultants.

Likewise to keep current, some training programs were updated and others retired such as accounting, appliance repair, commercial sewing, data processing, office occupations, retail-mall, small engines, and teller training.

Jackson County ISD Superintendent Maureen Keene reflected on the evening's success: "This celebration was a wonderful reflection of what the Jackson County ISD stands for—bringing people together, honoring our shared history, and celebrating the students, staff, and community who make our organization so special. The overwhelming consensus was clear: the Career Center is an amazing place that has made a lasting difference in Jackson County."



Principal Dan Draper, JCISD Superintendent Maureen Keene, and Marketing and Special Projects Coordinator Kaci Babineau greeted all of the visitors who attended Jackson Career Center's 50th anniversary.



As part of history row, this photo of the 1973 house building crew was one of several gems on display.



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Woodstock Township is accepting applications for one Alternate Member to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The position will begin as soon as possible and continue through December 31, 2028, and is a paid position. Interested applicants should contact Supervisor Jim Anderson at 517-547-6598, ext. 5, to schedule an interview.

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Central Michigan Model Railroad Club is having an Open House on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 226 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Jackson, Mich. 49201. Rear parking off Washington Ave. or Cortland Street, Second floor. Back Entrance in the alley or Front Entrance off Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Look for our signs! Regular hours are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. New Members Always Welcome!

Napoleon Township public hearing

Notice 8

The Napoleon Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing October 14, 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 Pamela & Robert Eaton, 5428 Sand Beach Rd, Grass Lake, MI 49240 to allow 1) a Wood Covered Porch be added on the Lake Front side of home. Requesting a 44.6 foot setback from the water which is a reduction of 5.4 ft of the 50 ft requirement. 2) A side set back of 3.6 ft on the West side of home which is a 6.4 foot reduction of the 10 ft requirement. Current side setback is already non-conforming at 3.6 ft on the home and existing deck.

All other setbacks comply

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 public hearing

Notice – Date of Meeting Correction 8

The Napoleon Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing October 14, 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 Patrick & Susan McNamee, 8023 S. Portage Rd, Jackson, MI 49201 to allow 1) New garage with living above to be 3' from East property line which abuts to a non-buildable property, reduction of 12 feet and 2) Garage to abut the private road. All other setbacks comply.

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Liberty Township synopsis

September 8, 2026 roll call of members; 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 August 11, 2026 as presented, approval of consensus agenda of departmental reports as presented. Payment of expenses in the amount of \$56,288.26 for August 2026 approved with a roll call. A complete set of minutes are available during regular office hours.

Debbie Jacobson,
Liberty Township Clerk

Rollin Township synopsis

Synopsis Rollin Township Board Meeting September 9, 2026 8

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 the agenda and minutes of the last meeting
2. Approved the disbursements, with the addition of two drainage bills that arrived late
3. Approved a \$500 refund for a variance fee that was not required.
4. Approved a bid from Down Under Trenching for \$4225 to repair a storm drain at Round Lake Highway and Marsh drive
5. Approved establishment of millage at the current rate of .6 mils for Fire, .81 mils for Ambulance, and .75 mils for Township taxes.
6. Postponed action on a special use permit request and a sewer shut off request to gather more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.
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Submitted by Irma David,
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ENTERTAINMENT

Appleumpkin, Kapnick Apple festivals set for Oct. 10-11

By JACKIE KOCH
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Downtown Tecumseh's 32nd annual Appleumpkin Festival is set for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and 11, in conjunction with Kapnick Orchards' 47th annual Apple Festival the same weekend.

Appleumpkin will feature a variety of arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, carnival rides, live entertainment and more to celebrate fall in Tecumseh, while at Kapnick Orchards, 4245 N. Rogers Highway, Britton, there will be arts and crafts booths, pumpkin and apple picking, wagon rides through the orchard, and a variety of food vendors. Visitors will be able to watch apple cider being pressed and caramel apples being made fresh to order, and will have options to buy the bakery's fry cake doughnuts and other baked goods.

A free shuttle will transport festival attendees between downtown Tecumseh and Kapnick Orchards as well as to and from free parking at Tecumseh High School. Free parking will also be available on Tecumseh streets.

Both festivals will take place Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Family activities at Appleumpkin will include midway rides, carnival games, inflatables and a bungee jump. Make-it-take-it crafts, a corn box and kids mini golf will all be free. Visitors will be able to take helicopter rides over Tecumseh, as well.

Musical entertainment in town will take place at three stages, with local and regional artists. On the schedule are The Wildflowers, Share the Hedge, Our 2 Cents, Trippy Lil Hippies, Jaded Soul, and many more musicians.

Vicki Riddle has been part of the Appleumpkin Festival for many years, but this is her first year at the helm of the committee since Jan Fox, the former chair, moved out of state last year.

"She left a lot of notes of what to do when, and so we've been going through those on a monthly basis, just making sure that we have everything covered," Riddle said. She noted that the popular festival will have the same features that people have come to love, and there have been no changes this year. There are 30 volunteers who help make the Appleumpkin Festival a success.

To kick off Appleumpkin, the 29th annual Kelly Carter & Thomas Leffler Memorial Scholarship 5K will take place starting at 8 a.m. Oct. 10. Those interested in participating may visit carter-runs.com to sign up for the run through Tecumseh.

Southern Michigan Railroad will be operating during Appleumpkin, with train rides along Lenawee County's historic rail corridor to the bridge over Red Mill Pond, offering views of early autumn colors. The train will make a brief stop over the bridge to allow passengers to take photos before returning to the festival. To purchase tickets, visit southernmichiganrailroad.com.

Road closures for Appleumpkin will be in place from 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, through Sunday evening, Oct. 11, and include the 100 blocks of South and North Ottawa Street, the 200 and 300 blocks of North Ottawa Street, the 100 block of East Shawnee Street, the 100 and 200 blocks of South Evans Street, the 100 block of East Logan Street and the 100 and 200 blocks of North Evans Street.

Visit Tecumseh's Appleumpkin Festival and Kapnick Orchards on Facebook for updates on the festivals.



Stacy Mansion owners to host 1st anniversary celebration Sept. 27

By JACKIE KOCH
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The historic Stacy Mansion in Tecumseh will be the site of a free community celebration from noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, to celebrate one year of operation.

The "Stacy Sisters," Danielle Ward, Kim Stelzer and Serena Riley, purchased the 6,200-square-foot home at 710 W. Chicago Blvd. in fall 2024 with a dream of creating a bed and breakfast and event space.

Riley said gratitude was the reason they decided to hold the event. "One year ago we opened our doors, and this community showed up for us in a way we never could have anticipated. The support, the encouragement, and the genuine excitement from our neighbors and local community has been humbling," she said. "This celebration is simply our way of saying thank you. We wanted to open our doors wide, welcome everyone in, and give back a little of what this community has so generously given to us."

The trio spent a year preparing the home. In addition to renovations, they have added furniture to the interior and new koi fish, frogs and plants to the garden, a wedding arch, and a fence around the property to create a more intimate and private feel for outdoor events. "The mansion has truly come to life this year in ways both big and small," said Riley.

She said they are grateful for the support of local businesses, with a special thank you to Janis and Ed Montalvo of Living in Lenawee Realty and the Katherine Whelan Agency for sponsoring rooms at the mansion, and to Patina Jewelry + Design for sponsoring the diamond giveaway at their Regency Boulevard Ball.

She said the highlights of the past year have included hosting several first-time events that exceeded their expectations, including the Wizarding Weekend, the Mr. & Mrs. Claus Experience, an Easter egg hunt,



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Danielle Ward (l), Kim Stelzer and Serena Riley, the "Stacy Sisters," will host a free community celebration Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Stacy Mansion in Tecumseh, to celebrate one year of operation.

and the Regency Boulevard Ball. They also established two recurring events featuring sound baths and afternoon teas.

The anniversary celebration will offer live music by Jon Torrence from 1-4 p.m., the food trucks S'mac and Cheese, Bussin' Bowls and Musgrove + Co., and a curated group of local artisans and small business owners vending their wares. Yard games, including cornhole, croquet and ring toss, will be provided. Other activities include a children's rock painting station, a garden scavenger hunt, a gratitude wall, selfie stations, a wishes wall and a wishing well. Guests will have a chance to win a free overnight

stay at the mansion, as well. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

First floor house tours will be offered throughout the event for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. "It's a rare opportunity to step inside and experience the 177-year history of this beautiful home, and all donations go directly toward the ongoing restoration and preservation of the mansion," said Riley.

For more information on the community celebration at the Stacy Mansion, visit thestacy-mansion.com/events/2026anniversary-community-celebration.

Out and About: More things to do

"The Way of Intuitive Art" Exhibit

At the Adrian Center for the Arts Gallery, 1375 N. Main St., Adrian, through Oct. 4, Alisa E. Clark's family-friendly interactive exhibition is about exploring memory, intuition and meaning through making. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Clark will offer a workshop from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 1-4 p.m., where participants will experiment with materials, marks and layers to explore art-making through intuition. A closing artist reception will take place from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, with the artist speaking at 3 p.m. Visit adrian-centerforthearts.org.

Tough Genes & Gasoline Car Show

Saturday, Sept. 26, at Monroe County Community College, 1555 South Raisinville Road, Monroe. This car, truck,

and bike show will feature live music, food trucks, vendors, raffles and family activities benefiting Tough Genes. Admission is free. There will be raffles to benefit the charity. See Tough Genes & Gasoline Car Show on Facebook.

Adrian First Fridays

From 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, downtown Adrian will transform into a hands-on adventure with a community "Touch a Truck" event. Kids of all ages will get the chance to climb up into big rigs, explore emergency and utility vehicles, honk horns, and meet the friendly faces behind local businesses and community organizations. Visit Adrian First Fridays on Facebook.

Moms Unhinged Standup Comedy Show

At the Michigan Theatre, 124 N. Mechanic St., Jackson, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. The show will be hosted

by Avril Granato, featuring Holly Ballantine with headliner Amy Brown. Brown is a regular at Atlanta's Laughing Skull Lounge, has performed in the World Series of Comedy, and was a finalist in the Funniest Person in Rochester. Expect an evening of comedy about motherhood, marriage, divorce, online dating, midlife and more. Adult themes and language, 18+. Visit michigan-theatre.org or contact the box office at 517-783-0962.

Chris Janson at the Potter Center

At 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, award-winning artist, producer and songwriter Chris Janson will kick off the Potter Center season with his high-energy show and No. 1 country hits including "Buy Me A Boat," "Fix A Drink," "Good Vibes," "All I Need Is You," "Done," "Drunk Girl" and more. Tickets start at \$35. For

tickets call 517-796-8600 or visit jcmi.edu/potter-center/events/chris-janson. The Potter Center is on the campus of Jackson College, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson.

ASO - Oscar Winners: Songs and Scores

The Adrian Symphony Orchestra will start its new season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Adrian College's Dawson Auditorium, 110 S. Madison St., Adrian. From sweeping adventures to unforgettable love stories, experience the music behind some of cinema's greatest moments. The evening will celebrate Academy Award-winning scores and songs from beloved classics including "Jaws," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Up," "Lawrence of Arabia," "Schindler's List," "La La Land," and more. Featuring guest vocalists and the full orchestra. Visit adriansymphony.org for tickets.





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