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Permit freeze being lifted

Developers could begin building again soon

Change could spur on growth in Village of Brooklyn and Napoleon, Columbia and Leoni townships

By John Hummer
Editor

For nearly five years, developers in some municipalities in Jackson County could not obtain Part 41 sewage permits from the State of Michigan to allow them to construct large developments like subdivisions, apartment complexes, or mobile home parks throughout an area that is served by the Leoni Township Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). That area includes parts of Columbia (including the Village of Brooklyn), Napoleon, Grass Lake and Leoni townships in the Exponent readership area.



Dan Wymer

sign standards for wastewater facilities to protect public health and the environment. There are very detailed requirements in the Part 41 legislation.

"We will consider issuing Part 41 permits for the community tributary to the Leoni Township Wastewater Treatment Plant," stated Tiffany Myers, district supervisor of EGLE's Jackson District Office in an email dated Sept. 9, 2026. However, there are certain conditions that still need to be met..."

In another email to officials from the Village of Brooklyn and Grass Lake, Leoni, and Napoleon Townships, Myers summarized a recent meeting EGLE had with Leoni Township and some of the contributing municipalities outlining those conditions. There are four main conditions EGLE has implemented that applicants must meet.

The first is that the applicant provides EGLE with flow data showing that there is available capacity in their collection system and all downstream systems to transport the additional wastewater to the WWTP. (This would include providing flow data to show that inflow and infiltration is not excessive and that it considers flows that have been committed to projects, not just actual existing flows.)

The second condition is that the applicant provides EGLE with information showing that the WWTP has available capacity for the new flows.

The third condition is that the application includes a statement from Leoni Township showing that they agree to allow the additional flow into their system.

The final condition - although it is not necessary for Part 41 permit issuance -

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Bailey Fest

Gathering for a cause



Tony Raykovich of Jackson proudly stands next to his 1956 DeSoto Fireflite Saturday at the BaileyFest. The car features a 330 Hemi engine. Interestingly, the 1956 DeSoto was the pace car of the 1956 Indianapolis 500.

Story and photos
By John Hummer
Editor

Though it was a semi-private, invite-only event, thousands of people gathered Saturday for the fourth annual BaileyFest on the Bailey property in Jackson.

The event is a massive fundraiser for the John W. Bailey Family Foundation, a sister organization to the well-known Bailey Excavating company.

"Honoring legacy. Building community." That's the motto of the foundation. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting local causes and giving back where it matters most. Foundation officials presented multi-thousand-dollar

checks to several area nonprofit organizations at the event.

"We are extremely blessed to be surrounded by so many people in our community who make this event possible," said foundation founder John Bailey. "It's the craziest thing in the world."

The event featured five bands including Bout 40, The Groupe, Kung Fu Diesel, Kevin Wolff, and the Jackson County legacy himself - Ted Nugent. There was also a kids' court, a kids' fishing contest, vendor displays, 50/50 drawings, raffle baskets drawings, a motorcycle raffle, a live auction, food trucks, an Opening Ceremony with the National Anthem, and fireworks to cap off the night.



Look who we spotted at BaileyFest! It's the one and only Max Truchan, 7, of Napoleon having fun with his toy airplane with a colorful backdrop of two hot air balloons.

Refashioned Runway to raise funds for Salvation Army

By JACKIE KOCH
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The Adrian Salvation Army location will hold its first-ever fashion show fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 24, to boost the organization's ability to continue its programs. "Refashioned Runway" will take place at the Adrian First United Methodist Church, 1245 W. Maple Ave., starting at 6 p.m.

Major Laura Lunnam, the corps officer and pastor for the organization, said that local business owners, community leaders and volunteers have spent time shopping for outfits at the Salvation Army thrift store at 217 W. Church St. and will wear the styles on the red carpet at the fashion show.

She said the main purpose is to raise funds because donations have been down and yet the needs have increased, which makes it difficult to operate. "We also wanted to showcase our Thrift Store because the proceeds from the store help support us throughout the year. The donations at the Thrift Store have been lower as well," she said. The Adrian Salvation Army serves residents throughout Lenawee County.

"This idea came about because we had to come up with something new," Lunnam said. "Our fundraising has been very low, and we've had a shortfall in our bell ringing the last couple years. And so, our board and our whole committee, our staff, and everybody have all said we've got to find something new in this community that's going to work. And one of the things that is a support to us is our thrift store."

Lunnam said that a lot of people don't know that the proceeds from the thrift store help keep the Salvation Army running, and sales at the store have been low, as well. "Refashioned Runway" is a way to both highlight the store and do something unusual to raise funds.

"We're excited because on the night of the event, folks can come in, we're going to have a little bit of a silent auction to one side, and then it's going to be set up like a fashion show with a red carpet and everything, and they're going to walk the carpet, and we have some celebrity judges that are going to give out a few trophies," said Lunnam.

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Money raised from a "Refashioned Runway" will help with operating costs for the Salvation Army in Adrian.

Music that heals

The Irish Hills Music Fest theme that ‘music heals’ was on full display Saturday



The Swamp Trolls were one of the early bands to play the inside stage at the Irish Hills Music Festival and benefit September 12.



Kristin Seegert, Onsted alum, and recent graduate of Adrian School of Massage was one of three service providers in the Wellness Center during the festival offering free 15 minute massage and energy therapy sessions

Story & Photos By Michelle McLemore Staff writer

With the help of local volunteers and corporate sponsors, optimistic vendors and good-hearted musicians, the second annual Irish Hills Music Festival offered hours of entertainment, community bonding, and memory-making on Saturday, Sept. 12.

IHMF CEO/Manager Jake Lake expressed his gratitude for the hard work of everyone who helped to put on the event. From the golf cart taxi cab drivers, to the parking attendant, raffle ticket salespeople, servers, Legion members, and all the vendors, everyone made a difference to raise funds and to spread the message, “Music Heals.”

Sponsors for this year’s event included American Legion Durkee-Seager Post 550, Ben’s Bump Shop, The Sound Doctor, Michigan 517Rocks, Parkinsons Foundation, Hospice of Lenawee, Polliwog, Irish Hills Area Hospice, Irish Hills Print Company, Northern LLC, Hoyt, Flynn, & Company, PLLC, and Onsted Wildcat Band Boosters.



Cambridge Fire Department was on hand to offer first aid and free blood pressure checks. Nattie Marks, Dane Loudon, Jeff Armstrong of the department here conversed with Nancy Armstrong.

Columbia Township fire report

September 3 Rescue: School Street; Fire: North Lake Road; Fire: Michigan Street; Rescue: Hawthorne Drive;	September 5 Fire: Constitution Avenue; Rescue: Brooklyn Road; Rescue: Homer Street;	September 7 Rescue: Jefferson Road;
September 4 Assist other agency-fire: Norvell Road; Rescue: Holiday Drive; Rescue: North Shore Drive; Rescue: Constitution Avenue; Rescue: Delamater Street; Fire: Cement City Road;	September 6 Rescue: South Main Street; Rescue: Wesch Road; Rescue: West Mill Pond Road; Rescue: South Main Street; Rescue: North Grand Pointe Drive;	September 8 Rescue: McKinney Road; Fire: North Lake Road; Rescue: Marshall Street;
		September 9 Fire: Grand Boulevard; Rescue: Holiday Drive; Rescue: Lane Street;

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nam. In addition to walking the runway, the people who have volunteered to be models are also soliciting donations, and there is an online link for others to contribute.

The doors to the church will open at 5:30 p.m. In addition to the silent auction, there will be pulled pork and other dishes available to purchase, made by Salvation Army cooks.

Funds are greatly needed, as Lunnam said the Salvation Army’s food pantry has more than doubled in size in the past two years. “Our feeding program, where we feed hot dinners at nighttime, has gone from roughly about 75 to 125 people to now it’s over 200 sometimes of people that are coming in to get food to take home,” she said.

The Salvation Army also helps with utilities and other social services, and provides diapers, toiletries, vouchers for free clothing at the thrift store, and other services for families, children and senior citizens. At Christmas time they provide gifts and toys for entire families as well as a Christmas food gift card for them to go to the grocery store and get their Christmas dinner.

“That alone is almost \$20,000 that we spend to get the dinners and everything for them, so they can make it at their own house,” said Lunnam. “And now we’ve included a senior citizen angel tree where people try to help us get gifts for the seniors, and then we purchase some of it because we don’t always get enough in. But every one of the seniors that signs up to get a Christmas food box also usually gets a gift as well.”

The cost to attend the fashion show is \$25 and tickets may be purchased at salvationarmyusa.org/mi/adrian/w-church-st-corps. Donations for individual models are being collected at tinyurl.com/3m7umbaf. For updates, visit The Salvation Army, Adrian, Michigan on Facebook.

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EGLE would consider priority for projects where it is demonstrated that the current situation is causing harm to the environment which could be resolved by allowing a small increase in flow to the plant (such as failing septic tanks).

“The communities will continue to work towards new contracts which are based on flows, not just REUs (residential equivalent units – a standardized measure used to represent the amount of sewage generated by an average single-family home, and to calculate sewer service charges), ensuring that the total contracted capacity does not exceed the 3 MGD (million gallons per day) average design of the wastewater treatment plant,” Myers noted.

Napoleon Township Supervisor Dan Wymer shared the news with the township board at their Sept. 8 meeting. “We had a meeting with EGLE and Leoni was able to present four full years (2022-2026) of plant operations flow volumes,” he said. “There was only a single instance during that four years that the plant was unable to handle the flow volume and had to divert it to one of the old ponds. EGLE agreed that that is sufficient demonstra-

tion that the plant can handle the flows. So now they’re going to begin considering Part 41 permits again. That was very good news.

“Depending on how much capacity is being asked for [by an applicant], Leoni is going to have to certify in writing that they can make that capacity available,” Wymer continued. “They’re probably going to look at the individual township and see if there are any potential I & I (inflow & infiltration, meaning stormwater and groundwater entering sanitary sewers through improper connections or pipe defects) problems in that township. At least they’re willing to start evaluating [Part 41 permit applications].”

And that should be good for the area’s economy with the potential of new major projects coming to the area.

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Officials, residents commemorate Sept.11

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Twenty five years later, residents, officials remember the victims and events of September 11, 2001



Evalynn Morehouse, 4 years old, of Jackson places flowers at Unity Field 9/11 memorial. Photo courtesy Pam Cherry.

By John Hummer
Editor

To commemorate 25 years since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Congressman Tim Walberg traveled throughout Michigan's 5th District last Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, making several stops to honor heroic veterans and first responders.

One of those stops in the Exponent readership area was Camp Liberty in Norvell Township. Camp Liberty provides inclusive outdoor recreation programs for veterans, first responders, and their families, connecting them to services that enhance their quality of life.

Board members, volunteers, and hunters arriving for this weekend's Liberty Hunt were there to greet Walberg. Camp Liberty Vice President Jay Truchan took the congressman and his staff on a tour of the grounds.

"It was a privilege to travel across five counties today to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the September 11th attacks and honor our service members," Walberg stated. "Visiting Camp Liberty in Brooklyn on this solemn day was especially meaningful, as I saw firsthand how they foster fellowship and support within the veteran community. The renewal and rejuvenating atmosphere that is there is a healing place for these veterans – it was exciting to see it right here in our community.

"I'm excited to see how it will develop," Walberg reflected on his visit to Camp Liberty. "They are looking for grants and other funding sources. We are certainly open to assisting where we can."

Before the Camp Liberty stop, Walberg said he was honored to attend a memorial



Congressman Tim Walberg, left, shares some time with U.S. Navy veteran and retired police detective from Illinois, Harry Krass at Camp Liberty last Friday, 9/11/26. Krass is a member of the Camp Liberty Board of Directors. PHOTO COURTESY CAMP LIBERTY

service in Coldwater, Mich. (Branch County) to recognize three veterans and present them with resolutions, two posthumously – to two U.S. Marines who died in Afghanistan. "The third was a first responder who worked with Gen. Colin Powell and did her detail at Ground Zero," Walberg noted. "It was a poignant morning."

Walberg recapped that visit in a public statement. "Twenty-five years ago, our nation endured one of the darkest moments in American history. On September 11, 2001, enemies of freedom carried out the most devastating attack ever witnessed on American soil. In a matter of hours, nearly 3,000 innocent lives were lost, thousands more were injured, and countless others were sickened by the horrific acts of terrorism at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and aboard Flight 93. I was honored to participate in a

memorial ceremony to remember the victims who lost their lives on that dark day, to honor the extraordinary bravery of our first responders, and to recognize the enduring impact of the tragedy.

"During the event, I was able to present tributes to Cpl. Jaclyn Supianoski, a Marine Corps canine handler who worked explosive detection at Ground Zero and now serves the Coldwater Fire Department, as well as to the families of two fallen local Marines, Lance Cpl. Craig N. Watson and Sgt. Anthony D. Matteoni, who lost their lives while serving in the aftermath of 9/11."

Walberg also noted that a ninth grade teacher brought her class to the ceremony. "It was a delight to see a teacher who thought enough about that history to take her kids out of class and bring them over to see that service go on."

Following his visit to Camp

Liberty, he went on to the Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Adrian, a Veterans Affairs (VA) facility that provides comprehensive healthcare services to veterans in Lenawee County and surrounding areas. Opened in late 2021, the facility is a 2,500-square-foot clinic designed to deliver outpatient care close to home, reducing the need for veterans to travel to larger VA hospitals. It serves over 3,000 area veterans.

"After one of the darkest days in our nation's history, countless heroes stepped forward with unwavering resolve to defend our country, and we must never forget the sacrifices they have made to secure a safer future," Congressman Walberg concluded. "I remain steadfast in my commitment to ensuring these brave individuals receive the care and support they deserve."

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September 3
Property Security: Hyde Road (2); **Accident PDA:** M-50/Daugherty Road; **General Non-Criminal:** School Street; **Suspicious Situation:** School Street; **Property Security:** Hewitt Road; **General Non-Criminal:** Hewitt Road (2); **General Non-Criminal:** North Lake Road; **Accident PDA:** Crego Road/McKinney Road; **Shots Fired-Target Shooting:** Turk Road; **General Assist:** South Meridian Road/Reed Road; **General Non-Criminal:** Marshall Street/North Main Street;

September 4
Property Security: Hyde Road (2); **Threats-Person/TX:** Hays Drive; **General Non-Criminal:** Holiday Drive; **General Non-Criminal:** North Shore Drive; **General Non-Criminal:** Constitution Avenue; **General Non-Criminal:** Hyde Road; **Disorderly:** Abbott Lane; **Motorist Assist:** Jefferson

Road; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Ocean Beach Road; **Suspicious Situation:** Reed Road;

September 5
Disorderly: North Main Street; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Conservation:** Jefferson Road; **Accident PDA:** Jefferson Road/Eagle Point Road; **General Non-Criminal:** Constitution Avenue; **Traffic Hazard:** Wesch Road; **Hit and Run:** Cement City Road; **Field Contact:** Jackson Street/Cary Road; **Threats-Person/TX:** Lansing Avenue; **Hit and Run:** North Main street/Chicago Street; **Accident Other:** Brooklyn Road; **Parking:** Boyce Drive; **General Assist:** South Meridian Road/Jefferson Road; **Loud Music:** Tiffany Street/Potter Street; **Field Contact:** Jefferson Road; **Property Security:** Brooklyn Road;

September 6
Runaway: Jackson Street;

Property Security: Hyde Road (2); **Disorderly:** Lansing Avenue; **Parking:** South Main Street; **Forgery/Counterfeiting:** South Main Street; **General Non-Criminal:** Wesch Road; **General/Non-Criminal:** West Mill Pond Drive; **General Non-Criminal:** South Main Street; **General Non-Criminal:** North Grand Pointe Drive; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Hyde Road;

September 7
Property Security: Hewitt Road; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Inspect Vehicle:** Southern Shores Drive; **Ordinance Violation:** Hyde Road; **Motorist Assist:** North Main Street/Marshall Street; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** South Main Street; **General Non-Criminal:** Jefferson Road; **Conservation:** Peterson Road/Crego Road; **Disorderly:** South Main Street; **Domestic:** Kingsbury Drive; **Suspicious Situation:** Ashley Court;

September 8
Runaway: North Main Street; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **General Non-Criminal:** School Street/Broad Street; **General Non-Criminal:** School Street; **Animal Complaint:** Perrin Street; **Parking:** Monroe Street; **General Non-Criminal:** Hewitt Road; **Suspicious Situation:** Carlysle Road; **Assist other Agency:** Stony Lake Road;

September 9
General Non-Criminal: Jefferson Road; **Alarm:** Chicago Street; **Property Security:** Hyde Road (2); **Conservation:** Jefferson Road/Ocean Beach Road; **General Non-Criminal:** School Street (2); **Field Contact:** Cass Road; **General Non-Criminal:** Lane Street; **Disorderly:** Brooklyn Road; **Personal Welfare-PWC:** Kingsbury Drive;

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Another voice

Now is the time to plan community response

By Sybil Kolon
President, IHCC



Sybil Kolon

As American Aggregates of Michigan (AAOM) prepares to resubmit its comprehensive zoning and site application, local grassroots community group Irish Hills Concerned Citizens (IHCC) is preparing residents for the next phase of the local review process. IHCC has also assembled new online resources to help residents understand the proposal and participate effectively in the review process.

The proposed 625-acre heavy industrial aggregate sand and gravel mine sits directly on the border of Watkins Lake State Park &

County Preserve, a designated Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Waterfowl Refuge. The mining company stated that the mine would generate 18 travel trucks an hour, 10+ hours a day, along the haul route that runs through Hayes State Park as well as residential areas.

Once the township receives the new package, the clock starts ticking. The community will have a short time to review the new proposal, while the township's consultants are reviewing it. A public hearing will be scheduled soon after the township determines that the proposal is complete. Now is the time for

residents to make a plan to present their public comment.

In anticipation of the filing, the IHCC Board is encouraging residents to prepare their public comments using objective, measurable information rather than emotional rhetoric.

We are suggesting that our community should focus heavily on the state's legal standard of 'Very Serious Consequences' (VSC). We need every property owner and neighbor to identify their primary, specific concern, whether it is impacts to local parks and nearby properties, traffic safety, property values, or health concerns, and describe exactly how they will be affected, citing clear facts and real-world conse-

quences.

IHCC plans to provide additional guidance for making public comments in the near future.

In addition to preparing for the eventual public hearing, IHCC is encouraging residents and property owners to stay informed and participate in regular Norvell Township meetings as the review process continues. The township board meets on the third Monday of every month, and the planning commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month.

Detailed information regarding meeting schedules, objective impact templates, and community volunteer updates can be found online at IHCCinfo.org.

Sen. Shink hosts Senior Summit this Friday in Jackson

Join Sen. Sue Shink this Friday, Sept. 18, for her 3rd annual Senior Summit in Jackson. Local and state service organizations will be on hand with resources and information for seniors.

The summit takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Crouch Senior Center, 1715 Lansing Ave. #672, in Jackson.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Sen. Shink at 517-373-2426 or SenSShink@senate.michigan.gov.

Walker Tavern Farm and Craft Market

Walker Tavern will be hosting a Farm and Craft Market at Cambridge Junction Historical State Park on Sunday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 13200 M-50, Brooklyn. Browse a variety of products such as local produce, baked goods, plants, and more. Plus, explore the historic buildings and park grounds.

Letter to the editor

Is Walberg really 'making life more affordable?'

Dear editor,
Today we received Rep. Walberg's mailbox flyer picturing a healthy-looking family of three headlining "Making life more affordable for hardworking Michiganders".

The flyer touting past accomplishments highlighted votes that, while lowering insurance premiums, also lowered access for low-income families to Medicaid and essential health care services.

Were other cuts Mr. Walberg supported to food pro-

grams such as SNAP and education made in the name of lowering costs for families? All those program cuts and more did not reduce the nation's debt or make lives better for the average family but seemed to benefit the ultra-wealthy.

The United Way, supported in part by Consumers Energy, provided on June 10, 2026, new data for ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families with income above the federal poverty level but less

than the cost of essentials. In 2024, 39% of the households in Jackson, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, and Kalamazoo counties were living below the ALICE Threshold, meaning they couldn't afford the basics even if they were working. If you have been privileged to work in a food pantry, you have seen the need.

We look forward to a flyer:

•Touting plans to improve the lives of struggling employed families in this district;

• That promises in what way the candidate will work tirelessly to end the war that cost American lives, money, and allies;

• Demonstrating willingness to work across the aisle to preserve our Constitution and put power back in the hands of Congress.

Now that would be a candidate to vote for in Michigan's 5th District.

Constance O'Connor
Clarklake

Runnin' for the hills

Brooklyn's Lisa Bressi and husband Thomas Dombrowski had fun doing the 5K walk during Saturday's Run for the Hills at Hidden Lake Gardens. Interestingly, Bressi hails from Brooklyn, New York, hence her FDNY T-shirt.

More photos of the event are featured on page B6.

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By Cindy Hubbell, President/CEO
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Johnnies Bar and Grill—Onsted holds DJ Trivia on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Brooklyn Big Boy holds their Car Shows on Wednesdays through September from 5 to 8 pm, weather permitting. Enjoy food, fun and music with a live DJ and driver prizes.

Shady's Tap Room is having Piano Bar Wednesdays with Grant Reiff on September 2 and 16 from 6 to 9 pm. Go to shadystaproom.com for more information.

Join **WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging** for Silver Sneakers Yoga in their lower-level Fitness Room Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm, and Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 am. For more information call 517-

592-1974 or email livingwellprograms@wellwiseservices.org.

Bike Night is still taking place at **Artesian Wells Sports Tavern** on Thursdays through September 24. Enjoy live music, rain or shine, under the Pavillion. Go to thewellstavern.net for more information.

The Hills Fork Oar Pour will have live music on September 17. Watch their Facebook page for events and specials.

Chateau Aeronautique Winery/Blue Skies Brewery throughout September for DJ Bingo on Wednesdays beginning at 7 pm, DJ Trivia on Thursdays starting at 7:30 pm and Live Tribute Bands on Fridays and Saturdays. Go to chateauaeronautiquewinery.com for details.

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.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church holds their Diaper Closet on the third Saturday of the month, September's is on the 19th, from 10 am to 1 pm. Please park in back and go downstairs. This service is open to the public. They try and provide a week's supply of diapers, wipes and diaper cream per child. There is no residency requirement, just a need. They welcome donations of baby lotion, baby body wash/shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, baby food, baby blankets, burp cloths, bibs and gently used clothing.

Check out the Irish Hills

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

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‘Like therapy’

Handmade in the digital age

Younger generations are getting hooked on ‘granny hobbies’



Devan Morgan shows off a sweater featuring a popular internet meme during a Sip and Stitch group at Musgrove and Co. in Tecumseh. Photo submitted.

BY KELLY OVERHOLT
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Younger generations are trading in streaming services for VHS, video games for puzzles and board games, and processed foods for meals made from scratch. Now, that yearning for a simpler, more analog life is extending into their hobbies.

According to Tecumseh District Library’s teen librarian, Andy Jackson, more teens are becoming interested in chess and hacky sack, while middle school-age girls are showing increased interest in needlecrafts.

Adrian College recently launched a crochet and knitting club for students, while local knitting and crochet groups are seeing more participation from Gen Z, millennials and Gen X. These so-called “granny hobbies” are finding a new generation of crafters, but one question remains: Why?

Change of pace

For some, the answer may be simple: slowing down in a digital world and having something to show for their free time.

“People are overwhelmed with the constant digital connection. People want to have something that makes them feel productive but doesn’t make them feel worse when we’re done with it,” said Laura Borden, a millennial and owner of The Shepherd’s Loft in Blissfield. “For me, knitting is that end-of-the-day unwinding, turning off my brain and doing something that makes me feel good. I’ve never looked on Facebook at the end of the day and felt better than when I started.”

Ironically, social media may also be helping fuel the resurgence.

“You see all these projects on social media, and you’re like, ‘Oh, that’s so cool I wish I could do that,’” said Maegan Ford, Gen Z and office manager for The Shepherd’s Loft. “Then you watch videos to figure out how to make it, and you just kind of start doing it. Then you realize how much fun it is.”

Borden added that the hobby can become more than something to do alone. It can also be a way to socialize and support local businesses.

Every Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., The Shepherd’s Loft hosts a Sip and Stitch event in downtown Blissfield, alternating between the yarn shop at 122 S. Lane St. and The Starling Lounge across the street.

The event inspired Borden to open The Shepherd’s Loft, which opened in June. The shop specializes in yarn made from sheep and alpaca, with an emphasis on Michigan agriculture. They also offer beginner classes and a fix-my-stitch clinic where anyone can bring in a project that’s gone awry to get Borden’s advice on how to correct it.

Most of the shop’s products are sourced and hand-dyed in Michigan, including Borden’s own small-batch yarn, Mitchell Wool Co.’s plant-based dyed yarn, and handspun and hand-dyed yarn from Strawberry Blue Farms in Tecumseh, which is

also sold at The Matthews House Shop in Tecumseh.

Borden said there are advantages to choosing handmade, natural fibers over mass-produced.

“At big box stores, the yarn for the most part is acrylic, so you are essentially knitting plastic,” she said. “If you want to have something that’s going to last for 40 years like a 100% wool sweater, then I think that’s the advantage of using hand-spun and dyed yarn over acrylic.”

Personal touch

That combination of sustainability, individuality and affordability may be part of what is attracting younger crafters.

“Depending on the materials you use, knitting clothing can be less expensive and more durable,” said Michelle Beechler, owner of Tink and the Frog in Adrian. “It’s also fun because you can make it however you want, and nobody else will have it. You also made it yourself, so you’re going to treat it with a little more respect than something you bought.”

Since March 2022, Tink and the Frog has offered everything from hand-dyed yarn and tools to patterns, books, bags and kits. But Beechler said the shop’s purpose goes beyond selling supplies.

“People can buy yarn anywhere. What makes our shop special is our goal to help people find a project and help guide people through the learning and project process from finding a pattern to their yarn and everything in between,” she said. “We are an inclusive store and welcoming to everybody. We really try to make the whole experience fun and inspiring.”

Tink and the Frog offers subscription boxes and hosts several beginner classes and social events, including Social Stitching, Stitches and Stories Book Club, and an upcoming virtual Have a Ball Fall Crawl on Sept. 19-20 and 26-27 where crafters can visit different yarn shops online via Zoom.

Crafting community

Knitting and crochet are only part of the revival. Sewing and quilting are also making a comeback.

Shanna Navarre, owner of The Striped Tangerine in Tecumseh, believes part of the appeal stems from the craft’s ability to relieve stress.

“The fiber arts are commonly used to help with anxiety, depression and socializing,” Navarre said. “I think crafting is a modern-day form of self-care.”

Navarre learned to knit from her grandmother at age 6 and crochet from her mother as a preteen. Her interest in sewing grew after her husband was deployed to Iraq in 2005. She eventually launched The Striped Tangerine as an Etsy shop in 2012 and now sells accessories for fiber artists, including project bags, notion pouches, needle cases, yarn squatchers and embroidered

totes at festivals and online at thestripedtangerine.com.

Her favorite projects are those that allow her to collaborate with other makers.

“It’s so neat to see everything come together when multiple people are working on something inspired by the same starting point or image and how each person interprets something,” Navarre said.

That individuality is part of the appeal of the fiber arts, especially in the sewing community, where fabric choices are nearly endless. The Quilt Patch in Tecumseh alone offers over 8,000 bolts of fabric along with a wide variety of classes and Sew Days where crafters can bring in their machines and receive help with projects.

Local shops aren’t the only way to get a feel for the craft. Navarre said that attending festivals helps the learning process and is a good way to meet other crafters.

“Festivals helped me see that there is so much more to one craft than what one sees by looking at a finished sweater or pair of socks,” Navarre said.

Navarre also noted that she has seen a rising number of young adults at festivals and expos.

“It’s refreshing to see such a diverse group of shoppers come into my booth,” she said. “I love when I see multiple generations of a family shopping together. It’s beautiful.”

For some, that connection between generations is at the heart of the hobby’s resurgence.

“My mom was an avid knitter, and I learned all my skills from her and knit with her needles. I have many sets from aunts and friends who are no longer able to craft,” said Sonja Downey, group leader of Tecumseh’s Sip and Stitch group and Tecumseh District Library’s supervisor of circulation services. “When I knit or crochet with these tools, I fondly think of all my dear loved ones and feel very connected to them.”

Downey said needlecrafts

also engage the senses and the brain, from feeling different textures and admiring colors to following patterns and calculating stitches.

“The beauty is that the person doesn’t even know they are employing these skills,” she said.

Perhaps the biggest benefit is community.

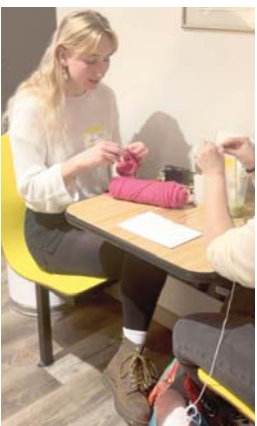
“I frequently hear from crafters that their weekly or monthly get-together for crafting is their therapy,” Downey said.

Tecumseh’s Sip and Stitch group, which was started by Sara Hilton and Lora Kasik four years ago, holds an annual Knitting with a Purpose event in which members create items for charity. Its most recent project involved making port pillows for cancer patients.

The group meets every first Tuesday of each month at Musgrove and Co. from 5-7 p.m., and the Tecumseh District Library offers additional crafting groups throughout the month as well as online crafting tutorials.

While the finished project may be as simple as a scarf, dishcloth, bag or quilt, crafters say the real reward is often something less tangible.

“The main part is to share community, creativity, and knowledge,” Downey said. “Sharing among a crafting group is a huge aspect of why crafting is fun.”



Michelle Beechler, owner of Tink and the Frog in Adrian, says “knitting clothing can be less expensive and more durable. It’s also fun because you can make it however you want, and nobody else will have it.”



Above: From left, Randy Morgan and Sarah Hanson take part in a knitting and crochet group Aug. 27 at Tink and the Frog in Adrian. At left, Hailey Hilton takes part in a Sip and Stitch group at Musgrove and Co. in Tecumseh. Photo submitted.

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Obituaries

Helmut Ferdinand Scheiner

Helmut Ferdinand Scheiner, 92, passed away on September 7, 2026, surrounded by friends and the caring staff at the Hospice of Lenawee. Helmut's friends will gather on October 15, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Cambridge Junction Cemetery.

Helmut was born on September 20, 1933, in Gleiwitz, Germany, to Arthur Scheiner and Rosa (Samel) Scheiner. Helmut married the love of his life, Hildegard, on March 12, 1971, in Detroit, Michigan.

Helmut was a talented and accomplished professional artist. He ex-



Helmut Scheiner

pressed his creativity and love of life through his paintings. He was also a proud and dedicated employee of Ford Manufacturing, where he worked for more than 20 years.

He and his wife enjoyed escaping the Michigan winters by snowbirding to Florida, where they could relax, enjoy the sunshine, and make even more cherished memories together.

Helmut found joy in the simple things that made life meaningful, especially time spent with his beloved dog Charlie. He cherished his time on the West Shore of Sand Lake, where he built his own home. Some of his happiest moments were spent on the lake and sharing time with his many lake

friends. He lived a healthy and active life and appreciated the beauty of the outdoors and the friendships he made along the way.

He will be remembered for his creativity, hardworking spirit, independence, love of the lake, and the memories he left behind. Helmut will be missed by his many friends on the lake.

Helmut was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Hildegard, and sister, Rosa. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Lenawee, or memorial contributions may be given to the family for future designation. Please leave a message of comfort for Helmut's family or sign his guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.

Sandiland Gail (Bowen) Langschied

January 31, 1941 -
August 27, 2026

Sandiland Langschied passed away peacefully on Aug. 27, 2026 at her home in Brooklyn, MI. Sandiland will be missed by her loving husband Gene Langschied, her children Letha (Pete) Nichols, Maggie Horsch, Kim Nieto, Lee (Ann) Langschied, Jake (Melanie) Langschied and grandchil-



Sandiland Langschied

dren: Dakota (Amanda) Spreeman, Bryce (Jill) Nichols, Kohl (Arianna) Nieto, LeeAnn Langschied, Greg, Alissa, and Brooke Langschied, Kyle (Paige) Horsch, Vivian (Misael) DeLaCruz. She was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Lois Bowen, her aunt and uncle Lanny and Gail Walla and stepson John Langschied.

Sandiland was a graduate

of Saline High School and Michigan State University and Jackson Community College. Sandiland was a active member of Abundant Life Church.

She enjoyed time spent with her family loved all aspects of horses from riding them to smelling them.

On Sept. 26, 2026 at Abundant Life Church there will be visitation at 2 p.m. and a service at 3 p.m. and lunch to follow.

In Lieu of flowers please make a donation at Abundant Life Church.

Death notices

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

Ilsiah Vernon Williams, 79, Blackman Township;
Carol Christine Sprague, 76, Blackman Township;
Lester Allen Koch, 71, Leoni Township;
Gerald Dean Woodruff, 89, Columbia Township;
Betsy Elizabeth Wiggins, 79, Stockbridge Township;
Andrew Lindsay Nichol, 63, Waterloo Township;
Norman Edward Ion, 72, Waterloo Township;
Jack Blake Carmichael, 88, Blackman Township;
Charles Pryce Ancona, 85, Blackman Township;
Melissa Rebecca Elm, 62, Summit Township;
Wallace Bruce Goldsmith, 79, Spring Arbor Township;
Mary Louise Lausch, 94, Blackman Township;
Fred Allen Carter Jr., 67, Jackson;
Larry Earl Lentz, 75, Blackman Township;
Charlene Moore, 95, Jackson;

Michelle Lenore Adams, 74, Leoni Township;
Doris Kay Lohrke, 67, Leslie Township;
Harold Glaspie, 92, Jackson;
Violet Marie Conger, 89, Blackman Township;
Mary Joy Shrader, 95, Summit Township;
Joshua Lee Renfer, 35, Blackman Township;
Dale Vaughn Kinch, 93, Blackman Township;
Edward William Waldron, 69, Liberty Township;
Robert Frank Trowbridge Jr., 66, Summit Township;
Kevin L. Curtis, 55, Blackman Township;
Jane Theresa Gudwin, 72, Jackson Township;
Harry Douglas Nelson, 76, Blackman Township;
Dale James Carpenter, 77, Jackson;
Janice Lee Thomas, 60, Jackson;

Marriage licenses

Cierra Sowle, Jackson County Clerk, reports the following recent recorded marriage License applications:

Martell Davon Watkins, Jackson, and Shannon Michelle Moss, Jackson;
Sarah Elizabeth Readmond, Jackson, and Hayden Todd Cousineau, Jackson;
Caleb Matthew Tate, Jackson, and Kaitiin Elizabeth Butters, Jackson;
Madison Emma Marie Underwood, Leslie, and Liam Michael Dollard, Leslie;
David Lee Trippett, Jackson, and Heather Rashell Penrod, Jackson;
Brooke Laura Gagnon, Jackson, and Arthur Charles Standlick IV, Brighton;
Brooklynn Ann Marie, Springport, and Brent James Krotzer, Springport;
Alexis Morgan Hightower, Stockbridge, and Nathan Charles Salyer, Munith;
Alexis Marie Pann, Jackson, and Fnu Haris, Beachwood, OH;
George Edward Johnson, Jackson, and Pamela Renee Moyers, Spring Arbor;
Kylie Hunter Jones, Jackson, and Roger Henry Hayward, Jackson;
Dennis Michael McCall, Jackson, and Vanessa Kay Brown-ing, Jackson;
Kelsey Marie Thomas, Jackson, and Dallas Christopher-Le-land Olney, Jackson;
Parker James Mcandrews, Jackson, and Bethany Noel Pe-terson, Jackson;

Larry Edward Towery, Jackson, and Marie Lynn Knight, Jackson;
Collin Mitchell Skonieski, Brooklyn, and Joy Ann Drassler, Brooklyn;
Haley Ann Ferris, Jackson, and Kyle Alan Bonney, Jackson;
Jiytel Marquise Wilson, Jackson, and Madison Kay Richards, Jackson;
Payton Narice Charles, Stockbridge, and Jesse Lee Sisson, Stockbridge;
Jenna Anne Maske, Jackson, and Xavier Francisco Buentello, Jackson;
Elizabeth Mae Rieman, Jackson, and Conner Tracy Van-dusen, Jackson;
Colin William Duncel, Jackson, and Jessica Charlee Pi-otrowski, Jackson;
Bryce Alan Montie Black, Jackson, and Aloysia Callista Gutierrez, Jackson;
Joshua James Scott, Jackson, and Marley Nicole Custer, Jackson;
Christopher Lee Miller, Muskegon, and Monica Juanita Curtis, Jackson;
Kristen Marie Rumon, Grass Lake, and Nicholas Michael Prentice, Grass Lake;
Noah Edward Brown, Jackson, and Brianna Leigh Ray, Jackson;
Rachel Rene Hagen, Grass Lake and Brian Thomas O'-Toole, Grass Lake;
Emily Mae McCostlin, Paducah, KY, and Jaedin Darrel Sklapsky, Paducah, KY;

Camp Liberty Fall Festival/5K Run and Nature Walk Sept. 26

Camp Liberty in Norvell Township is rolling out the fun for their annual Fall Festival and 5K Trail Run/Nature Walk on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The run/walk starts at 10 a.m.; participants should arrive at 9 a.m. Participants can expect a very scenic course on the 137-acre parcel the camp occupies. Register and pay for the run/walk at runsignup.com.

The Fall Festival kicks off at 11 a.m. and the fun does not stop until 3 p.m. The festival includes live music, archery, a mobile shooting range, hayrides, horse rides, Cornhole, camp tours, a petting zoo, a bounce house, food trucks, a 50/50 raffle, giveaways, fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, military vehicles, and much more.

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Beatles vs. Stones at Potter Center

Jackson College will be hosting a Beatles vs. Stones musical showdown on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Potter Center. Taking the side of the Fab Four is Abbey Road, one of the country's top Beatles tribute bands. They engage in a musical "showdown" of the hits against premier Stones tribute band, Satisfaction.

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Garden M

Columbia remains undefeated in conference



Auden Kennedy of Columbia Central High School celebrates after scoring a goal against Grass Lake during a home match last week.

Grass Lake, Manchester battle to rare tie, Onsted defeats Michigan Center

Photo, story by Jeff Steers
Exponent special writer
Columbia Central High School won a pair of Cascades Conference matchups last week. The Golden Eagles defeated Leslie and Grass Lake remaining undefeated in conference play. Here are boys' soccer results from last week.

Columbia Central 2, Grass Lake 0: Columbia Central remained undefeated in Cascades Conference play with the home win. Auden Kennedy scored on a header four minutes into the game for CCHS. David Munro sealed the win with a goal with three minutes left in the contest.

Zach Schultz earned his second shutout of the season for Columbia Central.

Grass Lake 0, Manchester 0: The two teams battled to a rare 0-0 score in Cascades Conference soccer.

Columbia Central 8, Leslie 0: The Golden Eagles enjoyed an easy win at home in Cascades Conference action. Eli Hawley scored four times in the contest for CCHS. Auden Kennedy scored two goals and Dylan Stiles and David Munro each added one goal for CCHS. The Golden Eagles are undefeated in conference play.

Onsted 9, Michigan Center 5: Brix Bumpus and Sawyer Murphy both scored hat tricks for Onsted. Arrone Santuari also scored a pair of goals for the Wildcats.

Eaton Rapids 5, Columbia Central 1: The Golden Eagles' modest three-game winning streak comes to an end on the road Saturday.

Onsted 4, Manchester 3: Arrone Santuari scored two goals and Brix Bumpus and Nico Candela each scored one for the Wildcats. Candela's goal was the game winner for Onsted. Gunes Akyldiz and Carson Formsma earned the win in goal for OHS.



Avery Rhodes of Napoleon High School watches her shot head toward the green during a Cascades Conference jamboree at Sharp Park Golf Course.

On the links

Columbia Central, Napoleon, Grass Lake all competitive at jamboree

Photo, story by Jeff Steers
Exponent special writer

Three high school area golf teams were competitive at the Vandercook Lake jamboree last week at Sharp Park Golf Course. Columbia Central was second with a score of 212, Napoleon was third scoring 215, and Grass Lake finished fourth with 223 in the jamboree. Here are area scores and highlights from high school golf last week.

East Jackson Invitational: Lumen Christi finished second (411), Columbia Central and Michigan Center tied for fourth (434), Grass Lake placed sixth (439), Napoleon was right behind the Warriors (459), Northwest was eighth (468), Hanover-Horton was 10th (505), and Addison finished 11th (541) at Calderone Golf Club. Peyton Best of Lumen Christi finished second individually (92), Katelyn Ault of Napoleon tied for fourth (94), teammate Avery

Rhodes and Columbia Central golfer Maddy Truax tied for seventh (97), and Haley Stimer of Concord and Jai-lyn Bruneel of Lumen Christi tied for 10th (100).

LCAA at Madison: The jamboree scheduled to be played at Rustin Glen was rained out last Wednesday.

Vandercook Lake jamboree at Sharp Park: Michigan Center won the jamboree with a team score of 200. Columbia Central was second (212),

Napoleon placed third (215), Grass Lake was fourth (223), Hanover-Horton finished fifth (248), Addison placed sixth (256), and Vandercook Lake was seventh (296). Mallory Gilson of Michigan Center earned medalist honors with a 44, Avery Rhodes of Napoleon was second (46), teammate Katelyn Ault finished third (47), Karsyn Smith of Michigan Center was fourth (48), and Aubry Koch was fifth (49).

High school sports schedule Sept. 14 – 21



Football

Sept. 18	
Vandercook Lake at Addison	7 p.m.
Jonesville at Columbia Central	7 p.m.
Manchester at Grass Lake	7 p.m.
Hanover-Horton at Napoleon	7 p.m.
Onsted at Clinton	7 p.m.

Volleyball

Sept. 15	
Addison at Manchester	6:30 p.m.
Grass Lake at Columbia	6:30 p.m.
Leslie at Napoleon	6:30 p.m.
Onsted at Clinton	7 p.m.
Vandercook at H-H	6 p.m.

Sept. 17	
Vandercook Lake at Hudson	5 p.m.
Sept. 19	
Addison at Clinton	8:30 a.m.
SAU Invitational	8 a.m.
Onsted Tournament	9 a.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 15	
Onsted at Hillsdale	5 p.m.
Sept. 16	
Vandercook at JPEC Invitational	TBD
Sept. 17	
Grass Lake Invitational	4:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Sept. 14	
Manchester at Columbia Central	5:30 p.m.
Grass Lake at Jonesville	5:30 p.m.
Onsted at Hillsdale	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	
Michigan Center at Columbia Central	5:30 p.m.
Leslie at Grass Lake	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	
Grass Lake at Hillsdale Academy	5 p.m.
Sept. 21	
Columbia Central at Grass Lake	5:30 p.m.

Girls Golf

Sept. 16	
Addison Jamboree (Lake LeAnn)	1 p.m.
LCAA At Ida	3 p.m.
Sept. 17	
County Invitational (Cascades)	9 a.m.

Boys Tennis

Sept. 15	
Columbia Central at St Mary	4 p.m.
Sept. 16	
Gabriel Richard at Columbia Central	4 p.m.
Sept. 21	
Tecumseh at Columbia Central	4 p.m.

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Promising freshman



Stylar Ross of Onsted High School was second overall at the Springport Cross Country Invitational last week in the Division 2 race.

Ross second at Springport XC Invitational

Girls Cross Country
Stylar Ross of Onsted High School finished second overall at the Springport Invitational at Springport High School.

The Onsted freshman finished the 5K course in 20 minutes, 20 seconds in the Division 2 race.

Here are results from cross country during a busy week of running.

Hudson Invitational: Avery Haynes of Columbia Central finished fourth overall in 21:49. Adella LaSota of Jackson Prep was eighth with a time of 22:40.

Springport Invitational: Concord High School won the Division 2 girls' race with 38 points. Onsted was third (79) and Springport placed sixth (123). The Yellow Jackets took four of the top seven places as Audrey Pyle won the race (21:33), Haley Stimer was third (22:31), Audrey Rinehart was sixth (23:20), and Olivia Chadwell was right behind her (23:24). Stylar Ross of Onsted was second overall (22:20), and Kennedy Moore of Springport placed 11th (24:06). Olivia Khon of Northwest finished second (23:35) and teammate Natalia Hernandez placed fifth (24:41) in the girls' Division 1 race.

Spartan Invitational: Lumen Christi Catholic High School won the event with 79 points as Samantha Schroeder won the race in 19 minutes, 12 seconds. Maisey Toteff of Hanover-Horton finished sixth (20:13), Avery Haynes of Columbia Central was eighth (20:36), and Lilly Kimble of LCCHS was 17th (21:18). Napoleon finished 11th as a team (269), Grass Lake was right behind the Pirates (292), Hanover-Horton placed 14th (338), and Springport was 25th (640). Avery Jones of Grass Lake was 26th to earn a medal (21:38) and Avery Berkeypile of Napoleon finished 38th (22:36).

Homer Invitational: Homer finished third in their own invitational Saturday. Molly Johnson

of Homer was second (23:11) and Grace Gillin finished eighth for Addison (24:49).

Boys Cross Country
Hudson Invitational: Eli Fassett of Columbia Central High School finished 10th in 19 minutes, 55 seconds and Thomas Bastain of Jackson Prep placed 12th in 20:28.

Springport Invitational: Northwest finished third in the boys' Division 1 race with 52 points. Adam Whitney of Northwest was seventh (20:30) and teammate Jaxen Mezo was eighth (20:52). Concord finished second in the Division 2 race (66), Springport was third (81), and Onsted placed fifth (88). Owen Sanford of Springport finished fourth (19:18), Alex Hunt of Onsted placed fifth (19:32), Keaton Smith of Concord was right behind him (19:36), David Arbogast of Vandercook Lake was seventh (19:39), Jase Herendeen of Concord placed eighth (19:42), and Aidan Bradley of Springport was ninth (19:52).

Spartan Invitational: Hanover-Horton had two runners in the top four earning the team title with 69 points. Lumen Christi finished third (124), Grass Lake placed 15th (413), Napoleon was 21st (510), Springport was 25th (635), and Columbia Central was 30th (686). Connor Boteler of Grass Lake finished 36th (17:58), Blake Fish of Napoleon was 42nd (18:10), and Eli Fassett of CCHS placed 82nd (19:25) in the event. Cooper Flick of Hanover-Horton was second overall (16:04), teammate Chad Tyson was fourth (16:37), Soren Crosthwaite of Lumen Christi finished right behind him (17:00), LCCHS teammate Avery Morrow placed eighth (17:07), and Rocky Bolton of Lumen Christi finished 10th (17:08) in the nearly 300-runner field..

Homer Invitational: The host school finished fourth (118), Addison placed fifth (128), and Jackson Prep sixth (140) in the eight-team competition. Max Barron of Tekonsha was second (17:38), Ethan Huff of Homer was third.

CCHS finally gets outside for boys tennis



Photo by Jeff Steers/Exponent Newspaper

After a week of temperatures in the 90s and rain, Columbia Central's boys tennis team had a chance to compete outside. The Golden Eagles lost to Northwest (8-0) but defeated Bronson (2-1) at home last week. Columbia Central and Bronson competed with three matches Friday. Charlie Tippie, pictured, earned a hard-fought three-set win taking the third set 10-6 at No. 2 singles. Carson Luppo/Cameron Brown won easily at No. 1 doubles 6-0 and 6-0 for CCHS.

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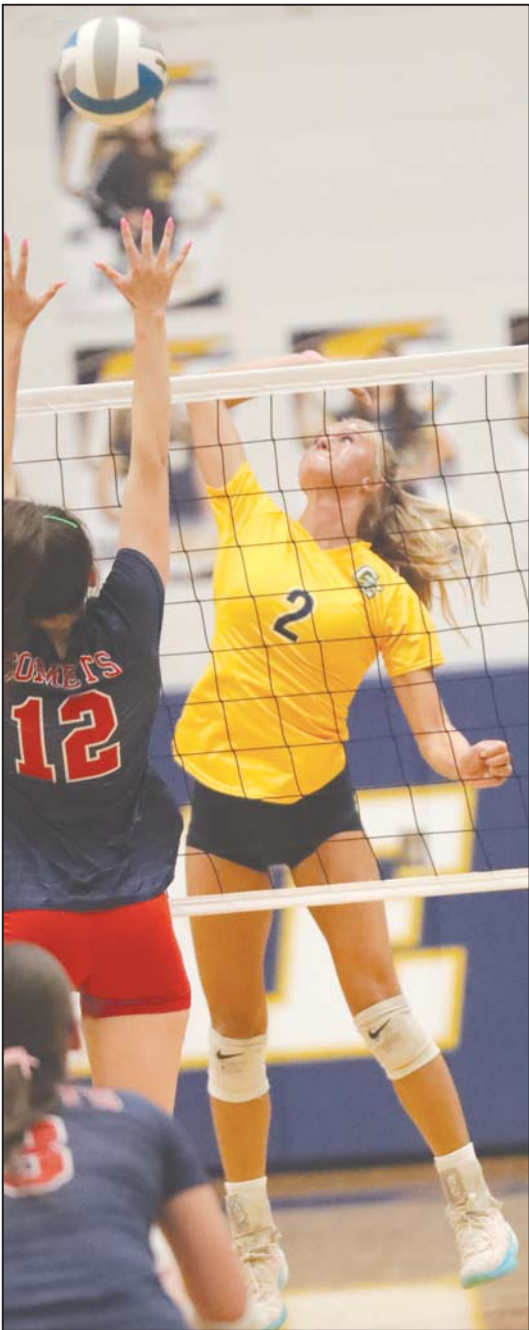
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Grass Lake takes down defending champs

Napoleon undefeated at Mt. Morris Quads, Columbia Central takes second at Mason Invitational



Reese Lape spikes the ball for a kill against Hanover Horton.

Clair Beer tallied 23 kills and 24 digs and Myla Hasegawa notched 21 kills and 27 digs to lead the way for the Pirates.

Hallie Duvall topped the Napoleon scorecard with 35 digs, while Lydia Warner had a team-high 28 assists and Jenna Yob added 16 assists for the Pirates, now 9-2 overall on the season.

Columbia at Mason Invitational

The Columbia Central Lady Eagles finished second in the Mason Bulldog Invitational Saturday at Mason, falling to the host Bulldogs in the championship.

The Eagles went 3-3 in pool play earlier in the day, going 1-1 against Jackson High (25-23 & 21-25), losing to the Mason Bulldogs in two sets, while beating Ovid Elsie in two sets (25-12 and 25-22).

Columbia redeemed themselves in bracket play, defeating the Jackson Vikings (3-2) and taking down the number one seed Sturgis Trojans 2-1 in the semifinals, before falling to Mason in the championship.

Lydia Sanders and Mara Henry combined for 76 kills on the day to lead the Lady Eagles. Sanders tallied 40 kills, 35 digs, and served up five aces while Henry notched 36 kills, 27 digs, 13 aces, and 12 blocks.

Brooke Johnson contributed 23 kills and 30 digs along with three blocks and two aces. Brooke Petosky ran the Eagles offense tallying 63 assists to go with 20 digs, three kills, and five aces. McKenna Hoskins added 41 assists, made 21 digs, and served up two aces. Harlow Zuver chipped in with 27 digs, five aces, and four kills and Leelyn Brown contributed 13 kills and five blocks.

25, 17-25 and 21-25 last Thursday night in LCAA conference play.

Onsted was led by Lauren Terakedis who was 11-12 serving, dishing out eight assists, and making eight digs. Ava Deland went 9-10 serving with two aces, made eight digs, and divvied out 10 assists.

Hadley Ross who was 7-8 serving with one ace, four kills, one block, and six digs. Alana Ramsey went 6-7 serving, making three kills, one block, and five digs. Grace Teske was 7-9 serving and scooped 13 digs. Ella Ruttof-sky contributed seven digs while going 4-5 serving.

Addison at Northwest

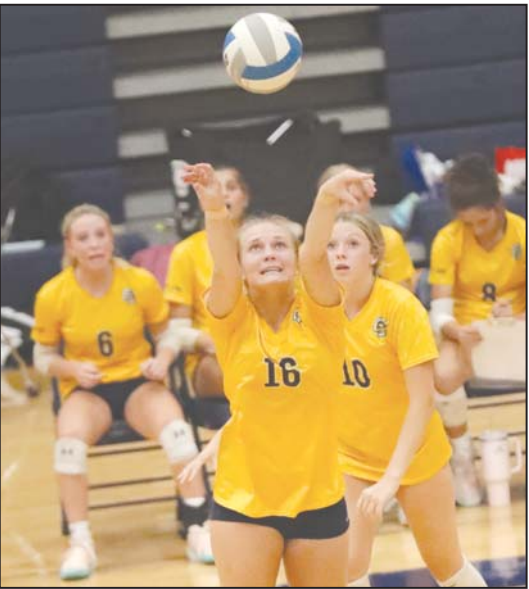
The Addison Lady Panthers fell to the Northwest Mounties in three sets, 19-25, 19-25 and 20-25 last Tuesday night at Northwest in a nonconference contest.

Addison at Michigan Center

In Cascades Conference action last Thursday night at Michigan Center, the Lady Panthers fell to the Cardinals in four sets, starting strong with a hard fought 26-24 win but dropping the next three sets, 12-25, 15-25 and 19-25 to fall to 1-2 Cascades Conference play.

Addison at Airport Quads

The Addison Lady Panthers went 0-2 at the Carlton Airport Quads Saturday, falling to the host Jets, 18-25 and 22-25, and the Erie Mason Eagles, 20-25 and 15-25.



Kayley Laurie sets a ball in play against Hanover Horton. Photos by Paul Snyder.

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Hanover Horton at Grass Lake

Coach Cassie Andonian and her Grass Lake Lady Warriors took down the defending Cascades Conference champion Hanover-Horton Comets in four very competitive sets last Thursday night at Grass Lake to improve to 3-0 in Cascades Conference play.

The Warriors dropped the first set 22-25, before coming back to take the next three sets 25-23, 25-19, and 25-23.

Reese Lape and Vivian Vitale led the way for the Warriors as Lape made 24 kills and went 18-18 serving with three aces for 11 points, while Vitale went 17-19 serving with three aces for 12 points and added 20 digs.

Hayley Laurie dished out 45 assists directing the offense and Sydney Palmer contributed 38 digs in the Warrior win.

Napoleon at Mt. Morris Quads

The Napoleon Pirates picked up three wins a week ago last Friday (Sept. 4) at the Mt. Morris Quads, defeating Alpena 25-13, 25-17, and 25-23; the host Mt. Morris Panthers in four sets, 25-21, 24-26, 25-22 and 25-18, and the Bronson Vikings in three sets 25-20, 25-18, and 25-12.

Myla Hasegawa and Claire Beer combined for 71 kills for the day, Hasegawa getting 36 and Beer 35. Hallie Duvall made 63 digs, Lydia Warner chipped in with 46 assists, and Jenna Yob contributed 35 assists.

Napoleon at Manchester

The Napoleon Lady Pirates suffered their second loss of the season last Thursday night, dropping a tough five-set match to the Manchester Lady Dutch at Manchester.

The Pirates took the first set 26-24, dropped the next two sets, 16-25 and 20-25, bounced back with a 25-19 win in set four, only to fall in the fifth and deciding set, 13-15.

Columbia Central at Leslie

The Columbia Central Lady Eagles picked up a Cascades Conference road win last Thursday night at Leslie, taking down the Blackhawks in four sets, 25-16, 25-21, 21-25, and 25-17 to improve to 3-0 in Conference play.

Mara Henry and Lydia Sanders led the way for the Lady Eagles. Henry tallied 13 kills, eight blocks, 12 digs, and three aces. Sanders slammed 12 kills and matched that with 12 digs.

Other key Columbia contributors included Brooke Johnson who had seven kills to go with 18 digs and four aces, McKenna Hoskins with a team-high 16 assists along with eight digs and four aces, and Brooke Petosky who chipped in with 13 assists, seven digs, three blocks, and served up two aces.

Onsted at Ida

The Onsted Lady Wildcats fell on the road to the Ida Bluestreaks in three sets, 13-15.

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Columbia, Napoleon continue to roll

Golden Eagles, Pirates both win by 20, remain undefeated; Addison, Onsted suffer big losses



Sammy Truax and his Golden Eagle teammates sprinted to a 27-0 first half lead and never looked back. Photo by Paul Snyder.

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By Paul Snyder

Columbia Central 48,
Grass Lake 28

The Columbia Central Golden Eagles are off to their best start since 2019 after taking down the Grass Lake Warriors 48-28 Friday night at Columbia Central for their third straight win of the season.

The Golden Eagles raced to a 27-0 first half lead as Sammy Truax connected with Trent Troy on a three-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter. Julian Boardman then raced for a 53-yard touchdown in the second quarter, followed by halfback Elias Losey connecting with Dylan Penix for a 10-yard score and Bauston Pilaczynski dashing in from a yard out just before halftime.

The Warriors attempted to get back in the game starting the second half with an 80-yard scoring drive when Wesley Reul connected with Will Ford for a 32-yard touchdown pass.

The Eagles responded on their first drive of the second half when Boardman broke free and raced 51 yards for his second touchdown of the night. Columbia then thought they may have put the game out of reach on their next possession when Cyler Neelis scored on an 11-yard touchdown run to go up 41-7.

However, Grass Lake's Reul then connected with Camron Prater on a 40-yard touchdown pass and two-point conversion pass early in the fourth quarter and a minute later Prater picked off a Columbia Central pass and

raced 41 yards for a Grass Lake touchdown for a 41-22 score with 9:25 remaining. All of a sudden the Warriors were back in the game.

The Eagles recovered a Grass Lake onside kick attempt at the Columbia 49 yard line and five plays later Truax connected with Penix again, this time on a 29-yard scoring pass coupled with Eli Hawley's sixth extra point of the night made it 48-22.

The Warriors were able to put together one more scoring drive of 74 yards with Reul hitting Noah Orban for a 38-yard touchdown pass with a little more than four minutes to play.

Boardman led the Eagles rushing attack with 140 yards on seven carries and Pilaczynski tallied 85 yards on six carries.

Truax connected on 11 of 17 passes for 187 yards, with Troyer making six receptions for 78 yards, Losey three catches for 67 yards, and Penix grabbing two receptions for 40 yards.

Liam McMurtry anchored the Columbia defense with 10 tackles, Bode Rangler notched eight tackles and one sack, and Cyler Neelis had six tackles and a sack.

For Grass Lake, Reul passed for 327 yards connecting on 14 of 21 attempts. Braden Snyr had three receptions for 134 yards, Will Ford four catches for 93 yards, Camden Prater three receptions for 38 yards, and Orban added one catch for the 38-yard touchdown. Gage Salts led the Grass Lake running attack with 78 yards on 16 carries.

The Warriors, now 0-3 on



Columbia's Bauston Pilaczynski and the Golden Eagle defense would not let Grass Lake out of their grasp.

the season, return home to face the Manchester Flying Dutchmen (2-1) while Columbia Central will host the Jonesville Comets (2-1) this Friday.

Napoleon 32
Jonesville 12

The Napoleon Pirates ruined the grand opening of the Jonesville new LDK Athletic Complex Friday night, taking down the Comets 32-12 to remain unbeaten at 3-0 on the season.

Zavior Skog, the workhorse for the Pirates, rushed for 176 yards on 15 carries. He scored Napoleon's first touchdown, dancing in from 38 yards out in the first quarter. Teammate Jayden Servis scored twice in the second quarter, capping off Pirate scoring drives with a 24-yard

scamper and slamming it in from two yards out for an 18-0 halftime lead.

The Pirates put the game away in the third quarter with Gage Breining scoring from four yards out on Napoleon's first possession of the second half. Marcello Flores crowned the Pirates' next possession, going the final six yards to paydirt.

The Pirates offense again dominated with their tough ground attack, running the ball for 303 yards on 62 attempts. Ashton Warner, Carson Warner, and Davis Tallman anchored the Pirates defense with Ashton Warner making nine solo tackles, Carson Warner six solo tackles, and Tallman adding five solo tackles, seven tackle assists, and a fumble recovery.

The Pirates return home this Friday to take on the defending Cascades Conference champion Hanover Horton Comets (2-1).

Hanover-Horton 56
Addison 6

The Addison Panthers were soundly beaten by defending Cascades Conference champion Hanover-Horton 56-6 Friday night on the road to fall to 0-3 on the season.

The Comet running combo of Austyn Hocter and JJ Russ were too much for the Panthers, combining for 326 rushing and five of the Comets' eight touchdowns on a total of 481 yards rushing for the night.

Andrew Huston scored the Panthers only touchdown of the night on a two-yard run in the fourth quarter and completed one pass to Michal Beard for 37 yards. Beard led the Addison ground game with 42 yards rushing on 11 carries.

The Panthers return home this Friday searching for their first win of the season when they take on the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks (1-2).

Ida 42
Onsted 14

The Onsted Wildcats suffered their third loss of the season Friday night, falling to the Ida Bluestreaks 42-14 at Ida.

The Wildcats had trouble keeping Ida out of the end zone as the Bluestreaks scored six unanswered touchdowns in the first three quarters before Wildcat Carter Paquin broke loose for a 53-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter and Connor Kish capped a fourth quarter drive scoring from nine yards out.

Kish finished the night with 111 yards rushing for the Wildcats.

Thing don't get any easier for the Wildcats this week as they travel to Clinton to take on the Redwolves (3-0).

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