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‘He was always there’

Brooklyn businessman, community champion dies



Rich Turner, above, who owned and operated the Brooklyn Party Shoppe, died September 15.

“Every time the skies light up with fireworks over the Village of Brooklyn, remember his incredible heart and legacy of service. I know I will.”

Cindy Hubbell
President/CEO
Greater Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce
Regarding the legacy of Rich Turner

By Matt Schepeler

Richard ‘Rich’ Turner, who many describe as a champion of the community, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026 after a prolonged illness. He was 82 years old.

Turner owned and operated the Brooklyn Party Shoppe for most of his adult life. While he was known for his community involvement – primarily through putting on the fireworks show every Independence Day, Turner also quietly helped hundreds, if not thousands of people in ways that never made the news.

In fact, one does not have to look very far to find a “Rich Turner story” in Brooklyn.

“I remember when my mom died,” said Dorothy Booth, who sells advertising for The Exponent. “It was raining and we went to the grave site, and I got a flat tire. It was just a terrible day. We called the Party Shoppe, and it was Rich that came to help.” She said when he showed up, she was crying and Rich quietly listened while he fixed her flat. “He never charged me for it,” said Booth, adding that Rich made one of the most difficult days of her life also memorable in a good way.

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For the love of Don



The Cement City community has come together in support of Don Warren, shown above with his wife, Judy, who is battling cancer.

Residents pull together to help one of their own

Story and photos
By John Hummer
Editor

One could easily get the vibe from just being at his benefit event that Don Warren, of Cement City, is a very well-liked man. A couple hundred of his family, friends, and neighbors came together this past Saturday, Sept. 19, to support Don in his fight against glioblastoma, a form of brain cancer. The event took place at the City Saloon in Cement City.

What was originally called a Benefit Ride for Don Warren ended up being primarily a benefit concert, dinner, and silent auction due to rain earlier in the day Saturday that pretty much doused the ride part of the event. Nonetheless, it was a busy evening filled with supportive hugs, smiles, music, and hope centered around Don. One hundred percent of the proceeds went to support Don’s fight against the disease.

“He’s devastated that he can’t be here because he had another backslide in his cancer journey,” said Don’s wife, Judy. “But we are humbled and full of grace with the turnout of support.”

Judy described Don as “the most giving” person one could meet. “People are attracted to him because of his aura – his calmness, his zest for life,” she explained. “He would give the shirt off his back. He’s a very humble guy. I’m honored to be his wife.”

Don grew up in Ann Arbor as one of seven kids and graduated from Ann Arbor Huron High School. He worked a large part of his career for DNC Plumbing (later became Ferguson Plumbing) on Jackson Road in sales. He eventually retired from Ferguson Plumbing. Don and Judy have two adult children, Alyssa and Amanda.

Alyssa says that her dad has a great love for his grandchildren, Kenley, 9, and Tristan, 5. One of the special times he en-

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Brooklyn’s Jodi Wilber, left, purchased some 50-50 tickets from Lindsey Wisniewski and her daughter, Anna Wisniewski at the Don Warren benefit Saturday evening.

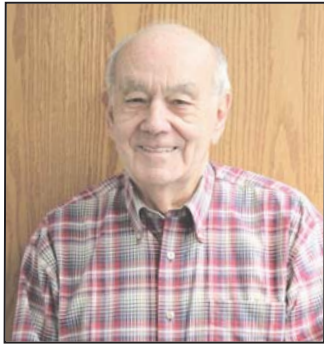


Two of the band members from Poor Aliestr: Chris Southwell on guitar and Buck Southwell on harmonica rocked the crowd at the Don Warren benefit at the City Saloon in Cement City Saturday evening.



There were many family and friends of Don Warren at his benefit Saturday evening. This photo is of his daughter and family. From left: Alyssa (Warren) Smith, Don’s daughter; nephew Tristan, 5; niece Kenley, 9, and son-in-law Gareth Smith.

Township honors long-time public servant



Above: William “Bill” Gentner will be honored for his life dedication to public safety and his work with both the Irish Hills and Cambridge Township fire departments. The photo at the bottom of the page shows Gentner from the 1962 Southeast Mutual Insurance magazine.

By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

At the September 9 Cambridge Township Board meeting, Resolution #2026-12 was adopted which re-names the Wamplers Lake fire station, (Cambridge Station Number 2), as The William R. Gentner Fire Station.

Cambridge Fire Department Chief Scott Damon shared the following sentiments on the honor:

“Bill Gentner was an integral part of the building’s development, and the land on which it stands was generously donated by his family many years ago. During the early years of his business, Gentner Trucking, Bill also hauled all the sand needed for the building site at no cost.

“Bill served as fire chief for many years and was a dedicated supporter of fire, emergency, medical, law enforcement, and public-safety services throughout Cambridge Township. His leadership, knowledge, and vision helped establish the strong foundation upon which our department continues to serve today.

“Naming this building in Bill’s honor ensures that his service, generosity, and commitment to our community will be remembered for generations to come.”

A formal sign reveal and dedication is in the works, per Cambridge Township officials.



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In fact, Booth's story was no outlier. Turner frequently helped people keep their automobiles on the road, sometimes charging very little, or nothing at all, if they were down on their luck.

"He was always ready to go help," said Rich's son, Rocky, who now operates the business. Rocky said if his dad got a call, no matter the time of day, he would go down to the store, get the wrecker and go help whoever was broken down on the road.

But Turner didn't just show up when he was needed. He usually showed up with a corny joke or a smile on his face that let people know that a broken down car wasn't the end of the world.

"He always had a joke for you, and it didn't matter if you had heard it a 100 times," said Rocky.

Besides helping keep Brooklyn's cars on the road, Turner was "a community guy". As long as his health allowed, he loved putting on the fireworks show, and did everything from fundraise to purchase the fireworks to setting them off.

"He was known as the button man," said Rocky, as selling fireworks buttons was a way to let everyone invest in

the show. Today, a fireworks show can cost north of \$30,000 due to the rising cost of fireworks, licensing, the hiring of professional pyrotechnicians, and other peripheral expenses. Turner managed to keep the cost down by donating all his time, along with a group of volunteers. He would drive to pick up the fireworks, took care of storing them, wired them up and set them off with a team that enjoyed working with him.

In 2003, the then-Brooklyn/Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce named Turner its Citizen of the Year. Gary Schuch, who presented the award, noted at the time that Rich was the perfect choice to receive the award.

"Whether it was Little League Baseball – or if the softball program needed a little extra effort, Rich was there with a little help," said Schuch.

"In fact, I don't know of anyone that Rich has ever turned down."

Over the years, that equated to helping a lot of people. One woman who wanted to remain anonymous remembers him helping her pay for her gas when she was broke and needed to get to work. One widow noted at the Exponent counter that

"After my husband died, Rich would help me out whenever I did something stupid with the car, or it wouldn't start."

For accuracy's sake, it should be noted that Turner was complex, and shouldn't be pigeonholed into being thought of a pushover. He was not a pushover. While he often had a twinkle in his eye, and many Brooklyn residents knew him as "one of us" who enjoyed a cold beer and a good time, Turner would not hesitate to call a spade a spade.

When Village of Brooklyn officials neglected to fix a storm drain behind his store that was not properly draining, he approached the council at a meeting and told them in no uncertain terms that he had a problem with the way they had not fixed the drain, and as long as he had a problem, they had a problem, and would continue to call them out until it was fixed.

The drain was repaired in short order.

Besides blowing up fireworks, Turner also loved motorsports and NASCAR. He enjoyed driving his Harley Davidson with his wife, Doreen, who would sometimes fall asleep on the back, and was an avid snowmobiler.

As a businessman, Turner tried his hand with various things at his store over the years. He once sold Arctic Cat snowmobiles and even sold bicycles for a while, but his bread and butter remained the store, gas sales and auto repair.

"He taught me everything I know," said Rocky, noting that over the years the business model has changed, due in large part to the electrical component in modern vehicles.

With all of the lives Turner touched, it is safe to say that he will be remembered in ways as diverse as the community itself.

Cindy Hubbell, President/CEO of the Greater Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce, noted that he "was a true business leader of Brooklyn who spent decades giving back to the town he loved."

"I had the privilege to work with him on the fireworks for 10 years, and he was truly one of a kind. Every time the skies light up with fireworks over the Village of Brooklyn, remember his incredible heart and legacy of service."

"I know I will," she said.

Turner's memorial service was held Monday, September 21. A complete obituary appears on page 5.



This group of family and neighbors of Don Warren enjoyed some time together at his benefit Saturday evening. From left: Alyssa (Warren) Smith, Don's daughter; old neighbors Susie Neff, Sandie Neff, and Teri Neff; and Don's wife, Judy Warren.

Don Warren fundraiser . . . from page 1

joys with them is Halloween. "We love having family costumes together," Alyssa said. "He also loves swimming and just being around friends and family. He's just so giving." She noted that her dad also enjoys fishing with the kids. They live in Florida, so

"Papa" (as the kids call him) has taken them to Disney and they have fun playing in their pool when he goes down to visit their family.

Alyssa said her dad always did things with her when she was a child as well. They played tennis and softball to-

gether. In addition, "He always supported my dancing and we loved ice skating," she noted, adding that her dad made an ice rink every winter.

"There are so many words I could say about him, but he's been an incredible father for over 40 years of my life and is always there for us and my kids," Alyssa shared. "And now we're here for him."

Kenley and Tristan sent handprints up from Florida with the message, "Don't let the hard days win." That is now the motto the family uses with Don when needed.

"He's very personable and caring, and is a good brother," said his sister, Mary Ann Somers. "Him being sick has been really hard on everyone."

"Don has always been a loving, caring person in the family," said his nephew, Chris Somers. "He always cares greatly about all of us and includes everyone in

family activities. We pray for him daily."

Pat Collins of Brooklyn has been a friend of Don's for many years. "He is as nice a guy as you will ever meet in your life," he said. "He's as true as they come. It's a darn shame he's going through this. However, as is evidenced by the number of people and the enthusiasm [at the event], you can see that everyone extremely fondly received him. What a great occasion here in Cement City."

For anyone who missed Don Warren's benefit event and would like to make a donation, contact Danielle Fell, Don's niece and co-owner of the City Saloon, at 517-879-6813 or stop in to see her during hours when the saloon is open.



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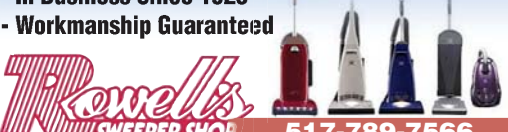
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This is the 50th reunion committee for Columbia Central Class of 1976 that worked hard to put their celebration together. Front, from left: Tammy Hersha, Kathy Sutherland, and Kathy Maybee. Middle, from left: Patty Hoag, Terry Early, and Jay Davenport. Back, from left: Joann Carpenter, Sue Richards, Kraig Hardcastle, Kevin Hardcastle, and Mark Szczepanik.

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Cement City man sentenced on drug charges

By John Hummer Editor

A Cement City man will be spending considerable time behind bars after his arrest and sentencing on multiple drug charges.

In December 2025, the Columbia Charter Township Police Department and the Region of Irish Hills Narcotics Office (RHINO) investigated 61-year-old Lyle L. Lewis of Cement City on suspected narcotics distribution.

The investigation and search warrants yielded evidence to support crimes Lewis committed, including multiple drug-related offenses. Subsequently, he was arrested on May 1, 2026, by the Columbia Charter Township Police.

As a result of the investigation, the Lenawee County Prosecutor's Office charged Lewis with five counts of Controlled Substance-Delivery/Manufacture of Methamphetamine, punishable by up to 20 years in prison, and one count of Controlled Substance-Maintaining a Drug House, punishable by up to two years in prison.

Lewis entered into a plea agreement and pleaded to Controlled Substance-Delivery/Manufacture of Methamphetamine – a Controlled Substance violation. As a result of the plea, Lewis was sentenced on August 28 to a term in the Michigan Department of Corrections of two to 10 years of incarceration.

Should you have tips of any criminal activity, please contact the Columbia Charter Township Police Department at 517-592-3122. Tips can be left anonymously.

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Letter to the editor

Telling widow to ‘just move on’ not becoming a teacher

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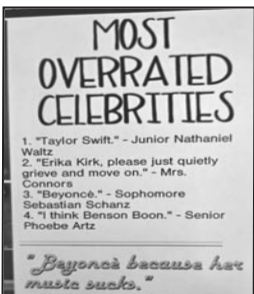
I am a Grass Lake community member and a parent of current and former students. I am sharing photos of a yearbook page distributed to students this year. Under “Most Overrated Celebrities,” it prints: “Erika Kirk, please just quietly grieve and move on.” The yearbook attributes that comment to Mrs. Connors.

I wrote to Grass Lake Community Schools Superintendent Nick Angel because I found a statement telling a

grieving person to move on—deeply troubling, especially with the community’s Relay for Life event scheduled for Friday, September 18. I am not saying the comment was made at that event or directed at its participants. In his September 16 written reply, Mr. Angel said the statement appeared in last year’s yearbook, was missed by student and adult editors, and “absolutely should have been omitted.” He apologized, said it does not reflect the district’s values, and de-

scribed it as “taken out of context.” I appreciate the acknowledgment, but I believe families deserve a clearer explanation of how the words ended up in the yearbook and what “taken out of context” means here. The attached close-up shows the wording and attribution; the wider photo shows its placement on the yearbook page.

Mark Schafran, Grass Lake



Submitted photo of yearbook comment made by Grass Lake teacher

Onsted council ‘cautious’

Judgements questioned; progress made

Story and Photo
By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

At the Onsted Village Council September meeting, three ongoing items found votes of confidence to move forward. These involved the position of the clerk’s pay, the question of whether or not to keep a tenant in the apartment above the village offices, and the Chamber of Commerce’s quest for placement approval of a historic sign.

Based on the hiring agreement for Nicole Sumpter as clerk with the position rolling into an office manager position, the board voted to adjust her salary by raising it to meet the Manager’s pay which was specified at the time of the interview and hire.

In regards to the tenant apartment, during the final public comment section, Jennette Kruger, the current tenant, requested an extension until January 1 for when she needed to vacate the apartment. She explained, raising the money to cover expenses

moving into a new apartment complex was taking a while. This request ignited a discussion among the council regarding how the prior vote to terminate the lease came about.

Mike Slick voiced concern that someone had told the council “lies” about the condition the apartment was being kept in which may have caused members to vote in a manner they otherwise would not have. This led to a question on if the vote could be retaken.

President Schafer explained Robert’s Rules of Order and the purpose behind the relevant rule. In discussing the legality of Robert’s Rules, the board voted to extend the tenant’s lease from the prior voted termination of September to an extension through the end of November to further review the situation. The vote tied 3-3 and Schafer cast the tie-breaker to pass the motion.

Finally, Onsted Chamber of Commerce President Sara Sollars and Historical Com-



Diane Newell updated the council on the Chamber’s historical sign project and requested approval to place the sign on the exterior of the Village Office’s south wall.

mittee Chairwoman Diane Newell asked the council to approve the placement of a 4x6 sign on the outside, south side of the Village Office building. The sign will explain and highlight early history of Onsted Village.

The board voted to ap-

prove the placement contingent upon Ken Gaucci providing an updated visual and detailed explanation of the sign materials as well as the process and materials he plans to use to install the sign.

Marriage licenses

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

Chery Marie Gilmore, Pleasant Lake, and Richard Dean Shafor, Pleasant Lake; Lauren Nicole Hendricks, Spring Arbor, and Jake Reece Martin, Charlotte; Kinsey Nicole Ruffner, Jackson, and Jakob Raymond Saari, Jackson; Jacob Michael Haskell, Jackson, and Brianna Elizabeth Bailey, Jackson; Charisse Renee Craw, Jackson, and Alan Martin Stenli, Chesterfield; Anastasia Grace Woody, Michigan Center, and Joseph David Gehlmann, Pinconning; Abigail Michelle Osborne, Grass Lake, and Henry David Stoner, Grass Lake; Hailey Kathleen Miracle, Horton, and Jordan Ray Leathead, Jackson; Haley Marie Kennedy, Jackson, and Sean Michael-Patrick Dwirer, Jackson; Baylie Ann Overbaugh, Brooklyn, and Zachary Edward Montgomery, Brooklyn; Austin John Robinson, Jackson, and Caitlyn Rachel Kidle, Brooklyn; Jaeleen Morgan Otto, Jackson, and Jacob Wade Tracy, Jackson; Antonio Raymundo Avant, Jackson, and Kayla Anne Flannery, Jackson; Jada Brynn Schultz, Pleasant Lake, and Trevor Alan Blankenship, Pleasant Lake;

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Columbia Charter Township fire department report

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Rescue: South Main Street

September 12
Rescue: Crego Road

September 13
Rescue: Constitution Avenue

September 14
Rescue: School Street/Water Street; **Rescue:** Ocean Beach Road; **Rescue:** West Mill Pond Drive;

September 15
Fire: School Street; **Rescue:** Claremont Circle; **Fire:** Daugherty Road/Monroe Pike; **Rescue:** Reed Road; **Rescue:** Delamater Street; **Rescue:** Claremont Circle;

September 16
Personal Welfare-PWC: Palo Alto Drive; **Rescue:** South Main Street; **Rescue:** Lane Street.

Village of Brooklyn Council passes ordinance to save businesses money on water connections

By John Hummer
Editor

At its Sept. 14 meeting, the Brooklyn Village Council unanimously approved (with one “reluctant aye”) new ordinance language for the upcoming village ordinance rewrite that will ultimately save small businesses sharing space on their water connections.

The problem, as explained by Village Manager Matt Swartzlander, is that since the implementation of ordinance language in 2018, businesses sharing the same

space and facilities (example: Choate Marketplace) have been charged an additional “ready-to-serve” charge *per business*.

A key sentence in that part of the existing ordinance reads: “The property owner shall be responsible for payment of monthly readiness-to-serve, commodity charges, and connection fees for *all units* (italics added for emphasis) served by a single service lead.

“The shared use of the same facility has minimal impact on the overall usage of

the utility serving the property,” Swartzlander explained.

As part of the motion, the council approved a new definition for “shared commercial space” for use with village ordinance Sec. 58-8. (c)(1) – Existing connections to multiple commercial units.

The approved language says: To be eligible as a “shared commercial space” the following criteria must be met; 1. A shared public entrance; 2. Shared common facility use within the commercial space, i.e. restroom

and kitchen; 3. Shared common space and facility must be accessible by all tenants at all times; 4. Must be located at same U.S. postal service address; 5. Site does not currently have separate metered facilities; 6. Each business space does not already have own facilities; and 7. Sewer REUs based on Leoni [wastewater treatment plant] service charge would still be applicable for the property.”

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Obituaries

Brenda J. Jacobs

Brenda J. Jacobs, 86, of Nokomis, Florida, passed away on Sept. 10, 2026, at her home, surrounded by family. She was born in Clinton, Michigan to Maurice and Jeraldine on February 12, 1940.

She spent many years as a banker in Clinton and Onsted and worked as a secretary at her church in Clinton, Michigan.

Brenda spent many years playing golf, and enjoyed watching it on televi-



Brenda Jacobs

sion. She loved spending time with her friends, doing activities, and occasionally going to the casinos. She loved to visit with her grand and great-grand children.

Brenda lived in Lenawee County most of her life before moving to Florida with her son and daughter-in-law in November 2024. She would always say it's too hot to live in Florida, until one day when she asked to come. They loved having her with them.

Brenda will be missed, but she is in heaven with the man she married all those years ago, Ken, as well as her parents.

Brenda is survived by her son, Raymond, and his wife Susan; brother, Harold, and his wife Helen; three grandchildren, Nate (Holli), Ryan (Stephanie), and Bailey (Zach), seven great-grandchildren, including Mason, Emery, Eli, Wyatt, Owen, Adeline, and Cameron; many nieces and nephews; and a very special sister-in-law, Chris.

She was preceded in death by her parents, former husband Ken, and numerous family members.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a celebration of life in Michigan in the summer of 2027.

Richard Lee Turner

Richard Lee Turner, 82, of Brooklyn, passed away on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Rich's family and friends will gather from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.. on Sunday, September 20, at Eineder Funeral Homes – Brooklyn Chapel. His funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 21, at All Saints Episcopal Church, in Brooklyn, Mich; gathering to begin at 10 a.m. Pastor George Davinich will serve as celebrant.

He was born on January 8, 1944, in Connersville, Indiana, to Oliver and Mildred (Stewart) Turner. Rich married the love of his life, Doreen, on August 9, 1962, in Middletown, Ohio. He was a longtime member of the All Saints Episcopal church in Brooklyn, as well as the American Legion Wilber-Bartlett Post 315, the Cement City Masons, and the Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce; he



Rich Turner

was a founding member of the Jaycees Service Club and was a Jester in the Detroit Shriners. Rich loved racing, everything from mini-champ cars to snowmobiles, where he qualified to race in the Soo I-500 in 1969 and 1970. He had a passion for riding motorcycles and his SXS, golfing, bowling at Brooklyn Lanes, and was an avid NASCAR fan. Rich

loved all animals, especially his cat. Rich loved Brooklyn and was heavily involved in the community. For decades, he was involved with numerous downtown events and parades in Brooklyn, including one year when he gave Santa a ride into the Village on his Harley-Davidson. He was the driving force behind the Village of Brooklyn fireworks, personally organizing and overseeing every detail of the beloved community tradition from 1979-2017. In 1976, he

proudly continued the family business, operating the Brooklyn Party Shoppe and Service Center, where he built solid relationships and a connection with the community. Rich always had a joke to tell whenever someone stopped in.

Rich will be missed by his children, LeAnn (Jeff) Vincent, Lori (Wendell) Smith, Lisa (Dave) Elmer and Rocky (Jamie) Turner; siblings, James (Frankie) Turner, Thomas (Nancy) Turner, Penny (Jim) Gaetzi and Michael (Jo) Turner; Grandchildren, Jacob, Alyssa (Brent), Nicholas, Luke, Tyler and Katie; Great-grandchildren, Leighton, Parker and Stephen. Rich is preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Doreen; his parents; and his grandson, Logan.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Shriners Children's Hospital. Please leave a message of comfort for Rich's family or sign his guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.

Colleen J. Tripp

Colleen J. Tripp, 91, of Brooklyn, Mich., passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Colleen was born Aug. 6, 1934, to Fred and Emma Dressler, and grew up in Ottawa Lake, Mich. She graduated from Burnham High School in Sylvania, Ohio, won the Miss Sylvania pageant while in high school, and was very proud to have attended the School of the



Colleen Tripp

Art Institute of Chicago before marrying her husband of 60 years, Charles Ellis Tripp of Berkey, Ohio, in June 1954. They had three daughters, Sheryl, Lisa, and Sheila. Colleen was known and praised for her many talents, both artistically and in the kitchen, and renowned for her stunning and delicious cakes that became her business, pride and joy, and legacy!

Colleen is preceded in death by her parents, beloved mother/father/sister and brother-in-law, her husband Ellis (2012), and her daughters Sheila and Sheryl. Colleen is survived by her daughter Lisa Beck, beloved grandchildren Marisa Beck, Aaron (Sam) Beck, Emma Khoury, and Laura Khoury, and four beloved Great-Grandchildren. She will be sorely missed and forever in the hearts of all those who loved her so dearly!

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Gary Lee Green, 62, Napoleon Township;
Charles Harlow Savage, 89, Parma;
Dennis Michael Elliot Sr., 72, Southfield;
John William Kinch, 97, Jackson;
Michael Mosher, 78, Blackman Township;
Nolan Earl Stafford, 74, Jackson;
Roberta Jean Shafer, 69, Green Oak Township;
Melissa Jean Hurtado, 54, Albion;
Dennis Clair Bradley, 88, Springport;
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Janet Marie Dane, 69, Summit Township;
Carolyn Jean Palmer, 76, Blackman Township;
Maxine Ruth Mandeville, 102, Summit Township;
Deborah Leslie Holly, 77, Grass Lake Township;
Willie Melvin Heard, 77, Blackman Township;
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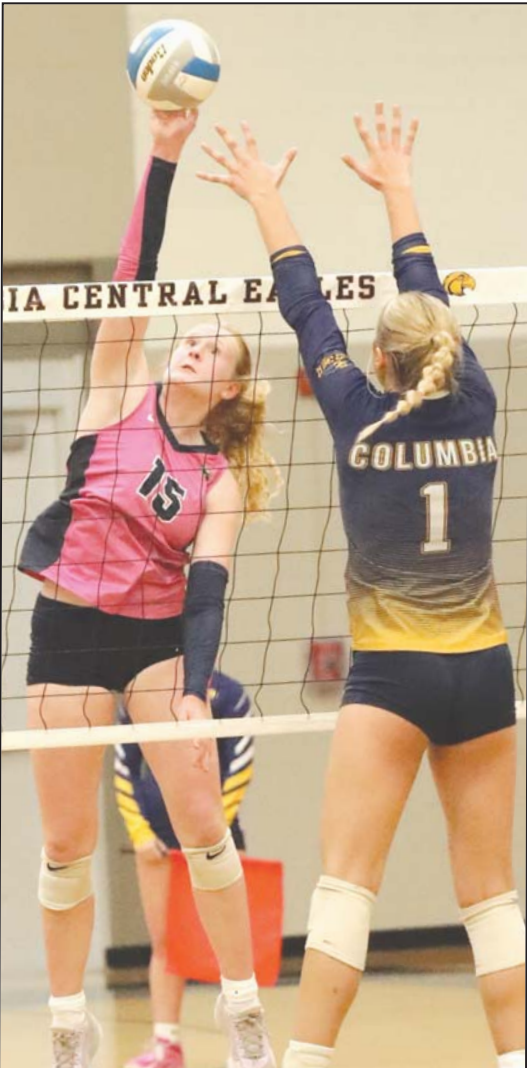
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Volleyball results

Warriors sweep Eagles to take top spot in Cascades



Grass Lake Warrior Hadleigh White, 15, tries to get a ball past Columbia Central defender Leelyn Brown, 1. Photo by Paul Snyder.

Story and photos
By Paul Snyder

Columbia Central vs. Grass Lake

In the battle for the top of the Cascades Conference, the Grass Lake Warriors took sole possession of first place sweeping the Columbia Central Eagles 25-19, 25-18, and 25-15 last Tuesday night at Columbia Central to improve to 4-0 in league play, while Columbia drops to 3-1.

Aliria Pastoriza went a perfect 15-15 serving with two aces and 13 points and Reese Lape made 10 kills to lead the Warriors. Hayley Laurie dished out a team-high 29 assists and Sydney Palmer amassed 24 digs.

Lydia Sanders made nine kills and six digs to lead the Lady Eagles, while Mara Henry contributed eight kills, five digs, and three blocks. Brooke Petosky dished out 12 assists and Harlow Zuver added eight assists.

Napoleon vs. Leslie

The Napoleon Pirates rallied back after being down two sets to one, taking set four 25-22 and the fifth set, 15-9, for the win against the Leslie Blackhawks last Tuesday night at Napoleon.

Claire Beer spiked 21 kills and handled 15 digs and Myla Hasegawa notched 15 kills and 19 digs to lead the way for the Pirates.

Hallie Duvall had a team-high 27 digs and Lydia

Warner shared 19 assists while serving up six aces. Jenna Yob contributed 16 assists.

With the win, Napoleon evens their Cascades Conference record to 2-2 on the season.

Manchester vs. Addison

The Addison Lady Panthers fell to the Lady Dutch of Manchester in three hard fought sets 25-19, 25-23, and 25-19 last Tuesday night at Manchester. The Panthers are now 1-3 in Cascades Conference play.

Clinton vs. Onsted

The Onsted Lady Wildcats fell to the fifth-ranked Clinton Redwolves 25-8, 25-11, and 25-15 in LCAA action last Tuesday night at Clinton.

Hadley Ross made seven kills and served up two aces for the Wildcats. Ava Deland had a team-high eight assists to go with seven digs. Grace Teske tallied 10 digs and was a perfect 3-3 serving for the Wildcats.

Onsted Invitational

The Onsted Lady Wildcats went 3-3 in pool play in their own Onsted Invitational Saturday, defeating the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks 25-8 and 25-11, splitting with Monroe Jefferson 20-25 and 25-19, falling to the Quincy Orioles 21-25 and 21-25, before ending the day falling to 10th-ranked Monroe St.

Marys, 17-25 and 8-25 in the semifinal of bracket play.

Hadley Ross slammed 28 kills and tallied 10 digs, while Ava Deland had 11 aces, going 33-42 serving, along with dishing out 24 assists and notching 18 digs, to lead the Wildcats.

Other key Wildcat contribu-

tors included Alana Ramsey with 10 blocks, six kills, and seven digs; Grace Teske who amassed 49 digs and was 13-17 serving with three aces, and Lauren Terakedis who dished out 25 assists and tallied 16 digs.

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Cross country highlights



Girls Cross Country Onsted at Hillsdale: Onsted High School finished sixth with 120 points. Styler Ross finished 10th overall for the Wildcats with a time of 23:15.

Grass Lake Invitational: Avery Haynes of Columbia Central won the event in 21:14; Avery Jones of Grass Lake was second in 21:44; Ayva Berkepile of Napoleon placed third in 22:07, teammate Madisyn Lindemann finished fourth in 22:39, and Makenzie Hilberer of Grass Lake placed fifth in 23:00.

Boys Cross Country Onsted at Hillsdale Onsted High School finished seventh with 161 points. Nicklas Holmes of Onsted finished 16th with a time of 19:51.

Sharp Park: Springport finished fourth (96), Homer was fifth (126), and Jackson Prep placed sixth (162) at the invitational. Jonesville easily won the event with 19 points. Ethan Huff of Homer was sixth overall in 17:46, Owen Sanford of Springport placed 10th (18:29), and David Arbogast of Vandercook Lake was 15th (19:07).

Grass Lake Invitational: Connor Boteler of Grass Lake won the Race for the Popsicles, running the 5K course in 17 minutes, 26 seconds. Blake Fish of Napoleon was third (17:50), Luke Balaze of Grass Lake finished fourth (18:42), Devin Hilliker of Napoleon placed fifth (19:05), and Eli Fassett of Columbia Central placed sixth (19:13).

JPEC Invitational at Vandercook Lake High School runner David Arbogast was 15th at the JPEC Invitational at Sharp Park with a time of 19:07. Photo by Jeff Steers/Exponent Newspaper

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High school football

Addison gets win, Columbia remains undefeated



Refurbished spirit bell dedicated: This group dedicated the refurbished “spirit bell” prior to last Friday night’s Napoleon home football game versus Hanover-Horton. From left: Jeff Conway, athletic director/dean of students; Bob Arthur, Virginia Kiser, Bob Snider, Marta Ross, and Napoleon Community Schools Superintendent Patrick Dillon. The bell restoration was dedicated to the Napoleon High School Gold Medal Class of 1973. Bob Arthur oversaw the project with restoration work done by Bossamer Bells in Brooklyn. Photo by Paul Snyder.

Story and photos
By Paul Snyder

Addison 36,
Vandercook Lake 27

The Addison Panthers gave Coach Casey Ruthenburg his first win as the Panthers’ coach Friday night with a 36-27 win over the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks at Addison.

Michael Beard scored three touchdowns for the Panthers on runs of five, 10, and 40 yards while rushing for 150 yards on 26 carries. Caden Olsosky scored on a 25-yard touchdown run and Logan Jewell added a touchdown from two yards out for Addison.

Landin Leffew kicked four extra points and made a late fourth quarter interception on defense to seal the Panther win.

Jewell led the Panthers’ defense with four solo tackles and two assists and Olsosky had two solo tackles and two assists. Leffew came up with a big fourth down goal line tackle stopping a Vandercook Lake scoring drive.

The Panthers, now 1-3 on the season, host the 3-1 Napoleon Pirates this Friday for homecoming.

Columbia Central 31
Jonesville 14

The Columbia Central Golden Eagles improved to 4-0 on the season Friday night with a 31-14 win over the Jonesville Comets at Columbia.



Will Ford (2) of Grass Lake High School attempts to get past a tackler during a home game Friday against Manchester.

Senior Bauston Pilaczynski rushed for 112 yards on seven carries, scoring two touchdowns and Julian Boardman ran for 86 yards on 12 carries while making one catch for 50 yards.

Sam Truax was 7-16 passing for 118 yards with one touchdown pass going to Trent Troyer for 34 yards as Troyer became Columbia Central’s all-time leader in receiving yards.

Kicker Eli Hawley was a perfect 4-4 for the night on extra points and connected on a 27-yard field goal for the Eagles.

Dylan Penix and Elias Losey came up big on the Eagles’ defense with two in-

terceptions apiece, with Losey returning one for 95 yards for a touchdown.

Liam McMurtry with 14 tackles, Troyer with 10 tackles, and Bode Rangler with eight tackles anchored the Golden Eagle defense.

The Eagles face a big test this Friday when they travel to Hanover-Horton to take on the defending Cascades Conference champion Comets (3-1).

Hanover Horton 45
Napoleon 14

The Napoleon Pirates suffered their first loss of the season Friday night as they got torpedooed by defending Cascades Conference

champ Hanover-Horton, 45-14 at Napoleon.

The Pirates started strong with an opening 13-play, 67-yard time-consuming drive with Zavior Skog going the final yard for the touchdown and running in the extra point for an 8-0 lead with 3:17 left in the first quarter.

The Pirates and Comets exchanged fumbles late in the first quarter with Jayden Servis recovering a Comet fumble on the Napoleon 22-yard line only to have the Pirates return the favor with a fumble two plays later at the Napoleon 15-yard line. On the second play of the second quarter, Hanover-Horton scored from seven yards out and tied the game with a two-point conversion.

The Comets took the lead just before halftime putting together a six-play, 53-yard drive for a touchdown and added another two-point conversion, making the score 16-8.

Hanover Horton took control in the second half scoring three unanswered touchdowns putting the Comets up 39-8.

Jayden Servis broke the Pirates’ scoring drought on Napoleon’s first possession of the fourth quarter, breaking free for a 69-yard touchdown run to make it 39-14.

A Comet player picked up a Napoleon onside kick attempt following the Pirates score and raced 42 yards for Hanover-Horton’s final score of the night.

Skog finished the night with 160 yards rushing for the Pirates, now 3-1 on the season. Napoleon travels to Addison this Friday to take on the (1-3) Panthers.

Manchester 46
Grass Lake 0

The Grass Lake Warriors got bulldozed by the Manchester Flying Dutchmen (3-1) 46-0 Friday night at Grass Lake to fall to 0-4 on the season.

Things don’t get any easier for the Warriors this week when they travel to Leslie to take on the Blackhawks (3-1).

Clinton 74
Onsted 0

The Onsted Wildcats were no match for the fifth-ranked Division 6 Clinton Redwolves Friday night, falling by a

whopping 74-0 at Clinton.

Onsted was held to only 58 yards total offense on the night while giving up 452 yards and 10 touchdowns to the 4-0 Redwolves.

The Wildcats (0-4) will look for their first win of the season this Friday when they host the Blissfield Royals (1-3) for homecoming.

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High school girls’ golf scores, highlights

Addison Jamboree at Lake LeAnn: Grass Lake High School picked up a Cascades Conference jamboree win, shooting 196 Wednesday. Napoleon finished second (200), Columbia Central was third (206), Michigan Center placed fourth (209), Hanover-Horton finished fifth (234), the host school was sixth (236), and Vandercook Lake was seventh (313). Katelyn Ault of Napoleon earned medalist honors with a 43; teammate Avery Rhodes was second, scoring 45; Mallory Gilson and Karsyn Smith of Michigan Center and Columbia Central teammates Aubry Koch and Maddy Truax tied for third, scoring 46; Macie Tucker and Emma Troyer of Grass Lake tied for eighth, shooting 49, and Ellie Roberts was 10th for GLHS (51).

Jackson County Invitational: Lumen Christi Catholic High School hosted the event at Cascades Golf Course. Napoleon finished second (407), the Titans were fourth (418), Michigan Center placed fifth (426), Columbia Central was sixth (454), and Grass Lake finished seventh (456). Mallory Gilson of Michigan Center was second overall (86), Katelyn Ault was fifth (92), her teammate Avery Rhodes was right behind her (93), Haley Stimer of Concord finished seventh (95), Karsyn Smith of MCHS finished tied for eighth (97), and Peyton Best of LCCHS was 11th (100).

LCAA Jamboree: Onsted finished fourth with 274 at Ida. Ruby Helinski finished 17th for Onsted with a 62.

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Four Corners Coffee is holding a Special Authors event on Friday, September 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. featuring Joel Walkowski, author of "Honolulu Blues: How Loving A losing Football Team Created A Winning Man".

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High school boys soccer scores, highlights

Columbia Central 8, Manchester 1: The Golden Eagles remained undefeated in Cascades Conference action at home Monday. Eli Hawley finished with four goals and two assists. Dylan Stiles, Auden Kennedy, Carter Hackworth and David Munro each scored one goal for CCHS. CCHS is 5-0 in conference play.

Grass Lake 3, Jonesville 1: Warriors improved to 3-2-1 in Cascades Conference play with the road win. Emmanuel Kongste, Gunnar Harbottle, and Adam Fautsch scored for Grass Lake. It was the first varsity goal for Fautsch.

Onsted 5, Hillsdale 1: The Wildcats earned a road win in Lenawee County Athletic Association play Monday. Arrone Santuari scored a hat trick for Onsted in the first half. Nico Candela and Francisco Harriero also scored in the second half for OHS. Carson Formsma earned the win in goal for Onsted.

Columbia Central 8, Michigan Center 0: The Golden Eagles struggled to defeat MCHS 4-3 last time on the road. Not this time. CCHS has won 6-of-8 matches – all six in the Cascades Conference. Eli Hawley finished with five goals, Auden Kennedy recorded two goals, and David Munro added another for CCHS. Zach Schultz finished with the shutout in goal for CCHS.



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Columbia at H-H	7 p.m.
Grass Lake at Leslie	7 p.m.
M.C. at Vandercook	7 p.m.
Blissfield at Onsted	7 p.m.

Volleyball

Sept. 22	
Jonesville at Add.	6:30 p.m.
Columbia central at Vandercook	5:30 p.m.
Napoleon at G.L.	6:30 p.m.
Blissfield at Onsted	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	
Addison at Hudson	5 p.m.
G.L. at Madison	5 p.m.
Maple Valley at Vandercook Lake	6 p.m.

Sept. 26	
Columbia Central at Haslett Invitational	TBD
Napoleon Inv.	9 a.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 22	
Cascades South Jamboree (HH)	5 p.m.
Cascades North Jamboree (Manchester)	5 p.m.
Sept. 26	
Pittsford Invitational	10 a.m.
Jackson Invitational	9 a.m.

Boys Soccer

Sept. 21	
Columbia Central at Grass Lake	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	
Jonesville at Columbia Central	5:30 p.m.
Grass Lake at Michigan Center	5:30 p.m.

Sept. 26	
Columbia Central at Lakewood	12:30 p.m.

Sept. 28	
Columbia at Leslie	5:30 p.m.
Blissfield at Onsted	5:30 p.m.

Girls Golf

Sept. 22	
Michigan Center Jamboree (Lakeland)	1 p.m.
Sept. 23	
LCAA at Madison	3:30 p.m.

Sept. 24	
Grass Lake Inv. (Hills HOL)	9 a.m.
Onsted at Clinton	9 a.m.
Sept. 28	
Onsted at Madison (Rustic)	1 p.m.

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