EXPONENT Sports

Golden Eagles district champs

David Munro scores winning goal as Columbia Central repeats as district's best

Above, left: David Munro (22) of Columbia Central High School scored the game-winning goal in the Division 3 district final last week at Milan High School. At right, the team celebrated their second consecutive district title after the game.

Photos, story by Jeff Steers
Contributing writer

Columbia Central High School soccer player David Munro has came up with a new use for the phrase "slip and slide."

The CCHS senior used it to score the winning goal in a 1-0 victory over Clinton in the Division 3 district final last week at Milan High School.

Columbia Central (14-8-1) advances to the regional semifinal against Grosse Ile (16-5) Tuesday at Notre Dame Prep near Pontiac.

Munro scored a goal for CCHS in the opening half of the district final and packed in the defense to slow down Clinton in the second half.

The senior slipped the soccer ball between the defender's legs and slid it in the goal.

"We look forward to playing in the regional," Munro said.

Columbia Central won its second consecutive district title since 2017 and 2018.

The Golden Eagles put leading scorer Eli Hawley in the back row as a center back defender.

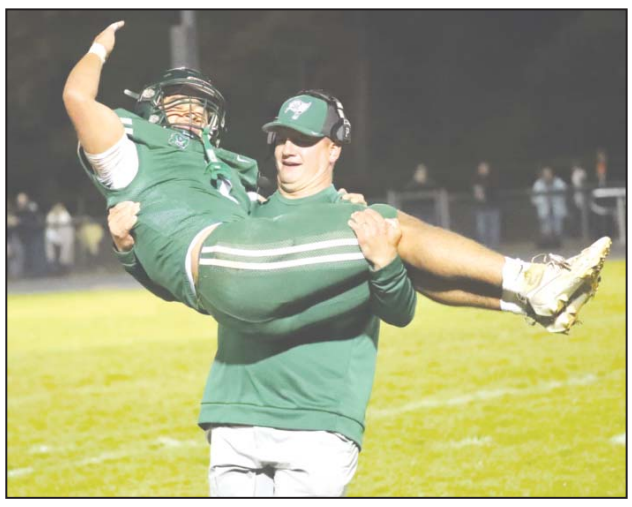
"That shows you how unselfish Eli is," Coach Kendon Smith said. "There was little chance Clinton was going to score with Hawley and Greyson Schiel back there."

Hawley has scored 33 goals and dished 15 assists for CCHS this season.

Zack Schultz registered his seventh shutout for CCHS in net.

The Golden Eagles face off against Grosse Ile at 5 p.m. in the regional semifinal. The winner faces the winner of Notre Dame Prep/Detroit Frontier Thursday at 5 p.m. at NDP.

Columbia Central 2, Grass Lake 0 (OT): After a scoreless half CCHS lit the lamp in overtime to win the Division 3 district semifinal at home Monday. Eli Hawley and Carter Hackworth scored for CCHS. Zack Schultz earned the shutout in goal for the Golden Eagles. Grass Lake finishes the season with an overall record of 8-9-2.



Napoleon and Columbia Central both celebrated the end of the regular season with victories. For a game summary, see page B3. To catch a preview of next week's action, see the Overtime insertion. Photo by Paul Snyder.

Cross Country All-Conference

The top 15 runners in the Cascades Conference meet were noted as all-conference for 2026. Exponent-area runners included Avery Haynes, who finished fourth, Avery Jones of Grass Lake who finished 10th, and Ayva Berkeypile who placed 12th in the event last week at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson. Photo by Jeff Steers.

Cross country regionals begin Friday

Columbia Central High School runner Clint Couchman, left, battles a runner at the Cascades Conference cross country final at Ella Sharp Park. Couchman finished fourth earning all-conference honors.

By Jeff Steers
Exponent special writer

Cross country regionals begin for a number of area teams at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson.

The top three teams and top seven individual runners not on qualifying teams will be entered into the MHSAA state finals Nov. 7 at Michigan International Speedway. Here are results from conference tournaments last week.

Girls Cross Country Cascades Conference Final at Ella Sharp: Leslie High School claimed the top spot in the Cascades Conference final Wednesday at Ella Sharp Park. The Blackhawks beat Jonesville 53-57, Hanover-Horton placed third (72), Napoleon was fourth (94), and Grass Lake scored 98 points. The final standings were the same as the jamboree results. Maisey Toteff of Hanover-Horton won the individual title in 19:32, Avery Haynes of Columbia Central was fourth (20:27), Brynlee Swihart of Hanover-Horton finished fifth (20:50), Avery Jones of Grass Lake was 10th (21:16), and Ayva Berkeypile of Napoleon earned first-team all-conference with a 12th-place finish (21:21). The top 15 individual runners earned all-conference honors.

LCAA Final: Onsted High School finished fifth with 105 points at Hudson. Stylar Ross finished third overall in 20:59 earning all-conference honors.

Boys Cross Country Cascades Conference Final at Ella Sharp: Hanover-Horton High School continued its dominance in boys cross country winning the Cascades Conference title. The Comets finished with 33 points edging out Jonesville by five points, Grass Lake was fourth (130), Columbia Central finished sixth (143), Napoleon was seventh (147), and Addison scored 202 points for eighth place. Caleb Blonde of Jonesville nipped Cooper Flick of Hanover-Horton 15:42-15:45 for the individual title. Chad Tyson of Hanover-Horton was third (16:18), a healthy Clint Couchman of Columbia Central was fourth (16:19), Wyat Hassenzahl of Hanover-Horton was fifth (16:28), Tyler Harris of HHHS was seventh (16:44), Connor Boteler of Grass Lake was 13th (17:15), and Blake Fish of Napoleon grabbed the final all-conference spot in 17:24. The teams finished in the same order as the conference meet in the final standings.

LCAA Final: Onsted finished sixth with 150 points in the eight-team final at Hudson. Nicklas Holmes finished 12th (18:06) and Alex Hunt was 17th (18:16) for Onsted.

Cross Country Regional - Oct. 30

Division 3 at Sharp Park: Bronson, Centreville, Columbia Central, Galesburg-Augusta, Hanover-Horton, Hillsdale, Homer, Hudson, Jonesville, Lumen Christi, Napoleon, Olivet, Quincy, Springport, and Union City. **D-3 boys at 3 p.m.; D-3 girls 4 p.m.; Awards 5:15 p.m.**

Division 4 at Sharp Park: Addison, Adrian Lenawee Christian, Britton-Deerfield, Camden-Frontier, Concord, Hillsdale Academy Hillsdale Will Carleton, Jackson Christian, Jackson Prep, Manchester, Morenci, Petersburg-Summerfield, Pittsford, Reading, Sand Creek, Vandercook Lake, and Waldron. **D-4 boys 3:30 p.m.; D-4 girls 4:30 p.m.; awards 5:15 p.m.**

Division 3, Oct. 31

At Willow Metropark, New Boston: Adrian Madison, A.A. Greenhills, Blissfield, Canton Prep, Clinton, Dearborn Advanced, Dearborn Robichaud, Detroit CMA, Detroit Cristo, Erie Mason, Grass Lake, Hope of Detroit, Monroe St. Mary, Onsted, Ottawa Lake Whiteford, Plymouth Christian, and Taylor Prep. **D-3 boys 10 a.m.; D-3 girls 10:40; awards at 11:45.**

Exponent high school sports schedule
Oct. 26 – 31

Football MHSAA Playoffs

Napoleon at Buchanan, Friday, 7 p.m.
Columbia Central at Lumen Christi, Friday 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Oct. 27	Northwest at Napoleon	6:30 p.m.
	Vandercook Lake Tri-Meet	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Madison at Columbia Central	6:15 p.m.
	Napoleon Tri-Meet	5 p.m.

Soccer Regional

Oct. 27 Columbia Central vs. Grosse Ile (Notre Dame Prep) 5 p.m.

Conference champs!

Grass Lake takes volleyball title

Above: Vivian Vitale (13) and her Warrior teammates have earned the school's second conference volleyball championship in four years. The team was all smiles (above, right) after winning the title. Photos by Paul Snyder.

Story and photos By Paul Snyder

Cascades Conference Tournament

Coach Cassie Andonian and the Grass Lake Lady Warriors captured the school's second Cascades Conference title in four years Saturday going 3-0 on the day. In doing so, they defeated the defending conference champ Hanover-Horton Comets 25-22 and 25-19 in the championship match for the outright title.

The road to the title didn't come easy as the Warriors defeated Leslie 25-22 and 25-23 in the semifinals and Jonesville 25-10 and 25-23 in the quarterfinals.

Several Warriors had big days to lead Grass Lake to the championship. Sophomore Sydney Palmer made 33 digs on the day to record her 1,000th career dig. Lily McVicker went 25-26 serving with five aces and 21points. Vivian Vitale was 25-27 serving with four aces, 17 points, and 27 digs, and Hayley Laurie amassed 63 assists.

Reese Lape and Aliria Pastoriza were big in the front line with Lape spiking 22 kills and Pastoriza slamming 17 kills to lead the Warriors.

Columbia Central went 2-1 on the day finishing third, defeating Leslie in three sets 25-22, 29-25, and 25-20 in the consolation game after falling to the Hanover-Horton Comets, 25-13 and 25-14, in the semifinals and defeating the Napoleon Pirates 26-24 and 25-21 to start the day.

Mara Henry made 36 kills, Brooke Petosky dished out 33 assists, and Leelyn Brown made 10 blocks to lead the Eagles.

The Napoleon Pirates finished in fifth place after falling to the Eagles in the opening round but rebounding to take down Jonesville 22-25, 25-12, and 25 17 and Michigan Center in three sets 26-24, 20-25, and 25-19.

Claire Beer amassed 40 kills, Myla Hasegawa 41 digs, and Jenna Job 40 assists to lead the Pirates.

The Addison Panthers finished ninth, defeating Vandercook Lake 25-20, 25-10, and 25-17 after falling to Jonesville in the opening round, taking the first set 25-20, but dropping the next two, 25-14 and 25-15.

Grass Lake at Vandercook Lake

The Grass Lake Lady Warriors capped off their Cascades Conference regular schedule last Tuesday night with a victory, sweeping the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks 25-4, 25-8, and 25-20 at Vandercook Lake to earn the number one seed in Saturday's Cascades Conference tournament with a perfect 9-0 record.

Hayley Laurie had 27 assists, Sydney Palmer 14 digs, Reese Lape 10 kills, and Vivian Vitale went 15-16 serving with eight aces and 14 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

Grass Lake at Clinton Quads

The Grass Lake Lady Warriors tuned up for Saturday's Cascades Conference tournament last Thursday night at the Clinton quads, taking down the Whiteford Bobcats in two sets, 25-8 and 25-16, and the host and fifth-ranked Clinton Redwolves in three very competitive sets. The Warriors dropped the first set, 25-19, but bounced back to take set two, 25-22, and the third set, 31-29, for the win.

Vivian Vitale went 20-21 serving and had 14 points to lead the Warriors. Hayley Laurie dished out 48 assists, Sydney Palmer amassed 45 digs, and Reese Lape spiked 17 kills to lead Warriors

Columbia Central at Addison

The Columbia Central Eagles swept the Addison Panthers 25-14, 25-14, and 25-15 last Tuesday night at Addison to take a 7-2 record into the Cascades Conference tournament Saturday.

Brooke Petosky had 18 assists, eight digs, and five aces. Lydia Sanders contributed 12 kills, Harlow Zuver tallied nine digs, two blocks, and three aces; and Leelyn Brown added six kills, six digs, three aces, and two blocks to lead the Eagles.

Blissfield at Columbia Central

The Columbia Central Lady Eagles held their annual Volley for Hope Cancer Awareness night last Thursday, taking down the Blissfield Royals in four sets 25-10, 19-25, 25-16, and 25-12.

Brooke Petosky dished out 23 assists, tallied 10 digs, and served up seven aces. Mara Henry slammed 21 kills, while Harlow Zuver scooped 16 digs and shared seven assists to lead the Eagles. Lydia Sanders and Bella Knapp contributed seven kills apiece and McKenna Hoskins added 12 assists and served up four aces.

Napoleon at Hanover-Horton

The Napoleon Pirates fell to the defending Cascades Conference champion Hanover-Horton Comets in three sets 25-20, 25-22, and 25-12 Tuesday night at Hanover Horton to fall to 5-4 in Cascades Conference play.

Onsted at Hudson

The Onsted Lady Wildcats fell to the Hudson Tigers in four sets in LCAA conference action last Tuesday at Hudson.

The Lady Wildcats bounced back from a 19-25 opening set loss to take set two 25-17 but dropped the next two sets, both by the score of 25-15.

Kayla Gerken tallied 13 kills and 12 digs to lead Onsted. Hadley Ross had nine kills and was 9-22 serving with two aces. Grace Teske dished out 30 assists, while Lauren Terakedis notched 22 assists and 12 digs. Paisely Murphy contributed six kills, three digs, and one block and Alana Ramsey added four kills and two blocks for the Wildcats, now 16-17-1 on the season.

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Football results

Eagles earn playoff spot, Napoleon rolls Wildcats

By Paul Snyder

Columbia Central 28
Ann Arbor Skyline 12

The Columbia Central Golden Eagles punched their ticket to the MHSAA football playoffs Friday for the first time since 2020 with a 28-12 win over the Ann Arbor Skyline Eagles Friday night in Ann Arbor for their sixth win of the season.

Junior running back Julian Boardman rushed for 140 yards on 18 carries and scored three touchdowns while senior Bauston Pilaczynski ran for 83 yards on 16 carries and scored one touchdown to lead the ground attack. Quarterback Sammy Truax was 5-6 passing for 47 yards.

Liam McMurtry had 11 tackles, Pilaczynski piled up 10 tackles, and Bode Rangler contributed eight tackles to anchor the Eagle defense, along with an interception and four tackles by Trent Troyer.

Columbia Central finishes the regular season with a 6-3 record. They move on to play Lumen Christi (7-2) in the Division 6 district pairings.

Napoleon 43, Onsted 3

The Napoleon Pirates sailed past the Onsted Wildcats 43-3 Friday on Senior Night at Napoleon to win their sixth straight game and finish the regular season with an 8-1 record.

Senior running back Zavior Skog led the Pirates offense with 162 yards on 19 carries, scoring two touchdowns from three and 32 yards out. Senior teammate Carson Warner ran for 117 yards on six carries, scoring on a 50-yard run and from four yards out. Fellow senior Jayden Servis rushed for 78 yards on seven carries, scoring on a 32-yard run and senior Mason Preece scored from 10 yards out as the Pirates ran for 438 yards on the night.

On defense, senior Ashton Warner made five tackles, fellow senior Davis Tallman had four tackles and two blocked passes, and junior Nolan Kirsch contributed three tackles, two assists, and a fumble recovery as the Pirate defense kept the Onsted offense in check most of the night. They held Wildcat running back Connor Kish to only 52 yards on 16 carries.

Note: To see a preview of this week's playoff action, see the Overtime insert in this week's paper.

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ROLLIN TOWNSHIP

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Rollin Township Board of Appeals will hold a zoning variance hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

Chris and Rene Mason, RL0-430-0030-00, 4545 Woerner Road, Manitou Beach, MI 49253, request a variance for a side yard setback. Notice sent per the Rollin Township Zoning Ordinance, Article XXIII and Section 23.03.

Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Rollin Township Hall, 730 Manitou Road, Manitou Beach, MI 49253.
Comments can be emailed to the Rollin Township Clerk at clerk@rollintownship.gov, 517-547-7786, Ext. 120.

Irma David,
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COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Columbia Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Charter Township Hall at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230, to consider the following request:

Zoning Map Amendment
Applicant: BBH Enterprises II, LLC
Location: Vacant Parcel on S Meridian Rd. (US-127)
Parcel ID: 000-19-19-326-001-06
Request: Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the parcel (1.5 acres) from Agricultural (AG) to Highway Service Commercial (C-3).

Information associated with the scheduled Public Hearing is available for public review at the Columbia Charter Township office during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Comments will be heard from the public at the hearing, or you can submit comments in writing to the: Columbia Township Planning Commission 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. All written comments will be entered into the public record and should be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the scheduled hearing date.
Columbia Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the public hearing to individuals with special needs upon five (5) days' notice to the Township Clerk (517-592-2000).

Cathy Hulburt,
Columbia Charter Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE

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Village of Grass Lake
119 N. Lake St., Grass Lake, MI 49240
(517) 522-4550
SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
The Grass Lake Village Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall.
Present: President David Keener, President Pro Tempore Jane Fitzgerald, Council Member Cindy Popovitch, Council Member Jennifer Stanton, Council Member Wes Shemwell. and Council Member Gina Lammers. Absent: Council Member Monica Stevenson Staff Present: Village Manager Sabrina Edgar, Village DPW Supervisor Paul Lammers, Village Clerk Jenifer Keener, and DDA Executive Director Mitzi Koors. Public: Dick Jarzynka, Robert Beneteau, Christine Kratzer, and Lorene Adams
Items Approved:
1. Amended agenda for October 6, 2026
2. Motion to approve minutes from September 15, 2026.
3. Motion to approve disbursements for September 30, 2026 and October 6, 2026 totaling $68,015.56.
4. Motion to adopt resolution 2026-10-06-1 Village of Grass Lake credit/debit card policy resolution with changes the council requested.
5. Motion to authorize notification to the effected taxing jurisdictions informing them of the fiscal and economic implications of the proposed Grass Lake Downtown Development Authority amended development plan and tax increment financing plan to ser the public hearing on the proposed amended development plan and tax increment financing plan for December 1, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. with the regular Village Council meeting to immediately following.
6. Motion to add Interim Treasurer Trudi Whitley and remove Treasurer Julie Muszynski to the financial accounts held at Choice One Bank, Southern Michigan Bank and Trust, Michigan Class, and Sigma effective October 19, 2026.
7. Motion to approve the purchase of a F250 from Gorno Ford for the amount of $69,974.00.

8. Motion to have the Village Manager Sabrina Edgar to obtain bids for the repairs needed for the existing building.
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.
Prepared by Clerk Jennifer Keener.
Approved by Village President David Keener

Respectfully Submitted by
Jennifer Keener
Village of Grass Lake, Clerk
Complete Copies of the meeting minutes are available at www.villageofgrasslake.com or upon request from the Village Clerk. Office Hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday, closed between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF GRASS LAKE DDA

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING
GRASS LAKE VILLAGE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
The Grass Lake Village Downtown Development Authority will hold the second meeting of the Development Area Citizens Council to review and provide input on the proposed Amended Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

Monday, November 2, 2026 AT 6 PM
Grass Lake Village Hall
119 N. Lake Street, Grass Lake, MI 49240

The meeting is open to the public.
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LEONI TOWNSHIP

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NOTICE

The Leoni Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing, Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan, 49254.

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Purpose of hearing: Rezone from AG to ML

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Cindy Norris,
Clerk

LEONI TOWNSHIP

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NOTICE

The Leoni Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing, Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan, 49254.

000-09-31-152-001-00
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Purpose of hearing: Site Plan

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Chevy Dump Truck (Needs TLC); Ford F-700 Stake Truck; Kaston Heavy Duty Running Gear; Ford 1-Ton 4 x 4 Dually Pickup (Needs Work); 2 Homemade Trailers.

SHOP EQUIPMENT – TOOLS
Large Assortment of Wrenches and Hand Tools of All Kinds; Clarke Rolling Toolbox; Clarke Sandblast Cabinet; Century Arc Welder; Several Log Chains.

ANTIQUES – COLLECTIBLES – Furniture
3 Nice Humpback Trunks; Buffalo Ice Box; Large Wardrobe; Large Carved Curved China Cabinet; Old Commode; Antique Metal Bed; Antique Wooden Bed; 2 Wildlife Mounts; Antique Drop-Leaf Table; Nice Enamel-Top Table; Antique Birdcage; Small Deep Ffreeze; Shelves; Oil Lamps; Vintage Tins; Assorted Glassware; Antique Dishes and Other Collectibles.
This is only a partial listing.
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PUZZLE TIME!

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 25, 2026

ACROSS
1 Chinese steamed bun
4 Sizzling Tex-Mex food
10 UV-blocking stat
13 Cold mass at the end of the Earth
15 Not feel well
16 Conflicts over societal values
17 Genetic molecule
18 Mustang garage?
19 ___balls (Hostess treats)
20 "Su-u-ure"
21 Traveling authority?
22 Fish with brook and rainbow varieties
24 One should stick to telling the truth
28 On-track finish?
29 "Couldn't agree more"
31 "It's over for me"
33 Bro's counterpart
34 Perform vocal percussion
35 "The Crying Game" actor Stephen
36 "Are you satisfied with my work?"
38 Figure (out)
39 Did some crew practice
40 Diplomatic agreement
42 Injector that treats anaphylaxis
44 "The Last Showgirl" director Coppola
45 "Mi ___ es su ___"
46 Childbirth specialists, for short
49 Certain minor-league baseball squad
53 ___ Wednesday
54 Sanitizes using hot vapor
56 4G ___
57 "Need anything else from us?"
58 ___ Schwab (tire chain)
59 Watch Spot, maybe
60 Toxic conifer

DOWN
1 Boxing match
2 Palindrome on an Italian menu
3 High-fiber muffin ingredient
4 Bioluminescent bugs
5 High card in bridge
6 Shul attendees
7 "Let me"
8 Source of a deal with The Devil?
9 Challenging HS classes
10 "Alas, that's how it is"
11 Plants on the flags of Maine and Vermont
12 Crushes that have lost their sparkle, say?
13 Dells and HPs
14 Was, like, amazing
20 Debt notes
23 Sauce thickener
24 Friendly sign-off
25 Photograph
26 ___ Martin cars
27 Bender in "Futurama," e.g.
29 "If memory serves me ..."
30 Umami-rich marinade ingredient
32 Pest control option for corner store owners
34 ___ one's time (wait)
37 Air filter inits.
38 Majestic
41 One Direction member Horan whose first name is hidden in "genially"
43 University of ___ Dame
47 Vegetable that can stain clothes purple
48 Tools with teeth
50 Effortlessness
51 From the top
52 Year-round hrs. in Tucson
54 Tree goo
55 "Top Chef" winner Lin

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

A	T	V			F	C	L	E	F			D	A	B
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Today's puzzle solution

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Themeless Sunday 204 *by Rafael Musa*

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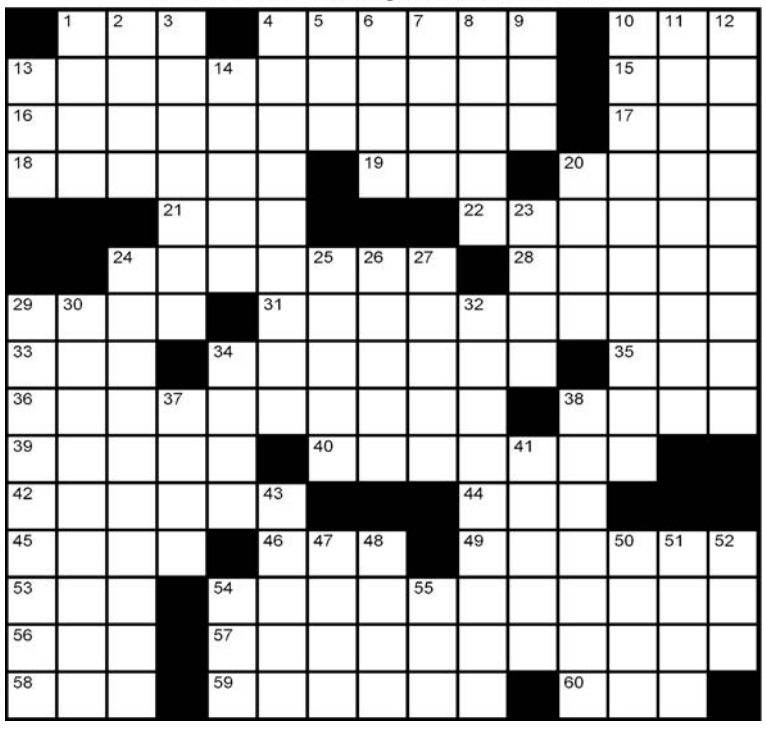

NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP

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Notice of Second Public Hearing
on the Special Assessment Roll for
THE WOLF LAKE CANAL AQUATIC WEED CONTROL
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
Napoleon Township, Jackson County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE WOLF LAKE CANAL AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Assessing Officer of the Township have reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all properties within the Wolf Lake Canal Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District (the "District") benefitted by the proposed improvements, which consist of the control of aquatic weeds and plants by chemical harvesting and other methods within Wolf Lake Canal (the "Improvements"). Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the Improvements within the District and is on file with the Township Clerk at 6755 Brooklyn Road, Jackson, Michigan which assessment is anticipated in the first-year total amount of approximately $5,500.00 to $6,000.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Assessing Officer has further reported that the assessment roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Napoleon Township Building, 6755 Brooklyn Road, Jackson, Michigan, Township of Napoleon on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and to hear any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours on regular business days until the time of said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

Township of Napoleon
Traci Spring, Clerk
6755 Brooklyn Rd.
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Napoleon, MI 49261
517-536-8694, ext. 205

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Special Assessment District within which the foregoing improvements will be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

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120-15-19-356-002-00	075-14-24-476-017-01	000-14-24-451-005-03
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COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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SYNOPSIS
The regular meeting of October 19, 2026, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the pledge to the flag and invocation. Members present: Bemish, Tackett, Hulburt, Calhoun, Church, Deland, Marsh. The agenda was amended to remove action item e. a resolution for Clarklake paving project. There was motion and support to approve the agenda as amended. There was motion and support to approve the consent agenda. Ther was motion and support to approve the accounts payable in the amount of $314,901.54. There was discussion on a Citizens Guide for Special Assessment Projects. There was motion and support to approve the Clarklake Self Storage site plan extension. There was motion and support to approve the 2026 delinquent tax assessments. There was motion and support to approve the general fund, fund balance policy. There was motion and support to approve the Fund balance policy, yearly designation. There was motion and support to approve a refund of an electrical permit fee. There was motion and support to approve the Fire Department's recommendation for a Fire Cadet position. There was motion and support to approve the Police Department's recommendation to renew the Axon contract. There was motion and support to approve the Police Department's recommendation to hire a part-time Officer and to add a Police recruit to the roster. There was motion and support to approve a sewer pump purchase recommendation. There was motion and support to approve a recommendation to purchase Furix odor control mixers for the sewer lift stations. There was motion and support to approve a vehicle purchase recommendation for the Sewer Department

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF JACKSON

Edna M. Harner Living Trust dated August 28, 2008.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Edna Mae Harner, who lived at 5275 Sharon Dr., Jackson, MI 49203 died May 17, 2026.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paula J. Harner, named Trustee, C/O Crenshaw Peterson & Associates, P.C., 2157 Commons Parkway, Okemos, MI 48864 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Crenshaw Peterson & Associates, P.C. by: October 21, 2026

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A place to sleep

MEC helps nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace build 40 bunk beds

More than 60 volunteers helped construct 40 bed frames and headboards Friday, Oct 2, during a "Build Day" partnership between Midwest Energy & Communications and the Lenawee County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit organization that builds bunk beds for children and families in need. The Build Day was held at the Raisin Township-Tecumseh location of MEC on Occidental Highway.

By BRAD HEINEMAN
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RAISIN TWP. — There's at least a two-and-a-half-hour distance between Cassopolis and the Raisin Township-Tecumseh area, but on Friday, Oct. 2, distance was not an issue as people came together for the purpose of ensuring children have a place to sleep.

Midwest Energy & Communications' Occidental Highway location hosted a "Build Day" alongside the newly formed Lenawee County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). The Idaho-based nonprofit and volunteer-driven organization serves by building beds for children and families in need.

As MEC sponsored and hosted the community build as part of its annual Day of Action, employees with the electric utility company from both the Tecumseh office and the Cassopolis location in Cass County put on their protective eyewear, plugged in their power tools and assisted nearly 20 SHP volunteers in the construction of wooden bed frames. The goal of the Build Day was to construct a total of 40 beds.

"We have a donation and sponsorship program that we do, and (Sleep in Heavenly Peace) had submitted a donation request," said Lori Ruff, community relations specialist with MEC. "The more I was reading it, the more I thought this is really cool. I had never heard of the organization before. I made a few phone calls and the more I thought about it, I thought it would be a perfect way to help. They are always looking for volunteers, and we are looking for volunteer activities. We normally don't get to do volunteer activities with both sides of our service territory, so this was an opportunity for all of us to come together in one location."

The partnership between MEC and SHP worked on many levels, said Amy Pales, director of corporate communications and marketing with MEC. As part of its sponsorship responsibilities, MEC funded the project while covering all costs. There also was plenty of room for volunteers to work, and everybody was kept well fed with breakfast foods — doughnuts, fruit, juice and coffee — and pizza for lunch.

"This entire operation is just incredible," Pales said. "When I walked in my first word was, 'Wow.' They had everything set up and ready to go, all the drills and all the saws. It's just incredible to see all of the red shirts that everybody is wearing while working hard toward the same goal. It is pretty awesome."

Those backs of the red shirts worn by Sleep in Heavenly Peace volunteers said, "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"

Each completed bedframe was then branded with the SHP logo and stained. For a good portion of the Oct. 2 morning, Sara Hartsell, an enterprise solutions coordinator with MEC's Cassopolis location, was in charge of branding the bedframes.

"It means the world," Hartsell said of volunteering. "I really do enjoy helping out the community and being able to give back to the people who don't have the means to get it themselves."

Sleep in Heavenly Peace continues to grow

With chapters all over the country, Sleep in Heavenly Peace now has 18 chapters in Michigan, including Lenawee County — its chapter officially formed June 1.

Still within its infancy, an average of 25 people have already helped out with some of the organization's builds, said Keith Hill, president of the MI-Lenawee Co. SHP chapter. New volunteers continue to come along.

"I never thought there was a need (here) and I was shocked to find out there are so many kids who sleep on the floor or sleep with their siblings," Hill said. "Sleeping with siblings is not a good idea. I would recommend never doing that. It can end in very tragic ways."

Across the nation, there are 48 states that house at least one or numerous local chapters of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Alysia Masters is the vice president of the Lenawee County chapter.

Before forming its own chapter, Lenawee County volunteers helped out as a delivery hub for the Monroe County SHP chapter dating back to November 2025, Hill said.

"We did some deliveries and went out to Monroe and helped with some builds just to get acclimated with SHP," Hill said. "Once I found out the need here in Lenawee County was so high, we had to start a chapter."

The Oct. 2 Build Day with MEC was the Lenawee County SHP's first official, 100%-sponsored build. Normally, most of the items are collected through donations, and each bedframe costs $250 to construct, Hill said.

The beds are provided 100% free of charge, built from scratch and to last a lifetime, and are delivered and assembled to families, complete with mattresses, pillows and bedding. Construction of the beds follows SHP's easy-to-follow bunk bed design and require no previous woodworking experience.

Families can go online to shpbeds.org to apply for a bed. To contact the Sleep in Heavenly Peace headquarters, call 844-432-BEDS (844-432-2337).

Locally, the Lenawee County chapter can be contacted by calling 517-902-7025 or emailing Keith.Hill@shpbeds.org.

"If anybody goes on a delivery with us, they'll understand why it's worth the money," Hill said. "…(Kids) are so happy to have their own bed, their own anything. Some of these kids have nothing. I walked into this home, and they have a loveseat and that's it. No tables, no nothing. I'm just so glad that we can help. The kids are so grateful."

Counterclockwise, from above, left: Amy Pales, director of corporate communications and marketing with Midwest Energy & Communications based out of the company's Cassopolis location, demonstrates how to brand the Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) logo into a wooden bed frame.

Shannon Phillips, left, an administrative specialist with Midwest Energy & Communications, and Grant Zamora, a communications specialist with MEC remove a finished bed frame from a tub of liquid stain.

Volunteer Char Zeluff, an Adrian resident, uses a miter saw Friday, Oct. 2, to trim a piece of wood to be used to build a bed frame for the nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Zeluff said she is not affiliated with Sleep in Heavenly Peace or Midwest Energy & Communications but wanted to volunteer her time anyway during this past week's "Build Day."

Outdoor Living

Exploring the balance of nature

Up to 70 dead deer found near Concord

As nature corrects and balances, the opossums getting to celebrate an early Thanksgiving

PHOTO COURTESY CHARLES J. SHARP

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Above, left: Turkey vultures will eat animals killed from EHD, but prefer something juicier, as EHD dehydrates them. At right, deer hunters may have a harder time spotting big bucks like this handsome fellow this year, as EHD is taking a heavy toll on the local deer population.

For the past couple of months there has been a lot of talk – even shock – about all the dead deer found along trails, parks, edges of ponds, creeks, streams and woods.

There have been reports of up to 70 dead deer along Falling Waters Trail in Jackson County near the Village of Concord.

There was another report of 59 dead deer found also in Jackson County.

I spoke with a local DNR officer who stated he has been called out to investigate large numbers of dead deer on people's property.

What is going on?

I recently visited Knutson's Sporting Goods in Brooklyn, and one of the workers there stated "everyone is talking about all the dead deer." What is causing this? Is it a new form of viral pandemic sweeping nature? Is there a psychopath going around killing all these deer?

No, not at all. It is simply something that occurs in nature that rather than wiping out the entire population, can actually act as a way to keep the whitetail deer populations in check. It is caused by a tiny biting fly that transmits a virus known as Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, or EHD.

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease is a virus that is transmitted by a tiny fly, genus cullicoides, also known as "punkies" or "no-see-ums" by locals. These flies or gnats breed in damp soil near swamps, ponds, creeks and lakes. During a hot, dry summer their numbers explode and when the adults emerge they bite and infect deer. EHD causes severe high fever in deer resulting in dehydration that weakens them to the point where they will seek out a source of water.

One of the symptoms is bloody discharge from the deer, and they will have a blue-tinged tongue. It is often fatal, although in some cases the deer may actually survive and build up a resistance, thus possibly creating a stronger or healthier deer population down the road.

Should nature lovers be concerned? According to biologists, this natural occurrence actually helps keep deer populations in check, especially in areas where there is no hunting or few natural predators exist.

Of course, seeing all these dead deer sometimes spreads all types of rumors or misconceptions.

For instance, can EHD spread to other deer, people or pets? According to the experts, it can't.

Can you consume meat from an infected deer? According to biologists it should be safe, but they also warn to avoid sick-looking deer in case there are other possible infections.

The good news is once we have a hard frost these midges die. We recently have had frost reported in low-lying areas, and we certainly have more cold days ahead.

Another misconception is that turkey vultures will not eat dead deer infected with EHD. While this may appear to be the case, there is no scientific evidence showing that this is true. What IS true is that turkey vultures prefer fresh carrion or carcasses. Turkey vultures possess incredible corrosive stomach acid with a PH near zero. This acid neutralizes the vast majority of bacteria and viruses and will kill botulism, rabies, anthrax, and yes, EHD.

While their stomachs are seemingly made of steel, turkey vultures like their meals relatively fresh. After all, who doesn't like a nice, juicy steak? After about four days the meat from a dead animal dries out and is less nutritious and much harder to consume. Since EHD causes excessive dehydration, this would make the meat less appealing to the turkey vultures. Plus, with so many dead deer to choose from, the turkey vultures may avoid these carcasses after a few days. But don't worry, opossums will pick up the slack as they will have no problem eating them.

EHD has been confirmed in 14 counties in Michigan and Jackson County has been especially hit hard with EHD. Seeing and (yuck) smelling all these dead deer can be a terrible experience to nature lovers and deer hunters. Many are horrified or saddened by the kill-off, especially when they see a huge dead buck or some poor little fawn that died too soon, but that's nature.

In the end, nature has a re-set when it comes to managing animal populations. Sometimes we wonder why this has to happen, but as Christian poet and hymn writer William Cowper is credited as noting, "The Lord works in mysterious ways."

One thing is for sure; everything is born and every living thing dies.

But somewhere out there, opossums are celebrating an early Thanksgiving!

Since EHD causes excessive dehydration, this makes the carcass less appealing to turkey vultures.

PHOTO COURTESY AMANDA SCHEPELER

While the humble opossum might not be the most handsome creature in the woods, they serve an important function.

From our readers

Julie Hill of Brooklyn caught this butterfly on camera last week as sunny skies and autumn-like temperatures have settled over the area.

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A postcard discovery

By the looks of the parking lot, it was another busy day at the Irish Hills Twin Towers on U.S. 12. Photo courtesy Sandy and Dr. James Wilkens.

Attention! Do you have memories, artifacts, or photos of the business today known a "Poppa's Place" in Brooklyn? Stop in Wednesday, Nov. 18th between 4 and 5 p.m. to share with Michelle or email her at heartofthewalk@gmail.com.

If you have other photos, scrapbooks, postcards, or other historical items that may be shared, we would love to see them. Email The Exponent office at exponews@theexponent.com. In the subject line, please note for "Attic & Hearth" or "For Michelle" and include your name, types of material to share, and contact information in the message.

Often, we look at postcards as memories of specific destinations or fascinating structures. The photographer of this card, collected by Dr. James Wilkens, Jr., had a different focus. Instead of a vertical shot of the actual twin towers in the Irish Hills, or one from the top looking out over the lakes, our photographer observes the base: the stone steps leading the viewer's eye to the vanishing point near the center. The rough stone edges contrast with the smooth cement stepping surface and the fuzzed tree branches and leaves in the distance.

The parked cars mirror the people parked on the benches looking back and out. Beyond the stillness, there is almost a whisper of a slight breeze in the trees or muffled laughter and clatter of dishes floating across from the Tower Café (left) fated for a brief life of only three years before burning down in 1931.

Motor cars enabled journeys. The word "sight-seeing" seems redundant. Perhaps for many it should be "site-seeing." You know the people that rush to get to a spot, take a deluge of selfies and photos, and then rush to the next spot as if touring has become a new Olympic competitive sport. And yet, intentional slowing down to observe surroundings—the natural as well as man-made—requires actual "sight-seeing." Too often, historically and still today, it is unfortunately normal to move and motor through our lives without noticing, without truly observing, what is around us.

Perhaps you will discover a favorite spot to walk or sit in these remaining weeks of fall while the brilliant colors still adorn the trees. I challenge you to "sightsee" and share the extraordinary in the ordinary with others.

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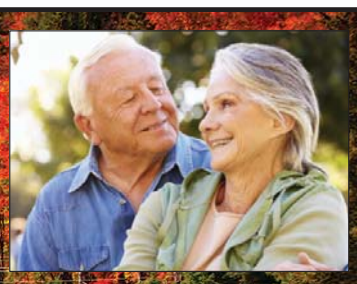
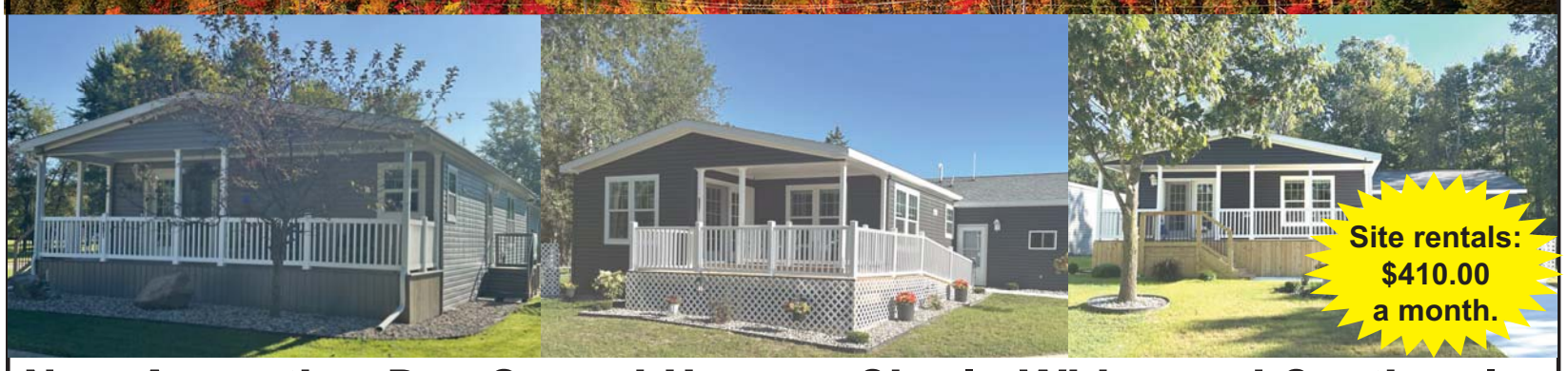
In Somerset!





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