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Chris Kleinjans, right, helps Larry Jackson secure a 30-pound ruck before starting his route at Beechwood Church on Sept. 27. PHOTOS BY ADAM VANDER KOOY/HOLLAND SENTINEL

## ‘Building a community’

### Veterans carry a 30-pound rucksack in Park Twp.

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On a warm, sunny weekend in September, a total of 30 veterans spent 30 consecutive hours walking with a 30-pound ruck (adorned with memorial tags) at Beechwood Church in Park Township.

The 30 by 30 Ruck, hosted by The 90, aimed to raise awareness about the physical, emotional and mental struggles carried by veterans. The ruck represented that weight.

“Part of this ... is really encouraging people from the community to come out and walk alongside veterans,” said Ben Terpsma, executive director of The 90. “They can’t necessarily carry the backpack or ... the weight that veterans carry, but they can walk alongside, show support.”



Jackson begins his one-hour walk at Beechwood Church on Sept. 27.

It’s no coincidence the event was hosted in September, also known as Suicide Awareness Month. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Af-

fairs, there were 170 veteran suicides in Michigan in 2022.

“To focus on helping our veterans stay healthy mentally is super important,” said participating veteran and former political candidate Larry Jackson.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Ottawa County is home to over 12,000 veterans. In addition to connecting veterans with the community, the ruck was meant to connect veterans with one another.

“Building a community of veterans (here) is super important,” Jackson said.

“It’s always super cool to (see) that Holland and West Michigan is very supportive of the veteran community,” said participating veteran and political candidate Chris Kleinjans. “It’s really nice to see this outside of the big, main holidays like Memorial Day or Veterans Day.”

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### HEALTH INSPECTIONS

## Biggby Coffee may shut down over mold

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Each week, the Ottawa County Department of Public Health releases a round-up of recent safety inspections at restaurants, schools and other facilities.

Adhering to proper safety practices is critical to preventing foodborne illness and promoting public health.

The Holland Sentinel, in 2025, is publishing regular reports on “priority” violations — ones that could directly lead to contamination of food or increase the risk of transmitting a foodborne illness, as well as corrective measures taken.

The Sentinel will also report on “priority foundation” violations — ones that could lead to a priority violation. The health department notes “core” violations, but The Sentinel will only report on those if there’s a significant accumulation in a single eatery.

All reports are available at [miottawa.org/health/environmental/food-services](https://miottawa.org/health/environmental/food-services).

### Bayshore Yacht Club

**1862 Ottawa Beach Road in Holland**  
**Priority Foundation:** The kitchen handwashing sink was filled with dirty dishes at the start of the inspection. Handwashing sinks must be accessible,

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## We tried three sandwiches from Culture Cheese Shop Bistro

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With the start of the fall season, we decided to gorge on comforting grilled cheese and soup and share the results.

Culture Cheese Shop at 211 River Ave. launched a new bistro in April 2025, with nine grilled cheese options on seven types of bread (including gluten-free), meat or jam add-ons, and three rotating seasonal soups.

We opted for three half-sandwiches on sourdough bread and one soup. Our total was \$32 (which we found very reasonable).

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We opted for three half-sandwiches on sourdough bread and one soup for our taste test at Culture Cheese Shop Bistro in Holland.

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