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Armed with passion for history, Reed takes over as county register of deeds

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Many people who opt to serve their county as a register of deeds come to that position with a real estate or mortgage background. After all, these two lines of business essentially go hand-in-hand.

Emily Reed's background could be considered different — perhaps unconventional — but it is experience that she believes will help her thrive in the role.

She's a history buff and her new gig has her knee-deep in Barry County's history.

"It's definitely a benefit," Reed said. "Most people come into this from a real estate background or mortgage lending background. For me, we're



Emily Reed

collecting documents and we're preserving them for the future going forward, which is similar to what I was doing in the museum and archive world. It translated very well, plus (I'm) working in the beautiful old courthouse every day. If you appreciate history, you'll definitely enjoy (the job) more."

Reed is getting settled in as the county's new register of deeds, taking over for Barb Hurless, who was a fixture at the office for decades. Reed doesn't come in completely cold, though. She has served in the office for three years, most recently as chief deputy, before she ran for register of deeds unopposed in last year's election.

The register of deeds office may not be one that is talked about often, but it is vital to life in any county. The office is the central authority on who owns land and backs it up with thorough records of deeds and land titles.

Reed, who is a 2008 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School, comes to the position with experience in museums and archiving. After high school, she received a bachelor's degree in history at Harding University in Arkansas and then completed an online master's degree program at the University of Oklahoma.

While there is a very functional purpose to her work as the register of deeds, the job does come with elements of history — a perk for Reed.

"I worked for a little bit at the Hastings Public Library at their local history collection and I just was very interested in the local history of the area and now, as register of deeds, that's what we do — we have everyone's deeds back from the beginning of the county and it's really cool. I get to learn a lot about the people in the areas around me and how the area got started and it's also nice to know I'm contributing to that going forward."

Reed has big shoes to fill with the departure of Hurless, whose name had become synonymous with the office.

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Longtime Hastings Twp. supervisor Jim Brown dies at 86

Molly Macleod
Editor

The county is mourning this week after news of longtime Hastings Charter Township supervisor Jim Brown's death at the age of 86. He died on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Brown served as Hastings Charter Township's supervisor from 2000 until his latest term expired at the end of 2024. He was a longtime member of several boards in the area, including as chairman of the BIRCH Fire Association and on the Hastings Downtown Development Authority.

Born on April 5, 1938, James "Jim" Erskine Brown was born in Roanoke, Va., before his parents moved to Wisconsin. They later moved to Hastings, where Brown grew up.

Brown began his schooling at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School before graduating from Hastings High School in the Class of 1956. After high school, Brown served in the Army in Germany for two years. He was also a member of the Arlington Cemetery Color Guard for a year.

He has three children, James Brown, III, Ross Brown, and Becky Brown, and enjoyed 30 years of marriage with his wife, Donna.

An entrepreneur, Brown studied business at Davenport University in Grand Rapids. He later received a certificate of learning from Harvard University in urban planning.

Brown made a living for himself in a variety of different jobs and industries, developing as a businessman along the way.

After his time in the Army, Brown returned to Hastings and began working a series of jobs: Hastings Area School System bus garage mechanic, Snap-On tools dealer and head of the automotive hand tools division at Hastings Manufacturing.

There, Brown met someone who had a life-changing impact: Harry Thompson, more commonly known as Bud Thompson, the vice president of Hastings Manufacturing and the president of Hastings Manufacturing Canada.

"I was at [Hastings Manufacturing] for maybe five years, four or five," Brown said in a previous Banner interview. "One day, Bud called me in on a Friday and he said, 'What I'm about to tell you is for your own good.' He said, 'It's OK, but just remember it's for your own good.'

"I thought maybe it was a raise or whatever. And he said, 'Today's your last day.'"

Thompson fired him, saying, 'You're a square peg in a round hole.'"

Unbeknownst to Brown, Thompson had plans for him: He helped Brown get a job at K-Line Industries automotive company in Holland.

What Thompson wanted, Brown said, was to push him toward bigger and better opportunities. Eventually, Brown was helping run K-Line Industries.

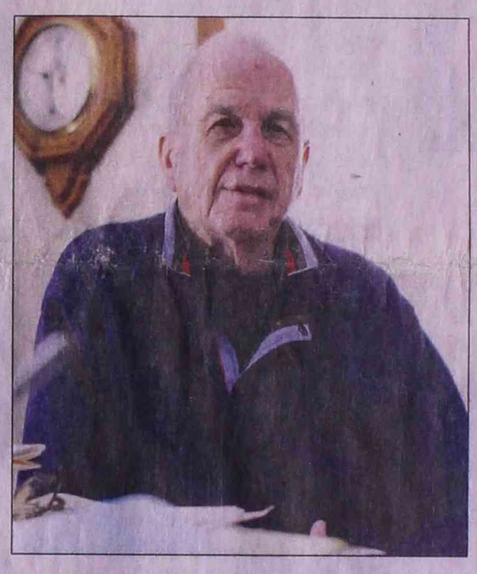
Then, after seven years at K-Line, Brown went back to work with Thompson. At that time, Thompson wanted to buy Dowl-It, a woodworking company out of Spring Lake, but needed help running the company.

"He said, 'If I buy the company and give you half of it, would you run it for me?' And I said, 'Yeah,'" Brown recalled.

For helping him run the company, Thompson gave half of Dowl-It to Brown.

Approximately a year after he left K-Line to work full-time at Dowl-It in 1977, Brown got an offer from Thompson to buy the rest of the company for $15,000 – which Brown did.

"He hired me, he fired me, and he put me on the map," Brown said. "He was a very smart guy. He was one of those people who thought of me like a son."



Longtime Hastings Charter Township supervisor Jim Brown died earlier this month on Jan 5. He was 86. **File photos**

Brown credits Thompson with helping him get his start in business; and business is what got Brown started in politics.

Brown purchased the McCoy and Hendershott buildings in downtown Hastings in 1988.

Owning property downtown made Brown eligible to serve on Hastings' Downtown Development Authority, which assists in the historical preservation, correction and deterioration prevention in the business district; the DDA also encourages economic development in downtown.

"Long story short, because I owned the property, I could legally be on the Downtown Development Authority. And so they asked me if I would be on and I was on there for 23 years," Brown said. "And, so, that was not an elected position, but it was nice for the city and we really all like working on it."

One of Brown's proudest accomplishments during his storied career of community service was creating a solar-powered recycling module

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Barry County Literacy Council revamping under new leadership

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Editor

After 23 years at the helm of the Barry County Literacy Council, Jim Atkinson says he is excited to turn over the reins to Ellen Main, a retired special education teacher.

Atkinson, an avid reader, has led the council for much of the millennium. He and other volunteers take time to work with adult residents on reading, building up their skills and confidence.

Main is taking over for Atkinson and hopes to revamp the council. She is seeking more volunteers to help adults in Barry County improve their reading skills. The council serves Barry County residents who are 18 or older and are seeking assistance with reading.

Anyone interested in receiving help from the literacy council, or volunteering as a tutor, can call the council at 269-948-9900.

The Barry County Literacy Council was established by the state in the early 1980s, Atkinson said. It was originally located in the old library building, now the Tyden Center. Today, volunteers meet with students on the second floor of the new Hastings Public Library building at 227 E. State Street. The room, located kitty-corner to the

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Women's Giving Circle of Barry County supports Orangeville Community Outreach

Molly Macleod
Editor

Orangeville Community Outreach's impact in 2025 will be boosted, in part, by a large sum of money donated to the group by the Women's Giving Circle of Barry County.

The Women's Giving Circle of Barry County is a group of community members who are interested in learning about and contributing to local non-profit organizations. Members meet quarterly and, together, vote on one organization to support. All members then write a personal check for $50 (or $30, if under age 30) to that non-profit.

In November, members of the circle gathered at The Jefferson in Hastings and voted to support Orangeville Community Outreach this quarter. WGC representatives handed over a check for $5,550 last week. With this quarter's donation, the Women's Giving Circle has contributed $324,940 to Barry County non-profit organizations since it began in 2013.



The Women's Giving Circle of Barry County voted this quarter to support Orangeville Community Outreach, a local non-profit that helps raise the quality of life for southwest Barry County residents through various initiatives. Pictured at The Jefferson in Hastings are volunteers with Orangeville Community Outreach and members of the Women's Giving Circle. At the far left, the Women's Giving Circle of Barry County's Jan Hawthorne passes a check to Mark Paradowski of Orangeville Community Outreach. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

Orangeville Community Outreach (OCO) is a group of volunteers based in Orangeville Township who are dedicated to increasing the quality of life for citizens in that township and in southwest Barry County. The group has been active since 2006.

One of OCO's current initiatives is the Soup's On Fresh Food Distribution. Volunteers distribute fresh food to county residents in need of food, clothing and other items on the first Wednesday of each month. This program serves not only residents of Orangeville Township but also the rest of Barry County. The fresh food distribution currently serves 315 families across the county.

Many of OCO's initiatives give seniors an opportunity for community interaction.

"One of the hardest things with seniors is when a spouse dies, they're alone. When their kids grow up, they move away, so they're shut in. So when we did our Soup's On Fresh Food initiative, people would come in at five, six in the morning, all dressed up," said Mark Paradowski, a volunteer with OCO.

OCO volunteers also maintain a food pantry, located at the Orangeville Community Center. The OCO Food Pantry is available to anyone who needs emergency food once a month. Pickup is available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those utilizing the pantry are asked to coordinate a pickup time with OCO volunteers ahead of time.

Volunteers are looking forward to bringing back its Tuesday night community dinners — this time with a new partner. The Orangeville Baptist Church, located at 6921 Marsh Road in Plainwell, is teaming up with OCO to host Tuesday night community dinners. The community dinners were an OCO staple before the COVID-19 pandemic when many things were put on hold across the world.

Organizers say they are excited to bring back the community dinner on Tuesday, March 20 at the Orangeville Baptist Church. The dinners will be once a month to start. Should there be interest, organizers hope the dinners can be held weekly.

"Everyone I talk to about this program is excited about it because we're doing something. Our motto is, 'You can't change the world but you can change the world around us. And this is just one way to do it. We're uplifting the people of Orangeville and in southwest Barry County," said Paradowski.

The community dinners aren't the only collaboration between OCO and the church.

"We partnered up with the Orangeville Baptist Church and they help deliver to the shut-ins," said Paradowski. "These people that can't get out, and people that work but can't be there when we would normally deliver to accept the food."

More information on Orangeville Community Outreach can be found at its website, ocoforthepeople.org.

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Delton woman charged with manslaughter soon to be back in court

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A preliminary exam is expected later this month for a woman facing manslaughter and unlawful imprisonment charges in connection with a fatal fire at a self-storage facility in Kentwood on Thursday, Nov. 7, according to Kentwood District Court records.



Morgan Wingeier

Before she was arrested on Dec. 19 and later arraigned on the charges the following day, the defendant was identified by police as 32-year-old Morgan Lee Wingeier, who, in a court document, lists an address in Delton.

According to the communications manager for the City of Kentwood, the Kentwood Fire Department (KFD) determined that the fire started in the storage unit where the body of 33-year-old Corrine Rose Abosamra was found. She was originally from the Ann Arbor area. The cause of the fire is unknown.

In an affidavit of probable cause for arrest obtained by the Hastings Banner, detectives detailed the following steps taken before police arrested Wingeier for the alleged crimes.

Kentwood Firefighters noted that they broke off a padlock that locked the outside door of burnt storage unit 454. After forced entry, they found Abosamra's body.

Officers learned from the manager of Broadmoor Self-Storage that Nancy Wingeier rented out the unit for her daughter, Morgan.

As stated in the affidavit, at approximately 12:26 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, Wingeier was seen on surveillance video padlocking storage unit 454.

She then drove away from the property with her mother behind the wheel, leaving Abosamra inside the shed without food, water, light, electricity, or any means of communication with the outside world for nearly 23 hours.

Approximately 10 hours later, around 8:30 p.m., smoke appeared on the video footage, and then, after almost 45 minutes, flames became visible.

Kentwood Police and the Kentwood Fire Department (KFD) arrived on the fire scene at approximately 10:58 p.m.

Detectives tracked down Wingeier and interviewed her the following morning on Nov. 8 at a hotel where she was staying.

She told police she intentionally locked the unit because Nancy had previously questioned why she had it unlocked. She did not want her mom to know that Abosamra was inside.

Wingeier told detectives her original plan was to go back to the storage unit a couple of hours later and unlock it, however, she never returned because "the things she was doing took longer than she expected."

Wingeier also told detectives that when she locked Abosamra inside the storage unit, she knew that Abosamra did not have any way out of the unit, nor did she have a working phone or any way to contact anyone in case of an emergency while she was inside of the unit.

The defendant, who was convicted last March of using meth, is in custody at the Kent County jail on a $50,000 bond. Records show that Wingeier is expected to be back in court on Jan. 23 for a preliminary exam.

DID YOU **SEE?**



WINTER WONDERLAND

Rivers and lakes across Barry County are finally starting to freeze over after an extended period of frigid temperatures. This view of the Thornapple River shows ice chunks floating down the center of the river as ice creeps in from the banks. Anglers are surely eager to get out on the ice this year after recent years of warm winter temperatures. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

Hastings elementary schoolers decorate paper bags for MLK Jr. Day



Shoppers at the Hastings Family Fare can choose to carry their groceries in bags decorated with meaningful art made by Hastings elementary schoolers starting Monday. Students at Southeastern Elementary, Central Elementary and St. Rose of Lima Catholic School decorated paper bags with their dreams for a better world in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 20. The bags will be available beginning Monday morning until they run out. To read more on the annual project and how Hastings kids are reflecting ahead of MLK Jr. Day, look to this weekend's edition of The Reminder. **Photo provided**

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City approves bid for Michigan Ave. bridge repairs

Molly Macleod
Editor



The Hastings City Council approved a bid for $27,800 from Mannik Smith this week for engineering services on the Michigan Ave. bridge. The bridge, built in 2011, needs new paint after the original coat has begun chipping. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

A Michigan Ave. bridge that crosses the Thornapple River in Hastings may soon be sporting new paint — but at a hefty price tag.

Hastings City Council members voted on Monday to accept a $27,800 bid from Mannik Smith for professional services related to the Michigan Ave. bridge repair project. The bid was the lowest of the three received by the city, with Spicer Group's bid amounting to $30,000 and Williams & Works' being $47,008.

Mannik Smith will complete engineering work on the bridge and determine what is needed to repair it. Mannik Smith will not complete the actual bridge repairs and repainting, however — that will be bidded out separately once a preliminary cost estimate is generated by the engineering firm.

The vote accepting the bid passed 7-1, with council member Norm Barlow dissenting.

The bridge, built in 2011, was painted white upon completion. The paint has chipped away, leaving city officials with concerns not only for aesthetics but also for the environmental impact of paint chipping off above the river.

Because of the bridge's location over the river, the project of sandblasting and repainting the bridge, plus all of the engineering costs and inspections around the project, will likely cost upwards of the $50,000 the city has allocated for the project, according to Director of Public Services Travis Tate.

"They painted the bridge back in 2012 when it was built. The paint started to peel off so now we have to repair that," said Tate.

"That's going to require some engineering mainly because of environmental protection — the river underneath it. So we need to have the proper engineering specifications for how to proceed as far as removing the old paint, protecting the river, and then applying the correct type of paint or sealant," said Tate.

Council member Terry Stenzelbarton pointed out the work being done on the bridge will not be limited to what the eye can see, but also underneath the bridge as well.

"It's going to be under the bridge and while we're doing this project, if there are any cracks that are developing – it's still a pretty new bridge – but if there's any cracks, fill in the cracks," Tate said.

"So it's going to cost $27,000 just to go for an idea of what it's going to cost to do all of this?" asked Mayor Pro Tem John Resseguie. "Do you have a roundabout figure or idea of what it's going to cost?"

"That's one of the main issues — we don't know how much it's going to cost because we don't know the labor required," Tate replied. "That's part of the reason why we want to hire this engineering firm to come up with a preliminary cost estimate so we can put it in our capital improvements."

Though the $27,000 price tag for engineering costs gave several council members sticker shock, City Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale pointed out the bid is broken up into four different tasks: feasibility, costing $,3826; design, costing $6,953; bidding assistance, costing $5,096, and construction, costing $11,925.

If the project is deemed not feasible or alternatives are identified near the beginning of the study, Moyer-Cale said, the city doesn't have to keep going on with the project and can save its money.

"We'll need to do something with (the bridge) because it doesn't look good, number one. We're lucky it's not a safety issue, although there could potentially be some environmental effects that we want to address. But we did put some funds in our budget this year just as a placeholder, we didn't really know how we would address this or what it would be, but we'll need this guidance to know what a better figure is to be able to plan for it," said Moyer-Cale.

Local United Way to provide tax assistance, preparation again this year

Jayson Bussa
Contributing Writer

As residents throughout Barry County begin to wade through their tax information from the previous year, one organization is providing a service to help remove what can often be a steep cost associated with professional assistance.

The Barry County United Way and Volunteer Center is continuing its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, or VITA for short, which works to prepare tax returns for residents who bring in a qualifying income.

The program provides free tax help to households with an annual income of less than $67,000. These are most often individuals or families that may still be employed with full-time jobs but still face some financial hardships, especially as society adjusts to the post-COVID level of inflation.

"It's just nice to see that this is kind of an easy way to help people out," said Sue Oswald, who is in her second year as VITA coordinator. She also serves as a financial success coach and coordinates the United Way's Family Economic Support Office. "Everyone needs to get their taxes done and they are expensive to get done. I'm glad we have this program and can do this. We plan on continuing it as long as we can."

The numbers from last year alone paint the picture of how popular the program is with local residents and how effective it is in helping these individuals, not only prepare their taxes for free but to effectively receive whatever tax refunds and credits that person might qualify for.

Oswald said that last year, the VITA program prepared roughly 750 tax returns. Those filers received a combined total of roughly $1.3 million back.

"That's a big deal," Oswald said about the total.

"For some people, that's going towards maybe an emergency savings or to pay off some bills they have or who knows what they could be using it for. It's more money back in their hands that they wouldn't normally have."

The VITA program is an Internal Revenue Service grant-funded program. Like almost all the programs at the Barry County United Way, the organization may coordinate it, but it is fueled by volunteers.

Oswald explained that the program utilizes a pool of volunteer tax preparers — right now she has about 20 volunteers who are qualified to complete the work. Anyone can sign up to volunteer and help with the program, but to become a preparer, they must become IRS-certified. This means undergoing training and then taking a certification exam, where they must finish with an 80 percent or higher.

"I will always take more preparers because that just gives us the opportunity to service more residents of Barry County," Oswald said. "The more preparers we have, the more clients we can have."

As of Monday, those interested in the service can call the United Way to book an appointment. Appointments begin Feb. 3 and end April 15. These appointments can be held in all corners of Barry County thanks to the organization's partners this year, which include:

— Barry County Commission on Aging
— Delton District Library
— Bradford White (Union Hall)
— Thornapple Credit Union
— Putnam District Library

"We try to hit every corner of Barry County. ...We try to meet people where they are," Oswald said.

New to this year, and a feature that makes the program more convenient and accessible to those who need it, is the fact that the United Way will be accepting drop-offs every day, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is where people can drop off all their tax information, and fill out a few forms, and the VITA volunteers will contact them when their taxes are completed. Those who are looking to drop off their tax information should still plan on 15 to 20 minutes in the office so that a VITA volunteer can collect all the necessary information and documentation.

Oswald said that, as tax season progresses, it can become more difficult to find an appointment time, so calling early is important. She also said that the United Way receives calls as early as November asking about the program, which underscores of much people value it.

To kick off a new season of VITA, the United Way is holding a Tax-A-Thon on Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Barry Community Enrichment Center. This all-day event does not require an appointment — just bring a picture ID and social security cards along with pertinent tax documents. Volunteers on hand will be providing free tax preparation right on-site.

"We do as much as we possibly can because this is a big thing for Barry County," Oswald said. "Not only are we saving individual households the fee of getting their taxes prepared, but we're putting money back into their hands."



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Is buying a home always the right move?

It's widely thought that home ownership is a key to building wealth — but is it? And should you consistently make sacrifices to buy your own home?

Let's start with the first question: Is owning a home essential to building wealth? It would probably be more accurate to say that home ownership can be helpful in building wealth. Building home equity — essentially, the difference between the size of your home's value and what you still owe — is certainly valuable. Plus, the bigger your equity, the less you might have to take out in a new mortgage if you ever want to buy a different home.

Now for the next question: How much should you sacrifice to buy your own home? This isn't an easy question to answer because buying a home isn't just a financial issue — it's also an emotional one. Many people simply like the feeling of owning a home. If you fall into this category, you might be willing to make many sacrifices to join the ranks of homeowners.

However, if you're relatively young and you are part of a single or even a dual-income household, you may well find that your other priorities are more important than home ownership, at least for the moment. These priorities can include paying off student loans, reducing other debts, paying for child care, meeting health care costs and even saving for retirement. With all these expenses, you might not be able to take on a big mortgage, along with real estate taxes, homeowners' insurance and the inevitable but costly repairs that come with owning a home.

In addition to the danger of becoming "house poor" by paying too high a percentage of your income on your mortgage, you could face another issue by sinking too much money into your home — and that's liquidity. A home is much more illiquid than savings or investment accounts, so if you needed money in a hurry, and most of yours was tied up in your home, you might be in a jam. You could tap into your home equity through a loan or a line of credit, but that's basically taking on even more debt, though these loans and credit lines typically offer lower interest rates than other forms of borrowing.

So, here's the bottom line: You don't need to feel that you are missing out on a chance to build wealth by not buying a home immediately — especially if you would feel extremely stretched by the mortgage payments, given how expensive homes are today. You won't hurt yourself — and, in fact, you'll likely help yourself — by taking care of your most pressing priorities first.

Of course, this doesn't mean that you can never become a homeowner. If you would still like to own a home someday, you could start saving for a down payment, keeping the money in a liquid, low-risk account. Just as importantly, though, you should plan on how owning a home can fit into your budget and how it will affect your cash flow. If you can manage it, you may indeed find that there's no place like home.

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for Hastings. He was passionate about recycling.

Brown partnered with Grand Valley State University engineering students for more than a year and a half to design and construct the module, which finished construction in 2017. Use of the module is currently on hold while the township seeks a new recycling pickup provider.

The module, when operating, separates recyclables by material and uses video monitoring to discourage the illegal dumping of materials.

Solar panels line the module's roof, powering the cameras inside; and, the panels create such an excess of energy that the township is able to sell the energy to Consumers Energy, bringing in a profit for the township.

The module earned an Excellence in Recycling New Program Award from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

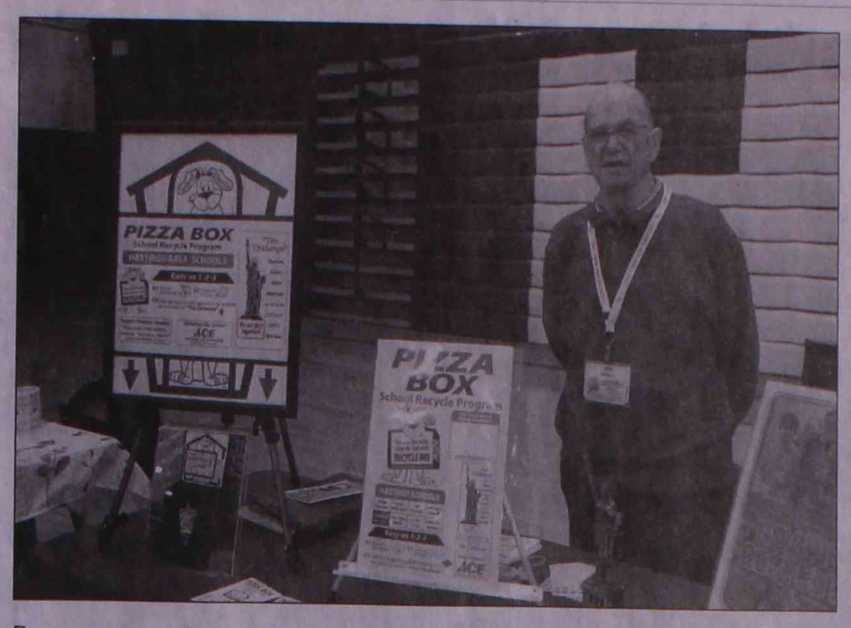
It also earned an Exemplary Project Award for solar design from the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association in 2018.

Another legacy project of Brown's related to recycling is his spearheading of a local pizza box recycling program, which started back up recently after a brief pause during the COVID-19 pandemic.

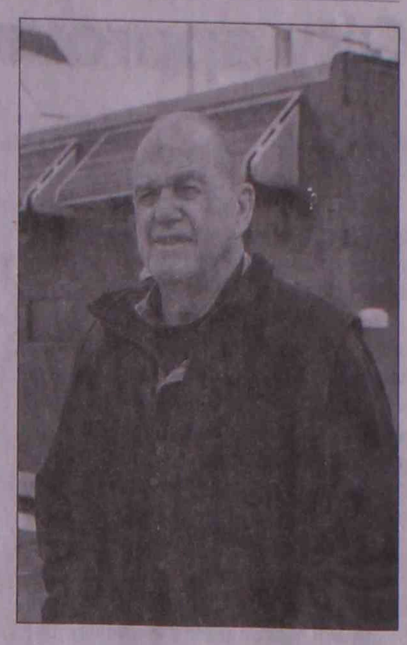
Brown originally started the program in 2019, challenging Star Elementary students to recycle 2,000 pizza boxes. The program was a huge success: students had collected more than 2,000 boxes before the end of the year.

After a pause during COVID, Brown pushed for the program's return, now including all students in the Hastings Area School System district. Locals can drop off their pizza boxes for recycling at the Hastings Ace Hardware's Cardboard Charlie receptacle. Nearly 3,500 pizza boxes have been recycled through the program so far.

Barry County Recycling Coordinator Rachel Frantz said she plans to further his legacy by continuing the Cardboard Charlie pizza box recycling program.



Brown was passionate about recycling and spearheaded several initiatives in the area to give locals better access to recycling programs. Here, Brown is seen giving information on his pizza box recycling program at a previous year's Barry County Business and Community Expo.



Brown in front of a township recycling module he helped make a reality.

She is working on creating a program guide for the initiative for use by other communities. She said she already has been contacted by interested parties as far as Troy, Michigan.

"I'm going to work through that, try to expand that and grow his program as much as I can," Frantz said. "I'll remember him in a lot of other ways. A lot of stories he told me. I'm sure I could talk a lot about all the things he taught me."

Across the county, Brown's friends and colleagues are remembering him.

Barry County Board of Commissioners Vice Chair Dave Hatfield began Tuesday's regular meeting with a moment of silence for Brown.

"Certainly, I think we all had interaction with Jim over the years. He was a very civic-minded individual, passionate about his interest in recycling and did a lot of good for the community," Hatfield said.

Brown left an impression on just about every person he met. Commissioner Bob Teunessen said he learned a lot from Brown.

"He gave me a lot of guidance. I sat in his office numerous times and we had conversation. I enjoyed the conversation we had, and he taught me a lot. I want to thank him for what he gave back to this community," said Teunessen.

Barry County Board Chair Dave Jackson remembers Brown as a statesman.

"He didn't always agree with me or vice versa," Jackson said, "But we always had a very good relationship, and he was willing to pick up the phone and talk and work things out. He was a good statesman, a good representative."

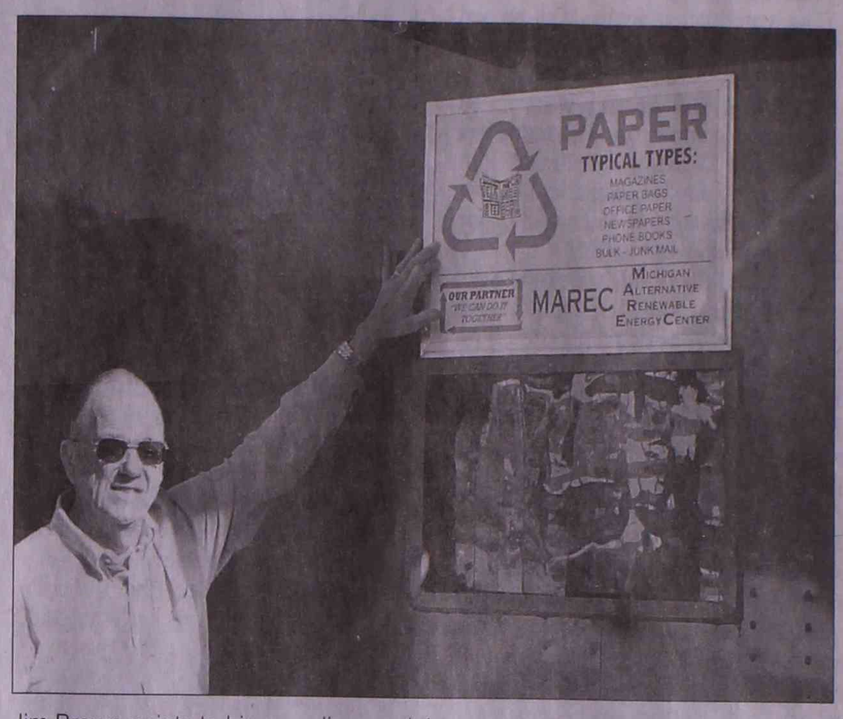
"I've known Jim Brown for most of my adult life," said Fred Jacobs, CEO of J-Ad Graphics. "He's been a strong local businessman, industrialist and community servant that dedicated his life to Hastings and Barry County.

"I've heard it said that 'most great people come from small towns.' I think it's true because I've been honored to work with and know so many strong leaders throughout our community that are willing to commit whatever time was necessary for the benefit of community — which Jim exemplified," Jacobs continued.

Jacobs said Brown was an exceptional leader — one whose presence will be missed in the community.

A visitation for Brown will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Girrbach Funeral Home in Hastings. The service will follow at 3 p.m. Military honors will be provided by Hastings American Legion Post 45.

Sources: Hastings Banner archives.



Jim Brown points to his recycling module.

DO YOU **REMEMBER?**



CAMPERS OF YESTERYEAR

— BANNER 1974 —

This Banner photo shows many familiar faces for eagle-eyed locals. Campers and counselors at YMCA's Camp Algonquin pose for a picture in front of a cabin in 1974. Though improvements and additions have been made to the camp over the years, not much has changed. It still serves Barry County families each summer.

REED

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Reed said she doesn't anticipate making any major changes right out of the gate. In fact, this isn't really a department where major changes are merited, but she does hope to make subtle strides in continuing to streamline the office's process of providing the necessary parties with access to needed documents while preserving historic documents.

"There is some digitization that could maybe be re-done now that technology has been improved since the first time our documents were digitized," Reed said. "The advice I was given is don't make any big changes right away, so that's been my plan for at least this first half of the year."

"Barb had been here for a while, she worked in the office for a while before she became register, so she had a lot of institutional knowledge and just a lot of experience that I don't have as much of coming in," Reed added. "She was really great and she taught me a lot when it was clear that I would be stepping up after her; she trained me in a lot of what I wasn't doing already."

Reed's office also remains passionate about a property fraud alert program through PropertyFraudAlert.com and she encourages residents to get involved with it for free. To combat the growing and nationwide epidemic of property fraud, this program alerts residents if anything is ever filed in their name with a register of deeds so they can stop potential fraud in its tracks. Barry County has around 2,000 people enrolled in the free program. More information is available on the county's register of deeds website.

GIVING

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Individuals must be members to vote at Women's Giving Circle meetings; interested women are welcome and encouraged to join at any time. Contact Nancy Goodin at NanGoodin@aol.com for a membership form and guidelines.

The Women's Giving Circle's next quarterly meeting will take place next month on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Barry Community Enrichment Center, 231 S. Broadway in Hastings.

Organizers ask that current and prospective members RSVP to Goodin, NanGoodin@aol.com, ahead of next month's gathering. RSVPing helps caterers ensure there is enough food and drink for all.

REVAMPING

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community room, was dedicated by Mel and Alice Jacobs, the late owners of J-Ad Graphics.

The state stopped funding the program three years after it began. Today, the council runs on a shoestring budget, completely run by volunteers. The council last received a grant for $1,000 from Dollar General in 2009.

Atkinson saw an advertisement for the council in a 1999 edition of The Banner. He joined the council as a reading help volunteer. After a 12-hour training program, which he says is far too little, Atkinson began his work as a tutor with help from a few textbooks and lessons. In 2002, he took over as head of the council.

Atkinson said many of his students told similar stories. Some of the most critical learning happens when a child is in early elementary. Many kids fall behind the rest of the class and get left behind. Because so many students are able to get through school by making workarounds, many children slip through the cracks with low reading scores unnoticed. They then enter adult life with struggles with reading.

Not only is it more difficult to catch up the further kids get through school, the negative stigma surrounding poor reading efficiency can make it even harder for kids – and adults – to ask for the help they need.

"If you kept going to school, you would get a certificate of completion. And that does mean something, really, what it means is you just gritted your teeth and stuck with it. You got to school every morning or most mornings and even though you felt inadequate, put down, all the other adverbs or adjectives that you can come up with, you stuck it out. And I take my hat off to those people," Atkinson said.

The joy his students felt when making a breakthrough in reading was something that couldn't be replicated, Atkinson said.

Atkinson is excited for Main's tenure on the council. Her teaching experience will help her do more than he could with the council, he said. "It's just going to be in much better hands in my estimation," he said.

Main said she looks forward to the new challenge. "I'm excited and a little scared, just because most of my experience is (with) elementary kids. I've done some research that (suggests) learning to read is learning to read, whether you're a kid or an adult," said Main.

The puzzle, Main said, is figuring out where each student's skills are missing and filling in those gaps.

"You have to be able to decode the words you're looking at, understand what they mean, and put them altogether so that they all make sense. So you're talking about some pretty specific pieces and parts you have to do to be a reader. And you have to do it 'on the run,'" Main said.

"It's figuring out which piece and part are you missing — OK, so let's fill that in. Let's give you the skills you need," she said.

Main and Atkinson agree – reading struggles have nothing to do with intelligence. If anything, they said, going through life without being able to efficiently read shows keen intelligence and ability to adapt.

Main echoed Atkinson, saying the people the council serves are very smart. "They have to be to get where they are and be successful and not be a reader. But at the same time, it comes to a tremendous cost to their self-esteem," she said.

Kiwanis honors young citizens

Hastings elementary school and middle school teachers have selected students to be honored as citizens of the month by the Kiwanis Club of Hastings.

Students are selected by their teachers for reasons such as excellent citizenship, attitude, conduct, academics, character, service, leadership and sportsmanship.

The citizens of the month for December (with parents' names in parentheses) include:

Central – Vivian Mathis (daughter of Tom and Tara Mathis) and Jackson Jimenez (son of Jason and Jill Jimenez).

Northeastern – Weston Walsh (son of Andrew and Geneva Walsh) and Reid Currier (son of Brad and Amanda Currier).

Southeastern – Andrew Ulrich Jr. (son of Andrew and Jena Ulrich) and Blake Sibley (son of Dion Sibley and Crickett Randall).

Star – Piper Nickelson (daughter of Brian and Crystal Nickelson) and Bryant Roberts (son of Michael and Mayra Roberts).

Hastings Middle School — Sixth graders Autumn Bruce (daughter of Samuel and Katylynn Bruce) and Mason Slaughter (son of Shane and Michelle Slaughter); seventh graders Journei Miller (daughter of Robert and Meggan Miller) and Jada Madden (daughter of Ryan and Sara Madden); eighth graders Julianna Osenbaugh (daughter of Wayne and Amanda Osenbaugh) and Sage DeCamp (daughter of Joshua and Kimberly DeCamp).



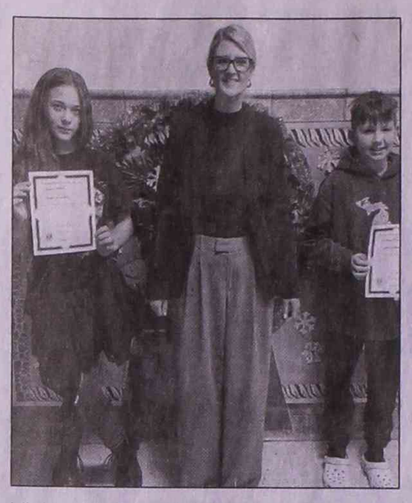
Several Hastings middle schoolers were recently named citizens of the month. They include sixth graders Mason Slaughter and Autumn Bruce; seventh graders Journei Miller and Jada Madden and eighth graders Julianna Osenbaugh and Sage DeCamp.



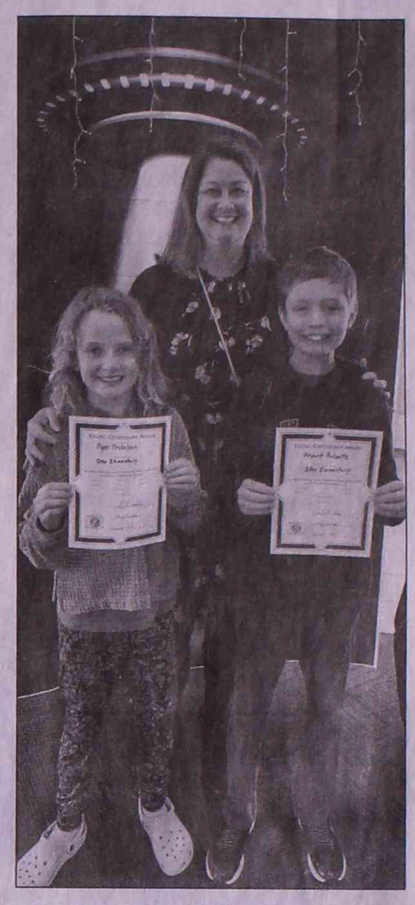
Weston Walsh and Reid Currier are Northeastern Elementary's Citizens of the Month.



Southeastern's Citizens of the Month for December are Blake Sibley and Andrew Ulrich Jr.



Vivian Mathis and Jackson Jimenez are Central Elementary's Citizens of the Month. **Photos provided**



Piper Nickelson and Bryant Roberts are Star Elementary's December Kiwanis Citizens of the Month.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Clerk's office in good hands with VanDenburg

Dear Editor,

I appreciated the Banner article on our new County Clerk, Sarah VanDenburg. It's comforting to know that with all her experience, she'll be able to quickly take the reins of the department. But even more exciting are the plans she has for the office. While talking with her, I learned she has a goal of increasing the transparency of our community's election process, and we all know how badly that's needed!

Larry Osborne
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Chamber official graduates from leadership program

Jennifer Heinzman, president and CEO of the Barry County Chamber and Economic Development Alliance, recently added to her credentials.

According to the Institute for Organization Management, a professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Heinzman graduated from the program and has received the recognition of IOM.

Awarded to all graduates of the Institute program, the IOM Graduate Recognition signifies the individual's completion of 96 credit hours of course instruction in non-profit management.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond Towle, the U.S. Chamber's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since its commencement in 1921, the institute program has educated association, chamber and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. — *DM*



Jennifer Heinzman (center), president and CEO of the Barry County Chamber and Economic Development Alliance, recently graduated from a professional development program with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Organization Management. **Photo provided**

Community Breakfast discusses keeping children safe from trafficking

Bill Mattson, executive director of the Family Support Center of Barry County will present information this month on how we all can prevent the trafficking of children. This month's Community Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Barry Community Enrichment Center, Leason Sharpe Hall, 231 S. Broadway in Hastings from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The Family Support Center of Barry County is the state-designated child abuse prevention partner in Barry County. They are a Barry County United Way agency and United Way funding is used to support the quarterly Community Breakfast presentations. The quarterly Community Breakfast sessions result from a collaborative effort of several agencies including CASA for Kids, Inc., Barry County Courts, Great Start Collaborative, Community Action Agency and the Family Support Center of Barry County. The goal of the breakfasts is to help spread information that would be helpful to Barry County families.

More information on the breakfast can be found by calling the Family Support Center at 269-945-5439. — *MM*

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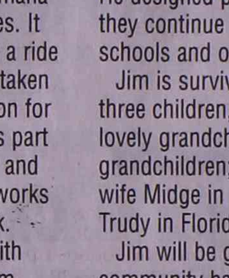
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James Erskine Brown



James Erskine Brown, was born April 5, 1938, in Roanoke, VA. His parents moved to Wisconsin and then to Hastings, MI to set-up their life for their family. The Brown family then consisted of four children, and with the loss of Jim's father, his mother Valborg married Homer Bauchman who had four children, and the family grew on a farm on M43 living the great outdoor life with horses, dog kennels and a two story white farm house.

Jim began his schooling at St. Rose Catholic Grade School and then to Hastings Junior High School and on to high school graduating in 1956. During his high school years, he played football and after graduation joined the Army serving in Germany and with the Arlington Cemetery Color Guard.

Jim studied business at Davenport University in Grand Rapids and has a certificate of learning from Harvard University in urban planning. He began a new life of an entrepreneur in Hastings that continued on for years. He had three children, James Brown, III, Ross Brown, and Becky Brown, all who have been married and gave grandchildren and great grandchildren to the Brown family.

Jim married Donna Goucher several years later and they have been married for 30 years. They had an unusual wedding in Omaha, NE, at the Omaha Zoo, in front of the monkey cages. It was safe and fun especially with a ride throughout the zoo with photos taken at various cages. The main reason for marrying there was that Jim was part of the Fireworks by Grucci Crew and would be putting together a fireworks show for Omaha that same week.

Firework shows were special with Jim. He and his brother Tom, from Connecticut, signed up together and took lessons on Long Island in setting up fireworks shows from the well-known Fireworks by Grucci. From then on, he and his brother traveled around the world setting up, shooting and tearing down the shows. One favorite show was a special fireworks water show in China. He even brought a fireworks show to a New Year's Evening in downtown Hastings several years ago.

Another love of Jim was the Meyer May House in Grand Rapids that was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Jim was a host at the Home for many years and actually traveled out of state with his wife to visit several of the homes.

Jim always had a certain feeling for the political life and he served as Hastings Township Supervisor for 25 years. He enjoyed the position and was very proud of those living in Hastings Township and kept their needs and lifestyles in front of everything he would work on.

One of those projects became big within the environment of Hastings Township, building and setting up a station for the dumping of plastic and paper and cans in separate areas. These were picked up on a weekly basis by the local disposal company. Jim was honored through the State of Michigan Special Environment Program, winning a first place award for the recycling center.

Jim's other great love within the community was bringing environmental programs forward in Barry County schools, Barry County Conservation District, and within Pierce Cedar Creek. He designed programs for all, and they continue to be used today in the schools and organizations.

Jim is survived by his wife, Donna; three children, Jeb, Ross and Becky; lovely grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Tom and his wife Midge in Connecticut; his sister, Trudy in Florida, and many cousins.

Jim will be greatly missed by all. The community has lost a good soul who loved Hastings. Visitation is Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 from 1 - 3 p.m., with a Service at 3 p.m. at Girrbach Funeral Home.

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PIERCE CEDAR CREEK INSTITUTE EVENTS

– JAN. 17-23 –

Those interested can register for these events and find more information at cedarcreekinstitute.org/events/

Jan. 1-31 — Jan. Storybook Walk: "Bird Count" by Susan Edwards Richmond; illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman. Join a mother and daughter as they participate in the Christmas Bird Count. What kinds of birds will they find? After your storybook adventure, stop by the south side of the Visitor Center to pick up your own bird count activity. The Storybook Walk is free and self-guided on the Black Walnut Trail.

Jan. 1-31 — Backyard Bird Walk. What kinds of birds might live in your backyard? Follow the self-guided trail to find out. Afterward, visit the south side of the Visitor Center for a bird count activity and additional information on the Great Backyard Bird Count. This activity is free and self-guided on the Lupine Trail.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 — Cedar Creek Book Club – "You are Here: Poetry in the Natural World" edited and introduced by Ada Limon, 10 a.m. to noon. With a mix of fiction and non-fiction biographies, this book club is for readers who share an avid concern and interest in the natural world.

Friday, Jan. 24 — Science Storytime at the Hastings Public Library: Snow Science, 10 to 11 a.m. Learn about science through the power of books! Join Hastings Public Library and the Institute as they share their favorite books, activities and crafts with little learners.

More information about these events can be found on the Institute's website at CedarCreekInstitute.org.

HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 16 – Novel Ideas Book Club: "The Underground Library" by Jennifer Ryan, 1 p.m.; Movie Memories and Milestones watches a 1962 film starring Jeffrey Hunter and Marshall Thompson, 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 17 – Friday Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18 – GameQuest: 10 Hours of Gaming, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 20 – Crafting Passions, 10 a.m.; January Series – Jonathan Elg's King: A Life (Martin Luther King, Jr.), 12:30 p.m.; Lego Club, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Baby Cafe, 10 a.m.; mahjong, 2 p.m.; chess, 5 p.m.; January Series – Todd Komarnicki's Bravery: A Story of Elf, Sully and Bonhoeffer, 12:30 p.m.; Youth Garden Club, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 22 – Itsy Bitsy Book Club, 10:30 a.m.; January Series – John Inazu – A Conversation on Learning to Disagree, 12:30 p.m.; acoustic jam session, 5 p.m.

More information about these and other events is available by calling the library, 269-945-4263.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathon D. Groeneveld and Ashleigh Groenveld, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ark-La-Tex Financial Services, LLC dba Benchmark Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2022 and recorded April 29, 2022 in Instrument Number 2022-004926 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two and 75/100 Dollars ($176,482.75).

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The South 128 feet of Lot 6, Block 8, of Kenfield's 2nd Addition Subdivision to the City of Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 37 of Plats, Barry County Records.

937 S Hayes Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 9, 2025
File No. 24-016579
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(01-09)(01-30)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE: 2024-24029939-DE

Court address: 206 W. Court Street, Hastings, MI 49058
Court telephone no.: (269) 9484846

Estate of Jennie Lynn Hillard. Date of birth: 10-2-1983.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jennie Lynne Hillard, died 7-1-23.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dustin H. Hillard, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 206 W. Court Street, Hastings, MI 49058 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1-7-2025

Kathryn M. Russell P59395
PO Box 241
Hastings, MI 49058
269-945-4243
Dustin H. Hillard
3901 Swift Rd.
Nashville, MI 49073
269-967-2479

NOTICE

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 13, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darren Fisher, married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation dba goodmortgage.com, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2020 and recorded March 3, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020-002153 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven and 99/100 Dollars ($156,987.99).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Barry County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on FEBRUARY 13, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Maple Grove, Barry County Michigan, and are described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, T2N, R7W, MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY MICHIGAN, THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE N00°11'15"W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 614.00 FEET, THENCE S89°07'59"W PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 400.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING S89°07'59"W PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE 863.00 FEET; THENCE N00°11'15"W PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE 356.50 FEET; THENCE N89°07'59"E PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE 863.00 FEET; THENCE S00°11'15"E PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE 356.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DESCRIBED HEREON. A 66 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS DESCRIBED AS: A PART 'OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, T2N, R7W, MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE N00°11'15"W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 614.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION; THENCE S89°07'15"W PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 400.00 FEET; THENCE N00°11'51"W PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE 66.00 FEET; THENCE N'89°07'59"E PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE 400.00 FEET TO THE SAID EAST LINE; THENCE S 00°11'15"E ALONG SAID EAST LINE 66.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

7876 S M 66 Hwy, Nashville, Michigan 49073

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 16, 2025
File No. 23-012495
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(01-16)(02-06)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM, on January 30, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jesse Carver, SP and Stacey Nowack, single person

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust

Date of Mortgage: July 24, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 6, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $149,240.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Yankee Springs, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 8, Pleasant Valley Plat according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 13 of Barry County Records.

Common street address (if any): 1733 S Patterson Rd, Wayland, MI 49348-9329

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: January 2, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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(01-02)(01-23)

NOTICE

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew Rocco and Johanna Rocco, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Van Dyk Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 14, 2017 and recorded April 18, 2017 in Instrument Number 2017-004196 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Three and 99/100 Dollars ($226,243.99).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Barry County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on JANUARY 30, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of Yankee Springs, Barry County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, of Glass Creek Estates, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, page 57, Barry County Records.

1163 Crystal Way Court, Middleville, Michigan 49333

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: January 2, 2025

File No. 24-005572Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Carmen Pirok and Jason Pirok, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: April 14, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 23, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $221,951.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Rutland, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 111 in Pine Haven Estates No. 4, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 55, Barry County Records.

Common street address (if any): 1879 Pine Blf, Hastings, MI 49058-8128

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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(01-09)(01-30)

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Hubert Cook recalls automobiles' history

BANNER APRIL 12, 1990

ESTHER WALTON

Tucked away in family belongings sometimes are stories worthy of being published as part of local history.

The Cook family is well known for wonderful collections of Hastings history. And fortunately for us, a collection of histoires written by Hubert Cook was loaned for publication in this article.

The following is a two-part story and history on automobiles:

AUTOMOBILES I HAVE KNOWN
July 5, 1950

I am going to attempt to write some of my experiences in the early days of the automobile for the benefit of my grandchildren or possibly my own children.

They might otherwise take it for granted that we have always had the conveniences of fast travel over good roads, in comfortable seats, protected from the elements by windshields, windshield wipers, car heaters, and even power-operated safety glass windows. Such was not the case as you will eventually see.

I was always mechanically inclined, and my ambition was to become a locomotive or steamboat engineer. This urge was so strong that before I was 12 years old, I had a one-horsepower steam engine and boiler that Herman Frost and myself built.

He did most of the work, of course, as he was the machinist at the old Wool Boot Company where my father was the manager.

Just beyond our old woodshed and privy stood our abandoned chicken coop, which I converted into a factory by equipping it with a wood-turning lathe, an emery wheel and an ice cream freezer. Besides one-two-three ice cream, the principal output of this factory was rolling pins and potato mashers turned up from pieces of maple stove wood.

I never sold any of the output, but presented them to friends and relatives. I even gave a set to Maude at least six years before we were married. This was a grave mistake, as she wielded them over my head until I married her and has done so for nearly 50 years since then.

To satisfy the marine engineering urge, I built a 16-foot lapstreak clinker boat and bought a complete marine engine, propeller, shaft and stuffing box from a firm in Detroit for little over $18. We had great times up at Thornapple Lake with this outfit. The round-trip fare, as I recall it, was only 15 cents, and we would leave Hastings on the 8:15 train, run the boat once or twice around the lake and then catch the 9:19 train back to Hastings.

We almost missed the train one night when we ran out of gas about a quarter of a mile from the landing. We had so much confidence in the craft that we never bothered to carry oars or paddles aboard. This time we had to remove the spark plug to relieve the compression, and spin the engine with the crank, getting back to the landing barely in time to catch the train.

All of this happened before there were any automobiles in Hastings, and Robert and I began teasing Father to buy some kind of self-propelled buggy. He said they would never be a success because the principle was wrong, as it was the same as a man trying to lift himself by his bootstraps. That settled it, for the time being at least.

A few years later, I went to school at the Armour Institute in Chicago to study engineering. I lived across the street from and got my meals with Uncle Bert and Aunt Stelle Kniskern.

During my second year there, Uncle Bert bought a second-hand 1903 Cadillac car, and that is the beginning of my story. Since then, I have driven over 1,250,000 miles in this 1903 Cadillac, a 1908 Buick, a 1912 Chalmers, a 1914 Chevrolet, a Ford Model T touring car, a Ford Model T sedan, a 1920 Studebaker, four Model A Fords, three Lincoln Zephyrs and 14 Ford V-8s.

1903 Cadillac. Engine about 10 or 12 horsepower, single cylinder, make-and-break ignition (no spark plug). Car about 84-inch wheel base, right-hand drive, planetary transmission, two speeds forward, one reverse. Engine control by two small levers up through the front seat, one on each side of the driver. Car control by three floor pedals and one hand lever.

In other words, to change engine speeds, you had to let go of the steering wheel, but this was not dangerous, as the car couldn't go over 15 or 20 miles an hour.

The car had no top or windshield, no front doors and one back door in the middle of the tonneau. This door would sometimes come unlatched and as it was a part of the back seat, the occupant would find himself facing backward with his feet dangling over the roads.

In stormy weather, there was a tarpaulin that completely covered the car. It had five holes in it just big enough to stick your head through if you took your hat off. The big job then was to get your hat back on, as you wound up with both your hat and your hands under the tarpaulin. The driver and four passengers' heads were exposed to the elements but the rest of their bodies were kept dry except for the water that trickled through the holes and down your neck.

The headlights were kerosene lanterns.

In spite of all this, it was the greatest thrill of my life to be allowed t take this car all by myself to go a few miles once a week to take my violin lessons, even though I had some awfully close calls with streetcars while crossing 63rd Street.

I'll recount just one of the many happy escapades we enjoyed with this old Cadillac. One Sunday morning at about seven o'clock, the two Kniskern boys, two of our friends and myself went for a little spin before breakfast.

Everything was working so well that we just kept on going, out through South Chicago, Whiting, Hammond and then, within sight of Crown Point, it happened.

Lewis was driving and turned out to pass a horse and buggy. I'm sure he should have stopped sooner, but he didn't, and we hit a stump that was neatly hidden in the ragweed at the side of the road. He had great difficulty getting back out of the weeds and into the road again, and then we saw the reason. The front axle and steering rod were bent so the right front wheel toed out at about a 45-degree angle.

We spent over an hour limping on into the village of Crown Point. In those days, there were no gas stations or garages. You bought your gasoline at a grocery store and your repairs had to be made at a machine shop or blacksmith shop. We finally found a blacksmith shop, but of course, it was closed. Finally, we located the owner but he wouldn't work on Sunday. After listening for some time to our tale of woe, he finally let us take the keys to his shop. We took the whole front end of the car apart, heated up the bent parts and straightened them out as best we could.

At length, we got the machine back together again, returned the keys, thanked the shop owner and were ready to hit the road. It was after four o'clock by this time and, having had no breakfast or lunch, we were getting pretty hungry. We also thought we should call the Kniskerns so they wouldn't worry about us.

In taking inventory, we found we had just 35 cents between the five of us. If we telephoned, we couldn't eat, and if we ate, we couldn't telephone, so we compromised by getting a candy bar apiece, leaving us 10 cents for emergencies on the way home. Luckily, we had no emergencies and we arrived there a little after dark. After that, Uncle Bert confined our sightseeing trips to the city limits of Chicago.

1908 Buick. In the summer of 1908, I had a chance to go to Europe with my Ann Arbor roommate, Alvord Towar, and the two Kniskern boys. We were to work our way over and back being nursemaids to a bunch of cattle on a cattle boat.

The Kniskern boys found they couldn't make it, so, after persuading Father to let me have the money another year at Ann Arbor would cost, $320, Alvord and I decided against the cattle boat and bought tickets right through from Hastings to Liverpool, on five different boats from Detroit on.

This trip, which incidentally lasted three months and took us through 11 different countries and cost less than $320, is another story and was written up by me in the Banners of July, August and September of 1908.

The only thing this trip had to do with automobiles was that when I got off the train in Hastings, father, mother and Robert met me with a shiny new Model F Buick and when I say shiny, I mean shiny. It had more brass than a battleship, and every Saturday we spent hours polishing it with ammonia and whiting. We would also carefully inspect the tires, which were what were called "Quick Detachables" and they really were quick detachable, but awfully "Slow Attachable."

I'll give you three examples to show how quickly detachable they really were:

1. One Saturday night after finishing our job of polishing and inspecting, we drove downtown for some reason or another, and in making a U-turn around the monument, two of the tires quickly detached themselves from the wheels. Quite a crowd quickly gathered and they were very helpful with their suggestions and remarks.

2. This time we were riding out west of town on our way to the only gravel road within a good many miles of Hastings. This was a stretch of only a mile or so leading to the Colgrove farm on the Wall Lake Road. Mr. Colgrove was at that time known as the "Champion of Good Roads" in Michigan, and he succeeded in getting the state to build this particular stretch of road to state specifications. At that time, it was a wonderful improvement but under today's traffic, it wouldn't last a week.

I have wandered a little from the subject but on this particular ride, which occurred on a very hot and humid evening just before the Fourth of July, we were passing a farmhouse. The whole family was sitting out in front, and the children were playing with firecrackers. One of the brightest of the children tossed a cracker toward the car as we were passing by. It must have lodged between the quick-detachable rings and the tire and was held there by centrifugal force until we had gone a hundred feet or so. Then we heard it go off, and immediately the right front wheel began making that sickening plopping sound, so we stopped to see what had happened.

It was nothing serious, just a little inconvenience. The explosion had merely pushed the tire away from the rim far enough to allow the inner tube to blow out a bubble about the size of a bushel basket. All we had to do was let the air out of the tire, find a board to put the jack on, place two stones front and back of the rear wheel to keep the car from rolling off the jack, then jack the car up in the air, remove the lock ring, remove the clincher ring, tuck the tube back where it belonged, put the clincher ring back on and then try to get the lock ring back in its groove. This was usually quite a job as almost always it became badly bent when prying it out of the groove. However, we finally got it on, pumped up the tire, let down the jack, tossed the board and stones to the side of the road and were merrily ? (sic) on our way.

3. This third quick-detachable incident occurred on our way back from Gun Lake on the Middleville Road. We were speeding along at perhaps 35 or 40 miles per hour when we heard that old familiar bang that happened on almost every trip. When we got the car jacked up to put on one of the spares, we couldn't find either the clincher or the lock ring.

We walked back where the blowout happened but couldn't find either. It was almost an hour before we finally found them, one on each side of the road in the weeds, at least 100 feet ahead of where we finally got the car stopped. They had quickly detached themselves when the tire blew out and, spinning like hula hoops, they sneaked by us without anybody seeing them go by.

This Model F Buick was at least twice as good as the 1903 Cadillac because it had twice as many cylinders and twice as many rear doors. It had quite a powerful engine, or at least it took a lot of power to crank it.

The engine had a five-and-one-half bore and stroke and was controlled by spark and throttle levers on top of the steering wheel, making it possible to slow down or speed up without letting go of the wheel.

It was what was then called a side-winder, that is, it cranked from the side, the engine and transmission shaft being parallel with the rear axle. An exposed roller chain transmitted the power from the transmission to the rear wheels.

The chains had a weird habit of breaking at the most inopportune times. They never occurred when you had on your old clothes, but always when you had on your Sunday best. We always carried two extra chains, but changing them on the road was the dirtiest job you can imagine.

You had to jack up the car and crawl under to put the chain over the front sprocket. You then had to screw up the two turnbuckles on the radius rods to pull the rear axle up so the chain could be slipped on the back sprocket and the removable link attached. Then, adjust the turnbuckles to get the right tension to the chain, taking great care to get the rear axle exactly parallel to the transmission shaft, otherwise, the chain would be stretched on one side and run so crooked it would never stay on.

When a chain broke, you were helpless because you couldn't move the car and you had to make the repairs wherever the car happened to stop, which was usually in the middle of a puddle or in a patch of sand or dust where there was no footing for the jack. The chains were not nice to handle either, as they were boiled in a kettle of mutton tallow to lubricate them.

When you finally got the job done, your hands, arms, face and probably your clothes were covered with grease and dirt and usually no washbowl or soap or water (would be) within miles. All you could do was wipe them off on the grass, then with the greasy rag in the toolbox, and finally with your handkerchief to get them clean enough so you could hang on to the steering wheel.

And speaking of steering wheels, this old Buick had one feature that no other car before or since has had. It was a great selling point and was probably the feature that persuaded Father, Richard Messer and Ben Matthews to buy this model. By pressing on a floor button, you could swing the whole steering column up into a vertical position to facilitate getting in or out of the driver's seat.

To get back to the subject of chains again. One beautiful Sunday morning, Robert and I invited Florence, Maude and Nellie to go for a nice, long ride. We got about three miles out of town, speeding up a long hill, when bang went the chain.

This was no ordinary break. The chain locked itself around the transmission shaft with the two broken ends flailing around. Before we could stop the engine, the chain had cut the three back floorboards in two right under the girls' feet. Luckily, none of them lost a toe or foot.

It also cut the brake rods in two, so when the car quit coasting up the hill, it began to coast backward down the hill, with no way to stop it. We were glad nobody was coming behind us and that the ruts were deep enough to keep the car on the road. The chain also whipped off the two cylinder petcocks, so there was no compression and the engine could not be started.

In addition to putting on another chain, we had to patch up the brake rods with fence wire and whittle two wooden plugs from a fence board to plug up the openings where the petcocks were broken off.

We couldn't do anything about the floorboards, so the girls just had to be careful where they stepped. We drove on about a mile when our wooden plugs burned out and we had to replace them. This happened about every mile until we got the bright idea of making the plugs out of green wood from tree branches. These would sometimes last five miles.

In Shelbyville, we found a blacksmith shop, where we drilled out and tapped the holes for set screws, which are probably in the old car today if it is still around. Everything worked so good then that we drove on to Grand Rapids and back to Hastings before dark.

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BARRY COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING
NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2024 real estate with **unpaid 2022 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Barry County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act,Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended.

The Barry County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes.**

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings. **Please contact the Barry County Treasurer's office at (269) 945-1287 prior to the hearing dates for any updated procedures and instructions due to possible COVID-19 restrictions or building closures.**

A SHOW CAUSE HEARING is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., February 5, 2025, at 220 W State St, Treasurer's Office, Barry County Courthouse, Hastings MI 49058.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the County Treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING is scheduled for 8:30 A.M., February 12, 2025, at Circuit Court Room, 220 W State Street, Hastings MI 49058-Courthouse.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Barry County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 24-338-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Barry County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**

You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.

The legal title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by March 31, 2025.

All existing interests in oil or gas in this property shall be extinguished except the following:

i. The interests of a lessee or an assignee of an interest of a lessee under an oil or gas lease in effect as to that property or any part of that property if the lease was recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county in which the property is located before the date of filing the petition for judicial foreclosure.

ii. Interests preserved as provided in section 1(3) of 1963 PA 42, MCL 554.291.

iii. The right of a former interest-holder to recover remaining proceeds following sale or transfer of the property pursuant to MCL 211.78t.

If the property is foreclosed, you will have an opportunity to seek recovery of any equity that you may possess in the property in the form of remaining proceeds which may be realized through subsequent sale. Any party who holds **an interest** in the property at the time of foreclosure has the right to **make a claim** for remaining proceeds, which first requires completing and sending the Notice of Intention required by MCL 211.78t(2) to the Barry County Treasurer **no later than July 1, immediately following foreclosure.** You may lose any equity associated with your interest in the property following foreclosure unless you pursue a claim under MCL 211.78t. Those who wish to consult with an attorney about this notice and pending tax foreclosure may go to the State Bar of Michigan's legal resource and referral web page at https://lrs.michbar.org or may call (800) 968-0738 for assistance in finding private legal counsel.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate they are the owner of a parcel, or they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** on or after July of **2025. These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale until the final list of foreclosed parcels is determined and offered at auction in summer, 2025. **Most of these parcels will be redeemed from foreclosure. Entering upon them or contacting current property owners may constitute trespassing or undesired solicitation and may subject the offender to criminal prosecution.** The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2024.** The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Barry County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

NAME	PARCEL ID	AMOUNT
A & M INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LLC	5200005301	$2045.31
ABBOTT, JEFFREY A	1112002500	$2132.90
ABBOTT, MRS JEFFREY A	1112002500	$2132.90
ADVIA CREDIT UNION	1001303300	$2715.03
ALLEN (TRUST), BETTY J	0906001800	$1214.88
ALLEN, RODNEY LEE	5504003400	$2367.19
ANAYA, DAVID	1101701200	$1892.52
ANAYA, LINDA	1101701200	$1892.52
ANDERSON, BRANDY	5200106000	$2961.80
ANDERSON, JOHN JR	0102200310	$2259.01
ANDERSON, RANDY C	5200106000	$2961.80
ANDERSON, STACY	1218002400	$7008.88
ANTHONY, WILLIAM JR	0102200310	$2259.01
ARBOR FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION	0702801020	$5663.42
ARTEMIS REALTY CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC	0701900300	$23394.49
ARTEMIS REALTY CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC	0702002900	$1598.24
ARTEMIS REALTY CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC	0724002900	$6219.41
ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC	1100901700	$1303.34
ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC	1246000200	$2596.07
ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES INC	0403329600	$3781.20
ATCHU, SARA	0711001500	$2913.16
AYER (ESTATE), DONALD EMORY	1202400911	$525.53
AYER, DOROTHY D	1202400911	$525.53
AYER, DOROTHY D	1202400920	$778.75
AYER, DOROTHY D	1202400925	$334.30
BARLOW, NORMAN	5520104800	$851.99
BARRY COUNTY	0103301200	$1091.72
BARRY COUNTY	0202032700	$1083.11
BARRY COUNTY	0900901700	$1856.90
BARRY COUNTY	1001303300	$2715.03
BARRY COUNTY	1100100202	$1545.46
BARRY COUNTY	1507502200	$1754.01
BARRY COUNTY LUMBER CO	0812501300	$9877.22
BARRY COUNTY SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY	0703300200	$5443.52
BARRY TOWNSHIP	0304500700	$37794.64
BASSETT, ROBERT C	5503501500	$2047.46
BASSETT, WENDY L	5503501500	$2047.46
BENOIT, JAMES A	1110000900	$693.19
BERDECIA, TAMMY R	0600902500	$2981.76
BIRD, MELANIE	0103301200	$1091.72
BLAIR, NORMA ANN	1100100202	$1545.46
BLAIR, WILLIAM C	1100100202	$1545.46
BLANKENSHIP, KASSI	0700900220	$2415.31
BLANKENSHIP, LANNY	0700900220	$2415.31
BLETT, BRIAN	1102400201	$785.93
BOLTHOUSE, CHRISTINE	5520126900	$3777.34
BOLTHOUSE, NATHAN	5520126900	$3777.34
BOSWORTH, BRIAN J	1500142601	$1160.07
BRAUER, MICHAEL A	0906001500	$735.23
BRAUER, TIMOTHY J II	0906001500	$735.23
BRAVATA, NICHOLAS J	1104000400	$1446.06
BRAVATA, SAM JR	1104000400	$1446.06
BROWNS CUSTOM INTERIORS INC	0812501300	$9877.22
BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	0304500700	$37794.64
BURKE, ROBERT L	0103301600	$649.80
CARPENTER, MARK J	0103500400	$3233.44
CARPENTER, PAMELA JO	0103500400	$3233.44
CHADDERDON, PAULA	0715000600	$3873.86
CHAFFEE, JUNE	0602606500	$1412.01
CHRISTENSEN, LAURA	1401103400	$1958.36
CITY OF HASTINGS	5520108100	$1764.01
CLARISSA M DAVIS TRUST NO 1	1102600206	$842.07
CLARK, JUDITH	0501804501	$1974.85
CLARK, MRS JAMES T	0501804501	$1974.85
CLAWSON, FREDY JR	0301600301	$1530.67
CLAWSON, SHALYNDA	0301600301	$1530.67
COBB, LACEY	0101200100	$1706.33
COLE, EDWARD L	1100901700	$1303.34
COMMUNITY WEST CREDIT UNION	1112002500	$2132.90
CONSUMERS PROFESSIONAL CREDIT UNION	0302501102	$2371.53
COTANT, BRIAN S	0812501300	$9877.22
COTANT, DARCY	0812501300	$9877.22
COURSER, BRUCE M	0602606500	$1412.01
CRUMMEL, BARBARA	0701300200	$4298.80
CULTER, CAROL L	1200602100	$3158.30
CULVER, BRUCE	1246000200	$2596.07
CULVER, BRUCE D JR	1246000200	$2596.07
CULVER, MRS BRUCE D JR	1246000200	$2596.07
CURTIS, VERNON	5217000800	$3473.97
CUTLER, CAROL L	1200602100	$3158.30
DAVIS, DIANN L	0401443300	$2590.21
DAVIS, GARY	0601001510	$2463.79
DAVIS, KATHY	0400947500	$799.36
DAVIS, TIMOTHY	0400947500	$799.36
DAY, DONALD J	0102500400	$2610.92
DAY, JACK A	0102500400	$2610.92
DEARING, CHERIE	0202032700	$1083.11
DEGROOTE, SANDRA	0401441300	$783.63
DEGROOTE, SANDRA L	0401336900	$629.33
DEGROOTE, STEPHEN	0401441300	$783.63
DEGROOTE, STEPHEN C	0401336900	$629.33
DELTON VENTURE LLC	0701900300	$23394.49
DELTON VENTURE LLC	0702002900	$1598.24
DELTON VENTURE LLC	0724002900	$6219.41
DIES, DIANA	5200004700	$2512.99
DIES, JACOB	5200004700	$2512.99
DISCOVER BANK	1001303300	$2715.03
DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL INC	1000108000	$1598.50
DRAVENSTATT (TRUST), VIRGINIA J	0602606500	$1412.01
DREWYOR, LARRY	1101700420	$1409.63
DREWYOR, TAMMY	1101700420	$1409.63
DULL, JAMES R	0701300201	$1708.23
DYE, DEVIN	0300201100	$1098.99
DYE, JACKIE	0301016000	$1912.24
DYE, JACQUA	0301600319	$1137.87
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ELY, LAVERN E	5111008800	$2266.66
ELY, LAVERN E JR	1503330003	$1517.09
FARRAH, ADAM	0702801020	$5663.42
FAUNCE, GEORGE A III	4335005020	$2802.08

FAUNCE, MRS GEORGE A III	4335005020	$2802.08
FEYRER, CHAD D	5200004700	$2512.99
FIGURE LENDING LLC	0702801020	$5663.42
FRAME, NATHANIEL B	5520134600	$4822.60
FRAZER, DONNA MAE	1401103400	$1958.36
FRAZER, JUSTIN MICHAEL	1401103400	$1958.36
FRAZER, RICHARD LEWIS	1401103400	$1958.36
FRAZER, RODNEY	1401103400	$1958.36
FRAZER, RODNEY LEWIS II	1401103400	$1958.36
FRIE, AUBREY M	0304500700	$37794.64
FRIE, TIMOTHY	0304500700	$37794.64
FULFORD, LEONARD	1301100600	$767.34
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FULFORD, LEONARD E	5525502400	$3136.49
FULLER, JAMES II	0906001600	$1089.64
FULLER, JONI	0906001600	$1089.64
GANSON (ESTATE), VERN	0703441500	$256.03
GANSON, ARLENE	0703441500	$256.03
GANSON, VERN P	0703441500	$256.03
GELLER, RICHARD J	5522010700	$1419.48
GIBSON, TAMERA	0655003200	$1049.10
GMAC HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2001-HE2	0703000450	$1486.63
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORP	0301100900	$2122.71
GREEN, ERNE	0716007400	$1116.29
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GUERNSEY LAKE MHP	0701900300	$23394.49
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HARLEY H SIMONDS AND BARBARA J SIMONDS REVOCABLE LIVING (TRUST)	1203600700	$1908.26
HARNER, JASON M	0302501102	$2371.53
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HARVATH, DAVID	0701300200	$4298.80
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HASMAN, DANIELLE	0906002400	$396.38
HASTINGS CITY BANK	0301501700	$2865.61
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HERTEL, NICOLE M	0802301600	$1555.45
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HINMAN, JERE	0711001500	$2913.16
HOBBS, JASON	5200118000	$1512.60
HOWARD, SUE	5212002000	$4252.52
HUGHES, JERRY	5217000700	$3388.72
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IN & OUT INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC	0301600301	$1530.67
INDIANA LUMBERMENS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY	1101703210	$1313.65
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	0201322800	$2005.63
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JAMES, DARLA	0711001500	$2913.16
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JOHNSTON, JEFFERY W	0100200520	$889.35
JONES, DAVID	0103302260	$533.60
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KAISER, DAVID	0403037510000	$2509.73
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KENNEY, TAYLOR R	0100901020	$4131.33
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KIMBLE, JAY	1500930006	$1641.99
KLINGE, JEREMY	0502902000	$872.77
KUEMPEL, FLORENCE	5509502000	$2163.45
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LAKE TRUST CREDIT UNION	0600902500	$2981.76
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LANCASTER, SEAN	5500116200	$2331.46
LANDON, KRISTINA	5521500200	$2636.76
LANING, PETER K	1103102300	$2102.30
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MARINERS ATLANTIC PORTFOLIO LLC	0304500700	$37794.64
MARTIN, RICK C	1104000400	$1446.06
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MATTESON, TANYA L	0202032700	$1083.11
MAWBY, RUSSELL J	0200730300	$1208.85
MC CORD, CAROL	0300603700	$1811.26
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MEHER, CARL	0700301000	$1102.17
MEHER, MINDI	0502902000	$872.77
MELKVIK, ERIK H	0100601700	$2313.91
MERCANTILE BANK OF MICHIGAN	1102902010	$713.46
MERLE G LANCASTER REV LIVING TRUST	5500116200	$2331.46
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	1102600206	$842.07
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MIDLAND FUNDING LLC	0300603700	$1811.26
MILLER, DAVID J	0903100100	$4430.53
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MORTGAGE CENTER LLC	0812501300	$9877.22
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS	1000108000	$1598.50
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MURPHY, MELISSA ANN	0200730300	$1208.85
NELSON, ROBERT C	0643504300	$341.91
NORMAN H DAVIS TRUST NO 1	1102600206	$842.07
OLMSTEAD, DENNIS R	0906003700	$1097.26
ONEILL FEYRER, CHARLES	5200004700	$2512.99
OSYTEK, EUGENE	0502805501	$408.63
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OSYTEK, YANET	0502805501	$408.63
PACESETTER CORPORATION	0906003700	$1097.26
PARKER STORAGE FACILITY LLC	5525502910	$7631.83
PARKER, SUSANNE K	5525502910	$7631.83
PARKER, THOMAS M	5525502910	$7631.83
PERKINS (TRUST), JAMES R	5500139400	$1720.82
PHILLIPS, JULIE A	0701300201	$1708.23
PIERCE, MERRIT	0902703100	$1940.07
PIERCE, RONNIEMAY	0902703100	$1940.07
PITTELKOW, MARK A	0203142620	$750.32
PORRITT, CINDY	5520108100	$1764.01
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PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC	1100901700	$1303.34
POST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION	0101200100	$1706.33
QUICK CASH REALTY LLC	0300300840	$1723.05
QUILLAN, CHARLES R	1507502200	$1754.01
RABB, RONALD M	0906000700	$1016.09
RASEY, CIJI A	0900900500	$2056.62
RASEY, JEREMY L	0900900500	$2056.62
RAYMOND, JAMES B	1001303300	$2715.03
REED (ESTATE), ARCHIE J	0915001600	$2737.49
REYNOLDS, GEROLD	0903101200	$2221.37
REYNOLDS, JUDITH	0903101200	$2221.37
RICHARDS, ERIC M	0306504600	$2768.34
RICHARDS, LARRY	0306504600	$2768.34
RICHARDS, MARY	0306504600	$2768.34
RICHARDS, MRS ERIC M	0306504600	$2768.34
RNJ REAL ESTATE LLC	0307005600	$4070.96
RODRIGUEZ, RICARDO J	0403329600	$3781.20
ROOK, ESTES	1401103400	$1958.36
ROSENBERG, TOMMY	5500139400	$1720.82
ROWLEY DAVIS, KATHLEEN A	0400947500	$799.36
RUSSELL, WILLIAM	0307005600	$4070.96
RUTHRUFF, ALLEN	0703000450	$1486.63
RUTHRUFF, FAY	0703000450	$1486.63
RUTHRUFF, FAYETTA	0703000450	$1486.63
SAEMAN ENTERPRISES LLC	5520108100	$1764.01
SAEMAN, JEROLD	5520108100	$1764.01
SAND RIDGE BANK	0201322800	$2005.63
SAND RIDGE BANK	5525502910	$7631.83
SCHLEGEL, DAISY	0202032700	$1083.11
SCHLEGEL, RONALD	0202032700	$1083.11
SCHWAB, JOHN D	1102902010	$713.46
SHEFFIELD, MYRNA	0301501700	$2865.61
SHUPP, KIMBERLY	0302100950	$2959.91
SHUPP, MARILYN	0302100950	$2959.91
SIAS, JACOB	4311000300	$1947.69
SIMONDS (TRUST), HARLEY & BARBARA	1203600700	$1908.26
SIMONDS, BARBARA J	1203600700	$1908.26
SIMONDS, HARLEY H	1203600700	$1908.26
SMITH, RON	5200233500	$2142.25
SMITH, RUTH	5200233500	$2142.25
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC	0400947500	$799.36
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CHS hockey team wins battle

Delton Kellogg defender Caleb Summerville (center) battles Hastings' Jacob Kirkwood (left) and Kenna Sabourin. Photo by Matt Brauer

Valley girls get win number two at W

CHS hockey team wins battle of top ten teams

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

A pair of early goals and a stellar performance by Junior Sam Hoag in net got the Caledonia varsity hockey team of victory and a top 10 showdown with East Grand Rapids at Kentwood Ice Arena Saturday.

Caledonia, now 13-2-1 on the season, entered the afternoon contest ranked seventh in the state in Division 2. The Caledonia team is once again a co-op with Thornapple Kellogg and Lowell. The 10-3-1 Pioneers checked in third in Division 3.

Henry Simon and Logan Himes scored nearly identical goals in the first 7:07 to put the Fight Scots in front 2-0, both rushing past the blue line to the top of the left circle and firing shots around a defender and by the EGR keeper.

"These guys, their perseverance has been awesome," Caledonia head coach Jeremy Bultema said. "We have been growing as players and as a team. They grinded it out. They're a resilient team."

Shots for the Scots were few and far between the rest of the afternoon. While the Pioneers had some decent possession in the offensive end, dangerous chance were rare and Hoag was up to nearly every challenge that came his way.

EGR cut the Caledonia lead in half with a goal by Trevor Bird at the 4:07 mark of the third period, and kept the pressure on until the final horn sounded. A two-minute crosschecking penalty on Caledonia with 3:02 left to play with the pioneers on the power play. Half a minute later at turnover in the corner led to a point blank, one on one chance for Burd that Hoag smothered.

With the EGR goalie pulled in the final 40 seconds, the Scots deflected one shot up into the netting behind Hogue and then managed to clear the puck out of the zone a couple times to preserve the win. Hoag shot towards his bench, sliding on one knee and pumping a fist before being mobbed by his teammates.



Caledonia defender Caleb Summerhays pushes the puck through the neutral zone as East Grand Rapids' Jacob Goossens looks on during their contest at Kentwood Ice Arena Saturday. **Photo by Brett Bremer**



The Fighting Scots' Henry Simon moves in to score the opening goal around East Grand Rapids defender Owen Stropkai during the first period of their contest at Kentwood Ice Arena Saturday. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

"He's a huge part of the team," coach Bultema said of his junior net-minder. "What are we, 13-2-1 now. He's a big reason for that."

Hoag split time in net for the Scots in the past two seasons, but basically has the role to himself this season.

"He is a super competitive guy," coach Bultema said. "If you want to talk about a guy whose competitive level is through the roof, it is him. He is a gamer. He has been working on his game in between the pipes with a goalie coach. That has been incredible. He is an ultimate competitor."

Lucas McNabnay, Harmon Esch and captain Tony Kauffman had assists for the Scots. Esch and Hoag are alternate captains for the Scots this winter along with fellow junior Rylan Bultema and senior defender Caleb Summerhays.

Coach Bultema was pleased with the way all his guys played Saturday night. He is really pleased with his team's depth.

"The biggest thing that can get overlooked is the culture of the team," coach Bultema said. "These guys are getting into winning. They're together. Outside of skill and anything else, these guys play as a team."

The Scots are now 4-1-1 in the OK Conference Rue Division. It was the first loss of the conference season for the Pioneers who are now 2-1-1. The Rue Division is crowded at the top with Forest Hills Central sporting a 4-1 mark and Grand Rapids Catholic Central and Byron Center with three wins apiece. Caledonia's one conference loss came at the hands of a Grand Rapids Christian team that's 1-3-1 in the division.

"The OK Conference right now is unbelievable," coach Bultema said. "Hockey on the west side of the state is good. It is good hockey. I just think it starts with the buy-in from the schools, and then it goes into the coaching and the players. You're getting more talented players and it picks up the pace of the conference."

Valley girls get win number two at WMAA

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

An offensive set can't roll much better than the one the Lions opened the second half with at West Michigan Aviation Academy.

Point guard Ines Sanchez called out the play coming across half court. She got the ball into the hands of Audrey Burpee on the right wing. Burpee fired it to Payton Morawski in the post, and when the defense came at her she shot a pass across the lane to Abbigail Harvey. Harvey quickly put the ball up and in.

The ball never needed to touch the floor.

The Maple Valley varsity girls' basketball team scored its second victory of the season Tuesday, outscoring the host Aviators 30-19 and are now 2-6 overall this season. The Aviators fall to 1-9.

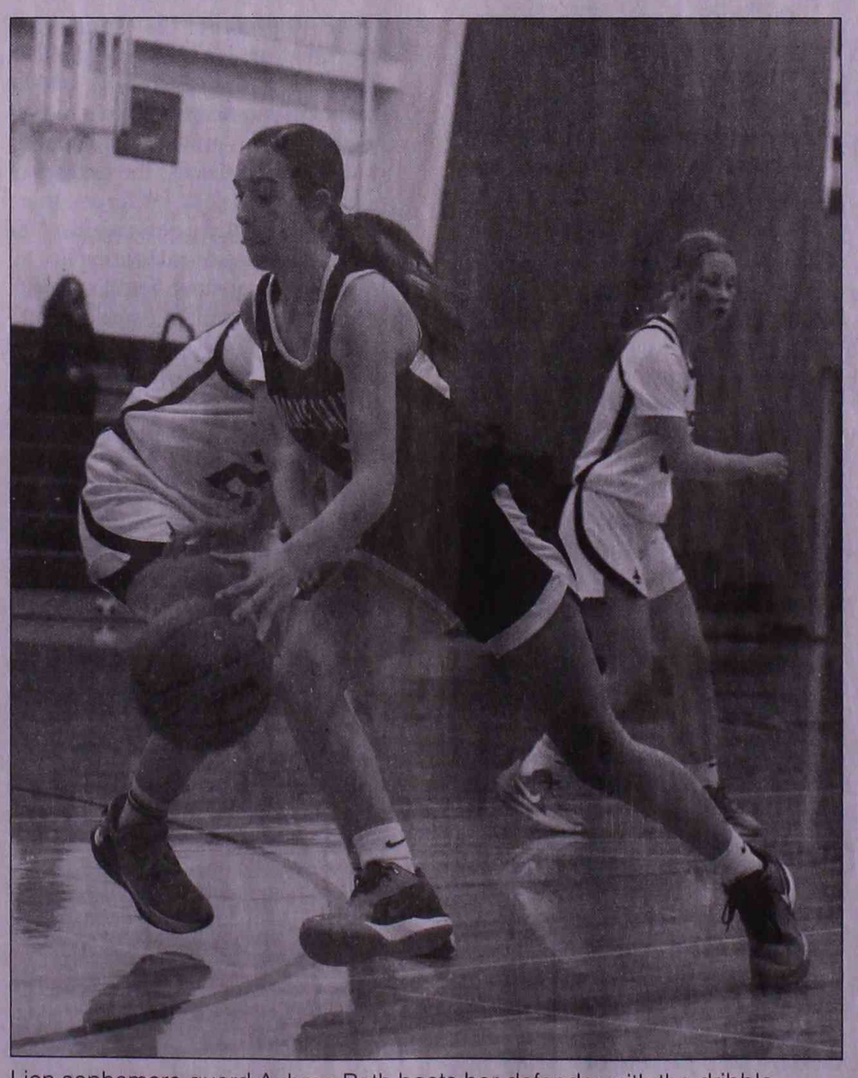
That bucket to start the second half was part of a 10-1 across the final couple minutes of the first half and the first four minutes of the second half. The Lions stretched an 11-9 lead to 21-10 over that span.

Sanchez would finish with a game-high 14 points. She had a stretch early in the fourth quarter where she scored six straight points upping the Lion lead to double figures. The Spanish exchange student continues to be an excellent distributor of the basketball, to handle as much of the scoring load as she can and she was a pest at the top of the Lion's zone defense throughout much of the night.

Maple Valley also got seven points from Aubree Roth and Harvey, a freshman center, finished with six points.

The Lions' defense did a solid job of keeping the Aviators away from the basket, and both teams know they still have lots of work to do on their outside shooting skills.

"I thought tonight, for the most part, we started to anticipate some passes and where they were going, trying to get into a mindset of what was maybe open," Lion head coach Landon Wilkes aid. "I thought we did a better job of moving tonight when the ball was in the air. We're pretty bad sometimes at letting them catch and then we move after that. I thought we did better in that aspect."



Lion sophomore guard Aubree Roth beats her defender with the dribble during the first half of the Lions' win at West Michigan Aviation Academy Tuesday night. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

"My whole spiel with them is defense is going to lead to our offense," Wilkes added. "We have to learn to stop teams before we can score. I knew coming into this year that we were going to really struggle putting the ball in the basket. We have gotten a boost from Ines, however I saw a couple other girls step up tonight and try to make some moves to the basket to try to make some stuff happen. I know Aubree Roth knocked down a couple shots tonight."

The Lions are more focused on improvements than wins at this point, but it is always nice to get a 'W.' The Lions' last victory came Dec. 11 at Comstock.

Maple Valley had four different girls score in the first quarter as it built a 9-7 lead, and they had a lead for the rest of the ballgame. The Lion lead was 15-10 at the half and they pushed it to 23-15 going into the fourth quarter.

Junior Holly Mileski led the Aviators with eight points and sophomore Alysse LeBolt finished with seven.

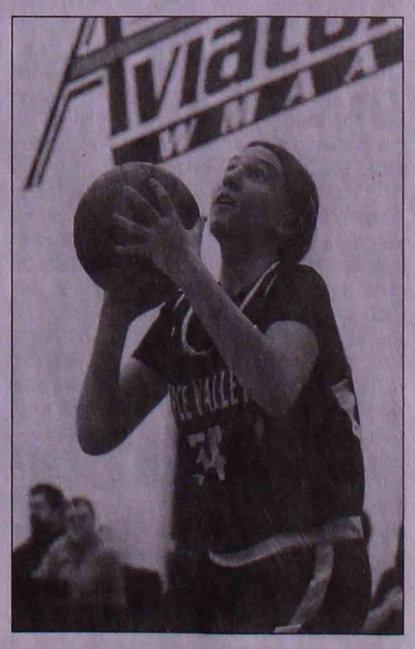
Things could have been tighter though. The Aviators missed all six of their free throw attempts in the third quarter. Wilkes would also like to see his girls do a better job of rebounding the basketball, although he said that is something he has to help them figure out. He said it is something of a trend he has seen in teams he has coached over the years.

The Lion head coach is happy to be at a point in the season where he feels like he and the girls understand where each other are coming from. He may get a little loud on the sideline, but he said that doesn't mean he is is upset with girls or mad at them.

"I am trying to be extremely transparent with them in what I see and what I feel needs to be done," Wilkes said.

The Lions are still working towards their first Big 8 Conference win of the season. They're 0-3 in the conference heading into a Friday night ballgame with Reading at Maple Valley High School. The Lions are home again next Tuesday too, Jan. 21, taking on Bronson.

"We're nowhere close [to where we want to be], but they come to practice every single day, all 21 of the girls, and they come to practice and they battle every single day for me. I can't ask much more than that," Wilkes said.



Maple Valley freshman center Abbigail Harvey goes up for two points during her team's win at West Michigan Aviation Academy Tuesday. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

DK boys over .500 heading into showdown at G-A

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Panthers are on a roll.

The Delton Kellogg varsity boys' basketball team took its lumps in an 88-55 loss to visiting Parchment last week, Jan. 7, at DKHS, but has bounced back to win three in a row and improve its record to 5-4 overall on the season.

The Panthers are currently 2-2 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division and will get back to SAC Central play Friday, Jan. 17, at Galesburg-Augusta.

The Delton Kellogg boys evened their conference record with a 58-21 win at Martin last Friday, Jan. 10. The Panthers sandwiched that victory between a 54-49 win over Union City Jan. 8 and a 55-34 win at Battle Creek Calhoun Christian Tuesday night.

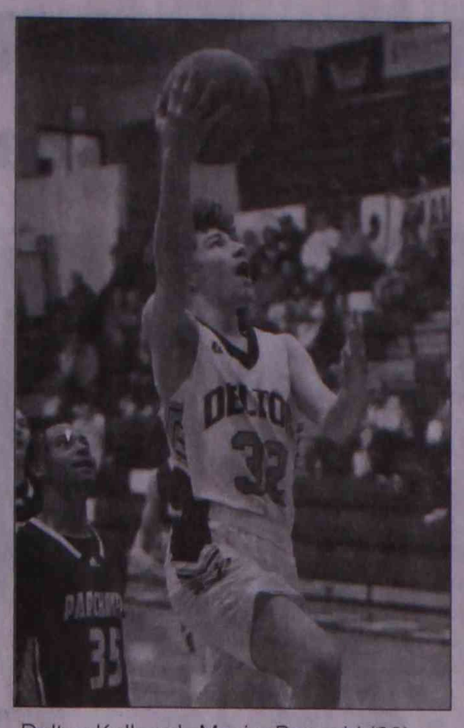
DK head coach Jason Howland said the tough loss to Parchment in the return from Christmas break really set the stage for his team to be ready to play at a high level coming back from break and was hoping the effort from that contest would carry over even on a night when they turned the ball over too many times.

Turnovers and a Parchment team that shot a blazing 60 percent from the floor were too much for the DK boys to overcome that night last week.

Grant McArthur had 17 points in the loss and Grady Matteson added 11. Tyler Howland chipped in six points and seven assists while Maxim Bonechi added seven points.

One encouraging sign from that defat was a 46 percent shooting performance from the DK boys, which was a solid improvement over the early season.

Jalin Kampen led the Parchment team with 25 points including 20 ind the first half.



Delton Kellogg's Maxim Bonechi (32) attacks the rim past Parchment's Tayshawn Hartman (35) late in their matchup at Delton Kellogg High School Jan. 7. **Photo by Perry Hardin**



Delton Kellogg junior Keegan Hill (14) slashes towards the hoop over Parchment junior Don'Jae Gilmore-Slater (1) during the second half Tuesday, Jan. 7. **Photo by Perry Hardin**

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Barry County, starting promptly at 1:00 PM on 2/20/2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Jerry L. Plank III. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc. Date of mortgage: 6/4/2019. Mortgage recorded on 6/14/2019 as Document No. 2019-005699. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Guaranteed Rate, Inc. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $105,658.25 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Barry County, and described as: PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF BARRY, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: PARCEL 1: LOT 4, BLOCK 10, VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, BEING PART OF SECTION 1, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, IRVING TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN. PARCEL 2: PART OF LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 10, VILLAGE OF FREEPORT, IRVING TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6, BLOCK 10, VILLAGE OF FREEPORT AS LAID OUT AND REPLATTED BY SAMUEL ROUSH'S ADDITION; THENCE NORTH ON THE WEST LOT LINE OF SAID LOT 6, 75.0 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST, 66.28 FEET, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 6, TO A POINT 75.0 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 6 AND THE EAST LOT LINE OF LOT 6; THENCE NORTH 51.80 FEET, ALONG SAID EAST LOT LINE, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 6 AND THE SOUTH LINE OF PLATTED 10 FOOT WIDE ALLEY; THENCE WEST, 66.19 FEET, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 6 AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID ALLEY; THENCE CONTINUING WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID ALLEY AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5, 66.18 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 5, BLOCK 10; THENCE SOUTH ON SAID WEST LINE 15.0 FEET; THENCE EAST, 66.18 FEET; PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5, TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 6; THENCE SOUTH 36.93 FEET, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6, TO A POINT 75.0 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 6 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 106 Cherry St, Freeport, MI 49325. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 01/16/2025. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-24-00403
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Saxon bowlers sweep matches with Parma Western

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Hastings varsity boys' and girls' bowling teams took Interstate-8 Athletic Conference wins over Parma Western at University Lanes inAlbion Thursday.

The Hastings girls took a 26-4 victory Kass Harton, Kaylin Schild and Heaven Simmet won two points apiece for the Saxons in the individual games. Harton had games of 154 and 193. Schild scored a 178 and a 195. Simmet scored a 154 and a 175.

The Hastings girls also got points thanks to wins from Megan Ramey and Jen Stoline.

The Saxon boys took a 23.5 to 6.5 win. Deagan Wilkes had a stellar 255 game, but it was the one that earned the Hastings team a half a point as he was matched by his Panther foe. He also won a point with a 180.

Miles Lipsey, Hunter Bennington and Andrew Barton won two points each for the Saxons. Lipsey had games of 185 and 180. Pennington rolled a 207 and a 168. Barton contributed a 160 and a 169.

The Saxons had a Tuesday afternoon dual with Northwest postponed. They are scheduled to head to Marshall for an I-8 showdown this afternoon, Jan. 16, and to be a part of the Mason Invite Sunday. Next week in the I-8 the Saxons visit Pennfield Tuesday and Coldwater Thursday.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Court address: 206 W. Court Street, #302
Hastings, MI 49058
Court telephone no.: (269) 945-1390

Estate of Cortez E. Hawks. Date of birth: 3/28/1950.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cortez E. Hawks, died 10/15/2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dawn Linklater, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 435 Pineview Dr., Lake Odessa, MI 48849 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1/14/2025

Dawn Linklater
435 Pineview Dr.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849
(616) 304-1543

Maple Valley boys score their first Big 8 victory

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Maple Valley varsity boys' basketball team notched its first Big 8 Conference win of the season Tuesday night against visiting Reading.

The Lions ran to a 69-42 win to move their record to 1-5 in conference play this winter. Reading falls to 0-6 in the Big 8 and 1-11 overall.

The Lions are now 3-8 overall.

Quincy took a 50-44 win over the visiting Lions last Thursday in Big 8 play.

Quincy built a 25-15 lead in the first half, but the Lions rallied to cut that down to three points before the third quarter was up.

Teegen McDonald put in a team-high 15 points for the Lions. Kelvin Nevins-Davis had eight points, Eli Wright seven and Jim Wiggs six.

Wright and Nevins-Davis tied for the Lion lead with six rebounds each. Jake McDonald had five boards to go with three assists and two steals. Teegen had three rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Brandon Miner had 15 points and four boards for the Orioles. Alex Dunn added 13 points and six rebounds.

MHSAA Council selects first new leader in ten years

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association received reports on the upcoming sponsorship of two recently-added sports, provided support for a study group to discuss the number of postseason divisions for several more sports, and elected a new president for the first time in a decade during its Fall Meeting last month in East Lansing.

Midland assistant principal and athletic director Eric Albright was elected president, as retired Grand Haven Superintendent Scott Grimes completed his tenure on the Council and 10th and final term as president.

Generally, the Council takes only a few actions during its Fall Meeting, with topics often introduced for additional consideration and action during its meetings in March and May. The Council took only one action at this meeting but began conversations on several topics that will be continued throughout the remainder of this school year.

The lone action regarded baseball and a previously-approved requirement for teams to submit their pitch counts online beginning with the Spring 2025 season. The Council approved a one-year delay in that requirement to allow more time for technology development and implementation.

The Council received reports on two sports set to begin with MHSAA sponsorship with the 2025-26 school year – girls field hockey and boys volleyball. The first Girls Field Hockey Committee has met and will be sending several proposals to the Council for action during its March meeting in preparation for the Fall 2025 season. The Volleyball Committee will meet soon with potential proposals for boys volleyball coming before the Council in March or May,

MHSAA staff led a discussion regarding the number of postseason divisions for baseball, basketball, Lower Peninsula cross country, softball, Lower Peninsula track & field and volleyball, which are all sponsored by at least 550 schools. The conversation included data from a 2023 Update Meeting poll question that addressed the topic and discussions that took place during MHSAA sport committee meetings during the 2023-24 school year. The Council discussed if adding fifth divisions to those sports is necessary or desirable and gave support for MHSAA staff to form a study group on the topic and provide a report to the Council during its May 2025 meeting.

Council members discussed social media issues that had arisen in the school sports community over the last several months, and how member schools should address these situations and the role the MHSAA should play in communicating with all schools involved in specific instances.

The Council also received updates from the MHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and discussed several matters related to recently completed fall tournaments, broadcast partnerships, MHSAA Athletic Director Update Meeting and In-Service Programs and other administrative topics.

The Fall Meeting also saw elections of Council officers for the upcoming year. In addition to a new president, Brighton High School athletic director John Thompson was reelected as Council vice president, and Vic Michaels, director of physical education and athletics for the Archdiocese of Detroit, was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

Additionally, Westland John Glenn athletic director Jason Malloy was appointed for a second two-year term on the Council. Monica Merritt, superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was appointed for a first two-year term.

The Representative Council is the legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

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Friddle sets Saxon pin record in conference win

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Saxon senior Isaac Friddle continues to tick off milestones.

Friddle pinned Harper Creek's Sean Johnson midway through the second period of their 215-pound match in their team's Interstate-8 Athletics Conference dual at Harper Creek High School Wednesday. The pin, his 144thm moved him to the top of the list of the Hastings varsity wrestlers with the most pins. Robby Slaughter, a 2023 Hastings graduate, was the previous record holder.

Friddle's pin was a part of a 52-24 win for the Hastings team which moved to 2-0 in the conference so far this winter. Overall, the Saxon team is now 23-0 in duals and ranked ninth in the state in Division 1.

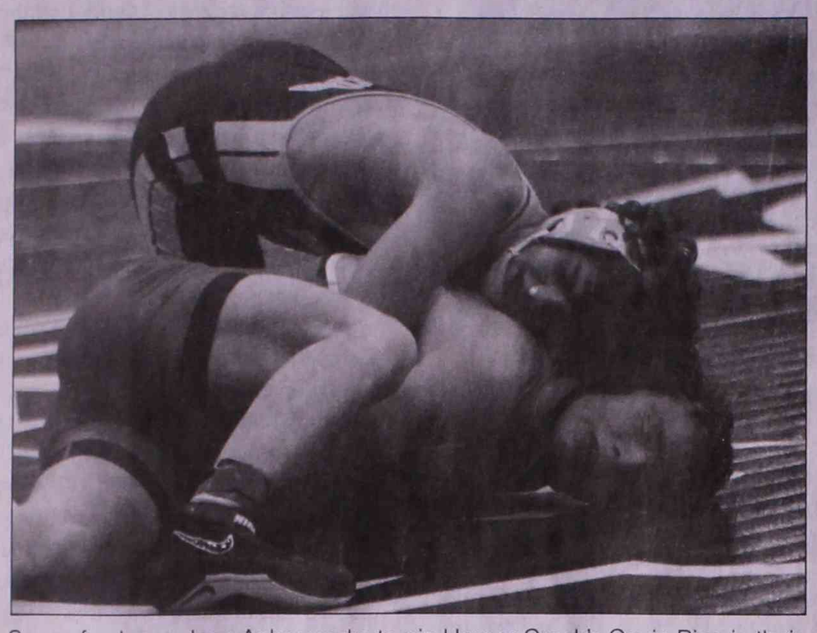
Hastings also defeated Jackson Lumen Christi 83-0 on the night, and the Saxons followed up their two wins there in Battle Creek by taking the title Saturday at the Alma Duals.

In that I-8 dual with the Beavers, the Saxons also got pins from Hunter Sutfin at 106 pounds, Troy Hokanson at 113, Maverik Peake at 126, Liam Renner at 150, Jace Acker at 157, Keegan Sutfin at 165 and Matthew Shults at 175 pounds. The other four Saxon points came thanks to Tate Warner's 21-10 major decision at 190 pounds.

In the shut out victory of Jackson Lumen Christi, Hastings got pins from Jordan Humphrey, Quinnton Schnerre, Renner, Acker, Shults, Warner and Angel Mejia-Hernandez.

On Saturday, the Saxon team was 5-0 with a 48-29 win over Reeths-Puffer in the championship match of the Alma Duals. Hastings also defeated East Lansing 66-14, Midland Dow 75-6, Mt. Morris 62-17 and Portland 35-27.

Keegan Sutfin, Hunter Sutfin and Friddle were all 5-0 at the tournament and Reyd Zoerman, Renner, Acker and Shults were all 4-1.



Saxon freshman Jace Acker works to pin Harper Creek's Gavin Rice in their 157-pound bout during their teams' I-8 dual in Battle Creek Wednesday, Jan. 8. **Photo by Perry Hardin**



The Saxons' Isaac Friddle sets the Hastings school record for pins with his 144th varsity pin against Harper Creek's Sean Johnson during a match on Wednesday in Battle Creek. **Photo by Perry Hardin**

Lions win their Big 8 Conference wrestling opener

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Maple Valley varsity wrestling team opened Big 8 Conference duals on its home mat Wednesday with a 52-6 win over Concord.

The Lions also knocked off Fulton 48-30 on the night.

Robert Schilz scored a 15-3 major decision over Concord's Nate Fritz in the 138-pound bout, and the Lion team got pins from Filip Nowak, Jeremiah Penny, Kade Wright and Joe Long

Nowak stuck Ethan Cesco 1:03 into their 144-pound bout. Penny needed just 13 seconds to pin Jasmine Carr in the 157-pound bout. Wright stuck Zach Deboe midway through the second period of their 165-pound match. At 285 pounds, Long pinned Concord's Kingston Travis midway through the first period.

Jordyan Metcalf at 150 pounds had the lone pin for the Concord team.

Jackson Burpee, Noah Lucas and Skyler Cook earned forfeit wins for Maple Valley in the dual.

Roman Schilz, Robert Schilz, Nowak and Burpee had pins in the dual with Fulton and Lucas, Cook, Long and Josh Deppe all won by forfeit.

The Lions were back in action Saturday where they played sixth at the 19-team Lakeview Tournament.

Long had the top finish for the Lion team placing second at 285 pounds. He pinned Ionia's Drake Wittenbach and Mt. Pleasant's Konner Bross in the first two rounds. Freeland's Garrett Kain pinned Long a minute and a half into their championship match.

Robert Schilz at 138 pounds and Nowak at 144 both placed third and Burpee was fourth at 175 pounds. Robert took a 12-6 win over big Rapids Mason Snavley in their consolation final and Nowak outscored Freeland's Colton Cunningham 9-3 in their 144-pound match for third. Nowak just missed a spot in the championship falling 2-1 to Pinckney's Dane Smith in their semifinal bout.

Lakeview dominated the scoreboard at its tournament finishing with 311.5 points. Big Rapids was second with 199.5 points ahead of Freeland 193, Mt. Pleasant 175.5, Pinckney 142, Maple Valley 117.5, Whitehall 116, Saginaw United 95.5, Fulton 85, Lakeview 'B' 82 in the top ten.

The Lions were set to head to Bronson for a Big 8 Quad Wednesday, Jan. 15, and will head to Quincy for the annual Shawn Cockrell Invite Saturday, Jan. 18. Big 8 action continues for the Lions in a quad at Union City Wednesday, Jan .22.

Panthers knock off Lawton at SAC Quad

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Delton Kellogg varsity wrestling team split a pair of Southwestern Athletic Conference duals at Lawton Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The Panthers took a 60-21 win over the host Blue Devils while also falling 48-30 in a tough dual with Gobles.

In the victory over Lawton, Delton Kellogg got its first points thanks to quick pins from Alec Sinkler, Gauge Stampfler and Austyn Lipscomb in the 132-, 138- and 144-pound bouts for an early 18-12 lead. They led the rest of the way.

Kayle Mclellan had a pin for Delton Kellogg at 13 pounds to close out the dual. The Panthers' other points came thanks to forfeit wins by Mendon Phillips, Easton Reynolds, Travis Mosqueda, Dorian Marlow, Isaac Ferris and Mitchell Swift.

Swift and Evan Stampfler had pins for the Delton Kellogg team in the loss to Gobles. The Tigers forfeited flights to the Panthers Gauge Stampfler, Landon Madden and Phillips.

The Panthers were set to head to Martin for another SAC Quad Wednesday, Jan. 15, against the Clippers and South Haven. Delton goes to Hopkins for a tournament Saturday, Jan. 18, and will be back at it in the SAC next Wednesday, Jan. 22, against Allegan and Fennville in Allegan.

SYNOPSIS
RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: Hall, Hawthorne, Greenfield, Watson, Bellmore, James, Mayack
Absent: None
Approved the Agenda
Approved the Consent Agenda
Motion to Chris Morgan to CBA and Jen Hayes to PC Roll Call Vote – All ayes, motion passes
Monthly Treasurer's Report
Monthly Clerk's Voucher/Payroll Report
Motion to approve Resolution 2024-299 2025 Township Budget Roll Call Vote – All Ayes, motion passes
Motion to Resolution 2024-303 2025 Board Meeting Dates and Holiday Schedule Roll Call Vote – All ayes, motion passes
Motion to Resolution 2024-304 2025 Township Board Compensation
Supervisor-$30,552.00 Clerk-$35,070.00 Treasurer-$31,417.00 Trustee-$134 per Board Meeting
Roll Call Vote – All ayes, Motion passes
Motion to appoint township Auditors-Siegfried & Crandall, Attorney-Craig Rolfe, Planner-Rebecca Harvey, Engineer-Ken Bosma Roll Call Vote- All ayes, motion passes
Adjournment 8:21 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Robin Hawthorne, Clerk

Attested to by,
Marti Mayack, Supervisor

Martin keeps DK girls winless in SAC Central ballgames

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Martin went on a 26-10 run in the first half and earned a 50-27 win over the visiting Delton Kellogg varsity girls' basketball team in Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division play Friday.

The Clippers hit six three-pointers in the ballgame including four from Macy Thorne who finished with a game-high 16 points.

Delton Kellogg head coach Kevin Lillibridge said his team had a rough start and the Clippers outside shooting really put his team in a hole. He said his team also had some trouble taking care of the basketball.

"The girls are still giving a ton of effort and making more and more strides to putting four quarters together," Lillibridge said.

Of the seven Panthers on the roster five of them scored. Addie Stampfler, Izzie Wendland and Josie Williams had seven points each. Dani Fields had four points and Jalin Lyons chipped in two.

The Delton Kellogg girls are now 1-8 overall this season and 0-5 in the SAC Central.

Calhoun Christian took a 38-25 non-conference win over the visiting Delton Kellogg girls Tuesday night, Jan. 14.

The Panthers are back at it in the SAC Central this Friday at Galesburg-Augusta and then will be home for a non-conference ballgame with Bridgman Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Wayland swimmers outdo DK/ Hastings boys at the CERC

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Wayland varsity boys' swimming and diving team took a 79-62 non-conference win over the Delton Kellogg/Hastings team at the CERC in Hastings Thursday.

Colton Baker was a part of a couple victories for the DK/Hastings team with a win in the diving competition thanks to a total score of 140.50 points and he was also a part of the DK/Hastings foursome that got the winning points in the 200-yard freestyle at the end of the night.

Caleb Kramer, Gavin Bagley and Cruize Rathborn had a first-place time of 1 minute 57.30 seconds in that 200-yard freestyle relay.

Kramer added a runner-up time of 27.39 in the 50-yard freestyle. DJ Kuck chipped in a runner-up time of 2:36.24 for the DK/Hastings squad and got the first place points with a time of 1:03.20 in the 100-yard butterfly.

Kuck's butterfly and Kramer's 50 free were a couple of the DK/Hastings team's most impressive races on the evening. It was another night where the DK/Hastings boys continued to improve their season and personal best times.

Reese Hammond got the first-place points in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 8:09.62. Bagley was second in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:24.95. Baker had a second-place time of 1:27.66 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The DK/Hastings team is set to host its Hastings Invitational Saturday at the CERC, and then will get back to Southwestern and Central Michigan Swim Conference competition at Allegan Tuesday, Jan. 21.

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRAIRIEVILLE, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on February 5, 2025 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairieville Township Hall, 10115 S. Norris Rd., Delton MI, 49046 within the Township, as required under the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and the Zoning Ordinance for the Township.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, In addition to participation during an public hearing, members of the public may also provide comments for the Zoning Board of Appeal's consideration by emailing or mailing those comments to the Zoning Board of Appeal's for receipt prior to the meeting, in care of the Township Zoning Administrator, Mark Thompson (mthompson@pcimi.com) or by leaving a phone message prior to the meeting with the Township Zoning Administrator, Mark Thompson at 269-948-4088.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered at said public hearing include, in brief, the following:

1. A request from property owners James and Juile Walen, 11312 Sunfish Dr, Delton, MI 49046 for a variance to allow for the construction of an addition to single family dwelling that fails to meet setbacks, pursuant to sections 4.24 "Waterfront Lots" and 4.41"Schedule of Lot, Yard and Area Requirements" of the Prairieville Township Zoning Ordinance. The subject site is located at 11312 Sunfish Dr, Delton, MI 49046. Parcel #08-12-012-005-09 and is currently zoned R1-Single Family, Low Density Residential.
2. Such other business as may properly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place, or, if an electronic meeting is held, to participate via the electronic meeting.

Prairieville Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' prior notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
By: Dale Grimes, Chairperson
Prairieville Township Hall
10115 S. Norris Rd.
Delton, Michigan 49046
(269) 623-2064

Prep pushes Lions to second at first Big 8 meet

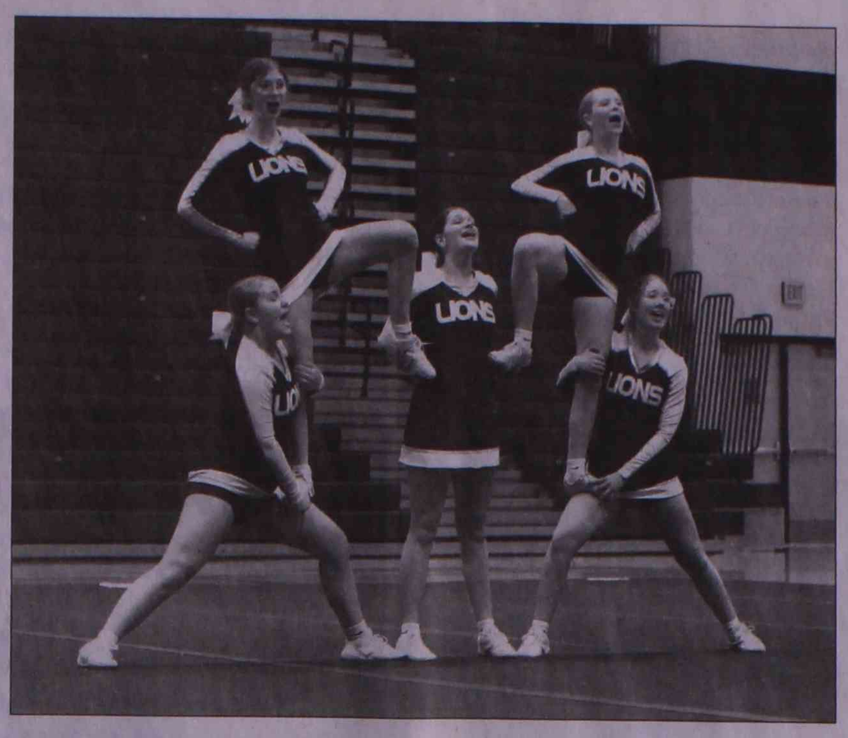
Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Lions have done their best to be ready for the unique Big 8 Conference competitive cheer challenge.

The conference once again will host four jamborees on four consecutive Monday evenings.

The Maple Valley varsity competitive cheer team tuned up one final time for the conference season at last Thursday's Caledonia Purple and Gold Invitational and then was set for a Sunday afternoon practice in preparation for the Jan. 13 conference opener Monday.

"I give them Friday night off and then I said, if I give you Friday off then you come in Sunday afternoon," Maple Valley head coach Sarah Huissen said. "We started doing that last year and the girls really enjoyed it. If they want to go to the basketball game Friday night they can go to the basketball game. It kind of frees up another day to work or whatever. As long as everybody commits to it, I'll give them my Sunday."



The Maple Valley varsity competitive cheer team caps off its round three routine Thursday during the Caledonia Purple and Gold Invitational. **Photo by Brett Bremer**



Maple Valley's Sara Hickey shouts out to the crowd during her team's round one performance Thursday at Caledonia's Purple and Gold Invitational. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

The preparation worked out as the Lions were second at that first Big 8 Conference jamboree hosted by Stockbridge Monday, Jan. 13. Quincy took the day's championship with a score of 644.60 points. The Lions were second at 621.86 and Stockbridge was a little ways back with a third-place score of 600.80.

"The girls did a great job putting their best rounds on the mat," Huissen said. "We did get into a little deficit in round one, but we quickly pulled ahead after round two and three. We are continuing to work through timing in rounds and adding more difficult skills."

The Lion team had a score of 190 in round one, which trailed Quincy, Reading and Stockbridge. By the end of round two they had nudged ahead of everyone but the Quincy Orioles. The Lions tallied 165.56 points in round two and then 266.30 in round three.

Quincy had scores of 204.00 in round one, 168.10 in round two and 272.50 in round three. The Orioles had the best score in each of the day's three rounds.

Reading was fourth in the day's final standings with a score of 599.20 ahead of Springport 534.30, Concord 534.10, Union City 452.70 and Bronson 313.70.

The Lions' round one score was much better than it was at Caledonia last Thursday where the Lion team was second in the three-team Division 2, 3, 4 contest.

The Lions had scores of 1771. in round one, 172.1 in round two and 263.8 in round three at Caledonia.

"Our round two was on," Huissen said following the meet in Caledonia. "This is the best we have done it all season. Timing, we have been really working on timing on our skills and that paid off tonight. "

Huissen said she had been fairly pleased with the timing in round two on her team's front walkovers to that point in the season, but was still really looking to improve the coordination on the back walkovers and the handstand forward rolls.

"It just needed some improvement for sure. It was good to see that our hard work and our diligence paid off. It's starting to pay off," Huissen said.

She was pretty pleased with the round three performance too, noting that the couple hiccups she expects her girls to have no trouble straightening out.

Northview had the day's best overall score and won the Division 2, 3, 4 competition in Caledonia. The Wildcats tallied 714.12 points. Byron Center won the Division 1 competition with the Caledonia girls outscoring the Scots 709.26 to 654.34.

Kelloggsville was third in the D2, 3, 4 contest with the Wildcats and Lions putting up a score of 456.3.

Byron Center had the top score of the day in each of the first two rounds with a 225 in round one and 203.46 in round two. The Bulldogs closed things out with a score of 280.8 in round three. Northview had scores of 224.9 in round one, 189.32 in round two and 299.9 in round three.

Huissen liked being able to get her team into a contest in a big, home gym of a Division 1 school.

"I feel like everywhere we go is a very small gym," Huissen said. "Last year we went to Owosso, and that was as bigger gym. It is good for them to get into a bigger environment so they can kind of see how much louder they need to yell and push them a little bit, and just get them out of their comfort zone. I feel like they'll grow more if I push them a little bit in some different areas.

"It was a good meet for us to keep us warmed up and shake off the Christmas break a little bit more."

RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220 (ZONING) OF RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF RUTLAND, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the January 9, 2025 meeting of the Rutland Charter Township Board the following Ordinance No. 2025-196 was adopted. This ordinance in its entirety has been posted in the office of the Township Clerk and on the Township website (www.rutlandtownship.org).

The original ordinance may be inspected or a copy purchased by contacting the Township Clerk, Robin Hawthorne, 2461 Heath Road, Hastings, MI 49058-9725, (269) 948-2194, during regular business hours of regular working days, and at such other times as may be arranged.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF RUTLAND

BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-196

ADOPTED: JANUARY 9, 2025

EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 24, 2025

An Ordinance to amend §220-15-1 and §220-5-3 of Chapter 220 of the Rutland Charter Township Code pertaining to the minimum lot area requirement in the CR Country Residential District.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF RUTLAND

BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDAINS:

SECTION 1

AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XV PERTAINING TO MINIMUM LOT AREA IN CR COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

§ 220-15-1 of the Rutland Charter Township Code (Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations) is proposed to be amended to change the entry for the "CR Country Residential" line in the "minimum lot area" column from "2.3 acres" to "1.0 acre".

SECTION 2

AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE V PERTAINING TO CR COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

§ 220-5-3 subsection P.1. of the Rutland Charter Township Code pertaining to "Winery" as a designated special land use in the CR Country Residential District is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

"P. Winery, including tasting and retail sales room accessory to an on-premises vineyard, subject to the following limitation on tasting and retail sales rooms:

1. On parcels with a lot area of at least 1.0 acre but less than 5 acres, the building in which the tasting and retail sales room is located shall not exceed a building area of 1,500 square feet."

SECTION 3

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication as required by law.

Robin Hawthorne, Clerk
Charter Township of Rutland

Sixth-place finish for DK cheer team at first SAC competition

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Delton Kellogg varsity competitive cheer team placed sixth in the first ten-team Southwestern Athletic Conference Division 4 contest of the season at Parchment Thursday.

Coloma took the day's championship with the top score in each of the first two rounds and beat out runner-up White Pigeon by a little more than 21 points in the end.

Coloma won with an overall score of 685.48 followed by White Pigeon 664.1, Lawton 653.86, Gobles 592.8, Schoolcraft 580.64, Delton Kellogg 536.08, Comstock 531.5, Hartford 454.46, Bloomingdale 453.96 and Constantine 444.76.

The Delton Kellogg girls put up scores of 188.2 in round one and 150.38 in round two.

The Panthers were in seventh place after two rounds, but jumped Comstock in the final standings with their score of 197.5 points in round three.

Coloma won with scores of 201.1 in round one, 199.08 in round two and 276.3 in round three. White Pigeon had the top round three score of the day at 282.6 after a 209.6 in round one and 171.9 in round two.

In the day's D3 competition, Parchment took the title with 685 points ahead of Allegan 669.14, Buchanan 644.6, South Haven 622.6, Dowagiac 600.06 and Berrien Springs 480.46.

The host Parchment team that led the bigger schools' competition had scores of 216.2 in round one, 184.4 in round two and 284.4 in round three.

Coloma hosts the second SAC jamboree of the season tonight, Jan. 16, and the conference comes to Delton next Thursday, Jan. 23.

Saxon cheer wins first I-8 Conference jamboree

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Saxons are off to a good start in their bid to stay on top of the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference.

The Hastings varsity competitive cheer team won the first I-8 Jamboree of the season Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Pennfield High School in Battle Creek.

The Saxons outscored the second-place Harper Creek squad by about nine points.

A big round three from Harper Creek tightened things up in the end. Hastings had the day's top score in each of the first two rounds with a 210 in round one and a 187.78 in round two. Hastings closed its evening with a score of 243.2 in round three.

Harper Creek was in fourth place going into round three at the five-team jamboree, but put up a round three point total of 269.8 to climb the standings.

Hastings closed the day with an overall score of 637.98 points ahead of Harper Creek 628.9, Northwest 608, Pennfield 585.4 and Parma Western 572.42.

The Saxons will head to Jackson Northwest for the next conference jamboree Jan. 22. They will be at the Lakewood Invitational this Friday, Jan. 17.

Last Saturday, the Saxons took part in the Paw Paw Red Wolves Invite and finished tops among the Division 2 teams at the meet and with the fourth best score of the day overall.

Michigan Center had the day's top score overall at 738.64 followed by Paw Paw 707.12, Kalamazoo Central 667.4, Hastings 642.72, Harper Creek 638.9 and Lakeshore 603.02.

The Saxons had scores of 201.3 in round one, 182.02 in round two and 259.4 in round three.

Vikes and Trojans not close to peak performance yet

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Trojans held three fingers aloft during the final moment of their round two routine Saturday in the dome at Charlotte High School.

Winning three championships is still the ultimate goal for this Thornapple Kellogg varsity competitive cheer team – conference, district and regional titles.

The Lakewood Vikings' goals aren't really any different. Both teams finished the 2024 season at McGuirk Arena on the campus of Central Michigan University at the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Finals, the Trojans in Division 2 and the Vikings in Division 3. The two programs have made a habit in recent years of reaching the state finals.

The plan, as usual, is to peak at the end of the season. The peak might just feel a little further away than it usually does in January.

Both teams are young having had strong senior groups graduate last spring. Lakewood head coach Kim Martin said she has six new competitive cheerleaders on her varsity roster this winter and a seventh who was a part of the program but didn't get out on the mat to compete last season. With some roster changes taking the Vikings out of a planned December competition, Saturday's meet was just the second of the season for the Lakewood team.

"We made improvements today," Martin said. "I mean, it is only our second time on the mat. A lot of these teams have been competing since December. We improved in each round. Our scores don't show that, but that is a judged sport. I knew when I walked in here that two of the judges that were sitting on the panel, I knew they were going to be lower scores, but we made improvements which is what I wanted out of them.

"There were less mistakes in round one today. In round two the skills were cleaner. They were very badly timed on Wednesday. They were better timed today. In round three, I think we only had one stunt come down. We had four on Wednesday."

Thornapple Kellogg head coach Madelynn Lula said she had six starters out due to injury, illness or other reasons Saturday. The Trojans had one stunt group come down in round three at Charlotte too, but also got praise for avoiding some penalty points.

There were high-fives all around for junior all-stater Payton Gater as the team went over its score sheets after the meet.

"She kept her flyer up off the ground," Lula said. "The judges left a comment that said right side back spot some of the best back spotting I have ever seen. Just, high fives to Gater for keeping her flyer in the air. That is not her normal stunt group either. She had to adapt to a new stunt group, because normally she is flying Ginger (Mia Hilton). She had to adapt and change and when you're used to catching the same kid over and over again, it is hard to catch someone different. She kept her up off the ground and she was left a positive comment in return."



The Lakewood varsity competitive cheer team shouts together during the opening of its round one performance Saturday at the Charlotte Oriole Invite. **Photo by Brett Bremer**



Kella LeClaire and the Thornapple Kellogg Trojans cheer during round one of the Charlotte Oriole Invitational Saturday. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

TK had to do all kinds of shuffling to its routines as starters kept dropping during the week leading up to the invite.

"I only had two back spots as of Thursday," Lula said. "So, I took Sienna Schalk, I took her she's normally a main base and I moved her into a back spot position literally with three hours notice. She went out there and was incredible. The whole team learned a new position. Every formation changed. Every tumbling pass changed. Everything changed.

"I'm not mad or disappointed. Like, I know that they can do better, but they were the absolute best version of themselves today that they could be."

Even on a day when both the TK and Lakewood teams are far from peaking, they were better than most. The host Orioles had the top overall score of the day with 709.56 points winning the day's four-team Division 3/4 competition with Lakewood second with 675.68 points followed by Brooklyn Columbia Central 574.88 and Pennfield 494.8.

Thornapple Kellogg won the three-team Division 2 contest with an overall score of 672.94 points followed by Mt. Pleasant 667.76 and Mattawan 613.76. TK was about 12 points behind Mt. Pleasant heading into round three, but managed to pass the Oilers.

"I felt like we were progressing [before the recent absences]," Lula said. "I felt like we were headed in the right direction. I still feel like we're headed in the right direction, we just have a lot of injuries we need to nurse at this point. It's too early to peak. You've got to peak in February when it matters. If it is a testament to how gritty these kids are, they have clearly handled everything that has come their way. We just have to figure out how to stay healthy in order to make that happen. We're headed in the right direction. Nobody ever gets there without a bump in the road."

Charlotte had the top score of the day in each of the three rounds. The Orioles put up 218 points in round one. 207.16 in round two and 284.4 in round three.

Lakewood had scores of 210.4 in round one, 191.88 in round two and 281.4 in round three.

The Thornapple Kellogg girls put together scores of 213.2 in round one, 180.44 in round two and 279.3 in round three.

Mt. Pleasant had the second best round two score of the day at 194.26, and had a score of 211.4 in round one and 262.1 in round three.

"We'll get there," coach Martin said. "What we look like now to what we're going to look like at the end of the season will be completely different."

While the scores were improved from Wednesday, the standings were the same. The Vikings were second to Charlotte as the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division season started at Fowlerville Jan. 8.

Charlotte won with an overall score of 725.4 ahead of Lakewood 683.78, Portland 670.1, Lansing Catholic 655.4, Fowlerville 630.8 and Eaton Rapids 554.7.

Lakewood had the best round one score there at 219.9, but dropped behind the Orioles in rounds two and three with scores of 197.8 and 266.8 in the final two rounds. Charlotte tallied a 218.6 in round one, 219.1 in round two and 287.7 in round three.

Thornapple Kellogg was slated to open its OK Gold Conference season at Northview last night, Jan. 15.

The Vikings are back in action Friday, Jan. 17, as they host their own Lakewood Invitational.

Vikes beat Cougars, but bested by Grand Ledge

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Lakewood varsity wrestling team went 1-1 in a pair of duals at a Capital Area Activities Conference quad it hosted Wednesday.

The Vikings knocked off CAAC White foe Lansing Catholic 77-5 while getting pins from Lydon Rogers, Bryson Boucher, Levi Owen Prowdley, Carter Stewart and Joel Simon. Levi Pryzynski took a 15-0 technical fall in his 175-pound match too.

Lakewood added forfeit wins by Dakota Harmer, Stephen Aldrich, Eric Bartlett, Vincent Stamm, Kade Boucher and Calder Villanueva.

The Vikings were bested on the evening 45-24 by Grand Ledge.

Kade Boucher stuck Marcus Schamehorn for the Vikings' lone pin of the dual.

Prowdley got the Vikings the first points of the dual, which started at 157 pounds and saw the Comets build a 16-0 lead through the first three flights, from Prowdley who scored an 11-2 major decision over Sam Steinacker. Stewart followed with a forfeit win at 215 for the Vikings.

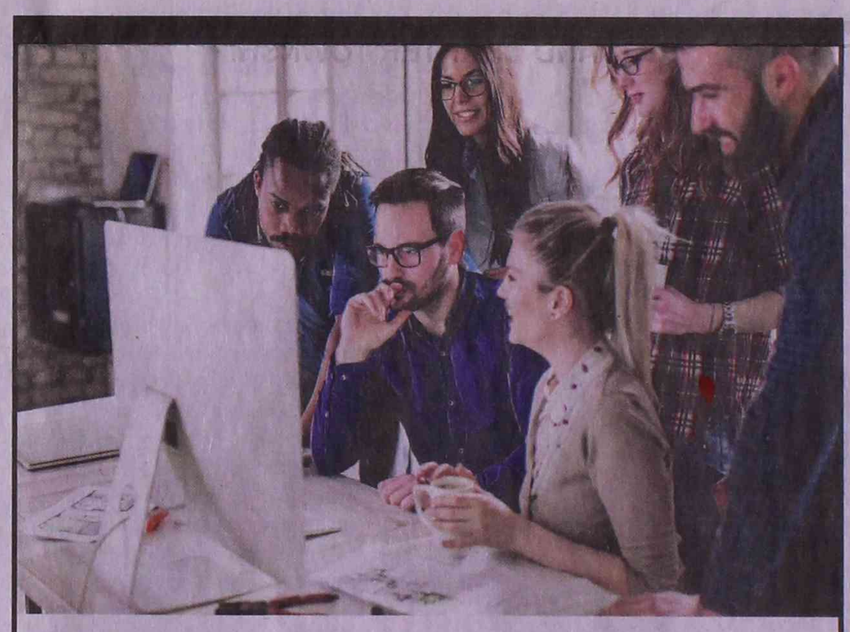
Lakewood also got five points thanks to a 17-2 technical fall by Stamm over the Comets' Toby Buckland at 126 pounds.

Lakewood was set to be a part of another CAAC Quad hosted by Williamston on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

The Vikings finished fifth with a 3-2 record on the day Saturday at the Fowlerville Duals. They knocked off Belding 58-21 at the end of the day in the match for fifth.

Lakewood took a 61-14 win over Petoskey, a 41-29 win over OA Carlson, but then fell 34-32 to Lake Orion and 44-28 to the host Gladiators.

Stamm. Kade Boucher, Rogers and Simon were all a perfect 5-0 for the Vikings. Harmer and Bryson Boucher went 4-1. Stephen Aldrich and Prowdley had three wins each.



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Ackerson presented with Stan Courtnay Service Award

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Whether its coming over the speakers during a youth football game at Unity Field, the high school soccer field or inside the Lakewood High School gymnasium, there has been a a consistent voice of Viking athletics over the years.

Kurt Ackerson was pulled from his announcing duties during the Capital Area Activities Conference White Division varsity basketball doubleheader between the Lakewood and Eaton Rapids boys' and girls' teams to be presented with the Lakewood Athletic Association Stan Courtnay Service Award Dec. 13 at Lakewood High School.

The award is to honor people that donate many years of service to Lakewood Athletics. The criteria to be eligible for the award is not only should the recipient serve many years, but also should include volunteer work. Courtnay himself was nominated to receive the first award, for his 43 years of service to athletics as basketball scorekeeper in 1991.



Kurt Ackerson is surrounded by family and the Lakewood varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams as he is presented with the Lakewood Athletic Association Stan Courtney Service Award during a December ballgame at Lakewood High School. **Photo provided**

Ackerson graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1979. He worked 26 years as a correction officer for the State of Michigan. He has been a baseball and softball official, and was a volunteer for youth baseball and youth football in the area.

His time as an announcer began in 2012 and he is also the regular voice on the mic for Lakewood volleyball and wrestling contests, while also volunteering to announce softball games as well.

Ackerson has been married to his wife Barb Ackerson for 37 years and their two children graduated from Lakewood High School.

TK girls bested by Northview in first dual

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

There is not a busier banner in the Thornapple Kellogg High School gymnasium than the one for the TK varsity wrestling team.

It boasts 26 conference titles, 17 district championships, seven regional championships, and then of course there is the banner for the 1996 state championship team and another to honor a pair of state runner-up finishes.

Trojan wrestling might need to add another banner before too long if the sport of girls' wrestling keeps growing as it has been.

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity girls' wrestling team competed in its first ever dual against Northview in Middleville Wednesday evening falling to OK Gold Conference foe Northview 39-22 in a match that came down to the final few flights.



Thornapple Kellogg senior Emma Gibson cheers on teammate Raini Braska during the TK varsity co-ed wrestling team's non-conference dual with Holland at the quad in Middleville Wednesday, Jan. 8. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

Trojan freshman Karsyn Boersma fought like heck to keep the TK team alive in the dual while being moved around the mat by Northview sophomore Aryanna Hunt in the 125-pound bout. If the first period had been just a little longer Boersma might have pulled off the upset. She worked a reversal in the closing seconds of the period and was close to scoring some nearfall points as the whistle blew.

Hunt took a 3-2 lead into the second period and then put Boersma on her back a couple times. The TK freshman kept fighting back to her belly. Eventually, Hunt bumped her lead to 18-2 in the third period to score a technical fall that clinched the dual for her team.

TK got its first points of the dual from 140-pound sophomore Aubrey Sines who scored a 16-8 major decision over the Wildcats' Pearl Cavers. The Trojans would go on to get pins from sophomore Rylee Alberts at 145 pounds and sophomore Adelaide Holderman at 170 pounds. Taylor Pena, another sophomore, scored a forfeit win for TK at 190 pounds.

Holderman is one of about a dozen first or second year wrestlers among the TK girls. She said she spent time watching her younger brother wrestle and decided it was time to try it herself when she was in eighth grade.

"I was really excited. We never really have a chance to do stuff together as a team for girls," Holderman said. "I thought it was a really great opportunity and I was happy we got to be a part of it.

"I feel like it was more like we're all together more and there was more bonding for us, because we get to watch everyone. We have so many girls and they're all close to each other in weight, so during tournaments it is hard to watch everybody wrestle."

Briella Dykstra, a junior, battled her best in a tough technical fall loss to Northview's Anna Quartell in the 120-pound bout and had one of the most impressive moments of the match according to Holderman even in a losing effort.



Thornapple Kellogg sophomore Rylee Alberts works for control during the first period of her 145-pound match against Northview's Jacalynn Beauchamp in Middleville Wednesday, Jan .8. The TK girls' wrestling team hosted its first ever dual with the Wildcats. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

"She cut through her body to get out of a half, and I don't think many of the girls know that. It was really cool to see that, because not many people know to do that and they just lay on their back and kind of give up," Holderman said. "It was nice to see her fight out and get off her back."

Giving up five team points for a technical fall is definitely better than giving up six for being pinned in a dual, something kind of new to think about for a lot of the girls. It was also the first dual ever for the Northview girls' program.

"We saw each other at East Jackson," Craig Stolsonburg, who has been tabbed as the TK girls' coach, said. "They were at East Jackson also and they were like 'hey, we've got a big team and you guys have a big team, how about when we see each other at our quad we do a dual meet there?' and so we did it and we set it up. We have another one next week at Olivet. Hopefully we'll have maybe three or four next year and keep growing it. It is really cool how fast the girls' sport is growing."

The MHSAA began offering individual state championships in a girls' wrestling division as well as its four co-ed divisions during the 2022-23 school year, and this year marks the first time the MHSAA will also crown a girls' team state champion based on the results of the Individual State Finals at Ford Field in March.

The TK team opened the 2024-25 season with 20 girls set to compete. Stolsonburg said he had 15 weigh in on Tuesday for Wednesday's first team dual. Northview got 12 points thanks to two forfeits by the Trojans. TK earned six points due to the Wildcat void at 190 and neither team had competitors to put out on the mat at 100 pounds, 105 pounds or 110 pounds, but eight of the 14 flights were contested. Things might have been different for the TK ladies on the scoreboard if a couple seniors weren't needed elsewhere on the wrestling program's Senior Night.

As TK freshman Mia Gosselin was getting cleaned up during some blood time in the middle of the 115-pound bout, the last of the night in the girls' dual, senior Raini Braska was fighting to score against Holland's Johnny Campos in the 113-pound bout of the co-ed varsity match going on one mat over. Fellow senior Emma Gibson stood on the side of the mat cheering on Braska and warming up for her 132-pound match ahead.

Gibson qualified for the Individual State Finals in each of the first two seasons of the girls' tournament. Braska and Alberts joined her at Ford Field as individual state qualifiers themselves for the first time last March. Gibson and Braska have proved to be the top performers for the TK co-ed varsity team at their respective weight classes so far this season.

Holderman said she really appreciates Braska and Gibson sharing their experience as leaders at meets and in the practice room, and she tried to step up and do some leading during Wednesday's dual getting stretches going beforehand and initiating team chants.

Freshman Addisyn Barringer and sophomore Jaycee Teunessen also competed in the dual for the TK ladies.

"I am just really proud of everyone. I am proud of the other team too with all their girls. They did really good tonight too," Holderman added. "I was just happy to be a part of it. It was fun."

While the TK ladies were bested in their first dual, Gibson, Braska and the rest of the co-ed line-up Wednesday took a pair of wins. They started off with a 34-25 victory against Holland. Despite being bashed and bloodied Gibson was strong in a losing effort against Holland's Noah Villarreal, and kept the score tight at 9-6 in her bout so the TK team was still knotted 25-25 against the Dutch with two matches to go.

Aiden Foy bumped TK into the lead with a 4-1 win over Holland's Potrero Rodriguez at 138 pounds and then Clayton Bustance finished off the win for TK with a sudden pin of Ethan Mercado 23 seconds into the third period of the 144-pound bout. The Trojans also got wins from Griffin Grummet, Camden Peter, Blake Bossenberger, Jayce Curtis and Abram Dutcher in that dual..

The TK co-ed varsity closed the night with a 56-22 win over Northview in an OK Gold Conference dual. Peter, Bossenberger, Jake Smith, Jayce Curtis and Tanner Buxton put together five straight pins to open that dual for TK. Dutcher, Braska, Christien Miller, Diego Rodas and Grummet went on to add wins in that one for the Trojans.

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