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Icy Gun Lake Winterfest back with a splash

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A record-breaking turnout of 80 braved frigid temperatures at this year's famous Polar Dip at Gun Lake Winterfest. However, the icy fun spread with the West Michigan Ice Riders, who revved up their motorcycles to put on a show with the frozen lake as their stage.

William Reaume of the West Michigan Ice Riders could not resist the invitation from the Gun Lake Winterfest committee to fire up his motorcycle on the ice with his group of 20 bikers on Saturday.

"The Winterfest committee asked us to put on an ice bike expedition for everybody," said Reaume, who lives in Orangeville just south of Gun Lake. "We ride here locally a lot. It's entertaining for the crowd."

Ice Riders range in age from six-year-old kids to riders who are over 70. They all throttled their engines on the ice at the annual Winterfest at Gun Lake Park over the weekend. The riders wowed the crowd with slick maneuvers across the smooth, icy terrain, performing for an audience of about 300.



William Reaume of the West Michigan Ice Riders could not resist the invitation to rev up his motorcycle on the ice with his group of 20 riders at Saturday's Gun Lake Winterfest.
Photos by Karen Turko-Ebright

The motorcycle group is self-affiliated and likes to put on a show. Reaume said the group supports the local restaurants and businesses and buys gas in the Gun Lake area.

"We are trail riders and motocross riders during the summertime. This is the off-season," Reaume explained. "We already own motorcycles, so we swapped the tires out to ride

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Gilmore to be back in court in July

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

It's been more than four years since Patrick Gilmore of Hastings reportedly shot and killed another Hastings teen in the fall of 2021 with a crossbow, and he'll soon make his return to a Barry County courtroom in July.

A review hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12, before Judge Michael Schipper in Barry County District Court 56B. But the hearing lasted just minutes before it was adjourned and pushed back to July 23. Gilmore was not present.


Patrick Gilmore

Schipper said it was appropriate to delay the hearing pending possible changes in state law regarding what's known as a "Miller hearing."

"There's no rush to do it," the judge said. "Mr. Gilmore is still in prison. We're not prejudicing Mr. Gilmore at all."

The term "Miller hearing" refers to a 2012 decision in the case of Miller v. Alabama by the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the sentencing of juveniles. In its decision, the court determined a sentence of mandatory life without parole for juveniles is unconstitutional if age and other mitigating factors are not considered prior to sentencing.

Gilmore was 17 when he allegedly killed Lane Roslund, also 17 and of Hastings, using a crossbow and then concealing Roslund's body in a shallow grave in Hastings Township.

According to news reports at the time, Roslund's parents reported their son as missing around Sept. 10-11, 2021, and the family continued to search for the teen for more than a month. However, police later found Roslund's remains on property off of M-43 owned by Gilmore's grandfather on Oct. 13, 2021.

Gilmore reportedly made a full confession, including telling detectives he intentionally placed Roslund's sweatshirt and belongings near the Thornapple River to trick investigators into thinking the teen drowned.

In late March 2022, Gilmore pleaded guilty to a charge of open murder in exchange for prosecutors dropping a charge of concealment of a body. He declined to provide a statement when he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole in June 2022.

Middleville gymnastics building burned in Friday blaze

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Middleville's Gymnastics In Motion (GIM) was lost when the building caught fire around 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14. There were no injuries. Despite the efforts of several fire departments, the building was declared a total loss, and it is unclear if any items were salvaged inside.

Police were first to arrive after heavy smoke and flames were reported to be coming from the roof of GIM around 1 p.m. The building was reported to be unoccupied with no cars in the lot.

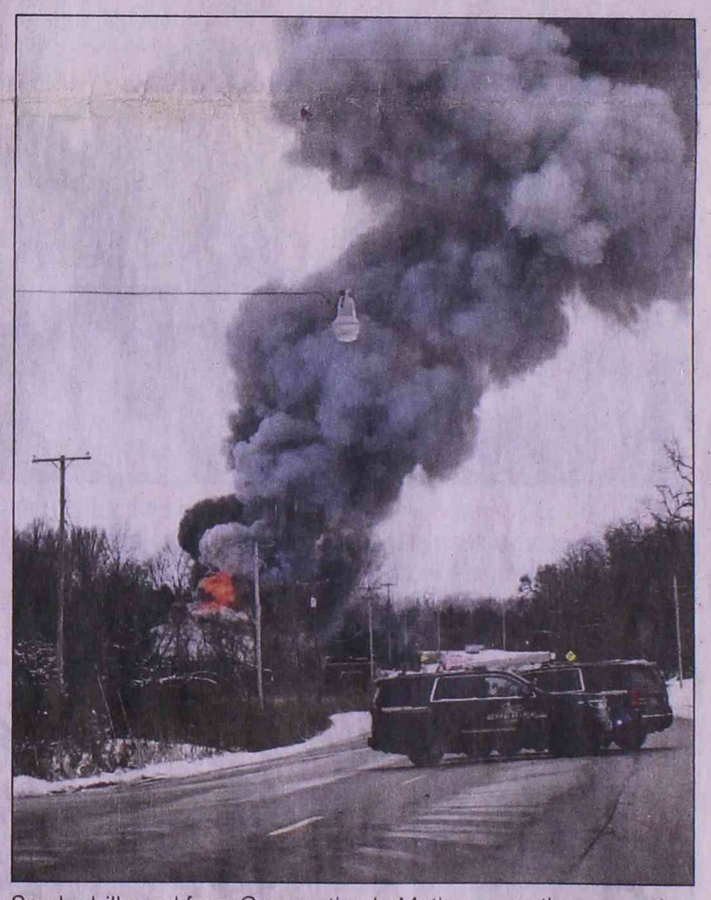
Not long after, firefighters from the Thornapple Township, Wayland, Freeport, Hastings and Caledonia fire departments responded to the scene. Police placed barricades to keep M-37 closed throughout the operation.

The situation was complicated when it turned out that there were no hydrants in the area; firefighters had to bring in fresh water tankers to battle the blaze.

The building was declared a total loss about an hour after the fire was reported. An excavator tore down the remaining structure when it was determined that nothing was salvageable inside.

GIM Athletics shared on its Facebook account that it's difficult to comprehend Friday's events.

"We want to thank everyone for their outpouring of love and support for our gym! We don't have any information at this time on what caused the fire, but we are beyond grateful that no classes were happening and no staff were in the buildings. Materials can be replaced, people cannot."


Smoke billowed from Gymnastics In Motion, a youth gymnastics center just outside of Middleville, on Friday. The building was a total loss. **Photo provided**

Barry County Commissioner Catherine Getty expressed the importance of the gym in the community at Tuesday's Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole meeting.

"My heart really goes out to a business owner in Middleville that lost their business last week. Gymnastics In Motion, that facility was really a hub

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RAPTORS ON FALL CREEK

Barry County birder Del Bachert caught several species of raptors on camera this week along Fall Creek in Hastings. Some of the region's most iconic birds, big and small, were observed by Bachert.



This little bird, an eastern screech owl, was seen taking a rest in a birdhouse along Fall Creek on Sunday.



Del Bachert captured this immature bald eagle in flight on Sunday. This shot shows the underside of the adolescent raptor.



This red-shouldered hawk tried to keep warm on its perch this weekend. The bird can be seen standing on one leg in an attempt to keep at least one set of talons thawed out. **Photos by Del Bachert**



Two kids braved the freezing temperatures as they took the plunge at the famous Polar Dip on Saturday during the annual Gun Lake Winterfest.



A crowd of about 300 gathered on the ice at Gun Lake Park to cheer on the Polar Dippers and watch the West Michigan Ice Riders on Saturday at the annual Gun Lake Winterfest

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them on the lake. We have a ball."

Winterfest 2025 moved from Yankee Springs State Park to Gun Lake Park at 2397 Patterson Road.

"I love the location because it's so close to the water. We got to see the bikers today," said Theresa Paiz, who heads up apparel and marketing for Winterfest.

Under her vendor tent, Paiz offers the public a variety of Winterfest swag.

"I'm glad we're back here because we were at this park eight or nine years before," she said. "I love the location because people approached me today and said, 'We were in town, and we did not know you were here. We stopped by to see you.' At the state park, we did not have that because it's off the road."

She said, "It was a great day."

Stacey Landman co-chairs Winterfest with her husband, Brad. Both are in their second year heading up the event.

"This year was great. We had lots of kids. We had a lot of audience participation in our games. It was fun," Stacey said. "I really like the location. I think a lot of people can see it because it's visible."

This year, trolleys were on-site at Winterfest, transporting shoppers to local businesses and restaurants around Gun Lake.

"There were a lot of people on the trolleys," Stacey Landman said. "Many people got to go to all the different restaurants and businesses around the area as opposed to staying in one spot."

Besides trolleys, she said the games were a big hit with the audience.

"It was fun. We did a pizza eating and Vernors chugging contest and played the Price is Right games. Everyone won gift cards to use around town," Stacey Landman explained.

Jan Grabowski lives in Gun Lake and was excited to check the Polar Dip off her bucket list. She came with Mick Buhar and Joany Spencer. However, it wasn't on Buhar's bucket list. "It's just something to do," he said.

Brad Landman said the park was bustling with people all day long.

"It went well. Our goal was to bring people together and to the businesses," he said. I've seen the trolleys full running around. We couldn't be happier."

Elizabeth Jones continues to take charge of Gun Lake Idol.

"Idol went great. The singers liked that they finished at the casino rather than the Winterfest stage," Jones said. "It's a great experience for them. The casino puts on a very nice show."

Idol winners performed their winning songs at the Winterfest main stage on Saturday.

First-place winner Maurice Townsend received a $750 check, second-place winner Jaycee Peters took home the $500 prize and third-place winner Summer Ledford walked away with a $250 award. All three took home trophies.

Deb Timmerman, president of the Gun Lake Business Association, enjoyed her day at Winterfest.

"We are thrilled to support area businesses. It's so nice to hear that the trolleys have been full and that people are enjoying themselves," Timmerman said.

Katie Niemchick ran the Polar Dip. She credits the considerable turnout of Polar Dippers to the price cut this year.

"We changed the pricing from $25 to $10. We wanted to make it affordable for people to enjoy," Niemchick said. The proceeds will go to this year's chosen charity, The General Federation of Women's Clubs - Gun Lake Chapter.

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Series of local protests held to push back on Musk's involvement in federal government



A handful of Barry County residents braved frigid temperatures on Monday to protest in front of the Barry County Courthouse. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

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A group of Barry County residents have joined protests across the state to push back on the Trump Administration's decision to allow Elon Musk to involve himself in the operations of various federal agencies.

On Feb. 5, residents from Barry County traveled to Lansing to protest alongside others from across the state against the administration's efforts to reshape Washington's institutions.

"The sudden shutdown of federal departments and the unauthorized access Musk's team has to sensitive databases affecting every American violates the U.S. Constitution," said local protest organizer Lorraine Lindsey. "What are our elected officials in Lansing doing to stop this? More importantly, what steps are our state representatives and senators taking to mitigate the harmful impact of these changes on Michigan residents and businesses?"

On Feb. 10, Barry County residents joined protesters from Michigan's Second Congressional District at Congressman John Moolenaar's Caledonia office, demanding action. Roughly 60 demonstrators urged Moolenaar to uphold checks and balances and push back against Musk's disruptive and unconstitutional takeover.

"It should alarm every American that an unelected billionaire has been allowed to infiltrate our government with no oversight," said Lindsey. "Musk and his unvetted associates have accessed private financial data, gutted federal agencies, and are now targeting the Department of Education. This is a hostile takeover of our government."

The protesters called on Moolenaar to stand against what they perceive as President Trump's disregard for constitutional processes.

"The President could implement his agenda through legally mandated decision-making, yet he and Musk are choosing to ignore the Constitution," Lindsey added. "People are concerned for their future. We need Congress to fight for us — protect us from this illegal coup. We will not back down."

Protests were held simultaneously at the offices of all 13 Michigan members of Congress and the state's two U.S. Senators. The statewide action follows reports that Musk's self-described "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) accessed Treasury Department payment systems. Protesters fear that not only has sensitive financial data fallen into unknown hands, but that future payments could be at risk.

Most recently, on Feb. 17, another group of Barry County residents braved frigid temperatures to protest at the Barry County Courthouse in Hastings and Calder Plaza in Grand Rapids, determined to keep public attention on the matter.

"This is not a partisan issue — it's an American issue," Lindsey emphasized. "We are fulfilling our patriotic duty by holding our elected officials accountable at every level. We urge others to join us in demanding transparency, adherence to the Constitution, and policies that serve all Americans, regardless of ideology. Our nation has long been a beacon of democracy — let's uphold those values at home."

The group plans to march at least once a month, with details announced via local social media platforms.

Riding on thick ice



The folks at Barry County Bicycles got creative this week, taking advantage of the copious amounts of snow and ice throughout the county to create this snow sculpture in the shape of a bike. The snow-cycle caught the eyes of many passersby this week. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

Village of Nashville approves budget

Leila Wood
Contributing Writer

The Nashville Village Council held a brief public hearing and approved its proposed budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year on Thursday, Feb. 13.

The budget includes $2,685,691.00 in revenue and $2,684,669.38 in expenditures.

Nashville resident Gary White, who was the only person to speak during the public hearing, asked the council to consider lowering the millage rate when it comes before them for approval in a few months. He suggested that since the Village is in the black, it might be able to eliminate some nonessential expenses and allow taxpayers to keep more of their hard-earned money.

"Are your fund balances continuing to increase and get larger, and are you trying to find ways to spend this money?" he asked. "...Is some of this money better off back in people's hands?"

However, according to Village Clerk Kayce Nelson, the budget does not contain as much surplus as it may at first appear. A large chunk of it is grant money that must be spent on specific upcoming improvements.

"The reason General Fund is high again this year is because the Spark Grant is still a part of that, since it didn't get used in the 2024-2025 year," she said. The Spark Grant, from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will fund nearly $1 million worth of improvements to Putnam Park, work that is currently out for bid and is expected be ramping up within the next few months.

"I love having grants come in, because that's funds used for our village, but it does make our budget look funny." Nelson said "It makes it look like the Village has a lot of funds being used, when a large part of those funds is not really local tax dollars."

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County accepting applications to divvy out opioid settlement funds

Molly Macleod
Editor

Barry County is poised to receive nearly $1.5 million in the next 17 years from settlements stemming from lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies for their roles in fueling the opioid crisis. The county is now accepting applications for disseminating those funds to support programs that address the effects of the opioid crisis in the community.

Organizations and people with personal experience addressing the opioid crisis are strongly encouraged to apply for funding.

"Barry County is committed to using these funds to improve treatment and recovery, reduce harm from substance misuse, and make the community healthier," said Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force Coordinator Liz Lenz. "By focusing on data and real-life experiences, the county hopes to create long-term solutions to the opioid crisis."

The State of Michigan received $800 million from opioid settlements. Of that $800 million, Barry County is set to receive $1.499 million.

More details about this funding can be found on the Barry County SATF website: barrycountysatf.com/opioid-settlement/. Funds will be awarded based on guidance from Johns Hopkins University, the Michigan Association of Counties and local data. Funding will go toward projects that follow the key strategies listed in the opioid settlement court documents.

"These opioid settlement funds are ready to be put to good use in our community to fix and repair some of the issues caused by the opioid epidemic," said Lenz. "Barry County has put a great deal of time and effort into getting ready for people to have access to these funds to make a difference."

The county will focus on proposals that address major community needs, identified through MDHHS MODA Dashboard data and the Barry County Opioid Community Assessment by Michigan State University. Priority areas include:

Recovery housing: Safe and supportive housing for people in recovery. Homes for high-need groups should provide peer recovery support and community connections. Programs should be MARR-certified or working toward certification.

Recovery support services: Help for people staying sober, such as transportation to treatment, childcare during treatment, supervised parenting visits, recovery coaching, and sober events. Programs should be designed with input from people with lived experience.

Harm reduction initiatives: Services that provide lifesaving resources, case management, and connections to treatment for people using opioids. These programs should be led and promoted by people with lived experience.

Quick response teams (QRTs): Teams that follow up within three days of an overdose to offer support and resources. Follow-ups should be done by a certified recovery coach.

"These opioid settlement funds represent the opportunity for action and healing to happen. These dollars are available for community projects to help prevent, treat, and address the issues caused by opioids here in Barry County," said Lenz.

Individuals and groups can apply to receive a chunk of the funding by emailing applications to OSFRFP2025@bccmha.org or dropping them off in person at the Barry County Administration Office, 220 W. State Street in Hastings. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on March 31.

Interested parties can contact Liz Lenz, SATF coordinator, at llenz@bccmha.org for application help.



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What to know before "reversing" your retirement

After working for decades, you may have been looking forward to retiring. But what if you decide to "reverse" your retirement?

You could rejoin the workforce for any number of reasons. You might need the added income to help pay for your living expenses, but you also might miss the social interactions with coworkers, or simply desire more purpose or stimulation in your life.

And if you do un-retire, you'll have plenty of company. More than 13% of previously retired baby boomers returned to the workforce in 2023, the highest level in five years, according to data from LinkedIn, the online career networking platform.

When pondering the decision to go back to work, you'll want to evaluate the advantages and the possible drawbacks.

First, let's look at the benefits of rejoining the workforce. By improving your cash flow, you may be able to do more of the things you enjoy, such as traveling. And you might also be able to reduce your debt load, which can free up even more cash. You might also use the extra money for other purposes, such as contributing to a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan for your grandchildren.

Furthermore, depending on where you're returning to work, and whether you go back full- or part-time, you might gain access to your employer's benefits programs. If you aren't already enrolled in Medicare, you could find it financially advantageous to sign up for your employer-sponsored group medical plan. And you may also be able to contribute to your employer's 401(k) or similar plan. Even if you're not eligible for an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can contribute to an IRA if you have any earned income.

And here's something else to think about: By bringing in income from employment, you may be able to take less out each year from your existing 401(k) and IRA, giving them a chance to potentially grow more. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you'll have to start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and 401(k). With a Roth IRA and 401(k), you're not required to take withdrawals at any age.)

Now, let's consider some potential areas of concern about returning to the workforce. If you've been taking Social Security, your 2025 benefits will be reduced by $1 for every $2 earned above $23,400 if you haven't reached your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. In the year in which you do reach your full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by $1 for every $3 earned above $62,160. Starting in the month in which you reach your full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without losing benefits. (Also, Social Security will then recalculate your payments to give you credit for the months in which your benefits were reduced due to your earned income.)

Another area of concern might be your Medicare premiums. Because these premiums are based on your income, they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, if your income increases enough, you might be pushed into a higher tax bracket.

Ultimately, you'll want to weigh the pros and cons of returning to work. If it seems the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you may well enjoy embarking on your "second act" in the working world.

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Royal Coach developers exploring additional financing option supporting energy-efficiency

Molly Macleod
Editor

Developers in Barry County may soon have another option for capital funding that will support the installation of renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, water usage improvements or projects that mitigate environmental hazards.

Mary Freeman of Lean & Green Michigan was present at Tuesday's Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole meeting to provide information on the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. Adopted by the Michigan Legislature in 2010, the PACE Statute provides an opportunity for developers to receive funding from private, secure lenders for energy-efficient construction projects above code.

"The goal of it was to provide an opportunity for funding for energy efficiency, which includes saving anything on your utility bills," said Freeman. "It could be sewer bill, water bill, electric bill, and the goal of it was to bring down those costs, to provide financing up front to pay for things that would bring down those costs and be a net gain."

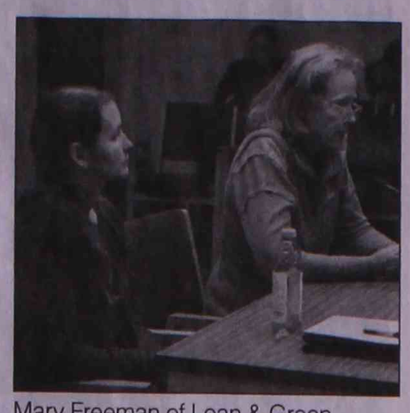
CopperRock Construction is currently in the beginning stages of development at the site of Hastings' former Royal Coach factory. The development, located at located at 420 E. Mill St. and 328 E. Mill St., will be called the Hastings Riverwalk Lofts. The site could soon be home to dozens of families.

The developers had a brownfield redevelopment plan approved in October, another financing option. Should Barry County join in as a PACE district, CopperRock could opt to receive financing from a PACE lender.

Lean & Green Michigan sets up PACE districts across the state, where local governments opt into the program. Lean & Green has a uniform program statewide to connect developers with private, national lenders.

"We connect property owners with private lenders and local contractors and we see the project through from beginning to end," said Freeman.

Nearly any type of commercial building is eligible for PACE funding.



Mary Freeman of Lean & Green Michigan (right) explained the Property Assessed Clean Energy program at Tuesday's Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday. She was joined by Barry County Chamber & Economic Development Alliance economic development coordinator Nichole Lyke (left). **Photo by Molly Macleod**

"The properties that are eligible to access this economic development tool are personal and commercial buildings — they can be almost any type of commercial building. As long as it's not government-owned, as long as it's not private or residential, it could be multi-family if it's four apartments or more. It could be agricultural, it can be retail, office space —senior living facilities have used PACE extensively… we've had nonprofits, we've had churches, YMCAs all have access to this financing," Freeman said.

The program was recently expanded, Freeman explained.

"It brings in private capital, and recently the opportunity actually expanded," said Freeman. "So, it's not just for energy. The majority of the projects have involved the nuts and bolts of any commercial building, so mostly people fund HVAC systems, insulated roofs, windows caulking, sometimes some permeable if their city has a utility cost for runoff, those kinds of things. But recently they added in protection of a building against severe weather — so it could be flood or a drought. And also funding of mitigation of hazardous materials."

Properties contaminated with lead or PFAS, for example, are now eligible for PACE funding to mitigate those hazardous materials on the property.

Barry County could soon opt to become a PACE district, joining 59 other municipalities across the state. Should commissioners decide to join in the coming weeks, developers in Barry County will have an additional funding option available to them.

CopperRock is planning to build three residential buildings on the Mill Street property, making up roughly 135 units. Thirty-six units will be one-bedroom apartments, 91 will be two-bedroom units and eight will be three-bedroom units.

Developers also hope to build a smaller, fourth building on the property to be used as a community food and arts center. That building could also be home to a daycare center.

Around 20 percent of the build, or around 27 units, will house those in Barry County making 80 to 100 percent of the area's median income.

Freeman explained that PACE financing offers little risk to the county. No county funds will be used to fund the projects; private lenders provide the money. Developers must perform a special assessment on the property when entering into a PACE financing agreement, placing the property on the tax rolls. In the event the developer would default on the PACE loan, the county would receive the property and could resell it for a profit.

Commissioners looked to Vice Chair Dave Hatfield, a longtime banker, for his feelings on the PACE program.

"I strongly endorse doing this," said Hatfield. I think to some degree we're all recalling some of the debate that went on with the TIF (tax increment financing) project. This is totally different. We're not committing any of our funds, we're not committing any of our constituents' funds — this is simply giving a developer access to another avenue of financing. There is very little downside to this for us. And essentially no cost."

Commissioners will vote next week on whether to set a public hearing next month to consider the county joining as a PACE district.

Indoor farmers market set for Feb. 22 in Hastings

Nicer weather might still be months away but the Barry Community Foundation and B.Heathy are teaming up to provide residents a chance to get out – yet, keep warm and stay inside – to shop for fresh goods at the second annual Barry Indoor Winter Farmers Market on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The indoor farmers market is slated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Barry Community Enrichment Center at 231 S. Broadway in Hastings.

The farmers market offers an opportunity for individuals to shop for fresh, organic and locally grown products – despite the wintery weather outside. And, the second annual event is set to include a plethora of vendors showcasing a variety of meats, cheeses, eggs, plants to mushrooms, honey and maple syrup, as well as wood products and artisan crafts.

According to organizers, those attending the Feb. 22 farmers market will not only have the chance to purchase high-quality, organic products for their family, but they'll also be supporting local farmers, small business owners and artisans.

For more information or to get involved as a vendor, individuals may contact the Barry Community Foundation by calling 269-945-0526. — *MM*

Winter storm proves less impactful than expected

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

Local officials were planning for a busy weekend, with weather forecasts calling for 8 inches or more of snow, as well as windy conditions. Happily, Mother Nature seemed to ease off a bit.

Barry County Sheriff's Office officials reported just four vehicular accidents over the weekend, though Lt. Tim Stevens said that didn't necessarily include calls into Central Dispatch regarding motorists who may have slid off the road due to poor weather or road conditions.

"There was no large spike in our numbers," Stevens said.

Jake Welch, managing director of the Barry County Road Commission, said the county agency called in road crews for the weekend after initial forecasts last Thursday called for up to 10 inches of snow. That included conducting operations both Saturday and Sunday.

"There was definitely blowing snow," Welch said. "The wind has been gnarly the last couple of weeks.

"(But) for what we've been getting on the weekends as of late … this was lighter than what we've been getting," he added. "This weekend wasn't all what we were expecting. It wasn't a ton (of snow)."

Compared to some weather reports, Welch added that local residents may have experienced snowfall of just 2 to 3 inches, depending on what part of Barry County they call home.

However, despite having less than anticipated snow fall and wanting to give BCRC drivers a day off, crews made at least one pass around county roadways Saturday and Sunday to make sure motorists had a clear pathway.

Additionally, crews worked to push back growing snow banks and drifts. Of course, such efforts have created calls into the BCRC office concerning damaged mailboxes.

"We've got a ton of calls about mailboxes," Welch said. "It's been a tough year because we've had to push snow back."

He added that getting the snow off roads and adjacent areas sometimes is a balancing act, as BCRC crews work to get snow and debris off the roadways and help residents have access to their mailboxes, while also trying to avoid them.

According to Welch, mailboxes are supposed to be located at least 17 feet from the centerline of a road. And, if a driver hits a mailbox, he added the BCRC does have a policy for a resident to request replacement of their mailbox with a generic one provided by the county.

Overall, Welch said Barry County residents have been very understanding of such incidents.

"Barry County, by and large, is a great area," Welch said. "I'm constantly having people expressing how appreciative they are of what we do. I try to pass that on to our crew.

"This is what those guys do," he added. "They're so good at it."

Hark Up! coming to HPAC on Saturday

Crews at the Hastings Performing Arts Center say they are preparing for an unforgettable evening of music and energy this weekend as Hark Up! plans to bring its big band sound to Hastings. The high-energy ensemble, known for its dynamic performances and multi-generational appeal, will take the stage for a celebration of music spanning the decades this Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the HPAC, 520 W. South Street in Hastings.

Tickets can be purchased at hastings.ludus.com or by calling 269-945-2492. The lobby and box office open at 6 p.m., and the auditorium doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Founded in 1999 by Chris R. Hansen, Hark Up! began as a way to reimagine and share the story of Jesus' birth through music. What started as a single Christmas show has since grown into a year-round musical ministry, performing over 70 events annually. From swing dances and community festivals to church services and patriotic tributes, Hark Up! entertains audiences throughout West Michigan with its performances.

The Hark Up! Big Band is known for its exciting, crowd-pleasing repertoire, featuring timeless hits from legendary artists like Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Duke Ellington. Audiences can expect a lively and engaging concert that showcases the incredible talent and infectious enthusiasm of the group.

"Big band music is so exciting and brings generations together," said Carol Svihl, HPAC's administrative assistant. "Hark Up! will be a great event for the whole family."

Joe LaJoye, who heads HPAC's programming and promotion, added, "With hits from Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Duke Ellington, this concert is sure to be a crowd-pleaser."

This concert is produced by the Friends of HPAC in partnership with the Thornapple Arts Council and the Hastings Area School System. — *MM*

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of a lot of activity for families and really an outlet for a lot of kids. It's sad to see it burned to the ground," Getty said.

A GoFundMe for GIM titled "Keep GIM Coaches and Kids Together" was created on Saturday and has already raised more than $7,000. Funds will go to the coaches to help continue working with the gym and kids and providing training space and equipment until a new building and gear can be attained.

"Please be patient as we navigate this difficult time and look towards the future. Your support means everything to us," wrote GIM representatives.

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ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT



Steve & Dawn Horton to celebrate 40th Wedding Anniversary on March 2

Steve & Dawn Horton are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, March 2, at the Green Street First United Methodist Church, located at 209 W. Green Street, Hastings.

Well-wishers are invited to stop by from 1-3:30p.m.

The couple was married on Feb. 16, 1985 in Hastings. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

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Local club continues to serve, grow after 100 years of service

More than 100 years after its first meeting, the Rotary Club of Hastings is still going strong, adding new members and continues to support both the local and international communities.

"Our club is at a record number of members because people see the good that Rotary does in Hastings and throughout the world," said Sheryl Lewis Blake, the current president of the Hastings Rotary Club. "We have a truly dynamic club that really lives the Rotary mission of service above self."

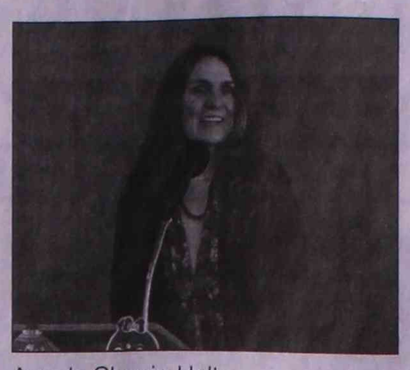
Membership in the service organization remains strong, with the Hastings chamber recently adding four new members. That brought the club's membership number up to 77 overall.

Another recent change has been the addition of the club's first youth board member, after Hastings High School senior and Interact Club member Lilyah Solmes was elected by her peers to join the board.

The newest Hastings Rotary Club members are Pierce Cedar Creek Institute executive director Virginia Bolshakova (Environmental Science classification); Hastings Area Schools Superintendent Nicholas Damico (K-12 Schools), local volunteer Angela Chapin-Holt (Development) and Duska Brumm, the program officer and director of leadership for the Barry Community Foundation (Leadership Training).



Virginia Bolshakova



Angela Chapin-Holt



Duska Brumm

Rotary International is active in more than 220 countries with about 1.5 million members worldwide.

Locally, the Hastings chapter has worked on both local and international service projects, including bike helmet giveaways at the Very Barry Summer; operating the concession stand – along with the Hastings Kiwanis Club – at the Thornapple Plaza, installing water filters in the Dominican Republic; awarding scholarships and highway cleanup on M-37, as well as helping manage Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Barry County.

For more information about the local service club, visit online at hastingsrotary.com or search "Hastings Rotary Club" on Facebook. — *DM*



Rotary youth board member Lilyah Solmes, Hastings High School student Aiden Oliver and Rotary treasurer Dave Solmes share a laugh together during a Hastings Rotary Club board meeting early this month. **Courtesy photos**

Building Brands

Build a great wardrobe to build your personal brand



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A few months ago one of my team members walked into work wearing the most perfect fuchsia blazer. I was immediately obsessed and told her as much. Since we don't always work in the same office I thought it would be OK if I bought the blazer myself, but after some digging I discovered it was sold out in my size. Bummer, except that I'm an expert shopper and within 30 minutes had found a similar blazer from another retailer. While it didn't have a belt like hers did, it did have a faint pinstripe. If you're picturing the blazer, I bet you're thinking "wow, that's one loud blazer."

When I finally went to wear my fuchsia blazer earlier this week for a branding workshop I was presenting at, I had the same thought. My teammate pulled off the blazer so effortlessly, could I do the same? I wasn't positive, but the clock was ticking, so I went for it.

I'm so glad I did because by noon that day I had received multiple compliments. Not just on the blazer, but my overall "vibe." I have to admit, I was walking a little taller that day knowing what a beautiful piece of clothing I was wearing.

After texting a photo of my look to my teammate, thanking her for the inspiration, I started thinking about how our clothing plays such a big role in not just our "vibe," but also our personal brand.

That particular blazer is one of many I have purchased in recent years as my career has evolved, I've taken on more responsibilities and began to lead new team members. Something about a blazer, even when paired with jeans, says "leader," "professional," "pulled together."

It's no secret that I love clothes, and it's no secret that clothes and your style say a lot about your personal brand. That said, I know post-pandemic dressing can be tricky.

The experts at Forbes agree. An article on the topic on forbes.com reads, "In a world that has embraced casual norms, does how CEOs and other organizational leaders present themselves still matter in 2025? The answer is a resounding yes. Despite relaxed post-pandemic standards, a leader's presentation remains a cornerstone of their influence and authority. Leadership is more than actions, words, or lessons from seminars — it encompasses every facet of your presence, including your appearance. Forming a strong executive impression is as vital as ever."

And that impression is made quickly. From the article, "some studies, such as the one appearing in Social Psychological and Personality Science, suggest (a first impression) can happen in as little as 33 to 100 milliseconds."

Knowing how important your wardrobe is to your personal brand, here are some tips to build a great wardrobe so you can build your brand:

Take note of what you like: Just as I made note of my teammate's blazer, I make note of pieces I love almost daily. Usually, it's something I see someone wear in person, but I also rip out magazine pages, screen shot outfits I see online or hit pause if I see something of note on TV. This process takes time ultimately helping you create your personal style.

Invest in your clothes (and a good tailor): While I love a good deal, a great wardrobe is an investment, so budget accordingly, always leaving room for the work of a tailor. An expensive jacket that doesn't fit right will miss the mark on making the impression you want it to. From the forbes.com article, "As Zig Ziglar aptly said, 'You cannot climb the ladder of success dressed in the costume of failure.'"

Clean out your closet: I like the one-in; one-out method, which ensures that when a new piece enters your closet, an old piece that no longer serves you exits. It's easier said than done, but important. Also important is an organized closet. Whether by color or by style, I like a closet that makes is easy to find everything.

Develop your own "uniform": Leave the black turtleneck and jeans to the late Steve Jobs, but create your own "uniform" so that getting dressed doesn't take up too much time or energy. I have a few no-fail combinations I can reach for when I need to look great, but am lacking inspiration.

I know not everyone has a passion for fashion, but I promise an update to your wardrobe will do a lot to boost your brand. Like the forbes.com article said, looking good means "You're serious, prepared, and intentional." It's also good for your mental health. From the article, " … research published in the Journal of Business Research found that intentional clothing choices shape individuals' confidence levels, influencing how they present themselves and interact with the world."

What's your best advice for building a professional wardrobe? Email me at ecaswell@mihomepaper.com.

Emily Caswell is the Brand Manager for VIEW Group, the branding division of View Newspaper Group.

New MSHDA program offers $25,000 in down payment assistance to first-gen homebuyers

LANSING — The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) this week launched the First-Generation Down Payment Assistance program, a pilot initiative designed to help first-generation homebuyers achieve the dream of homeownership.

The program, supported with $8 million in state budget appropriations, provides eligible buyers with a $25,000 down payment assistance deferred loan to help cover upfront homebuying costs, including the down payment, closing costs, and prepaid expenses.

"Homeownership is an important pathway to economic vitality and mobility for our state and its residents, but too many first-time buyers face financial barriers that put it out of reach," said Amy Hovey, CEO and executive director of MSHDA. "With rents soaring, this program offers families a foot in the door and much-needed stability by helping them secure a home with a fixed monthly cost. This financial boost will allow first-generation homebuyers to invest in their futures, strengthen their communities, and build generational wealth."

To qualify, applicants must meet certain requirements, including:

All applicants must meet the definition of first-generation homebuyer, have no prior history of homeownership in the last three years and must use the property as their primary residence.

Applicants must fall within the household income limits set by MSHDA.

A minimum credit score of 640 is required.

The target property sale price cannot be more than $224,500.

No parent of the borrower(s) has owned a home in the last three years.

The First-Generation DPA must be combined with a MI Home Loan (conventional, FHA, or USDA).

All borrowers must complete a face-to-face homebuyer education class offered by a HUD-approved housing counseling agency.

Applicants must meet all other program eligibility requirements.

First-Generation Down Payment Assistance was designed based on an assessment of MSHDA's MI 10K DPA program, which revealed the need to increase opportunities for aspiring homebuyers who don't benefit from generational wealth.

Available in all 83 Michigan counties, the pilot program is a key step in breaking down financial barriers and expanding access to homeownership for more Michiganders.

More information about the First-Generation Down Payment Assistance program can be found at michigan.gov/FirstGenDPA. — *MM*

HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 20 – Novel Ideas Book Club discusses "Funny Story" by Emily Henry, 1 p.m.; Movie, Memories and Milestones watches a 1940 film starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21 – Friday Story Time 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22 – Rockin' Tots: Music & Movement, 10:30 a.m.; No Knead Bread Making: Focaccia, 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 24 – Crafting Passions, 10 a.m.; STEAM at the Library, 4 p.m.; Lift Every Voice: Life Stories – Another Side of Education for Everyone, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Baby Cafe, 10 a.m.; mahjong, 2 p.m.; chess, 5 p.m.; Speed Friending: Adult Edition (registration required), 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Itsy Bitsy Book Club, 10:30 a.m.; Open Art Studio, 11:30 a.m.; tech help, 2 p.m.; Cooking Clean: Navigating Allergies and Sensitivities in the Kitchen, 6 p.m.

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

Delton Kellogg Schools

NOTICE OF VACANCY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice hereby is given to the electors of the Delton Kellogg Schools that a vacancy on the Board of Education of the school district exists due to the resignation of Ms. Samanatha Munsell, effective February 14, 2025.

Notice is further given that any elector of the Delton Kellogg Schools may apply to the Board of Education for consideration to fill the vacancy on the Board through December 31, 2026. The next regular election of the Board will be on November 8, 2026, at that time, the Board seat will be posted for regular election procedures.

Interested electors are requested to send a letter of application, stating reasons for their interest, qualifications for Board service which they believe they hold, relevant public service, and a history of elected office, public appointments, and/or service on other elected or appointed boards, public or private to:

Mr. Jon Osborne, President
Delton Kellogg Schools Board of Education
327 North Grove Street
Delton, MI 49046

The Board will accept letters of application until 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 2025, Via United States Postal Service or personal delivery to the Delton Kellogg Schools Administration Office in the Delton Kellogg Elementary School. The Board then will contact eligible applicants to schedule interviews which will be conducted in open session, and then they will choose a candidate to fill the vacancy by majority vote.

Persons with questions about this matter may contact the Administration Office at (269) 623-1501.

OBITUARIES

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Heidi Kristen Mausolf Jenkins



Heidi Kristen Mausolf Jenkins, aged 37, passed away on February 15, 2025. Born on September 19, 1987, Heidi's vibrant spirit and boundless energy became a source of strength and joy for all who knew her. She is survived by her devoted husband, Shawn Jenkins; her cherished children, Ryder, River, Echo, and Jameson; her beloved stepchildren, Trinity, Taryn, BraeLynn, and Landen; her loving mother, Peggy Suszek; her caring siblings, Kevin (Caitlin) Davis, April Mausolf, Kenny Mausolf Jr., and Zachary (Amanda) Mausolf; her adored grandmother, Marlene Cadarette, as well as her many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Mausolf Sr., and her grandparents, Kenneth A. Mausolf and Ernestine Mausolf.

Heidi embraced her role as a stay-at-home mom with unparalleled passion. Her children and stepchildren were the center of her universe, and she loved each one as her own. The bond she shared with them was unmistakable, as she infused their lives with laughter, adventure, and unconditional love. Heidi's strength was a constant beacon, guiding her family through life's many ups and downs with unwavering resolve.

Her interests were as diverse as they were dynamic. Heidi reveled in the thrill of concert mosh pits, the tranquility of the great outdoors, and the challenges of mechanical work. She could often be found fixing her home's furnace or tinkering with vehicles, her energy never ceasing to amaze those around her. At her core, Heidi remained a kid at heart, delighting in toys such as PlayStation and Legos, often buying them under the guise of gifts for her children, only to joyfully assemble them herself.

Heidi's adventurous spirit was matched only by her selflessness. She was always the first to lend a hand, care for others, and offer a shoulder to lean on. Her nightly phone calls with her sister and best friend, April, were a testament to the closeness of her family ties. Despite her many responsibilities, Heidi never lost her sense of self or her zest for life, always standing out as the exuberant center of attention.

Those who had the pleasure of knowing Heidi will remember her as spirited, funny, and selfless. She was never afraid to be herself, and her legacy will be carried on in the hearts of those she touched. Heidi's life was a beautiful mosaic of love, laughter, and adventure, and she will be deeply missed by all.

A Celebration of Life service is being planned for a later date. Please visit www.williamsgoresfuneral.com to share a memory or leave a condolence message for Heidi's family.

Judy Ann Keller



Judy Keller, 86, of Appleton, WI and formally of Waukesha, WI, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Judy was born on January 7, 1939, to Helen Munjoy and Richard Kenfield, in Grand Rapids, MI. Judy was best known for her big heart and sassy sense of humor. Never one to mince words, she was feisty and playfully brazen. She was always willing to laugh with you even at her own expense, but she was also always willing to share in your tears.

Judy loved to wear hats with hat pins, and she had a collection to choose from on any given day. She was a passionate Brewers and Packers fan, and football Sundays were never quiet. She was especially fond of board games, dice games, and card games. Her competitive spirit and sense of humor meant she would sooner flip the board than to actually lose. And if she was winning at cards, which she often did, she loved to tease with a shriek of malevolent laughter.

Above all else, Judy loved her family. She loved spending time with her five children, eight grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. When it was not possible to be with them, she always made regular time to talk on the phone. Though separated by distance, she remained very close to her sister Helen-Jean by sharing life and laughter together.

Judy is survived by her children Scott and Kimberly Keller of Naples ID, Ann Keller of Waukesha, WI, Geoffery and Charlie Keller of Bigelow, MN, Kevin Keller of Denver, CO, Michael and Michelle Keller of Kaukauna, WI, sisters Helen Hausechild of Hastings, MI, Jane Jordan of Grand Rapids, MI, and brother Mike Kenfield of Lansing, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents Helen and Richard, her siblings Jack Kenfield, Robert Munjoy Jr., Patricia Melton, and Donald Kenfield, and her best friend Jazz.

There will be no memorial service. It is requested in lieu of flowers that donations are made to the American Cancer Society for cancer research and care.

Robert Lee 'Bob' Klinge



Robert Lee 'Bob' Klinge, a cherished brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2025, in Wyoming, MI. Born on July 11, 1947, in Grand Rapids, MI, Bob was the son of Clarence and Jessie "Jackie" (Dykstra) Klinge Sr.

A 1965 graduate of Thornapple-Kellogg High School, Bob proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam with the 18th Engineer Brigade. He was the dedicated owner of Bob's Engine Hospital for over 30 years, where his hard work and commitment to service built a legacy that will long be remembered by his colleagues and customers alike.

Bob's life was filled with the joy of simple pleasures. He found happiness in camping with his beloved wife Linda, who preceded him in death in 2018. His love for family was evident through the time he spent with them, and his enjoyment of sharing meals with friends at Thornapple Kitchen was always a delight.

He leaves behind a loving family, including his siblings Joyce Colborn, Clarence (Mary) Klinge Jr., Larry (Mary) Klinge, Ron (Carolyn) Klinge, Cindy Klinge, and Kris (Dan) Reeves, along with many adored nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Jessie "Jackie" (Dykstra) Klinge Sr.

Bob's family will receive friends on Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Beeler-Gores Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest at Fort Custer National Cemetery on Friday, February 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to DAV (Disabled American Veterans). Please visit www.beelergoresfuneral.com to share a memory or leave a condolence message for Bob's family.

James "Jim" Edwin Frederick



James "Jim" Edwin Frederick, 82, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2025, in Hastings, Michigan. He was born on December 29, 1942, in Plainwell, Michigan, the son of Arthur and Virginia (Lloyd) Frederick. Jim graduated from Allegan High School in 1961 and later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from Michigan State University in 1965. In 1985, he received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Jim loved God, his family, and his country. He married the love of his life, Linda Lee (Arndt), on September 11, 1965. Together, they raised three children: Melissa (Sehbaz) Sabri, James Arthur (Lorinda) Frederick, and Amanda (Michael) Frechette.

Jim lived a life marked by dedication and service. He proudly served in the US Air Force for almost 28 years, achieving the rank of Colonel before retiring in 1993. As an engineering officer, Colonel Frederick served in the 820th Civil Engineering Squadron (Red HORSE) at DaNang Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam; Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire; Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota; Kadena Air Base in Japan; multiple tours at Headquarters Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska; Yongsan Army Garrison in Seoul Korea; KI Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan where he served as the base civil engineer and commander of the 410th Civil Engineering Squadron; Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota where he served as the base civil engineer and commander of the 812th Civil Engineering Squadron; and March Air Force Base in California where he again served as base civil engineer and commander of the 22nd Civil Engineering Squadron; and Yongsan Army Garrison in Seoul Korea supporting the Republic of Korea / United States Combined Forces Command where he served as the lead American engineer. His decorations and awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor device and two oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze stars, the Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Longevity Service Award with five oak leaf clusters, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with bronze star, the Air Force Training Ribbon, the ROK Presidential Unit Citation, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After retiring from the US Air Force, Jim served as Director of Buildings and Grounds and interim Vice President for Administrative Services at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, Illinois, for 10 years before retiring again in 2004.

Upon retirement, Jim and Linda moved to Hastings, Michigan, and joined Hope United Methodist Church, where he held several positions, including Interim Chairman of the Board, Lay Leader, and choir member.

During his retirement, Jim found joy in golfing and fishing. A dedicated golfer, Jim participated in multiple leagues until this past summer. His unwavering passion for golf led him to seek medical advice when the sport suddenly became challenging. This visit resulted in an early diagnosis of glioblastoma brain cancer in 2023. Jim proudly represented Pease Air Force Base in two Strategic Air Command championship tournaments. Additionally, he triumphed at the Spring Open at Grand Forks Air Force Base and competed for the Okinawa Team at the Fil-Am Invitational held at the Baguio Country Club in the Philippines.

Jim's family was his pride and joy, and he cherished every moment spent with them. He remarked just before his death that his grandchildren are "awesome."

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Linda Lee, and their children Melissa (Sehbaz) Sabri, James (Lorinda) Frederick, and Amanda (Michael) Frechette; 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren – Hannah (Daniel) Collins and their child Emmett, Elizabeth (Jimmy) Heystek, Caleb (Laura) Sabri and their children Hosea, Zipporah, and Shiloh, Sarah (Nate) Hoekman and their child Charlotte, Megan (Michael) Mortensen, Virginia Kate Frederick, James Brian Frederick, Lindsey Frechette, Gabriel Frechette, and Abigail Frechette; and his sister Linda Kay Frederick.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Frederick and Virginia (Lloyd) Frederick-May; his brother Brian Frederick; and his sister Marcia Frederick.

Jim leaves behind a legacy of love and service. He is deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him and serving God and country with him.

A celebration of Jim's life is being held at 11:00 AM on February 22, 2025, at Hope United Methodist Church in Hastings, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please take a child golfing or fishing! The family will receive visitors from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Services are provided by Girrbach Funeral Home, Hastings, Michigan. To leave online condolences, visit www.girrbachfuneralhome.net.

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328 N. Jefferson Street. Worship 10 a.m. Nursery provided. Pastor Peter Adams, contact 616-690-8609.

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805 S. Jefferson. 269-945-4246 Pastor Father Jeff Hanley. Mass 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Mass 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday.

LIFEGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
301 E. State Rd., P.O. Box 273, Hastings, MI 49058. Pastor Scott Price. Phone: 269-948-0900. Website: www.lifegatecc.com. Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Life Group 6:30 p.m.

HASTINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
309 E. Woodlawn, Hastings. Matt Moser, Lead Pastor. Sunday Services: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Senior High Youth Group 6-8 p.m.; Young Adults 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Family Night 6:30-8 p.m., Kids 4 Truth (Children Kindergarten-5th Grade), 6:30-8 p.m. Middle School Youth Group; 6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer. Call Church Office 948-8004 for information.

PLEASANTVIEW FAMILY CHURCH
2601 Lacey Road, Dowling, MI 49050. Pastor, Steve Olmstead. (269) 758-3021 church phone. Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

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BANNER JULY 27, 1995

JOYCE F. WEINBRECHT

The following is a continuation of Robert Faulkner's account of the early life of the Ellis Faulkner family.

"I have mentioned that Dad played baseball. He was also a very hard-working businessman. Our living came from the drugstore, so the drugstore came first. He would open the store at 7:30 (a.m.) and close it at 9 or 10 in the evening, later on Saturday nights. The store was open until 6 p.m. on Sundays in summer and part of the day in the winter. The Fourth of July was our busiest day of the year.

"Delton was a resort area and the resorters, as well as the townspeople and farmers, came in on the Fourth for the parade, the foot races and other entertainment and for the baseball game. Ten minutes before game time, with a store full of people, Dad would pick up his bat and walk over to the ballpark. On the Fourth of July, baseball came first.

"Sometimes Dad would bring a traveling man home with him and over dinner we would hear about life in the cities and discussions of politics, as well as the latest jokes, cleaned up, I'm sure, for our benefit. The traveling men came into Delton on the C.K.&S. Railroad with their trunks and display cases. Sometimes, Paul would drive them to Prairieville or Hickory Corners, where they called on the general stores.

"Soon after I entered the fifth grade in the fall of 1919, Mr. Webster Hastings, who taught the big room, sent word he wanted to see me in the entryway. This was the place we left our coats and overshoes, and I couldn't imagine why he wanted to see me, nor did he shine any light by his questions. How did I feel? Did I have headaches? What caused the scar on my forehead? Et cetera. I explained that when I was in the first grade, I had come in from recess and my wet shoes had slipped and I fell on the metal frame of the last seat in the row. He listened, but asked no more questions and sent me back to my room.

"Later that day, my teacher came to me and said that Mr. Hastings didn't have any sixth graders so she had agreed to promote a few of her fifth graders to the sixth grade, and tomorrow I was to go to school in the big room. So at 9 years of age, quite by accident, I was in the sixth grade.

"The desks in the big room were about the same as in the little room. There was a groove at the top for pencils, the inkwell on the upper right, and room for papers and books under the desktop. The desk was attached to part of the back of the seat in front.

"When the rest of the family moved to Middleville in early October, I was left behind with my grandmother and Aunt Bessie so that I could become firmly in the sixth grade and not have to go back to the fifth grade when I changed schools.

"If I have made the simple life in Delton sound idyllic, in the strict sense of the word, it was. However, if you wish, you could have lived in those 'good old days' it is because you never experienced them.

"Summers were a time of fear of polio. Mothers gave a sigh of relief when summer was over and their children had escaped this dreadful disease. But winters were no better. Every winter, there were epidemics of measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, chicken pox, mumps, scarlet fever and flu. Red quarantine signs would go up on the houses of the sick and only persons who had recovered from the disease and were therefore immune could go in or out. Most everyone was vaccinated against smallpox, but there were then no vaccines for these other diseases.

"In summer, flies were everywhere. They bred in the horse manure in the dirt streets. They bred in the chicken pens and in the dung piles by the barn and, of course, in the outhouses. The flies were battled with poison, traps and fly swatters, but they were still everywhere by the hundreds of thousands.

"In the winter, a fresh, white, new-fallen snow was soon covered by soot from the coal furnaces and stoves in the houses and stores.

MIDDLEVILLE

"'There's yon village,' Mr. Erb shouted over the noise of the car. He pointed toward a white water tower with 'Globe Knitting Mill' printed on the side. I could also see the red top of French's flour mill. It was Thanksgiving Day 1919.

"Mr. and Mrs. Erb had kindly offered to drive me to Middleville to rejoin my family. Their son, Llewelyn, who was Earl's age, rode in the back seat with me.

"Middleville had a population of about 800 at that time, but I was awed by its size and its modern conveniences. For the first time, we had electric lights and running water. An electric pump forced the water from our well into the house. Only when we had visited Uncle Will and Aunt Clara Toot in Grand Rapids had I previously experienced such luxury.

"Other surprises were in store for me. Instead of a two-room white frame school building heated by wood stoves in each room, the Middleville school was a steam-heated, three-story brick building with two rooms to a floor with toilets on each floor. Our Delton school had an outhouse and no running water.

"The first floor of the Middleville school housed the first four grades, two grades to a room. The second floor had the fifth and sixth grades in one room and the seventh and eighth in the other. There was one teacher for each room or one teacher for every two grades instead of one teacher for five grades as in Delton. The third floor had an assembly hall and two classrooms.

"The entire high school of about 90 students had seats in the assembly hall. The desks were very much like the ones in Delton.

"On top of the building was a bell tower. The janitor rang the first bell for about half a minute 20 minutes before school started and the last bell for one minute. If you were not in your seat when the bell quit ringing, you were marked tardy.



West Main Street in Middleville.

"The bell rope dropped from the bell tower to the first floor. The janitor stood in the entry hall and pulled on the rope. If a student was running up the steps a little late, the janitor sometimes would ring the bell an extra half minute so the student could make it to his seat and not be counted tardy. The janitor was very popular with the students.

"The 1920s was a decade of growth, an exciting decade of change.

"At the beginning of the First World War, the U.S. was a third-rate power. The British Empire ruled the seas and London was the world's financial center as well as the center of the greatest empire the world has ever known. Englishmen proudly proclaimed 'the sun never sets on the British Empire.'

"Paris was the center of culture and fashion.

"Germany led the world in sciences, especially in chemistry and engineering. Most of our chemicals were imported from Germany. No fast dyes were made in this country and when war broke out, our clothes were made with dyes that ran when washed. Even aspirin was a monopoly of a German company, Bayer. Our dolls were imported from Europe before the war. The American substitutes that followed were homely little girls whose pink cheeks would not stand water.

"Even the airplane, invented in the U.S., had a higher state of development in France.

"The U.S. clearly led in the production of automobiles and steel and rubber factories grew to supply this industry's needs. Electric streetcars provided transportation in all cities of any size and electric passenger trains called 'Interurbans' gave travelers quick, comfortable service between cities. The smart investor had got his money to Interurban stock, only to see the automobile drive many electric trains into bankruptcy in a few years.

"But in the early 1920s, the Interurban was very much a part of American life. The speed and quiet of the trains, combined with poorly protected grade crossings, resulted in many tragic accidents. The third rail from which the trains drew their power was a constant hazard to the people who lived near the tracks in the countryside.

"In 1920 there were still no paved roads outside the cities. Villages like Middleville had no hard surface streets.

"The first radio station, KDKA of Pittsburgh, went on the air in 1920 and the age of commercial radio began.

"Automobiles were improving, but none were enclosed. When it rained, you stopped and put up side curtains. Likely as not, you got soaking wet and the rain would stop as soon as the isinglass curtains were buttoned in place. Although most cars now had electric starters, they were not very dependable and a crank still hung from the front of the car.

"In 1920, change was in the air. Like a sleeping giant, the U.S. began to stir and flex its muscle. Just as after every war, old social values and traditions crumbled and fell away. The automobile gave young people a freedom unknown by any previous generations. They took full advantage of this personal transportation to visit the cities and see the latest shows or to attend college while living at home. They also used the automobile for love and romance.

"With the new physical freedom came freedom from the old social mores. Girls, much to the horror of their mothers, bobbed their hair and wore knee-length skirts. Many high school boys and girls began to smoke cigarettes. Some visited bootleggers to get beer or whiskey, for this was the age of Prohibition.

"Women had gained the right to vote and with it a new sense of freedom. Working women became more common and women entered into athletics, joined walking clubs, and girls' basketball teams were organized in high schools.

"In Middleville, the girls played the preliminary game followed by the boys' team. The boys wore shorts but the girls wore baggy black bloomers and long black stockings. The girls' team had six players: two forwards, a running and a jumping center and two guards. The court had three zones, two girls to a zone and no girl could cross out of her zone.

"In the boys' game, there were five players. The game was much different than it is today. After each score, the ball was brought back to the center and tossed up between the opposing centers and all plays were run from center. The game was slower and the scores much lower than nowadays. A typical final score might be 18-14. An unusually high school would be referred to as sounding like a football score.

"I don't believe there has been a decade in the history of our country in which there were so many famous contemporaries. It was the age of the individual, the age of the entrepreneur. Among the great and near great living in the 1920s were Albert Einstein; Thomas Edison; Orvile Wright; John D. Rockefeller; Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone; Luther Burbank, the plant wizard; Nikola Tesla, electrical wizard and pioneer of alternating current; Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy; Lee deforest, the inventor of the three-element vacuum tube that made radio practical; William Jennings Bryan, the silver-tongued orator and politician who prosecuted Scopes for teaching evolution.

"Scopes was defended by Clarence Darrow. This was the first trial to be broadcast. I listened to it on our radio. This must have been about 1924 or 1925 (July 10-21, 1925).

"Other well-known people of the '20s included Charles Lindbergh, Commander Byrd, Billy Mitchell, Ronald Amundsun (famous Norwegian explorer of the Poles) and Douglas MacArthur."

To be continued...



East Main Street in Middleville.

TO ALL CREDITORS

The Grantor, James R. Brownell (date of birth 07/19/1935), who lived at 6961 Shoreline Drive, Delton, MI 49046, died on 07/31/2024. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the James R. Brownell Family Trust, dated April 18, 2016, will be forever banned unless presented to Trustee Janice L. Smith, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: February 11, 2025

ATTORNEY:
Kristle A. Teague (P85631)
Teeples and Teague Law, PLLC
230 E. Fulton St. - Ste J
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 776-7200

TRUSTEE:
Janice L. Smith
10978 Kingsbury Road
Delton, MI 49046
(269) 623-2296

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
25-30016-DE William M. Doherty

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

Estate of Ralph Frederick Stocker. Date of birth: 4-30-1940.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ralph Frederick Stocker, died 5-22-2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marc Stocker, 10835 Griffeth Drive, Middleville, MI 49333, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 206 W. Court Street, Ste. 302, Hastings, MI 49058 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 2/13/2025

Michael J. McPhillips P33715
121 West Apple Street, Suite 101
Hastings, Michigan 49058
269-945-3512

Marc Stocker
10835 Griffeth Drive
Middleville, MI 49333
616-706-5543

SYNOPSIS
Hastings Charter Township
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
All board members present
Approved consent agenda items
County Commissioner report
Report from BCMH Representative
Discussed remodeling Twp office
Board of Review Resolution
Approved payment of bills
Dept. reports received and put on file
Motion to adjourn 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,
David J. Olson – Clerk
Attested to by
Jim Partridge – Supervisor

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
25-30017-DE William M. Doherty P-41960

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

Estate of James E. Brown, II. Date of birth: April 5, 1938.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James E. Brown, II, died January 5, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donna L. Brown, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 206 W. Court Street, Ste. 302, Hastings, MI 49058 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 2/10/2025

Robert L. Byington P-27621
222 West Apple Street, P.O. Box 248
Hastings, Michigan 49058
269-945-9557

Donna L. Brown
810 Indian Hills Drive
Hastings, Michigan 49058

TOWNSHIP OF HOPE
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5463 M-43 Hwy., Hastings, MI 49058 to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 11:30 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

APPEALS ARE HEARD ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS; letter appeals will be accepted and must be received no later than 5:00 pm the Friday before the first appeal hearing.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	47.78%	1.0465
Commercial	45.18%	1.1067
Industrial	49.22%	1.0158
Residential	43.81%	1.1413
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Doug Peck, Supervisor Hope Township
Kevin Harris, Assessor Hope Township

Hope Township Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Hope Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Castleton Township by writing or calling.

Hope Township Clerk
5463 M-43 Hwy.
Hastings, MI 49058
269-648-2464

TOWNSHIP OF PRAIRIEVILLE
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 10115 S. Norris Rd. Delton, Michigan 49046, to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 10:00 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025, 1:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

APPOINTMENTS ARE SUGGESTED; letter appeals will be accepted and must be received no later than 5:00 pm the Friday before the first appeal hearing.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	44.95%	1.1123
Commercial	50.05%	0.9990
Industrial	40.11%	1.2466
Residential	44.16%	1.1322
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Jim Stoneburner, Supervisor Prairieville Township
Kevin Harris, Assessor Prairieville Township

Prairieville Township Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Prairieville Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Prairieville Township by writing or calling.

Prairieville Township Clerk
10115 S. Norris Rd.
Delton, MI 49046
269-623-2726

TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSTOWN
2025 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 13641 S. M-37 Hwy, Battle Creek, MI 49017, to examine and review the 2025 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessment or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 5:00 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025, 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Thursday, March 13, 2025, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

APPOINTMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED, but not required; letter appeals will be accepted and must be received no later than 5:00 pm the Friday before the first appeal hearing.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2025 are as follows:

Agricultural	45.32%	1.10327
Commercial	43.25%	1.15607
Industrial	50.09%	0.99820
Residential	45.45%	1.10011
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of the Board of Review

Barb Earl, Johnstown Township Supervisor – for appointments: 269-721-8443 Michele Story, Johnstown Township Assessor

Johnstown Township Board Meetings are open to all without regard to race, color, national origins, sex or disability.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to Johnstown Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Johnstown Township by writing or calling.

Johnstown Township Clerk
13641 S. M37 Hwy.
Battle Creek MI 49017
269-721-9709

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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 March 13, 2025, commencing at 7:00p.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 Planning Commission's consideration by emailing or mailing those comments to the Planning Commission 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 owner James and Julie Walen, 11312 Sunfish Dr, Delton, MI, 49046 for a Special Land Use/Site Plan Review to allow the construction of an addition to existing nonconforming single-family dwelling, pursuant to section 6.16 "Nonconforming Buildings/Structures" 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 R-1 Single Family, Low Density Residential.
2. Such other business as may properly come before the Planning Commission

The Prairieville Township Planning Commission and Township Board reserve the right to make changes in the above-mentioned proposed amendment(s) at or following the public hearing.

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 individualswith 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 PLANNING COMMISSION

By: Fritz Bork, Chairperson
Prairieville Township Hall
11015 S. Norris Rd.
Delton, Michigan 49046

Public Notice
City of Hastings
2025 Board of Review Meeting Schedule

The City of Hastings Board of Review for 2025 will be held at Hastings City Hall, 201 E State St, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: March 4th, 1:00 pm
Appeal Hearings:
Tuesday, **March 11th,** 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, **March 12th,** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Meetings are by Appointment, to schedule, contact: City Hall @ ph. 269-945-9350

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2025 assessments.

By City Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received by March 10th, 2025

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2025 are as follows:

Commercial	44.36	1.1271
Residential	47.13	1.0608
Industrial	43.60	1.1467
Agricultural	45.47	1.0996
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 3-day notice.
Contact: Sarah Moyer-Cale - City Manager, ph. 269-945-9350

ATTENTION BARRY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
BARRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING DATES
7:00 P.M. SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
***** unless noted**

Barry Township Meeting Hall
155 E. Orchard St. Delton, MI 49046

MARCH	11	2025 PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:30 p.m.
APRIL	8	2025
MAY	13	2025
JUNE	10	2025
JULY	8	2025
AUGUST	12	2025
SEPTEMBER	9	2025
OCTOBER	14	2025
NOVEMBER	11	2025
DECEMBER	9	2025
JANUARY	13	2026
FEBRUARY	10	2026
MARCH	10	2026 PUBLIC HEARING @6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Barry Township Meeting Hall at 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. Barry Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at any township meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon seven days notice to the clerk.

155 E. ORCHARD STREET (MEETING HALL)
11300 S. M-43 HWY (TOWNSHIP OFFICE)
P.O. Box 705
DELTON, MI 49046
PH 269-623-5171 OR FAX 269-623-8171
EMAIL: barrytownship@mei.net
Website: barrytownshipmi.com

Respectfully, Debra J. Knight, Barry Township Clerk

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 MARCH 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 Nicholas Toecker and Rachel Antony, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ark-La-Tex Financial Services, LLC dba Benchmark Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2023 and recorded April 12, 2023 in Instrument Number 2023-002951 and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded on January 29, 2025, in Instrument Number 2025-000738, Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Data Mortgage, Inc. dba Essex Mortgage, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and 67/100 Dollars ($172,690.67).

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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Barry County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on MARCH 13, 2025.

Said premises are located in the City of Hastings, Barry County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 35, Supervisor Chase's Addition No. 2 to the City (formerly Village) of Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, except the West 123 feet thereof, according to the recorded plat thereof, filed in Liber 3, Page 2, records of Barry County, State of Michigan.

918 N Michigan Ave, 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: February 13, 2025
File No. 25-000855
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(02-13)(03-06)

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 March 13, 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): Joyce J. Dennie, unmarried

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

Date of Mortgage: July 17, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 30, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $13,470.37

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Woodland, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Lot Twelve (12) of Innovation Subdivision according to the recorded plat thereof being located in the Northwest one-quarter of Section 3 Town 4 North Range 7 West, Woodland Township, Barry County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 7795 Woodland Rd, Lake Odessa, MI 48849-9323

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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: February 13, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Anthony T. Wonnacott, a single man

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New American Funding, LLC FKA Broker Solution Inc. DBA New American Funding

Date of Mortgage: August 24, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 6, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $74,549.95

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Thornapple, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the West line of Section 19, Thornapple Township, Barry County, Michigan, 1238.40

feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 172.0 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South

130 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence North 155 feet; thence East to the West 1/8 line of said Section: thence

North 147.0 feet; thence West to the Point of Beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4696 Patterson Rd, Middleville, MI 49333-9742

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: February 13, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BARRY COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Barry County Road Commission, 1725 West M-43 Highway, P.O. Box 158, Hastings, MI 49058, until 11:00 A.M. February 26, 2025 for the following items.

Specifications and additional information may be obtained at the Road Commission Office at the above address or at our web site at www.barrycrc.org.

Crack Seal Blocks	Culverts
Scraper Blades	Bit Mix
Slag	Gutters

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive irregularities in the best interest of the Commission.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BARRY

David Solmes	Chairman
Jim James	Vice Chairman
Jamie Knight	Member

BARRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
535 WEST WOODLAWN AVENUE
HASTINGS, MI 49058-1038

Board of Education Special Meeting
February 24, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Hastings Middle School Commons, 232 W. Grand St., Hastings, MI

JOINT MEETING OF LEA AND ISD BOARDS
DELTON KELLOGG SCHOOLS, HASTINGS AREA SCHOOL SYSTEM, BARRY ISD

AGENDA

1. Call to Order-Barry ISD President
2. Roll Call
   a. Delton Kellogg Schools
   b. Hastings Area School System
   c. Barry ISD
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Comment-Limited to three (3) minutes per statement (Bylaw 0167.3). 6. Introduction of Participants and Purpose-Barry ISD President 7. Presentation by Perspectives Consulting
8. Discussion with Perspectives Consulting
9. Board Comment
10. Adjournment

This meeting is a joint meeting of the Boards of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School Districts' business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting (Bylaw 0166). Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration (Bylaw 0167.3).

RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 am in the office of the Assessor at Rutland Charter Township Hall, 2461 Heath Rd, Hastings, Michigan 49058 to organize and review the Assessment Roll.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING to hear Assessment APPEALS will be held at the RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 2461 Heath Rd, Hastings, Michigan on:

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 **9:00 am to NOON & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Also, any other days deemed necessary to equalize the Assessment Roll.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATIOS & FACTORS FOR 2024

CLASS	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agriculture	50.23	.9954
Commercial	49.17	1.0168
Industrial	47.27	1.0577
Residential	45.24	1.1052
Developmental	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

The above ratios and multipliers do not mean that every parcel will receive the same. If you have purchased property, it will be assessed at 50% of market value. If you have improved your property such as additions, new buildings, driveways, etc., this will also reflect in the value of your property. Upon request of any person who is assessed on said roll, or his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, the Board of Review will correct the assessment of such property and will, in their judgment, make the valuation thereof relatively just and equal.

Dennis McKelvey, Assessor
RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2461 Heath Rd
Hastings, MI 49058
269-948-2194

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Rutland Charter Township Clerk by writing or calling the Township.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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FORECLOSURE 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 01:00 PM, March 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Karen Hickey, An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 25, 2021, and recorded on November 1, 2021, as Document Number: 2021-013538, Barry County Records, said mortgage was corrected by an Affidavit of Scrivener's Error dated February 3, 2025 and recorded February 5, 2025 by Document Number 2025-000877, Barry County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 04, 2025 and recorded February 11, 2025 by Document Number: 2025-001003, Barry County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 99/100 ($170,880.99) including interest at the rate of 4.37500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Maple Grove, Barry County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the North 70 acres of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 2 North, Range 7 West; Thence North 676 feet for a place of beginning; Thence North 258 feet; Thence West 260 feet; Thence South 258 feet; Thence East 260 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to a Highway Right of Way for Highway M-66. EXCEPT 120 FOOT WIDE PARCEL, 60 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF M-66 HWY AS CONSTRUCTED PARCEL DEEDED TO STATE IN LIBER 307, PAGE 377. Commonly known as: 8260 S M 66 HWY, NASHVILLE, MI 49073 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/ or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: February 20, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00035-1 (02-20)(03-13)

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 March 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. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Shawnda Robinson and Mathew Hallifax, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, whose address is 1249 Boncher Boulevard, Hastings, Michigan 49058, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERIFIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated May 28, 2021, and recorded on June 1, 2021 with Document Number 2021-007090, Barry County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 29, 2024 and recorded on March 29, 2024 and given document number 2024-002088 in Barry County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 11/100 DOLLARS ($246,600.11). Said premises are situated in the Township of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan, and are described as: UNIT 19, OF SUMMERWYN ESTATES EAST CONDOMINIUMS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS, CREEKWOOD SITE CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 1024069 AND AMENDEMENTS, RECORDED IN 2016-010383 AND RE RECORDED IN 2017-05529, AS AMENDED, BARRY COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS BARRY COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 13, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND THE LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SHOWN ON THE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED. Street Address: 1249 Boncher Boulevard, Hastings, Michigan 49058 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. Dated: February 20, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson (P69564), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 24 6194 (02-20)(03-13)

SPORTS

First GL6 defeat for BCCS boys comes in finale

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Eagles faced the unexpected Saturday at Grace Christian University in Grand Rapids, and the unexpected won.

The Barry County Christian varsity boys' basketball team swept through an undefeated Great Lakes 6 Conference regular season as part of a 15-game winning streak, but that streak came to an end in the finals of the GL6 Conference Tournament as the Algoma Christian Tigers took a 67-63 win in a back-and-forth ballgame.

"It went down to the end, and we missed a couple shots at the end and they made one," Barry County Christian head coach Josh Lamphere said. "We had to foul to give them the last two points. It was a tie game. We just missed two shots in a row down there that were makable shots. They ended up making one."

"It was back and forth the entire game," he added. "Just came up short and that hurt."

The thing the Eagles didn't expect was the Tigers' Alex Narva finishing with a team-high 19 points for Algoma with only three of those coming from behind the three-point line.

"He was driving. He never drives," Lamphere said. "That kid is a three-point shooter. Last game he scored about 30 points in the quarterfinals and he hit nine threes I think. This time we were jamming him up on the three-point line and he was driving around us and making these crazy floaters all around us."

The Eagles started out in a man-to-man defense, switched to a 1-3-1 that worked for a bit, and then finally settled into a 2-3 zone that coach Lamphere thought ended up being the most productive. Things were still back and forth though.

The Tigers got out to an 18-13 lead in the first quarter, but the Eagles exploded for 23 points in the second quarter to lead 36-30 at the half. Barry County Christian still led 53-49 going into the fourth quarter.

The Tigers got a bucket with a little over half a minute to play that put them in front 65-63 and then tacked on a couple of late free throws for the four-point win.

Algoma Christian also got 16 points from Lucas Bouma and 14 from Hudson Lockwood. The Tigers were a combined 9-of-10 from the free throw line in the ballgame.

"They were getting to the hole on us quite a bit," coach Lamphere said. "They're a great three-point shooting team. They run off two or three picks and shoot that three and when we were jamming that up with our bigs, they were able to get around us."

Isaiah Lamphere led the Eagle team with 19 points, six assists and two steals. Noah Lilley had 13 points, five rebounds, two assists, three steals and three blocked shots. Gideon Heyboer added 15 points and a team-high eight rebounds and three more blocked shots.

The Eagles also got eight points from Keygan Robinson and six from Landon Winegar.

The BCCS boys were set to take on Rochester Hills Christian in the semifinals of the Michigan Christian Schools Athletic Association state tournament at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing Tuesday, Feb. 18. The finals of the MCSAA tournament will be a Macomb Community College Saturday.

The Eagles got into the finals of the GL6 Tournament with a 92-63 win over the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science (WMAES) in the tournament semifinals in the final ballgame of the season for the Eagles on their home court in Hastings.



Barry County Christian senior Noah Lilley attacks the basket while defended by WMAES senior Acareon Thomas during the first half of his team's Great Lakes 6 Conference Tournament Semifinal contest at Barry County Christian School in Hastings Thursday. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Barry County Christian's Landon Winegar alters a shot from West Michigan Academy of Environmental Sciences' Rocco Soper during the second half of their GL6 Tournament Semifinal at Barry County Christian High School Thursday.

The WMAES Eagles never found their way over, around or through the Barry County Christian 1-3-1 zone Thursday in the tournament semifinal. BCCS put together a 15-2 run in the first quarter to build a double-digit lead and mostly cruised throughout the rest of the night.

The BCCS boys scored in transition time and again and rarely had to worry about putting too much effort into offensive sets, but when they did they did a solid job of moving the basketball around and making the extra pass to get easy looks at the rim.

Isaiah Lamphere had a game-high 32 points. He was 3-for-4 from behind the three-point arc and at the free throw line, and was behind the WMAES defense time and again to lay the ball in the bucket on the break.

The home team also got 19 points and 12 rebounds from Winegar, 12 points from Lilley and 17 points from Heyboer. Jordan Stolz chipped in nine points.

Coach Lamphere said he was been really excited by Winegar's improvements recently.

"He has been playing good for me lately. The last six games I want to say, he went from averaging like two points a game to 12. That is a huge jump. He has always been a good player, but I don't know if it was a lack of confidence or what. I yelled at him at a halftime. He had a wide open shot and didn't take it and the buzzer went off. He has always been a great rebounder for me, but he wasn't scoring. Then, all of a sudden it clicked. I made him mad. After that point he has been a totally different animal. Which is awesome. It is what we needed."

Coach Lamphere said the boost from Heyboer's scoring helped bump the team's season scoring average over 70 point per game.

In all the BCCS team had 26 assists Thursday including seven from Lamphere, six from Robinson and five from Lilley. Robinson and Heyboer had seven rebounds each. Lamphere added a team-high five steals too. Robinson and Winegar had four each and Lilley added a team-high three blocked shots.

Viking senior Beard is CAAC Singles Champion

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Lakewood senior Lucas Beard rolled his way to the Capital Area Activities Conference Singles Championship at Royal Scot in Lansing Sunday, Feb. 9.

Beard came out on top of a field of 76 boys finishing tops through the six-game qualifying round and then eventually outscoring Fowlerville's Ethan Hall 452-374 in the two-game match play finals.

Beard took a 207-191 win in the first of his two contests with Hall and then fired off a 245 to clinch the championship. Hall tallied a 183 in his second game of the finals.

In all, Beard rolled 12 games at the tournament and came away with a 215 average. He beat Eli Dakin of Portland 420-406 in the semifinal round with games of 187 and 233 to best Dakin's 194, 212 set. The first two rounds of match play were single game contests. Beard beat Portland's Alex McGinnis 253-213 in the round of 16 and then defeated DeWitt's Griffin Lindermann 197-108 in the quarterfinals.

While the Vikings' have had a boys' team for the past few years competing in varsity competitions, the program was still officially a club until head coach Dustin Burleson was able to add a full girls' squad this season too. Bowling is now an official varsity sport for both boys and girls at Lakewood, and coach Burleson is excited to be able to hand out varsity letters and captains letters to his deserving athletes this season.

This is Beard's fourth season on the Viking varsity team. He was 33rd in the qualifying rounds at the MHSAA Division 3 Boys' Bowling Singles Finals as a junior last year and the Viking team qualified for the 2024 state finals and finished eighth in qualifying to get into the match play portion of the MHSAA Division 3 Boys' Bowling Team Finals.

"He has been there before. It's great practice for regionals," Burleson said of the CAAC Tournament for Beard. "Last year was the first year we went, and Luke was one of my qualifiers last year as well. I think he kind of drew from that experience and kept his composure. He had to stay firm and confident."

Also back for the Vikings from that state finals team a year ago are Justin Edwards, Vance O'Mara and Jacob Stoneman.

Coach Burleson said Braden Slocum has become a key contributor as well for the Viking boys' team.

"[Slocum] stepped up our very first match. We had to throw him in and he came up from JV," Burleson said. "He has averaged 175-178 this year. He just came out of nowhere. Last year kind of worked with him a little bit, and this year he hit the ground running."

Edwards was 23rd in the qualifying at the CAAC Tournament Sunday. McGinnis, the last of the 16 match play qualifiers, put up a total qualifying score of 1063. Edwards was not too far back at 1,046. O'Mara was 27th with a total of 1,029 through his six games.

The Viking boys' team also had Stoneman 49th, Slocum 50th and Xander Douglas 58th.

The Lakewood boys' and girls' teams will go back to Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing for their MHSAA Division 3 Team Regional Feb. 20 and Singles Regional Feb. 21. Bowling kicks off at 8 a.m. each day.

Briyana Burleson led the Lakewood ladies with a 47th-place finish in the qualifying Sunday. She had a total score of 723. The last of the 16 match play qualifiers had a total of 941.



Caleb Ball of Mason, Eli Dakin of Portland, Lucas Beard of Lakewood and Ethan Hall of Fowlerville celebrate their top four finishes at the Capital Area Activities Conference Boys' Singles Championship in Lansing Sunday, Feb. 9. Beard took the championship knocking off Hall in the match-play finals. **Photo provided**

All the girls competed on the boys' team in previous Lakewood seasons. Lorelie VanOoy was the Vikings' number two Sunday placing 50th. The Lakewood team also had Addison Sayer 54th, senior team captain Leeann Graham 57th, Alissa Reser 65th and Audie Tobin 66th.

Briyana Burleson had the top single game of the day for the Lakewood ladies at 144 and VanOoy had a top game of 143.

Ava Seyfried of Holt defeated her teammate Lola Knox 397-329 in the girls' match play championship.

The Lakewood varsity boys' bowling team held a 7-6 mark in Capital Area Activities Conference White Division heading into this week. Portland captured the conference title this season with a 13-1 mark in conference duals and Ionia was 12-2 on the season.

The Lakewood girls were 3-10 in conference duals as of Wednesday with a 14-0 Portland girls' team at the top of the final CAAC White standings.

Charlotte took a 29-1 win over the visiting Lakewood ladies in their final conference dual last Thursday and the Lakewood boys scored a 23-7 win over the Orioles.

O'Mara had a strong series for the

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Lakewood ladies second to Tri County at D3 district

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Lakewood varsity competitive cheer team had the lead heading into round three, but the Lakewood Vikings didn't have their cleanest round three and the Howard City Tri County Vikings were able to nudge in front to win the MHSAA Division 3 District at Alma High School Saturday.

"We had a couple sections that had some timing and stunt mistakes in it," Lakewood head coach Kim Martin said of her team's round three.

Tri County put together a final score of 754.36 ahead of Lakewood 747.76, Gladstone 726.86 and Portland 726.46. Those top four teams advance to this Saturday's regional at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids.

Lakewood had a 2.6 point lead over Tri County thanks in large part to a score of 212.76 in round two. Coach Martin said the team included back handsprings in round two, and it seemed to help boost the score in that round.

Tri County outscored Lakewood 232.50 to 230.60 in round one. Tri County had a round two score of 208.26.

In round three, Tri County surged ahead with a score of 313.60. Lakewood had a score of 304.40, just behind both Gladstone and Portland. It was the only round that either of those teams were really close to the Lakewood ladies.

The top four teams were well ahead of the pack at Alma. Lansing Catholic was fifth with an overall score of 688.46 ahead of Alma 664.28, Freeland 642.92, Chesaning 620.16, Ovid-Elsie 614.70, Midland Bullock Creek 614.26, Remus Chippewa Hills 604.30, Escanaba 556.20, Shepherd 544.80 and Corunna 526.48.

Tri County entered the state postseason ranked fifth in Division 3, the top team on the west side of the state. Lakewood entered the state postseason ranked eighth. A Charlotte team, ranked ninth in D3, is the only other top ten team set to compete in the regional at West Catholic Saturday, but that doesn't mean the Vikings (the ones from Lakewood or Tri County) can take things easy.

"We are working hard this week to clean up the little details for regionals and the expectation for this week and Saturday is our best three rounds of the season and to cheer clean," Martin said. "This young team continues to improve, improve and work hard each day. I am very proud of how far they have come."



The Lakewood varsity competitive cheer team performs during round three of its MHSAA Division 3 District Tournament at Alma High School Saturday. The Vikings placed second to earn a spot in the Feb. 22 MHSAA D3 Regional at West Catholic High School. **Photo by Kara Zylstra**

BEARD

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Lakewood boys' team in the victory with games of 192 and 198. Stoneman rolled a 199 and a 190 and Edwards rolled a 207 and a 181. Beard scored a 225 and a 200 in his two games.

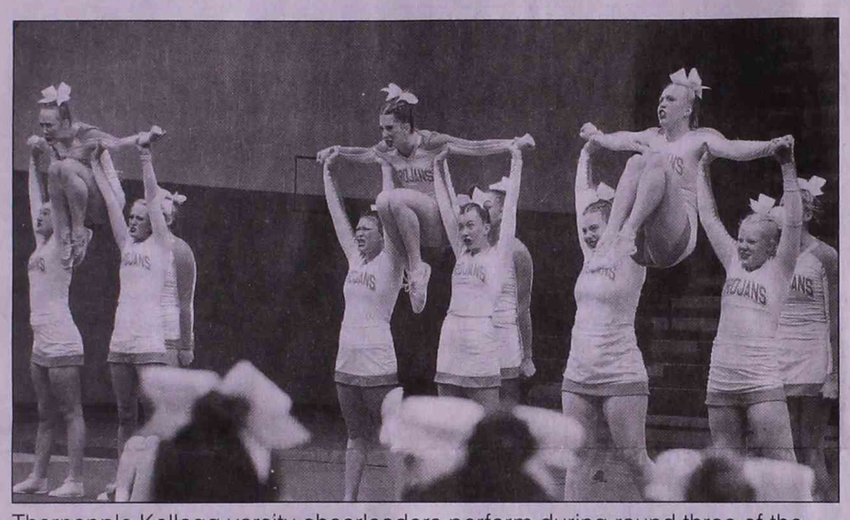
The Lakewood boys took the first of the two regular games against the Orioles and the overall pinfall in those, then added wins in both Bakers.

Jeremiah Hack and Brenden Slanker picked up points for the Charlotte team in the regular games thanks to scores of 232 and a 227 in their second game.

In the girls' dual, Lakewood got its one point thanks to Burleson's opening score of 154. The Orioles won both regular games and both Baker games in the dual. The Viking team got scores of 105 and 160 from Graham and 106 and 138 from VanOoy in the loss.

The high series for the Oriole girls came from Lori Jackson who rolled a 181 and a 161.

Trojans find sparkle early, hold on late at district



Thornapple Kellogg varsity cheerleaders perform during round three of the MHSAA Division 2 Competitive Cheer District at Thornapple Kellogg High School in Middleville Saturday. The Trojans placed third at the district to earn a spot in the regional tournament at Forest Hills Northern High School this Saturday, Feb. 22. **Photo provided**

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Trojan sparkle flipped ends of the meet, but the Thornapple Kellogg varsity competitive cheer team is still moving on.

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity competitive cheer team placed third at the MHSAA Division 2 District it hosted Saturday to earn a spot in the regional round of the state tournament Saturday, Feb. 22, at Forest Hills Northern High School.

"They did well. They did very well. It was our highest score of the season. Obviously that is what you want this time of the year is to climb points wise," Thornapple Kellogg head coach Madalynn Lula said.

The Trojans had their best round one and round two scores of the season, and their best performance in those two rounds according to their coach. TK had a stunt go awry in round three, which kept the Trojans from climbing any higher in the day's final standings.

Plainwell won the district championship with an overall score of 766.66. Zeeland West was second with 761.36 points ahead of TK 752.68 and Gull Lake 749.86. Those four teams earned spots in this weekend's regional at FHN. Sturgis wasn't far behind with a fifth-place score of 741.28.

Mattawan was sixth with s score of 687.32 ahead of Hastings 676.68, Harper Creek 667.80, Hamilton 656.04, Stevensville Lakeshore 654.38, Wayland 653.60, Zeeland East 652.80, Edwardsburg 641.04, Vicksburg 634.74 and St. Joseph 609.80.

Round two was an especially good one for the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference champions from Hastings who were sixth overall on the day to see their season come to an end. Hastings had scores of 208.20 in round one, 191.08 in round two and then closed the competition with a 277.40 in round three.

The district champs from Plainwell had the top scores of the event in both rounds one and two, a 230.60 and a 221.46, and then scored 314.60 points in round three. Zeeland West was the only team better than Plainwell in round three with a score of 315.10.

Thornapple Kellogg had hoped to be closer to those numbers in round three, but finished with a 308.60 which was still the fifth best round three score of the day.

"Round three was not our best performance," Lula said. "Our most consistent stunt group took a fall, fortunately we didn't take a penalty for it, which is good, but I think it was really a group that hadn't fallen all year. Things happen, flukes happen. I am glad it happened this week and not next week. We still scored well int hat round, just not as well as we could have."

The Trojans did do some things right in that moment to keep from taking a penalty that would have made things really close with Sturgis for the final state qualifying spot.

"The bases and back spot kept the flyer off the ground. They kept it safe. They're smart cheerleaders. All of them are smart kids and they know what it takes to minimize the point loss," Lula said.

The team knew what it was going to take to maximize its scores in rounds one and two in the week leading up to districts too. Lula said they brought in some outside eyes to practice to really help them tighten up their performance and see things the cheerleaders and coaches might not have been noticing after drilling so many times over and over again.

TK put up a score of 228.30 in round one which was only bested by the Plainwell girls. The TK score of 215.78 in round two was the third best score of that round behind Plainwell and Zeeland West. They needed those numbers as round three has been the powerhouse for the Trojans throughout the season.

"Round one, for weeks now, we have been really focused in on honing in on the details of round one. The biggest thing in round one has been finding our sparkle. We have been saying that since conference. Part of round one I that it is more than skill and execution. It needs performance behind it.

"Us coaches came out from behind the mat on Saturday (after round one) and for the first time we looked at each other and thought ooh that gave me goosebumps."

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 March 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. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Angela Marie Metzger and Brad Allen Jousma, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, whose address is 600 E. North Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, being a mortgage dated July 9, 2021, and recorded on July 20, 2021 with Document Number 2021-009248, Barry County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated January 29, 2025 and recorded on February 3, 2025 and given document number 2025-000828 in Barry County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 02/100 DOLLARS ($233,466.02). Said premises are situated in the City of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 03'20" WEST 1743.01 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE 90 DEGREES 0'00" EAST 99 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF NORTH STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 0' 00" EAST 30.75 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE EASTERLY 68.52 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, AND A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF THE RADIUS OF WHICH IS 433.00 FEET AND THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS NORTH 85 DEGREES 27'59" EAST 68.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 03' 20" EAST 360.41 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00' 00" WEST 99.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 03' 20" WEST 355.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 600 E. North Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. Dated: February 13, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson (P69564), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6254 (02-13)(03-06)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT: Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA236, 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 P.M., on March 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. MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shante Byers and Jason Snell, the Mortgagor(s), and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, the original Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2022, and recorded on June 22, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-006960, in Barry County Records, Michigan, and last assigned to United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, the Foreclosing Assignee, as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 3, 2024, and recorded on May 23, 2024, as Instrument No. 2024-003898, in Barry County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100 U.S. Dollars ($271,676.00). Said premise is situated at 2478 Wasabinang Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058, in the Rutland Township, Barry County, Michigan, and is described as: LOT(S) 25, 32, 33, 34 AND 35 OF AL-GON-QUIN LAKE RESORT PROPERTIES UNIT NO. 1, RUTLAND TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 56 OF BARRY COUNTY RECORDS. EXCEPT: LOT 32 OF AL-GON-QUIN LAKE RESORT PROPERTIES UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 56 OF BARRY COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be six (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. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder under MCLA 600.3278 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. Dated: 01/24/2025 For More Information, please call: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Attorneys for Servicer 255 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900 Orlando, Florida 32801 (855) 287-0240 Matter No. MI-005524-24

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Hastings girls get first I-8 victory in conference finale

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Saxons were set to finish off a stretch of five games in seven days at Grand Rapids Wellspring Prep Wednesday.

They got their first of the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference season Tuesday night at Pennfield outscoring the Panthers 38-32.

The Hastings varsity girls' basketball team got a couple of early threes from Maddie Peake and led 19-11 at the end of the first quarter, and the Hastings lead was still five points at the half. Saxon head coach Ben Wilson said his girls' defense continued to stifle the Pennfield offense in the second half.

In the end free throws by Kalli Koning and Rachael Hewitt closed out the win for the Saxons. Hewitt had a team-high 15 points in the victory.

Peake closed the night with eight points and Koning had eight too. Bri Darling chipped in five points.

Pennfield is now 2-9 in the I-8 and 8-12 overall.

The win moved Hastings to 6-14 overall this season.

A couple of I-8 ballgames just got away from the Hastings girls against Northwest . The Mounties took a 42-34 win at Hastings High School over the Saxons Friday and then best the Saxons 29-27 in Jackson Monday evening.

The Mounties were 11-of-12 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter Monday to overtake the Saxons who had a slim lead most of the night. For the night, the Mounties were 15-of-22 at the line.

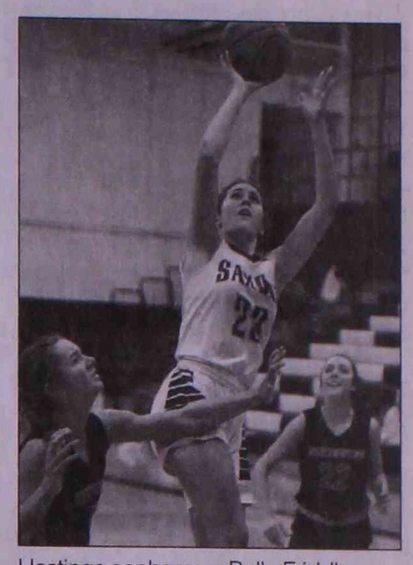
Peake led a balanced scoring attack for Hastings with six points. Koning had give points and Hewitt and Victoria Tack had four points apiece.

While the Mounties secured the win at the free throw line, the Saxons struggled at the stripe going just 3-of-10.

Hastings closes out the regular season with a pair of non-conference games on the road next week at Holland Tuesday and at Ottawa Hills Thursday.



Saxon guard Bri Darling (5) looks to put up a shot over the Mounties' Shannon Christner (11) during the fourth quarter of their I-8 ballgame at Hastings High School Friday.



Hastings sophomore Bella Friddle glides to the rim over Jackson Northwest's Shannon Christner (11) during their ballgame at Hastings High School Friday. **Photos by Perry Hardin**

DK girls cut the gap with Clippers in second game

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It wasn't as good as they wanted it to be, but it was better Friday night.

Delton Kellogg fell to 0-9 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division with a 40-31 loss to the visiting Martin Clippers on Hall of Fame Night at DKHS, but the first time the Panthers took on the Martin varsity girls' basketball team the Clippers took a 23-point victory.

DK head coach Kevin Lillibridge said that first meeting he felt like his girls really struggled against the Clippers' pressure defense. He liked the way they battled for four quarters, even if that Clipper pressure got to his team a bit in the second half this second time around.

The Delton Kellogg girls led 19-17 at the half, but the Clippers turned up the defensive intensity in the third quarter, knocked down some shots and scored 19 of their 40 points during the eight-minute stretch.

A better night at the free throw line would have been beneficial for the DK girls. They were just 8-of-23 overall and 1-of-7 in the fourth quarter.

Addie Stampfler led Delton Kellogg with 11 points. Jalin Lyons had a solid game with eight points according to her coach. Lillibridge added that Josie Williams was really aggressive rebounding the basketball all night while finishing with five points.

The DK girls were back in action Tuesday falling 59-19 in a SAC crossover with Lawton at DKHS. There have been hard times this season, but Lillibridge said it was especially tough Tuesday with an opponent starting a running clock in the second half for the first time against the Panthers this season.

"Their pace and tempo forced a lot of turnovers, and they have depth," Lillibridge said.

He did like the way his girls came out fighting at the start. It was only a five-point game at the end of one quarter, but foul trouble really hurt the Panthers as the first half progressed.

Williams had a team-high nine points for Delton.

The Panthers are home to close out the SAC Central season Friday night and then close out the regular season at home against Coloma Tuesday.

Vikings get first win over Olivet since 2021

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Vikings will hope to do it again Monday.

The Lakewood varsity boys' basketball team snapped a seven-game losing streak against rival Olivet that stretched back to the Covid condensed 2020-21 season by outscoring the Eagles 48-45 on senior night at Lakewood High School Tuesday.

Senior Troy Acker had a game-high 19 points and senior Seth Willette added ten in the Viking victory. James Tichvon chipped in six points. The Viking senior group this winter also included Logan Faulkner, Ryan Galgoci and Will Grant.

Olivet got 18 points from Zaiden Bramer and 11 from Jack Masters in the loss.

Both teams are now 3-10 in Capital Area Activities Conference White Division action heading into the final night of the conference season Friday. Lakewood will be at home against Ionia while the Eagles visit Lansing Catholic.

The Eagles beat the Vikings 54-46 in their December meeting at Olivet High School. The two teams will break their season tie Monday as Lakewood hosts the Eagles in the opening round of their MHSAA Division 2 District Tournament. The winner of that one moves on to the district semifinals at Lakewood High Feb. 26 to take on top-seeded Lansing Sexton.

Things got off to a slow start Tuesday with the Vikings leading 6-3 after one quarter, but things exploded from there. Bramer had 15 of his 18 points in the second quarter. He drilled three threes in that second quarter, but his only other points on the night came on a fourth-quarter three. Masters scored all 11 of his points for the Eagles in the second half including three third-quarter three-pointers.

Lakewood had a 23-21 lead at the half. Acker hit two threes of his own in the second quarter and got to the free throw line throughout the evening. He was 5-of-9 at the line.

The Viking team as a whole could have helped itself a bit at the line. The Vikings were just 10-of-21 as a team shooting free throws.

The Lakewood lead was one point at 39-38 as the clock ticked under five minutes to play. Willette boosted the Viking lead attacking the lane and getting to the rim for two. The difference sat there at three points for a couple minutes as the Eagles had a few three-pointers miss their mark.

The Eagles eventually evened the score with a few free throws at 41-41 with 1:58 to play. The Lakewood answer was a nice drive and dish by Willette that led to a lay-up for the sophomore Tichvon.

Olivet never was able to overtake the Vikings, but there was some more back and forth. The ballgame was tied 43-43 as the clock moved under a minute, but the Vikings beat some Eagle pressure for an easy lay-up by junior forward Hollis Poll to go back in front and led the rest of the way.

The Eagles had a couple possessions in the final minute trailing by two, but continued to struggle to find space through the Lakewood zone much of the time. In the end, freshman center Bryer Poll did bury a couple free throws to help the Vikings seal the win and Acker knocked one down too.

Lakewood had dropped five in a row heading into the ballgame, including a 54-49 loss at Lansing Catholic in the CAAC White last Friday.

Drew Tolfree led the Cougars int hat ballgame with 25 points and Seth Hahnenberg had 11.

Acker put in 21 points for the Vikings.

Lakewood is 5-15 overall this season heading into Friday's ballgame against Ionia.

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BARRY COUNTY

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 27, 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Jordan Jones, a single man and Stephanie Kelley, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 27, 2018 Recorded on March 30, 2018, in Document No. 2018-003356, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight and 35/100 Dollars ($117,988.35) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Barry County, and described as: Parcel 1: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 10, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 0 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BRISTOL ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTHERLY ROAD LINE OF BRISTOL ROAD-126.5 FEET FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST 120 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 120 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES. WEST 120 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 120 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO, INCLUDING ALL LAND BETWEEN THE DESCRIBED PARCEL AND THE CENTERLINE OF A CHANNEL ON NORTH SIDE OF THE DESCRIBED PARCEL. PARCEL 2: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 10, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 0 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BRISTOL ROAD, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY ROAD LINE 126.50 FEET, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 0 MINUTES EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST SECTION LINE 135 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A CHANNEL, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST 126.50 FEET TO SAID WEST SECTION LINE, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 0 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 135 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS ON SAID CHANNEL FROM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL TO BRISTOL LAKE. Commonly known as 2021 E Bristol Rd, Dowling, MI 49050 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless 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. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason Fuller, married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Neighborhood Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 2020 and recorded April 17, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020-004093 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank N.A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen and 39/100 Dollars ($158,816.39).

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 MARCH 6, 2025.

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

A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 1 North, Range 7 West, described as: Commencing 10 rods 8 1/10 links West of the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 22, thence West 10 rods 8 1/10 links, thence South 12 rods 16 2/10 links, thence East 10 rods 8 1/10 links, thence North to the Place of Beginning.

8150 Tasker Rd, Bellevue, Michigan 49021

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Dated: February 6, 2025
File No. 24-009935
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
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Saxon trio earns chance to win state medals

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Sports Editor

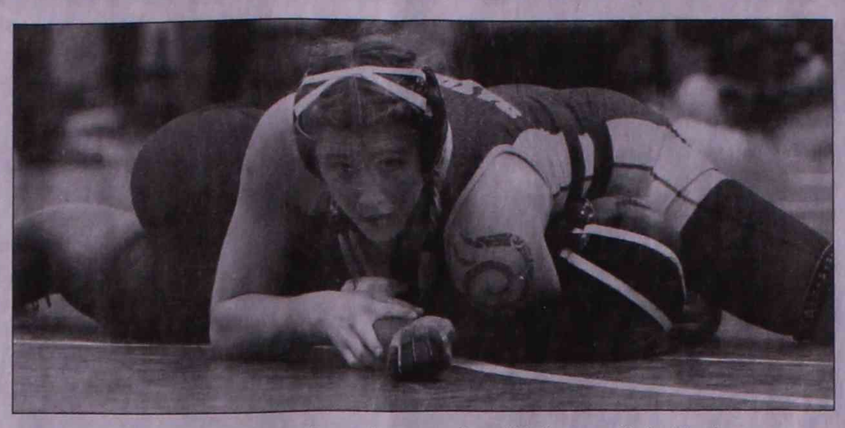
The Saxon trio of Jordan Milanowski, Naomi Grummet and Dezarae Mathis will be making a return trip to the motor city.

They were the three members of the Hastings varsity girls wrestling team to compete in the MHSAA Girls Individual Wrestling Finals in 2024 and they'll be back at Ford Field for the 2025 Finals. Mathis placed second, Grummet third and Milanowski fourth at their MHSAA Girls Individual Wrestling Regional at Portage Northern High School Sunday.

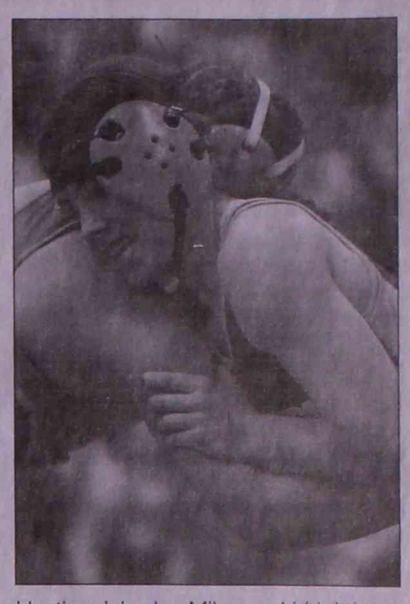
Mathis and Grummet were both state medalists a year ago, and Milanowski is the first Hastings girl to qualify for the state finals three times.

Mathis, a junior, was the runner-up at 115 pounds Sunday. She pinned Niles' Kloe Kiggins late in the first period of their quarterfinal match and then pulled out a 19-16 win over Lakeshore's Emma Baker in a sudden victory period in the semifinals to secure her spot in the state finals.

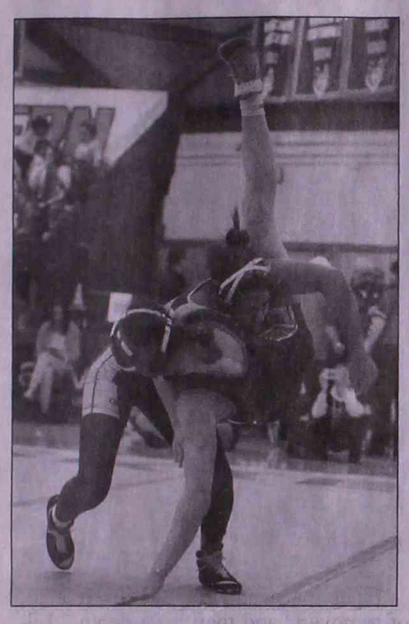
Baker surged late in that semifinal match. Mathis had a 15-9 lead heading into the third period after scoring four near fall points in the final minute of the second period. A pair of third period take downs for Baker evened the match at 16-16 and sent it into the one minute sudden victory period. After being worn down by Baker in the third period, Mathis didn't waste any time scoring her take down to win it seven seconds into the extra session.



Hastings' Naomi Grummet closes in on a pin of Kelloggsville's Gloria Uwamahoro during their 145-pound consolation final at the MHSAA Girls' Individual Wrestling Regional at Portage Northern High School Sunday.



Hastings' Jordan Milanowski (right) fights for control with Constantine's Shayla Nickoson during their 140-pound consolation bout Sunday at the MHSAA Girls Individual Wrestling Regional hosted by Portage Northern High School. Milanowski became the Saxons' first female three-time wrestling state qualifier with her fourth-place finish. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



The Saxons' Dezarae Mathis takes Lakeshore's Emma Baker down to the mat during their 115-pound semifinal bout at the MHSAA Girls Individual Wrestling Regional at Portage Northern High School Sunday.

Homer's Zionah Gardner outscored Mathis 10-0 in their 115-pound championship match.

Milanowski had to win two consolation matches to earn her trip back to Ford Field in her senior season. She was pinned by Bronson's Mackenna Webster, who won the 140-pound title while improving to 30-0 on the season, in the opening round. Milanowski took a 7-0 win over Constantine's Shayla Nickoson and then topped Thornapple Kellogg's Rylee Alberts 13-9 in the blood round. Wayland's Alexis Hozeska pinned Milanowski in their 140-pound consolation final.

Saxon coach Erin Slaughter said it was nice to see Milanowski turn up the aggressiveness in her two consolation wins. Slaughter and head coach Mike Goggins agreed that she is at her best when she is wrestling to win rather than wrestling not to lose.

"And we're working on that," Slaughter said.

All four of Grummet's matches ended in a pin. She was 3-1 on the day to get to 30 wins here in her senior season. She was pinned by Dowagiac's Cinthia Villegas midway through the second period of their semifinal match, but then she battled back to pin Plainwell's Kornelia Dranikowska in the blood round and Kelloggsville's Gloria Uwamahoro in the match for third at 145 pounds.

"Grummet wrestled well," Hastings head coach Mike Goggins said. "She is getting to be very coachable, and you could probably she has shown the most improvement, from the beginning of last year to night now [of the three Saxon qualifiers.] She is pretty coachable and she has a really good mind. That helps."

Thornapple Kellogg had four girls competing at the regional and three won their way through to Ford Field including senior Emma Gibson who was the 135-pound regional champion. Lakewood had two girls competing and got one through.

Joining Gibson at Ford Field will be Adelaide Holderman who was second to two-time state champion Maddie Hayden from Caledonia for the second Sunday in a row at 170 pounds. Finishing second to her a third time this postseason would be a pretty outstanding feat for Holderman. The TK team also had Raini Braska third at 110 pounds. Their teammate Alberts, a state qualifier a year ago, was bumped from the tourney by Milanowski.

Lakewood had Lillian Teachworth third at 105 pounds. She is the second Viking girl to ever qualify for the finals. Teammate Peyton Federau was bested in her two 155-pound bouts.

Hastings had six girls qualify for the regional in all. Junior Chloe Aicken at 155 pounds, freshman Aryonnah Farrell at 130 pounds and senior Kennedy Lewis at 130 pounds weren't able to earn a spot in the top four. Aicken and Lewis both reached the blood round, the consolation semifinals, before bowing out of the tournament.

It was the first season of varsity wrestling for both Aicken and Farrell, and they both have the chance to chase a trip to Ford Field again. Lewis concludes her varsity wrestling career, but it wasn't for a lack of effort. Goggins said she is probably the most improved wrestler overall in the program this winter.

"It's only her second year wrestling," Slaughter said. "She also plays club hockey, and so we share her part-time. We got her more I would say this season."

The MHSAA Individual State Finals will be held Feb. 28-March 1 at Ford Field in Detroit. This year the girls' program that scores the most points at Ford Field will earn the MHSAA's first girls' wrestling team state championship.

"We got the three through that really had the best shot," Goggins said. "It would have been great if one or two more had made it through."

He said a lot of girls in the program have seen big jumps in their ability between year one and year two of varsity wrestling, and Slaughter said next year will be the first time the Saxon program at the high school level really gets a big influx of talent from girls who have competed on the middle school level and a lot of programs are seeing that jump.

DK trio and Valley exchange student advance

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Mitchell Swift and Gauge Stampfler will return to Ford Field where they closed the 2024 season on the medal stand at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals and they'll have another Stampfler along for the ride in 2025.

The Delton Kellogg junior heavyweight Swift won the 285-pound weight class at the MHSAA Division 4 Regional hosted by Martin High School Saturday, senior Gauge Stampfler was the runner-up at 132 pounds and freshman teammate Evan Stampfler placed third in the 120-pound weight class.

Swift ran his record to 37-6 on the season with a 3-2 win over White Pigeon's Chaz Underwood in the 285-pound championship match a week after Underwood took a 7-1 win over Swift in the district finals. Neither guy managed a take down Saturday.

Swift took a 1-0 lead with a quick escape in the second period. A pair of stalling warnings against Underwood at the opening of the third period bumped Swift's lead to 2-0 midway through the period. A reversal by Underwood with 40 seconds to go evened the bout at 2-2, but Swift got out from underneath quickly to earn the escape point that won him the regional title.

Pins of Maple Valley's Joe Long and Bronson's Sam Tappenden put Swift into the 285-pound final.

Gauge Stampfler got to the 132-pound championship match by pinning Concord's Nate Fritz and then outscoring Union City's Mason Hawthorne 11-3. He also saw a White Pigeon wrestler in the championship, Mazzy Lambert. Lambert ran his record to 53-1 on the season with a 14-12 win over Gauge in their final.

It took a heck of a surge in the third period for Lambert to get that win. Gauge had two take downs in the first period, and then a quick reversal in the second period had the Panther senior in front 8-1, and his lead was still 8-2 at the start of the third period.

Lambert scored a reversal and then a take down against Gauge in the first minute of the third period, and then got a take down with 35 seconds to go to tie the bout at 10-10 and four near fall points that bumped him into the lead.

Swift and Gauge Stampfler both placed fifth at the state finals last year and will head to Ford Field looking to move up.

Evan Stampfler secured his first trip to the state finals by outscoring Bellevue's Kaiden Wheeler in his blood round match at 120 pounds Saturday, and then he placed third by outscoring Bangor's Aiden Muñoz 21-8 in the consolation final.

The day started for Evan with a take down in a sudden victory overtime period against Springport's Owen Thomas that gave him a 9-6 victory and a spot in the semifinals. Climax-Scotts/Martin's Logan Gilbert scored a quick pin of Evan in the semifinals though.

Evan Stampfler is now 30-14 overall this season. Gauge closed his regional run with a 36-6 mark on the year.

The Delton Kellogg team also had freshman Mason Ferris and sophomore Mendon Phillips competing at the regional. Maple Valley had four guys qualify for the regional tournament and only Polish exchange student Filip Nowak came through the other side. He outscored Climax-Scotts/Martin's Seth Toris 5-4 in the blood round and then placed third with a 14-4 major decision over Decatur's Aidan Wiggins – his second win of the day over Wiggins.

Long, a junior, and the Lions' lone returning state qualifier, junior Jackson Burpee, both were bumped from the state tournament in the regional blood round. The Lion team also had senior 215-pounder Skyler Cook wrestling at the regional tourney.

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CASE NO. and JUDGE
25-30013-DE William M. Doherty P-41960
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Estate of Carol J. Ayers Date of birth: 12/09/1948.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carol J. Ayers, died 12/26/2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Amanda Ayers, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 206 W. Court Street, Ste. 302, Hastings and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Estate of Danny M. Collige. Date of birth: 12/20/1960.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

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 MARCH 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Zachary R. Koon and Sierra W. O'Connell Koon, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2016 and recorded December 14, 2016 in Instrument Number 2016-012461 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MIDFIRST BANK, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven and 53/100 Dollars ($66,437.53). 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 MARCH 20, 2025. Said premises are located in the Township of Prairieville, Barry County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 post, Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 10 West, thence South 2640 feet to the center of the section; thence West parallel with the North section line 650 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 660 feet parallel with the North and South 1/4 line; thence West parallel with the North section line 132 feet; thence South parallel with the North and South 1/4 line 660 feet; thence East parallel with the North section line 132 feet to the point of beginning. Also conveying an easement for said parcel for ingress and egress commencing at the center of the section; thence North 33 feet; thence West 650 feet; thence South 66 feet; thence East 650 feet; thence North 33 feet to the point of beginning. 14460 Burchette Rd, Plainwell, Michigan 49080. 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: February 20, 2025 File No. 25-001299 Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

Saxons focused on start of state tourney Monday

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Hastings has an eye on Monday night at Hamilton High School where the Saxons will take on the Hopkins in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 2 boys' basketball state tournament.

Pennfield is eyeing an Interstate-8 Athletic Conference championship.

Despite a different focus and spots at opposite ends of the conference standings, the Hastings varsity boys' basketball team pushed the league-leading Panthers in what ultimately was a 47-39 win for the Pennfield boys on senior night at Hastings High School.

Pennfield improved its I-8 record to 8-3, tied atop the conference with Marshall and Harper Creek heading into the final conference ballgames this weekend.

Hastings is 1-11 in the I-8 after the loss, but the Saxons were still within five points with four minutes to go. Hastings head coach Jess Webb said that a Pennfield offensive rebound, a missed defensive rotation and a turnover late kind of sealed his team's fate in the end.

He was really pleased to hold the Pennfield boys to 47 points. The Panthers had 73 points in their first meeting of the season in Battle Creek last month.

As the season has wore on, Webb knows his team can really rely on its defensive effort. When the offense is really going, that is when the Saxons have a chance to be dangerous.

That was the case last Friday as the Saxons earned their first I-8 win of the season by a score of 50-40 over visiting Jackson Northwest.

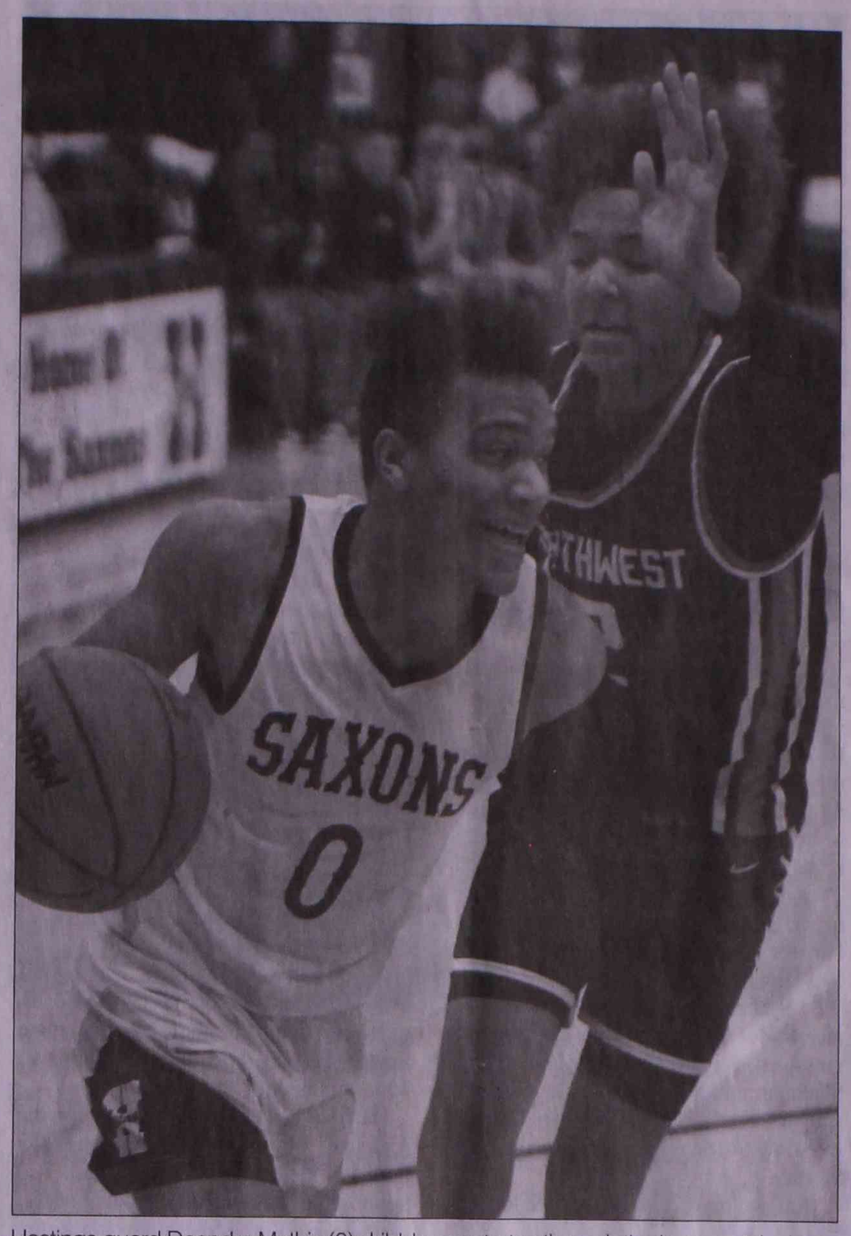
"We came out rolling on all cylinders offensively," coach Webb said. "We got good looks and we were knocking them down. We had 18 points in the first quarter, which was huge. We were 4-of-8 from three in the first quarter."

Hastings led the ballgame 18-7 after that opening quarter and had the lead steadily climb to 44-23 by the start of the fourth quarter.

Jett Barnum had 20 points and nine rebounds in that victory to lead the Saxons. Porter Shaw had 11 points, Jack Webb nine and Dre Mathis eight. Shaw and Webb hit three threes apiece. Mathis dished out a team-high six assists and had three steals.

"The defense is starting to come around also. That is first," coach Webb said. "That is what we focus on. Defense puts us where we need to be offensively. It all start with defense."

Northwest star Jalen Jordan had 21 points to lead his team and Hudson Cooper chipped in 12 points.



Hastings guard Deondre Mathis (0) dribble penetrates through the lane past Jackson Northwest sophomore Dennis Graham Friday night at Hastings High School.

The two teams turned right around and played a make-up game Monday at Northwest High School. The defense was there again, but the offense never found its scoring touch in a 34-23 victory for the Mounties.

"I think we got sped up," coach Webb said. "We did a poor job of handling pressure. Again, our defense kept us in it. I think it was 14-9 going into half. I told the guys, down five with two minutes left, I'm not upset. It's only halftime. We can make that happen … we just couldn't put the ball in the hoop that day."

Jordan and Dennis Graham had eight points apiece for the Mounties in the win, and coach Webb said a couple of early blocked shots by Jordan might have had his guys thinking twice a bit as they tried to attack the basket.

Barnum had ten points and four rebounds for the Saxons. Jack Webb had five points, but was just 1-of-5 from three-point range and the Saxon team was just 2-of-15 overall behind the arc.

Coach Webb could forgive some sore legs. The Saxons had a run through practice Sunday, and that second contest with the Mounties was part of a stretch of four games in seven nights.

"Defensively, the effort and the toughness was there. I don't have to coach the effort … That is nice. We had a chance. We just weren't executing on offense. We weren't sharp. Our passes weren't being snapped."

The Saxons were bested 58-50 in overtime in a non-conference ballgame at Wyoming Lee last Thursday, Feb. 13, when things went a little awry on the offensive end after falling behind early in the extra session, and the team was set to head to Grand Rapids to face Wellspring Prep last night, Feb. 19.

Barnum had 18 points and ten rebounds in that loss at Lee. Jack Webb had 12 points and Mathis had ten. The Legends were powered by 21 points and eight rebounds from Braylon Huff and 11 points and nine boards from Lzekiel Scott.

The winner of Monday's MHSAA Division 2 District opener at Hamilton High School between Hastings and Hopkins will face the district's top seed, Holland Christian, in the district semifinals Feb. 26 back in Hamilton. Hamilton and Wayland are already set to meet in the other district semifinal next Wednesday in Hamilton.

The Saxons were 4-16 overall this season before heading to Wellspring Prep.


Saxon senior center Eli Randall elevates for a shot in the paint over the Mounties' Gabe Christner during the first quarter Friday at Hastings High School. **Photos by Perry Hardin**

Saxons upended twice to put pressure on final I-8 dual

Brett Bremer
Sports Edito

It was all set to come down to Wednesday afternoon at Hastings Bowl.

Pennfield and Northwest handed Hastings its first Interstate-8 Athletic Conference defeats of the varsity boys' bowling season to open the week, in a pair of duals decided by two points each.

Pennfield bested the Saxons Tuesday afternoon at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek by a 16-14 score.

The two teams were set to meet again Wednesday, Feb. 19, on the Saxons' home lanes with a conference title on the line for the Hastings boys.

Andrew Barton and Deagan Wilkins picked up two points each for the Hastings boys in the loss during the regular games. Barton rolled games of 149 and 195 to win those points while Wilkins tallied a 193 and a 176.

The Saxon boys' team also got points thanks to a 176 from Miles Lipsey and a 170 from Dakota Cole.

The Hastings girls took a 30-0 win over Pennfield on the afternoon Tuesday. The Saxons got high games of 168 from Megan Ramey, 184 from Kaylin Schild, 175 from Heaven Simmet and 169 from Jen Stoline.

The dual with Pennfield set for Wednesday was about to be the Saxons

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Friddle and a couple Sutfins set for Ford Field

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

He has three state medals, more wins than any Saxon varsity wrestler ever, is closing in on a possible 50 victories this season, so there isn't a lot that Hastings senior Isaac Friddle hasn't accomplished on the mat.

He pulled off a first Sunday though getting into a regional final for the first time.

Friddle placed second at 215 pounds at the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling Regional at Portage Northern High School Saturday to earn a spot in the MHSAA Individual State Finals at Ford Field for a fourth time. He'll be joined in downtown Detroit the weekend of Feb. 28-March 1 in the Division 1 finals by Saxon 106-pounder Hunter Sutfin and 157-pounder Keegan Sutfin.

Keegan, another returning state medalist for the Saxons, was the regional runner-up at his eight class Saturday and Hunter, a freshman, placed third in his bracket.

"It was a pretty good day. The other three [regional qualifiers] all made it to the blood round. They wrestled well, but they had pretty tough blood round matches," Hastings head coach Jason Slaughter said.

Friddle improved to 46-6 overall this season with a 2-1 day at the regional. He pinned Hudsonville's John Schepers and East Kentwood's Tyler Meeuwsen before running into Brighton's Sean O'Keefe for the second time this postseason.

O'Keefe (33-1) pinned Friddle early in the third period of their district championship match the previous Saturday, but Friddle battled him for the full six minutes at the regional with O'Keefe eventually pulling out an 8-6 win.

"All these years he has been a state placer, but the first time making it to the regional finals," Slaughter said. "He had the Brighton kid. He wrestled him really well and went after it."

"The Brighton kid likes to stay away from Isaac. He knows better than to tie up with Isaac, so he circles a lot and kind of plays away from Isaac and waits for the opportunity. Isaac was trying to get after him more, trying to get into his shot and attack a little more instead of waiting for him to come to him like he does with some guys. He turned it on. He wrestled pretty well, probably one of the better matches we've seen him put on for sure."

Saxon senior Keegan Sutfin is now now 38-3 overall this season. He only lost two matches during the regular season, and one of those was because he had to bow out with an injury. He went 2-1 Saturday with pins of East Kentwood's Terrence Kabanda and West Ottawa's James Foster to start the tournament. In the championship match, he was pinned early in the second period by Rockford's Braylenn Aulbach (40-2).

Hunter Sutfin improved to 47-5 on the season with his third-place finish at the regional, and he got to avenge an early loss later in the day. Reeths-Puffer's Max Knowlton took a 5-3 win over Hunter in their quarterfinal match to open the regional, but after two pins in consolation matches Hunter saw Knowlton again in the match for third and fourth and scored a pin in 2:26.

"He is a super technical wrestler," Slaughter said. "He knows his wrestling. I think he gained a little more confidence in himself. He started off kind of slow. He lost to a Reeths-Puffer kid who he turned around and beat for third and fourth, beat him pretty bad. I think he kind of gained some confidence, which is big for him."

Reyd Zoerman (41-10) at 120 pounds, Jordan Humphrey (33-2) at 126 pounds and Liam Renner (36-16) at 144 pounds were the Saxon team's other three regional qualifiers who all won one match before bowing out of the state tournament in the regional blood round (the consolation semifinals.)

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BARRY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that the Barry County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing for the following:

Case Number: V-04-2025 - John & Sandra Rookus (Applicant); John & Sandra Rookus (Property Owner)
Location: 12017 Parkway Dr, Shelbyville in Section 6 of Orangeville Township.
Purpose: Request to construct a 576 sq ft, 2.5 story addition to existing home. This would encroach on the rear lot line 25 ft setback to Gun Lake. The rear lot line setback in RL (Recreational Lake) zoning district.
Case Number: V-05-2025 - Kevin & Kathleen Maranto (Applicant); Kevin & Kathleen Maranto (Property Owner)
Location: 10936 Anchor Cove Dr, Shelbyville in Section 9 of Orangeville Township.
Purpose: Request a dimensional variance to expand a nonconforming garage to be partially placed in the rear yard setback. The rear yard setback in RL (Recreational Lakes) zoning district is 25 ft on Gun Lake.
MEETING DATE: March 10, 2025 TIME: 7:00 PM. PLACE: Tyden Center Community Room, 121 South Church Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058
Site inspections of the above described property will be completed by the Zoning Board of Appeals members before the hearing. Interested persons desiring to present their views upon an appeal, either verbally or in writing, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above mentioned time and place. Any written response may be mailed to the address listed below, faxed to (269) 948-4820, or emailed to Barry County Planning Director Jeff Keesler at jkeesler@barrycounty.org.
The variance application is available for public inspection at the Barry County Planning Department, 220 West State Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please call the Barry County Planning Department at (269) 945-1290 for further information.
The County of Barry will provide necessary auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon ten (10) days notice to the County of Barry. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the County of Barry by writing or calling the following: Eric Zuzga, County Administrator, 220 West State Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058, (269) 945-1284.

Sarah Vandenburg, Barry County Clerk

Goalie goal closes out conference season

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Sam Hoag is a goalie. He's always been a goalie. He started as a keeper in Squirt A at about ten years old.

Now he's the wall at the back of the Caledonia varsity hockey team that capped off a 5-1-1 season in the OK Conference Rue Division with a 4-1 win over Grand Rapids Catholic Central at Kentwood Ice Arena Friday.

With 56.4 seconds left on the third period clock, and the puck in the net at the far end of the ice, the short-handed Fighting Scots spun back the other direction to their own net to celebrate with their junior net-minder. Hoag was credited with his first goal ever, at any level.

"I didn't even see it until I saw everyone celebrating you know. They shot it all the way down the ice. I was close," Hoag said. "Their guy shot it and I was the closest to it.

"It counts."

"It's fantastic for the guys," Caledonia head coach Jeremy Bultema said. "You saw it out there on the ice and in the locker room they were charged for him."

Hoag was strong in his net all night long, the Scots scored three early goals including two from sophomore Drew Nichols, and the Caledonia penalty kill was outstanding when it needed to be - and it needed to be a lot.

Senior Henry Simon also scored early for the Scots as they had a 3-0 lead 8:09 into the contest. Ty Lewandowski and Austin Osborn both notched assists during that early stretch.

Catholic Central got a 4-on-4 goal from Henry Kwiatkowski with six and a half minutes left in the first period.



Fighting Scot senior defender Caleb Summerhays fires the puck away from his net and keeper Sam Hoag as Catholic Central's Isaac Kapenga tries to get in the way during their contest at Kentwood Ice Arena Friday. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Caledonia sophomore Drew Nichols fires a shot at the Catholic Central net during a Friday night contest at Kentwood Ice Arena.

The Fighting Scots spent a little more time than they would have liked with four men on the ice. They were called for seven penalties in the game.

"If you can hold a team to no power play goals, you have got it down," coach Bultema said. "We work on that every week. The guys, we're a short bench today we've got some sickness and some other stuff going on, the kids battled today. When you can shut down a team, I think we had seven penalty kills there, and that changes the momentum and that really fires us up and helps us with the win."

He liked how his guys stayed in structure and outworked the Cougars' power play, stayed in lanes, and blocked some shots.

The Scots were midway through the second period, Caledonia was whistled for a two-minute interference penalty and 1:57 later a two-minute roughing penalty putting it on the penalty kill for almost a full four minutes. They managed to kill off both penalties with an especially stellar final two minutes in which it felt like the Scots were able to keep the puck in the Cougars' end for more time than it was in their own. The Scots also had a couple of penalties in the first five minutes of the third period that they managed to skate through unharmed.

"We locked them down. We've been working on it in practice. We got a lot of those," Hoag said of him and his squad killing off the penalties. "They're taking away the shot lanes, the back doors, doing a lot of communicating. It all plays into it."

Hoag said all the guys are doing a good job of communicating, but especially Lewandowski and the team captain Kauffman.

The Fighting Scots, a co-op team with Caledonia, Lowell and Thornapple Kellogg, were back in action at Mona Shores Saturday for a 4-2 non-conference win. They will head to Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo for an MHSAA Division 2 Regional Semifinal against OK Conference Rue Division rival Byron Center Feb. 24.

The Scots and Bulldogs skated to a 4-4 draw during their regular season match-up, and the Bulldogs earned a 1-0 overtime victory over Caledonia in the third-place game of last weekend's OK Conference Tournament.

"We learned a lot from [Byron Center] in the OK Conference Tournament last week. The boys are ready," coach Bultema said. "We were again running through some sickness in that tournament. We tested out some new systems. It worked well. We're about as prepared as you can get."

The wins last weekend move Caledonia's record to 18-6-1 overall this season.

As the celebration at the end wound down and the Scots prepped to head over and thank the home fans for their support Friday, junior Rylan Bultema skated quickly over to his bench and passed the puck along to coach Bultema, who slipped it into his right coat pocket - a souvenir to present to Hoag later in the locker room.

Hoag had 27 saves in the win Friday.

In the win over Mona Shores Saturday, Caledonia got two goals from Lewandowski and one each from Ethan Sova and Tony Kauffman. Simon had two assists and Sova, Kauffman and Gabe Supuk had one assist each.

Vikings win their way to Wings Stadium again

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Lakewood breezed through its MHSAA Division 3 Team Regional Tournament at Saginaw Swan Valley High School Wednesday evening and back to Kalamazoo.

The Viking varsity wrestling team will be a part of the final eight at Wings Event Center for the second season in a row after knocking off Montrose Hill-McCloy 50-15 in the regional final in Saginaw. That win came on the heels of a 62-9 win over host Swan Valley.

The lead grew slowly at first for the Vikings in the regional final with three straight decisions, followed by a major decision, a technical fall and then a couple of pins. The Vikings won the first seven flights and had a 30-0 lead midway through the dual.

Bryan Aguilera got the regional final started for the Vikings with a 10-3 win over Montrose's Owen Perior in the 285-pound bout, and then things flipped to the lightweights. Dakota Harmer outscored Brysen Briggs 6-2 at 106 pounds and Stephan Aldrich took a 6-3 win over Freddy Priest at 113.

Lakewood then took a 15-3 major decision by Oliver Johnson over Ivin Perior at 120 pounds and an 18-2 technical fall for Vincent Stamm against Isiah Suttle at 126.

Kade Boucher didn't take long to get the Lakewood team its first pin of the regional final. He stuck Travis Lanford 23 seconds into their 132-pound match. LJ Rogers followed that up with a pin of Montrose's Austin Larkin half a minute into the second period of their 138-pound match.

Lakewood would go on to add a 4-1 win by Bryson Boucher over Gauge Vincke at 150 pounds and a 16-0 technical fall from Calder Villanueva at 157 against Montrose's Richard Cummings. Villanueva's win was a big one. Cummings won an individual district championship last Saturday taking a 7-3 win over Villanueva in their 157-pound semifinal match at the individual district tournament.

Jacob Everett and Joel Simon, at 190 pounds and 215 respectively, closed out the dual with first period pins for the Vikings.

In the regional semifinal victory over Swan Valley, Lakewood won the first 12 weight classes to lead 62-0. That run included wins by the Vikings' Everett, Simon, Harmer, Aldrich, Johnson, Stamm, Kade Boucher, Rogers, Hudson Goethals, Bryson Boucher, Villanueva and Gage LaRoche.

The MHSAA Team Finals will be held Feb. 21 and 22 at Wings Event Center. The Vikings arrived in Kalamazoo as the number eight seed a year ago and immediately had to take on state powerhouse Dundee in the quarterfinals. The Vikings are expecting a better draw this time around. They entered the state tournament ranked eighth in the state, but jumped up to number six after knocking off number three Portland at their team district tournament. Montrose was ranked ninth coming into the regional tournament.

Seeding for the Division 3 State Finals will be determined Sunday evening. The final eight teams including the sixth ranked Vikings, No. 1 Dundee, No. 3 Yale, No. 4 Allegan, No. 5 Whitehall, No. 7 Hart, No. 8 Williamston and an unranked Ogemaw Heights team. The D3 quarterfinals begin at 4:30 pm Friday. The D3 semifinals are scheduled for noon on Saturday, Feb. 22, and the D3 final will be contested at 3:45 pm Feb. 22.

Lakewood will have three guys competing at the MHSAA Individual State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit the weekend of Feb. 28-March 1 thanks to top four finishes at their MHSAA Division 3 Regional at Whitehall last Saturday, Feb. 15.

Bryson Boucher won a regional championship at 150 pounds with a major decision, a pin and then a 19-2 technical fall of Tri County's Tristan Vantimmeren in the 150-pound championship match. Simon was the runner-up in his 285-pound weight class. He pinned Grand Rapids Catholic Central's Walker Roossien and then teammate Bryan Aguilera to get to the championship bout where he was bested 5-0 by Central Montcalm's Waylon Lingeman.

Stamm also made it through at 126 pounds with a fourth-place finish. His blood round win over Swan Valley's Owen Hare was his 30th victory of the season.

Kade Boucher, a state qualifier a year ago, had his season end with 43 victories. He was one of four Vikings to bow out of the state tournament in the regional blood round, one win away from qualifying for the state finals. He was joined in that distinction by 106-pounder Dakota Harmer, 215-pounder Jacob Everett and Aguilera.

The Viking team also had Calder Villanueva competing in the 157-pound weight class in Whitehall.

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third dual in three days. They had a make-up with Jackson Northwest too on Monday. The Hastings boys were hit with their first defeat of the conference season, 16-14, against the Mounties.

Barton rolled a 178, Wilkins a 187, Miles Lipsey a 175 and Hunter Pennington a 166 to win points for the Saxon boys in the regular games.

The Hastings girls were bested 22-8 by the Mounties getting two points from Schild thanks to scores of 169 and 188. Stoline earned a point with a 143 and Simmet took one with a 159.

In the lead up to those final conference duals, the I-8 gathered at M-66 Bowl for the conference singles championship Saturday.

Lipsey placed second in the boys' contest to earn all conference honors and Wilkins was 15th to earn honorable mention all-conference. The Saxon boys also had Pennington 19th, Cole 38th, Brody Mix 30th and Barton 32nd.

On the girls' lanes, Simmet earned all-conference honors with a tenth-place finish and Stoline earned honorable mention all-conference by placing 11th. The Hastings girls' team also had Schild 19th, Ramey 22nd, and Kass Harton 28th.

The Saxons continue a busy week with five straight days of competition by taking part in the MHSAA Division 2 Regional Team and Singles Tournaments at Spectrum Lanes Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20-21.



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Back-to-back pins give TK a shot at state champs

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Nobody expected them to beat Lowell.

But for a minute it didn't even look like the Trojans would get the chance to take on the top-ranked Red Arrows Wednesday night at Harper Creek High School.

Lowell kept its bid for a 12th consecutive MHSAA Division 2 Team Wrestling State Championship alive with a 75-0 win over the Thornapple Kellogg varsity wrestling team in the MHSAA Division 2 Regional Final in Battle Creek, but not before the Trojans got some late heroics from Maxwell Knowles and Griffin Grummet to score a 39-38 win over host Harper Creek in the regional semifinals.

The Trojans needed pins in the final two weight classes to pull ahead of the Beavers on the scoreboard, and they managed to score those 12 points. Knowles pulled off the unexpected in his 144-pound bout with Amaree Armstrong. Knowles pinned his Harper Creek opponent midway through the second period after Armstrong had scored the only take down of the match in the first period. Armstrong led 4-1 following a locked hands penalty against Knowles on the top early in the second period. But Knowles was still right where he wanted to be – on top. Armstrong couldn't take advantage of his free chance to get off the bottom and Knowles kept working, and working and working until Armstrong was on his back.

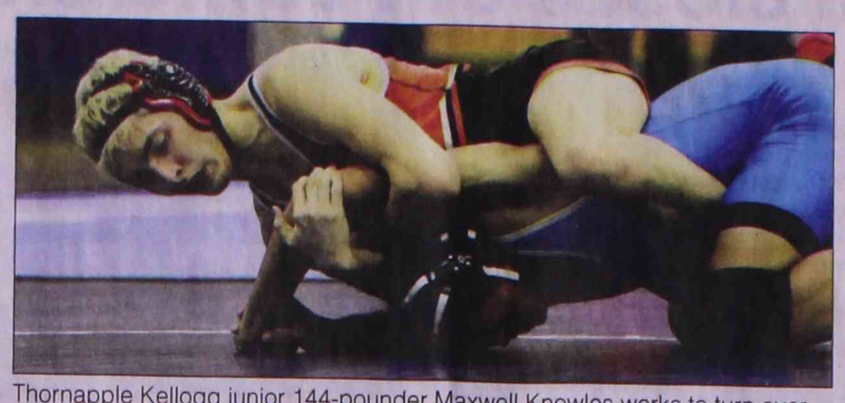
"I got my legs in deep and it was a lot of pressure on him. My right leg was applying a lot of pressure," Knowles said.

"I am a new wrestler. I'm not great in other positions other than top."

Knowles, a junior, came into the bout with a 12-28 overall record this season and Armstrong sported a 28-13 mark. This is Knowles' first high school wrestling season.

"I want to be a fighter, and my old school didn't offer wrestling so I transferred schools to Middleville so I could be a wrestler," Knowles said. "I might as well, you only get one opportunity to do wrestling really. I come from a Jiu Jitsu background, so a lot of moves you do in Jiu Jitsu you do while you're on your back. It is okay to be on your back. Breaking those Jiu Jitsu habits has been really hard coming into wrestling because obviously it's the opposite principle."

Grummet, a sophomore, followed up by pinning Harper Creek's Caden Molak 61 seconds into their 150-pound match to secure the victory for the TK team. Grummet also clinched the Trojans' district championship win over Gull Lake a week earlier.



Thornapple Kellogg junior 144-pounder Maxwell Knowles works to turn over Harper Creek's Amaree Armstrong in their penultimate bout of the MHSAA Division 2 Team Regional Semifinal at Harper Creek High School Wednesday. Knowles' pin and a 150-pound pin by teammate Griffin Grummet pushed TK to a 39-38 win over the Beavers. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

"Two weeks in a row, as a sophomore he has been thrown into that situation and he has done a really good job," TK head coach Dayne Fletke said of Grummet. "He's a team player. He wrestles for the team. That is a good place to put him if it's going to come down to it."

Harper Creek had a couple spots where points got away from them, Raini Braska at 120 pounds for TK against the Beavers' Camren Brock and Diego Rodas at 126 pounds against Harper Creek's Devan Garcia, held on to allow just five-point technical falls rather than six-point pins. Those two flights where the Beavers were heavy favorites added ten points to their team total rather than a possible 12.

"Coming in, to start off the night we were looking at Harper Creek who is a solid, solid program, and we were talking to the kids and saying every point counts," Fletke said. "If you go through there and you look, any of those kids that didn't get pinned, even getting teched saves the team a point … that really put us in a situation to pull that out.

"They might have had a tall order, but they knew they were going to give 100 percent and they weren't going to back down. That makes a difference in a dual. The team wins, we all win. If one wins, we all win as well. Those are things this group has going for them."

TK opened the dual strong against Harper Creek, taking a 21-0 lead through four weight classes. Camden Peter at 157 pounds, Blake Bossenberger at 165 and Jayce Curtis at 175 all scored pins for TK to open the dual. Peter managed his with four seconds left on the third period clock. Bossenberger and Curtis scored their pins early in the second period of their matches. That early Trojan run was capped off by a 20-13 win for Jackson Smith over Julian Landenberger in the 190-pound bout.

Christien Miller scoring a pin 57 seconds into the 113-pound match against Harper Creek's Carson Andrews accounted for TK's only other points until the late heroics from Knowles and Grummet.

Harper Creek got a 13-4 major decision from Sean Johnson over Tanner Buxton at 215 pounds and had heavyweight Ricky Johnson pin TK's Abram Dutcher 65 seconds into their 285-pound match. Cohen Renner then added a forfeit win for the Beavers as the line-up flipped to 106 pounds.

After the two technical falls at 120 and 126 for the Beavers, the Harper Creek team took the lead in the dual for the first time at 32-27 thanks to a pin by Jackson Pennock in his 132-pound bout with TK's Bennett MacDonald.

The Beavers bumped their lead to 11 points with two matches to go as Israel Waite pinned TK's Trace Pfiefer early in the second period of their 138-pound bout

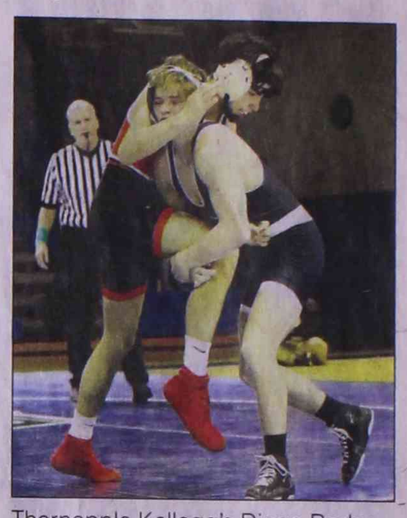
Lowell beat Parma Western 67-10 in its regional semifinal match, and then swept all 14 weight classes in the final against TK. The Red Arrows' win over the Trojans included nine pins.

"Getting back to the regional final is nice. It has been a couple years," Fletke said, "the final 16. I think it has been three years for us since we've been in this position. It is just nice for the whole team. We brought 50 some kids here to watch what we've been working for this whole season. It is a family. We could have brought 28, but no we want everyone to witness it, because we all work together in the room every day for each other."

Curtis is now the last TK wrestler standing. He placed third in the 165-pound weight class at the MHSAA Division 2 Individual Regional Tournament at Gull Lake Saturday.

The Trojan team also had Smith at 175 pounds, Miller at 113, Peter at 157 and Bossenberger at 165 all qualify for the regional tournament. Miller, Smith and Bossenberger won one match each before falling in the blood round.

Curtis improved his record to 38-11 on the season with a 3-1 day. He scored a 17-2 technical fall against St. Joseph's Riley Halverson in the blood round and then knocked off Parma Western's Titan Parker 11-2 in the match for third at their weight class.



Thornapple Kellogg's Diego Rodas (left) tries to fight off a take down from Lowell's Braddock Kin g during the first period of their 126-pounds match in the MHSAA Division 2 Team Regional Final at Harper Creek High School Wednesday, Feb. 12. **Photo by Brett Bremer**

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