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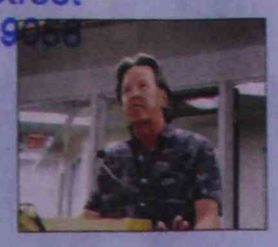


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Hastings to honor fallen veterans at Memorial Day parade



The Lawrence J. Bauer American Legion Post 45 honor guard fires a rifle salute during a previous year's Memorial Day proceedings in Hastings. **File photo by Jayson Bussa**

Molly Macleod
Editor

Organizers and groups around the county will utilize the upcoming Memorial Day weekend to hold honorary events for fallen veterans.

The Lawrence J. Bauer American Legion Post 45 in Hastings will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26. The parade will form at the corner of Boltwood and State Streets at 8:30 a.m. and the parade will step off at 9:30 a.m.

This year's route will travel west on State Street to North Broadway, then north on Broadway to the veterans memorial, where two wreaths will be placed; one honoring all veterans and one a POW-MIA wreath. The honor guard will conduct a rifle salute, followed by the playing "Taps" and a short presentation honoring all veterans.

The next stop will be on the bridge to place a wreath in the Thornapple River in honor of military personnel who have served on and under the seas. The honor guard will fire an additional rifle salute, followed by the playing of "Taps."

Finally, the procession will finish at Riverside Cemetery at the GAR monument, at the end of the Avenue of Flags. The grave of the most recently buried veteran will receive the final wreath and honors of the event.

As is the case with previous years for the event, no political signs, banners, posters, sirens or horns will be allowed in the parade and candy and other handouts will not be distributed to maintain a solemn tone for the event.

Those interested in participating in the parade are asked to contact Post 45 at 269-953-6998 or hastingslegionpost45@gmail.com.

Three inducted at fourth HPAC Wall of Fame ceremony



The Hastings Performing Arts Center's Groos Family Fine Arts Wall of Fame is sporting three new members after Friday's induction ceremony. Pictured in front of the wall are (from left) Terry Dennison, Thornapple Players president Angie Seeber, Thornapple Players founder Norma Jean Acker and Dennis O'Mara. **Photos by Molly Macleod**

Molly Macleod
Editor

Three new members were inducted into the Hastings Performing Arts Center's Wall of Fame at its fourth annual induction ceremony.

Terry Dennison, Dennis O'Mara and the Thornapple Players were inducted into the Groos Family Fine Arts Wall of Fame at the ceremony Friday night, May 9. Kyle Steward, Robert Oster and Matt Goebel were inducted during last year's ceremony.

Nominees were introduced by colleagues. Dennison was introduced by Sandy Billingsley; O'Mara was introduced by Lauren Tripp; and the Thornapple Players, represented by founder Norma Jean Acker and current president Angie Seeber, were introduced by Carol Svihl.

"Tonight, we honor a man whose passion, dedication and heart helped to shape the cultural landscape of Hastings, Michigan," said Billingsley of Dennison on Friday.

Dennison and his mother, Marleah Dennison, made lasting impacts on the city through donations that helped establish the Dennison Performing Arts Center inside the Barry Community Enrichment Center. Dennison, a retired world geography teacher of 31 years, has always had a love for the arts. A dancer, performer and educator, Dennison has been involved with the Thornapple Players, a fellow 2025 Wall of Fame inductee, since its genesis in 2000.

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Four face charges in alleged murder of missing Nashville man

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

A quartet of individuals is facing a variety of charges linked to the alleged murder of a 42-year-old Nashville resident who was originally reported missing in December 2024.

Eaton County Sheriff's Office officials stated they believed Gregory Brian Pennington, 42, of Nashville, was the victim of "foul play" after deputies responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle on the 4000 block of Michigan Road in Vermontville on Dec. 11. The vehicle was later determined to belong to Pennington.

Officials reportedly discovered Pennington's body on April 29 on a parcel off of Allegan Road in Chester Township.

"This case is being investigated as an apparent homicide," ECSO officials posted on the department's Facebook page. "At this time, four suspects are in custody and charges have been authorized by the Eaton County Prosecutor's Office against the individuals in connection with Pennington's death."

Chris Anderson, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for the Eaton County Prosecutor's Office, said on Tuesday, May 13, that investigators believe Pennington was allegedly murdered between Nov. 12 and 14, 2024, citing court documents.

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Amatrol equipment soon to be installed in revamped metal shop at DKHS

Karen Turko-Ebright
Staff Writer

Manufacturing experts and teachers are preparing for an innovative technology program kicking off in the fall at Delton Kellogg High School.

Through the IGNITE/Amatrol program, students will learn skills that could lead them to several career paths, including robotics and automation, industrial design and IT/network security, to name a few.

After applying a little elbow grease, some clean-up and fresh paint, the metal shop at Delton Kellogg High School is ready for the installation of Amatrol Equipment.

It was announced to school officials earlier this year that through the advocacy efforts of the Michigan Manufacturing Association (MMA), Delton Kellogg High School, Athens High School in Troy, and LIFT: The National Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Innovation Institute in Detroit are all recipients of a $1 million appropriation from the state legislature.

DK High School Principal Jim Hogoboom said he eagerly waits to watch his students gain skills and learn from manufacturing industry leaders through the IGNITE Amatrol program. He added that the skills will lead them to successful careers.

LIFT Executive Vice President, Joe Steele, who also handles public affairs, said Delton Kellogg and Athens High Schools will each receive their grants in the form of equipment built by Amatrol, estimated at approximately $420,000 apiece. Because LIFT provides an online and in-class curriculum, the organization will receive a smaller allocation of roughly $160,000 to pay its staff and cover the necessary costs to deploy the program.

Superintendent Jeremy Wright said that, in addition to preparing students for careers in manufacturing, the grant also allows them to get a taste of what to expect and the ability to take industry certifications for free and add that to their resumes for employment post-high school.

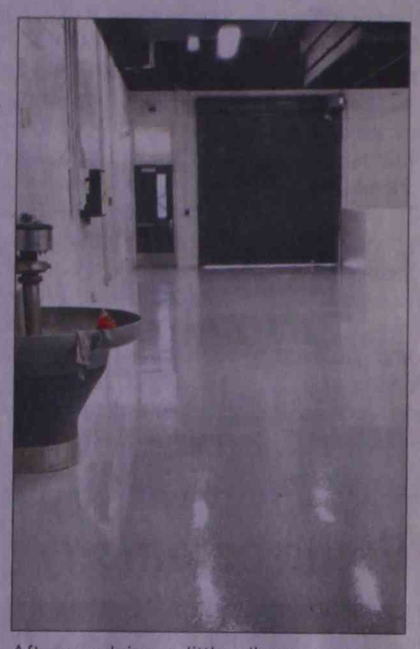
Innovators of the IGNITE curriculum developed the program to align specifically with the Certified Production Technician (CPT) certification from the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council and numerous Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) certifications. DK shop teacher Brad Knobloch said employers highly value those certificates.

Delton Kellogg School officials and teachers are excited that their students will have an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with the Amatrol equipment and the IGNITE curriculum.

The equipment will be similar to what is at the LIFT Detroit Institute and is a key part of the IGNITE: Mastering Manufacturing curriculum, Steele explained. Furthermore, the students will be given a wide look at various advanced manufacturing tools and techniques.



Pictured here is the Delton Kellogg High School metal shop before it was revamped. **Courtesy photos**



After applying a little elbow grease, some clean-up and fresh paint, the metal shop at Delton Kellogg High School is ready for the installation of Amatrol Equipment.



Hands-on equipment produced by Amatrol, like the Electrical Relay Control System pictured here in LIFT's Detroit Learning Lab, is a critical piece of the IGNITE: Mastering Manufacturing curriculum, giving students real-world experience across advanced manufacturing sectors.

Learning robotics, electronics, electrical systems, and pneumatics is among the lessons the equipment will provide in hands-on experience inside the classroom.

Steele stressed that "hands-on" is the most important thing. The equipment is critical to learn about advanced manufacturing in 2025. He said he hopes that once students have the opportunity to begin the program, they will feel the excitement that will light a spark to start a career in advanced manufacturing in the great state of Michigan.

DK High School shop teachers Brad and Tess Knobloch plan to teach students the new technology in the fall.

"This is an exciting time for Delton Schools," Wright said. School officials are working towards offering more Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and putting students in the position to get well-paying jobs upon graduation.

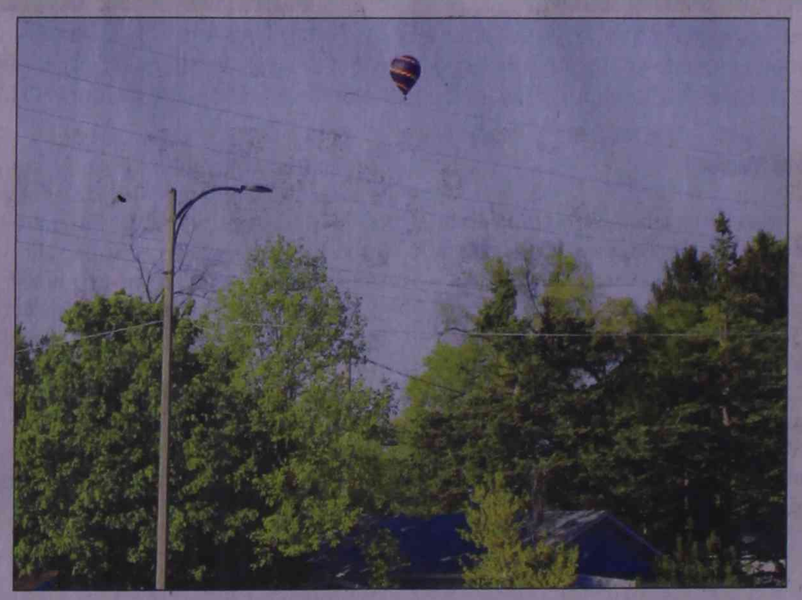
The Amatrol equipment should be arriving soon. "The lab equipment is expected to be delivered this month for use next school year when the students return in the fall," Steele said.

Barry County Guys Who Give support Hastings Robotics



The Barry County Guys Who Give supported the Hastings Robotics Team with a donation of $3,900 last month. The Guys Who Give met again at Venue 1230 in Hastings on Tuesday, May 14, to select a local nonprofit to support in the second quarter. Guys Who Give of Barry County was formed in late 2021 in an effort to make positive change in Barry County while also creating a new opportunity for fellowship and networking. The group's mission is to reach out and help local charities with the funds they need to do the work they are doing in the community. **Courtesy photo**

DID YOU **SEE?**



JUST A BUNCH OF HOT AIR!

It wasn't a bird or a plane ... but there wasn't any reason to panic. Hastings residents spotted a colorful hot air balloon floating through the city sky during a day of perfect weather last week. Those who are deathly afraid of heights may be a little queasy at the sight, but it made for a nice backdrop to a beautiful spring evening. **Photo by Jayson Bussa**

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City of Hastings approves 2025-26 budget



The Hastings City Council approved its final assessment roll for the city's Special Assessment District on Monday on a split, 5-3 vote. Jon Rocha, pictured here, voted against the measure, along with Jacquie McLean and Terry Stenzelbarton. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

Molly Macleod
Editor

The City of Hastings has a plan in place for the next fiscal year after council members unanimously approved the proposed budget on Monday, May 12.

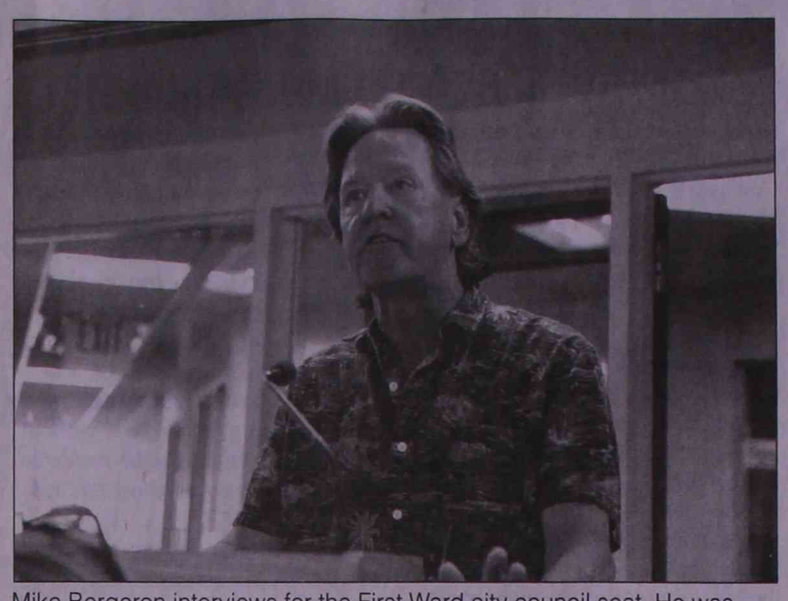
The budget will take the city through the 2025-26 fiscal year. It calls for $6,691,225 in general fund revenues in fiscal year 2026 and projects $7,509,607 in general fund expenditures. The city will use some of its fund balance left over from the 2025 budget to cover gaps in revenues and expenses. An $818,383 balance from fiscal year 2025 is expected to roll over to next year's budget, leaving general fund departments with a total projected revenue of $7,509,608 in fiscal year 2026.

The budget approved on Monday plans for an unassigned general fund balance at the end of 2025 of $3,857,319. Several projects budgeted for the 2025 fiscal year will roll over into 2026.

In other business on Monday, the council approved the final assessment roll for the 2025-26 fiscal year's Special Assessment District (SAD). The SAD would fund parking improvements in the downtown principal shopping district. The vote was split 5-3, with council members Jacquie McLean, Jon Rocha and Terry Stenzelbarton voting against the SAD.

"Our business district is unique because we have a very small community here in Hastings, and I don't like taxing even more. I understand it's only $27,000, but every tax is 'only a little bit more.' Pretty soon, you'll have no businesses that can even be in the town, and I feel like with our funds, generally, considering we are one of the highest proportional fund balances in the state, we have the ability to cover that for our businesses," Rocha said.

"I feel like this is an opportunity for us to give back to the businesses instead of always taking and taking and taking," he continued.



Mike Bergeron interviews for the First Ward city council seat. He was appointed to the seat unanimously by the Hastings City Council on Monday.

City council appoints new member, at full capacity again

Molly Macleod
Editor

The Hastings City Council will have each of its seats filled at its next meeting later this month after council members appointed a new member on Monday.

Mike Bergeron, a retired salesman, was appointed to fill the council's vacant First Ward seat on Monday. Bergeron faced no challengers and was appointed unanimously by the council. He will be sworn in ahead of the council's next meeting on Monday, May 27.

The vacancy was formed after former First Ward Councilman Bill Nesbitt announced his resignation from the board in March, citing health concerns.

Nesbitt served on the council since being appointed to the seat in February 2022, serving out the remainder of former council member Therese Maupin-Moore's term. After being elected to the council in December 2022, Nesbitt ran as a challenger for the seat of mayor against incumbent Dave Tossava in 2024. Ultimately, Nesbitt lost in the mayoral race but remained on the council in his First Ward seat.

Bergeron said he intends to run for the seat when the remainder of Nesbitt's term expires in 2026.

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MSP investigating remains found in restaurant dumpster

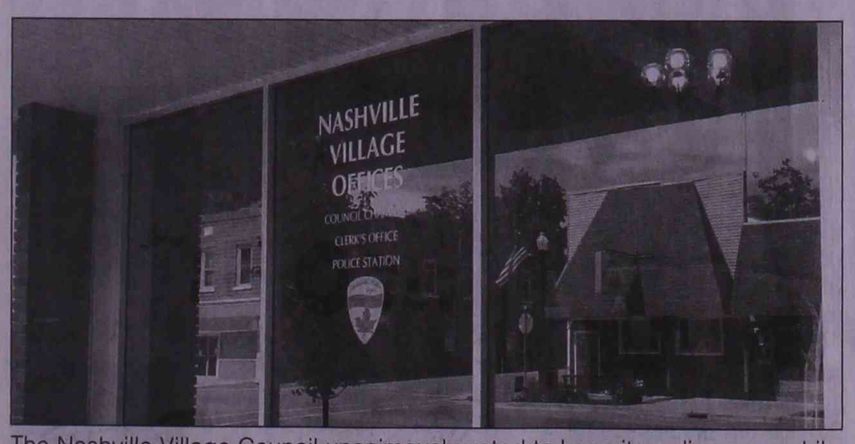
Michigan State Police officials are continuing their investigation into the death of a 74-year-old man, whose remains were reportedly discovered in a dumpster behind an Eaton County restaurant.

According to Lt. Rene Gonzalez, public information officer for the MSP's First District Headquarters in Lansing, the body was discovered by a delivery driver at about 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, in a dumpster located in the rear parking lot of the Roadhouse Grill on M-43 in Mulliken.

"The body is that of a 74-year-old male with a last known address in Okemos," Gonzalez posted on X on Tuesday afternoon. "This is an ongoing investigation and troopers, along with detectives are still on scene. There does not appear to be a danger to the public."

While no other information was released as of press time, Gonzales added "updates to follow" in his post on X.

Report compiled by staff writer Dennis Mansfield.



The Nashville Village Council unanimously voted to keep its ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments last Thursday, May 8. **Courtesy photo**

Nashville votes to continue marijuana ban

Leila Wood
Contributing Writer

The Nashville Village Council unanimously voted to keep its ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments last Thursday, May 8.

Although the official vote took place last Thursday, the matter was as good as decided last month, after a packed public hearing in which almost everyone who spoke and all of the written comments submitted to the council expressed opposition to repealing the ordinance.

Even Scott Fouse, who had originally asked to have the ordinance removed so that he could open a dispensary on his property, on the north end of downtown, said he saw that the weight of public opinion was against the idea, and he would look for other business ideas.

Village President Mike Kenyon said he has heard from quite a few people since then, who were at the hearing and were proud of Fouse for being willing to listen to his community's concerns and change his plans.

About 50 people crowded into the Castleton Township Hall on Thursday, April 10, for a Nashville Village Council public hearing regarding the possibility of repealing the village's ordinance prohibiting marijuana dispensaries.

About 25 people spoke and 14 letters, including one signed by 18 people, were received by the council and read during the hearing, with an overwhelming majority opposing the repeal of the ordinance.



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Be alert for caregiver financial abuse

Do you have a parent or other elderly relative who may soon need a caregiver? If so, be diligent when selecting the right person for the job — because choosing the wrong one could lead to big financial problems.

You might find a close family member or friend to serve as caregiver — someone who is honest and trustworthy, with good judgment and strong money management skills. However, in many cases, people hiring caregivers just don't know how they'll perform until the caregivers have begun work. A dishonest caregiver could steal valuables or cash from the person they have been paid to assist or incept their mail to obtain credit card numbers and other sensitive information to commit identity theft.

So, if you enlist a caregiver and begin having doubts about them, you'll need to watch out for these warning signs of possible financial abuse:

- Efforts to prevent the individual receiving care from speaking to family members
- Inquiries into the location of estate-planning documents, such as a will
- Interest in brokerage and retirement accounts, possibly with the intent to change transfer-on-death designations
- Withholding financial or medical information from the family
- Missing jewelry or property
- Requests to be a joint holder on bank or brokerage accounts, sometimes followed by large cash withdrawals paid to the caregiver
- Request for legal authority, such as a financial power of attorney naming only the caregiver

This last item — the request for financial power of attorney, or POA — is particularly concerning because of the scope of duties covered by this type of authority. That's why it's so important that all family members understand what a financial POA can and cannot do.

A general financial POA provides the agent with the authority to act on behalf of an individual's finances, while a limited financial POA gives the agent the authority only for certain actions, such as paying bills, making withdrawals and opening or closing bank accounts. A general financial POA and a limited financial POA both can be durable, which means they take effect once executed, or springing, which is contingent on a specific event, such as a physical illness, mental incapacity or even a hospitalization.

Unfortunately, some POA agents have abused their responsibility by stealing money, making unauthorized transactions and even attempting to change the beneficiary designations on retirement accounts or insurance policies owned by the people for whom they provide care. These beneficiary designations can even supersede the instructions left in a will or living trust — and they can't be changed by a financial POA.

If you suspect financial abuse by a caregiver, you can consider contacting your loved one's financial advisor or attorney, if you know who it is. While they can't share information with you, they can check for red flags and contact your loved one directly. You also can get help from your state government. The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) provides a listing of offices in each state at napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area.

Finding a caregiver for a parent or other elderly relative can be emotionally difficult — but it doesn't have to be financially draining. Get to know the caregiver if you can and watch for any red flags, so you can take comfort in knowing that your loved one's finances are in good hands.

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Local chamber official joins delegation to advocate for workforce training funding at national summit



Jennifer Heinzman

A 13-person delegation that included the leader of the Barry County Chamber & Economic Development Alliance, as well as several representatives from West Michigan Works!, traveled to the nation's capital recently for the National Skills Summit to advocate for the continuation of workforce training funding.

The delegation met with policymakers during their trip to Washington D.C. to advocate for the reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the expansion of Business Pell Grants, both considered critical in funding workforce development programs across Michigan and the nation, according to a statement released by Jennifer Heinzman, the BCCEDA's president and CEO.

"These programs aren't just line items in a budget – they are lifelines for rural communities like Barry County," Heinzman said. "Cutting or failing to reauthorize them would directly harm local employers and workers, especially as we face ongoing labor shortages and a rapidly evolving economy."

The delegation's advocacy comes at a critical time, according to Heinzman, as Congress considers reauthorization of WIOA after a previous attempt narrowly missed passage. Meanwhile, proposed budget cuts threaten to reduce funding for workforce programs, with the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration already seeing $183 million in reductions to workforce initiatives.

In Barry County, the potential loss of federal workforce funding would have immediate and detrimental effects. Local officials stated programs that provide training in skilled trades, healthcare, manufacturing, and digital literacy could be scaled back or eliminated, leaving employers without qualified candidates and residents without pathways to economic mobility.

"We're already seeing the impact of workforce programs like the Going PRO Talent Fund, which awarded $60.5 million statewide last year to train over 38,000 workers," Heinzman added. "Without continued federal support, we risk losing that momentum."

Heinzman and other members of the local delegation reportedly emphasized that workforce development is not a partisan issue but a shared priority for economic growth. They urged lawmakers to fully fund WIOA and expand Business Pell Grants to include short-term, high-quality training programs that meet the needs of today's labor market.

"We're asking Congress to invest in people—our workers, our businesses, and our communities," Heinzman said. "The return on that investment is clear – stronger local economies, reduced unemployment and a more competitive national workforce."

For more information about the BCCEDA's workforce initiatives, persons may visit online at mibarry.com. — *DM*



Audience members pack the Hastings Performing Arts Center stage on Friday, May 9, for the Groos Family Fine Arts Wall of Fame induction ceremony.



Hastings Performing Arts Center volunteers, seen here, were also honored at Friday's ceremony.

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Dennison is currently working to open a new museum in Hastings, Just Off Broadway. The museum, located at 220 W. Colfax Street, will display much of Dennison's collections of movie memorabilia, fine art, crystal and more.

After being introduced, Dennison shared his gratitude for the honor.

"Dick Groos was a friend of mine, and I'm so proud to have this award with his name in that. He sat next to me at the movies every Thursday night, and his favorite movie star was Vera-Ellen—my favorite movie star," said Dennison.

O'Mara taught art at Hastings for 30 years, according to his former student, Lauren Tripp. After retirement, O'Mara continued his art. His current work mostly uses oil crayons.

"When you have art instructors, it's really underestimated how important it is to have practicing artists as teachers, because it shows you that you can be an artist, right? And you can exist in the world of art," said Tripp.

O'Mara was humbled by the award.

"I did art for a long time. After I quit teaching, I actually became a much better artist — because teaching and coaching and all those things take up all your time," O'Mara said.

"I appreciate the HPAC honor," he said.

Now in its 25th season, the Thornapple Players has provided an outlet for local musicians and thespians since 2000.

"Over the last 25 years, Thornapple Players has performed over 80 stage productions, which include plays, musicals, dinner theaters and revues, engaging close to 1,000 actors, dancers, musicians, stagehands and production staff," said Svihl. "Participants come from all over Barry County and neighboring counties to be involved in the Thornapple Players shows."

"Thank you so much. This space is magical," said Acker. "Everyone that noted that tonight — it's so true. You walk into this room and you feel that you are part of something that is here for everyone. Carol (Svihl) and I worked on Thornapple Players for over 20 years together.

"You know we had so much fun — and some of it was awful, I won't lie. If you know anything about community theater, there are awful days," Acker laughed. "But it was mostly so much fun, and this community supported us in so many ways. Watching children gain confidence is one of the most glorious things you will ever see."

Acker thanked Svihl, Seeber and the other members of the Players.

"I would like to think that we have spent our lives creating opportunities for other people, and I would like to think that we have tried to put others before ourselves. Thank you so much — the Groos Family Wall — this was not even on my radar," said Acker.

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JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT NORTHEASTERN ELEMENTARY

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A "leadership conference" was held at a joint meeting of Central Elementary's Student Council and the Student Senate of Northeastern Elementary recently. "Leadership from A to Z" was discussed by the members of the student organizations, with tips on what it takes to be a leader by speaker Dave Storms, YMCA director. Those who attended the joint meeting are pictured here with (standing in the back, left to right) counselor Nancy Bradley, Dave Storms and counselor Dave Furrow.

CHARGES

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Anderson and ECSO officials stated they could not comment further on the case, as it is still under investigation and the pending criminal charges against four individuals.

According to reports, 25-year-old Bradley Earl Lance of Lansing faces felony charges, including one count of second-degree murder, one count of torture, one count of felony firearm and one count of removing a dead body without medical examiner permission.

Also, 47-year-old Nashville resident Lucas Gaylord Forquer, 40-year-old William Chaney of Vermontville and 46-year-old Jenelle Marie Mello of Nashville each have been charged with one felony count of torture.

All four were arraigned in Eaton County's District Court 56A, according to ECSO officials. Bond for Lance was set at $250,000 and $100,000 for Mello, with Chaney handed down a $50,000 PR bond and Forquer's bond set at $25,000.

Anderson said Lance, Forquer and Mello are slated to be back in court before District Court Judge Reid Felsing on May 19 for probable cause hearings, with Chaney's next court appearance set for June 2.



Bradley Lance



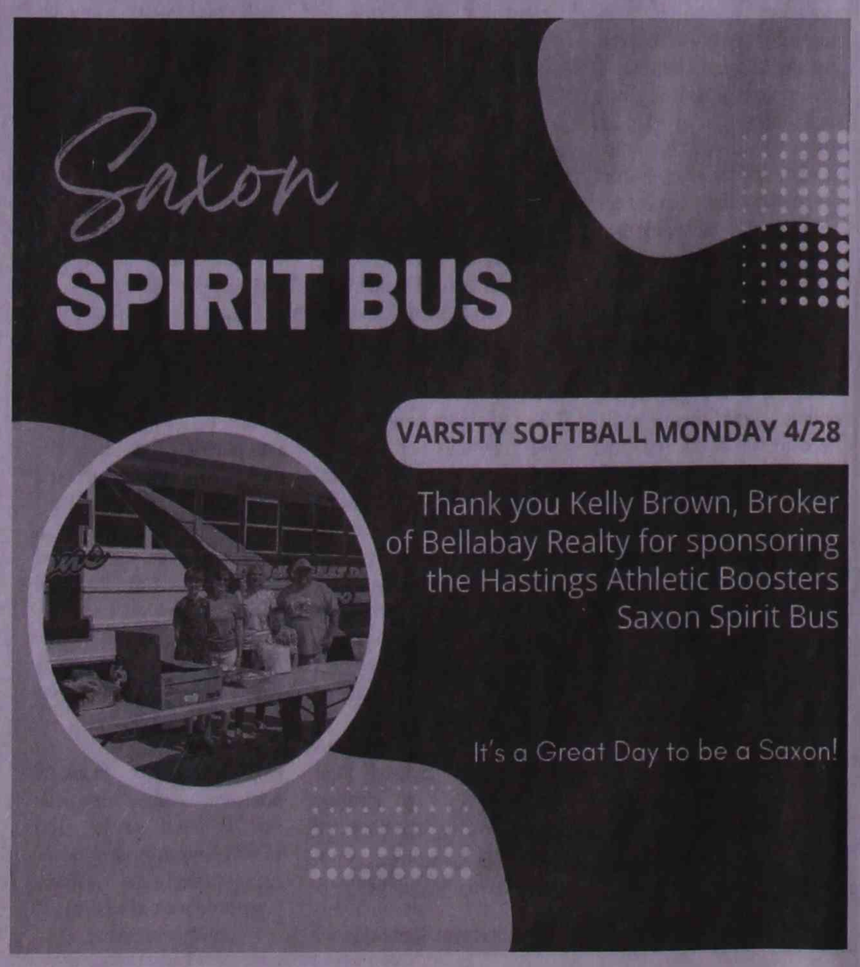
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Hopefully you've all read the great news that View Newspaper Group is growing again! The announcement was made last month by Owner and President Rick Burrough that our group will launch our 22nd newspaper, the St. Clair Area View on Friday, May 9. The free community newspaper will be delivered via the U.S. Postal Service to 17,000 homes twice a month throughout the St. Clair area.

View Newspaper Group has grown through startups or acquisitions nearly every year since Burrough founded the company in 2003, which means I've written quite a few press releases on our growth. As I discovered when I sat down to write the latest release last month the thrill never goes away. I felt something magic course through my fingers as I typed.

While there's no doubt about the magical feeling our team has right now, the reality is, there's no sleight of hand at work when it comes to growing a business. It takes a lot of brain power, a lot of people power and a lot of time. There are so many things a business must do as a whole to prepare for growth. From updating technology and infrastructure to ensuring the right policies and procedures are in place, there are hundreds of steps to take to ensure success. Luckily, we have a team of experts in place to handle each of those jobs.

Part of my job is to keep our brand strong and poised for growth, because a company cannot grow without a strong brand. I don't do this alone, it takes every View Newspaper Group team member to make our brand what it is today.

If you're looking to grow your business, building your brand is a great place to start. Below are tips to help you do just that.

• **Clearly define your brand:** Before you can grow your brand, you must define what exactly your brand is. You do this first by conducting a brand audit to determine a number of things, including where your brand stands in the market versus where you'd like it to stand. It's a lengthy, but valuable process. Once the research portion is done it's time to create a strong brand identity, which includes a mission, vision, logo, tagline, colors, brand standards and more. With those items in place it's important to keep them consistent, which over time helps to clearly define your brand.

• **Ensure each team member is a brand ambassador:** Your team members are the best ambassadors a brand can have. They talk to friends, neighbors and family members daily and help your brand grow with every interaction. It's important to ensure each member knows the brand inside and out. Everyone on the team should have a practiced 30-second elevator speech about the brand and their role in it. As an added bonus, a growing business means more perks — like opportunities for advancement — for team members. Happy brand ambassadors are the best brand ambassadors

• **Advertise your brand:** Your brand can't grow if no one knows it exists. There are two keys when it comes to building any brand — consistency (see item No. 1) and frequency. Achieve frequency by exposing your brand to the community in as many advertising and marketing avenues as possible as frequently as possible.

• **Deliver on your brand promise:** A brand promise is a one-sentence promise that matters to your audience, is unique to you and above all – believable. This promise should indicate what your product is and who it's for. View Newspaper Group's brand promise reads: "View Newspaper Group is a locally-owned newspaper group committed to making meaningful connections for our readers and our clients." Delivering on our brand promise leads readers to pick up our papers and attend our events and it leads clients to us when they have a need to reach their consumers. All of those items add up to growth.

• **Give back:** Whether through time, talent or treasure, it's important that your organization's brand is associated with giving back. It's proven to be good for business, and more importantly, it's the right thing to do. View Newspaper Group is dedicated to giving back to the communities we serve. In 2024 we gave back more than $180,000 in cash donations, as well as thousands of dollars more in trade advertising space and editorial coverage of nonprofits events and fundraisers throughout our entire footprint. Many of our team members serve on local nonprofit boards and volunteer in their communities. Giving back is an important part of our brand and in turn our growth.

If you're looking to grow your brand to grow your business, we can help. Email me at *ecaswell@mihomepaper.com* to learn more.

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

Kiwanis honors young citizens

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

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

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

Central – Molly Shay (student of Ryan Shay and Samantha Straley) and Kinnley Peake (student of Mark and Ashley Peake).

Northeastern – Olivia Carr (student of Daniel and Teva Carr) and Griffin Watkins (student of Shawn and Stephanie Watkins).

Southeastern – Jevon Sleet (student of Sydney Wodrich) and Iker Vilchis-Rodriguez (student of Erick Vilchis Ramos and Rosario Rodriguez Lara).

Star – Annie Carr (student of Williams Walters, grandfather, and Charles Simpkins III, father) and Colby Burke (student of Brandon and Kristie Burke).

Hastings Middle School — Sixth grade: Natalya Solmes (student of Isaac and Kiralee Solmes) and Angela Vidal (student of Michael and Sheila); Seventh grade: Landon deGoa-Appel (student of Brian Appel and Kamell deGoa) and Lenna Wendt (student of Terry and Debi Wendt); Eighth grade: Emerson Leary (student of Zachariah and Erin Leary) and Haley Miles (student of Kenneth and Brittani Miles).



Annie Carr (right) and Colby Burke are Star Elementary's April Kiwanis Citizens of the Month.



Southeastern's Citizens of the Month for April are Jevon Sleet (left) and Iker Vilchis-Rodriguez.



Molly Shay (left) and Kinnley Peake are Central Elementary's Citizens of the Month. **Photos provided**

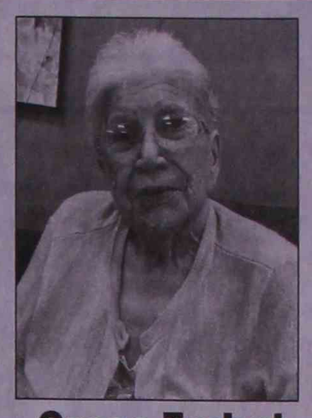


Several Hastings middle schoolers were recently named citizens of the month. They include sixth graders Natalya Solmes and Angela Vidal; seventh graders Landon deGoa-Appel and Lenna Wendt; and eighth graders Emerson Leary and Haley Miles.



Olivia Carr (right) and Griffin Watkins are Northeastern Elementary's Citizens of the Month.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT



Grace Tarbet to celebrate 101st birthday

Grace Tarbet will be celebrating her 101st birthday on Monday, May 19, 2025 at Thornapple Manor, 2700 Nashville Rd., Hastings, MI 49058. Sending birthday cards would be greatly apprecviated.

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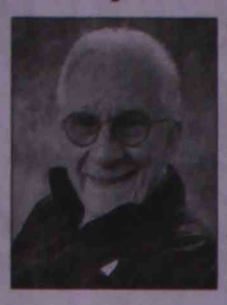
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Timothy Ivan King



Timothy Ivan King passed away peacefully on May 11, 2025, surrounded by family. He was born on July 30, 1948, in Charlotte, MI, to Ivan and Melody (Hussey) King. Tim attended Kalamazoo Central High School, graduating from Hastings High School in 1966. Tim went on to earn a degree in fine arts.

Tim married Jacquelyn Ann Weed, on October 30, 1966. He and his brother Mike co-owned King's Electronics and Appliances for 40 years, proudly serving the Hastings community until their retirement in 2019. A dedicated civic leader, Tim was a member of the Hastings Downtown Development Authority for many years and helped organize Bluegrass Festivals at Charlton Park. He and Mike also supported Hastings High School athletics through years of sponsorship.

Tim's love for flight began with gliders, flying out of Ionia, and grew into earning his private pilot's license, flying with the Hastings Flying Association. Tim was also an avid painter and wood carver and loved sharing his art with his family and friends. Above all else, Tim found his greatest joy in his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Melody, and his brother, Curtis.

Tim is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Jackie; son, Beau (Lucy) King; daughter, Jennifer (Gannon) Barrett; grandchildren, Collyn Shaeffer, Adam (Jade) Shaeffer, Logan Barrett, Olivia (Aaron) Denny; great-grandchildren, Eden Shaeffer, Isla Shaeffer, and Archie Denny; brothers, Mike (Jeanne) King, Dan (Tammi) King, and Brad King; and many beloved nieces and nephews, affectionately known as "The Wolf Pack."

A public visitation will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Girrbach Funeral Home, 328 S Broadway; Hastings, MI. A private family memorial is planned.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Audubon Society, https://www.michiganaudubon.org/donate/ or 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 200, Okemos, MI 48864.

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Edgar Lee Boulter



Edgar Lee Boulter, age 96 years old, went home to be with his Lord on May 12, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Edgar was born on Friday the 13th in July of 1928 near Coats Gove, MI. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Woodland High School, Class of 1947.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1948 and served at bases in Texas, Wyoming, New York, New Jersey, and Maine. He was extended for the Korean War and mustered out from Maine in 1952 as a Master Sergeant. He still remembered his radar codes.

In 1948, he married Beverly Morgan of Hastings. They had five children: Kerry, Kevin, Keena, Kimi, and Kirk Boulter. After the Air Force, they moved to Lansing, where Edgar worked at the Oldsmobile plant. In 1956, they moved to Hastings. Edgar worked for Consumers Energy for 34 years. He trimmed trees, cut wood, and worked part-time at Joe Daniels Shell Station. After retiring the first time in 1990, he went back as a gas line inspector for Consumers until 2003, retiring at 75.

Edgar was an outdoorsman. He loved to fish and hunt locally, and for many years hunted out west with the Sheffers. He loved the U.P. and enjoyed backpacking with guys from church. He was always up for any camping trip—truck camper, popup camper, trailer, and fifth wheel—he tried them all.

A man of strong faith, he served at Hope Church for over 65 years as a Sunday school teacher, bus ministry bus driver, a trustee, and board member. Always willing to do whatever he was asked to do. After retirement, he volunteered at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky for several years.

In 1974, Edgar married Janet Palmatier and added three more children to the family – Scott, Tim, and Amy Palmatier of Hastings. The Hastings home was sold in 1975 to purchase a 230-acre farm near Freeport. This put all eight children in the Lakewood School District. It also meant farm chores, school sports, school activities, fair, and 4-H projects, church youth groups, family camping, birthdays, and holidays. He was a hands-on dad through it all. By 1980, they had all graduated and on to college, military service, careers, and the weddings began, followed by grandchildren.

Edgar was gifted in lots of practical ways and a new house, barn, and workshop garage went up on Sisson Road. Percheron draft horses were added along with the first of 21 grandchildren.

Edgar loved to travel and enjoyed trips to Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and Holland on farm tours. Then onto England, Ireland, and Scotland. Trips to Alaska, Canada, and out east to Maine. Trips to Branson for the music, trips to the U.P. to count the boats.

The final years have been spent enjoying his ever-growing family and lifelong friends. Edgar was a loving and devoted husband, a fair and supportive father, and the best grandpa ever. Edgar said he lived a "blessed" life. His family considers him their biggest blessing. He will be so missed.

Edgar was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Joseph and Oliver, Jr.; sisters, Ruby (Dave) Bolton and Janice (Ogal) Jordan; sister-in-law, Joyce Denny Boulter; daughte, Kimi Sorenson; grandsons, Trevor Boulter and Josh Boulter.

Edgar leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Janet; sons, Kerry (Chong Suk), Kevin (Annette), Kirk (Cindy), Scott (Mi Suk) and Tim (Julie); daughters, Keena (Amad), and Amy (Chris); 22 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at noon, with a visitation one hour prior at 11 a.m. at Hope United Methodist Church, 2920 S M-37, Hastings, MI 49058, luncheon and interment to follow.

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PLEASANTVIEW FAMILY CHURCH
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Thursday, May 15 – Novel Ideas Book Club discusses "Authenticity Project," 1p.m.; Movie Memories & Milestones watches a 1941, Oscar-nominated film starring Joan Blondell and Roland Young, 5 p.m.

Friday, May 16 – Friday Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 17 – Dungeons & Dragons and Warhammer, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 19 – Crafting Passions, 10 a.m.; Lego Club, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20 – Baby Cafe, 10 a.m.; Youth Garden Club, 3:30 p.m.; mahjong, 5 p.m.; chess, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21 – Community health workers at HPL, 10 a.m.; Itsy Bitsy Book Club, 10:30 a.m.; open art studio, 11:30 a.m.

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

PIERCE CEDAR CREEK INSTITUTE EVENTS

– MAY 15-22 –

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May 1-31 — May Storybook Walk: "Diary of a Fly" by Doreen Cronin; illustrated by Harry Bliss. Each day is a new adventure for a fly! Follow Fly's journey through her first day of school and all the things she learns about herself. After your storybook adventure, stop by the Visitor Center to pick up an activity sheet. The Storybook Walk is free and self-guided on the Black Walnut Trail.

May 1-31 — Spring Wildflower Walk. Michigan has many ephemeral wildflowers. Learn about many of these spring beauties and celebrate National Wildflower Week with this "wild" hike. The wildflower walk is free and self-guided on the Lupine Trail.

Tuesday, May 20 — Cedar Creek Book Club discusses "A Friend of the Earth" by T. Coraghessan Boyle, 10 a.m. With a solid mix of fiction and non-fiction biographies, this book club is for readers who share an avid concern and interest in the natural world. There is no commitment other than to enjoy reading and sharing books about nature. Feel free to join even if you have not read the book (and be inspired to read it). This free club is led by Institute staff and volunteers.

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

'In My Time' by Robert Faulkner Part XV

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JOYCE F. WEINBRECHT

Robert Faulkner, born and raised in Barry County, entered politics in Berrien County in 1948. He concludes:

"I was pleased in October to get an invitation to speak to the Rotary Club in my old hometown of Middleville. I saw people there whom I hadn't seen in over 20 years. It was a very enjoyable occasion. I had learned not to memorize my speeches.

"In January 1951, I was sworn in as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

"In March 1951, we bought a house on West Street. It was a pretty house in a beautiful setting on a four-acre lot. By the street were two huge elm trees, the limbs of which stretched clear back over half of the house. The previous owner had put in steel cables to support the huge limbs. One of the trees measured 16.5 feet around, 5 feet from the ground, and the other was only slightly smaller. We paid $12,000 for the property, but put another $10,000 into remodeling it. We sold the Church Street property to Bud York and his wife for $12,000.

"I was at the Lawrence store one day in August when a man from Chicago came in. he wanted to buy the store for his son-in-law. The store was only marginally profitable, so I was glad to sell it.

"In October, I bought my first luxury car, a Buick Roadmaster. In November 1951, Dave had the male lead in the junior class play. We were proud of him. He did very well. In December, Linda had a tonsillectomy.

"In 1951, transistors hadn't been invented. All radios and TVs operated on vacuum tubes. There were no electric calculators, and the only computers were huge, expensive machines. We still sold ink in bottles for fountain pens and dip pens. Later, the ballpoint pen would revolutionize writing. If any cars had air conditioning, I was unaware of it.

"1952 was most notable for the election of Dwight Eisenhower. I ran for the State Senate and had a tough primary fight, but after that, it was easy. My senatorial district was the Seventh District, consisting of Berrien and Cass counties.

"It was getting somewhat easier for me to speak in public, and I was pleased to accept an invitation from the Middleville Rotary to speak at the October meeting. I actually enjoyed after-dinner speaking. Twenty minutes was all you were expected to speak. My formula was quite simple. A joke or two to break the ice, then a discussion of one of the current political issues and if there was still time left, open the meeting to questions. This always worked well, whether it was a Lions Club, Rotary, Kiwanis or other meeting.

"There were busy times. Juanita was busy taking care of the family, being secretary of the hospital board, a member of her ladies' club and so forth. Dave was a three-letter man. He played end in football, forward in basketball and first base in baseball. I tried to attend all of the games. I was also involved with business and politics. In spite of all our activities, we manage a trip to Florida at Christmastime.

"In January 1953, I took my seat in the Senate. Every May, there was a blossom festival in the twin cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor. A beautiful parade of elaborate floats and Cadillac convertibles carrying public officials made its way down the main street of one city, across the bridge over the St. Joseph River, up the main street of the other city. The starting point alternated each year. By virtue of my office, I was expected to ride in the back seat of a Cadillac driven by a beautiful girl. Believe it or not, I dreaded the parade.

"As a public official, I was constantly getting caught off guard. At some affair, I might be sitting in the audience and the person in charge would say, 'Oh, I see Senator Faulkner is here. Would you like to say a few words, Senator?' I never was good at saying something when I had nothing to say.

"One cold winter day, the mayor of Watervliet called me. 'We are going to dedicate the new bridge over the Paw Paw River at 10 a.m. tomorrow. We want you to be there.' So I was there, not knowing what the program was. After speaking a few minutes, the mayor said, 'Now Senator Faulkner will dedicate the bridge.' How do you dedicate a bridge? I still don't know. After I had mumbled something, I don't remember what, the mayor said, 'Now is the time to cut the ribbon, Senator.' 'What with?' I thought. I looked at the ribbon and looked for the mayor. 'Where are the shears?' I asked in an undertone. 'Don't you have a knife?' he whispered. Finally, someone provided a knife.

"It turned out to be very dull. I sawed and sliced at the ribbon for what seemed an eternity. My fingers felt frozen, but finally the ribbon was cut and the crowd applauded half-heartedly.

"Another time, I was scheduled to give a speech at an outdoor meeting. One loudspeaker was about 40 feet ahead of me. Everything I said came back to me, one syllable late. It was very upsetting. I tried talking faster, but that was no better. I was always trying to say the next word while listening to my last. If you don't think this will drive you up the wall, then try it sometime.

"The Berrien Springs store belonged to Juanita. In 1952, we bought the building from Mrs. Taber. Before that, Juanita had been paying $75 a month for rent.

"Mother, now 78, had been failing for some time. She was suffering from Parkinson's disease. Dad and Aunt Bessie did the housework and Dad had to help her dress and undress. Yet both Dad and Mother seemed cheerful.

"In July 1953, the Korean War ended. In September 1953, Dave enrolled at Michigan State University. That year, MSU represented the Big Ten at the Rose Bowl. Dave went to the game.



Anna Grace Matter Faulkner, on a picnic. The car is a 1920s Studebaker.

"In the fall of 1953, Arnold and I formed MODAR. Dad and Mother showed their support by buying stock. Friends of Arnold and myself joined in buying stock in the corporation.

"In the summer of 1953, Dad began to feel bad and didn't feel up to par the rest of the year. In January 1954, I rented a house in East Lansing for three months. We lived there for the winter. Linda was in the third grade, and she liked her school.

"In March, Dad and Mother visited us at East Lansing, and Dad visited the Senate with me.

"In April of 1954, Juanita had an operation to remove a large ovarian cyst. During an examination by an intern prior to the operation, she was diagnosed as having a fibroid tumor in the uterus. And I'm going to reveal something that nobody else knows.

"A couple of months after the operation, Juanita had a miscarriage. The fibroid tumor turned out to be a fetus. If she'd had a more knowledgeable doctor, he would have postponed the operation, and we would have had our fourth child about January 1955.

"In June 1954, I was toastmaster for the alumni banquet in Middleville. My campaign for re-election was easy. I had no primary opponent and only nominal Democratic opposition.

"Would you like to know how much inflation there has been since 1954? Well, here is one measure, this from an entry in Dad's diary for Nov. 20, 1954. Dad had taken his TV to the repair shop. They fixed it and charged him $4. His diary entry said, 'Less than an hour's work. What do they think they are?'

"In January 1955, I began my second Senate term, which was my third term in the State Legislature. I liked the Senate sessions and frequently joined in the floor debate. One victory that I especially enjoyed comes to mind.

"We had a very complicated unemployment compensation bill on the calendar. It had originated in the House. It came to the Senate floor from the Labor Committee, which I chaired. The bill had been amended so many times in the House and committee and on general orders that the amendments pasted on the bill reached the floor when I stood up to explain it.

"The day before it was to come up for debate, a member of the Legislative Service Bureau brought me a paper with 10 questions on it. 'These are the questions the Governor's legal staff has prepared for the Democratic floor leader to ask you,' he said. 'A Democrat gave it to me for you, but I can't tell you who he was.'

"The bill was so complicated and technical that I had to do a lot of studying and consulting with experts before I was sure of my answers. When the bill came up on the calendar, the Democratic floor leader rose, 'I would like to ask Senator Faulkner a question,' he said. According to custom, the president of the Senate replied, 'If Senator cares to answer.' 'If I can, I will be glad to,' I replied.

"The Democratic floor leader asked the first question, and I answered it. 'I would like to ask Senator Faulkner another question,' the floor leader stated. I answered this second question, which was the second on the list. 'Does the Senator have any other questions?' I asked. My interrogator sat down, staring at his desk, he merely shook his head.

"In the summer of 1955, Juanita's mother had been diagnosed as having cancer. In August, Juanita flew to Lake Alfred, where her parents were living, and the next day flew with her mother to Dallas, Texas, for treatment.

"In 1956, I had had enough of politics and announced that I would not seek re-election. It amazed some friends, including Tom DeRosa and Roger Carter, who told me that a lot of my friends wanted to say thank you and so they were giving me a dinner.

"On Saturday, May 19, Dad, mother and Aunt Bessie came over to the house. Juanita, Dad and I went to the dinner in the township hall basement. Mother wasn't able to go, and Aunt Bessie stayed with her.

"The dining room was packed with every seat taken. Senator Ed Hutchinson from Allegan County was there, and radio announcer Phil Malloy was the master of ceremony. Dad was called upon to speak. His speech was very good. It made me ashamed of mine. After the speeches, several persons filed by our table and dumped nominating petitions carrying 700 names in front of me. What could I do? I thanked them and said, 'This will be my last term.'

Epilogue

"I have taken you through the first half of the 20th century. Now it is up to David, Linda and Bob to each write their Volume Two.

"They can tell you about Hidden Acres; how David, Frenk Reris and I built a swimming pool and about Anxious. They can tell you about the wonderful years at Bob-O-Lin, 230 wild acres that stretched for miles along the Paw Paw River.

"David can tell you about his adventures in the FBI, his work with Senate committees and his world travels.

"Linda can tell you about working as a chemist for Bell Labs and her research of genes. Bob has many stories to tell about getting started as a lawyer, his work with the legislature and then what it is like to be a judge.

"I'm sure they all have much more than that to tell you. It is my hope that in their turn, Steve, Julie, Todd, Kyle, Adam and Kim will each add a volume for their families.

"If each generation will add to 'My Time,' think how much it will mean in 100 years of 1,000 years.

"I wish you all the very best — Robert Ellis Faulkner."

Editor's Note: Robert Ellis Faulkner was born May 22, 1910, in Delton. He died at the age of 85 on Oct. 30, 1995.

Sources: "My Time" by Robert Ellis Faulkner, photographs from the Bernard Museum collections, Barry County History 1985, and the Velderman Collection, as well as the Faulkner Family photo collection.



Robert, Earl and Arnold Faulkner with the Nov. 11, 1918 newspaper announcing the end of World War I.

Saxons get in their first match play event at The Legacy

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Saxons have shuffled the formate lately.

In a change of pace from traditional stroke play, the Hastings varsity boys' golf team hosted Lakewood in a head-to-head match play format at The Legacy at Hastings on Wednesday, May 7. The Lakewood boys took a 4.5-1.5 victory, but Hastings head coach Ross Schueller said the event marked another important step in his program's efforts to make Hastings golf a destination for the format.

Saxon junior Dan Jensen continued his strong season by earning a 2&1 victory in the number one pairing, securing Hastings' only full point. Andrew Barton added half a point with a hard-fought all square result in match number two.

The remaining pairings saw close battles across the board. Bronson Elliot (3&1), Cayden Cappon (2&1), and Hunter Pennington (1 down) each came up just short in competitive matches, while Nate Traver fell 5&3 to round out the scoring.

Match play, where golfers compete to win individual holes rather than tally total strokes, is not commonly played at the high school level according to Schueller. However, the Hastings program is working to change that by hosting several match play events against local opponents this season, with plans to make it a recurring tradition.

"This format really sharpens a different side of a golfer's game," said coach Schueller. "It's about strategy, pressure, and staying focused. We're proud to offer this experience to our Saxon golfers and other local teams."

The Saxons placed fourth in another unique event at Marywood Golf Course Friday, finishing fourth on the day behind Kalamazoo Christian, Harper Creek and Marshall at the Pennfield Invite at Marywood Golf Course.

Coach Schueller said his guys were able to use the day to build chemistry and sharpen skills heading into the final stretch of the season. The event included a 6-6-6 format, where teams of two completed six best ball holes, six scramble holes and six holes of alternate shot play.

Jensen and Barton led the way with a steady, composed round according to their coach. The pair capitalized on strong tee shots. Jensen set up a birdie with a long drive on 14 and nearly reached the green on 10, while Barton dialed in his wedges and contributed key approaches. They capped their round with a birdie on 18 after an eagle putt just slipped by.

Elliott and Cappon continued their consistent play. Cappon's putting stood out throughout the round, and his back-to-back solid irons on 15 and 16 created prime birdie opportunities. The duo's balanced approach kept them competitive across formats coach Schueller said.

Pennington and Nate Auten shook off a slow start with improved communication and energy in the second half of the round. Pennington's drive on 15 was a turning point, according to coach Schueller, helping spark a series of confident swings and better teamwork down the stretch.

The Saxons were set to head to Cedar Creek Wednesday, May 14, for the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference Championship, and have match-play events on the schedule next week at The Legacy at Hastings against Thornapple Kellogg May 20 and Coldwater May 21.

Stockbridge narrowly bests Lion track teams in Big 8 duals

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Quincy and Stockbridge knocked off the Maple Valley varsity boys' and girls' track and field teams in the final Big 8 Conference duals of the season Wednesday, May 7.

The closest duals of the day were the ones with Stockbridge. The Panthers bested the Lion ladies 57-45 and took an 81-48 win over the Maple Valley boys.

Quincy outscored the Lion boys 117-15 and the girls 111-17.

The lone victory of the day in the three-team competition for the Lions came from the girls' 4x200-meter relay team of juniors Sienna Lowe and Athena Morehouse, sophomore Audrey Burpee and freshman Noelle Clinkscales. They won their race in 1 minute 59.23 seconds.

It was a good day for those Lion sprinters. Morehouse and sophomore Amira Felder both had their personal record runs in the 100-meter dash and Lowe had her best time of the season in that race.

Burpee ran to a runner-up time of 54.44 seconds in the 300-meter low hurdles and she was second in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 4 inches. Clinkscales had her top long jump yet flying 13-8.5 and finishing in third place overall.

The Lion boys' team had freshman Gavin Swift score a runner-up mark of 17-9.5 in the long jump. Also in the field, senior Skyler Cook had a personal record throw of 108-0 in the discus to finish in fourth place.

Lion freshman Kelvin Nevins-Davis placed second in the boys' 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 43.89 and third in the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.68.

The 100-meter dash was the fastest yet for the Lion guys too with all four competitors setting a new PR. Senior Jeremiah Penny led the way with a time of 12.30 that had him fourth overall followed by juniors Dayton Hillard, Iziah Hall and Tyrese Robinson-El.

Penny was also the Lion leader in the 200-meter dash, placing fourth in 24.96.

The Maple Valley boys swept the scoring spots in their dual with the Stockbridge boys. Robinson-El got the win in that one in the shot put with a mark of 37-6.

The Lion ladies swept the top three long jump spots in the dual with Stockbridge. Clinkscales led the way with junior Izabelle Soper second and sophomore Amira Felder fifth.

Maple Valley goes to Concord for its MHSAA Division 4 Regional meet Friday, May 16, and then will be at Quincy May 21 for the Big 8 Conference Meet.

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.

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, Michigan, starting promptly at One o'clock in the afternoon on 5th day of June, 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.

The mortgage was made by BENJAMIN WILLIAMS and ASHLEY WILLIAMS, husband and wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated February 10, 2020, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Barry County, Michigan on February 14, 2020, as Instrument No. 2020-001607, as partially released by a partial release of mortgage dated February 12, 2021, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Barry County, Michigan on February 19, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-002163 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 17/100 Dollars ($238,915.17). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Woodland, County of Barry, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Parcel 1: That parcel of land lying and being South of the highway in the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 4 North, Range 7 West, Woodland Township, Barry County, Michigan.

Parcel 2: The Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 4 North, Range 7 West, Woodland Township, Barry County, Michigan.

Parcel 3: Beginning at the North 1/4 post of Section 8, Town 4 North, Range 7 West, Woodland Township, Barry County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds East, 208.71 feet along the North line of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 19 seconds East 417.42 feet parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 21 minutes 48 seconds West 208.71 feet to said North and South 1/4 line; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 19 seconds West 417.42 feet along said 1/4 line to the place of beginning.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 6400 Brown Road, Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849
P.P. #08-15-005-300-05 (parcel 1) 08-15-008-100-02 (Parcel 2); 08-15-008-200-07 (Parcel 3)

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises 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: May 1, 2025
GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee

Timothy Hillegonds
WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP
150 Ottawa Avenue NW
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487
(616) 752-2000

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As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Nine and 38/100 Dollars ($104,679.38). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE 2025-30100-DE
Hon. William M. Doherty

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

Estate of Frederick W. Johnston, Deceased. Date of birth: August 16, 1953.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frederick W. Johnston, died November 16, 2024.

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

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE 2025-30050-DE
Hon. William M. Doherty

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

Estate of James R. Wiswell and the James R. Wiswell Trust. Date of birth: May 22, 1937.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James R. Wiswell, died November 14, 2024.

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

Date: May 9, 2025
Stephanie S. Fekkes P43549
Rhoades McKee
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269-945-1921
Thomas H. Wiswell
c/o Rhoades McKee
607 N. Broadway, Ste. A, Hastings, MI 49058
269-945-1921

NOTICE: SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Barry County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications from volunteers to serve on the following Boards:

Barry County Conservation Easement Board – 1 real estate/develop interest, partial term; 1 Township designee, partial term – must be a resident of a township and willing to have the township board nominate them to the position. This is an annual appointment.

Mental Health Authority Board – 1 partial term, preference with lived experience in mental health diagnosis and/or substance use disorder

Applications may be obtained at the County Administration Office, 3rd floor of the Courthouse, 220 W. State St., Hastings; or www.barrycounty.org under the tab: How do I apply for: An Advisory Board or Commission and click to display the application. Applications must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday June 2, 2025**. Contact 269-945-1284 for more information.

City of Hastings

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Hastings will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to accept written and/or oral comments from the public regarding the establishment of an industrial development district. The proposed district will consist of parcel number 08-55-265-026-20 located on E Enterprise Drive within the City of Hastings.

Questions and comments about the plan may be directed to the City Manager, Sarah Moyer-Cale, by calling 269-945-2468 or by email at smoyercale@hastingsmi.gov.

The City will provide necessary reasonable aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon five days' notice to the City Clerk 269-945-2468 or via email at lperin@hastingsmi.gov.

Linda Perin
City Clerk

Panthers add a few impressive PRs at Gobles Invite

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Delton Kellogg boys finished in a tie for sixth and the girls were 12th as they competed in the Gobles Invitational Friday.

Delton Kellogg sophomore Landon Madden cut eight tenths of a second from his previous personal record in the 400-meter dash to win the race Friday evening with a time of 51.66 seconds. He beat out Bridgman senior Andrew Mabry by a little over a second in the race.

Maple Valley was a part of the meet too and the Lions got a great performance from senior Jeremiah Penny in that race. He set his PR at 53.69 while placing fourth. It was a good day to run. Of the 12 fastest guys in that race, nine of them set a new PR.

Madden added a fourth-place time of 17.39 in the 110-meter hurdles for the Panthers. He was just behind Maple Valley freshman Kelvin Nevins-Davis in that race. Nevins-Davis turned in a third-place time of 17.25 and also placed third in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 43.18. DK junior Carter Lynch added a seventh-place finish in the 110 hurdles and freshman teammate Ryan Sinclair was eighth in the 300 hurdles with a PR of 45.35.

Nevins-Davis added a third-place leap of 5 feet 11 inches in the high jump for the Lion boys' team that finished in a tie for tenth on the day.

In the field, Panther sophomore Evan Fleser was seventh in both the shot put and the discus. He set his PR at 107 feet 3 inches in the discus. He put up a mark of 37-9.25 in the shot put. Maple Valley had junior Andrew Phenix place eighth in that discus competition with a throw of 104-1.

The pole vault and the long jump were strong events for the DK team too. Junior Nick Muday set his PR at 12-6 to place third in the pole vault and senior teammate Ezra Smith improved his PR to 11-0 to place fourth.

In the long jump, DK junior Tyler Howland extended his PR to 19-5 to place fourth and senior teammate Wyatt Finney was sixth with a leap of 19-2.5.

In the girls' meet, Delton Kellogg senior Kylie Main kept cutting time in the 3200-meter run. She placed sixth with a PR of 13:23.15 and she also had a third-place time of 5:58.03 in the 1600-meter run.

The Maple Valley girls were 16th in the field of 20 girls' teams on the day, and one of the Lions' top finishes on the track came in that 1600 where junior Izabelle Soper turned in a time of 6:26.03 that placed her seventh.

The top finish on the track for the Maple Valley girls came from sophomore Audrey Burpee who was fourth in the 300-meter low hurdles with a PR of 51.69. Right behind her, DK junior Izabelle Gruber finished with a PR of 51.94 that put her in sixth place.

The DK girls boosted their score in the high jump with junior Lily DeVries fifth clearing 4-8 and senior Mia Kohlen seventh clearing 4-5. Burpee added the eighth-place points for the Lions by clearing 4-5 too.

DK also had sophomore Brynlee Babbitt-Smith seventh in the long jump with a mark of 14-1.5 and sophomore Makayla Lutz eighth in the pole vault clearing 6-6.

It was Southwestern Athletic Conference squads at the top of the day's final standings. Saugatuck beat out Kalamazoo Christian 90-65.5 at the top of the boys' point totals. Gobles won the girls' meet with 101 points with Kalamazoo Christian second with 76 points.

Most of the teams from the meet will head out to their Division 3 and 4 regional meets this weekend. The DK teams are at Bangor for their Division 3 Regional today, May 15. Maple Valley teams go to Concord for their Division 4 Regional Friday, May 16.

Charlotte rallies late to walk it off against Saxons in opener

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Hastings built an 11-4 lead with four runs in the top of the sixth inning of a non-conference doubleheader at Charlotte Thursday, but the Oriole varsity baseball team rallied for two runs in the home half of the inning and then walked things off with six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Orioles went on to sweep the doubleheader taking a 13-0 win in game two.

Saxon lead-off hitter Spencer Wilkins was 2-for-3 at the plate in that opener with two runs scored, a RBI and a walk. Hastings had a seven-hit attack in all. Hunter Tomlinson had a single and a triple for the Saxons, walked once and he scored two runs.

Hastings also got hits from Grady Reed, Tyler Frazer and Jett Nofz. Reed drove in four runs on the day. Dustin Lampart did a solid job getting on base. He walked three times. Tomlinson and Wilkins both had two stolen bases and the Saxons had seven as a team.

The Saxon defense did make four errors which helped the Orioles to six unearned runs in the ballgame.

Frazer stared on the mound and went 6.1 innings. He walked six, struck out two and allowed just four hits. He was charged with ten runs though (six earned). Scott Sanders was hit with the loss in relief.

The only Saxon hits in game two were singles by Gilbert and Wilkins.

It has been a tough stretch since then. Grand Rapids Catholic Central took 15-0 and 11-0 wins over the Saxons in Grand Rapids Saturday. Marshall hosted the Saxons for an Interstate-8 Athletic Conference doubleheader Tuesday and scored 16-1 and 15-3 wins that move the Saxons' conference record to 0-8 so far this spring.

I-8 still tough, but Saxons win thriller at Saturday tourney

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Marshall took two victories over the visiting Hastings varsity girls' softball team in Interstate-8 Athletic Conference action Tuesday.

The RedHawks knocked off the Saxons 17-1 and 15-0 in their two conference ballgames, dropping the Saxon record to 0-8 in the conference so far this season.

Zoey Bennett and Annemarie Allerding had the two Saxon hits in game one. Allerding delivered a two-out single through the left side to place the Saxons' lone run in the top of the second inning.

Both ballgames were three-inning contests.

Hastings split two ballgames at the Fruitport tournament Saturday taking a 16-14 win over Comstock Park before a 12-0 loss to the host Trojans.

The Saxons smacked ten hits in that win over Comstock Park and won with an onslaught in the top of the seventh inning that saw them score 11 runs. Comstock Park had a 13-5 lead going into the final inning.

A few Panther errors helped the Saxons keep the inning going. Lily Dingena delivered a two-run double into left that got the Saxons within 13-12 with one out, and a ground ball from Bennett scored Allerding from third to tie the game.

Dingena was then left on third with two out and the game tied. Kylee Bosworth was hit by a pitch to put two on with two out, and Greenfield delivered a double through the left side that scored them both and pushed the Saxons into the lead. A RBI single from Liv Buehler added one more run to the Saxon tally before the Panthers got out of the inning.

Comstock Park struck for one run in the bottom of the seventh to get within two, but Bosworth handled a Comstock Park bunt to get the second out of the inning with a runner advancing to third and then got a fly out into right that Greenfield hauled in to clinch the win.

Buehler had a huge game going 4-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI. Greenfield and Bosworth had two hits each. Dingena and Bennett had one hit apiece and Dingena walked twice in the lead-off spot too. Eight different Saxons had at least one run batted in. Meredith Ansorge and Dingena drove in two runs each.

Bosworth and Allerding shared the pitching duties in the win.

The offensive explosion didn't carry over into the contest with Fruitport through. A single by Victoria Tack was the lone hit in the five-inning loss to the Trojans.

BARRY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, MEDICATION COLLECTION, AND *FREE TIRE DROP-OFF

Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.
Barry County Fairgrounds, 1350 N. M-37 Hwy.

Household Hazardous Waste Including aqueous acids and bases; oil-based paints; reactives; solvents; aerosol cans; automotive liquids; pesticides (liquids and solids); automotive batteries; alkaline, nickel-cadmium and/or silver oxide batteries; liquid cleaners; heavy metal solutions; mercury-containing articles; motor oil.



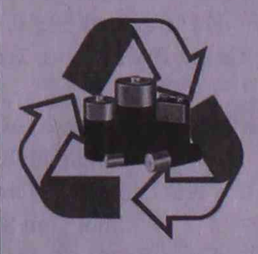
Limit of 10 gallons per vehicle

Electronics including computers, cell phones, laptops, gaming systems, tablets, and more will be collected for no charge.

There is a suggested donation of $10 for all CRT and LCD TVs and monitors (cash or check only).

FREON CONTAINING DEVICES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

See www.barrycountyrecycles.org for details.



We Cannot Accept: asbestos; latex paint (when dry it can go to the landfill); propane tanks; commercially generated waste; radioactive material; explosives; unknown wastes; speakers in wooden cases; tires heavily caked with dirt.

Medications need to be in their original containers with the name of the drug clearly labeled. Cross out any personal information on the containers.

Help keep your home, environment and community safe

DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICATIONS SAFELY

Don't pour paint, solvent, medicine, automotive oil, or chemicals down the drain or dump them in the trash where they may end up in our drinking water and lakes!





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LIMIT OF 10 TIRES PER CAR

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BARRY COUNTY

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elliot L. Hall, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 11, 2020 and recorded December 21, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020-014189 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Four and 84/100 Dollars ($230,704.84).

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 JUNE 12, 2025.

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

LOTS 34 AND 35, FINEVIEW ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 52, BARRY COUNTY RECORDS.

115 Sweetheart Ln, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

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: May 15, 2025
File No. 25-005804
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(05-15)(06-05)

HHS girls even I-8 mark at 3-3 with pair of victories

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Hastings girls closed out the season of Interstate-8 Athletic Conference varsity track and field duals with back-to-back wins over Jackson Northwest and Marshall.

The Saxon boys and girls head to Williamston for their MHSAA Division 2 Regional Friday, and then get together with the Interstate-8 for the conference championship meet Tuesday at Harper Creek High School in Battle Creek.

The 92-80 win over Marshall on the road Monday puts the Hastings girls at 3-3 in conference duals this season.

The Marshall girls won all four relay races, but the Hastings girls won seven of the eight individual races on the track. Sophomore distance runner Caroline Randall took three wins for the Saxons thanks to times of 5 minutes 39.59 seconds in the 1600-meter run, 2:38.78 in the 800-meter run and 11:56.26 in the 3200-meter run.

Freshman Lilly Randall won a pair of sprints taking the 400-meter dash in 1:06.54 and the 200-meter dash in 29.24 seconds. Saxon sophomore Ember Twiss was the runner-up in that 200 with a personal record time of 29.32 and she also won the 100-meter dash in 13.97.

Saxon sophomore Bella Friddle set a personal record in the 300-meter low hurdles to win that race in 50.45 seconds, and she swept her way through her field events with a PR of 17 feet 3.75 inches in the long jump, a winning height of 9-0 in the pole vault and a winning leap of 5-5 in the high jump.

Her big sister, junior Olivia Friddle, was the runner-up in the pole vault clearing 8-0 and the Saxon girls swept the four scoring places in that event with freshmen Bella Strimback and Jayden Evans both clearing 6-6.

Olivia Friddle also won the shot put with a mark of 32-3 and she was the runner-up in the discus with a throw of 92-0. Saxon senior Zoe Watson was third in both of those events while Marshall senior Jantonia Grey set a PR of 97-2 to win the discus and also had a PR of 28-2 to place second to Olivia in the shot put.

Zikarra Warner had a strong day on the track for the Hastings girls too with PRs in the 800-meter run and the 400-meter dash. She was fourth in the 400 and third in the 800.

Saxon sophomore Chloe Pirtle was third in the 1600 and also placed second in the 100-meter hurdles. That 100-meter hurdle race was the only individual race the RedHawks took with junior Maura Young winning in 18.18. Pirtle added a fourth-place time in the 300 hurdles too.

The Marshall boys took a 118-54 win over the Hastings guys in their dual.

The pole vault was the top event for the Hastings boys with junior Isaac Lilley winning by clearing the bar at 12-0. Sophomores Liam Renner and Maverik Peake were second and third respectively, both clearing 11-6 which was two feet higher than any of the day's other competitors.

In the field, the Hastings boys also got a big PR from junior Odin Twiss who won the shot put with a mark of 45-4.

The mile was the top race on the track for the Hastings boys. Senior Brandon Simmons won it in 4:45.97 and senior teammate Micah Johnson was second in 4:54.99.

The Saxons closed the night with the team of sophomore Logan Kimmel, Peake, freshman Ian Grundy and junior Balian Marlette winning the 4x400-meter relay in 3:51.39.

Marlette had a PR of 19-.5 in the long jump to earn a tie for second in that event, and sophomore Caleb Kramer ran his fastest 110-meter high hurdles (18.11) and 300-meter intermediate hurdles (46.52) races ever to place third in both of those races. Teammate Cardale Winebrenner was the runner-up in that 110 hurdles race.

Marshall sophomore Zach Hudson won both the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300 hurdles on the day. He was one of two RedHawk guys to win two individual races on the track. Senior Jack Bidwell took the 400-meter dash in a PR of 52.08 and then won the 3200-meter run in 10:18.00, beating out Simmons and Johnson who were second and third in that 3200.

Brison Brewer, a junior, won two field events for the Marshall boys. He took the long jump with a PR of 20-6.5 and he won the high jump by clearing 5-10.

Last Thursday, the Hastings girls took a 111-43 win over Jackson Northwest while the boys were downed 87-75 by the Mounties.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BARRY COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The Barry County Road Commission is offering for sale (8) pickups: (5) 2024 GMC 2500HD Crew Cab SLE pickup, (2) 2024 GMC 3500HD Crew Cab SRW pickup, (1) 2024 3500HD Crew Cab DRW pickup.

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 10:30 AM, Tuesday, May 27, 2025 for the following items. Please mark outside of bid envelope with truck number i.e. #240020 or #240080.

Specifications and additional information may be obtained at the Road Commission Office at the above phone number or at our website www.barrycrc.org., please make an appointment for all viewings of the trucks. NOTE: All trucks are sold as is.

(5) 2024 GMC 2500HD Crew Cab SLE Pickups
4WD Duramax Diesel, Allison Transmission
Air, Cruise, PW & Locks, Remote Start, Heated Mirrors

1-Redwood Metallic Truck #240020 – Orange Title – approx. 27,000 Miles – Minimum Bid $55,500
1-Cardinal Red Truck #240060 – Orange Title – approx. 17,000 Miles – Minimum Bid $55,500
1-Titanium Rush Truck #240070 – Orange Title – approx. 12,000 Miles – Minimum Bid $55,500
1-Sterling Metallic Truck #240120 – Orange Title – approx. 22,000 Miles – Minimum Bid $55,500
1-Black Onyx Truck #240140 – Orange Title – approx. 19,000 Miles – Minimum Bid $55,500

2024 GMC 3500HD Crew Cab SLE SRW w/ BOSS 8-10' EXT Plow
4WD Duramax Diesel, Allison Transmission
Air, Cruise, PW & Locks, Remote Start, Heated Mirrors
1-Sterling Metallic Truck #240260 – Orange Title – approx. 12,000 Miles – Minimum Bid $63,000 with plow; $57,000 w/o plow
1-Onyx Black Truck #240270 – Orange Title – approx. 13,000 Miles – Minimum Bid $63,000 with plow, $57,000 w/o plow

(1) 2024 GMC 3500HD Crew Cab SLE DRW w/ BOSS 8-10' EXT Plow
4WD Duramax Diesel, Allison Transmission
Air, Cruise, PW & Locks, Remote Start, Heated mirrors
Summit White Truck #230370- Orange Title – approx. 16,000 Miles
Minimum Bid: $64,000 with plow; $58,000 w/o plow

NOTE: All mileages are approximate – trucks are being driven until they are sold.
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The board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive irregularities in the best interest of the Commission.

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 May 29, 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): Jon E Benson, a married man joined by spouse Kim Benson

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Village Capital & Investment LLC

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 24, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $226,726.57

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Prairieville, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 1North, Range 10 West, described as beginning at the point on the East line of said Section 24, which lies 420.53 feet due North of the Southeast corner of said Section 24, thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes West 264 feet; thence due North 145 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes East 264 feet; thence due

South 145 feet to the place of beginning

Common street address (if any): 13932 S M 43 Hwy, Delton, MI 49046-8406

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: May 1, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1559700 (05-01) (05-22)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BARRY COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, 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 May 22, 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): Aaron Poritt, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Neighborhood Loans, Inc. Date of mortgage: June 10, 2022 Recorded on August 3, 2022, in Document No. 2022-008250, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three and 04/100 Dollars ($136,853.04) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Barry County, and described as: A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 3 North, Range 8 West, described as: beginning at a point 1554.5 feet West of the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 26, said point of beginning being on the North line of State Highway M-79 and said point also being on the Southwest Corner of land previously deeded to school district number 2; thence West along said North line of said Highway M-79, 153 feet; thence North at right angles to said Highway M-79, 130 feet; thence East parallel with said Highway M-79, 153 feet; thence South at right angles to said Highway M-79, 130 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 2987 Dusty Ln, Hastings, MI 49058 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. 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. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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SPORTS

Trojan tennis in three-way tie for second at Gold tourney

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity girls' tennis team closed its first season in the reworked OK Gold Conference with a runner-up finish at the conference tournament last Thursday, May 7.

South Christian won the conference tournament with 16 points. Northview, TK and West Catholic all finished tied for second with 12 points ahead of Wayland with 11, Wyoming 1 and Grand Rapids Union 0.

The Trojan second doubles team of sophomores Molly Alden and Cayla Brouwer had the team's top finish placing second at their flight. They took a default win over Grand Rapids Union and pulled out a 7-6(4), 6-3 win over the West Catholic duo of freshman Olivia Marti and sophomore Sydney Kesterke in the semifinals.

Alden and Brouwer also pushed the South Christian second doubles team to three sets in the championship match with the Sailor team of senior Maddie Bultsma and freshman Jill Zondervan eventually scoring a 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 win.

Trojan junior Jordan Pranger had a third-place finish at second singles where she knocked off Northview senior Ava Leonardis 6-0, 6-4 in the match for third.

TK also got a third-place finish from the third doubles team of sophomore Carli Ogle and junior Ava Zellmer. They defeated West Catholic freshmen Mia Palachecki and Ashley Kurner in the match for third 6-4, 6-1.

TK was set to head to Byron Center for its MHSAA Division 2 Regional Wednesday, May 14.

Hastings honors coach Schoessel, keeps win-streak going



The Hastings varsity girls' soccer team honors former head coach Tim Schoessel before its non-conference match on Pierce Field Monday. Schoessel stepped aside after a couple decades working with the Hastings boys' and girls' programs after last season. **Photo by Jayson Bussa**

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Hastings varsity girls' soccer team honors former head coach Tim Schoessel for his service to the program before the team's win over Sturgis on Pierce Field Monday.

Schoessel coached the Saxon JV boys' team from 2009 to 2015 and took over the Saxon varsity from 2016 to 2020. He led the Saxon girls' program from 2013 through 2024.

Current Saxon girls' head coach Megan Deal is one of his former players, who assisted in the program under her former head coach, and Schoessel has enjoyed having a number of his former players return to help lead in the program over the years.

"He will do anything for anybody no matter if it is soccer related or not," Deal said, "and I am extremely grateful for being able to play for him, being able to have coached under him, coached with him. I have learned so much for him, words can not describe how grateful I am, and the girls are to have learned from him."

The Saxons selected a good moment to honor its former mentor. The Hastings girls beat the Sturgis Trojans 3-0 to push a current win streak to three games. The Saxons scored back-to-back Interstate-8 Athletic Conference wins last week knocking off Pennfield 5-1 Wednesday and then pulling out a 1-0 win over Coldwater Thursday.

Junior Dez Mathis scored all three goals for the Saxons in the win over Sturgis. It is no coincidence that the current win streak has coincided with the return of Mathis and Kalli Koning from injuries that kept them sideline throughout a big chunk of the spring.

"The girls understood how much that they did on the field, and for them to be gone they really needed to step up," Deal said. "Alyson Miller was one of those girls. She was our forward and she scored most of our goals while they were gone. Bella Kensington really stepped up on defense, taking the ball and working it to get it up to Allison and our forwards.

Mathis also earned an assist, pushing forward and getting a ball across to teammate Hannah Sorensen who scored in the final five minutes of the Saxons' win over Coldwater last week.

Deal said she's going to work late this week to get her team refreshed and refocused before Monday's district opener. She said her girls are getting a little burnt out and she has ten seniors who are ready to graduate. The Saxons have plans for a team bonding day today.

The Hastings girls had a tough conference finale on the slate for Wednesday, May 14, at Marshall. The state postseason begins Monday when Hastings goes to Plainwell for an MHSAA Division 2 district opener. Game time Monday is set for 6 p.m.

G-A takes two in SAC Central from DK baseball squad

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Galesburg-Augusta varsity baseball swept its doubleheader with visiting Delton Kellogg Tuesday in Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division play.

The Rams took a 10-2 win in the opener breaking things open a bit with four runs in the bottom of the sixth. The Rams also scored four times in the bottom of the first and led throughout the ballgame.

The three Delton Kellogg hits in the ballgame were all singles, one each for Keegan Hill, Gauge Stampfler and Jordyn Jones.

Stampfler started on the mound and tossed four innings. He allowed five runs, two earned, on three hits and five walks. He struck out three. Brock Hickerson came on to toss the final two innings in relief.

The Rams won game two 5-1, outhitting the Panthers 8-3. The three DK hits were singles by Dylan Fichtner, Elliott Rogers and Stampfler. Mitchell Swift brought home the Panthers' lone run with a sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh.

Owen Rogers, Hill and Easton Reynolds handled the pitching duties for DK.

The Panthers are now 5-4 in SAC Central ballgames this spring. They were not yet able to complete their second contests with Gobles.

The Panthers suffered a 15-0 loss in a non-conference ballgame at Gull Lake Saturday.

Panther softball picks up pair of lopsided wins at G-A

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Panthers earned a pair of big wins at Galesburg-Augusta Tuesday.

The Delton Kellogg varsity softball team scored 18-1 and 13-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division wins over the Rams. Delton Kellogg combined 16 walks with six hits and seven Ram errors to score their 18-1 win in game one.

Jalin Lyons and Jill Brandli both tripled once for the Panthers and Lillie Steele and Olivia Post both doubled once. The other DK hits were singles by Madelynn Palmer and Lana Hooker. Post had a team-high three RBIs and Palmer drove in two runs.

Every DK girl in the line-up walked at least once. Lyons walked three times in the lead-off spot for her team. She finished with three runs scored and an RBI.

Madison Muskovin got the pitching victory for DK. She struck out ten, walked two and allowed one unearned run on three hits in her six innings in the circle.

DK took game two 13-1.

Paige Davis was 2-for-4 at the plate with a triple and three runs scored in that one. Post was 1-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Steele and Palmer had the other two DK hits. Brandli had two RBIs and Hooker and Lyons also drove in runs.

Palmer pitched and earned the five-inning, complete game win. She struck out three, walked five and allowed two hits.

Matteson ties for second at jamboree at Lake Cora

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Schoolcraft edged out Delton Kellogg/Martin on a tie-breaker to finish in the number three spot at the Southwestern Athletic Conference Valley Division jamboree hosted by Lawton at Lake Cora Hills Golf Course Tuesday.

Kalamazoo Christian took the day's victory with an overall score of 156. Hackett Catholic shot a 162 and Schoolcraft and DK/Martin both put up scores of 165. Constantine finished fifth with a score of 183 ahead of Lawton 187 and Parchment 205.

Sophomore Grady Matteson shot a one-over-38 to lead the DK/Martin team and finish second overall individually. He opened his day with a birdie on 10 and closed his day with a birdie on 18.

DK/Martin got a 42 from junior Carter Brickley, a 44 from junior Tyler Howland and a 51 from junior Gabe Smoczynski.

Hackett junior Justin Tyler was the only guy better than Matteson on the day. He shot an even-par-37. Kalamazoo Christian senior Ian Tuin and sophomore Brixton Devries both shot a 38 to match Matteson's score. Schoolcraft was led by a 39 from freshman Ethan Demaso.

The SAC Valley gets together again for the conference championship tournament at Beeches Golf Club Tuesday, May 20.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE 25-30110-DE
Court address: 206 West Court Street, Ste. 302, Hastings, MI 49058

Estate of Joel H. Rogers Sr. Date of birth: 11/28/1928

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Joel H. Rogers, Sr., died 11/12/2023.

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

Date: 5/12/2025
Diane K. Peters P52818
905 W. Michigan Avenue
Marshall, MI 49068
269-248-6500
Bonnie J. Vallance
519 South Shore Drive
Battle Creek, MI 49014
269-986-3073

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate

Judith A. Becker ("Decedent"). Date of Decedent's Birth: April 6, 1939. Name of Trust: Judith A. Becker Trust dated February 2, 2010.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Judith A. Becker died March 11, 2025. There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent, Decedent's estate, and/or Decedent's trust(s) will be forever barred unless presented to Trustee, John G. Veenstra, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: April 28, 2025

Douglas J. Brackmann (P-40885)
Wesseling & Brackmann P.C.
6439 28th Avenue
Hudsonville, Michigan 49426
(616) 669-8185

John G. Veenstra
1426 - 132nd Avenue
Hopkins, Michigan 49328

NOTICE
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, on June 12, 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Christopher Dale Rhodes, Jr. Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Sovereign Lending Group Incorporated, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: Nationstar Mortgage LLC Date of Mortgage: January 16, 2021 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 4, 2021 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $106,396.26 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Village of Nashville, Barry County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 98 feet of Lot(s) 80 and the West 98 feet of the North 23 feet of Lot 79 of Village of Nashville according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plat, Page 10 of Barry County Records. Commonly Known as: 210 N Queen St., Nashville, MI 49073 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act 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 Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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 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: 05/15/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 320742

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Douglas Cisler and Debra Cisler, husband and wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 31, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 23, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $244,681.09

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Thornapple, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Unit No. 6 in Thornapple Hills Site Condominium, according to the Master Deed as recorded in Liber 560, Page 416, and amendments thereto, Barry County Records, and designated as Barry County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 5; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Common street address (if any): 4191 Thornapple Hills Dr # 6, Middleville, MI 49333-9162

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

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

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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 15, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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Doubles wins get Saxons a draw with Pilgrims at quad

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Saxons took the four doubles flights at Lakewood High School. The Pilgrims took the four singles flights at Ionia High School.

That left the Hastings and Lansing Christian varsity girls' tennis teams in a 4-4 deadlock at the end of the Lakewood Quad Saturday. Both teams were 2-0-1 in their three duals Saturday. Hastings also took a 6-2 win over the host Vikings and knocked off Comstock Park 6-2.

Both the Saxons and the Pilgrims had opportunities to snap their tie. The second and third singles matches and the third doubles match were all decided with super tiebreakers after the girls split their first two sets at those flights.

The Saxons got a victory in that third doubles match with the freshman duo of Lillian Edger and Lilly Randall outscoring Pilgrim sophomores Madeline Seifferlein and Esther Lee 7-5, 5-7, (10-8).

The top doubles flight featured a couple close sets too, with Saxon senior Isabel Gee and junior Lauren Gee outscoring the Pilgrim team of seniors Leah Klan and Isabella Stephenson 7-5, 6-3.

Sophomore Sophia Haywood and senior Ella Ferguson teamed up at second doubles to earn a 6-1, 6-4 win for the Saxons over Lansing Christian senior Layla Izzat and junior Carly Crawford.

At fourth doubles, the Hastings team of junior Alyssa Morton and senior Jordan Milanowski beat Lansing Christian senior Allison Luginbill and junior Leecy Dittmer 6-4, 6-2.

At second singles, Saxon senior Lilyah Solmes took a 6-1 win in her first set with Lansing Christian freshman Evelyn Maher, but Maher bounced back for a 6-4 win in set two and then took the super tiebreaker 10-8.

Things were flipped at third singles where Saxon sophomore Alexa Lilley fell in the first set of her third singles match with Lansing Christian junior Sophia Nelson 6-1, but then rallied for a 6-1 win of her own in set two. Ultimately, Nelson took a 13-11 win in a super tiebreaker to earn the team point.

The Pilgrims' sophomore first singles player Julie Ivkovich took a 6-4, 6-1 win over the Saxons' Madison Deal and at fourth singles Pilgrim senior Avery Hartzler beat Saxon junior Gracie Wilson 6-4, 6-1.

The Hastings doubles teams were all 4-0 for the day with wins over Lakewood and Comstock Park too.

Against Lakewood, the Saxons also got singles wins from Deal and Lilley. Deal had a great battle with Lakewood junior Emma Duffy, coming from behind to take the win. Duffy won the first set 6-4, and then Deal came back to win set two 6-3. The Saxon senior eventually ended the match with a 10-7 win in a super tiebreaker.

At third singles, Lilley outscored Lakewood sophomore Hayden Bump 6-0, 7-5.

Lakewood got its two points thanks to wins from sophomore Lillian Fetterhoff at second singles and junior Aubrey Zinn at number four.

All four Saxon doubles teams beat their Lakewood opponents in straight sets.

Deal also pulled out a close 7-5, 6-4 win over Comstock Park's top player to finish a 2-1 day. Lilley was 2-1 for the day with a 7-6(6), 6-0 win over her opponent from Comstock Park too.

Fetterhoff and Bump had wins for the Vikings in their 6-2 loss to Lansing Christian, with Bump rallying after falling 6-1 in the first set against the Pilgrims' Nielsen. Bump took the second set in a tiebreaker 7-6(2) and then won a super tiebreaker in that one 10-6.

Duffy also played into a super tiebreaker in that one with Ivkovich, with the Pilgrims' top player eventually pulling out a 3-6, 6-2, (10-1) win.

Hastings heads to Paw Paw Friday, May 16, for its MHSAA Division 3 Regional Tournament and then will be at Parma Western Monday for the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference Championship.

Hastings saw its I-8 record fall to 2-3 with an 8-0 loss to the Coldwater girls in Hastings Tuesday afternoon. The Coldwater girls won all four flights in straight sets. The closest battle of the afternoon was at fourth doubles where the Saxon team of Morton and sophomore Audrey Acker was downed 6-3, 6-3.

The Lakewood girls are at Hillsdale today, May 15, for their MHSAA Division 4 Regional Tournament.

The Vikings were a part of their Capital Area Activities Conference White Division Championship at Portland last Thursday, May 8, and placed fourth in the day's standings. Portland won with 15 points ahead of Lansing Catholic 14, Eaton Rapids 9, Lakewood 8, Ionia 6 and Charlotte 4.

Duffy won the second singles championship by outscoring Eaton Rapids sophomore Anna Steffen 6-2, 6-0 and Lansing Catholic freshman Ava Jacobs 6-3, 6-2.

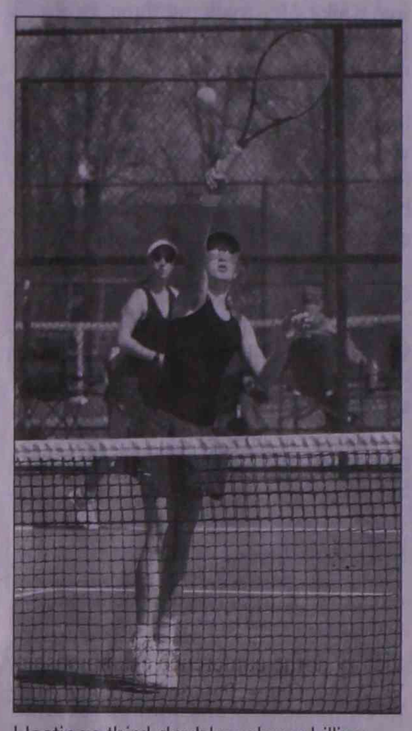
Fetterhoff and Bump both had one victory in two matches in their third and fourth singles flights.

On the doubles side, the Viking second doubles team of seniors Alana Cappon and Andie Cavanaugh teamed up to go 1-1 on the day, the third doubles team of senior Elsey Yeiter and junior Kenzie Everett was 1-1, and the fourth doubles team of seniors Bella Bossenbroek and Maddy Hubbell also went 1-1.

Lakewood had a couple more regional tune-ups this week finishing in a 4-4 tie with Greenville Monday and scoring an 8-0 win over Pennfield Tuesday as the Viking line-up continued its shuffling.

In the sweep of Pennfield, the Vikings had senior Abby Pickard at first singles, Fetterhoff at second singles, Bump at third singles and senior Isabella Lance at fourth singles all score wins. Pickard, Duffy, Fetterhoff and Bump had the fourth singles wins in the tie with Greenville.

At the conference championship it was Zinn in the top flight for the Vikings with Duffy at two, Fetterhoff at three and Bump at four singles.



Hastings third doubles player Lillian Edger stretches for an overhead volley in front of teammate Lilly Randall during their win over Lansing Christian Saturday at the Lakewood Quad.



Hastings senior first doubles player Isabel Gee reaches for a volley during her win with partner Lauren Gee over the top doubles team from Lansing Christian Saturday during the Lakewood Quad at Lakewood High School.
Photos by Brett Bremer

RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION AT JUNE 4, 2025 MEETING

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on June 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rutland Charter Township Hall located at 2461 Heath Road, within the Charter Township of Rutland, Barry County, Michigan. The items to be considered at this public hearing include the following:

1. The application of Shawn Frisbie for special land use permit approval for a warehouse and related office for Denali Custom Homes on the premises commonly known as 2419 West State Road (parcel no. 08-13-011-010-20) zoned ACLI Airport Commercial/Light Industrial District. The Planning Commission will consider this application pursuant to the special land use approval standards specified in §220-20-3.A. of the Rutland Charter Township Code, and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Such other matters as may properly come before the Planning Commission at this meeting; including a site plan for the development specified in the preceding paragraph submitted for review and potential Planning Commission approval at this meeting pursuant to the standards specified in §220-21-5. of the Code.

Written comments concerning the above matters may be mailed to the Rutland Charter Township Clerk at the Rutland Charter Township Hall at any time prior to this public hearing/meeting, and may further be submitted to the Planning Commission at the public hearing/meeting.

The Rutland Charter Township Code, Zoning Map, Master Plan, and the above-referenced special land use application may be examined by contacting the Rutland Charter Township Clerk at the Township Hall during regular business hours on regular business days maintained by the Township offices from and after the publication of this Notice and until and including the day of the hearing/meeting, and further may be examined at the hearing/meeting.

Rutland Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

Robin Hawthorne, Clerk
Rutland Charter Township
2461 Heath Road
Hastings, Michigan 49058
(269) 948-2194

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 June 12, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairieville Township Hall, 10115 S. Norris Rd., Delton MI, 49046 within the Township, as required under the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and the Zoning Ordinance for the Township.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, In addition to participation during an public hearing, members of the public may also provide comments for the 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, Jennifer Copeland, 11043 Austin Ct, Delton, MI, 49046, for a Special Land Use/Site Plan Review to allow for an accessory building on vacant property pursuant to provisions in Section 4.20"Residential Accessory Buildings" of the Prairieville Township Zoning Ordinance. The subject site is an unaddressed parcel located on Austin Ct, Adjacent to 11021 Austin Ct, Delton, MI 49046, Parcel # 08-12-135-007-00 and is currently zoned R1-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 individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' prior notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

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By: Fritz Bork, Chairperson
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1. The application of Michael Webb for special land use permit approval for a greenhouse and open-air business for the sale of produce on the premises commonly known as 490 South M-37 Highway (parcel no. 08-13-014-046-00) zoned MU Mixed Use District. The Planning Commission will consider this application pursuant to §220-9-3.J. and P. of the Rutland Charter Township Code, and the special land use approval standards specified in §220-20-3.A. of the Rutland Charter Township Code, and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
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TK clears every hurdle on its way to another title

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The TK ladies did a little bit of everything to simply dominate the OK Gold Conference Championships Thursday at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids.

Their second consecutive undefeated OK Gold Conference Championship had long been decided when senior Brooklyn Harmon picked up steam coming around the final turn of the 4x400-meter relay race, spurred on by the opportunity to lap a runner in front of her on the final straight away.

The next time Harmon and the Trojans were rounding the final turn it was at the end of a victory lap hoisting the conference championship trophy. The Thornapple Kellogg varsity girls' track and field team, which was a perfect 6-0 in conference duals this spring, outscored runner-up Wayland 206-104 at the top of the standings Thursday.

Harmon led a 1-2-3 sweep of the top spots in the two hurdles races for the Trojans with junior Mia Hilton and freshman Amya Gater in second and third behind her. The TK team had four of the eight point scorers in the 100-meter hurdles and five of the eight in the 300-meter low hurdles. Freshman Addison Rocco was seventh in the 100-meter hurdles and sixth in the 300-meter low hurdles, with fellow freshman Kayla Price seventh in the 300s.

Harmon won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.33 seconds with Hilton second in 16.50 and Gater third in 17.48. Rocco had a time of 22.73. In the 300-meter low hurdles, Harmon won with a time of 46.06. Hilton came in at 46.39 and Gater in 49.17. Rocco (54.88) and Price (55.20) both set new personal records in those 300 hurdles.

"We all really work together and we're super close. So, I feel like we kind of have like a hurdle community at our school and we're always helping each other out," Harmon said. "I would not be where I am today without Mia Hilton. She's one of my like one of my best friends and she's insane, like we push each other to be better every single race and I mean, you saw it and going around the curve [in the 300 hurdles], we were like right next to each other, and like we were conscious of that because we ran at Wayland on Monday and we both ran a huge PR because of each other. I am so thankful that I have her to run with.

"She's the sweetest girl, and she's just like so insane and we push each other to be better. Like, celebrating our wins together is the best part," Harmon added. "That's another thing about like our hurdle community at TK."

Hilton was the runner-up in the 100-meter hurdles Thursday, but only got into the final by the narrowest of margins. She was second in her preliminary heat and finished with the eighth-best time of the prelim's after a crash two thirds of the way through her heat.

"The third to last hurdle my knee gave out, and I like paused because I didn't know what happened," Hilton said.

She hit the hurdle and came closer to going under it than over it. She recovered to get the hurdle down and go over it and then somehow finish her heat behind only her teammate Rocco. While it was a stressful moment, in the end it only helped display how far ahead of the field the TK girls were.

"We all just love like practicing together, and I think it helps that we really like hurdling," Hilton said. "It's just crazy like at practice we just are like bouncing off the walls, and we are just ready to hurdle half the time. We're just getting through the warm up so that we can jump over the hurdles.We help each other a lot with like our blocks and starts, and since Brooklyn's like really good she'll basically coaches us all, and our coaches are amazing too."



Thornapple Kellogg senior Brooklyn Harmon (middle) goes over a hurdle on her way to a victory in the 300-meter low hurdles Friday at the OK Gold Conference Championships at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids. TK teammates Mia Hilton (left), Amya Gater (back right) and Kayla Price (back middle) round the corner behind her, and all four finished in the top eight in the event along with teammate Addison Rocco in another heat. All those points helped the TK ladies to their second straight team championship in the OK Gold. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

Harmon was third in both the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Track and Field Finals in in 2024. She also earned a state medal with the TK 4x400-meter relay team last year along with current teammates Hilton, Payton Gater and her sister Ellie Harmon. An injury kept Brooklyn from competing in the state finals in 2023. Hilton placed eighth at the state finals in the 300 hurdles in 2023 and 2024.

Hilton called the freshman Gater "a beast." Amya broke Hilton's TK freshman record in the 100-meter hurdles this spring and Harmon's freshman record in the 300-meter low hurdles.

Harmon was joined in the 4x400-meter victory at the conference championship by Amya Gater, Payton Gater and Hilton. They had a time of 4 minutes 11.42 seconds

The Trojans ended the day with a relay win and started it with a relay win as senior Ava Crews put on an impressive late charge to chase down the leader from South Christian on the final lap of the 4x800-meter relay to win that one with teammates Alaina McCrumb, Isla Tillema and Madison Kietzman. They finished with a time of 10:24.67 – a little over half a second faster than the South Christian foursome in the race.

That was just the start of a stellar day for the senior Crews who won the 1600-meter run in 5:19.11 and the 3200-meter run in 12:12.47. She added a runner-up time of 2:28.43 in the 800-meter run in between.

The Trojans were chasing the Sailors for much of that 4x800-meter relay.

"Once it came to me, I was just like pushing all the way through trying to slowly catch her," Crews said of South Christian's anchor Tiffany DeMaagd. "And then that last like 200, I caught her to the point where I was like right on her shoulder and I went around her on the outside on that turn and then finished right ahead of her."

That Sailor relay team didn't include junior Chloe Rinzema, who was the only girl to finish in front of Crews all day. She cruised to victory in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:22.45. She also took the 400-meter dash in 58.98, ahead of TK junior Payton Gater's runner-up time of 1:01.05 in that race.

"Pretty awesome, actually," Crews said of her feelings on leaving the meet with three wins. "I was not expecting that after so many injuries throughout the season, but, yeah I came through."

She has dealt with hamstring and calf issues that popped up during her indoor track season this winter. She's not at 100 percent, but that didn't stop her from having her best 4x800 split ever in the relay victory.

Crews said she is pretty pleased with ending her TK running career with back-to-back team conference championships too.

"We have just a really great team, like there is a lot of depth to our team, so a lot of people are contributing. We've got people running just always up front. We've got people in the distance, people in the sprints, people in the hurdles. We just have a really good team and it's been like that for a couple of years now."

The TK sprints got a boost this spring from junior newcomer Jordyn Fitros who scored in both the 100-meter dash (fifth) and the 200-meter dash (fourth) for the Trojans, with senior Emma Dykhouse scoring in the 100 (eighth) to add to her impressive day in the throwing events.



Thornapple Kellogg senior Jacob Draaisma nears the finish line ahead of Northview junior Caleb TeBrake at the end of the 800-meter run Friday during the OK Gold Conference Championship at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids. Draaisma won 800-meter and 1600-meter championships on the day, setting a new PR in both races.

TK had at least two of the eight scorers in all five of the girls' field events, with junior Payton Gater winning the long jump with a mark of 15-6 and Amya placing seventh in that one. Dykhouse set a PR to win the shot put at 36-3 and also had a PR in a fifth-place finish in the discus (92-10). Payton was the runner-up in the high jump, clearing 4-10. Senior Lilly McKeown was third in the shot put (30-7) and seventh in the discus (82-9).

TK sophomore Lydia Slagel put up her PR of 9-0 to finish second in the pole vault for the TK ladies and she was also eighth in the high jump.

Other girls scoring points for the TK

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Thornapple Kellogg senior Ava Crews gets out to the front of the pack early in the 3200-meter run Thursday during the OK Gold Conference Championship at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids. Crews won the race finishing the day as a three-time conference champion this season.

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Panthers doing their best against SAC Valley's best

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Panthers are doing what they can to get through their toughest stretch of the season.

The Delton Kellogg/Martin varsity girls' soccer team is in the middle of a string of games against the top competition in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Valley Division. Kalamazoo Christian, who clinched the SAC Valley Championship with a win over rival Hackett Catholic Prep Monday, was looking to finish off an undefeated SAC Valley season when it played host to the Panthers Monday.

That contest was set to come on the heels of back-to-back losses for the Panthers in SAC Valley play against Allegan and Schoolcraft. Allegan finished off a 6-1 SAC Valley season with a win at Lawton Monday, after beating the Panthers last week. The DK/Martin girls saw Schoolcraft improve to 4-2 in conference play with a 4-0 win in Delton Monday.

Containing the Eagles Monday was made tougher by injuries to senior center defenders Ellyse Blackburn and Natalia Garcia Arrojo sustained in the May 5 contest with Allegan.

With a reworked defense, the Eagles got their first goal in the first minute of the ballgame Monday.

"We were out of sync because we had to play different than we have played all season," Delton Kellogg head coach Alan Mabie said, "and people that haven't played very much or don't have a lot of experience had to be out there because we were missing two players. And when you only have 14 ... so all in all, I don't think we did too bad. I mean, we could tell we were out of sync and didn't really connect on a lot of passes and just kind of were kicking at the ball, and it's kind of what I might have expected, you know, just hopefully that we can learn from this for the next four games."

Coach Mabie did see his outside defenders learning how to handle things in the middle as the game went on. He said he thought junior Piper McArthur was one who really stepped up as the game progressed.

"She got more aggressive and a little better in the second half, and seemed to be going after the ball a little more," Mabie said. "She was very timid in the first half, but in the second half she she started actually going after it and getting a little aggressive, which is what we needed."

The Eagles built a 3-0 lead in the first half and then sealed things with Rowan Talcott shooting a pass into the top of the box from the left side for the Eagles and teammate Izzy Howard deflecting it by DK senior keeper Johanna Houtkooper.

The Panthers packed their defense in. They relied on Houtkooper quite a bit, and she was up to the task of keeping the ball out of her net quite often. She finished the evening with 17 saves, sliding out on oncoming attackers, leaping to her left and her right, stretching over her head to punch balls away and making a fine kick save or two.

On the other end of the field, the Panthers relied on sophomore attacker Claire Barker to try and provide a spark up top mostly on her own, and she was able to create a couple of decent scoring opportunities against the Eagle defensive line. One of the Panthers' best chances to score in the game came in the opening minutes of the second half. Barker and senior Teagan Hamlin put together a nice little give-and-go in the midfield that led to a break in for Barker who had her shot glance off the left post.

"[Schoolcraft has] been having a good season. I mean, they've been doing good for the last couple of years," Mabie said. "So, you know, I'm just glad we're still playing because when we started all we had was 12 players.

"I wasn't sure we'd make it through a whole season or not. We added a couple of bodies and you know, so far so good," he said looking for some wood to knock on.

DK/Martin had its overall record evened at 5-5 with the loss to the Eagles and fell to 2-3 in the SAC Valley with the loss.

The Delton Kellogg girls close the regular season with the SAC Valley finale against Lawton in Delton tonight, May 15, and then will go to Lakewood High School Tuesday, May 21, for the regular season finale. The state postseason starts for DK/Martin with a district opener against Parchment in Delton May 21.



Delton Kellogg/Martin sophomore Claire Barker looks to beat Schoolcraft defender Lotta Groening to the ball during the second half of the Eagles' win in Delton Monday evening. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

TK and South chasing Gold championship Monday

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Trojans got to celebrate on their own senior night Monday in Middleville.

Now they hope they'll get to celebrate on South Christian's senior night next Monday, May 19.

The Thornapple Kellogg girls and the Sailors remained undefeated in OK Gold Conference varsity girls' soccer action heading into their May 14 match-ups. The 8-0-2 Trojans were set to visit Grand Rapids Union Wednesday. The 9-0-1 Sailors were set to take on a Northview team Wednesday that the Trojans just defeated 8-0 Monday.

TK honored senior attacker Madilyn Chivis and senior defender Emma Geukes and their parents during a halftime ceremony inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville Monday and then really picked up their play in the second half to put away the Wildcats early.

Tealy Cross and Alexa Eden scored first-half goals for the Trojans, and then TK scored five times in about 32 minutes in the second half to finish off the Northview girls.

The two first half goals were pretty good ones. An excellent through ball ahead and a well-timed run gave Cross a breakaway chance. Her first shot with her right foot was deflected by the Northview keeper, but a Wildcat defender then tumbled over her keeper and the ball came down to Cross who got the chance to fire it into the open net with her left foot. Eden's goal came on a laser of a shot from the top left of the box a few minutes later.

Chivis was the lone Trojan to finish with multiple goals Monday. She ripped a free kick from about 25 yards out midway through the second half and then fired a corner kick from left to right later that went off the Wildcat keeper's hand and into the net.

TK also got goals from Hailey Lee, Cami Stahl, Ella Fischer and Meghan Skidmore in the second half.

The Trojans moved their overall record to 10-2-2 with their second win of the season over the Wildcats. The contest with South Christian Monday will be the regular season finale.

TK travels to Battle Creek to face Harper Creek in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 2 state tournament next Wednesday, May 21. The Beavers were 11-3 overall this season and 5-0 in the Interstate-8 Athletic Conference heading into their conference finale Wednesday, May 14, at Parma Western.



Thornapple Kellogg senior Madilyn Chivis looks to move the ball ahead in the offensive end as Northview's Isabella Lopez during the second half of the Trojans' 8-0 OK Gold Conference win in Middleville Monday. **Photo by Brett Bremer**



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girls with top eight finishes through the day included sophomore Ellie Harmon, sophomore Leigha Jager, freshman Breanna Schut, sophomore Carmen Reynolds, sophomore Sydney Martin, sophomore Estefani Sanchez Vega, freshman Carissa Caskey, sophomore Kimberlin Zavalza Nava and sophomore Rylee Preston.

South Christian and West Catholic were right behind the Wayland girls in the day's standings. The Sailors were two-points back of the runner-up Wildcats with 102 points. West Catholic was fourth with 100 points ahead of Wyoming 58, Northview 38 and Grand Rapids Union 23.

The TK boys' top finishes came from senior distance runner Jacob Draaisma who set a personal record of 4:25.91 seconds to win the 1600-meter run, won the 800-meter run in 2:00.54, and he also set a PR of 10:14.42 in placing fourth in the 3200-meter run.

This is just Draaisma's second varsity track and field season. He finished 14th in the 800-meter run a year ago at the D2 state finals. He is still sorting out which events he really wants to make a push in for this year's postseason.

"I've just been trying to focus on like having more fun and putting less stress on at the end of the season, especially since I know where I'm going to college now."

He laughed thinking about the fact that he ran his fastest 400 meters ever on the first lap of the 800, and while he didn't PR in that race he knows just how hard he is able to push now. Draaisma came into the season really focused on the 1600 so he is still working out that 800 strategy.

TK senior Kyle Porritt had a runner-up throw of 126-0 in the discus. Junior Luke Archer cleared 11-0 to place third in that event while senior teammate Hunter Tietz upped his PR to 10-0 to place seventh in the vault.

Trojan junior Derious Robinson improved his long jump PR to 19-0.25 to place seventh in that event.

The top relay finish for the TK boys was a fourth-place performance in the 4x200-meter relay by the team of senior Lucas McNabnay, sophomore Elliott Neff, freshman Maddox Vanengen and sophomore Brandan Velting.

Other top eight finishers throughout the day for the TK guys included sophomore Jackson Smith, junior Lucas Ploeg, senior Case Dykhouse, freshman Jackson Hasty, sophomore Elijah Frazer, sophomore Layne Schilthroat and junior Adam Lozada.

The Wayland boys were plenty dominant themselves Thursday winning the boys' meet 181.5 to 140 over runner-up Northview. South Christian was third with 104.5 points ahead of TK 59, West Catholic 52.5, Grand Rapids Union 49 and Wyoming 42.5.

TK heads to Portage Central High School Saturday for its regional meet. The Trojans compete this season on the Division 1 level for the first time.