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Consumers Energy official addresses concerns over Spring Creek solar project



Preparation work is underway at the site of the Spring Creek solar energy project in Johnstown Township. Consumers Energy community affairs representative Gregory Moore said officials for the power company plan to be back in the township to answer questions at upcoming meetings and community events. **Photo by Molly Macleod**

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

Residents of Johnstown Township should soon have answers to some of their questions and concerns over the Spring Creek solar farm project.

Consumers Energy community affairs representative Gregory Moore said officials for the power company plan to be back in the township, both at the township board's next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, as well as the township's upcoming community picnic, farmers market and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 7.

Moore addressed concerns that Consumers Energy officials have been absent from recent township meetings while at the Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole meeting Tuesday, June 3.

"We've been kind of in a slow period," Moore said Tuesday. "(But) we'll be back this month, providing updates like this to the board."

Increased activity regarding the construction work of a utility-scale solar farm in Johnstown Township recently caused some residents, as well as local and county officials, to express their concern whether Consumers Energy is living up to its promises.

The Barry County Planning Commission approved, by a 6-1 vote, plans for the solar farm, also known as the Spring Creek project, that will be located on what previously was about 1,500 acres of farmland in Johnstown Township during a meeting last September. The vote came about a month after the Barry County Board of Commissioners OK'd an ordinance regulating the operations of solar farms within the county.

The solar farm is scheduled to become operational in 2026 and projected to generate 140 megawatts of power – enough to power 25,000 homes. The project comes as Consumers seeks to increase its portfolio of clean and renewable energy projects in response

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BELIEVE IN YOURSELF: Delton Kellogg High School celebrates the graduating class of 2025

Karen Turko-Ebright
Staff Writer

Eighty Delton Kellogg High School seniors who crossed the stage on graduation day walked away with their high school diplomas in hand and another moment in history to remember as they embark on a new beginning to what lies ahead.

Twenty-nine students proudly graduated from DK Academy.

With time standing still inside the walls of a packed gymnasium on May 22 at Delton Kellogg High School, words captured in letters delivered in speeches from four class leaders painted pictures of children, learning, growing, changing and preparing to take on the next chapter, a new beginning, for the class of 2025.

Valedictorian Brooke Harsevoort, senior class president Lucy Lester, and co-salutatorians Claire Wesolowski and John Sinclair held the spotlight as they read their reflections on the past and their hopes for the future of the kids they once were—and now—the young adults they are today.

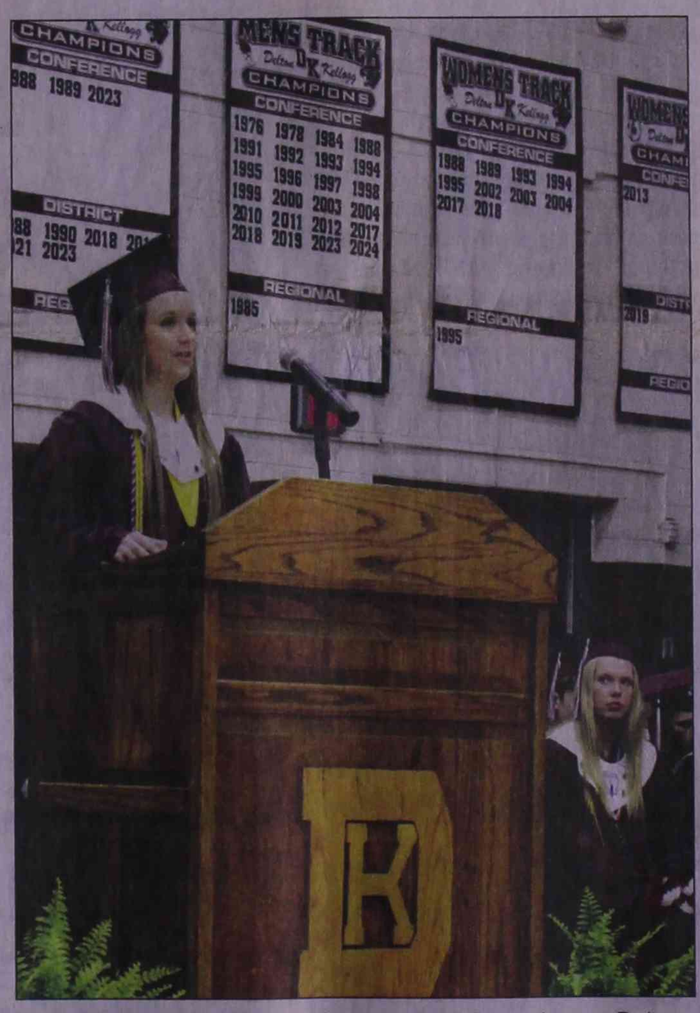
"Believe in yourself. Life will not always feel easy, and we will face challenges. Remember that you have already shown strength and hard work just by getting to this point. Trust yourself and know that you have what it takes to overcome any obstacle you face," Harsevoort told her classmates.

"And finally, I challenge all of us to make an impact. Every action, no matter how small, has the potential to make a difference.

"Class of 2025, we have made it so far, and the world is waiting for us. The future is ours to create. Let's go do something extraordinary. Congratulations everyone! Here's to the journey ahead!"

Lester reminded the seniors of the extraordinary challenges they faced together.

"Chicago was the last trip our class went on, and seventh grade started normally, then on a random Sunday in March, we got a phone call saying we were shutting down for two weeks due to COVID," recalled Lester. "However, what we didn't know is that those two weeks turned into months real quick.



Brook Lynnae Harsevoort ranks at the top of her class at Delton Kellogg High School. With a 4.09 GPA, she plans to attend a college in Michigan as she explores her career possibilities. **Courtesy photos**

By the time we were able to return to the classroom, it was the beginning of eighth grade.

"Eighth grade was quite odd, we were in person, then online, had to wear masks at all times, and had to have pod partners to maintain contact tracing. Although the year was funky, we made the best of it.

"Freshman year came out of nowhere. We started the year in person, masks were still a thing, and we all knew that at some point, online days were going to happen. The year was slightly more normal than

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Lake Odessa hiring search narrows to two candidates

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

The Lake Odessa Village Council may have narrowed its search to fill a newly created deputy manager's post – with the winner possibly being promoted to manager – to two candidates.

Council members interviewed four of the more than a dozen persons who applied for the position during a special meeting at the Page Memorial Building on Saturday, May 31. Those interviewed included Grand Rapids resident William Christy, current Department of Public Works staff member Jacob Hanson, attorney and former U.S. Sen. Harry Reid's chief of staff Drew Willison and William Joseph of Brighton, who was the mayor for the City of Mt. Pleasant before serving as manager for the Village of Paw Paw for two years.

Each candidate answered a variety of questions during their interviews, which lasted for about 45 minutes. After a short break, council members then deliberated the pros and cons of individual applicants.

And, it was Joseph who seemed to draw the most praise from council members.

The graduate of Central Michigan University was, according to reports published by The Morning Sun, appointed to the Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission in 2016 and later ran unsuccessfully for a city commission seat later that year.

But, he was elected to a three-year

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Barry Township water tower standing tall as it nears completion

Karen Turko-Ebright
Staff Writer

Fifteen years ago, a Delton native started operating a crane. Now a licensed crane operator, Charlie VanHoose is a sales agent for Bay Crane Midwest. "My main job is to secure work and place the correct crane on the job," VanHoose said.

He secured a crane to assemble the pieces of the Barry Township water tower, which has been under construction for several months at its site atop a hill on the west end of Orchard Street in Delton. When completed, the tower will stand 135 feet and hold 200,000 gallons of water.

Last week, crews placed the sphere on top of the tower, marking the nearing of the end of the project.

"My role in this was getting the job, measuring the job, picking out the right crane for the job and making sure that crane will work and that everybody gets there on time," VanHoose said. "My top priority is always to make sure everyone is safe." Working with a top-notch team makes all the difference, he said.

VanHoose graduated from Delton Kellogg High School and Delton is the place he calls home.

Barry Township Supervisor Barry Bower and two of his board members watched as the crane rolled into Delton on a semi-trailer.

"It's pretty awesome. We were standing there, Judy Woore and Deb Knight, they were in the car — it was cold," Bower said. "You could see the big grins on their faces. It's been 30 years."

Thirty years is how long the land atop the hill at the west end of Orchard Street has been shovel-ready, waiting for a water tower to be built.

"It was pretty humbling and cool to see it go up," VanHoose said. "Especially when you are born and raised here and your family has been here for decades and decades, and something is changing this community in a good way, and you got a little part of it."

Bower said that since the news of a water tower soon to be operating in Delton has surfaced, people are showing interest in his small town.

"I don't think we would have had any expansion, and I am getting expansion now because of the water tower. That makes me happy," Bower said. "We've got a marina coming in behind Bowen's Family Restaurant on M-43."

Twenty-five acres set aside for housing by the Southwest Barry County Sewer Authority are zoned and approved for housing development. The property is located at the corner of Bush Street and Scribner, situated behind Delton Senior Housing and the Faith Methodist Church.

That's why a water tower is needed in Delton.

Gentank Water Tower Services has been assigned to the water tower project since it began over a year ago. Water Tower Project Superintendent Shawn Wendzicki joined VanHoose on top of the water tower site at the end of West Orchard Street on Tuesday, May 23.

"The whole tank is up, so the whole tank is in the air now, standing," Wendzicki said. "The crane came in and picked it up and put it up there. We're welding it all together."

The shaft was put up and welded in place by Gentank.

"The next time we used the crane, we put the tank (ball) up, and we are welding it in place right now," Wendzicki said. "All the joints are welded on both sides, so it cannot leak. It's welded with welding wire. We use 30-pound rolls of welding wire. We used 60 pounds of wire for the shaft and 60 pounds for the sphere."

Township officials say more room is needed for community expansion, as the water system is presently near capacity. Although the water system provides fire hydrants scattered throughout the community, the fire department cannot use them because the water system would be depleted in a matter of minutes. Not only does a new water tower provide long-term expansion capabilities, but it also benefits current and future businesses and residential housing.

VanHoose is excited to have a job in his community.

"Pat Cochrane is the normal crane operator for the 500-ton crane we used; he is a very good friend of mine and was kind enough to let me be in the seat operating the crane to top out the water tower," VanHoose said.

"There are a lot of hands on this job," VanHoose explained. "There are eight people helping." They are all from Bay Crane.

"I think this is humbling. Because when I was 18 years old, I had no idea what I was going to do or where I was going to go, and here you are back in your hometown doing the biggest thing, having the biggest crane that's ever been in this town," VanHoose said.

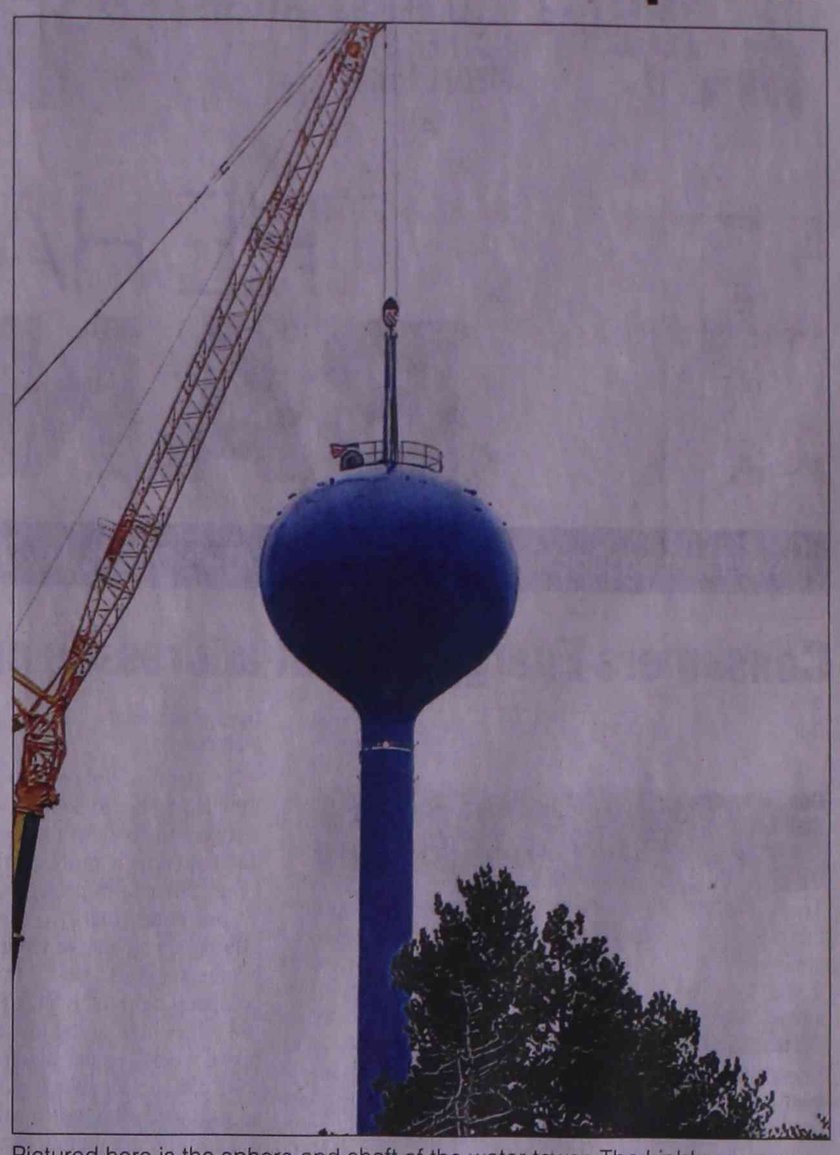
The Liebherr crane weighs 500 tons, including all its counterweights. "The sphere of the water tower weighed 80,000 pounds and the stem weighed 40,000 pounds," VanHoose said. First, the crane with its extension arm, the luffing jib, connected the shaft (long tube) to the base of the water tower, and then the sphere was placed on top.

With all the excitement about the water tower, Barry Township Chief of Police Jenney Johnson is asking everyone not to go past the "no trespassing" signs placed near the water tower site.

"We would like to make this a place where many different families can move to and feel good about it. She said the water tower adds stability to Barry Township.

"It promotes a lot of growth. A lot of people, young and old, are excited. I don't blame them. I'm excited for them.

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Pictured here is the sphere and shaft of the water tower. The Liebherr crane weighs 500 tons, including all its counterweights. The sphere of the water tower weighed 80,000 pounds and the stem weighed 40,000 pounds.



A skilled crew of operators has been assembling the new Barry Township water tower over the course of the last several months. Pictured here are (from left) Charlie VanHoose, Patrick Labadie and Pat Cochrane. **Courtesy photos**



DID YOU SEE?



WAITING FOR MOM

This whitetail fawn caught some winks in a Woodland garden last week. It is common for does to leave their fawns to bed in vegetation during the first week of life to protect from predators and allot time for foraging. The mother deer will return periodically, nursing her fawn. Anyone who finds a young fawn on its own should leave it be. Rest assured – Mom is never too far away. **Courtesy photo**

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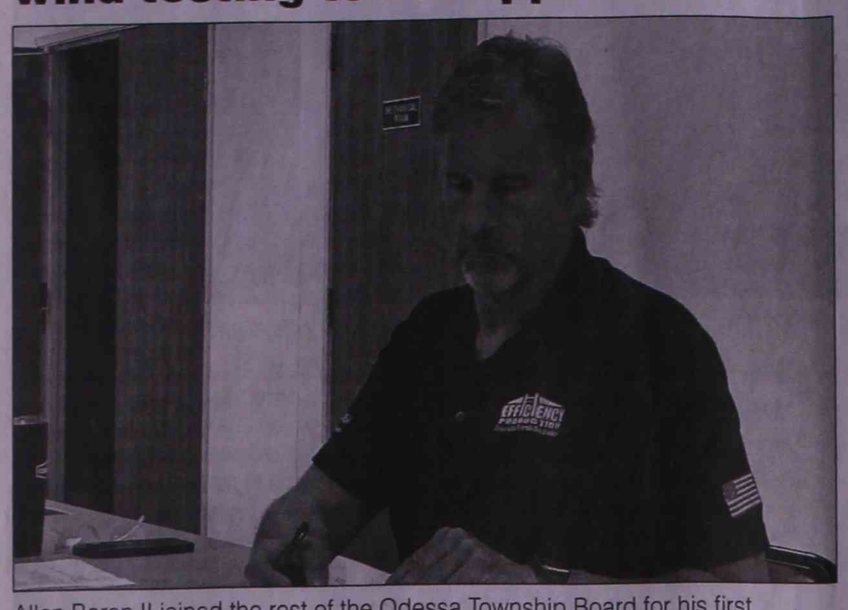
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Odessa Twp. board denies Cordelio wind testing tower application



Allan Baron II joined the rest of the Odessa Township Board for his first meeting Monday, June 2, as trustee after winning the seat in a May 6 special election. The five-member board had been operating shorthanded since the fall 2024 general election. **Photo by Dennis Mansfield**

Dennis Mansfield
Staff Writer

With its newest trustee finally seated at the table, the Odessa Township Board of Trustees voted 4-1 at its regular monthly meeting Monday, June 2, to deny a permit application by Canadian-based Cordelio Power for a wind testing tower that was already set to be taken down.

The township board originally voted on the application at its April 7 meeting, with board members leaving the township hall deadlocked 2-2 over the issue.

At the time, there was no fifth and deciding vote, as the board has been operating shorthanded ever since the 2024 general election last November. But, the open trustee seat was filled in a May 6 special election, with Republican newcomer Allan Baron II defeating former board member Patricia Caudill, who was running on the Democratic ticket.

According to Cordelio and township officials, the company had previously received a permit for the tower – part of the proposed Tupper Lake Wind Generation project – through the Ionia County Building Department, reportedly unaware the township had passed its own wind energy ordinance in May 2019.

"Since then, we've been trying to rectify the situation with the township," said Stephanie Buway, senior director for development with Cordelio.

Cordelio purchased the Tupper Lake project from Leeward Renewables last year.

The Tupper Lake wind power project is projected to have a capacity of 198 megawatts, with between 44 to 47 – depending on the type used – interconnected wind turbines to be installed in Campbell, Odessa, Sebewa, Boston and Berlin townships. Plans currently call for construction to start in the third quarter of 2027, with the project becoming operable in late 2028.

At Monday's meeting, Treasurer Sharon Rohrbacher said the 2-2 vote in April left the issue unsettled, despite a recent newspaper ad stating Cordelio was set to take down the tower, which has been in operation on Harwood Road since late last year, "the week of June 2."

"But, we still have to act on the application," Rohrbacher said, adding the only other option would be for Cordelio to withdraw its application. "We have to address it somehow."

Township Supervisor Gary Secor said having Cordelio officials withdraw the application was seemingly not an option.

"I've asked if they consider that," he said. "They do not wish to consider that."

Secor then urged his fellow board members to consider approving the application, citing his concern that Cordelio could appeal the board's decision to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

"I don't think our ordinance would hold muster," Secor said. "In the event that happens and it is appealed, our ordinance would go away.

"That's the concern I have in taking an adverse action at this time."

Trustee Brad Barrone added he hoped the board would use the township's ordinance as a tool to work with Cordelio, both over the permit application and future aspects of the wind power project.

"Then, we'd have a set of guidelines to work on them with," Barrone said. "Right now, it's just useless. Just a thought."

But both Rohrbacher and Township Clerk Lisa Williams said the board needed to act after local residents packed the township hall to voice their opposition to the Tupper Lake project earlier this year.

"No, they didn't want a wind farm," Secor said. "I've not had one complaint (about the testing tower) in the seven months it's been up."

Even with Baron on board, the vote Monday night did not go smoothly. At first, Barrone stated his intention to abstain, an action which drew a strong rebuke from Rohrbacher and Williams.

"I don't know how to vote," Barrone said.

The trustee then switched his vote to a "yes," leaving Secor as the only dissenting board member in the 4-1 vote.

"I was torn over it," he added afterward. "(Because) I don't think it's going to make any difference."

During the second public comment portion of Monday night's meeting, Buway said she could not comment on whether the testing tower, once taken down from the Harwood Road site, might be moved to another location.

Substance Abuse Task Force considering reopening opioid settlement funds RFP

Molly Macleod
Editor

The Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force (SATF) is looking to go back to the drawing board this week after only receiving one response to its request for proposals (RFP) for a chunk of the county's opioid settlement funds.

Researchers at Michigan State University spent much of the fall getting to know Barry County residents with lived experience concerning the opioid epidemic. Barry County SATF Coordinator Liz Lenz shared the data compiled by researchers with the Barry County Board of Commissioners in February, ahead of opening the RFP period.

The data, Lenz said, identifies community needs as the county prepares to divvy out a nearly $1.5 million chunk of funding from opioid settlements.

MSU's research team conducted a needs assessment for opioid community needs last year.

"They came the last part of August and the first week of September 2024 and they met with people throughout our county, mostly folks with lived experience and relevance to the opioid epidemic and crisis," Lenz said.

Instead of conducting quantitative research, based on concrete, numerical data, Lenz said the MSU researchers focused more on qualitative research — hearing directly from residents about their experiences and their opinions.

The sole application submitted to the RFP scoring workgroup came from the Barry County Serenity Club, an organization that provides a safe place for addicts and alcoholics and supports them through the recovery process.

Lenz and opioid settlement funds RFP scoring committee chairman Bill Mattson recommended commissioners allocate $15,000 to the nonprofit. Those funds will help keep the organization running through the end of the year. Commissioners voted to recommend that approval at the regular board of commissioners meeting next week, June 10.

Despite progress being made toward disseminating some of the funds on Tuesday, Mattson and Lenz agreed they need to reevaluate the RFP application and reach out to organizations who indicated they would apply for the funds and never submitted applications.

"We weren't quite sure what to expect, and when it all came to the end when we collected all of the RFPs, we had one application — which was a bit of a surprise, and some might say a little bit of a disappointment. We had had inquiries and some comments to indicate that people would be submitting, and in the end, we had one application," Lenz said.

Lenz said she hopes to reopen the RFP period sometime in the next 30 days after discussion and some tweaking.

"We feel we that we need as helpers to steward these opioid settlement funds is review the process, talk to people about why they did not, if they had an interest, why they didn't follow up with a completed application," said Lenz.

Lenz also suggested tweaking the application for funds so it is more easily accessible and submittable.

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

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



William Joseph, who previously served as manager for the Village of Paw Paw, interviews for the position of deputy manager with Lake Odessa during a special meeting on Saturday, May 31. **Photo by Dennis Mansfield**

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term in 2017 and then mayor in 2019 before leaving Mt. Pleasant for Paw Paw in 2021.

Joseph's tenure as Paw Paw's village manager proved to be shorter than anticipated.

Meeting minutes posted on the village's website, pawpaw.net, state that the council held a special meeting to evaluate Joseph's performance on Oct. 2, 2023. Then, just a week later, council members voted, 5-2, to defeat a motion to enter into negotiations related to a potential contract extension, thereby allowing his initial contract to expire.

The runner-up in Saturday's interview might have been Hanson, a village employee since 2014. In the meantime, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a major in human resources, from Western Michigan University in 2020.

Village President Karen Banks said a key factor in selecting a deputy manager, who would be mentored by interim Manager Gregg Guetschow for a year before a possible promotion to manager, would be longevity, with several council members expressing concerns Christy and Willison could not stay in Lake Odessa long-term.

The village has been without a full-time manager since December 2023.

After a review of the candidates, council members voiced they were ready to vote on a recommendation. However, Banks asked for additional time, with the council likely to take up the issue at its next meeting on Monday, June 16.



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• *Am I taking on too much — or too little — risk?* Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you're taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.

• *How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy?* Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and your investment decisions.

• How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio? Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance — so take full advantage of it.

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Standing behind the podium on May 22, graduation day at DKHS, is Dr. Greta Munger, who is new this year as the assistant high school principal and athletic director.

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eighth grade, but we still had some getting used to. Freshman year was our last year of 'weirdness.'"

Wesolowski reminded her classmates never to forget the past that had shaped them. But instead, the past equipped them all to move forward and take on new challenges.

"We all are moving on to new chapters. We are becoming Bruins, Broncos, Technicians, Lakers, Wolverines, and Boilermakers. But no matter where life takes us, we'll always have our roots and we will always be Panthers," Wesolowski said and continued.

"Our community, our past, and everything we've learned along the way will always be what connects us, no matter where our paths may lead.

"So, as you move forward, be thankful for those roots. They've shaped you into the person you are today, and they will continue to guide you through life.

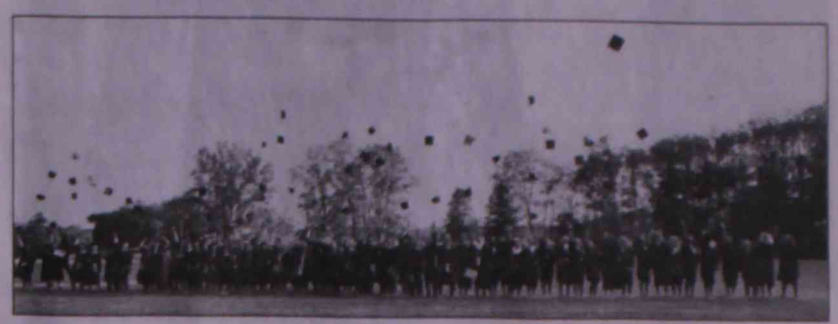
"We may be walking different paths, but we will always be connected to Delton by the corn fields, lakes, and flavored sodas from Johnny's."

Fast-forwarding through the basics of elementary school and the awkwardness of middle school, Sinclair encouraged the DKHS class of 2025 to rise to the occasion of challenges and learn.

"Don't be the person who spends the next 10 years reminiscing about 'the good ol' days.' Be the person who wakes up excited for what's next. Build a life so full of purpose and curiosity that you don't have to look back—you're too busy living it. The moment you settle is the moment you accept less than you deserve," said Sinclair, and added the following.

"To create the future we want, we have to take risks—the kind that pull us out of our comfort zones and push us to change. The kind that are uncomfortable, uncertain, and sometimes even scary. But that's where the growth happens.

"The life we dream of won't come to us just because we wait. We have to chase it. We have to be bold enough to try something new, even when failure is a possibility. That's how we grow."



DKHS graduates celebrate their graduation day by tossing their caps outside after the formal indoor ceremony on May 22.



Standing behind the podium is Jim Hogoboom, who is in his first year as principal for DKHS. Sitting in the first row, directly behind the podium, in a blue shirt, tie, and suit, is first-year Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Wright, who said he has enjoyed getting to know the students from the Class of 2025 and believes they will accomplish great things in the future.

Commissioners recommend approval for Riverwalk Lofts PACE financing request

Molly Macleod
Editor

Barry County commissioners at Tuesday's committee of the whole meeting voted to recommend approval for a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) special assessment financing request from Copperrock Construction at the board's next meeting. If approved next week, Copperrock will be able to take advantage of an extra $4,399,000 in financing to be used for improvements during construction that will improve energy efficiency at the Hastings Riverwalk Lofts, located at 328 and 420 E. Mill Street.

Adopted by the Michigan Legislature in 2010, the PACE Statute provides an opportunity for developers to receive funding from private, secure lenders for energy-efficient construction projects above code.

Earlier this spring, Mary Freeman of Lean & Green Michigan provided information on PACE to commissioners at a committee of the whole meeting. Lean & Green Michigan sets up PACE districts across the state, where local governments opt into the program. Lean & Green has a uniform program statewide to connect developers with private, national lenders.

Commissioners voted to establish a PACE district in March this year.

The extra financing option can allow developers to construct the Riverwalk Lofts above code and with energy-efficient standards. The cost savings to the developers will, in theory, trickle down to create a savings for future residents of the development in rent or energy costs.

Copperrock plans to construct 135 units across three buildings on the two parcels. Developers will also construct a commercial building on the property, which will be used as a community food center/co-op for the county.

HASS band program performs its signature Concert in the Hayfield



Last Thursday's Concert in the Hayfield attracted hundreds of Hastings band supporters, who made the trip to the farm of Louis and Mary Wierenga to hear the annual performance. **Photo courtesy of Hastings Area Schools**

The Hastings Area Schools band program traded in its air conditioned, state-of-the-art performing arts center for a hayfield last Thursday. If you wanted a seat at the event, you had to bring it with you.

And no one was grumbling; it's become a beloved annual tradition.

The school held its annual Concert in the Hayfield last week, its second edition since returning last year from a lengthy hiatus following the COVID-19 pandemic. What started off nearly a decade ago as a modest event and fundraiser that brought in about $1,000 for the program has blossomed into one of the program's marquee concerts of the season.

This year's event featured performances by the Thornapple Jazz Orchestra in addition to a combined Hastings band that included members from multiple grade levels and boasted over 180 students and a few guests.

The Concert in the Hayfield acts as a lucrative fundraiser for the program, featuring concessions and a silent auction on site, as well. Longtime band supporter, former HASS school board member and former Master Farmer of the Year Louis Wierenga Jr. and his wife, Mary, host the shindig on their farm, located on North Charlton Park Road in Hastings. — *Hastings Area Schools*

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to stated laws that were passed in 2023 that call for Michigan to achieve a 100-percent clean energy standard by 2040.

Moore said he was attending Tuesday's county board meeting to help answer some of the concerns being raised, including such issues as trees being cut down at the construction sites, whether the company has insured the project and the existence of a decommissioning bond, the removal of topsoil, and the potential for hazardous materials or chemicals possibly to cause contamination issues, as well as the company's efforts to keep people updated on the project.

According to Moore, work crews have recently removed about 150 trees.

"All of them are on our own property or property associated with the project," he said. "I know on a project like this, it's a big one, probably one of the biggest in Barry County in the last decade or so … We're constantly updating and educating people on what's happening.

"We have nothing to hide on this project."

He added that, while there is no requirement for the project to be insured, Consumers Energy has provided the county with a decommission bond that would fund future cleanup at the solar farm, if the power company wasn't able to do so on its own. In making such a bond part of its ordinance regulating such projects, Moore lauded commissioners and other county officials for protecting local residents.

"We have no problem with that," he said. "We were really happy to see it and support it."

But, Moore said the company has every intention of living up to its agreement with Barry County and plans to fund any decommissioning of the solar fund once it outlives its operational life in 20 to 40 years.

"It's our project," he said. "We own it and we're expecting to continue to own it."

As far as answering other concerns, Moore added that the solar panels will be cleaned with "simple water" to clear off any dust and that no topsoil will be removed. However, he said some topsoil will be "moved around" to allow for grading, with the soil remaining on site and plans calling for it to be put back.

Also, solar panels being installed as part of the project contain "no hazardous materials," according to Moore. He added the panels are currently considered to be 85 to 95 percent recyclable "right now."

One surprising concern that had come up, according to Moore, were statements about the possible use of eminent domain. Moore said eminent domain has not been used to secure "any parcel of this project. I hope that puts this to rest."

Moore's full statement before the county board on Tuesday may be viewed on YouTube by searching "Barry County Committee of the Whole 6/3/2025."

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Choral Society hosts first concert of 2025 on June 8

The Lakewood Area Choral Society is set to host its first performance for 2025, "Great is Thy Faithfulness: A Sacred Choral Music Concert," at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids

The concert will feature many new works, as well as old favorites.

Now, in its 40th year, LACS owes its existence to Dr. Robert Oster, who reportedly acted upon hearing a request for an adult community choir in 1985 and set out to do just that.

The choir continues to perform, with Ethan Holmes serving as the group's accompanist.

The concert is set to open with "Great is Thy Faithfulness," arranged by Dan Forrest, and will continue on with a variety of solo and group arrangements.

The doors for the concert will open at 2:30 p.m. at the church located at 600 S. Main St. in Eaton Rapids and, in lieu of tickets, a freewill offering will be taken. — *DM*

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CROWING TURKEY

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Four turkeys have been frequent visitors at the Bill Miller home in Hastings. Here, the only tom in the group shows off his full fan of feathers for the camera. The nearby meerkats, unimpressed, remain motionless. **Courtesy photo**



With all the excitement about the water tower, Barry Township Chief of Police Jenney Johnson is asking people not to go past the "no trespassing" signs placed near the water tower site.

TOWER

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I'm excited for our town," Johnson said. However, she said people need to stay away from the water tower site.

"It is a construction zone. There are several no trespassing signs posted throughout the property, including the area of the other landowner of the property," Johnson said. The property is jointly owned by the township and a resident who lives near the water tower site.

Out of respect for the residents who reside in that direct area, Johnson is asking people to take the no trespassing signs seriously.

"It's dangerous up there. You never know what ground you are standing on because it's under construction," Johnson explained. "So, if you see signs like that posted, avoid the area, not only out of respect for the residents but for the construction crew, and we'd like them to do their job and get out of there as quickly as possible and get some water in that tower."

VanHoose said the biggest challenge for the entire job was space.

"We had very limited space to position a crane of that size. Once the stem was set, that did free up some space, but it was still tight. When cranes of that size show up to a job it is essential that they are set up in the correct location," VanHoose explained. "It is something that we deal with daily, so our crew did a fantastic job at overcoming the obstacles we had.

"When topping out the tower with the bowl, we had to install 220,500 pounds of counterweight and 115 feet of luffing jib."

The counterweight is the weight on the back of the crane that holds it in place when something is hanging off the crane.

"The crew we have with this crane is extremely top-notch, and I could not do a simple job without them," VanHoose said. "We are a family and a team, we pick up the slack when needed and always help each other safely get any job completed, no matter what hurdles are thrown our way. If not for my crew, I would not be able to do my job."

Library to host private screening of climate change documentary

The Hastings Public Library, along with the Barry County Earth Alliance, is set to host a private screening of the documentary film, "Climate Sisu," at 6 p.m. on Wednesday June 18, with the film's creator, Grand Valley State University professor Elena Lioubimtseva on hand to introduce the movie and answer questions.

The documentary, which seeks to address climate change and community resilience in Michigan, reportedly will take the audience on a journey from the Grand Valley campus "up north" in search of community knowledge about climate action, resilience, adaptation and education.

The solutions the documentary features range from planting new grape varietals in vineyards to pushing for passenger train service to northwest Michigan to adapting city planning in the Upper Peninsula to prepare for environmental shifts.

A Finnish word, "sisu" means "extraordinary determination, courage, and resoluteness in the face of adversity."

Lioubimtseva is a professor of geography and sustainability planning at GVSU with more than 30 years of field research across four continents. She is also the co-founder and leader of the GVSU Climate Change Education Solutions Network.

For those unable to attend the private screening, the documentary is also available on YouTube. — *DM*

Herb workshop scheduled for June 8

Area residents can learn about common herbs used for natural pest management at a free workshop this weekend.

Michigan State University Pollinator Champion and Master Gardener Robbin Glass will lead the workshop on Sunday, June 8, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Attendees of the class will learn about common herbs and their pest management uses, including how to deter harmful bugs and keep deer out of vegetable gardens. The workshop will be held at the Hastings SDA School at 904 Terry Lane in Hastings.

All are welcome to attend the class; there is no need to register. For more information, contact Glass at 517-652-3056. — *MM*

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HUGE YARD SALE: 1900 Boulder Dr., Hastings. June 12-13-14, 9am-6pm. New and used men's, women's and kids clothing, furniture, toys, new indoor cushions, lots of misc. Bulk discounts on new clothing. There is something here for everyone!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Damon Michael DeLeon, born at Corewell Health Pennock on April 29, 2025 to Victoria Roth and Alex DeLeon of Hastings.

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Weston Jay Turner, born at Corewell Health Pennock on May 2, 2025 to Blake Turner and Matt Turner of Nashville.

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Neva Christine Kidder, born at Corewell Health Pennock on May 6, 2025 to Tiffany Kidder and Michael Kidder of Nashville.

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Penelope Roselyn Cappon, born at Corewell Health Pennock on May 7, 2025 to Samantha Cappon and Ezekiel Cappon of Lake Odessa.

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Odin Lane Delong, born at Corewell Health Pennock on May 8, 2025 to Rachael Delong and Steven Delong of Nashville.

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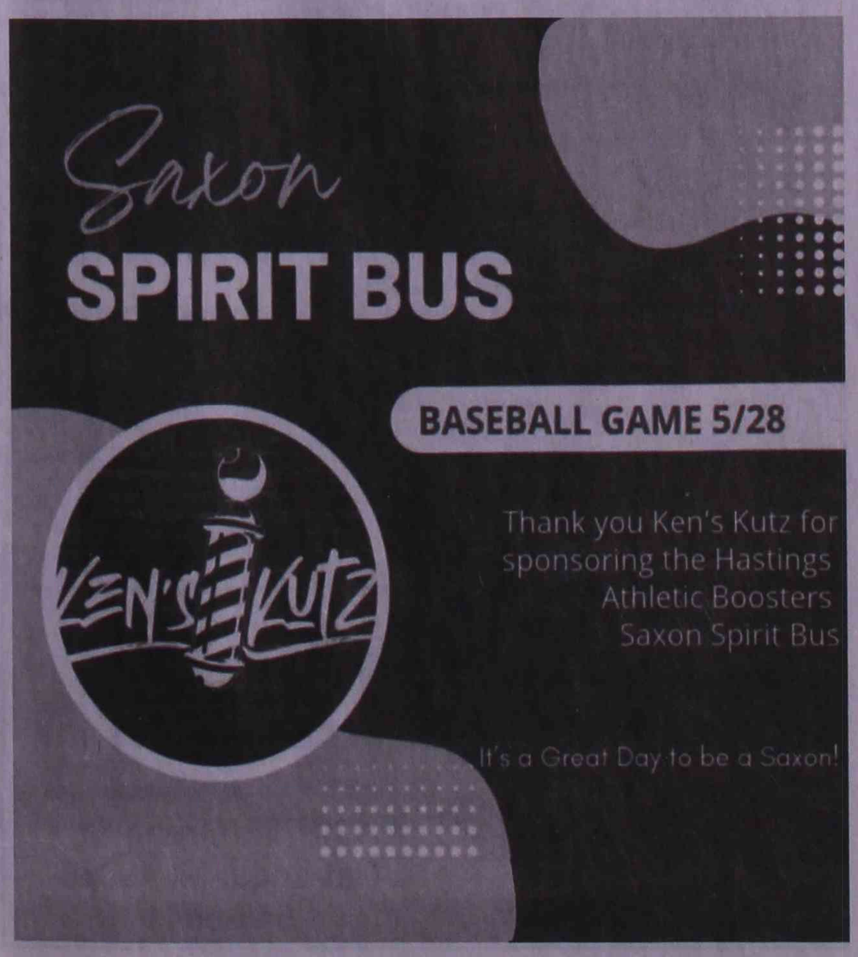
Adalyn, born at Corewell Health Pennock on May 8, 2025 to JoAnna Sawdy and Damien Ward of Vermontville.

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Cash Henry Burnett, born at Corewell Health Pennock on May 10, 2025 to Kathrin-Lee Oudekerk and Taylor Burnett of Middleville.

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Courbin Keith Madalinski, born at Corewell Health Pennock on May 12, 2025 to Courtney Madalinski and Joe Madalinski of Hastings.





OBITUARIES

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Carole Kay Greer



Carole "Mikey" Kay Greer, passed away on May 27, 2025, in her Delton, MI home. Mikey's life was a tapestry of love, kindness, and gentle humility that touched everyone she knew. She was born on January 11, 1958, in Battle Creek, MI, the daughter of Jack and Vera (Babcock) Milks.

A proud graduate of Delton High School class of 1976, Mikey carried the spirit of her youth throughout her life, always eager to learn and grow. She possessed an innate ability to make those around her feel welcomed and cherished. Mikey married her soulmate Charles Greer on April 6, 1994 and her love for Chuck was evident in everything she did. She was a fabulous cook, a passion that she lovingly shared with friends and family. Mikey's heart found its joy in the simplicity of life.

Her garden was a place of tranquility and beauty, a reflection of the care and thought she put into every plant and flower. She found solace in the great outdoors, whether it was a quiet afternoon on her pontoon boat, a weekend camping under the stars, or a successful hunt for mushrooms in the woods. These simple pleasures were the threads of the beautiful quilt that was her life.

Described by those who knew her as having a heart of gold, Mikey was the embodiment of kindness. She approached life with a sweetness and humility that endeared her to many. Her thoughtfulness was evident in every act; from the way she listened to the way she offered support. Mikey's loving nature was her signature, a hallmark that will be deeply missed by all.

She was the beloved wife of Charles "Chuck" Greer; the cherished sister of Cheryl Church; and the adoring human to her animal babies: Megan, Mac, and Ash.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Vera Milks.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Battle Creek Fraternal Order of Eagles #299 located at 19757 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Arrangements by Bachman Hebble Funeral Service (269) 965-5145. www.bachmanhebble.com

Ronald "George" James



A loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle passed away this past weekend. Ronald "George" James was born February 8th, 1955, to parents Harold James and Drucella Babcock. He was born and raised in Hastings, Michigan, and proud to be a master electrician. He is survived by his kids, Jamie and Lori James, and Lindsey and Toni Jacinto; grandkids Kayleigh, Preston, and Jacee; siblings Ray and Rose James, Joni Mezeske, Charlie and Julie James, Rick James, multiple nieces and nephews, and his loving ex-wife, Linda James. He is preceded in death by his brother Randy James.

Dad was full of laughter and joy to be around and he will truly be missed. Love you dad, and we're so glad we got to be around each other these past few years. We love you and I will always miss our good times, whether it was on the golf course, in the backyard, or at Disney and all the other places, we have had great times. Love you old man, take care.

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HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Adventure awaits at the Hastings Public Library. Join the Summer Reading Challenge from June 7 through Aug. 16. Read anything for 15 minutes or more a day, log your days and win prizes.

No library card is required for library programs and activities.

Thursday, June 5 – Movie Memories and Milestones watches a 1934 film starring Charles Ruggles and Mary Boland, 5 p.m.

Friday, June 6 – Friday Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 7 – Very Barry Family Event at Tyden Park, 9 a.m.

Monday, June 9 – Crafting Passions, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 10 – Baby Cafe, 10 a.m.; Youth Makerspace with 4-H: Crafty Creations (grades 3-12), 10:30 a.m.; Teen Zine Making (grades 9-12), 1 p.m.; community mental health workers, 2 p.m.; Powerful Tools for Caregivers, 4 p.m.; mahjong, 5 p.m.; chess, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 – Itsy Bitsy Book Club, 10:30 a.m.; Open Art Studio, 11:30 a.m.; Touch-A-Truck in the fire department parking lot, 2 p.m.; rain garden workshop and demonstration with Thornapple River Watershed, 6:30 p.m.

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

PIERCE CEDAR CREEK INSTITUTE EVENTS

— JUNE 5-12 —

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

June 1-Sept. 30 — Nature paintings exhibit by Al White. White's paintings will be on display and for sale in the Institute's Visitor Center through Sept. 30. Thirty percent of all sales will be donated to the Institute to further its mission.

June 1-30 — June Storybook Walk: "The Rainbow Hunters" by Andrea Farotto; illustrated by Martina Tonello. Join Bill and his friends as they look for a rainbow. This epic adventure leads them all over their neighborhood. Will they find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? 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.

June 2-30 — Hike the News. Hike and get the latest inside news on insects. What is an insect, and why are they so important to us? This hike is free and self-guided on the Green Trail.

Thursday, June 5 — Social Hike, 10 a.m.-noon.

Saturday, June 7 — Very Barry Event at Tyden Park, 9 a.m.-noon.

Monday, June 9 — Bird Brains with the Barry County Bird Club (ages 15 and up, under 18 with an adult), 8:30-10:30 a.m. Join Pierce Cedar Creek Institute and the Barry County Bird Club for a social birding morning. Enjoy a beverage and chat with new and experienced birders. Then, hit the trails to look for some of Barry County's very best birds. This program will occur rain or shine.

Tuesday, June 10 — Eastern Box Turtle Party, 10 a.m.-noon.

Wednesday, June 11 — Stewardship Experience, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

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The Strand Theatre

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The Strand Theatre stood on State Street where the current GQT Hastings 4 theater stands today. This undated photo was taken sometime before the theater was sold to Gordon M. Bennett in the early 1960s. **Courtesy photos**

The GQT Hastings 4 theater now occupies the original site of the once-beloved Strand Theatre. This cherished, locally owned venue served for decades as a cultural touchstone and gathering place for the community. Revered for its intimate charm and rich history, the Strand was more than just a movie house; it was a landmark where generations came together to enjoy film, friendship and a shared sense of their hometown — often in a line of theatergoers that stretched from the front door to the end of the block.

The 428-seat Hastings Strand Theatre opened as early as 1915, inspired by the grand Strand Theatre that had debuted the previous year in New York City at 47th Street and Broadway. In its early decades—up through the 1960s—the moviegoing experience at the Hastings Strand was marked by ceremonial and communal traditions. Before each film, a local organist seated at the front of the auditorium provided live musical accompaniment. Twelve-foot red velvet curtains would slowly part to reveal the American flag on screen, accompanied by the playing of the National Anthem. This was followed by a 5- to 10-minute newsreel featuring national headlines and visual reports. During the 1940s and 1950s, these newsreels served as a vital visual supplement to print journalism, especially in an era when many households had yet to acquire a television.

Prior to 1920, Roy A. Goshorn served as the owner and operator of the Strand Theatre. Although primitive forms of television existed as early as the 1920s, the technology remained experimental and was not yet available to the general public. It would not be until the mid-1940s that television began to reach consumers on a broader scale. Even then, early broadcasts were in black and white, viewed on small circular or oval-shaped screens typically measuring only 5 to 7 inches across; hence the appeal of a 24-foot movie screen.

Around 1920, Roy Goshorn sold the Strand Theatre to Ray J. Branch, a progressive figure who over the next four decades would emerge as a national leader in the theater and exhibitor industry. In the 1940 Hastings City Directory, the Barry Theater made its first appearance, with Ray Branch managing both the Strand and the Barry. The Strand was located at 213 West State Street, while the Barry stood on the same side of the street at 117 E. State St., separated by approximately a dozen storefronts. The Strand offered seating for 428 patrons, while the Barry accommodated 350. Mr. Branch employed both staff and family members to operate the two theaters.

In 1930, the once-prominent balcony of the Strand Theatre was removed, marking the end of an era for the popular downtown venue. A decade and a half later, in 1944, Ray Branch acquired the aging Hastings Hotel during the height of wartime rationing, a time when staples were scarce and every transaction carried the weight of uncertainty. By the time of the 1950 United States Census, the Branch family had become deeply involved in the daily operations of both the hotel and its adjoining theater. Ray's wife, Anna, managed ticket sales with practiced efficiency; his son Raymond Jr. handled cleaning and general maintenance; Robert manned the ticket booth; and young Richard worked as the hotel's desk clerk.

This family-run enterprise carried on into the early 1950s until the eventual closure of the Barry Theater brought a quiet end to its cinematic chapter. Yet the memory lingered. Longtime residents may recall the imposing marquee that once beckoned moviegoers, still jutting out above the sidewalk. Though its illuminated letters no longer advertised coming attractions, the structure remained, repurposed and rebranded as Leary's Auto Sport Shop—a nostalgic relic of Hastings' golden age of film.

These theaters played a vital role in the social life of Hastings. Situated at opposite ends of State Street, they provided convenient entertainment options that enriched the cultural life of the community and added to the vitality of the downtown district. Their development over time reflects broader trends in the American movie theater industry, as they adapted to technological advancements and shifting audience tastes. Television had begun to exert a noticeable influence on movie attendance, drawing audiences away from theaters and into the comfort of their own living rooms.

In the early 1960s, Mr. Branch would sell the Strand to Gordon M. Bennett, from Middleville, who in 1959 was working for the United Film Service that specialized in the creation of short films commissioned by organizations to promote products, services, or public messages. These films were often shown in schools, at trade shops or on television.

Gordon Bennett undertook a series of modernizations to revitalize the theater and attract a new audience. He eliminated several outdated features, including the traditional organ music and ushers with flashlights guiding patrons to their seats. The refreshment counter was also notably expanded, offering a wider selection of concessions. On April 1, 1970, Bennett ran a full-page advertisement in the Hastings Reminder announcing the creation of a "regional university" for the "Awake Minority," which he claimed was intended to rid the country of the antiquated, decrepit and archaic beliefs espoused by out-of-touch, self-appointed puritans. When the ad drew significant backlash, he reminded critics that the announcement had been published on April Fools' Day. A few years later, in 1973, Bennett made another bold move by removing 250 seats, reducing the theater's capacity to 178, as part of a risky transition to a dinner theater format.

Many members of the online Facebook group "Hastings History" fondly recall the heydays of the Strand Theatre. Jim Jacobs remembered seeing many movies there during the 1950s, particularly the day his entire school, St. Rose Elementary, attended a screening of "The Ten Commandments." Angie Isabella Meyer shared that she once worked at the Strand and recalled a hole in the wall behind one of the theater's screen curtains. Through that opening, there was access to an old stage or performance room. Shirley Kilmer reminisced about the newsreels shown at the Strand, noting that they always ended with a dramatic image of a large camera turning, followed by the words, "The eyes and ears of the world. THE END!"

In May of 1983, the Strand Theatre was purchased by Stephen I. Johnson of Hastings Manufacturing. At that time, the Strand only had 216 seats. Under the management of Gary Hill, the theater underwent a much-needed modernization and was renamed "The Cinema."

Eventually, the century-old venue was incorporated into the Goodrich Quality Theaters (GQT) chain. Originally a single-screen theater, it was expanded to include four screens with a total seating capacity of 703. The building itself was expanded into the lot once occupied by the Hastings Hotel which had been demolished in August of 1994. Once again, what was once the Strand was being modernized, with upgrades such as digital sound, digital projection, and the installation of recliner seating. The theater's 4K projection gives viewers vivid colors with the sharpest details, brightest images and highest resolution picture available.

In March 2020, the theater was forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although it reopened in October of that year, it faced intermittent closures as pandemic-related difficulties persisted. Subsequently, in February 2021, a partnership between Mason Asset Management and Namdar Realty Group acquired the assets of Goodrich Quality Theaters Inc. This partnership oversees a total of 174 movie theaters across the United States, with the majority of GQT Movies' locations situated in Michigan.

The historic "Strand" theater lives on today under the name GQT Hastings 4, with Ethan Torres serving as its current manager. During a recent conversation, Ethan shared that many of his longtime, older patrons frequently inquire about the original Strand Theatre and its storied past. Intriguingly, it is said that behind the screen in Theater 2, remnants of the original Strand stage still endure, quietly preserving a tangible link to the theater's rich heritage. This subtle preservation offers a fascinating glimpse into the past, connecting present-day visitors with the golden era of the Strand's early days.

David Miller is a moderator for the "Hastings History" Facebook group.



On April 1, 1970, Strand owner Gordon Bennett ran a full-page advertisement in the Hastings Reminder announcing the creation of a "regional university" for the "Awake Minority." The advertisement, published on April Fools' Day, made a big splash among locals.



Ray J. Branch owned both the Barry and Strand theaters in the 1940s. Pictured here are movie posters from both theaters in 1944. **Photo courtesy of Diane Haines**



The Strand Theatre was located next to the Hastings Hotel. Ray J. Branch, who owned both the Strand and the Barry theaters in the 1940s, purchased the Hastings Hotel in 1944.

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - BARRY COUNTY

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Blue Devils beat Saxons in district final in Battle Creek

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Gull Lake scored four runs in the top of the first inning and then added a run in each of the next four innings, eventually going on to a 14-2 win over the Hastings varsity baseball team in the MHSAA Division 2 District Final at Harper Creek High School Saturday.

The Blue Devils combined 13 hits, 11 walks and managed four unearned runs against the Saxons.

Hastings scored single runs in the second and fifth innings. The Blue Devils then really broke things open with six runs in the top of the seventh.

The Saxons' four hits on the day included a double from Jackson Hayes and singles by Tyler Frazer, Dustin Lampart and Colten Denton. Denton had an RBI. Isaiah Wilson scored a run for the Saxons in the fifth when he was hit by a pitch, stole second and then advanced around on a couple of passed balls by the Blue Devil reliever.

Kyle Jousma scored the Saxons' other run, on to run for Hayes after his double in the bottom of the second. He came home on an RBI single to the right side by Denton.

Jackson Duffie was 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles to help power the Blue Devil attack. He scored two runs and drove in two, and walked once. Max Markham had a big day too going 2-for-3 with a pair of singles. He had two runs scored, three RBIs and walked three times.

John Lucki and Luke Anderson had two hits apiece for the Blue Devils too.

CJ Bennecke got the win for the Blue Devils on the mound. He struck out nine in four innings while allowing one run on three hits. He didn't walk a batter.

It was the only game of the postseason for the Saxons. They were slated to face Pennfield in a district semifinal Saturday morning, but it was found after the Panthers' win over Thornapple Kellogg in the pre-district round of the state tournament that there had been a pitch count violation against the Pennfield team.

Gull Lake beat district host Harper Creek 5-3 in its district semifinal ballgame.

Vikings shut out in district semifinal with St. Johns

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

St. Johns pitcher David Thelen shut down Lakewood in a complete-game victory in the MHSAA Division 2 District Semifinals at Ionia High School Saturday.

Thelen struck out five and didn't walk a batter through seven innings while allowing just three hits.

The Vikings had a double from Carter Stewart and singles from Seth Willette and Brady Makley.

The Redwings put together a 13-hit attack. The top four guys in the St. Johns line-up had two hits apiece and all nine batters had at least one hit.

Kyle Lockwood was 2-for-2 with two walks and three runs scored. Seth Shank, Brandon Schomisch and Hunter Grinnell had two singles each. Shank drove in two runs. Grinnell scored once and walked once. The only extra-base hit for the Redwings was a double from Nicholas Schafer. He was 1-for-3 with a walk and two RBIs. Blake Thelen singled once, drove in two runs and scored twice.

Ethan Guiles took the loss on the mound for the Vikings: He was charged with five runs in five innings. He walked three and gave up eight hits while striking out four. Lucas Steward was hit for five runs in his two innings of relief on five hits and two walks. He struck out two.

The offense wasn't there for the Redwings in the district final though as they were bested 3-1 by Portland. The Raiders earned their spot in the district championship game with a semifinal win over Ionia, 5-2.

Portland pitcher Paul Roberts held St. Johns to one run on five hits and two walks in the district final. He struck out seven.

Max Sandborn was 2-for-2 with a triple in the district championship game for the Raiders and Hudson Martin was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Levi Nobis was 1-for-1 with a walk and he drove in the other Raider run.

Last TK rally comes up just short against Wildcats

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

In the end it worked out for the Wildcats. The final outcome didn't change, and Thornapple Kellogg senior McKenna Hoebeke got to take a few more swings in orange and black before heading off for the Grand Valley State University softball program.

McKenna's time in the batter's box did come to an end as the Wildcats held on for a 6-5 victory in their MHSAA Division 2 District Semifinal in Middleville Saturday morning.

Wayland intentionally walked Hoebeke with two-out and one on in the top of the fifth inning and the Wildcats leading by a 3-2 margin. Adelaide Holderman delivered a two-run double, giving TK a 4-3 lead at the moment

The Wildcats rallied, with the help of a couple TK errors and a few singles, for three runs in the bottom of the sixth to go back in front 6-4.

Hoebeke's spot in the line-up came up again with one on and two out in the top of the seventh.

Wayland head coach Cheri Ritz came out to intentionally walk Hoebeke again in the top of the seventh, according to TK head coach Ashley Garrett, "and Kylee looked at her and said 'coach - this could be my last at bat, please let me hit,' and Cheri did."

Hoebeke battled Wayland star pitcher Madi Ludema through a 16-pitch at-bat. Hoebeke watched ball three go by to reach a full-count and then fouled off ten straight pitches before ball four went by for another walk.

Teammate Anna Romph singled with one out in the inning, went to second on a ground out by teammate Kenzie Bouma and then stole third during Hoebeke's at-bat. Holderman came up in a big spot again, and Romph scored on a passed ball to get TK within a run, but Ludema won this time around striking out Holderman to end the ballgame.

Hoebeke closed the ballgame 1-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored. Romph was 2-for-4 at the top of the line-up for TK.

Holderman had a big game for TK both in the batter's box and in the circle. She allowed 11 Wayland hits, but only one earned run. She struck out seven Wildcats and only walked one.

"We made a couple of errors late in the game that sealed the deal for Wayland, but we pressured them into the top of the seventh," Garrett said. "The girls had obviously already won a game against Wayland so they knew they were capable, it just didn't go our way this time."

TK fell to the Wildcats in both ends of an OK Gold Conference doubleheader this season, but rebounded to beat the Wayland girls in the championship game of the TK Invitational in Middleville later that same week.

Garrett said sophomore Emily Stevens had a big game for TK too going 1-for-3 at the plate and throwing a runner out at the plate from right field.

The two teams were back and forth throughout the ballgame. TK led 2-1 after one inning. The score held there until the Wildcats scored twice in the bottom of the fourth for their first lead.

Ludema allowed two earned runs on six hits and two walks. She struck out seven.

"Wayland's pitcher, Madi Ludema, is one of the best we saw all year and they hit one to nine in the line-up," Garrett said of the Wildcats. "They're just a well-rounded, well coached team."

Ludema was also 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs. Kaylee Lown, Mackenzie Kositzky and Laney Wolf had two hits each for the Wildcats too. Wolf drove in one run. Harmony Laker, Clara Dutkiewiz and Shelby VanHouten had one hit each.

Wayland followed up the victory over TK by securing the district championship with a 13-3 win over Hopkins in the district final Saturday.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Perry Snook, married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated April 1, 2021 and recorded April 5, 2021 in Instrument Number 2021-004544 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on June 20, 2024, in Instrument Number 2024-004599, Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Five and 48/100 Dollars ($182,685.48).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Barry County, Michigan at 1:00 PM on JULY 3, 2025.

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

Lot 34, Sundago Park, Township of Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 71, Barry County Records.

65 Sundago Park St, Hastings, Michigan 49058

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

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Dated: June 5, 2025
File No. 25-007226
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES)

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. 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 a.m./p.m. on June 26, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Leroy S. Martinez of Barry County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Kellogg Community Credit Union dated the 13th day of August, 2018, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Barry and State of Michigan, on the 22nd day of August, 2018, in Document No. 2018-008112 of the Barry County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of $189,442.57 plus accrued interest at 5.62500% percent per annum. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Johnstown, in the County of Barry and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point in the highway running along the Southerly side of Fine Lake distant North 87 degrees 15 minutes West, 122 feet from the Northwest comer of the recorded Plat of Shore Acres Plat No. 1, on the Southwest fraction of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 8 West, running thence South 87 degrees 15 minutes East, 69.2 feet; thence South 16 degrees 15 minutes East, parallel with and distant 3 feet Easterly from the East side of Cottage, a distance of 155 feet; thence South 73 degrees 45 minutes West 56 feet to Weed`s East Line; thence North 19 degrees 15 minutes West, along Weed`s East line, 176.8 feet to the place of beginning. Together with all right, title and interest of first parties in and to the land between the Northerly extension of Easterly and Westerly lines of parcel herein described and Fine Lake and subject to the rights of the public in and to the highway running over and across the Northerly end of the parcel herein described. Commonly known as: 60 East Hickory Road, Battle Creek, MI 49017 Tax ID: 09-029-022-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be six 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. Dated: May 29, 2025 By: Benjamin N. Hoen #P-81415 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 5990 West Creek Road, Suite 200 Independence, OH 44131 Telephone: 216-739-5100 Fax: 216-363-4034 Email: bhoen@weltman.com WWR#: 25-000381-1
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Lions make it back-to-back district titles

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

They smiled. They shouted. They shook hands with the Athens guys. They huddled right there on the infield next to their discarded gloves, and then the Lions promptly lined up along the first baseline.

It's almost like they'd done this before (well, a few of them anyway.)

The Maple Valley varsity baseball team, a year after the program rolled all the way to the state semifinals, opened the 2025 postseason by shutting out Bellevue and Athens to win a MHSAA Division 4 District Championship for the second year in a row.

Senior Jakeb McDonald pitched a complete game shut out in the Lions' 7-0 district final win over Athens at Bellevue High School Friday.

Pitchers Tee gen McDonald and James Coblentz each threw two perfect innings in a district semifinal win over Bellevue.

"They just controlled the strike zone, dominated the strike zone you know," Maple Valley head coach Bryan Carpenter said. "Obviously Jake is dominant and he didn't leave anything to question. He put him away. We weren't worried about Athens scoring a lot of runs with him on the mount.

"The other two, they just controlled the strike zone against Bellevue, overmatched their hitters and just had quick, efficient innings really."

The Lions scored in five of the six innings that they stepped to the plate in the final with Athens. Noah Musser led the way offensively going 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored. Six other Lions recorded one hit apiece.

Jakeb McDonald struck out 13 Indians and gave up just one hit, a first inning single. He lost a little control late, but got out of a two-on, one-out jam in the top of the sixth with Coblentz starting a nifty 4-6-3 double play. The Lion second baseman shot the ball over to the shortstop Teegen at second who fired a laser over to Darren Carpenter at first.

The Lions were scheduled to go to Addison for their MHSAA Division 4 Regional Semifinal Wednesday, June 4, taking on Big 8 Conference foe Concord who they beat twice in their doubleheader this season. A win Wednesday means a trip to Spring Arbor University Saturday for a regional final and a possible state quarterfinal contest.

"They knew we were the better team in the district and they just went and did it," coach Carpenter said. They didn't draw it out. They didn't make it interesting. They just put them away early and confidently and knew what we were capable of with those teams."

The two McDonald brothers, Carson Milbourn, Jimmy Wiggs and Musser are the key contributors back from last year's state semifinal run, and that 2024 postseason gave the program overall a shot of confidence. Those guys brought it into the season, and the youngsters had a few big brothers on that 2024 team and got to experience that run somewhat too.

"Their own expectations are, 'we want to do this,' you know, 'we can do this, this this is where we're supposed to be and we're good enough to to do it, and make some noise,' Carpenter said. "I don't know how far that'll be again, but yeah, I just think there was a belief in a confidence in them that we're supposed to be here and and we can win this and we can we can make another little run maybe."

The Lions scored twice in the bottom of the first inning of the district final with Musser getting a single to the left side. He eventually scored on a ground out by Jakeb McDonald. Teegen McDonald reached on an error behind Musser, stole second went to third on Jakeb's ground out and finally scored on a wild pitch.

Maple Valley scored in each of the final four innings to seal the win, getting a run in the third, one in the fourth, one in the fifth and then two in the sixth.

In the win over Bellevue, the Lions had six hits. Milbourn was 1-for-3 with a triple, a run scored and two RBIs. Jakeb McDonald was 1-for-1 with a double, a walk, three RBIs and two runs scored. Darren Carpenter was 2-for-3 with a run scored.

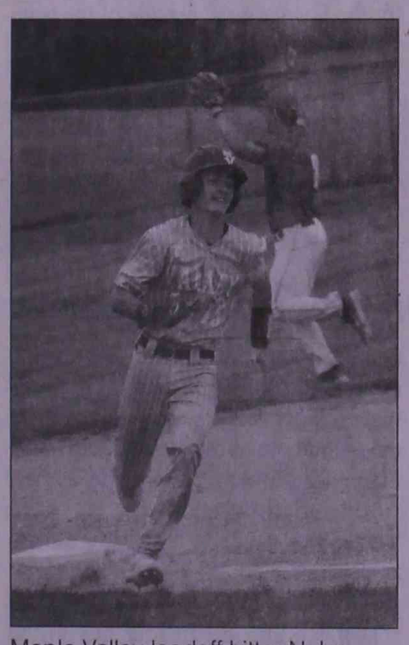
Teegen McDonald and Musser had the other two Lion hits. Teegen drove in one run and scored twice. Musser had three runs scored and an RBI. Hoefler, in the lead-off spot, walked once and scored twice.

All nine Lions in the line-up scored at least once.

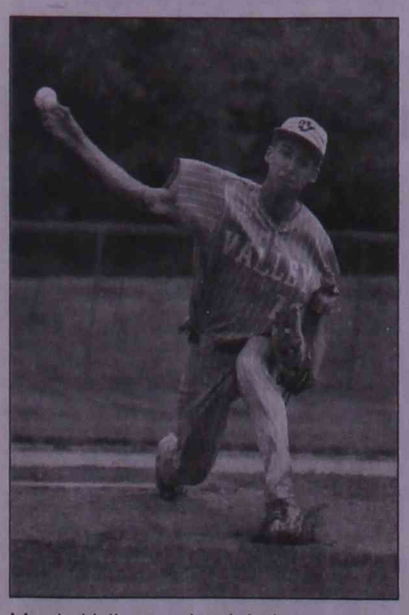
"This group of kids have really, really come from a long way with their approach at the plate and their at- bats from where we were at the beginning of the year where we had a lot of easy outs and a lot of these strike outs," coach Carpenter said. "They really worked on their approach and really worked on getting comfortable hitting in any count, like with two strikes just looking to make contact and put pressure on defenses and instead of just having the catcher throw it back to the pictures as we walk to the dugout."



The Maple Valley varsity baseball team celebrates winning its second consecutive MHSAA Division 4 District Championship after wins over Bellevue and Athens at the district tournament hosted by Bellevue High School Friday, May 30. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Maple Valley leadoff hitter Nolan Hoefler rounds third and heads for home to score his team's first run in the first inning of its MHSAA Division 4 District Semifinal against Bellevue at Bellevue High School Friday. The Lions shut out Bellevue 15-0 and then took a 7-0 win over Athens in the district championship game.



Maple Valley senior Jakeb McDonald tosses a shut out against Athens in the MHSAA Division 4 District Final at Bellevue High School Friday.

Vikings push Portland into the seventh in district final

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It was the best game of the spring for the Vikings, and it was almost enough.

The Lakewood varsity softball team went back and forth with Capital Area Activities Conference White Division rival Portland over the final four innings before the Raiders pulled out a 5-4 win in the MHSAA Division 2 District Final hosted by Ionia High School Saturday.

Portland put together three consecutive steals with one out in the bottom of the seventh, only getting one ball out of the infield, to score the walk-off winner against the Vikings.

Lakewood had a 2-1 lead after both teams notched their first runs in the fourth inning. Lakewood upped its lead to 3-1 with a run in the top of the fifth. Portland answered with three in the bottom of the fifth to take its first lead of the game at 4-3. Lakewood tied things in the top of the sixth and it stayed there until the Raiders clinched the district title.

The Raiders swept their conference doubleheader with the Vikings this spring, taking 20-3 and 5-1 wins in late April.

Lakewood went into the district tournament Saturday having not played a ballgame since March 19, a span of 12 days. The Vikings had a doubleheader with Central Montcalm canceled during that stretch, played some competitive scrimmages in practice.

"I think it just gave the kids some time to kind of reset. The season was not going like we wanted it to. We got the wins against Olivet, the doubleheader on senior night. That was great, sending our seniors off positive," Lakewood head coach Brent Hilley said. "That was good to reset and clear our minds and give [pitcher] Peyton [Federau] some much needed rest. She was throwing more innings than I would have liked."

"She was rested and she knows what postseason is," Hilley added. "She has been our starter since her freshman year. Gamers like her, she takes it up a notch."

A junior, Federau gave up allowed four earned runs on 12 hits. She struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

The last of those 12 hits was a hard single by Rylee Miller to the right side that scored teammate Autumn Reffitt from third with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

The Lakewood girls had 11 hits of their own. Grace Archbold-Pyle was 1-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI in the lead-off spot for the Vikings and sophomore Riley Burgess was 2-for-4 with a run scored in the number two spot. Archbold-Pyle's double was the only extra-base hit for the Vikings against Portland pitcher Bella Spitzley.

"We're reinventing ourselves offensively," Hilley said. "In 2024 we were a 31 home run team. This year we have like nine, but we have a lot more speed this year than we have in the past, but they're young. They're sophomore and freshmen.

"It is starting to click, the small-ball game, their drag bunting and stuff like that. We were able to put pressure on Portland with that. That is something I was hoping to use all year. It'd be a couple steps forward and a couple steps back. It is starting to click with those young players. They showed up big. When you get bunts down and you have speed it puts pressure on the defense. We got Portland to throw the ball around a little bit. They didn't when we played them earlier in the year, I can tell you that. That was big for us."

Sophomore Graysi Hillard singled into right field with one out in the top of the seventh for the Vikings. She stole second and went to third as the ball got away from the Raiders, but the next two Viking batters couldn't get her home to put their team in front.

Hillard was 2-for-4 with an RBI in the ballgame.

Federau and Archbold-Pyle were all-conference in the CAAC White this spring and both earned first team all-conference honors. Junior Matti Aldrich and senior Kerigan Schroeder were honorable mention all-conference. All four earned all-district honors too.

Schroeder is one of just two seniors on the Viking roster this spring, joined by fellow outfielder Eli Richards.

Spitzley gave up two earned runs on 11 hits. She struck out five while earning the complete game win for the Raiders. At the plate, she was 2-for-4 with a double. Abby Seavey, Reffitt and Miller had two hits apiece for the Raiders.

Portland beat Ionia 4-0 in its district semifinal ballgame Saturday morning, and the Lakewood girls beat Charlotte 18-2 in their semifinal contest.

It took the Lakewood girls a little while to get going in that semifinal. The Vikings scored twice in the top of the third to go in front 3-1 and then added six runs in the fourth and one in the fifth. They really broke things open with eight runs in the top of the seventh.

Lakewood had 20 hits against the Orioles.

Federau was 4-for-5 with a home run, two doubles, a run scored and five RBIs. Junior Jackie Possehn had four hits too including two triples. She was 4-for-6 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Aldrich and Archbold-Pyle had two hits apiece. Archbold-Pyle and Schroeder had two RBIs each.

Federau went the distance in the circle striking out 14 in seven innings. She walked three and allowed three hits.

Hastings Area Schools

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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 Three Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 63/100 Dollars ($308,738.63). 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; 08-15-008-100-02; 08-15-008-200-07

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.

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: June 5, 2025
GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee
Timothy Hillegonds
WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP
150 Ottawa Avenue NW
Suite 1500
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487
(616) 752-2000

NOTICE

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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)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Lion freshman races in first track and field Finals



Maple Valley freshman Kelvin Nevins-Davis runs one of his fastest 110-meter high hurdles races yet (16.65 seconds) to finish 23rd in the preliminary heats at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 4 Track and Field Finals Saturday at Hudsonville Eagles Stadium. **Photo by Chris Robotham**

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Maple Valley freshman Kelvin Nevins-Davis finished 23rd in the 110-meter high hurdles and 20th in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles Saturday at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 4 Track and Field Finals Saturday.

Nevins-Davis' 110-meter hurdle time was one of his fastest of the season in the race as he hit the finish line in his preliminary heat of the event in 16.67 seconds inside Hudsonville's Eagle Stadium, less than half a second off his personal record in the race.

Fowler senior Brady Feldpausch outdid everybody with a personal record time of 14.19 seconds to win the state championship in the race, beating out Hillsdale Academy junior Dawson Scharer by more than half a second for the win. Scharer ran a PR of 14.80.

Scharer came back and got Feldpausch in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles late in the finals. Scharer closed that race in 39.40 with Feldpausch coming in at 39.79.

Nevins-Davis recorded a time of 44.07 in his heat of those 300 hurdles.

The top eight in each event earned state medals in Hudsonville Saturday.

With a foursome of seniors, Dylan Taylor-Wilkerson, Robert Brown, Jadon Staten and Brock Morris passing off the baton in the 4x400-meter relay, the final race of the finals, Southfield Christian clinched the team state championship beating out Hackett Catholic Prep 60-59 at the top of the standings.

The Southfield Christian foursome won that final race in 3:24.36 seconds. The Fowler team in the race was just behind in 3:24.92. Hackett was third in that final race a little ways back with a time of 3:28.53.

Southfield Christian boys also won the 4x200-meter relay. Morris was a part of that winning relay two and was a four-time state champion. He won the 200-meter dash in 22.31 and the 400-meter dash in 49.30.

Hackett junior Marek Butkiewicz was a three-time champ. He took the 1600-meter run in 4:16.85 and the 3200-meter run in 9:23.40. He was also a part of the Fighting Irish team's winning 4x800-meter relay squad.

Fowler had some breathing room in the girls' standings winning with 70 points. Frankfort was second with 43 points and the Hackett girls placed third with 37 points, Addison had 36 points and Hillsdale Academy 31 to round out the top five.

In the boys' standings, Hillsdale Academy was third with 50 points ahead of Fowler 44.5 and Riverview Gabriel Richard 42 in the top five.

Senior Ella Hufnagel had the lone win for the Fowler girls' outside of the team championship. She set her PR in the long jump at 18 feet 2.25 inches. Fowler also had sophomore Nadia Schafer second in the pole vault with a top height of 10-0, and runner-up finishes from its 4x100-meter relay and 4x200-meter relay teams.

Rams beat DK baseball in five in district semi's

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

No third time's a charm for the Delton Kellogg varsity baseball team this spring.

Galesburg-Augusta swept its Southwestern Athletic Conference Central Division doubleheader with the Panthers this spring and ended the Delton season Saturday with an 11-1 win in the MHSAA Division 3 District Semifinals at Olivet High School Saturday.

The host Eagles won the district championship with a pair of shutouts Saturday. The Eagles blanked Comstock 9-0 in their semifinal contest to open the day and then beat the Rams 10-0 in five innings in the district final.

Delton Kellogg scored its lone run in the top of the fifth inning against the Rams. A David Menck walk and a single by Mason Ferris had runners on second and third with one out for DK trailing 8-0 at the time. They were stuck as teammate Keegan Hill lined to shortstop for the second out of the inning, but Gauge Stampfler drilled a 2-2 pitch to the left side for an RBI single.

That was the end of the rally though as the Rams' got the next DK batter to strike out.

Delton Kellogg had four hits in the ballgame, all singles. Elliott Rogers and Hill had the other two DK hits.

Rogers pitched the full 4.1 innings allowing four runs on 11 hits and two walks. He struck out three. The Rams were helped out by four Panther errors which led to the seven unearned runs.

Jaden Fawcett got the win on the mound for the Rams. He struck out four and walked one in five innings.

DK girls hold on for one district win, fall in finals

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Delton Kellogg upped a 4-3 lead with two runs in the top of the sixth and one more in the top of the seventh of its MHSAA Division 3 District Semifinal against Bloomingdale Saturday at Bloomingdale High School.

The host Cardinals struck for three runs in the bottom of the seventh before DK freshman pitcher Madison Muskovin recorded her tenth strike out of the game with the tying run on base.

It was the final win of the season for the Delton Kellogg girls. Bangor swept through the district tournament taking an 11-0 win over Fennville in five innings and then a three-inning, 18-0 win over the DK girls in the district final.

Muskovin went the distance in the circle for the DK girls in that semifinal win. She allowed five earned runs on seven hits and seven walks.

Olivia Post led the Delton Kellogg offensive attack going 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles, an RBI and two runs scored. Sophie LeBeck singled twice and scored a run. Paige Davis had a double and an RBI. Jill Brandli singled once, scored a run and drove in one. Lilli Steele singled once and scored two runs.

All seven Bloomingdale hits were singles.

Davis was one of just four seniors on the DK roster this spring joined by Madelynn Palmer, Lucy Lester and Seoa Cho.

Bangor pitcher Isabelle Horvath no-hit the Panthers through three innings in the district championship game. She walked one and struck out eight. Laana Hooker was that lone Panther to reach on a walk.

Wells wins first 400 medal, gets a second with relay

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Vikings weren't the fastest they had ever been, but they were plenty fast enough.

The Lakewood varsity track and field team foursome of seniors Troy Acker, Riley Johnson, Donny Wells and sophomore Michael Goodemoot earned all-state medals with a seventh-place finish in the 4x400-meter relay Saturday at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Track and Field Finals hosted by Hamilton High School.

The Viking foursome turned in a time of 3 minutes 26.80 seconds, less than a second and a half off their top time of the season from regionals two weeks earlier when they earned their state finals spot.

Wells was a two-time state medalist with a fifth-place time of 39;95 seconds in the 400-meter dash. Acker also competed in the 400 finals and turned in a 20th-place time of 51.50.

Wells, the Lakewood school record holder in the 400-meter dash, was a three-time state qualifier in the 400. He placed 16th in the race at the finals as a sophomore and then missed a spot on the state medal stand as a junior by one place with a ninth-place performance.

He also qualified for the state finals in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash this season, but scratched from those two races to save energy to chase state medals in his pair of 400-meter runs.

It was the first state finals appearance for all the other Viking athletes who competed in the 2025 finals. Freshman Gabriel Dixon was a state medalist as well for the Vikings as he placed fourth in the Adaptive 100-meters with a personal record time of 1 minute 4.60 seconds.

Lakewood junior Taylor Carpenter competed at the finals for the first time and cleared 8 feet 9 inches in the girls' pole vault to finish 23rd overall. From there, the bar rose to 9-3, a height Carpenter has cleared a few times this season, but not quite on Saturday.

At the top of the 4x400-meter relay standings at the end of the day Saturday were two teams that the Lakewood foursome finished ahead of at their D2 Regional in Williamston – Portland and Parma Western. The Portland team of seniors Mason McGregor and Chris Battley and juniors Brady Rowe and Nolan Zybtowski on the state championship in the race with a time of 3:20.72. The Parma Western team, which was DQ'd from the regional race, finished second in 3:23.73.

Muskegon Oakridge earned the last of the spots in the top eight in the race with a time of 3:26.97, finishing .17 behind the Lakewood foursome in the race while running in the penultimate heat.

Lakewood was in the final heat of the race with the other teams with the top eight seed times. Grand Rapids Catholic Central was the first team on the outside looking in at the state medalists in the 4x400 relay. The Cougars turned in a time of 3:27.47 trailing those Vikings in the fast heat – the last race on the track for the day.

The championship run by the Parma Western 4x400 team was one of a handful of top three finishes on the day for those Western boys who didn't win any single event but still took the MHSAA L.P. Division 2 State Championship by outscoring River Rouge 44-38 at the top of the day's standings.

New Boston Huron was third with 30 points ahead of Harper Creek 29 and Marshall 27 in the top five.

Sturgis won the girls' team title with 54.2 points ahead of Goodrich 39, Saginaw Swan Valley 38, Stevensville Lakeshore 29 and Dearborn Divine Child 29 in the top five.

The Sturgis girls did win a few events. They took both the 4x100-meter relay and 4x200-meter relay championships, and had senior Eleena Kelley win the discus with a PR throw of 135-9.

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Lion golfers separated by just two strokes at regional

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Maple Valley varsity boys' golf duo of Bradley Cushing and Filip Nowak closed out their 2025 spring season competing in the MHSAA Division 4 Regional at Hampshire Country Club in Dowagiac Wednesday.

Nowak, a senior exchange student, beat out his junior teammate by two strokes as the pair finished 76th and 77th overall. Nowak shot a 119 and Cushing a 121 at the 18-hole regional.

The top three teams and top three individuals at the regional earned spots in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 4 Boys' Golf Finals that will be held June 6-7 at Ferris State University's Katke golf course in Big Rapids.

Cushing fired par on a couple of par fives during the course of the day and birdied the par-3 number 13 near the conclusion of his round.

Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Prep won the team regional title with a score of 313 strokes. Hillsdale Academy was second with a 329 and Cassopolis third at 332. Springport, from the Big 8 Conference, was fourth with a 352 at the 18-team event.

The top three players were all Fighting Irish from Hackett. Seniors Chris Ogrin beat out twin Andrew Ogrin in a playoff for the day's top individual honors after both guys shot 76. Junior Justin Tyler was third with a 78.

The three individual state qualifiers from the event were White Pigeon senior Isaiah Ryall who shot a 79, Mendon senior Cam Bingaman who shot an 80 and Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy's Tyler Slade who scored an 82. Slade beat out Marcellus sophomores Abram Coffey and Leighton Osborn in a playoff for the last of the three individual state spots.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BARRY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust

In the matter of the James T. Millard and Shirley A. Millard Trust u/t/a November 16, 2004. Date of birth: September 30, 1938.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Shirley A. Millard, died May 21, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the James T. Millard and Shirley A. Millard Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Melissa Winick, Trustee, at P.O. Box 271, Hastings, Michigan 49058 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 23, 2025

Rhoades McKee PC
Stephanie S. Fekkes P43549
607 North Broadway, Suite A
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(269) 945-1921

Melissa Winick
c/o Rhoades McKee, 607 North Broadway, Suite A
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
BARRY COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE 25-30124-DE

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

Estate of Keith E. Giar. Date of birth: 4-29-58.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Keith E. Giar, died 4-9-25.

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

Date: 5-28-25
James R. Wierenga P48946
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-454-3883
Courtney Rousselle
1780 N. Sierra Way
Stevensville, MI 49127
616-633-0555

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

Estate of Jeffery Scott Stanton. Date of birth: 08/26/1955.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jeffery Scott Stanton, died 11-02-2024.

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

Date: 11-04-2024
Whitney Pandya
1986 9th St.
Muskegon, MI 49444
616-218-5512

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BARRY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 25-30047-DE

Estate of Barbara Ann DeCamp-Vanderploeg. Date of birth: 05/12/1953.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara Ann DeCamp-VanderPloeg, who lived at 7460 Boysen Road, Shelbyville, Michigan died 01/07/2025.

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

Date: 05/27/2025
Jeffery A. VanMeter P49046
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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 774-3020
Richard A. Frey
c/o 80 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Suite 301
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 774-3020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate

Gail L. Schaidt ("Decedent"). Date of Decedent's Birth: December 20, 1949.
Name of Trust: Schaidt Living Trust dated October 16, 2013.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Gail L. Schaidt, died December 18, 2024. 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 Trustees Lawrence J. Schaidt III and Brian A. Schaidt within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 29, 2025

Douglas J. Brackmann (P-40885)
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Brian A. Schaidt
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City Of Hastings
County of Barry, State of Michigan
RESOLUTION 2025-15
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hastings held on May 27, 2025 at Hastings City Hall in Council Chambers at 201 E. State Street in the City of Hastings at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava. ABSENT: McLean

The following preamble and resolution were offered by: Councilmember Rocha and supported by: Councilmember Stenzelbarton.

Resolution Establishing an Industrial Development District for Star School Road Parcel 08-55-265-026-30.

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 198 of 1974, as amended, this City Council has the authority to establish "Industrial Development Districts" within the City of Hastings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on its own initiative seeks to establish an Industrial Development District on property located within the City of Hastings' boundaries; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Hastings Banner and by public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2025 a public hearing was held at which all owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of the City of Hastings were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the public interest of the City of Hastings to establish the Industrial Development District as proposed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hastings that the following described parcel of land situated in the City of Hastings, Barry County, and State of Michigan, to wit:

V/L Star School Road, Hastings, MI Tax Parcel 08-55-265-026-30

THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANCE 8 WEST, CITY OF HASTINGS, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND PART OF LOT 74 OF SUPERVISOR GLASGOWS ADDITION NO. 2 TO THE CITY OF HASTINGS, DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 20; THENCE SOUTH 89° S9' 22" WEST 493.04 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 00° 39' 16" EAST 199.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90° 00' 00" EAST 440.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ST AR SCHOOL ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00° 13' 02" WEST 279.29 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE NORTH 42° 33' 41" WEST 64.10 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF SAID LOT 74; THENCE NORTH 89° S6' 29" WEST 191.SI FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 13' 06" EAST S0.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° S6' 29" WEST 428.98 FEET; THENCE 38.40 FEET ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 7S.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 29° 20' 1 0" AND THE CHORD BEARS SOUTH 49° 16' 58" WEST 37.98 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00° 13' 13" WEST 425.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 57' 36" WEST 65.97 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 13' 13" EAST 42S.57 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° S9' 05" WEST 2SI.S3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° IS' 2S" EAST 406.03 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 59' 22" EAST S66.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of PA 198 of 1974, as amended, to be known as Industrial Development District No. 2025-01.

A YES: Barlow, Bergeron, Brehm, Devroy, Resseguie, Rocha, Stenzelbarton and Tossava. NAYS:None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Hastings, County of Barry, Michigan, as a regular meeting held on May 27, 2025.

Linda Perin, City Clerk

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.

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The mortgage was made by BARBARA J. CRUMMEL, a single woman ("Mortgagor"), to HASTINGS CITY BANK, now known as HIGHPOINT COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, having an office at 150 West Court Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 (the "Mortgagee"), dated April 25, 2014, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Barry County, Michigan on April 30, 2014, as Instrument No. 2014-004268 (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 Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five and 68/100 Dollars ($12,365.68). 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 City of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lot 33, Southeastern Village No. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 43, Barry County Records

Together with all the improvements erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property, and all replacements and additions.

Commonly known as: 1412 S. Montgomery Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058
P.P. #08-55-225-233-00

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.

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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 22, 2025
HIGHPOINT COMMUNITY BANK
f/k/a Hastings City Bank
Mortgagee

Elisabeth M. Von Eitzen
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150 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 1500
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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).

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Date of notice: May 15, 2025

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NOTICE

Case No. 24-629-CZ, Barry County Trial Court – Circuit Division NOTICE OF SALE BY COMMISSIONER TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Barry, entered on May 12, 2025 and in accordance with Michigan Court Rule 3.403(B), the undersigned Commissioner, William Buhl, having the authority to do so, will sell at public auction the real property situated in the Township of Baltimore, County of Barry, State of Michigan, more particularly described as: Parcel I: The East ½ of the Southeast ¼ and the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast 1/4, Section 16, Town 2 North, Range 8 West, EXCEPT: that portion of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 16, Town 2 South, Range 8 West, lying South of the centerline of Maple Grove Road. Also: Any portion of the North ½ of the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 21, Town 2 North, Range 8 West, lying North of the centerline of Maple Grove Road, Baltimore Township, Barry County, Michigan. Parcel II: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, thence North on the West line of said Section 100 rods, thence East at right angles to said Section line 20 rods, thence Southeasterly to a point 40 rods North of a point on the South line of said North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of said Section 15, 60 rods East of said Southwest corner, thence South 40 rods to said South line of said North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter, thence West on said South line of the North one-half of said Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, 60 rods to the place of beginning, Baltimore Township, Barry County, Michigan. Commonly Known As: Vacant Land Parcel Nos: 08-02-016-276-00 and 08-02-015-301-00, respectively (the "Property"). The Property is comprised of the two (2) parcels referenced above. For the purposes of the sale, the legal description shall not be separated, and the Property shall be conveyed in its entirety to the successful bidder. If the street address or tax identification number(s) above are inconsistent with the legal description above, the legal description shall govern and control. The sale will be conducted on July 17, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the following location: The Barry County Courthouse, in the City of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan, being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Barry is held. Terms of Sale 1. The sale will be conducted by public auction to the highest bidder. 2. The successful bidder will be required to pay in cash or certified funds the full purchase immediately at the time of sale. 3. The property is sold "as is" and "where is," without any warranties or representations as to the condition of the property. 4. The sale is subject to all existing encumbrances, easements, and restrictions of record. 5. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property, and potential purchasers are encouraged to contact the Barry County Register of Deeds Office or a title insurance company for additional information, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Additional Information For further information regarding the sale, interested parties may contact the undersigned Commissioner at: William Buhl 35903 64th Ave, PO Box 411 Paw Paw, MI 49073 269-716-0318

Dated: May 27, 2025

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Frederick W. Johnston, a married man, and Nancy Johnston, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Union Federal Savings Bank of Indianapolis

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: January 25, 1999

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 12, 1999

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $15,710.58

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Prairieville, Barry County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point found by commencing at the West 1/4 post of Section 33, Town 1 North, Range 10 West, Prairieville Township, Barry County, Michigan and running thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 45 seconds East 988.9 feet on the 1/4 line to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 25 seconds West 1379.16 feet; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 03 seconds East 330.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 25 seconds East 1378.23 feet to said 1/4 line; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 45 seconds West 330.00 feet to beginning, except the North 50 feet of the above description.

Common street address (if any): 10750 Cressey Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080-9044

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TK ladies school's fastest ever at Division 1 State Finals



Thornapple Kellogg junior Mia Hilton runs to a ninth-place finish in the 300-meter low hurdles Saturday inside East Kentwood's Falcon Stadium during the MHSAA L.P. Division 1 Track and Field Finals.

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

One state medal.

Two school records.

Four girls with a day they won't ever forget.

Senior Brooklyn Harmon is Thornapple Kellogg's first-ever Division 1 state medalist. She placed seventh in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles; broke her own school record in the 100-meter hurdles twice; and then teamed with juniors Mia Hilton and Payton Gater and freshman Amya Gater to set a new TK record in the 4x400-meter relay Saturday at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Track and Field Finals inside East Kentwood's Falcon Stadium.

"It was pretty cool," Harmon said of becoming TK's first D1 state medalist. "I was hoping to get a medal in the 100 hurdles too, but I am still happy with the PR I ran considering I wasn't even breaking 15 two weeks ago. So, I guess it is okay."

The competition pushed her in that race and in the 300 hurdles.

"I had like this weird sense of calmness, and I think it was from praying about it so much and just trusting myself," Harmon said. "I know I can do it, but being D1 is a different mindset. I haven't ever run with any of these girls. I felt a little weak in the curve and I think that is what got me not to be a PR."

Harmon hit the 300 hurdles' finish line in 45.32 seconds, her second fastest time in the race ever and just about half a second off the school-record time she set in winning a regional championship two weeks ago.

The Trojans had a couple near misses at the medal stand at the finals. The top eight in each event earn medals. In an earlier heat of the 300 hurdles Hilton dropped her personal record in the race to 45.66 to place ninth - just 14 hundredths of a second behind the last of the state medalists.

Harmon had a ninth-place finish of her own in the 100-meter hurdles to open the day. The TK record holder in that race too, Harmon improved her PR to 14.62 in the preliminaries. She improved it again down to 14.48 in the finals finishing three hundredths of a second behind the last state medalist.

Harmon and Hilton closed out their day competing in the 4x400-meter relay with the Gater sisters and racing to a new school record time of 4 minutes .57 seconds.

Rebecca Winchester, Kersta Gustafson, Emma Ordway and Chaney Robinson still have their names scattered across the TK girls' record list in other events, but the 2025 TK foursome in the race at the D1 Finals was about a second faster than the top time turned in by those Trojans who won the 2006 D2 state championship.

A school record in the 4x400 was not something in the minds of Amya, Payton, Hilton and Harmon heading into the state meet, but they shaved an astounding six seconds off the TK team's previous best time in the race from this spring. They were seeded 25th out of 27 teams at the state finals in the race and wound up in 12th place.

"I knew it was possible. I knew all of them could run under a minute. It was just is it gonna happen today," TK head coach Maggie Wilkinson said. "And so we were just focused on timing, like running 200s and saying, you need to run 28 200s, and this is what it's going to feel like. And then we worked on the chaos in the hand-offs. You just got to get out and you got to be on your game, and they did it all. They did it. They are just amazing young women.

"They're awesome, and what a way to end the day - with a school record."

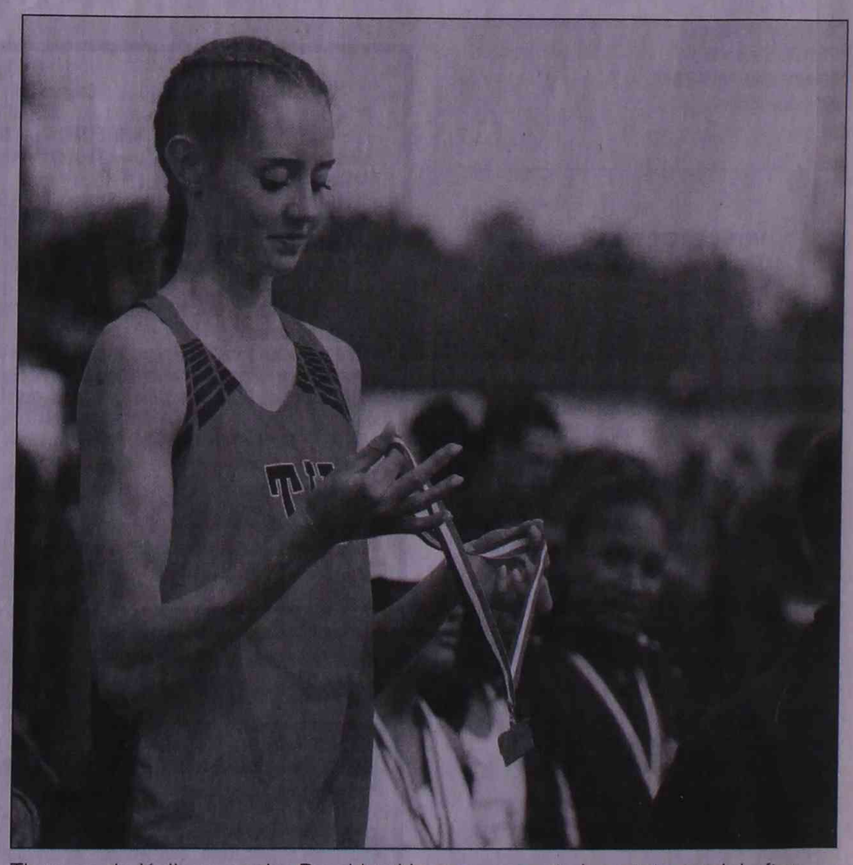
The TK girls all were pleased with the preparation for the hand-off chaos.

"We were literally standing on the exchange zone at our track shoving each other," Harmon said.

Payton Gater said coach Wilkinson was definitely the most physical one in that chaos training. It worked.

"We would create chaos in the exchange zone all week have, like all everybody that was at practice there. I mean we would be pushing each other and kind of running around each other to create chaos in the handoffs, which definitely helped me because we knew what to do in that situation," Payton said.

It certainly was a step up in competition, the move from Division 2 to Division 1 this spring. For reference, the Trojans in Kentwood were nine hundredths of a second faster than the Saginaw Swan Valley foursome that won the girls' 4x400-meter relay at the MHSAA L.P. Division 2 Track and Field Finals at Hamilton High School Saturday afternoon.



Thornapple Kellogg senior Brooklyn Harmon accepts her state medal after placing seventh in the 300-meter hurdles Saturday inside Falcon Stadium at East Kentwood High School during the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Track and Field Finals. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

Bella brings another state high jump medal home

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

That's two for two in earning state high jump medals.

Hastings sophomore Bella Friddle flew over the bar at 5 feet 1 inch and 5-3 on her first attempts without much trouble, and that 5-3 leap secured her a state medal in the event for the second year in a row.

She finished the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Track and Field Finals with a fifth-place finish at Hamilton High School. A couple steps lower on the podium than last spring, but she still has two more seasons of varsity track and field to try and chase more state championships like the one she won her freshman year.

Friddle was over the bar and on her back on the mat on her first attempt at clearing 5-4 before somehow the bar managed to find just enough momentum to wiggle itself off its posts. Her next two tries weren't quite as close as she bowed out of the competition.

Holland sophomore Alba Rodriguez-Lima became the new state champ eventually clearing 5-7.

Friddle tied for fifth with Yale's Sadie Dykstra. Fellow Interstate-8 Athletic Conference jumper Natalie Hensel was fourth. She cleared 5-3 on her last of three tries at the height, then got over 5-4 on her first attempt before coming up short on three tries at 5-5.

The top three jumpers all cleared 5-5, but Rodriguez-Lima was the only one to go higher. Dania McClain from South Lake was second and Edwardsburg's Sarah Pippin third. Rodriguez-Lima cleared 5-5 and 5-6 on her first attempt and then managed to get over 5-7 on her final try at that height.

Rodriguez-Lima went after a school record of 5-8.5 after that, but three tries at that mark came up short.

The Friddle sisters represented Hastings at the finals. Junior Olivia Friddle earned a mark of 33-2.25 in the shot put to finish 24th in that event.

For Olivia, the day was a pretty solid exclamation mark on the end of her return to Saxon athletics following knee surgery that cost her a sophomore track and field season (among other opportunities.) She was just an inch and three quarters off the mark in the shot put from her freshman season when she finished 16th at the state finals.

Bella also competed in the long jump with a new removable cast her left hand this week to replace the hard one she had at regionals and the I-8 Championships, and that has made cleaning cleaning the sand out much more possible. Her top mark in the sand of the day was at 15-8.25 putting her in 19th place overall.

She fired off her top throw of the competition on her first try as a part of the first flight of shot put competitors Saturday morning.

The eight state medallists in the event all had puts further than 39 feet. Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard had three turns over 43 feet and closed the competition with the furthest put at 43-4 to win the state title. North Bran's Aubree Deshet also had her top mark of the competition on her final try, 42-0 to finish as the state runner-up.

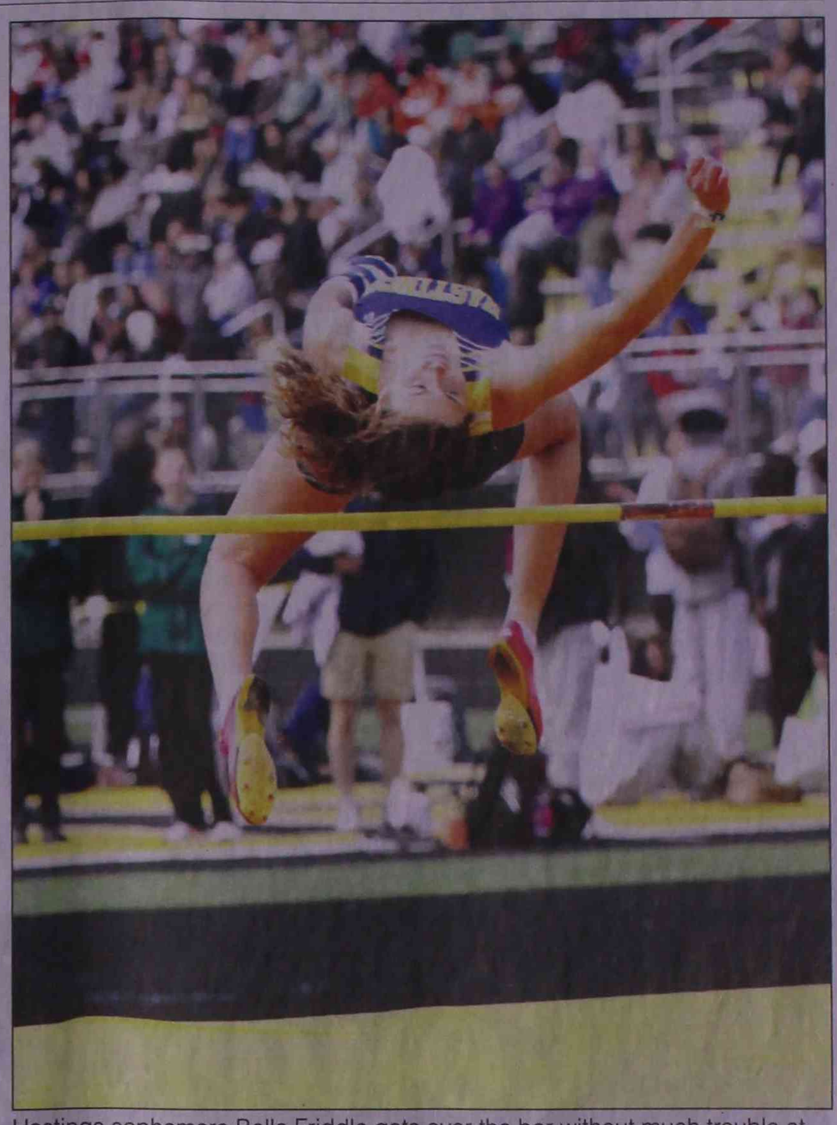
Saxon sophomore Caroline Randall also qualified for the finals, but did not compete Saturday.

Sturgis took the girls' team state championship with 54.2 points ahead of Goodrich 39, Saginaw Swan Valley 38, Stevensville Lakeshore 29 and Dearborn Divine Child 29 in the top five.

The Interstate-8 Athletic Conference claimed a state championship Saturday in Hamilton as the Parma Western boys beat out runner-up River Rouge by six points for the title, 44-38, and there were three I-8 boys' teams among the top five for the day. New Boston Huron was third with 30 points ahead of Harper Creek 29 and Marshall 27.

The Parma Western boys didn't win a single event, but had four runner-up finishes. Marshall senior Jack Bidwell won the 1600-meter run in 4 minutes 14.95 seconds and the 3200-meter run in 9:12.13 and he was a state medalist with the RedHawks' third-place 4x800-meter relay team.

Harper Creek junior DJ Wood won two individual state titles too. He took the 110-meter high hurdles in a personal record time of 14.15 seconds and won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in a PR of 39.24.



Hastings sophomore Bella Friddle gets over the bar without much trouble at 5 feet 1 inch during the high jump compeition at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 2 Track and Field Finals Saturday hosted by Hamilton High School. Friddle, the defending D2 state champion in the event, placed fifth Saturday. **Photo by Brett Bremer**



Otsego's Peyton Dennany (15) knocks the ball by Thornapple Kellogg goalkeeper McKenna Hoebeke as she crashes to the turf with TK defender Emma Geukes (20) during the first half of their MHSAA Division 2 District Semifinal at Gull Lake High School in Richland Wednesday, May 28.

Undefeated Otsego ends Trojan soccer season

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The goal came straight out of the soccer textbook.

A pass ahead from the defense out wide. A push to the end line. A centering pass. A crashing attacker. The ball in the back of the net.

Otsego scored about 18 minutes into the first half against Thornapple Kellogg's varsity girls' soccer team Wednesday in the MHSAA Division 2 District Semifinals hosted by Gull Lake High School in Richland, and it was the lone score in a 1-0 victory by the team ranked eighth in the state in D2.

The undefeated Bulldogs (16-0-1) went on to score a 1-0 win over third ranked Gull Lake (18-2-2) in the district final back in Richland Friday. The host Blue Devils bested Plainwell 6-0 in the second semifinal of the day Wednesday.

It was sophomore Olivia Witteveen who carried the ball deep towards the end line for the Bulldogs there midway through the first half and then fired a low, hard centering ball. TK goalkeeper McKenna Hoebeke was a step off her line at the near post as Gull Lake sophomore Peyton Dennany came crashing in and just manged to get a leg in front of Trojan senior defender Emma Geukes and direct the ball into the open net.

Minutes earlier, Hoebeke had come sliding out of her net to kick a Bulldog shot just wide of her net. Over the final minutes of the second half, the Bulldogs had a few more point-blank chances that just went awry. A header in the box found the Bulldogs' Peyton Johnson alone for a shot in front that went over the net. A clearing attempt that deflected back towards the Trojan goal led to a 2-on-1 against Hoebeke not long after, and the Bulldog shot this time from senior Haylee Dennany found its way straight into Hoebeke's mitts.

Much of the second half was a game of keep away, but not the kind where the Bulldogs sat back. The Trojans tried their best to shoot a ball ahead for junior attacker Tealy Cross, but getting those long balls off was tough and then getting onto them was even tougher.

The Bulldogs foot skills and spacing made it tough for the Trojans to hold much possession in the second half, and when the ball was free it was the Bulldogs more often than not putting on the charge to get to it first.

The threats against the TK net didn't come quite as frequently though in the second half either. Junior defender Ella Fischer was solid clearing things away from the center of her end throughout most of the evening.

The TK ladies end the season with a 12-4-2 record, and will bring back much of its roster intact next spring with Geukes and midfielder Madilyn Chivis the team's lone seniors.



Thornapple Kellogg's Madilyn Chivis and Otsego's Sydney Timmons (8) battle for control of the ball in the midfield during their MHSAA Division 2 District Semifinal at Gull Lake High School Wednesday, May 28. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



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Muday hits new heights in pole vault at D3 Finals

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The last of the state medalists went a foot higher, but Delton Kellogg junior Nick Muday had his best day yet in the pole vault.

Muday improved his personal record to 12 feet 9 inches at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 Track and Field Finals at Kent City High School Saturday.

Muday got a lot of jumps in at the finals. He cleared the bar at the opening height, 11-6, on his third and final attempt and then used up all three of his attempts to get over at 12-3 too.

Muday cleared 12-6 for the first time at the Gobles Invitational May 9 and then did it again at the Panthers' Division 3 Regional in Bangor. At the finals, the bar jumped straight from 12-3 to 12-9, and Muday jumped right over 12-9 on his first try.

From there, with 24 competitors still alive, the bar went to 13-3, which proved too high for Muday on the day. He closed the competition in 18th place.

Of the nine state medalists in the event (there was a tie for eighth), six of them didn't even get started until the bar reached 13-3. That group included each of the top four placers. Ovid-Elsie's Tryce Tokar took the state championship in the pole vault with a top height of 15-0. Bath's Luke Skidmore and Ida's Jaxon Bolster tied for second both clearing 14-9. Manistee's Damien McEntaffer also cleared 14-9 to place fourth.

Delton Kellogg had two other competitors in action in Kent City Saturday. Sophomore Landon Madden was 18th in the boys' 400-meter dash with a time of 52.83 seconds. DK senior Kylie Main placed 20th in the girls' 1600-meter run with a time of 5 minutes 52.53 seconds.

Main was only about two and a half seconds off the personal record time she ran at regionals to qualify for the state finals.

Chesaning's boys and Olivet's girls won team state championships on the day.

The Olivet girls beat out Erie Mason 46-41 at the top of the standings. Lansing Catholic was third with 34 points ahead of Onsted 32, Central Montcalm 27 and Pewamo-Westphalia 27 in the top five. The Kalamazoo Christian girls were sixth.

Chesaning took the boys' meet with 57 points ahead of Pewamo-Westphalia 34, Reed City 33, Lawton 32 and Hart 29 in the top five.

The team of junior Cole Maier, junior Blake Hoerner, senior Zach Harlan and senior Caleb Walker capped off Chesaning's team state championship by winning the 4x400-meter relay in 3:25.20. Harlan and Walker were both two time champs, and they were also a part of the third-place Chesaning 4x200-meter relay team.

Harlan won the 200-meter dash in 22.44 seconds to go with a runner-up finish in the 100-meter dash.

Walker won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.35 and also had a runner-up time in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

The team state champs from Olivet won the girls' 4x400-meter relay too. The Eagle foursome of senior Cassie Coleman, senior Sophia Pell, junior Celina Sinclair and junior Emily Peters took that race in 4:03.16.

That same Eagle foursome won the girls' 4x200-meter relay in 1:43.65.

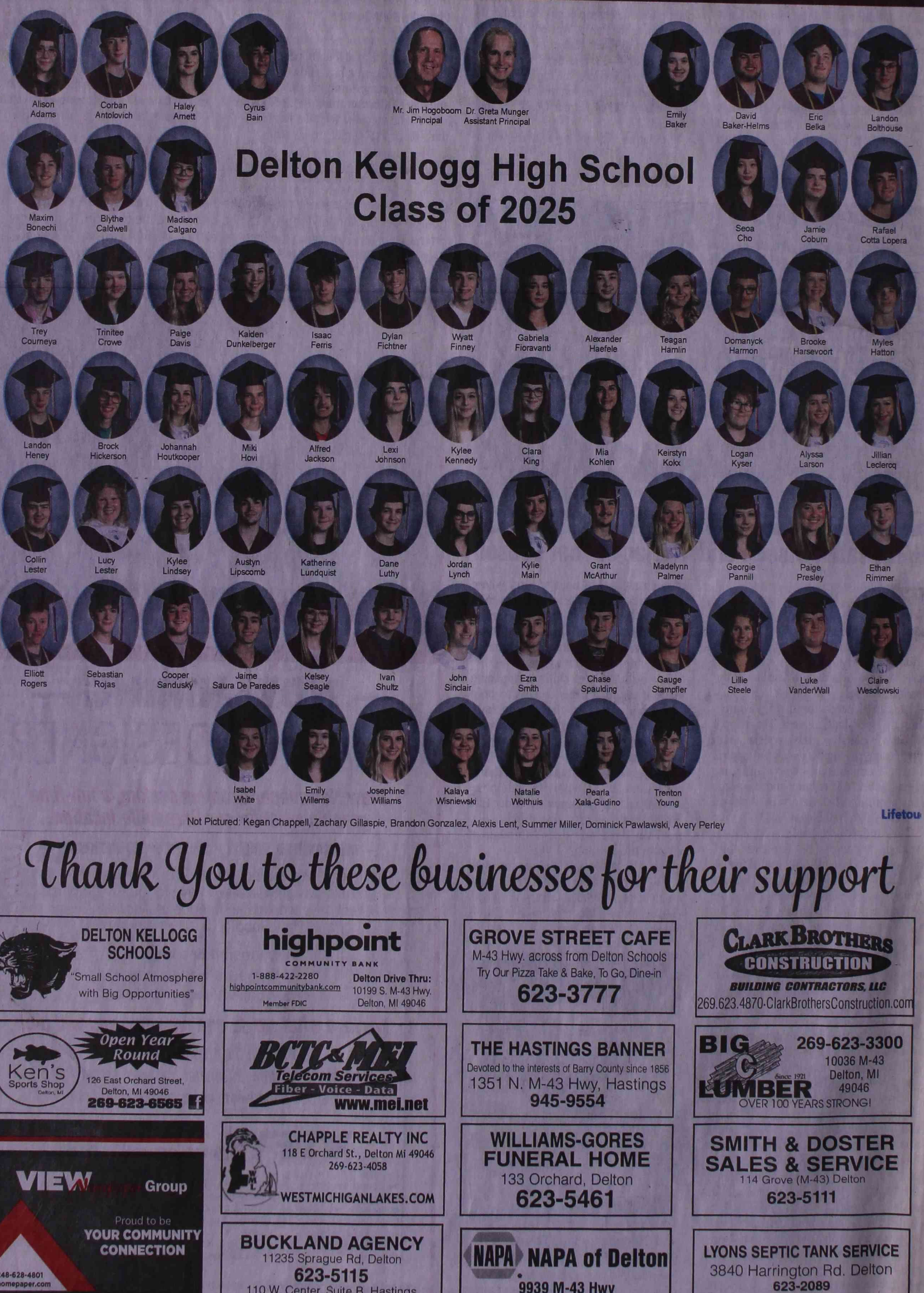
Peters added a winning time of 45.2 in the 300-meter low hurdles.

Senior Emmry Ross from Onste was dominant on the day. She wo the 400-meter dash state title in 54.8 the 800-meter run in 2:07.03 and th 1600-meter run in a personal recor time of 4:45.44. She was more than 1 seconds ahead of her nearest competito in the 1600 – Ypsilanti Arbor Preparator senior Eliza Bush who was the 3200-me ter champion. Ross won the 800 by mor than 13 seconds and the 400 by abou two seconds.

There weren't too many different face on the top of the medal stand in the girls meet. Erie Mason junior Giuliana Nastal won the 100-meter dash and the 200-me ter dash. Montrose sophomore Addyson Stiverson swept the throws with wins i the shot put and the discus.

Mason Mayne, a senior from Lawton swept the two throwing events in th boys' meet too.

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Not Pictured: Kegan Chappell, Zachary Gillaspie, Brandon Gonzalez, Alexis Lent, Summer Miller, Dominick Pawlawski, Avery Perley

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